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Students flood rally, march to Dome

♦ 600 students gathered to protest proposed alcohol policy changes

By JASON McFARLEY
News Writer

To the chant of "We need a voice," hundreds of Notre Dame undergraduates marched to administrators' doorstep Wednesday, flooding a student demonstration in protest of proposed changes to the University alcohol policy.

The effort brought together more than 600 people, carrying "Save liquor" signs and lofting burning copies of du Lac, the student handbook, in the air. The student government-sponsored event, billed as an all-campus town hall meeting, was students' first public movement against alcohol policy changes that University officials unveiled Monday.

"We've heard your frustrations, and we share your frustrations," Student Body President Brooke Norton said, flanked by class and residence hall presidents on a platform on the Fieldhouse Mall. "We still have time to stand together and affect this."

A boisterous crowd took Norton and other organizers' comments to heart, moving the protest from its North Quad location to Main Building — home to most administrative offices, including Father Mark Poorman's.

Poorman, vice president for Student Affairs, on Monday announced three changes that University officers are likely to approve this summer and enact in the fall:

- ♦ the outlaw of "hard" alcohol in undergraduate residence halls
- ♦ the ban of in-hall dances
- ♦ and the revision of tailgating rules to allow only drinking-age students to host parties in designated parking lots before home football games

Poorman said the changes were necessary prevent the campus culture from becoming alcohol-centered.

Protesters, however, claimed student social life wasn't rooted in drinking and were upset that students were shut out of the policy-making.

"This is about dorm unity," said Joe Muto, O'Neill Hall president-elect. "This is about a hell of a lot more than hard alcohol."

To which a man in the crowd interjected, "Like freedom!"

Muto was among several speakers who enlivened the



JASON McFARLEY/The Observer

Jesse Hensley holds a flaming copy of du Lac as Ryan Schildkaut looks on during the town hall meeting. The protest allowed students to voice concerns about proposed changes to the student tailgating policy.

already-enthusiastic group. He joined other hall presidents in condemning Poorman's proposal to cancel in-hall dances and popular signature events in dorms.

"If you want to take my

Mardi Gras away, if you want to take my dorm unity away, then you'll have to pry them out of my cold, dead hands," Muto said, warning that he

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TONY FLOYD/The Observer

A Keenen Hall window reflects students' opinion of proposed changes to the University's alcohol policy.

Hall staffs confront policy

By HELENA PAYNE
News Editor

The new alcohol policy changes have received varying reactions from residence hall staffs with the general agreement that many of Notre Dame's traditions and enforcement policies in question will remain.

"Student Affairs isn't doing this to be the evil, wicked witch of the west. There's a reason," said Alumni Hall's assistant rector Pat Costello, a law student who is also a Notre Dame undergraduate of the class of 1990.

Among the three major revisions in the policy — the ban of so-called "hard" alcohol, the allowance of tailgating for students of the legal drinking age,

and the end of in-hall dances — the latter has been the more voiced concern of late. Alumni Hall, which hosts its "Wake" every year, is just one of the University's 27 dorms, to have traditions tied to their in-hall dances, also called SYRs. Many students perceive that the new policy will threaten the legacy of these SYRs.

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George Rozum
Alumni Rector

"The Wake isn't cancelled," said Alumni's rector Father George Rozum. He added that Student

Affairs would allow the SYR tradition, which includes carrying Alumni's rector in a coffin around campus, to continue as long as students were more responsible about drinking. Also, the new rules require that the dance is located outside of

the dorm, but Rozum said the hall staff would consider using the dorm's nearby courtyard as a new location.

"I think if our Wake had been on the line, it would've been a different story," said Rozum.

Nevertheless, both Rozum and Castello thought the policy was an effort of the University to look out for students' best interest.

"We're going to enforce it however Student Affairs tell us to," Rozum said adding that many students are unaware of the cases of students who go to the hospital each year because of alcohol abuse.

"If somebody were to be killed nobody would be outside protesting. Everyone would be at the Basilica in mass," said Castello.

Fellow rector of Farley Hall, Sister Carrine Etheridge said she was optimistic about the changes.

"To be realistic, when you

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Debaters prepare for national tourney

By LAURA SELLINGER
News Writer

After winning several tournaments over the course of the year, Notre Dame's Speech and Debate team is heading to the National Parliamentary Debate Association Championship Tournament at the Metropolitan State University in Denver, Colorado Friday.

Led by 2001 Notre Dame graduate and first-year law student Kate Huettelman, and assisted by Joe Foy, a graduate student in political science, the team consists of 20 students ranging from freshmen to seniors.

"The farthest we have ever gotten in the National Tournament was the quarterfinals," said Huettelman. "This year we hope to advance as far as we can towards the national championship. Like March Madness, it can be anybody's game. We have also reached a level of success this year where I really believe we have a shot at it."

Throughout the year, the team worked hard to prepare for regional tournaments across the country and faced tough competition from states as far as California, Washington and Colorado.

"The amount of practicing has become much more intense this year. Not only have we added a Sunday practice, but the students also do a substantial amount of independent

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"McDonald earns spot on team"
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INSIDE COLUMN

Looking back ...

I turned in my graduation ticket request form yesterday and all of a sudden it hit me... it's almost over. Somehow four years have come and gone when it feels like it was only last week we were moving in as bright-eyed freshmen. Do you remember that weekend?

Kimberly Springer

It must have been 800 degrees outside, but we were still all full of smiles as we commenced another chapter in our lives. We took part in all the frosh-o activities, the graffiti dance, tie dance ... ahh the memories.

Advertising Account Executive

But seriously, where did all the time go? I know they say that time flies when you are having fun, but did it really have to fly this fast? I admit there were times when I wanted nothing more than to leave Notre Dame — my personal Hell. On multiple occasions the Golden Dome wasn't so golden anymore and looked more like iron.

But during the fall semester I was a peer advisor for the First Year of Studies and it was a breath of fresh air. I had the opportunity to speak with freshmen that were so excited about being at Notre Dame you couldn't help but smile and feel excited right along with them.

I needed that, the Dome wasn't iron anymore, it was Golden again. Of course I have to give my Observer plug. I'm one of the few people who don't work at God-awful hours of the night. Daytime hours are definitely a plus to working in the Advertising Department. I started out as an account executive and somehow worked my way up to being the manager. Suddenly, I'm back to being an account executive again because all the new guys have taken over, meaning the seniors are knocked out of a job.

While it's nice not having to deal with irate customers or getting phone calls at 3 a.m. from Mike, Noreen or Kerry asking where an ad is, I miss not being manager anymore and all the "glory" that went along with it. Sure I have more free time, but that also means I don't go into the office nearly as much as I used to, I don't talk to Shirley each day (the greatest office manager ever), and ultimately I don't see the great people that work there nearly as much as I'd like. Turnover at the Observer is yet another wake-up call that my time at Notre Dame is almost over.

I've had my ups and downs as everyone does, but when I look back it has been an amazing experience. We have all met some wonderful people, and probably some that weren't so wonderful. We've created memories that will never leave us. Senior week is seven weeks away. While that seems like a long way off, it will be here before we know it.

It's the last week we will have where it doesn't matter if we sleep all day and stay out all night. It's also the last time I will probably see a lot of people for a very long time or maybe for the last time. I will begin my graduate degree next year either in D.C., California, or Texas (I haven't quite decided yet), but no matter what I will never forget my time at Notre Dame. After wanting to graduate and get out of here, I don't know if I'm ready to leave this place after all.

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THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
♦ Talk: "Killing Cool: Igniting the Souls of Society," 6 p.m., DeBartolo 101	♦ Talk: Undergraduate Peace Conference, all day, Hesburgh Center	♦ Meeting: Hate crimes vigil, 12:30 p.m., Stonehenge	♦ Mass: 71st annual Rockne memorial; mass, 9:30 a.m., Dillon Hall, and communion breakfast
♦ Play: "A Night on Broadway," 7:30 p.m., LaFortune Ballroom	♦ Concert: ND Glee Club, 8 p.m., Washington Hall	♦ Charity event: "Dance for a Cure for Diabetes," 10 p.m., Alumni Senior Club	10:30 a.m., McKenna Hall

BEYOND CAMPUS

Compiled from U-Wire reports

U. of Texas to maintain ties to Enron

AUSTIN, Texas
University of Texas-Austin's long-standing relationship with the law firm Vinson & Elkins will not be tainted by investigations into their dealings with Enron, UT officials said Tuesday.

"Vinson & Elkins is a premier, national law firm. They are at the top of their game, and I think they have the strength, talent, vision and integrity to come through this," he said.

A special investigation committee of Enron's board of directors chaired by Powers found V&E shared responsibility in Enron's failure to report all of the transactions it had with various companies. The report said V&E was not being accused of breaking set laws but rather it should have ensured the



disclosure of these transactions to both investors and the public. Powers said he recused himself from the portion of the report dealing with V&E because he could not offer a fair opinion about the firm.

"I was doing a report for Enron, and I had an obligation to be accurate," he said. "When I started that report I asked if Vinson & Elkins was part of the investigation and I was told they were not. I could not

give an unbiased view of Vinson & Elkins, and it would give the report more integrity if I did not participate in it."

Whatever the outcome of the investigation on V&E, Kathryn Holt, assistant dean for career services for the law school, said she hopes the firm will continue to recruit heavily at the University as it has in the past.

"I would never speculate, but as it stands right now, expect them to recruit as strongly as ever because they are one of the most sought after firms by our students," she said.

"They are already planning to come to campus next fall — they already have their dates set. They have consistently hired our students for both the fall and summer."

Daily Texan

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

Playboy models may face trouble

WACO, Texas
Photographers for Playboy magazine's "Women of the Big 12 Conference" feature and representatives of the 2003: Budweiser Women of the Big 12 Conference Swimsuit Calendar will be in Waco this week in search of Baylor University women to pose for their publications, but students who do so could face consequences. When the Big 12 last was included in 1996, President Robert Sloan Jr. told the Lariat students who posed for the magazine would be "subject to expulsion under the student sexual misconduct policy." This time, however, that may or may not be the case. Bethany McCraw, the associate dean of judicial and legal student services who would be in charge of punishment, said although the handbook lists expulsion as a possible consequence of such behavior, that consequence is not a foregone conclusion — things such as the students' attitude and their honesty also would be considered.

The Lariat

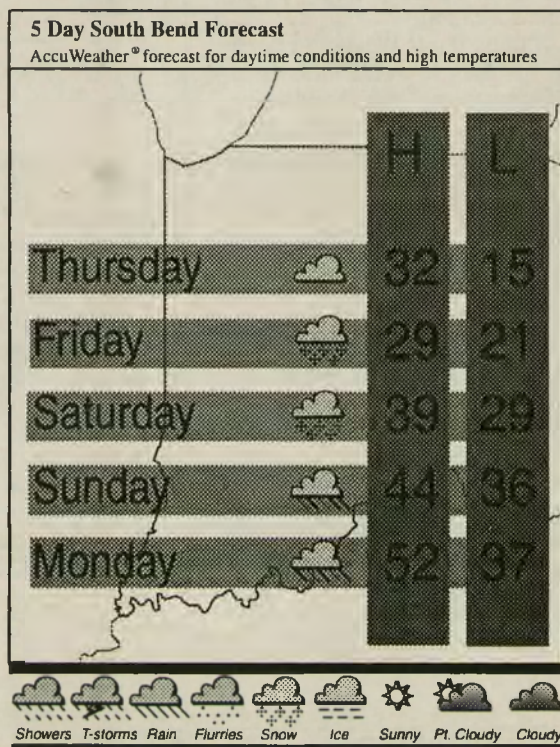
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DEA considers ban on hemp foods

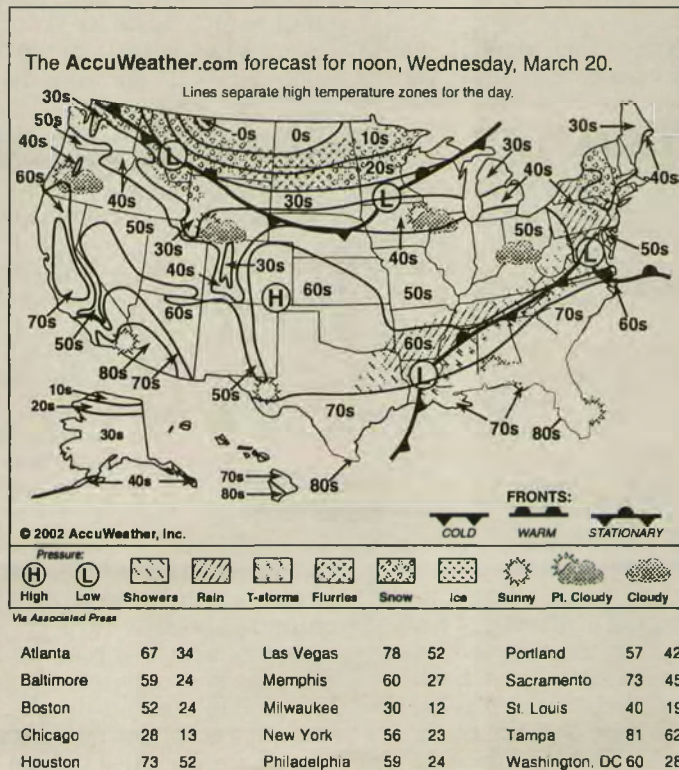
LOS ANGELES
Hemp food products are popular in health stores across the nation, but recent scrutiny by the Drug Enforcement Administration has sparked national debate over the controversial plant. The DEA mandated that retailers remove all hemp food products from store shelves by March 18, but a court appeal by the hemp food industry earlier this month has temporarily stopped the DEA ban from taking effect. Hemp, which is harvested from the same plant as marijuana, is increasingly being used in health foods because its seeds are high in essential fatty acids, protein and vitamins. "Study after study has shown hemp to be not only safe but nutritious," said Darrel Rogers, national outreach coordinator of Students for Sensible Drug Policy. Hemp foods account for \$5 million in retail sales each year and are the fastest growing segment of the hemp industry.

Daily Trojan

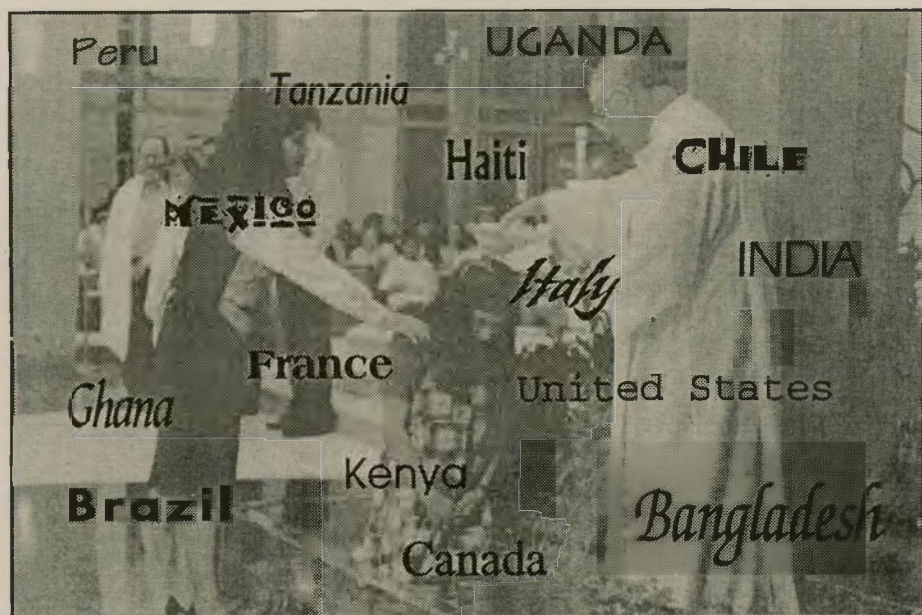
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Committee to review debit ID's

By SARAH NESTOR
News Writer

Saint Mary's formed a committee to review the feasibility of new options for swiping student ID cards instead of using cash to pay for campus utilities.

The cost will not be an addition to tuition payments, but students may choose to place money in an account accessible via their cards. In this way it will act as a pre-paid debit card that students can then use to pay for necessities. The system will also be available to students living off campus.

"The biggest issue is the laundry system. Figuring out the best route for machines in every laundry room would help solve this issue," Kim Jensen, a student representative on the committee, said.

The committee plans to first place machines in all laundry facilities, equip copy machines, vending machines and the bookstore.

"We are looking into the economically best options for

doing this so that all these different systems are available by using the Saint Mary's ID card," Jensen said. "Instead of having to dig around for change you can just place \$20 on to your card and just swipe it."

In the next few weeks the committee will meet with the laundry contractors so work on the new system can begin this summer and the new laundry system can be introduced next year. The committee will continue to review options for adding onto this new system, but full implementation will not immediately follow the laundry system because of costs and the difficulty of integrating all of the different systems.

The committee is composed of Christine Arzt, director of McCandless Hall, Dan Deeter, director of purchasing, Sandy Vanderwerven, Shaheen Bookstore manager, Jensen and Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl, both students.

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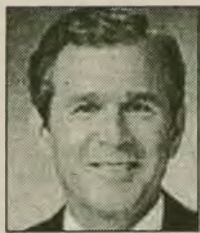
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Bush proposes child-support changes

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The Bush administration is developing a new program to channel money through the child-support collection program to promote marriage and the involvement of both parents in the rearing of children.



Bush

Congress already is considering whether to devote hundreds of millions of dollars to promoting marriage in the welfare program, as President Bush has requested, but this program would not need congressional approval.

The new initiative would involve a maximum of about \$22 million in federal and state money for about 15 communities, according to two draft documents that describe the plan.

Participating states would receive special permission from the government to spend money through their child-support programs for community-wide experiments to promote the benefits of marriage, help people develop marriage skills and create media campaigns to "rebuild cultural norms."

States could add new money to their child-support spending, but they might also cut from other spending.

This is a prospect that worries advocates for the poor.

Advocates also charge that the administration is trying to bypass Congress in implementing its pro-marriage agenda.

The proposal is still in draft form and must be approved by officials at the Department of Health and Human Services and the White House, said Wade Horn, who heads the HHS Administration for Children and Families, which would run the program.

Critics fear that with limited money, states may wind up siphoning money they would have spent on child support.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

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Iraq launches verbal attacks:

President Saddam Hussein launched a new attack on American policy makers Wednesday, accusing them of conjuring up stories in a bid to justify potential military strikes on Iraq. Saddam's latest barbs came in a speech to government officials broadcast by the official Iraqi News Agency, radio stations and television.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

FAA launches investigation:

Federal aviation officials are investigating whether federal agents violated security rules at the Salt Lake International Airport during the Olympics, an official said Wednesday. The internal probe was prompted by a complaint from at least one agent stationed in Salt Lake City who said lax security created risks for travelers, said Rebecca Trexler, a Transportation Security Administration spokeswoman in Washington.

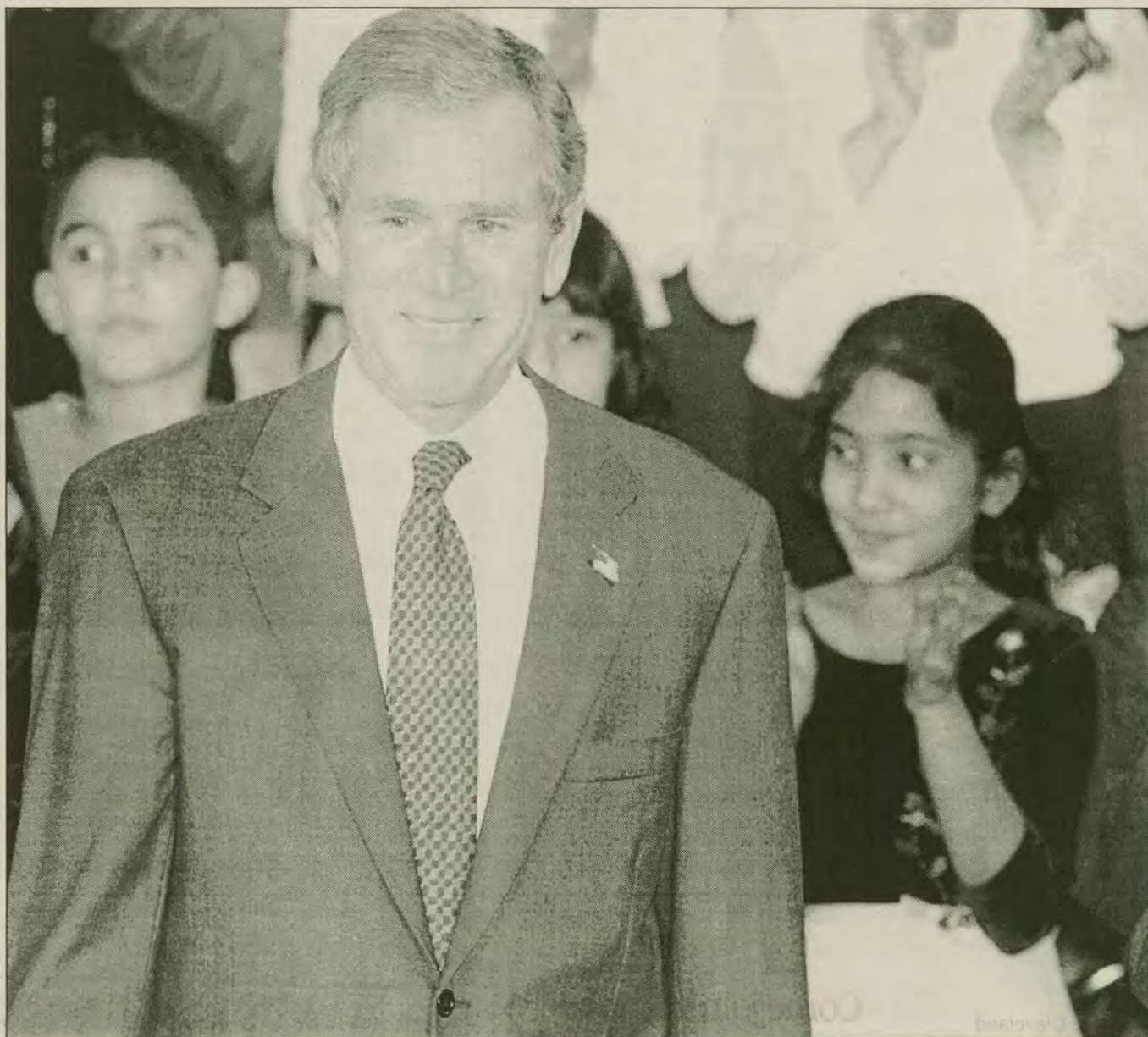
Texas mud-flinging supersedes race:

The race for the Democratic nomination to succeed retiring Sen. Phil Gramm has taken an ugly turn, with the two candidates accusing each other of drawing class and racial divisions. Victor Morales said Ron Kirk has been derailing his attempts to reach black voters by pressuring black organizations not to let him speak. Kirk, who is black, denied the charge.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Governor proposes budget cuts:

Gov. Frank O'Bannon said Wednesday that he would cut \$332 million in spending for such things as computers for schools, building repairs, research and development programs and local projects legislators designated for their districts. O'Bannon said the cuts, which are in addition to \$782 million in cuts he already announced, are necessary to help shore up a projected \$1.3 billion deficit that lawmakers failed to address during the legislative session that ended last week.



President George W. Bush greets students at Tucker Elementary School in Virginia, where he publicized a new program to send school supplies and uniforms to students in Afghanistan.

Bush supports Afghan children

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

President Bush went to a suburban school Wednesday to ask Americans to help the government in assembling thousands of chests of classroom supplies for Afghan children.

First lady Laura Bush said efforts also are under way to supply school uniforms for more than 3 million Afghan students, especially Afghan girls attending school for the first time.

The Bushes traveled to the Samuel W. Tucker elementary school in Alexandria, Va., to watch

school children pack notebooks, pencils, crayons, jump ropes and soccer balls into blue-plastic containers for shipment to Afghanistan by the American Red Cross. Tucker students have collected \$2,500 for Afghan youngsters.

"When they go to school we want to make sure they've got supplies," Bush said, announcing that the government has sent 4 million textbooks to Afghanistan's schools, with an additional 6 million on the way.

The president said 1,000 chests of school supplies have been assembled, but

that many more are needed.

"I'm asking our fellow Americans to rally for this good cause and participate in the creation of 2,000 more school supply chests to go to Afghanistan," he said.

"You'll know you're making a huge difference ... in the life of a boy or girl in Afghanistan," Bush said.

The first lady said the school uniform project is being organized by a global partnership that is supplying sewing machines and thousands of yards of fabric to the Afghan women who will produce the uniforms, helping their own

families by the money they earn.

The White House said the U.S. government is helping provide uniforms for 150,000 girls and school supplies for 40,000 students.

The Labor Department of Labor will contribute \$300,000 to a nonprofit group that is organizing the clothes-for-schoolgirls drive, the White House said.

Afghan schoolchildren traditionally wear uniforms to school, said Melanne Verveer, the group's chairwoman. The Taliban forbade girls older than 8 to attend school.

Market Watch March 20

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COLOMBIA

Presidential contest commences

Associated Press

BOGOTA, Colombia

Colombia's presidential race kicked off in earnest Wednesday after a live television debate among five candidates, many of whom pledged to get tough on rebels and even extradite their leaders to the United States.

More than ever, Colombia's race for the presidency reflects growing anger at the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, after President Andres Pastrana's peace process with the group collapsed on Feb. 20 and the guerrillas began attacking the

country's infrastructure. Pastrana is barred from running for a second term in the May 26 election.

In the debate, which began Tuesday night and lasted until after midnight, four candidates said they would agree to the extradition of FARC founder and leader Manuel "Sureshot" Marulanda if the United States sought it. The rebel group has killed 13 Americans since 1980 and kidnapped more than 100 others, U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft said this week.

Only leftist candidate Luis Eduardo Garzon said he would oppose extradition.

No one discussed the difficulties of capturing the wily 71-year-old Marulanda, whose group has waged guerrilla warfare against a succession of elected governments in this South American country for 38 years.

U.S. officials have not announced any indictment against Marulanda, but Ashcroft said Monday that three FARC rebels have been indicted in the United States for drug trafficking. The FARC, and a rival right-wing paramilitary group, are financed by "taxing" the production of cocaine in Colombia, the world's foremost producer of the drug.

Staff

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have access to alcohol for five or six hours straight, rather than for a limited amount of time, I think it's a setup for being a problem," said Etheridge whose dorm also has an annually celebrated SYR, Pop Farley.

She said the residents in her dorm were disappointed and had a right to protest the changes, but she also pointed out what she thought were positive aspects to the policy.

"I think it might change the social scene a little, but the upside of this is that students are going to find a lot of interesting places to have dances," Etheridge said.

She said the University administration has expressed the willingness to open other campus venues for dances, and that they would also still allow in-hall social gatherings before the dance.

A more critical group, the incoming resident assistants, also support the need for change, but have some criticism about the effects it will have on their experience during upcoming year. Because the revised alcohol policy was announced after the RAs had already been chosen for next year, those students were given an additional rule to enforce.

"It's just one more thing that's going to make my job tougher that I didn't anticipate," said junior Dan Zeller who will be an RA in St. Edward's Hall next year. "It's a new twist that maybe they should've thrown in before RAs were selected."

Zeller, like many current hall staff members, said he agreed that alcohol abuse had become a problem, but the revisions did not adequately solve it.

"I think it's unfair to the kids that are 21 years of age, but these are the same students that

are providing the alcohol," said Zeller.

However, his chief complaint regarded what Zeller thought was poor justification of the elimination of in-hall dances, or SYRs.

"Especially since they've already taken away hard alcohol, which seems to be the root of the problem, then why can't we have our SYRs?" said Zeller.

Junior Meghan Anderson of Howard Hall, another recently selected resident assistant for next year, had an indifferent view about the policy.

"I think it's important that students have a voice — but I would encourage students to look at issues that really matter," said Anderson. "I don't see the role of an RA as being one of snooping into people's rooms and monitoring people," Anderson said.

Current RAs said the alcohol policy will likely do little to curb all underage drinking in the residence hall rooms, but could offset some of the major alcohol-related emergencies.

"I really don't think it's going to affect the way I interact with residents and the way I go about enforcing the rules," said senior Yogeld Andre, an RA in Dillon Hall that will stay for a fifth year.

Andre said he initially thought the University was proposing a dry campus, but was immediately notified that it would not be the case. Andre's rector, Father Paul Doyle, read the Dillon staff a list of anticipated questions from Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman.

"The reason these laws were instituted is to cut back on the amount of students sent to St. Joseph [Hospital]," said Andre. "Hard alcohol has been involved in a disparate amount of cases."

Senior Tim O'Connor, also an RA in Dillon, said there were "pretty blatant problems that needed to be addressed" concerning Notre Dame and alcohol.

"I think the policy needed to be

updated in some way," said O'Connor. "Anybody that says there wasn't an alcohol problem with Notre Dame students obviously wasn't paying much attention."

Still O'Connor, like Andre and the incoming RAs didn't expect the actual enforcement of the rules to change very much.

"I don't think it's going to be an exceptional change in the way

things are done," O'Connor said.

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research during the week to keep on top of current events and present their findings to their teammates," said Huetteman.

Of the regional tournaments this year, the Notre Dame team has been very successful, winning five out of the seven competitions they entered. On Sept. 22, teammates senior Rachel Smith and sophomore Mary Komperda won the "Show Me Swing" Tournament at Truman State University in Kirksville, Miss. Juniors Chris Gallo and Victoria Fetterman were finalists in the "Forensics Fiesta" Tournament at Arizona State University in Tempe, Ariz. on Dec. 1.

In addition, the team also competed in the "Frank-ly Speaking" Tournament at the College of Dupage in Glen Ellyn, Illinois on Jan. 18. Two teams including seniors Mark Styczynski and Will McDonald and sophomore Kara Vey and senior Michelle Peterson both

won in a closeout.

On Jan. 25, a team of two freshmen, Meghan Callahan and Anthony Ford won the novice division in the "Honorary Nationals" Tournament sponsored by Pi Kappa Delta in St. Louis, Miss.

The team finished the year with wins at the Indiana State Debate Tournament on March 2 by Smith and Komperda and at the "Betsey Karl Invitational" at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Wash. on March 8 by Styczynski and McDonald.

Of the 20 students on the Notre Dame team, 12 of the most experienced debaters will be competing in the National Tournament in Denver and hope to achieve a top 10 ranking in the country.

"The students have worked really hard this year in terms of research — we are hoping to build on past achievements and achieve more success at the National Tournament this year," said Huetteman.

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McDonald earns spot on team

♦ Senior to compete against Irish champs on American team

By LAURA SELLINGER
News Writer

Notre Dame senior and Speech and Debate team member Will McDonald was selected as one of the top three debaters in the nation during the mid-semester break.

Each year at the National Parliamentary Debate Association Championship in Denver, Co., three American debaters are chosen to compete against the national champions from Ireland.

"The selection is a very competitive and prestigious honor. Each candidate must be nominated, fill out an application and submit letters of recommendation," said Kate Huetteman, 2001 Notre Dame graduate, first year law student and debate coach. "Six finalists are then chosen from this group and are interviewed by telephone — and the final three are selected."

The Irish Times sponsors the Irish team's trip to the United States for the debate, and it is considered to be one of the highest honors a collegiate debater can receive. This year,

McDonald was one of the three Americans chosen to compete against the Irish.

"I was really excited when Will received the nomination. Typically, the Irish are very difficult to compete against because they have a different kind of witty humor that is unique and entertaining to the audience. I know he will do great, though, because he is a funny guy," said Huetteman.

McDonald has been competing for seven years — three years in high school and each year at Notre Dame.

"In my past four years at Notre Dame, I have learned a lot about how to work with others on a team, help others to win, think critically and speak on my feet," said McDonald.

In addition, McDonald expressed his feelings towards a sport that he enjoys participating in and that has significantly affected him.

"I am becoming very sentimental as my career here is ending. I am excited for the competition, but it is also bitter-

sweet. Notre Dame is one of the best teams in the country and it is exciting to have watched it grow over the past four years," said McDonald.

McDonald said that for him, it has been the journey and not the destination that is most important to him.

"I'm a little nervous for the Irish competition, but even if we don't win, I'll be happy leaving the sport knowing I had fun and made it this far," said McDonald.

As an exhibition event, the debate team will participate Friday at a banquet at the Tech Center Hyatt that will kick

off the weekend activities. Topics of debate range from international human rights and American foreign policy to peace issues and the war on terrorism.

McDonald will also compete in the National Tournament debates on Saturday and Sunday.

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Will McDonald
Speech and Debate team member

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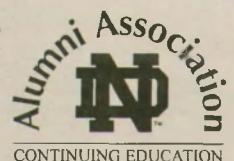
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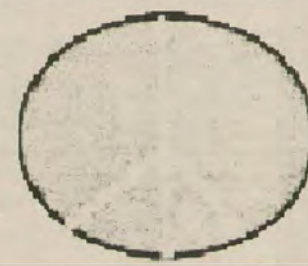
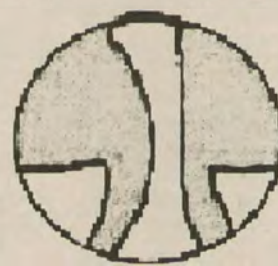
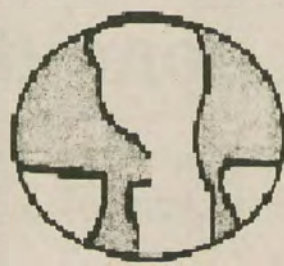
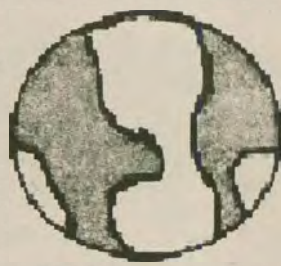
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wouldn't be "pushed around by a bunch of celibate, white men," an apparent reference to priests in the administration.

Dorms that host well-known dances and events were best represented at the rally. Throngs of O'Neill Hall residents came to protest cancellation of Mardi Gras, and Alumni Hall attended to support their "W a k e " dance.

Knott Hall sophomore Ryan Schildkraut was worried about losing residence hall traditions. He decided to move off campus next

year because of the changes.

"It seems like they're not trusting the students," said Schildkraut, who was wearing a hall T-shirt.

Stanford Hall freshman Greg Borchardt said, "I think students got a raw deal. This is our effort to show the administration how we feel about the policy and hopefully bring about change."

Student Body President-elect Libby Bishop, who takes office April 1, vowed to fight the changes. Bishop and Vice President-elect Trip Foley

won election in February, campaigning on the idea promise that they would stand up for student rights and clear up confusion that surrounded tailgating rules last fall.

"Trip and I promise to continue this fight for students to have a voice in the making of this policy," said Bishop, whose position permits her to remain on campus this summer to work with University officials on the actual revision of the policy. "I personally will be at [Assistant Vice President for Residence Life] Bill Kirk's door every day to see that we have a voice in the writing of these changes."

Bishop encouraged students to attend Monday's Campus Life Council meeting, where Poorman will formally introduce the

proposed changes to the body. The meeting is at 3:30 p.m. in the Notre Dame Room of the LaFortune Student Center.

Ironically, as organizers urged students to remain passionate about the cause and to lobby administrators, several people pointed to Poorman walking toward North Quad. Poorman came within 25 yards of the event, then turned around in the direction of his office.

Minutes later, when student leaders invited questions from students, one man asked if

"If you want to take my Mardi Gras away, if you want to take my dorm unity away, then you'll have to pry them out of my cold, dead hands."

Joe Muto
O'Neill Hall president-elect



JASON McFARLEY/The Observer

Student Body President Brooke Norton speaks at the town hall meeting held Wednesday. Norton encouraged the approximately 600 students present to unite in order to affect the proposed changes to the alcohol policy.

they group could march to Main Building.

They gathered outside in front of the building's stairs. At one point, they directed chants of "Come downstairs" to Poorman's third-floor office window. One student set fire to a copy of the student handbook, and as the rally died down, set it on the ground to

burn in front of the building.

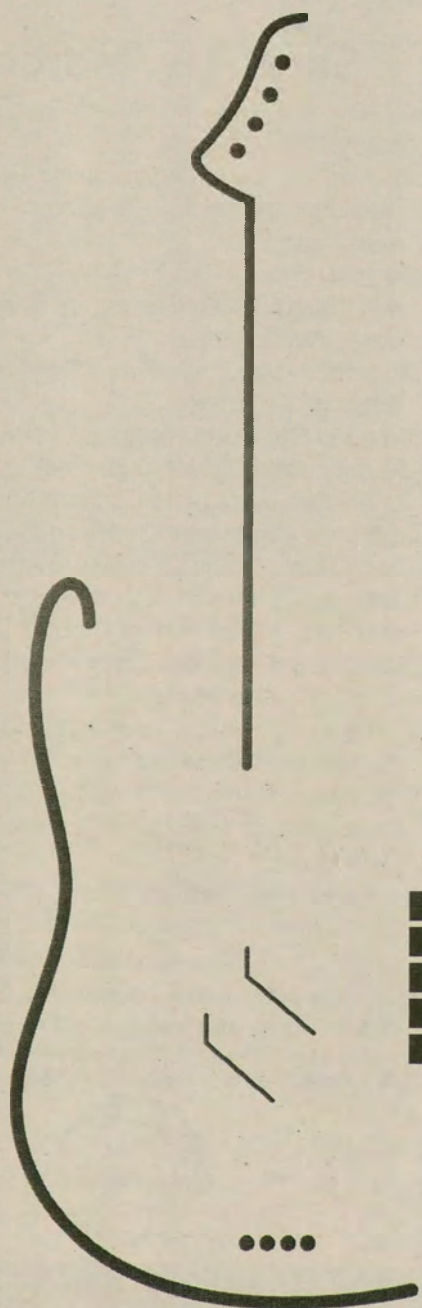
Bishop and Foley said following the demonstration they were pleased with student turnout and zeal. They were confident that they could impact passage of the proposed changes.

"We need to keep the momentum going," Foley said. "It's important that students

stay motivated and keep giving us ideas."

News Editor Helena Payne contributed to this story.

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ND, SMC students relive exotic break travels

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
News Writer

She felt like it was her last chance for a great Spring Break vacation and she sensed her time running out as an undergraduate, so Alissa Blair decided to make it a memorable experience. Blair and four friends spent their spring break taking a road trip to Miami, cruising to the Cayman Islands and then driving back to South Bend.

"It felt like three trips in one," Blair said. "It was a lot of fun, and it just went really smoothly. It was a highlight of my senior year."

Blair and three other seniors, Jen Wyatt, Kara Tirimacco, and Jamie Mortens, left Thursday night to make the long drive down to Miami with a few brief stops along the way.

"The trip down was like a marathon," Blair said. "One drove, one rode shotgun and was the navigator, and the others slept."

Surprisingly, they ended up in Miami well before they were due to board their cruise ship.

"We planned more time than we needed," Blair said. "We pulled in at 5 a.m. in Miami, so we drove through some sketchy neighborhoods in Miami until 8:30 a.m., then we went to South Beach to lay out. We were worried about not having enough time and we ended up being way early."

After their prolonged trip down to Miami, the girls were ready to relax on their cruise.

"[Cruises are] such a nice way to vacation — everything was planned," Blair said. "This was fun and refreshing. We went swimming with stingrays in the Grand Cayman Islands. In Jamaica, we went to a rain-forest. We climbed a waterfall like a jungle gym."

On the way back, Blair and her companions took it a little easier, stopping for the night in Atlanta, Nashville and Indianapolis.

"We went out with a bang," Blair said. "It was our last chance to do something over a break [before graduation.] We will remember it forever."

Some other students have made it clear that seniors are not the only ones who can plan great spring break trips.

Alumni sophomores Nick Gaeke, Michael Kwiat, Joel Hein, Tobin Cocklin and their friend Wes Aull flew to Aruba to spend most of the week in the sun. Aull used the Internet to get his group a time-share in Aruba, so that each of the boys only had the airfare to worry about.

Gaeke and crew spent the week sunning on the beach, making field trips to island

attractions and visiting the restaurants, bars and casinos that line the island's waterfront.

"We went snorkeling around the Caribbean's biggest wreck," Gaeke said of one of the group's experiences. "The guys went on a tour of the island on Thursday. We'd wake up every morning and go to the beach. It was always sunny, 85 degrees, and perfect."

Gaeke left earlier than the rest of the group, however, returning to the States Thursday before the end of break to spend the rest of his time with family and friends.

"It was really friendly there," Gaeke said. "Aruba is a Netherlands possession, so there were Dutch, Europeans, Mexicans and Americans on the island. The natives there are a mix of Spanish, African and Dutch mostly, but everyone spoke English."

He was surprised to find other Notre Dame peers at all because Aruba wasn't overrun with students.

"It had everything you'd expect on a typical spring break

except it wasn't very crowded," he said. "You could relax when you wanted to and party when you wanted to. I'd go again in a heartbeat."

A group from Saint Mary's chose to visit fellow students in Maynooth, Ireland. According to junior Meghan Lafferty, about 17 girls chose to revisit Ireland after studying there last year.

"It was weird because it felt so natural to be there," Lafferty said. "It was really nice, we just got right back into the groove."

To Lafferty, going to Ireland for spring break felt like she was still a student there, returning from traveling back from the States.

Lafferty's group, Maura Kennedy, Kelly Rizzi, Rachael Benkert, Mary Brown, Rachel Finley and Allyson Palombaro, booked their trip through Council Travel, and Lafferty said

that the long flights over and back were just fine, although after returning to campus late Monday, the group

was physically exhausted.

Once in Ireland, they spent time with the other groups visiting from Saint Mary's, but spent the bulk of their time visiting their old schoolmates and revisiting old haunts in Dublin, locat-

ed near Maynooth.

Despite their wonderful days in Ireland this year, Lafferty reports that most of her group wants to try something new for next year's break.

"Next year we want to go some place warm," Lafferty said. "We all came homesick this time."

Another group from Notre Dame and Saint Mary's decided to go for the sun and beaches in the States.

Meghan VandeWater and Anna Lentz of Saint Mary's traveled with Jake Teske, Pat Sluka, Stephen Christ and Tim Ponisciak of Notre Dame to Teske's grandfather's vacation home in Balboa Point, California.

"It was really warm there and there were a lot of donut shops," Ponisciak, a donut aficionado, said.

The group made trips to Disneyland, Venice Beach and Hollywood, even though they didn't see any stars, Ponisciak said it was a wonderful experience.

And then there were the donut shops. Ponisciak loved California principally for the large number of donut shops he found everywhere.

"Oh, those donuts," Ponisciak said. "They just have a lot of donuts there. Everywhere you turn there is a donut shop."

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Alissa Blair
Saint Mary's senior

"We went snorkeling around the Caribbean's biggest wreck."

Nick Gaeke
Notre Dame sophomore

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- 7:00 p.m. Films: *Persephone* and *Ghost World*, Hesburgh Library Carey Auditorium
- 7:00 p.m. *Careers in Social Change*, lecture by Jay Caponigro, CSC Library
- 7:00 p.m. *Dear Lisa: A Dating Violence Prevention Program* by Tom Santoro, Hayes-Healy 127
- 7:00 p.m. Reading by Rolando Hinojosa, Hispanic novelist, Reckers
- 7:30 p.m. *A Night on Broadway, Musical Revue 2002*, LaFortune Student Center Ballroom*
- 8:00 p.m. Glee Club Concert, Washington Hall
- 8:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Drop-In Lacrosse, Rolfs Sports Recreation Center
- 9:00 p.m. - Midnight ND Express Pool Room open, LaFortune Student Center
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Friday, March 22

- 5:00 p.m. Erin Nelson horn recital with Il-Eun Byun, piano, Hesburgh Library Carey Auditorium
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- 5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer, Coleman-Morse Center
- 5:15 p.m. Daily Mass, Basilica of the Sacred Heart
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Saturday, March 23

- 5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass, Basilica of the Sacred Heart
- 5:00 p.m. *Be the Change* Closing Concert, Hesburgh Center for International Studies Auditorium
- 5:00 p.m. Recital: Audri Laine Nelson, trumpet with Ketevan Badridze, piano, Hesburgh Library Carey Auditorium
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United States backs off Somali accusations

♦ GPS device found in cave does not link Somalia with al-Qaida

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

It sounded sinister at first. The Pentagon announced new evidence of a possible link between the al-Qaida terrorist network and Somalia. Within minutes the story began to unravel.

The Pentagon's military spokesman for the war in Afghanistan, Brig. Gen. John

Rosa of the Air Force, announced Wednesday that U.S. soldiers searching abandoned al-Qaida caves in eastern Afghanistan had recovered a hand-held navigation device Monday with the name "G. Gordon" on it.

Rosa said the Pentagon believed it once belonged to Master Sgt. Gary I. Gordon, an Army Ranger killed in Mogadishu, the Somali capital, in October 1993.

"There's a couple of conclusions you may draw," Rosa said when asked the significance of the discovery. "In fact this piece we currently think originated

from Somalia will obviously tie — could obviously tie — al-Qaida to Somalia."

An alternative explanation, he said, was that the device might have been stolen and sold on the black market. If that were the case, he said, "We don't know how it would have gotten to the al-Qaida cave."

The actual explanation, officials said later: It belonged to a U.S. soldier who fought against the al-Qaida at the outset of Operation Anaconda, the largest U.S. ground offensive of the war in Afghanistan. The device and its pouch both had "G. Gordon" written on them because the soldier — a member of the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment — uses that as his nickname because people say he resembles G. Gordon Liddy, the Watergate figure.

The whole episode had nothing to do with Gary I. Gordon, Somalia or an al-Qaida link to

Somalia.

An Army Times newspaper reporter, Sean Naylor, was with the U.S. soldiers who recovered the GPS device on Monday. Naylor recorded the model and serial number. His newspaper checked that information with the manufacturer, Garmin International, which said the model, GPS III Pilot, was made no earlier than 1997 and the item was sold on Dec. 21, 1998 to Fort Campbell, the Army post in Kentucky that is home to the 101st Airborne Division, the 5th Special Forces Group and the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment, known as the "Nightstalkers."

"That product didn't exist in 1993," Garmin spokesman Pete Brumbaugh said in a telephone interview.

The Army Times' managing editor, Robert Hodierne, said Naylor reported that the soldiers who found the GPS unit also

found two others at the same location. Two of the three had names on them. One was "G. Gordon." The other was "Svitak." Army Sgt. Philip J. Svitak was among seven U.S. servicemen killed March 4 when hostile fire brought down one Chinook MH-47 helicopter and damaged another. Svitak was a member of the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment from Fort Campbell.

The soldier who lost the "G. Gordon" GPS device survived the battle, a senior defense official said Wednesday.

Before making its announcement, the Pentagon notified Gary I. Gordon's family of the GPS discovery. Gordon, a native of Lincoln, Maine, was a sniper team leader when he was killed in a Mogadishu firefight Oct. 3, 1993. He and Sgt. 1st Class Randall D. Shughart were awarded the Medal of Honor for extraordinary heroism.

Victoria Clarke, spokeswoman for Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld was asked by a reporter whether Gordon's family was contacted as a humanitarian gesture.

"The first thing I think all of us said when we first heard about this was, 'Wow, this is going to bring up some very sad memories for the family,'" she replied. "And the first thing I heard several people say when they heard was, 'Before anything, let's make sure we notify the next of kin.'"

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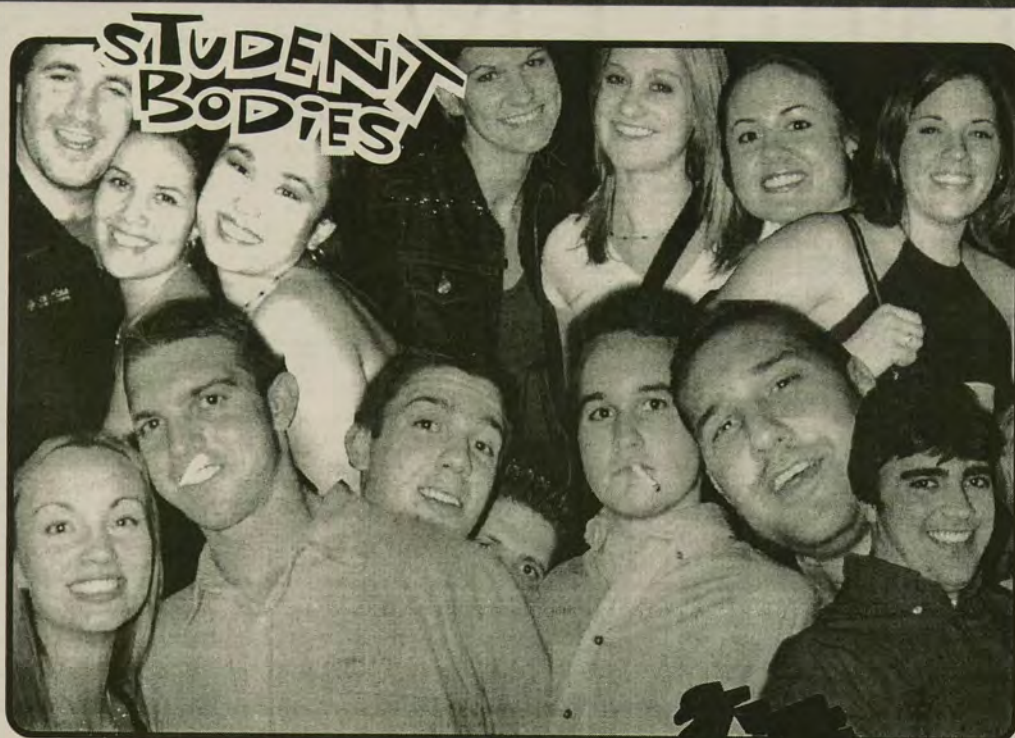
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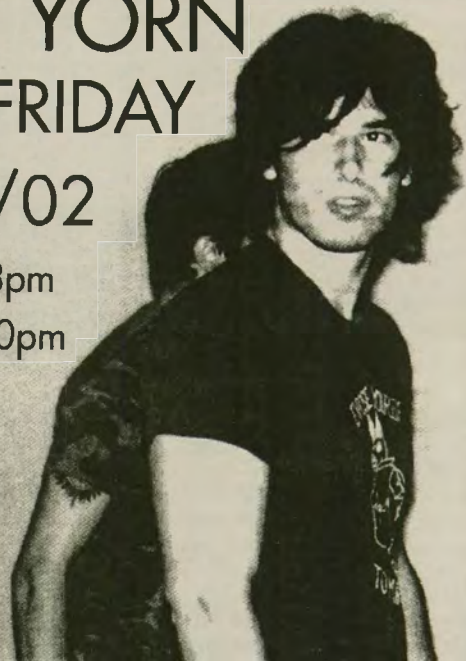


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Students must exercise voices

This is the third in a series of editorials commenting on the proposed alcohol changes at Notre Dame.

Notre Dame students finally used their voice at the student government-sponsored rally to discuss the proposed changes to the alcohol policy.

It's about time.

After several attempts by Brooke Norton and Brian Moscona, student body president and vice president respectively, to rally student unity around causes like tailgating and football ticket distribution, it took a ban on "hard" liquor and in-hall dances to motivate students to action. Ironically, this only lends credibility to the administration's concerns that alcohol resides at the center of Notre Dame's campus culture.

Although the students' focus on the elimination of in-hall dances was a positive demonstration of their commitment to an important issue, the rally should be the beginning of a larger movement to establish student voice in campus policy. Having a voice means transcending sym-

bolic demonstrations like burning du Lac; it means gaining active influence in the decisions that occur on Notre Dame's campus.

By attending the rally, students overwhelmingly declared that the administration's decision not to consult student government before the major revisions was wrong. While the administration may have valid concerns to protect students from alcohol-related incidents, its failure to involve the student body's elected representatives in the decision process denies the students their deserved voice. The administration's unilateral action blatantly disregards student sentiment — something the University should promote.

Once again the administration has tried to assert its "in loco parentis" policy, but this time students have declared that they will not be shut out of the decision-making process. It's time that students care about their role in the formation of student life policies. Otherwise, like children, Notre Dame students will be seen but not heard.

The
Observer
Editorial

Representing conservative law

It's time to clear up a misconception.

The Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy has been in the news lately. Approximately 25 percent of President Bush's administration is comprised of members from this organization.

Christine Niles

New chapters and practice groups continue to sprout up across the country. Membership in the Society has doubled, tripled, quintupled within the past 20 years. Alarm bells have rung in media networks across the nation. As far as they're concerned, the vast right-wing conspiracy has taken root.

Even Alfred Ross, president of the Institute for Democracy Studies, has written a book on why the federalist society is evil. OK, that isn't the real title — but it might as well be.

When I called to invite him to take part in a debate on the alleged conservative activism of the Society, his response was, "Alleged?" He then asked whether or not I was part of the organization. "Why yes," I answered politely, "I am the vice president of the Notre Dame chapter." His remarkably professional reply: "Oh, that's too bad. I'm not interested. Good-bye."

What exactly is the Federalist Society? To answer that, we have to go back to the beginning. The association was started by a handful of Yale and Chicago law students who felt marginalized for their conservative and libertarian beliefs. The dominant voice in the legal field tended to be liberal, and the students desired a forum to discuss conservative and libertarian ideas without being ridiculed. Reasonable desire, one would think. In 1982, the first Federalist Society Symposium was held at Yale, an infor-

mal afternoon panel. Most of the legal academy barely noticed.

Twenty years later, in the same law school where it all first started, nearly 500 students from more than 150 chapters nationwide descended upon New Haven to attend the 20th Annual Federalist Society Symposium. The panels were comprised of top law professors, federal judges, attorneys and government officials around the country. And what did the legal academy do? It noticed.

Eleven law students from Notre Dame attended the event, driving straight from South Bend to Connecticut in a night. Panels were held on topics ranging from postmodernism to originalism in constitutional interpretation to lawyering ethics.

No doubt hoping to catch a glimpse of right-wing activism firsthand, two from the Institute for Democracy Studies infiltrated the ranks. And to their disappointment, they witnessed fair, balanced debate, with voices heard equally from conservative and liberal camps. All discussions were witty, spirited and ever respectful. Alfred Ross is going to have to change his thesis.

The undoubted highlight of the weekend took place during the closing banquet. Boston University Law Professor Gary Lawson, co-founder (slightly tone deaf), gave a stirring adaptation of "American Pie." The theme was the liberal despair over the current "reign" of the Rehnquist Court. It was vulgar, crude, heterodox — and sidesplittingly funny. Although the song was off the record, some of the lyrics bear repeating. For instance, the chorus: "My, my, kiss the old days good-bye / I quoted Lenin, Marx, and Brennan, but it just didn't fly. / The White House staffers could just break down and cry / singing, 'Maybe we'll give Judge Bork a try... Maybe we'll give Judge Bork a try.'"

The Federalist Society has so grown in prestige, importance, and influence that left-leaning academia are worried. Some prominent members of the academy recently formed the Madison Society to provide a liberal counterweight to the Federalist Society. After realizing that no organization should be named after a slave owner, the title was changed to the American Constitution Society. One hopes their organization will fare well and generate insightful debate and discussion.

Still, the reasons for the American Constitution Society are a bit puzzling. After all, the very purpose of the Federalist Society is to provide a counterweight to the preponderance of left-leaning policy in the legal field. If 90 percent of academia is liberal, then it is surely understandable to have an organization provide a forum for the 10 percent to be heard. The purpose is to represent the underrepresented. It seems almost unnecessary to form a legal organization to espouse views already dominant in law schools across the country.

Notre Dame law students tend to forget this school is the exception, not the rule. Although conservatives may abound here, this is simply not the case in most universities in America. And this is why the Federalist Society performs a valuable function — it allows provocative, unorthodox and unpopular viewpoints to be aired. The left-leaning who would otherwise rest on their haunches are kept on their toes.

Perhaps, then, all the furor means the Federalist Society's doing something good after all.

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theologian

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Some students praise, others protest policy

Drinking isn't a privilege

This campus makes me laugh sometimes. All this fervor over the new alcohol policy is only proving the administration right in its actions.

In his March 20 letter, Vinnie Zuccaro made a comment that eliminating alcohol would destroy residential life on campus. Other campuses have made it and have not destroyed their residential life by banning alcohol. Why can't we? If alcohol is that much a central part of this University, then something is certainly wrong and a re-evaluation is in order. If students need alcohol in order to have a functioning residential life, then this campus most definitely has a problem.

The University, by state law, as we all know, should be banning all alcohol from minors. Banning hard alcohol is one step towards the law, not one backwards, and I find it funny that this privilege is being touted as a right. This attitude of ungratefulness will only make the University pull a tighter leash on the alcohol policy.

I've yet to see one valid protest from any of my fellow students on these new changes. So the students were not consulted; their opinion was most definitely well known and predicted and so far has proven right. After all, how many college students would just happily allow their hard liquor to be taken away from them?

Any protests that students make against this change, such as that RAs will have to be less friend and more rule-enforcer, or that it's eliminating an integral part of campus life, or that students will drink anyway just expose the real reasons that the administration is enacting this new policy.

So instead of automatically getting angry because your tequila bottles, which of course you use for "social drinking" only, are being kept away from you, try to think about why you're so angry that bottle is being taken away. Then maybe you can really understand the University's viewpoint, and maybe then you'll agree that it's not that bad an idea.

Adrian Acu
freshman
Fisher Hall
March 20, 2002

Don't decide for students

Student Affairs, wake up.

Guess what students are going to do on those weekends when they would have been dancing, drinking and spending time with friends at in-hall dances?

Drinking. A lot. Probably even more, out of spite of their social lives being robbed from their shot-glass holding hands.

Alcohol does not run the life of your average Notre Dame student. But it can add to the flavor of his or her social life. And Notre Dame students are not alcoholics (or, at least, not the majority of the drinking population). Notre Dame students do enjoy drinking. And the majority of those who drink do learn — albeit, some, the hard way — where to find the balance, clear the blur between having fun and having your stomach pumped.

Canceling dances is not going to stop students from drinking, or even dancing. Parties will proliferate. Students just won't need to dress up or buy silly little gifts for dates. And some dorms, as The Observer's March 19 editorial noted, will lose out on their most planned, most fun events of the year. For an institution so in love with tradition and its sense of community, Notre Dame is doing the ironic feat of killing two birds with one stone.

Notre Dame students' definition of tailgate: pre-game bonanza of music, food, fun and yes, drink.

Notre Dame administrator's definition of tailgate: pre-game bonanza of debauchery of crazed, alcoholic students out to puke and oh, probably have sex later. It must be stopped.

And congratulations; once you make legal-age students register for the tailgating, that's

exactly what will happen. All the legal students (whom will have moved off campus, rightly so) will spend Saturday mornings in their apartments chugging beer and all the hard alcohol they'd like. Some of my greatest football memories come from tailgating with friends and I can only pity those poor kids who will never know the pure joy of the 12 o'clock shotgun.

Take away our dances, our tailgates and what do you have? Thousands of embittered students looking for something to do on those often boring spring weekends in South Bend. Overanxious rectors ready to jump down the throats of students who might otherwise be sending vodka the same route. And, of course, thousands of alumni like myself who are grateful they graduated before the storm.

You've not only taken away dances and tailgating, you've stripped away freedom and a sense of responsibility. How do you expect your students to grow, mature and make their own informed judgments without giving them the opportunity to do so?

Notre Dame students and administrators alike have always boasted a feeling of "family." And while this is a very special aspect of Notre Dame, you are not our mothers and fathers. College is where we become adults and learn to decide for ourselves. Don't decide for us.

Christine Kraly
class of '01
Washington, D.C.
March 19, 2002

Join the campaign to "Change ND"

I've been at this school long enough to realize the sad, sad truth that the Golden Dome stands for one thing and one thing alone. And it's not Our Lady of the Lake.

It's cash.

Cold hard cash. Alumni checks with six zeroes, endowment figures with eight digits, big dollar signs and bigger piles of that precious, precious monetary fuel that buys stadiums and dormitories, Notre Dame monogram waffle irons and Stanford head coaches.

Notre Dame guidelines for student life revolve around wealth, and the latest policy revisions by Father Poorman are sadly no exception.

Is the issue at hand preservation of community, student safety or some other admirable cause? Father Poorman sat down at his computer Monday night and lied to us all. He drafted a masterfully woven blanket of rhetoric — a page right out of some Clintonian public relations spin cycle so fiendishly fashioned, so cleverly crafted, that one might actually be led to believe that the interests of the Notre Dame student body were the sole inspiration for the its conception.

But the truth is dirtier. Much dirtier. Father Poorman didn't need to write a statement Monday night. He barely needed to draft a page in order to express the true incentive for this plan. In fact, he should have only needed a single word:

Liability.

Plain and simple. If an underage student dies from over-consumption on school grounds, the Golden Dome is liable. Father Poorman has to sit in front of a grand jury and sheepishly explain that he is, and for quite some time has been, fully aware that underage students are imbibing massive quantities of powerful intoxicants on this campus. And what happens when the frailties of our ambiguous drinking policies are exposed? The Golden Dome pays

through the golden nose, and some poor parents of an expired student get a sheepskin parchment and a check for \$90 million as a macabre souvenir of duLac's worst nightmare.

But if said underage drinker dies with a drained bottle of Goldschlager in hand at College Park or Castle Point or on the sticky mauve tiles of Boat Club's dance floor, the University is not liable. Do not pass go, do not pay \$90 million and Father Poorman proceeds directly to his mahogany desk in the president's office. Much better.

Is there a good chance that more students will perish from overdrinking off-campus than on? Yes. Is there a good chance that the Notre Dame community will drastically deteriorate upon the death of SYR's and traditional hall dances? Absolutely. Is any of this relevant to liability? Hardly.

Risk management. They teach us this stuff in school, right? If I were Father Poorman, maybe I'd do the same thing because people in high places aren't stupid. They're actually very smart, and if they have to bend the truth once in awhile for public policy purposes, who's to be the wiser? We're only students.

But that's not what should worry us most. It shouldn't bother any one of us that someone we trust, a member of our own Notre Dame family, may have in some small or not so small measure, sought to mislead his flock in any way, shape or form.

What should bother us most is that Father Poorman could care less what any one of us thinks in the first place.

And maybe that's not even the worst thing — maybe we should be more concerned that Father Poorman (and whoever pulls the golden strings above him) doesn't really even care what our student body government thinks either. Father Poorman didn't even bother to

allow our student representatives any input concerning a drastic policy change that ultimately transforms the Notre Dame community as we know it.

So what now? What are we supposed to do?

Do we rally? No — no one will listen.

Do we chain ourselves to radiators? No — no one will care.

Do we pour malt liquor on the steps of Main Building? No — no one in Main Building likes malt liquor. And saving the right to consume malt liquor on campus isn't even the point.

The point is that, we, the students, have no voice in a place that wouldn't exist without us. And the way to speak when you have no voice is to learn the only language your adversary understands. At Notre Dame, that language happens to be cash.

This is a formal call to all seniors, juniors, sophomores, freshmen, graduate students, faculty and alumni who care about the Notre Dame community to promise to withhold all future monetary donations to this University until serious



policy changes are enacted to provide students here with a real voice. Students need meaningful representation with meaningful power, and until such a power is realized, the Notre Dame community will continue to suffer a tragic, albeit silent, injustice.

A group is being organized among campus upperclassmen known as "Change ND." The group will be asking all Notre Dame students to sign individual pledges not to donate any personal funds to Notre Dame until drastic steps are taken to ensure that student voices will be fairly and adequately represented in the future.

The pages of The Observer will be littered for weeks with rants, raves and assorted gibberish — like this letter, for example. There will be angry words and cynical expressions; there will be good points made. But at the end of the day, the paper you hold in your hands will be thrown away.

Don't let this issue die quietly like so many other scarlet crimes the administration has coyly passed beneath our noses for years and years. Take this one out of The Observer and into your halls. When you see a "Change ND" pledge, sign it. Post it on your door and a tape a copy to Father Poorman's office window. Tell your parents, tell your friends. E-mail your local alumni clubs and let them know how strongly you feel about this.

Change is long overdue, and we badly deserve it. Today we have the opportunity to fight for something meaningful and something central to every academic and moral value this place of learning — our home — represents. Raise your fists and lower your wallet. Here come the Irish.

Robert Pazornik
senior
off-campus
March 20, 2002

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MOVIE REVIEW

'Evil' screen debut satisfies video game fans

By JACK MONAHAN
Scene Movie Critic

Though this type of transition is typically a recipe for disaster, "Resident Evil" makes the conversion from console to cinema surprisingly well. A frightening, atmospheric horror film that stays true to its video game roots, this film should please any horror or science fiction fan.

Starring Milla Jovovich as an tough amnesiac (reminiscent of her "5th Element" role) and the ever-scowling Michelle Rodriguez ("The Fast and the Furious") as a corporate commando, the movie is set in the secret underground research lab of Umbrella Corporation. The opening of the film reveals the corporation as being responsible for the majority of the world's health care, computer technology and military technology, among other things.

But most of Umbrella's funding comes from secret genetic and viral experiments, the result of which is seen in the film. Though not a single character mentions the word "zombie," that's exactly what the film is about.

Writer and director Paul Anderson ("Event Horizon") borrows heavily from the game's primary inspiration, George Romero's "Night of the Living Dead" trilogy. Though Anderson has been responsible for a previous video game-to-movie flop "Mortal Kombat," with "Resident Evil" he gives the audience a rather enjoyable, if fairly derivative, zombie romp with some nice special effects.

First is a treatment of the research lab in its normal, day-to-day operation, but quickly the movie gets to why the research lab is full of zombies by the time the main characters get there. Then Milla Jovovich makes her first appearance in the film wearing nothing but a conveniently draped shower curtain and a vacant expression, waking up in a bathroom in a strange

mansion. Luckily she soon finds a scant red dress and a fortuitous pair of rubber boots while the audience ponders her inability to procure adequate clothing in her choice of movies.

Soon Jovovich is rudely introduced to the rest of the cast, a team of commandos sent by Umbrella. Excepting the delightfully angry-looking Michelle Rodriguez, most of the cast serves as convenient cannon fodder for the underground lab's nasty security system and undead denizens.

For video game fans, the sequence where the commandos encounter the Red Queen's security corridor should be greatly entertaining, as should the entire film.

What makes the film successful is its faithfulness to the spirit of the games on which it is based, which was in turn heavily influenced by zombie horror films.

The end result is what one might expect from the director of "Event Horizon": a horror film with sci-fi trappings and heaps of creepy atmosphere.

Surprisingly, the film is not as gory as typical zombie fare, tending to leave more to the imagination when the zombies do their worst. But this does nothing to lessen how frightening the film is at times.

The film has little originality, however, though the only painful cliché that's indulged is the "Matrix"-esque flying kick (as seen in the trailer). The rest of the movie is a steady mix of elements borrowed from "Night of the Living Dead," a fair bit of "Aliens" and the video games from which it is based upon.

This will ultimately decide whether movie-goers will enjoy this film: if they can appreciate a film often dictated by the strange logic of video games, or if they are fans of the original "Resident Evil," then they shouldn't hesitate to see this movie.

"Resident Evil"

out of five shamrocks

Director: Paul Anderson**Starring:** Milla Jovovich,
Michelle Rodriguez

Photo courtesy of yahoo.com

Milla Jovovich stars in Paul Anderson's screen adaptation of the popular video game "Resident Evil."

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MOVIE REVIEW

Sucking blood makes for lifeless movie

By C. SPENCER BEGGS
Scene Editor

The second installment of a film adaptation of Anne Rice's popular "Vampire Chronicle" book series, "Queen of the Damned" unfortunately trades in the thoughtful, mythical commentary of its predecessor, 1994's "Interview with the Vampire," for high-end special effects and Hollywood glitz.

"Queen of the Damned" is a sequel of sorts; the scrawny Stuart Townsend has taken over as the main character the Vampire Lestat formerly plaid by Tom Cruise. The only real similarity between the characters is the name, however. In fact, there is a reordering of time if one were to try to follow the story from one movie to the next.

Logic gaps aside, "Queen of the Damned" opens with an awakened Lestat, who after living in the shadows

for a few hundred years, entered a state of hibernation for a century after being unable to psychologically handle his immortality.

Lestat returns to the shadowy unlife of the nightwalker at the dawn of the 21st century; where he joins (brace yourself) a goth-rock band and lives openly as a vampire, which is treated with skepticism from humankind, but raises the ire of the vampire world.

Even if the MTV-ish premise can be accepted, the movie gets more ridiculous as it recounts Lestat's history and introduces the late Aaliyah in the title role, Akasha, the Queen of the Damned. The Egyptian death goddess is supposed to be the mother and the most powerful of the vampires, but Akasha seems to spend most of her very brief time on-screen undulating and taking sensuous baths — two activities at which the death goddess excels.

While Akasha seduces Lestat, the lucky bloodsucker is also the object of mortal paranormal investigator with a death-wish played by Marguerite Moreau. While "Interview with the Vampire" examined the connection between of sex and death in the vampire world, "Queen of the Damned" focuses

mostly on the sex. So much time in this movie is spent with its characters deeply gazing into one another's eyes that the vampires appear to be more romantic than deadly. The less-than-soft porn atmosphere of the movie is almost comical.

While scenes like the vampire showdown at Lestat's ultimate rock concert in Death Valley are fun to watch, the battle scenes are remarkably predictable. Where "Interview with the Vampire" focused on how vampires would perceive themselves, "Queen of the Damned" focuses on how

vampires would kung-fu fight each other. Even the sexual relationships of the characters, which appear to be so important to the story, seem to be less about sensual relationship and more about the overly revealing high-fashion clothes the characters are wearing.

Still, "Queen of the Damned" is not a terrible movie for what it is; it's just disappointing to see Rice's intelligent novels produce such empty Hollywood movies. But certainly "Queen of the Damned" will be immortal in its own way: it looks like something that will appear on late-night Showtime channels forever.

"Queen of the Damned"

out of five shamrocks

Director: Michael Rymer**Starring:** Aaliyah,
Marguerite Moreau and
Stuart Townsend

Photo courtesy of WarnerBros.com

Death goddess Akasha (Aaliyah) seduces the vampire Lestat (Stuart Townsend) in the second film of Anne Rice's "Vampire Chronicle" trilogy.

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Eyes on the prize

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WOMEN'S PREVIEW

A squad by squad breakdown of the top three contenders

FOIL

NOTRE DAME



Ament



Kryczalo

Kryczalo and Ament have been nearly flawless this year, winning 66 bouts together and dropping only four. Auriol believes that both fencers have the chance to win the individual title. Although both are first-time qualifiers, they have extensive international experience.

PENN STATE



Chin



Grochal

Grochal finished second at the 2001 Championships as a freshman. She should contend with the Notre Dame duo and Stanford's Iris Zimmerman for the top spot this year. Chin is an American freshman but is only ranked 24th among junior foilists. Ament is ranked first.

ST. JOHN'S



Khoudé



Thottam

Khoudé has put together a stellar freshman year for the Red Storm, including two wins against Ament and Kryczalo earlier this year. Thottam finished 10th at the 2001 Championships.

EPEE

NOTRE DAME



Carnick



Walton

Walton is one of the top American fencers in epee and has competed for her country as a member of the national team. This is her first NCAA tournament, but she should be well-prepared for the pressure. A now-healthy Carnick should return to her second-team All-American form of 2000.

PENN STATE



Burke



Eim

These two are the class of Penn State fencing. Eim is a three-time first-team All-American while Burke won the individual title as a freshman in 2000. She did not fence at the 2001 Championships. Both fencers could win the individual title and this squad will probably lead Penn State in points.

ST. JOHN'S



Stevens



Takacs

Takacs and Stevens have both finished in the top four for the past two years with Takacs winning the title last year. If these two are on their game, they could challenge Eim and Burke for top epee squad honors. The Irish probably will finish behind both St. John's and Penn State, but need to keep it close.

SABRE

NOTRE DAME



McCullough



Milo

Women's sabre could be Notre Dame's weakest weapon. Both Milo and McCullough qualified for NAAs last year, but neither earned All-American honors. Both put together strong regular seasons, however, and should carry that momentum into NCAA success.

PENN STATE



Brosnan



Tam

Tam and Brosnan are both returning All-Americans and give the Nittany Lions the edge in experience and proven results. McCullough, however, won the Penn State Open in November by beating Tam in the finals.

ST. JOHN'S



Crane



Gelman

Crane and Gelman beat out 2001 runner-up and teammate Marisa Mustilli to take the two St. John's spots, proving they are top four contenders. They are ranked ninth and 12th amongst senior American sabrewomen. McCullough and Milo are 26th and 27th respectively.

Fresh pen

Six first-time qualifiers could m pressure-packed NCAA

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

Most college teams do not expect significant contributions from their first-year team members.

Football teams regularly red-shirt their star freshmen. Basketball teams usually ease their freshmen into the playing rotation.

However, the Notre Dame fencing team has relied on its freshmen to make significant contributions throughout the entire season. This weekend's NCAA Championships will be no different.

The Irish national championship fencing squad features six first-time qualifiers: four freshmen, one sophomore and a junior. But these newcomers feel they are ready to bring Notre Dame its first national championship in fencing since 1994.

"With the team, there is more pressure to perform well," said Kerry Walton. "I will do the utmost to help get the most points for the team to help win the title."

In men's sabre, junior Matt Fabricant claimed the second spot on the team. His fifth-place finish at the regional competition enabled him to earn one of the two NCAA at-large berths.

At Regionals, Fabricant did what he and his teammates will need to do this weekend, beat their lesser opponents and even pull a couple of upsets.

The scoring system at the NAAs is simple: win a match and the team gets a point. The team with the most points at the end of the competition wins the national title. Therefore, Fabricant, and the other new members of the Irish national championship team cannot fence below their best in even one match.

Senior sabre captain Andre Crompton learned the hard way last year and has given Fabricant some advice.

"I was telling Matt to beat the people that are definitely less talented than he is," Crompton said. "Last year I lost to two MIT guys that were definitely way less talented. Every bout counts for one point. Whether you lose to [2001 national champion] Ivan Lee or MIT, it's still one bout. You can't lose stupid bouts."

With the scoring system counting each match, the NAAs are very demanding both physically and mentally. The fencers new to this meet will have to learn how to keep their focus on only the current bout.

"You just have to relax and fence up to your capabilities," said Crompton. "As soon as you lose a bout, you have to put it behind you. As soon as you lose focus, you are in trouble. If you stay focused on that one loss all day, it is going to hurt you."

The experience these fencers bring to the team, both on the collegiate and international levels, is very impressive.

Freshman Derek Snyder is ranked second nationally in junior foil. That experience has gained from the international competition will be valuable at the national championships.

"All the international and national experience I have will help out with the pressure issue this weekend," said Snyder. "I am definitely nervous since there is a lot of pressure. [If I] stay calm and focused, then I will be OK."

With junior Forest Walton studying abroad this semester, Snyder has to replace a 2001 All-American. But, Snyder feels confident in his abilities to help the team and gain individual awards.

"Since Forest Walton isn't here this year, we have the extra pressure of trying to fill his shoes," said Snyder. "My first goal is that we win. My personal goal is to finish in the top four. I think there are only three other people I have not beaten. If I fence my best then I should be able to accomplish that."

Michal Sobieraj is the other new fencer on the men's team in his NCAA Championship meet. The freshman epeeist earned a 26-

season record before hurting his foot at the Air Force Duals in early February. He missed the Midwest Conference Championship but returned two weeks ago to win the epee title at Regionals.

On the women's side, Walton, in her first year of collegiate fencing, leads the women's epee team. The sophomore won the Midwest Conference Championship at the beginning of the month and finished third at Regionals week later.

Her attitude toward the weekend resembles more of a seasoned veteran, than a first-time competitor.

"I'm not really nervous," said Walton. "I know the whole team will be there together. The main thing is don't get nervous and stay focused. If you do screw up something little, [you can't] let it affect you for the rest of the day."

Walton knows when she is alone fencing on the strip, her team will be right there supporting her.

"Being on a team is different than fencing individually," Walton said. "I think my team experience on club teams at home and the world team will help a lot."

Two freshmen will compete for the Irish in women's foil. Andrea Ament compiled a 27-2 record on a talented Irish foil squad. Ament is also the top-ranked junior foilist in the United States.

Her classmate Alicja Kryczalo has been even more impressive. After a 39-2 regular season, Kryczalo won the conference at regional championships.

Despite all of their collegiate success, the new fencers have gained this year, and the international accolades they have achieved nothing will prepare them for the intensity of the NCAA meet this weekend.

"To describe the pressure at NAAs, I am speechless. There is not a greater pressure

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Andre Crompton
sabre captain

Irish have best chance fo

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Senior Staff Writer

For eight years, the national title has been just out of reach for the Irish.

Ever since 1994, the Irish have finished second five times and third twice, but have never broken through and taken the top spot. This year's team — head coach Yves Auriol's last — could finally break the streak and reclaim the national title for the Irish.

"It would be great to leave after 17 years with a national championship," Auriol said.

With fencers capable of winning first team All-American honors at nearly every weapon, this year's team is well balanced. For the past five years, either the men's or

women's team was significantly weaker than its counterpart. This year's team more equally balanced between the two sexes, but the men's team holds a slight edge on the women.

"I know [Penn State's] women's team is a little stronger," epeeist Kerry Walton said. "But I think the men can clean the floor with them on Saturday and Sunday."

With a more talented team, the Irish have raised their expectations for each squad. At the 2001 Championships, the Irish set 30 wins as the standard for each squad. Each of the men's squads reached this goal but the women fell far short — especially in foil and sabre where the Irish won just 18 and 16 bouts respectively. This year, sabre cap

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ake or break Notre Dame in the
Fencing Championships



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Freshman epeeist Michal Sobieraj moves down the strip during a recent practice. He is one of six Irish fencers will make their NCAA Championship debut this week.

for a fencer than NCAAs," said Crompton. "National tournaments, you are only fencing for yourself. Even at World Cups or team event World Cups, there is not really the pressure of fencing at NCAAs.

"Fencing at NCAAs is like fencing for the 50 people on the fencing team. Every bout, there is entirely so much pressure, it's hard to describe."

Despite all the pressure head coach Yves

Auriol said the intensity of the meet is no excuse for not fencing well.

"If you have a good team, they will be able to take the pressure," said Auriol. "If we lose because we can't take the pressure, then we didn't have a championship caliber team."

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r championship in 8 years

tain Andre Crompton believes each squad can win 34 bouts a piece.

"If everyone gets 34 wins, it's a guaranteed win," Crompton said.

The addition of four top freshmen, the debut of Kerry Walton and the return Ozren Debic from injury helps Notre Dame's chances to achieve this goal.

Notre Dame's national title hopes were also buoyed when defending national champion St. John's failed to qualify the maximum 12 fencers. The Red Storm will only send 11 fencers to the championship. Only Penn State, who has won the national championship in five of the last six years, can match Notre Dame's 12 qualifiers.

Although Notre Dame has not faced Penn

State head-to-head in a 2002 dual meet, Irish and Nittany Lion fencers did square off in the Penn State Open, an individual tournament. Notre Dame won four of the six weapon titles in Penn State's home gym.

"That was November. A lot has changed since then," Auriol said. "It will be interesting to see how we match up against them."

The NCAA Fencing Championships begin today at Drew University with the opening rounds of the women's competition. The Championships continue Friday with the women's finals before the men take the strip on Saturday and Sunday.

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MEN'S PREVIEW

A squad-by-squad breakdown of the top three contenders

FOIL

NOTRE DAME



Debic



Snyder

Debic was less than his best at the 2001 Championships while he recovered from a foot injury. He still finished fifth. This year, he is healthy and should contend for the foil title again. Snyder is recovering from an illness and a bit of a wild card. A strong performance by the freshman could lock up the national title for the Irish.

PENN STATE



Panchan



Schlaepfer

Panchan was the runner-up at the 2001 while Schlaepfer is a talented newcomer ranked No. 25 in senior USFA men's foil rankings. A healthy Debic put forth a stronger showing against Panchan after losing 5-2 in 2001. Snyder is ranked No. 14 in the men's foil rankings and should beat Schlaepfer.

ST. JOHN'S



Tiomkin



NO QUALIFIER

Fisher, a 2001 first-team All-American, failed to qualify for the Championships, leaving just two-time All-American Tiomkin to represent the Red Storm. Tiomkin is a solid fencer, but even if he finishes in the top four both the Irish and the Nittany Lions should beat the Red Storm.

EPEE

NOTRE DAME



Sobieraj



Viviani

Auriol said Viviani has been the "key fencer" for the Irish this year. He is a two-time All-American for the Irish thanks to two third place finishes. This could be the year he finally breaks through and wins the title. Sobieraj is a talented freshman who beat Viviani for the title at Regionals.

PENN STATE



Landgren



Wiercioch

Landgren and Wiercioch will challenge Sobieraj and Viviani for top epee squad honors. Landgren and Viviani have split their two NCAA matches while Wiercioch beat Viviani in the semifinals of last year's Championship.

ST. JOHN'S



Gurevich

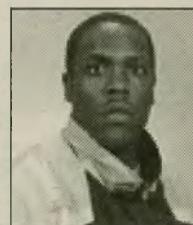


Horvath

Gurevich continues the tradition of strong Israeli epeeists at St. John's. He has compiled a 33-4 record in 2002. Horvath is a Hungarian who lost just two matches this year. Overall, however, this St. John's team is weaker than both Notre Dame and Penn State.

SABRE

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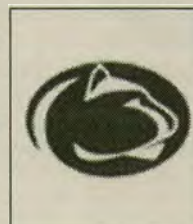
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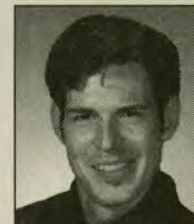
Fabricant

The Irish bring a pair of upper-classmen to the tournament, but only Crompton has NCAA experience. Fabricant filled the role of Nos. 3 and 4 fencer as a freshman and sophomore before stepping up into the No. 2 slot this year. Crompton just missed a spot in the top four last year and could battle for No. 1 this year.

PENN STATE



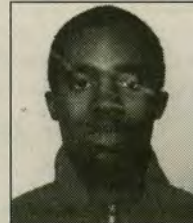
Rahimi



Weber

Weber is a talented German fencer who should finish in the top four and fight for the championship. Auriol calls Weber "a force." Rahimi, an American from Texas, has 29 bouts this year but is not ranked nationally. Fabricant and Crompton are both ranked in the top 25 for senior sabremen.

ST. JOHN'S



Lee



Whitmer

Lee is the defending NCAA champion and a member of the U.S. National team. He should finish in the top four easily and should be considered the favorite to repeat as champion. Whitmer is ranked No. 18 in senior sabre. In an earlier dual meet, he beat Crompton but lost to Fabricant.

Going out with a bang

Senior sabre captain Andre Crompton won the first tournament he ever entered. He wants to close his college career the same way.

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MIKE CONNOLLY

Senior All-American Andre Crompton was never supposed to be a fencer. When he started his freshman year at St. Benedict's Academy in New Jersey, Crompton signed up to be the manager on the fencing team. He planned on spending four years repairing weapons, scheduling tournaments and supporting his friends on the team.

Everything went according to plan until the last day of the first camp he ever worked.

On the final day of camp, head coach Derek Hoff held a tournament for all the fencers. He invited Crompton to try his hand at fencing in the tournament.

The high school freshman who had never taken a lesson or fenced a bout proceeded to win the tournament. His days as a weapon repairman were over and his fencing career began with a bang.

Since he won his first tournament, he competed internationally, ranked nationally in sabre fencing and won second team All-American honors in addition to being named captain of the Notre Dame sabre team.

Heading into his last meet at Notre Dame, Crompton wants to close his career with another bang — a national championship.

"This guy wants to win the championship more than anybody else," Irish head coach Yves Auriol said.

Crompton's strong desire to win it all this year is partially driven by this being his last year at Notre Dame and partially because he worked so hard

to finally get a spot in the Championships. When Crompton arrived as a freshman, despite all of his national accolades, he still found himself third on the depth chart behind defending national champion Luke LaValle and fellow freshman Gabor Szelle.

Auriol said that Crompton's natural athletic ability and aggression made him a good fencer but his lack of experience set him third on the depth chart.

"He wasn't as an accomplished fencer yet," Auriol said.

So while LaValle and Szelle competed at the national championship in 1999, Crompton worked out with assistant coach Janusz Bednarski. Auriol gives most of the credit for Crompton's improvement to Bednarski.

"I've been blessed with a really talented pool to fence with all four years," Crompton said. "I just decided to fence hard and see what happened."

Crompton missed out on qualifying for NCAAs again his sophomore year when Janusz's son Andrzej Bednarski beat out Crompton at the Regional Qualifier.

"It always came down to Regionals," Crompton said. "Regionals is a much harder tournament that anyone thinks. It takes so much focus. I am not discrediting Andrzej or Luke but they had so much more experience at that than I did."

Finally in 2001, Crompton broke through and qualified for the Championships.

Taking advantage of Szelle's departure from the team, Crompton qualified with Bednarski for his first

Championship.

"I was so relieved," Crompton said. "It was just an experience that I was waiting so long for and that I felt I should have gotten before."

At the Championships, Crompton took full advantage of his opportunity. He won 16 of his 23 bouts and finished seventh — good for second-team All-American honors. Despite his strong finish, however, Crompton thought he could have done even better.

"I lost to a few people I shouldn't have," Crompton said specifically pointing to two losses to MIT fencers. Once he lost those bouts, Crompton said, he let them affect him for the rest of the meet.

"As soon as you lose a bout, you have to put it behind you," he said. "If you stay focused on that one loss all day, it is going to hurt you. I had to learn that the hard way last year."

This year, Crompton has once again qualified for the Championships but now he is a little older and wiser. To prepare himself for the top competition he will face this weekend, Crompton spent spring break training at his home gym in New York City to prepare for this weekend.

Crompton trains at the New York Fencing Club in Manhattan, thanks to a grant from the Peter Westbrook Foundation. The Foundation, founded by the most decorated U.S. fencer in history, provides training and support for African-American fencers. The foundation is especially geared toward getting inner city youths involved in fencing.

Crompton joined the foundation shortly after he began fencing at St. Benedict's. During Spring Break he fenced against three of the top five senior sabremen in the U.S. — including 2001 NCAA Champion Ivan Lee who fences for St. John's. Crompton is currently ranked 11th in senior sabre.

"I had a really good pool of people I started out with," Crompton said about his training with the Foundation. "We all started at the same time. We all grew as fencers at the same time."

Crompton's family will also get a chance to see how much he has grown this weekend. The Championships are being held in Madison, N.J. at Drew University — not too far from Crompton's home in Irvington, N.J. Or rather, Crompton's younger brother Adam will get to see him fence. Crompton still have to convince his mother to watch his matches.

"My mother doesn't really like to watch," Crompton said. "When I was in high school and I was just starting to get good, she thought that whenever she watched me, I would screw up."

His brother Adam, however, will certainly be there. Crompton believes Adam's extra set of eyes will help him on the strip.

"I really like fencing in front of my brother," said Crompton about Adam, who is currently ranked 13th among junior sabremen. "My brother is like a second me out there. He is telling me what I am doing wrong and what I need to improve. It will definitely help me if my brother is there."

Crompton's personal results, however, are of secondary importance to him. He is mostly concerned with how the team finishes. The more bouts he wins, the better the team will finish. Any individual honors come second for Crompton but he admits he would love to qualify for the semifinals by finishing in the top four of the round robin.

"Last year it was just indicators (the difference between touches scored and touches received) that separate the top," Crompton said. "If I would have won one more bout, I would have been four and not seven."

Not matter where he finishes however, this will be Crompton's last meet — and he wants to make it a great one.

"My last dual bout at Wayne State [in February] was pretty emotional," he said. "I just thought, 'Wow, I am never going to fence for a team again.' With my last bout for Notre Dame, I hope I go out with a bang this year."

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MOVIE FEATURE

Notre Dame transformed in 'Persephone'

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Since the production of "Rudy," it has been no secret that the Notre Dame campus abounds with cinematic beauty, from the solitude of St. Joseph's lake to the burnished gleam of the Golden Dome. Few, however, would imagine the campus and surrounding landscape to be the setting for ancient Greek mythology.

But Alan Smith's "Persephone," an onscreen adaptation of the timeless myth, showcases a much different locale than the bleak northern Indiana scenery that Notre Dame students have come to know and love. Murky, rich tones in a ghoulish underworld, a stark and sterile earth and a grand Olympian throne room are fantastic ideas made manifest through "Persephone." The realization of such a film is a story within itself.

The setup

Besides writing and directing "Persephone," Alan, a 1997 Notre Dame graduate in film production, co-produced the film with his sister Demetra Smith, who is currently a senior majoring in classics. They founded a film company, Zournas Productions, two years ago after Alan had spent some years as a freelance independent filmmaker.

During Demetra's sophomore year in Notre Dame's abroad program in Angers, she and her brother made a trip to Macedonia and Greece to do background research for a possible feature film. Although the feature film idea was postponed, Demetra said that the

trip was nonetheless beneficial.

"The choice of Persephone was made as we sat on a rickety Greek bus back to Athens from Thessaloniki," said Demetra. "We realized that it was simple enough to be communicated in under 30 minutes, but still a fascinating story."

Despite their Anglo-Saxon surname, Alan and Demetra hold strong ties to Greek ancestry, as their grandmother was a second-generation Greek-American whose family hailed from the region surrounding Sparta. In addition, their father, Thomas Gordon Smith, is an architect well schooled in Greek and Roman styles, and was responsible for set production and costume design in "Persephone."

Drawing from such familial concentration in Greek history and art, Demetra said that the goal was to make the onscreen panorama as true-to-life as possible.

"A tremendous amount of research went into the film from the script to the props, and we used primary literary and artistic sources when possible," Demetra said. "The vision for the film as a whole was to be as true to the myth, the architecture, the fabrics, furnishings and music as possible."

The movie

The "Persephone" myth is told through a contemporary medium, as a normal American mother (played by Christine Franck) explains to her inquisitive young son why the seasons change. The narrative then shifts 2500 years or so to ancient Greece, where the princess Persephone (Demetra Smith) is abducted by Hades (Anthony Lawton), lord of the underworld.

Her mother, the earth goddess Demeter (also played by Franck), subsequently strikes the planet with famine and barrenness, vowing not to abandon her destruction until Persephone is returned.

The body of the narrative then follows Demeter on her globetrotting search for her daughter, paralleled by the developing relationship between Persephone and Hades.

Alan's cinematography

shines throughout "Persephone." Collaborating with David Harges, his partner on previous independent projects, the deep-focus compositions are rich and gorgeous to behold. Each interior shot seems an ancient Greek fresco come alive, as Alan and Harges transform Bond Hall into an Olympian venue, replete with luminous vessels and a huge, godlike throne. Thomas's set production and costume design, especially in Hades' crimson underworld, is a colossal achievement, especially considering the shoestring budget upon which the film was produced.

Thomas successfully fashions an otherworldly mise-en-scene that will surprise and delight Notre Dame movie-goers. Yet Alan and Harges are not overly enamored with big-budget style either, as their most beautiful shot returns to the simplistic beauty of beach dunes at sunset. The filmmakers truly have utilized the 16mm medium in an imaginative and splendid manner.

Further enhancing the authenticity of "Persephone" is the soundtrack. Alan and Demetra were able to garner licensing agreements with FM Records and Musique de la Greece Antique, two music production companies that specialize in recreating ancient Greek folk songs. The zournas, a high-pitched, wailing reed instrument that is the namesake of the Smith's company, blends eerily with chanted incantations. The result is a recreation of not only an ancient story, but a pagan ritual long since buried in the annals of human memory.

The cast

Lawton headlines the cast list as the dark lord Hades. A 1989 Notre Dame graduate in the Program of Liberal Studies, he is an accomplished actor with Philadelphia roots who has become a welcome fixture on campus as a visiting professor in the Film, Television and Theatre Department.

Hardly a newcomer to Greek theatre, Lawton directed last year's production of "Oedipus Rex," and has performed in numerous productions since his return to campus, including Alan Ayckbourn's



Photo courtesy of Zournas Productions

Persephone (Demetra Smith) struggles against the dark lord Hades (Anthony Lawton).

"How the Other Half Loves." Lawton's performance in "Persephone" details a man of power, spurned by society, brooding and contemplative in his gloomy, cavernous lair. Yet the master of death ravenously craves glimmers of life, revealing a character with deep-seated desires: "...my hunger is a shameless dog; [it] blots out memory of pain and misery."

Lawton said he relished the opportunity to perform in the film. "What I most enjoyed ... was the chance to try to play a compelling action based on the clues provided in a rather challenging text," Lawton said. "[It's] always exciting to be the 'bad guy' too."

Lawton will get another chance to be the bad guy this coming fall when he plays the title character in his own stage adaptation of C.S. Lewis' "The

Screwtape Letters" at the Lantern Theatre in Philadelphia.

Besides co-producing "Persephone," Demetra also handles the title role reasonably well. Sometimes vehemently protesting her captivity, other times despondently staying off Hades' advances, Demetra portrays a helpless yet assertive Persephone. Franck, an architect who did her graduate studies at Notre Dame, fills in as Demeter, bringing a matronly air to the archetypal role.

All in all, "Persephone" is a fertile retelling of an ancient myth, wonderful to behold onscreen. If there are any faults in the film, it is perhaps that the modern script falls a bit short of the nuances of the original story. The actors often seem stilted and utilitarian, stuck in stiff and rigid dialogue. But this too may be the result of the vivid and luxurious scenery in which they perform.

Whatever the case, "Persephone" is a hallmark not only of deft mythological reenactment, but the combined creative genius of the Smith family and their friends, all of whom helped bring the campus of their alma mater to a spectacular film.

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Photo courtesy of Zournas Productions

Notre Dame's Bond Hall serves as a backdrop for Alan Smith's film "Persephone," featuring Christine Franck as Demeter.

NHL

League addresses arena safety

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio

The NHL is looking at arena safety following the death of a 13-year-old girl who was hit in the forehead by a puck that flew into the stands.

Brittanie Cecil died two days after a deflected slap shot struck her at a Columbus Blue Jackets game, raising questions about the responsibilities of teams and arenas to protect fans. It was the first such fatality in league history.

NHL spokesman Frank Brown said Wednesday the league would "look at everything" to ensure fan safety, although he did not provide details.

"We believe our buildings are safe and history overwhelmingly has proven us right," he said. "We have entertained hundreds of millions of spectators over our 85 seasons and we are devastated that this tragic accident took place."

The Blue Jackets plan to wear the girl's initials on their helmets for the rest of the season, he said.

The team also will hold a moment of silence before Thursday night's game against the Detroit Red Wings, the Blue Jackets' first at home since the death, and will create a fund in the girl's memory.

Meanwhile, a coroner determined Wednesday that Cecil died from a rare injury to an artery that was damaged when her head snapped back.

The damage to the artery, which runs from the spine to the back of the brain, led to a "vicious cycle" of clotting in the artery and swelling of the brain, said Franklin County Coroner Brad Lewis, who performed the autopsy.

"The puck struck her in the forehead, causing a skull fracture and some bruising of the brain in the area," Lewis said. "But that wasn't what led to her death. It was the snapping back of the head and the damage to that artery."

Lewis said he consulted with other pathologists on the rarity of the injury. He said that a fellow pathologist had not encountered a similar injury and death in more than 25 years as a doctor.

The eighth-grader at Twin Valley South Middle School near Dayton had been at Children's Hospital in Columbus since being hurt Saturday night and died there late Monday afternoon.

She remained conscious until Monday morning, Lewis said.

Cecil, who would have turned 14 on Wednesday, was sitting about 15 rows above the ice at Nationwide Arena and behind the goal when the puck, 6 ounces of hard, frozen rubber, came flying into the stands.

The puck, which can travel over 100 mph,

was shot by Columbus center Espen Knutsen and caromed off Calgary defenseman Derek Morris' stick. The puck also hurt two other fans after hitting the teen-ager.

"I think about it all the time," Knutsen told the St. Paul Pioneer Press after a morning workout before the Blue Jackets' night game against the Wild. "I think about her family because I have family myself. It was just a horrible accident."

Break-resistant glass sheets that surround the rinks at all NHL arenas are 8 feet high and the height of the boards can range from 40-48 inches. Still, pucks often fly into the stands, causing injuries.

Brown said the league does not log injury reports on fans and that figures on the numbers of fans treated at hospitals was "maintained internally."

America West Arena in Phoenix is the only NHL venue with netting that protects spectators besides the glass. The netting is necessary because of an overhang in a balcony.

Fans are warned about the dangers at games by a disclaimer on the back of each ticket that says, "Pucks flying into spectator areas can cause serious injury. Be alert." But alertness can provide only so much safety on pucks.

Two years ago, Chad Hildebrand was at a senior men's hockey league game in Winnipeg, Manitoba, when a puck flew into the crowd and glanced off a friend's head before hitting him in the temple.

The 21-year-old Hildebrand went home, collapsed and fell into a coma. After a week, he was taken off life support and died.

His father, Nick, does not believe it was just bad fortune that his son was in the path of the errant shot. The family sued, but the case has not been resolved.

"A freak accident is a meteor falling out of the skies and striking you. I call this a preventable accident," he said.

Many lawyers say the disclaimers on the backs of tickets don't absolve teams or venues.

"Ninety-nine times out of 100 here in Canada, it doesn't matter whether or not there's a disclaimer on the ticket," said Marcel Jodoin, an attorney from suburban Winnipeg who represents Nick Hildebrand. "Because you don't get the ticket until after you've paid. The courts up here have said you can't impose new terms into a contract after the contract's been made."

Jim Elliott, a Michigan attorney who has represented fans injured at games, said it won't be long before teams realize that it's cheaper to put up nets and higher break-resistant glass to protect fans.

"I said a couple of years back that in 10 years it's going to be different," Elliott said. "The sporting venues are going to be different. It's unfortunate that people have to lose their eyesight or lose their life."

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Frank Brown
NHL spokesman

Struggling Penguins fall to Coyotes, 3-1

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH

Ladislav Nagy and Daniel Briere scored in the third period Wednesday night to give the Phoenix Coyotes a 3-1 win over the Pittsburgh Penguins.

The Coyotes have earned at least one point in 12 of their last 13 games. The Penguins are 4-16-0-1 against the Western Conference, including a 1-10 record at home.

Nagy scored at 12:08 of the third to snap a 1-1 tie. He broke free from defenseman Janne Laukkanen and was able to go to the net and tap in Mike Johnson's pass.

Briere got his 28th when his centering pass hit Penguins defenseman Hans Jonsson and went between goalie Johan Hedberg's legs at 17:53.

Shane Doan got the tying goal for Phoenix at the end of a power play in the second period. Doan turned and backhanded Teppo Numminen's rebound in from close range at 11:34.

Alexei Kovalev scored for Pittsburgh at 13:54 of the first period. Randy Robitaille sent the puck out from behind the net and Kovalev put a quick wrist shot between Sean Burke's blocker and body.

The win was coach Bob Francis' 107th with the Coyotes, making him the winningest coach in the franchise's combined history in Winnipeg and Phoenix. Francis, 107-81-33-13 in his three seasons, passed John Paddock.

The Penguins dressed six players who were not with the organization a week ago, the result of deadline deals and waiver claims.

Pittsburgh, struggling to stay in playoff contention, is 2-6-0-1 in the last nine home games.

Lightning 4, Thrashers 2

Dave Andreychuk scored twice during a four-goal second period as the Tampa Bay Lightning beat the Atlanta Thrashers.

Andreychuk tied the game at 2 on the backhand while being pulled down by Atlanta's Kamil Piros at 10:16. He scored the go-ahead goal from a sharp angle near the goal line at

13:56.

Andreychuk also had an assist and moved past Peter Stastny into 26th place on the all-time points list with 1,241.

It was his first multigoal game of the season and 84th overall.

Sheldon Keefe and Pavel Kubina had the other second-period goals for the Lightning, who are unbeaten in six games (3-0-3).

Keefe has a goal in three straight games. Kubina's goal came while the Lightning were short-handed.

Goals by Jeff Cowan, at 7:30, and Lubos Bartekko, at 13:36, gave the Thrashers a 2-0 lead after one period.

Cowan snapped a 23-game, goal-scoring drought.

Tampa Bay's Brad Richards had his career-high, ten-game point streak end. He had six goals and 18 points during the run.

Canadiens 4, Panthers 1

Oleg Petrov and Richard Zednik scored and Doug Gilmour had three assists to lead the Montreal Canadiens to a victory over the Florida Panthers.

The game was the first for the Panthers since trading All-Star Pavel Bure to the New York Rangers on Monday.

Zednik gave Montreal a 3-1 lead 58 seconds into the third period with his 19th goal and Petrov capped the scoring at 6:09 with his 23rd.

Gilmour, the team's assist leader, helped out on both scores.

Montreal, 2-0-2 in its last four games, remains in the eighth and final playoff spot in the East, but moved four points ahead of the Rangers and Sabres, who are tied for ninth.

The Panthers, saddled with the third-fewest points in the league, have just two wins in their last 13 games.

Bure, who led the NHL in scoring the last two seasons and is the second-highest paid player in the league, was shipped to New York in exchange for Igor Ulanov, Filip Novak and two draft picks.

Florida goalie Roberto Luongo left at 6:50 of the first period with an injury to his right ankle and was replaced by Trevor Kidd.

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OIC officials study gene therapy's effects on athletics

◆ Conference brings together scientists, legal experts, athletes

Associated Press

NEW YORK Still struggling to keep up with cheating athletes using new drugs, Olympic officials met with scientists to study the next challenge: genetic enhancement of athletic performance.

Stronger muscles and bones, enhanced tolerance of pain, faster recoveries from exercise, a boost in oxygen efficiency — those are just some of the ways athletes may be able to turn discoveries in gene therapy into an advantage on the playing field.

"Their possible misuse raises questions that society must address," Dick Pound, chairman of the World Anti-Doping Agency, said Wednesday at the end of a three-day conference that brought together more than 30 experts in biology, genetics and sports medicine with policy makers, legal experts and athletes to explore the issues facing sports concerning gene transfers.

"Gene therapy has enormous potential to revolutionize medicine's approach to curing disease and improving the quality of life," Pound said. "Unfortunately, this same technology, like many others, can be abused to enhance athletic performance. ... The same kinds of people who cheat in sport today will probably try to find ways to misuse genetics tomorrow."

"We've had a lengthy catch-up with respect to doping. With genetics ... we're taking the initiative."

Though many of the most worrisome genetic therapies facing sports are still in the experimental stage and may be at least five years away from being used, WADA is seeking to forge a consensus with scientists, governments and sports officials about how to deal with potentially huge problems.

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"The time is right for the sport and science communities to begin working out how to prevent the possible misuse of these methods in the future," said Dr. Theodore Friedman, professor of pediatrics at the University of California-San Diego's Center for Molecular Genetics.

The issue involves ethical concerns at least as much as it does scientific ones, Friedman said.

When, for example, does therapy for an injury or illness cross over to performance enhancement? What constitutes misuse?

What codes of conduct should guide researchers and doctors? How can rules against genetic enhancement be enforced?

The "grave new world," as Dr. Gary Wadler of the New York University School of Medicine termed the promises and perils of gene therapy, might include such fantasies as "designer babies" programmed genetically to become potentially great athletes.

That could be decades away. The more immediate problems are genes that can release human growth hormone to build muscles or genes that help muscles use oxygen more efficiently for endurance.

On the horizon are genes that may improve the calcium channels in muscles to make them more responsive, others that can strengthen bones, and still others that can reduce or shut down the response to pain.

All those gene therapies hold enormous potential for treating people with illnesses like muscular dystrophy or with crippling injuries. But they also hold the possibility of being misused by athletes looking for an edge.

"We are on the brink of an explosion in technologies, of which genetic transfer technology is just one," Wadler said. "The potential for abuse for athletic purposes is absolutely revolutionary."

increased as these come aboard. The question about designer babies ... right now that's a little bit of fairy tale thinking. But the potential exists over the next 25 years for the real perversion of enormous advances in technology."

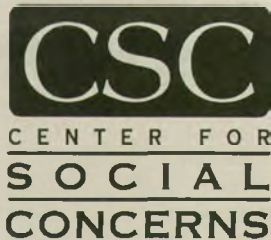
Pound said that genetic research is growing so fast that WADA is considering sponsoring similar meetings at least once a year.

WADA also will sponsor more research grants into detection of genetic transfers, and work with governments to increase their awareness and funding of the efforts.

"This adds to the public debate," Wadler said. "We have to take it from the realm of fantasy to the realm of reality. In the world of doping, it's been a reactive process over the years — catch-up, catch-up, catch-up. We're talking 5 to 10 years ahead of what we think might be out there, and getting people on the same page addressing it. In the world of doping, what has happened here is absolutely revolutionary."

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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Washington AD fires Bender after 9 seasons

♦ Head basketball coach will receive \$298,000 buyout settlement

Associated Press

SEATTLE

In the end, affection and respect for Bob Bender weren't enough. Not when he couldn't win.

Bender was fired Tuesday after nine seasons as basketball coach at Washington. Athletic director Barbara Hedges announced the move Wednesday, saying she asked Bender to resign during a 20-minute meeting.

She called it one of the most difficult decisions she's had to make. Hedges, who fired football coach Jim Lambright and then hired Rick Neuheisel, met with Bender for 1 1/2 hours last week, then scheduled a second meeting for Tuesday.

Hedges said she was not pressured by boosters or anyone else to fire Bender.

"Bob is an exceptional person and has served this university very, very well. This was a very difficult decision for me, and one that I agonized over," Hedges said. "I have the greatest respect for Bob. He is a very good friend of mine. We are very close. I set aside my personal and emotional side and made a decision with the business side of my job."

She said a national search for a replacement would begin immediately but said she did not have a

specific candidate or an exact timeline. She said she will consider high-profile coaches or unknown assistants and also make it a priority to consider minorities.

Bender had three years left on his contract and will receive a \$298,000 buyout. He's guaranteed to be paid \$172,000 next year, 100 percent of his base salary. He would be paid 50 percent of his salary the second year and 25 percent the third year, unless he finds a new job, Hedges said.

Associate head coach Byron Boudreaux and assistants Eric Hughes and Al Hairston also were released. Hedges said they would be paid through the end of July.

Calls to Bender's office and his home were not returned Wednesday, and he wasn't in his office Wednesday afternoon.

Hedges said no single thing led to her decision, but that Washington's win-loss record played a big part. The Huskies had back-to-back 20-loss seasons for the first time in school history before finishing 11-18 and eighth in the Pac-10 this season.

Doug Wrenn, the team's leading scorer as a sophomore last season, had said he would return as long as Bender was around to coach him, otherwise he would consider the NBA.

Hedges said she hadn't spoken to Wrenn, but she planned to meet with him and other players in the next few days.

Wrenn said Wednesday night he has not decided whether he will return. He's focusing on his final

exams this week and will sit down with Bender to get the coach's advice on what to do next.

"I really don't know," Wrenn said. "Everything is really confusing. Everyone's lives are affected, not just coach Bender's."

Oregon State coach Ritchie McKay, a possible candidate, had a tough time talking about the firing.

"This is a sensitive subject for me," said McKay, who coached under Bender at Washington. "Coach is a great man. He's got undying loyalty, and I think he's a winner. ...

"This is just hard. It's the negative side of our profession. Sometimes hard decisions have to be made. Coach Bender has to be proud of what he did at UW, from where he got it to where he took it."

McKay said he is not interested in the job.

Aside from McKay, coaches that have surfaced as possible replacements for Bender include Gonzaga's Mark Few, Dan Monson at Minnesota, former UW player Lorenzo Romar of Saint Louis and Dana Altman at Creighton.

Few declined to discuss the opening Wednesday. The other coaches did not return calls.

Bender, 44, had a 116-142 record in nine seasons coaching the Huskies, taking the team to the NCAA tournament in 1998 and '99.

Under Bender, the school made the postseason in four consecutive seasons — 1996 to '99 — something no other Washington coach has done.

♦ Leading scorer said he may not return to team after firing

Associated Press

SEATTLE

Washington scoring leader Doug Wrenn said Wednesday night he has not decided whether he will return for his junior season following the firing of coach Bob Bender.

Bender, who just completed his ninth season, was fired Tuesday after three consecutive losing seasons.

Wrenn, who led the Huskies with 19.5 average, had said he would be back next season as long as Bender was around. He said earlier he would explore his options, including his NBA chances, if Bender was fired.

"I really don't know," Wrenn told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. "Everything is really confusing. Everyone's lives are affected, not just coach Bender's."

He said he would wait until the firing isn't so "fresh" to make a decision.

Wrenn is loyal to Bender because Bender originally recruited him out of Seattle's O'Dea High School. Wrenn chose to go to Connecticut instead, but was dismissed from the team by coach Jim Calhoun after his freshman season for a variety of incidents. Bender gave him a second chance.

Wrenn said when things calm down, he will meet with Bender to seek the coach's advice. He also wants to know who the new Washington coach will be. Athletic director Barbara Hedges said Wednesday a national search would begin immediately.

"This is a big surprise," Wrenn said. "Nobody thought it would happen like this, so fast, so sudden. I wasn't ready for it."

It is finals week at Washington, and Wrenn said he's trying to focus his energy on his exams.

Wrenn, a 6-foot-8, 220-pound forward, was selected the Pac-10 Newcomer of the Year and was the conference's third-leading scorer. He scored 30 or more points four times.



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NBA

Jordan returns to Wizards early

Associated Press

DENVER

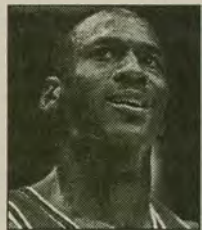
Dustin Benton drove 240 miles with his sister and two friends, expecting to see Michael Jordan sitting on the bench in street clothes. They got much more than that.

The four friends arrived in Denver Wednesday night thinking Jordan wouldn't play, but erupted into cheers and high fives when they found out he would make his return from knee surgery against the Nuggets.

"I just wanted to see him sitting there," said Benton, of Grand Junction, Colo. "We came just for the chance that he might play. I can't believe he's actually going to."

Jordan was originally expected to miss a month after having surgery on his right knee Feb. 27, but made his return Wednesday night against the Nuggets after one day of practice.

"Mike recognized the importance of this game (and) the



Jordan

rest of our games," coach Doug Collins said. "He feels if he can help us in any way he wants to play. He said he would like to be activated and play a few minutes tonight. So we went on that."

Jordan didn't start, but received a loud ovation when he go off the bench late in the first quarter. He entered the game with 2:55 remaining in the first.

Jordan wore a protective sleeve, but didn't seem to favor his knee at all. He missed his first two shots — both jumpers — before making one from the wing with a minute left. He also had a three-point play on a turnaround jumper after posting up Calbert Cheaney.

Jordan was anxious to return to keep the Wizards' playoff hopes alive.

Washington had lost eight of 12 games without Jordan and is 2 1/2 games behind Charlotte for the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

"We are running out of games and he wants to win," Collins said. "It would have been nice if we had been in better position as far as the playoffs are concerned, but we are not. You know Mike. He wants to play. He wants to contribute."

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.

The NBA should use videotape replay to determine whether potential game-winning shots beat the buzzer, New Jersey Nets coach Byron Scott said Wednesday.

Scott said officials have made the wrong call on game-winning shots in two games in the past month, including L a m o n d Murray's 3-pointer that beat the E a s t e r n Conference-leading Nets 100-97 on Tuesday night in Cleveland.

Murray caught an inbound pass from midcourt in the left corner, squared his shoulders and got off his shot — all within five-tenths of a second. Replays showed the clock did not start right away on the inbound play.

Referees start the clock with a remote wireless system.

"That was a big-time error for us to lose the game on that type of an error this late in the season, and with what's at stake for us. That's not good," Scott said before the Nets played the Portland

Trail Blazers on Wednesday night.

Scott said that officials also blew a call on Jalen Rose's game-winner for Chicago against Houston. A game-winner by Kobe Bryant of the Lakers against Charlotte was judged right.

Officials in college basketball games are allowed to look at a replay to determine if a last-second shot beat the buzzer.

"If they have a big decision, they should have something to look at."

Byron Scott
head coach

have been a no basket and the game should have gone to overtime."

Rod Thorn, the former NBA vice president of basketball operations and the current Nets' president, said the league told him the officials — Joe Forte, Bennie Adams and Leon Wood — made a judgment call, and the league supported it.

Thorn said the judgment was wrong, and the league should say it.

"That's not belittling the referees if the call was definitely wrong," Thorn said.

"It's still a judgment. That's not going to change. To me if something was definitely wrong, you say it was. It happens."

Even though videotape replay would not have helped the officials since the clock didn't start right away, Thorn said the officials should have known better.

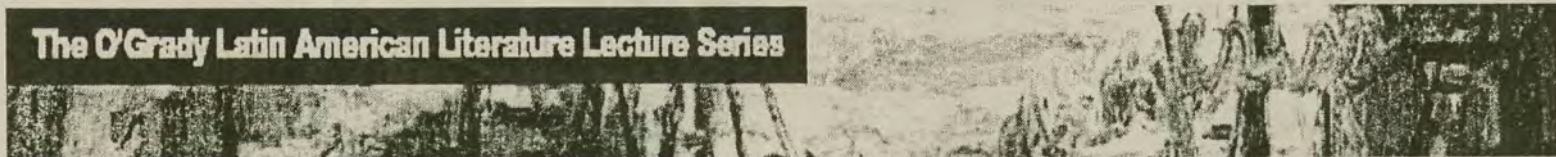
"With five-tenths of a second, as a referee you know this can happen and this can happen and that can't happen, because that's the way you are trained," Thorn said. "Sometimes it's a calculated guess. But to me, because of the position he caught the ball, and I have seen these things forever, it was impossible to get the shot off."

Thorn said he was not an advocate of instant replays at the end of NBA games, but he is now.

Stu Jackson, the league's current vice president of basketball operations, said the officiating crew discussed what would be an acceptable shot before the play.

"The crew made a judgment that it was an acceptable attempt," Jackson told Fox Sports. "We understand it was a highly contested game. Things were said in the heat of battle. We are sensitive to these issues. There is not going to be any further action taken."

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NBA

House brings home win for Miami with 20 points

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA

Eddie House came off the bench to score a season-high 20 points and lead the Miami Heat to a 82-77 win over the Philadelphia 76ers on Wednesday night.

House hit a pair of foul shots with 8.3 seconds remaining to clinch the game after a tight fourth quarter that featured seven ties.

The Sixers missed three off-balance shots on their final possession with under 30 seconds to play, including a 3-point attempt by Eric Snow that would have tied the game.

Five players were in double digits for the Heat. Alonzo Mourning had 16 and Rod Strickland 14. House's previous season-high was 17.

Allen Iverson finished with 38 points for Philadelphia.

Miami needed the win to stay within striking distance of the Charlotte Hornets for the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

The Sixers fell two games behind Orlando for the fifth playoff spot in the East.

The game was the second half of a back-to-back series between the teams. The 76ers won the first matchup Tuesday night in Miami, 91-79. Miami improved its record against the Sixers this season to 3-1.

They are 11-0 in the second game of back-to-backs.

In a rough game, Philadelphia ran into foul trouble early. Dikembe Mutombo was called for his fourth with 9:39 left in the third. He returned in the fourth.

The 76ers Derrick Coleman sat out the game, a day after he was diagnosed with torn cartilage in his knee. He scored 20 points playing on the injury Tuesday.

Miami pulled away in the second behind the shooting of House and Chris

Gatling and built a 45-35 lead. Iverson had 20 points on 7 of 14 shooting to cut Miami's lead to 45-38 at the half.

Iverson hit two foul shots with four seconds left to put the Sixers up 61-60, giving them their first lead since the first minute of the second period. But Jim Jackson hit a 3 from the corner as time expired to put Miami up by two at the end of three quarters.

Celtics 96, Cavaliers 70

Paul Pierce had 22 points and 10 rebounds, scoring 11 during a 14-0 fourth-quarter run as the Boston Celtics beat Cleveland to sweep the season series against the Cavaliers.

Antoine Walker had 17 points, seven rebounds and nine assists for the Celtics, who last swept Cleveland in 1984-85.

Kenny Anderson added 13 points, nine rebounds and six assists before sitting out the final minutes with the rest of the starters following a 21-2 run that turned a nine-point game into a blowout.

With the win, Boston maintained pressure on the Atlantic Division-leading New Jersey Nets, who played Portland later Wednesday.

Wesley Person had 17 points and Andre Miller had nine points, seven assists and seven rebounds for Cleveland, which had won two in a row.

The Celtics led 69-60 with 8:53 left before scoring the next 14 points — 11 of the first 12 by Pierce. After Chris Mihm made a basket, Boston ran off seven in a row — three from Anderson and four from Walker — to take a 26-point lead.

Boston fell behind early in the third before Walker had five points, two assists and a steal during an 11-0 run that made it 55-47 with 7:23 left.

The Celtics never trailed again, though Cleveland did cut it to three points before Boston scored eight con-

secutive points, including five in a row by Pierce in the final minute to make it 65-53 after three quarters.

Hornets 94, Pacers 88

Baron Davis hit a 3-pointer with 15 seconds to play as the Charlotte Hornets tightened up the Eastern Conference playoff race with a victory over the Indiana Pacers.

The Hornets, who won their season-high fourth straight game, moved into a tie with the Pacers for the seventh playoff spot in the East.

Davis finished with 25 points and 10 assists for the Hornets, who went undefeated on their homestand.

Jamal Mashburn added 19, including a pair of free throws with two seconds to play that sealed the win. Elden Campbell added 18, David Wesley scored 14 and P.J. Brown had 13 rebounds.

Jermaine O'Neal led Indiana with 20 points and 16 rebounds. Austin Croshere scored 16, Jonathan Bender had 13, Reggie Miller 12 and Ron Artest 11.

The Hornets were clinging to a 92-88 lead with 30 seconds to play when they called timeout to set up Davis' shot. He kept the ball the entire time, looking for his opportunity.

It came when both defenders shifted over to Mashburn, leaving Davis a brief moment to set his feet.

Kevin Ollie came late to try to stop the shot, but Davis let it fly over Ollie's arms and into the basket.

Charlotte led 74-68 at the start of the quarter but went cold as the Pacers pulled within three points twice, cutting it to 78-75 on Jamaal Tinsley's free throws with 6:12 to go.

The Hornets then had a 9-3 run, getting five straight from Wesley, to open an 87-78 lead with 3:26 left. Wesley moved around a screen to score on a jumper, then called for the ball from the left side of the court as Davis

pushed it up in transition.

Davis looked at him, but momentarily ignored him as the defense moved away from Wesley.

He then fired the ball over and Wesley tossed it up for the basket, pumping his fists in the air and bumping chests with Davis as Indiana called timeout.

Perhaps the celebration irritated the Pacers, who rolled off a 10-2 run after the break to cut the score to 89-88 with 50 seconds left.

O'Neal scored six straight points on three jumpers, and after a basket by Mashburn, Ollie scored on a jumper and a pair of free throws.

The Hornets missed on their next possession, but got the rebound to reset the shot clock and set up Davis' shot.

Nets 97, Trail Blazers 82

Jason Kidd had 28 points, 11 assists and eight rebounds and the angry New Jersey Nets won their eighth straight home game by cooling off the Portland Trail Blazers.

Kerry Kittles added 18 points and Keith Van Horn 14 as the Nets handed the Trail Blazers only their second loss in 17 games.

Rasheed Wallace, who played only seven minutes in the first half after picking up three fouls, led Portland with 17 points. Damon Stoudamire added 14 and Ruben Patterson had 13 for the Trail Blazers, who shot only 41.5 percent from the field.

The victory was only the fourth in the last 10 games overall for the Nets, who felt the officials cost them a chance at a win at Cleveland on Tuesday night by failing to start the clock on time. Lamond Murray made a 3-pointer at the buzzer after he caught an inbound pass, squared himself and shot — all within five-tenths of a second.

Kidd scored the final 10 points in a 15-0 second quarter run that staked New Jersey to a 48-40 halftime lead.



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CAMPUS MINISTRY

A first-hand reflection on the day of Prayer for World Peace in Assisi, Italy

Voices of Peace

■ by Anthony Pagliarini '02

[On January 24th John Paul II gathered leaders from all of the world's major religions in Assisi to host a prayer for peace. Six Notre Dame students were among the few thousand pilgrims in attendance.]

"Fratelli... Fratelli! Per favore!" quips the old man in back of us. (Brothers! Please!) The monks are standing on their chairs again, tip-toed in brown sandals, beneath brown robes. "There. There's the patriarch of Moscow," points Paolo. A tall black figure slides through the picket fence of friars. "Fratelli!" The brothers smile and turn, apologizing with a shrug of the shoulders. "Look," Paola shouts again, "There's Gasseto from Africa, from Benin." In walks a man with the darkest of skin, wrapped in layers of the brightest white cloth - the head of traditional Vodou. He passes and is gone, following the Orthodox towards the stage. We stretch to gather a look, and, stretching harder... stand on our chairs. "Americani!" shouts the old man. Shoulders shrug.

In coming to Assisi, we show that genuine religious belief is an inexhaustible wellspring of mutual respect and harmony among peoples; indeed it is the chief antidote to violent conflict.

Pope John Paul II

Standing tall with necks craned, we can see over the crowd. Out before us in the cobble stone streets pushing inward is to the courtyard is a whole parade of colors and cloth, troubadours of peace, all of them: the dark Armenian hoods in silent procession. Turbans, yellow and purple and orange, sauntering past. ("Where people have learned to be hostile and suspicious...") The sandaled feet of the Buddhist monk, walking mindfully (*it will take much...*) Bright blue Shinto robes through aisles, like water, passing. (*to build friendship and trust...*) Hindus and Rabbis. Cardinals and Canterbury's bishop. The Greek Orthodox and Lutherans, and imam from Iran, a few thousand pilgrims. (*We are called to persevere in hope, and not to loose heart.*) And finally, him, with quiet longevity the pilgrims greeting. "Mai più violenza! Mai più guerra! Mai più

terrorismo!" prays John Paul. (Violence never again! War never again! Terrorism never again!) Assisi falls silent. We and the brothers take our seats. The witnesses begin.

"This is a day in which we turn to God," says the Lutheran Dr. Noko. "The question before us is this: where is our ultimate loyalty? How can we bear witness to a God who loves the *whole world*, rather than to one who is bound to certain national, cultural, or political allegiances?" I pause and wonder, 'God bless the U.S.A'?...well, yes, but he is right, 'God bless Afghanistan too, and Israel, Iraq, North Korea, Yemen...

One by one, I watch the leaders of the world's religions take the podium to echo their cries for peace. A Tibetan monk sings to us. A rabbi reads from the Midrash. A Hindu woman offers a humble reflection; each to his or her own tradition faithful, and towards the other welcoming. This, I start to believe, is where peace begins: friendship. "In coming to Assisi," writes John Paul, "we show that genuine religious belief is an inexhaustible wellspring of mutual respect and harmony among peoples; indeed it is the chief antidote to violent conflict."

After all have spoken, each tradition gathers itself to engage the real task of the day - prayer. Although we worship separately, we pray near one another, and I remember with thanksgiving all the while our common hopes and, therein, own near-common faith. The world is riddled with violence, but in our prayer we trust that it need not be so. Indeed, "by insistent prayer, the Church (and many others with her) refuses to accept that war is inevitable." For peace, then, we pray, and hope ever more fervently that by our doing so hearts will be changed. Without tiring, we continue to beg the Lord, knowing well that hope does not disappoint.

Then, having presented our needs to God, we return to present *ourselves*, each one to the next. We are Catholics and Sikhs, Jews and Muslims, Buddhists and Hindus, over 40 religions in all, and our voices fill the courtyard with a mutual pledge of sacrifice, solidarity, and love as together we "condemn terrorism and *every type* of armed aggression, which *always* brings hatred and violence and everywhere sows seeds of death and sorrow." I am awestruck, and it becomes clear. It is not our being too extreme in matters of faith which births such terrible violence. Rather, it is our tepid, fanatic, mediocrity. "Violence and terrorism," we proclaim, "are incompatible with the authentic spirit of (any) religion." We simply do not, it seems, take God seriously enough. Here is Assisi, we aim to change that.

While there is still much cause for despair, here are found seeds of hope. In this, a world of discord, here shine signs of unity. "The Spirit is with us," John Paul says. "In his name let us go, let us weave the tapestry of peace with the golden thread of justice, freedom, and forgiveness."

Palm Sunday
of the Lord's
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Mass Schedule

■ Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Saturday, March 23

5:00 p.m.

Rev. Peter D. Rocca, c.s.c.

Sunday, March 24

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Rev. Edward A. Malloy, c.s.c.

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■ Around Campus

Sunday, March 24

Spanish Mass

1:30 p.m., Zahm Hall Chapel

Law School Mass

5:00 p.m., Law School Chapel

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7:00 p.m., Mendoza COB Chapel

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CONSIDERATIONS...

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

UCLA ready for Missouri

♦ Lavin leads Bruins into Sweet Sixteen of tourney

Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif.

Doom, defeat and the threat of dismissal have hovered over Steve Lavin for six seasons — yet every March, it seems the UCLA coach is preparing the second weekend of the NCAA tournament.

In the shadow of John Wooden and in the face of impossible expectations, Lavin has become one of college basketball's most remarkable survivors. An upset of top-seeded Cincinnati on Sunday propelled the Bruins (21-11) into their fifth regional semifinal under Lavin.

So how does a coach keep his head when boosters and media are constantly calling for it? By not worrying when fans and the media ignore his achievements, but criticize everything from his recruiting to his hairstyle.

"It gets a little bit silly," Lavin said as he prepared UCLA for its meeting with Missouri (23-11) on Thursday in the West Regional.

"There's the Bill Murray, 'Groundhog Day' element to it. It's pretty boring, over and over again. ... 'Once we get hot in the tournament, people think it's nine lives, that we're lucky like a cat ... but what it really is, is applying these old-school principles of John Wooden and Gene Keady, with maybe a new presentation because of the slick hair," said Lavin.

In the only regional final this weekend without a No. 1 seed, the Bruins' next challenge is coach Quin Snyder's 12th-seeded Tigers, who upset Miami and Ohio State to reach its first regional semifinal since 1994.

Arizona faces Oklahoma in the first game of a compelling doubleheader between the Pac-10 and the Big 12 at Compaq Center at San Jose.

Each of Lavin's six seasons at UCLA have included high pre-season expectations, followed by serious stumbles during the regular season. Then, in every season but 1998-99, Lavin has coaxed the Bruins' tremendous talent deep into the tournament.

Lavin is the only UCLA coach to reach consecutive regional semifinals since Wooden retired in 1975. Only Duke can match the Bruins' run of five regional semifinals in six years.

But the credit, it seems, never reaches Lavin.

"We don't even worry about it any more," said senior Rico Hines, who won't play this week. "We've been here so long, and ever since we've been here, Coach Lavin is about to get fired, and we're

the worst team in UCLA history.

"We don't even listen to it. Our goal is just to put it together in the tournament."

Relaxing in San Jose on Wednesday, the San Francisco native could only smile and shake his head over his inability to please anyone but his players. He also empathized with Snyder, whose Tigers fell from a No. 2 national ranking down to a 12th seed this season.

"[We're] two young coaches who are constantly going to be scrutinized or roasted because of our age," Lavin said. "He's been under fire, but he's done a great job of keeping his kids upbeat, keeping them positive and aggressive and confident. Now they're playing well at the right time of the year."

Instead of receiving praise for his teams' achievements, Lavin only seems to garner criticism for their shortcomings. He's been belittled by boosters who long for a higher-profile coach, and criticized by columnists who question his ability even to run a practice. Last year, athletic director Pete Dalis even admitted he had spoken to Rick Pitino about replacing Lavin.

UCLA's meeting with Missouri pits two talented teams that got their games together just in time. The Tigers are led by junior Kareem Rush, whose brother JaRon would have been a

senior at UCLA this season had he not left school early.

"It would have been fun to play against him, because we always used to talk about getting in the NCAA tournament together," Kareem Rush said. "It's too bad."

Like Lavin, Snyder struggled to protect his team from unrealistic expectations — and then worked to build his players back up when they failed to reach those expectations.

"It's a balancing act, but it's part of coaching," Snyder said. "You try to keep your team focused on the court and not on the distractions. It's very hard, but every coach has to find a way to deal with it."

In Arizona's meeting with Oklahoma, the Wildcats' young roster will get its biggest test in weeks against the veteran-laden Sooners, whose stifling defense makes them many observers' picks to advance from San Jose to the Final Four.

The graceful Wildcats, led by Luke Walton, muscled their way into the regional semifinals with a victory over Wyoming, but Oklahoma plays a physical style not often seen in the Pac-10.

"We're not worried too much about Arizona or the success they've had," Oklahoma forward Aaron McGhee said. "We're just concentrating on our own game, because we think we're good enough to get to Atlanta."

MLB

Contraction trial recesses until April

♦ Twins, Expos were supposed to be eliminated

Associated Press

NEW YORK

The grievance by baseball players against contraction recessed until April 8 after Bob DuPuy, baseball's new chief operating officer, completed his second day of testimony Wednesday.

Union lawyers have not yet completed their questioning of DuPuy, who began his testimony Tuesday.

Arbitrator Shyam Das has heard 17 days of testimony from seven witnesses, and the players' association says DuPuy is not its final witness. When the union is done, owners will start presenting their

defense.

The union claims the Nov. 6 vote by teams to fold two franchises violated its collective bargaining agreement, which expired the following day.

The Minnesota Twins and Montreal Expos were the teams targeted for elimination, management negotiators later told the union, but contraction was blocked for this year when a Minnesota judge issued an injunction forcing the Twins to honor their lease at the Metrodome, which runs through the 2002 season.

Commissioner Bud Selig postponed contraction until next season at the earliest. If Das rules for players in the grievance, the union would seek damages, claiming the attempt to eliminate two teams depressed salaries of free agents.

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NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Can anyone beat Connecticut?

Associated Press

STORRS, Conn.

Geno Auriemma has been peppered with questions.

At 35-0, is this Connecticut team his best yet, or was it the 1995 unbeaten NCAA champs? How does this edition compare to Tennessee's 39-0 squad in 1998?

"Everybody wants to be remembered as something," the coach said Wednesday. "We just want to go out and win games."

Connecticut has dominated the competition throughout the season, beating opponents by an average of 37 points. The starting squad boasts five All-Americans, including Naismith Player of the Year Sue Bird.

Auriemma balks at calling it the best team ever, but will compare it to his other squads.

"This team is balanced as physically as any team we've ever had," Auriemma said. "Our guard play is as good as its ever been, but for me to tell you Sue and (Diana Taurasi) are a better backcourt than Nykesha Sales and Rita Williams, that's pretty tough. Those two guys are WNBA All-Stars. This team is really, really good for this season, for what it has to do, for what it wants to prove."

The Huskies will try to prove their next point on Saturday against Penn State in the Midwest Regional in Milwaukee. The vastly improved Lady Lions (23-11) are led by Kelly Mazzante, the nation's leading scorer. The sophomore is averaging 25.2

points a game and has been a key factor in Penn State's turnaround since its 9-7 start.

Connecticut has its own sophomore sensation in Taurasi, a long-range specialist with a deft passing touch.

"There are so many things that you would wish you can do against them and so we have a wish list this week that we are going to work on," Penn State coach Rene Portland said.

She said some of the keys are to out-work Connecticut in the post and slow down the Huskies' running game.

The Huskies' inside trio of Asjha Jones, Swin Cash and Tamika Williams have made short work of most teams' post games. They combine for an average of 44 points and 22 rebounds.

"You almost feel like you're wasting your time watching film because they get out by 20 and the other team is just trying to go two at a time to cut down a 20-point lead and it's in the first half," Portland said.

Iowa's Lisa Bluder had that sinking feeling early in the second half Monday. The Huskies outscored the Hawkeyes 34-4 in the first 15 minutes of the second half in their second-round game.

So, is there a team out there than can beat the Huskies?

"I haven't seen them yet. Certainly none that we've played that can compete with them," Bluder said.

Connecticut's closest game of the season was a nine-point win at Virginia Tech on Jan. 29. The rematch two weeks later was a 35-point Connecticut blowout.

After Auriemma's 2000 team domi-



BRIAN PUCEVICH/The Observer

Connecticut's Diana Taurasi defends Notre Dame's Amanda Barksdale in a game earlier this season. The Huskies are 35-0 this season.

nated Tennessee in the NCAA title game, there was talk that was the best team ever. His unbeaten 1995 squad beat Tennessee behind the post play of Rebecca Lobo and Kara Wolters and guard Jennifer Rizzotti.

"We've had some pretty good teams

in the past. The big factor in getting to the final four and winning a national championship is staying injury free. So far, so good," Auriemma said. "To win a national championship, you have to be really, really good and have a little bit of luck."

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Belles tennis player Jeannie Knish returns a shot during a recent practice. St. Mary's defeated Tri-State College 6-3 despite cold weather Wednesday.

Belles

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Spriggle won their No. 3 doubles match with an 8-3 win.

The singles players were not quite as successful. Annie Knish dropped her No. 1 singles match to Vaudebach while freshman Miranda Milulyuk and Katie Harrison fell to their Tri-State opponents. While Knish is the normal No. 1 singles player, Milulyuk and Harrison at No. 4 and No. 6 singles were treading on slightly unknown ground.

"They definitely gave us a

good warm up for the season," Jeannie Knish said. "The girls who usually don't get to play that often played and did really well."

Jeannie Knish, Sandner and freshman Courtney Watson won their singles matches at No. 2, No. 3 and No. 5 singles respectively. Knish won her match 2-0 (6-0, 6-2) against Jamie Rifubaugh. Sandner and Watson also took home 2-0 vic-

tories (6-3, 6-4 and 6-2, 6-4) against the Thunder's Nicki Post and Crystal Hardorty.

"Our first match was a success. We worked well as a team."

Jeannie Knish
tennis player

"Our first match was a success," Knish said. "We worked well as a team."

The Belles will serve up their first MIAA opponent on Saturday as they face off against the Albion Britons.

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NFL

Reservation wants Cardinals stadium

Associated Press

PHOENIX

The Gila River Indian Community hopes an Arizona Cardinals' stadium will be part of a casino and resort development taking shape on its reservation south of Phoenix.

Gila River has emerged from the long-running stadium sweepstakes race as one of two finalists. But some observers still question how an NFL stadium could operate on a sovereign Indian reservation that depends financially on gambling.

"It's hard to fathom people's worries, in some respects, given the amount of economic activity already on the reservation," said Gila River attorney Steve Heeley.

"We've had to overcome antiquated views of tribal ways and tribal government during this process. And we've had to go extra steps to prove to the public that we are doing business ethically."

Gila River and the Phoenix suburb of Mesa were the finalists chosen by the Arizona Tourism and Sports Authority, which will build the \$350 million stadium. The winner will be chosen March 28 or March 29.

But as Mesa struggles with financing, momentum has swung to the Gila River site.

Gila River has the advantage

of money, supplied by its three casinos, and a wealth of space at its reservation about 15 miles from downtown Phoenix.

The stadium will be financed by a \$331 million plan approved by Maricopa County voters in November 2000.

Under that plan, the Cardinals and the Fiesta Bowl would pay part of the cost of building a 73,000-seat domed stadium with a partially retractable roof and a slide-in grass field.

The rest of the money would come from increased taxes on rental cars and hotel rooms, stadium-related sales taxes and income taxes on professional football players and Cardinals employees.

Gila River officials said they have more than enough money to cover the estimated \$45 million in stadium infrastructure costs.

They also believe their proposed site offers a good fit.

The new Sheraton at Wild Horse Pass resort scheduled to open in October boasts 50,000 square feet of convention space, a casino and two championship golf courses. Plans call for a series of canals and water taxis to link the resort with the stadium, less than half a mile away.

The resort also gives the tribe an existing utility, sewer and telecommunication infrastructure to accommodate the stadium, said Gary Bohnee, a Gila River spokesman.

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Tennis

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State, with the latter two setbacks coming last weekend in Tempe, Ariz.

Notre Dame and Purdue have played four common opponents so far this season — Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee, Brigham Young and Iowa. The Irish are 2-3 against this quintet, logging 5-2 wins over BYU and Iowa,

while the Boilers are 1-4 against the common group, registering a victory over Iowa.

Purdue's biggest strength lies in its doubles play, where it has compiled a 21-19 record this spring. The team

of Lynsey Fick and Melissa Woods has set the pace with a 9-7 record at the No. 2 flight. In singles competition, Shawn Zuccarini has split time between the lower three flights, posting a 7-8 record. Meanwhile, Melissa Iqbal has taken the reins at No. 1 singles, compiling a 5-6 mark this year.

Notre Dame and the Boilermakers will meet for the 19th consecutive season and 21st time overall in a series that dates back to the 1982-83 campaign. The Irish hold a 16-4 advantage, including an active 12-match winning streak. The Irish are 4-2 against Purdue in West Lafayette, Ind., and will be playing there for the second time in three seasons. Notre Dame has lost just two points in its last four matches with the Boilermakers, including 9-0 shutouts in 1999 and 2000. Last season, the Irish downed Purdue, 6-1, sweeping the doubles action and claiming five singles bouts, four in straight sets. The Boilers avoided their third consecutive shutout at the hands of Notre Dame when Gretchen Haynor outdueled No. 100 Nina Vaughan, 18-16,

in an epic third-set tiebreak that saw Vaughan save seven match points and Haynor fight off three potential match winners.

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Stanley

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"When you're smaller people automatically give you a knock," said Stanley. "They say, 'He's too small to play' and 'Over the long term he's not going to be a factor.' I hope to dispel a lot of those rumors. I think it's taken me three years of college baseball to get people to believe that I can play this game regardless of what size I am. If you can play, you can play."

Stanley's teammates know he can play. He's been one of their leaders ever since his freshman year.

"Steve Stanley is definitely the heart and soul of Notre Dame baseball," said teammate Brian Stavisky. "His work ethic is unmatched and his desire and competitiveness are also."

Despite his success and the

praise from coaches and teammates, Stanley stays humble and down-to-earth. He believes he owes his successes to God, his wife, his coaches and his teammates. Without these people, Stanley said he would have never accomplished all he has in life.

"I really feel [God] has put me at Notre Dame for a reason and one of those reasons is to play baseball and be with these guys and to be on this team," Stanley said. "Everything has been

through Him so that really keeps me humble that in my faith, nothing in my life I've done on my own. I also have so many great teammates around me and great coaches. It's easy to play for a team that wins and it's easy to play with guys that are fun to be with."

According to his wife Brooke, it's this kind of attitude that makes Stanley stand out.

"I respect Steve more than anyone in the whole world," she said. "He makes me a better person because he's really got his priorities straight. He's a loyal friend to me and to everyone that he meets. He puts others before himself and he's got a great sense of humor and I think the guys on the team love that about him."

When the Irish open up Big East play against Connecticut this week, Stanley will quietly go about his business as usual. He'll start his 204th straight game and tie a record. He'll roam center-field. He'll bat leadoff. And after he collects three more hits, he'll quietly put his name on top of the record books again, this time for the most hits in a career by a Notre Dame player.

Stanley will graduate as one of the best players to ever put on an Irish uniform. Yet no one should be surprised by all of Stanley's success.

He's been overcoming odds his whole life.

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Steve Stanley high fives Steve Stollman during a game last season. Stanley is hitting .341 this season.

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1 Bargaining plays

7 Mathematician Charles

14 Ring out

16 Worn down

17 Barking up the wrong tree

18 Kind of vowel in "loop"

19 Cartoon millionaire created by Harold Gray

21 Well-chosen

22 1987-91 Mideast hostage Terry

23 Blinking light, maybe

26 Regulus's constellation

27 Golf course adjunct

29 Squeegie
- 31 Fuzzy-skinned fruits

32 River formed by the Congaree and Wateree

33 Chingachgook, for one

36 Casting choices?

37 Voters' problem

38 Something to remember, with "the"

39 Capital successor to Calcutta

40 Particular strength

41 Agreed upon

44 Little one

45 Jim's portrayer in "Gentleman Jim"

47 It might be broken into quarters
- DOWN**

1 Kind of gown

2 Delaware Indian

3 Unfazed by

4 Crossing point

5 Wrath

6 It's not seen on cable TV

7 Toy since 1959

8 More or less

9 Cartoon millionaire created by Bob Kane

10 C.D. seller

11 Signifies

12 "Oh, my!"

13 Baseball Hall-of-Famer Roush

15 Attracted

20 Glad ____

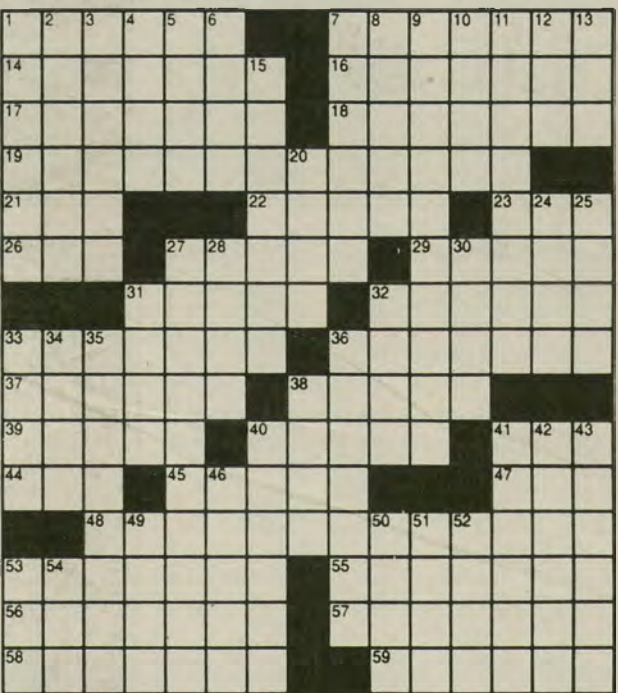
24 Rancher's purchase

25 They're often unearthed

27 Cartoon millionaire created by Alfred Harvey

28 On vacation

30 Concerning



Puzzle by Patrick Berry

- 31 Friends and neighbors

32 Cut open

33 Fashioned

34 German automaker

35 Worn part of a shoe

36 One end of the political spectrum

38 Synthesizer innovator Bob

40 Makes translucent
- 41 Blotto

42 Protect, in a way

43 William Shatner sci-fi novel

46 Archetypical W.W. II metalworker
- 49 Nattily dressed

50 ____ scale

51 Ontario natives

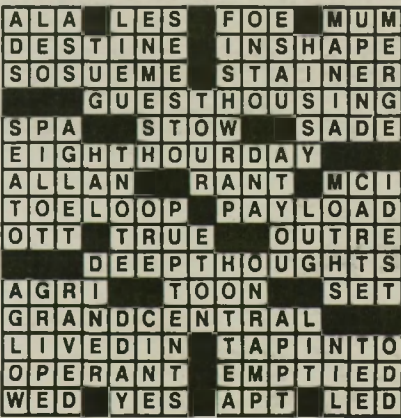
52 Actress Laura

53 It's hung around the neck

54 "Bravo!"

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SPORTS

Thursday, March 21, 2002

BASEBALL

No stopping Stanley

◆ Co-captain eyes two Notre Dame baseball records

By JOE HETTLER
Assistant Sports Editor

Four years after starting out his Notre Dame baseball career 0-17, co-captain and centerfielder Steve Stanley finds himself approaching two Irish baseball records with possibly more to come as this season continues.

Not bad for a guy that just wanted to make the travel team as a freshman.

But Stanley has always been able to overcome odds, especially baseball. Standing only 5-foot-8 and weighing 155 lbs, Stanley has been overlooked and written off more than a few times in his career. Yet he has always found a way to prove his critics wrong. Just ask the people around him.

"Stanley is a tremendous player," said Notre Dame head baseball coach Paul Mainieri. "To be honest with you, I think he's the best player in college baseball. What he does for our team offensively and defensively, I can't think of a player I've coached that's meant more to our team than Steve Stanley. If he's not a first team All-



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Notre Dame co-captain and centerfielder Steve Stanley takes a pitch during a game last season. Stanley has the opportunity to break several Notre Dame baseball records this season, including two this weekend when the Irish travel to Connecticut.

American, I've never seen one."

Part of the reason behind Stanley's success is his motivation. Instead of viewing his size as a handicap, he's made it an advantage by using it as a motivational tool throughout his career.

"From day one, I was always a small kid," said

Stanley. "So I've gotten used to playing that role, but also I've used that as a motivation to let people know that, definitely in baseball, you can play no matter what size you are as long as you can bring things to the team to help the team win."

Stanley, who was the co-Big East Player of the Year last

season, has been helping his team in more ways than one during his tenure with the Irish.

All his hard work has helped put him in position to break several Notre Dame baseball records, including two this weekend at Connecticut. Stanley has played in 203 consecutive

games, one short of the Irish record set by Pat Pesavento. Amazingly, in his first three years at Notre Dame, Stanley played in 1,593 out of a possible 1,607 innings. He is also within two hits of tying Pesavento's career hits record of 296.

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SMC TENNIS

Belles win home opener 6-3

◆ St. Mary's beats cold weather as well as Tri-State

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

The Saint Mary's tennis team was looking to heat up the season with the team's opening match against Tri-State, but the Belles had trouble even staying warm.

But with winter still hanging on in South Bend, the Belles took home their first regular season victory with a 6-3 win against the Thunder.

"The weather was a challenge. It was windy and freezing," said sophomore Jeannie Knish. "It's hard to play in con-

ditions like that. We had to keep jumping around and putting our hands in our pockets to warm them up. It was a big change from Daytona."

Despite the dark clouds and strong winds hanging around the tennis courts at Angela Athletic facility on Wednesday, the Belles did manage to make a few sparks. All three Saint Mary's doubles teams took home victories, led by the No. 1 doubles sister team of Knish and Knish.

"Annie and I were able to win

our doubles match though," Jeannie Knish said of she and her senior sister. "We really worked together well today. The wind was causing a lot of short balls to be hit, and we were able to attack the net."

The Knish sisters took home an 8-5 victory against Kate Vaudorback and Emily Shulak of Tri-State. Junior Elisa Ryan and sophomore Kaitlin Cutler added an 8-2 win at No. 2 doubles and junior Angie Sandner and sophomore Kris

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Jeannie Knish
tennis player

ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish battle No. 51 Purdue on road

◆ 22nd-ranked team looks to keep improving

Special to The Observer

After winning six of its last seven matches, the 22nd-ranked Notre Dame women's tennis team (10-6) will look to continue its recent run of success Thursday when it visits No. 51 Purdue in a Hoosier State showdown at the Lafayette Sports Center in West Lafayette.

It will be the only match in a 12-day span for the Irish, who won't return to action

again until March 27 when they play host to another Big Ten Conference foe, No. 65 Illinois.

Purdue is 4-7 this season and is ranked 51st in the nation. The Boilermakers have been ranked all season long, peaking at No. 43 last week after wins over 50th-ranked Iowa (4-3) and No. 35 Illinois (5-2). However, they have tumbled eight spots this week after three consecutive losses, all to top-15 opponents No. 13 Northwestern, No. 12 North Carolina and No. 9 Arizona

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

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