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Libby Bishop and Trip Foley started their administration early with a rousing pledge to represent students, but they must make sure to follow through on their promises.

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## STUDENT SENATE

# Senators call meeting for alcohol resolution

By MEGHANNE DOWNES  
Assistant News Editor

The Senate decided Thursday to hold an emergency meeting on Sunday evening to pass a resolution calling for a review of the proposed ban of in-hall dances.

The primary reason behind the emergency meeting is to pass the proposed resolution before Monday's Campus Life Council meeting. If it passes, the resolution will be brought up at the same CLC meeting where Father Mark Poorman, vice president for Student Affairs, is expected to formally present revisions to the 18-year-old alcohol policy.

The resolution calls for students, faculty and administration to be involved in reviewing the changes to the in-hall dance policy.

"Life in the residence halls is a hallmark of the Notre Dame experience and the traditions of these residence halls bolster the Notre Dame community by bringing together the residences of a dormitory," the

Senate Residence Life Committee wrote in a copy of the proposed resolution obtained by The Observer.

The resolution also refers to the potential cancellation of signature hall events and says the "direction of the proposed Alcohol Policy threatens to negatively alter traditions, some of which have lasted for over 20 years."

Stanford Senator Aldo Tesi, chairman of the Residence Life Committee, said an important part of the hall dances was its location in the halls.

"I am concerned about the smaller dorms such as Badin, where we only have 120 girls and it will be hard for us to have dances. For formals, we have to have two or three other dorms join us in order to have the dance financially and it detracts from the tradition," said Sole Galmarini, Badin senator.

Other senators raised concerns that smaller halls would be financially unable to meet the costs of their dances and that some dances might have to be cancelled in the fall because

of the lack of space and available weekends due to football games.

Brian Coughlin, director of Student Activities, countered this by saying that the University has compiled a list of on-campus sites where hall dances can take place. Also, the University is looking into the possibility of reduced costs at off-campus sites.

"We have a list and there are 30 venues. Some of them are unique and unexpected. It would be irresponsible to release a list without informing the venue that their foyer might be used for a dance. These places would be ideal because they would be free to use," said Coughlin.

"Some of these places are the business school library and DeBartolo. They aren't 30 great new places and they are definitely unique," said Pat Hallahan, Sorin Hall senator and the chief of staff for Libby Bishop, student body president-elect.

Coughlin said that hall dances

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LISA VELTE/The Observer

After much discussion, senators decided to table their proposed alcohol resolution in order to make amendments. An emergency meeting has been called for Sunday so senators can approve the resolution.

# Notre Dame gains new national prominence

Associated Press

## INDIANAPOLIS

Notre Dame can take pride in another group of shining stars. Its restrooms.

A Web site has recognized the public restrooms in the Main Building at the University as the best in the United States.

"When I go to the john here now, I feel positively ennobled," said Michael O. Garvey, a Notre Dame spokesman.

"I'm told, although I haven't been in there, that the women's restrooms are very nice, too," he added Wednesday.

Notre Dame won the distinction after nearly a year of online voting at [www.thebestofusa.com](http://www.thebestofusa.com).

Voters were enthralled by the restrooms' Victorian charm, including tile floors imported from England, faucets with chrome and brass accents, and solid oak doors on the stalls.

The restrooms are cleaned three times a day, leading one voter to boast that the floors were "clean enough to eat off."

Honored as he was, Gary Shumaker, the university's director of facilities operations, wouldn't go that far.

"We work hard to keep them clean, and we're very pleased that somebody thinks that highly, but I wouldn't eat off the floor," he said.



NOAH AMSTADTER/The Observer

This bathroom's victorian charm and imported floors in the Main Building were just two of the factors that helped the University gain recognition as having the best bathrooms in the U.S.

# Bishop and Foley vow to represent students

By JASON MCFARLEY  
News Writer

Saying administrators "sold students short," Libby Bishop and Trip Foley renewed Thursday their commitment to fight proposed changes to the University alcohol policy.

Still more than a week away from taking office, Bishop and Foley, the student body president- and vice president-elect, said they would pick up where Wednesday's rally left off and continue to represent student interests.

"I think that students were sold short by not involving them in the process of making this policy," Bishop said in a release. "I will personally take an active role on working with Bill Kirk [assistant vice president for Residence Life] and his office on the writing of this policy and ensure that a number of students will have input in the revision process."

Bishop and Foley enter office April 1 but this week began

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# INSIDE COLUMN

## Put things in perspective

Notre Dame is one of the most respected and recognizable educational institutions in the country, renowned not only for its academic and athletic excellence, but also for the integrity of its student body.

But judging from the behavior of that same student body beginning Monday night, you'd never know it.

Sheila Flynn

Copy Editor

As students have rallied to whine and cry "Oppression!" over the past few days, they have exhibited only their own immaturity and contemptible lack of perspective. Eager to rebel against the administration and reclaim their alleged loss of "voice," they have attracted the media to campus and, because of Notre Dame's fame, gained national attention.

But, in the process, students have damaged their own reputations, presenting an image of themselves as spoiled, ungrateful children. They have cavorted in front of the cameras, yelling in outrage and burning copies of duLac. The headline of the South Bend Tribune Thursday read "ND Battle Brews," accompanied by a photograph of O'Neill Hall's jester.

I don't know about you, but this is not exactly a portrait I want to see painted of Notre Dame's student body. Not all students are reacting so childish, but those who are simply drag the rest of us down with them. We look shallow, self-absorbed and disgraceful.

Those of you who are so violently protesting should be ashamed of yourselves.

Take a step back and think about where the entire policy stands in the big scheme of things. First of all, the University's not revoking any constitutional rights. Under federal law, the majority of us aren't supposed to be drinking anyway. Plus, it's not like the campus is going dry — the new policy still allows lower-proof alcohol. And you're not banned from drinking hard alcohol, either; most of the better parties happen off campus anyway.

It's also possible that the policy will cut down on the number of alcohol-related hospital visits and sexual assault cases during dances. I don't know about anyone else, but I think that's a good thing.

Now think about why you're here in the first place. You're here to study, learn and prepare yourself for a successful run in this world, and you're lucky. Very few people on the planet are privileged enough to have the opportunities to be at an institution like this one.

And I hate to resort to the cliché, "There are children starving in Africa," but there are.

I don't think an American soldier in Afghanistan would complain about drinking beer in a Notre Dame dorm room rather than shots. I doubt an inner-city kid would moan and groan about having to walk a little farther to a college dance. But some people on this campus are acting like these inconveniences are the end of the world. And they're fueling public opinion that education here is a joke — a silly attempt to entertain a flock of lackadaisical, unappreciative teen-agers.

The public does not see students campaigning to help Afghan refugees, working to improve the community or staging any sort of political protest. Instead, in a time of international alarm which calls for awareness and action, we are shown disputing changes in alcohol policy.

I don't know about you, but I think some people need to put things in perspective.

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# TODAY IN NOTRE DAME HISTORY

## University honors Cosby

March 22, 1990

Notre Dame announced that entertainer Bill Cosby and 11 others would be given honorary degrees at the 145th Commencement Exercises. Cosby was also asked to be the Commencement speaker while earlier that year he received an honorary doctor of laws degree from the University.

## Wetherbee talks of shuttle flight

March 22, 1990

Commander James Weatherbee, Notre Dame's first graduate in space, talked about his experiences of being in space. The 1974 graduate was the pilot of STS32, which launched from Kennedy Space Center on Jan. 9, 1990. While in space the shuttle's crew launched a Navy satellite and retrieved a large facility containing long term scientific experiments.

# BEYOND CAMPUS

## University of Wisconsin prepares for steep budget cuts

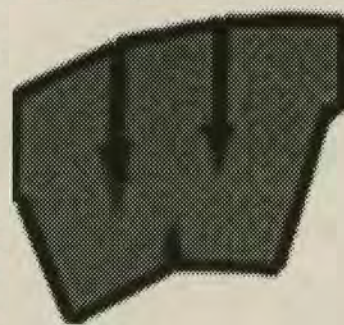
Compiled from U-Wire reports

PLATTEVILLE, Wis.

University of Wisconsin-Platteville educators are bracing for a budget cut that Chancellor David Markee is calling the worst in his time here. Tuition increases are expected, and a freeze on admissions and new hiring is in effect as administrators await the cut.

The state Assembly passed a proposal March 15 that UW leaders say will cost the system \$108 million in funding, the Wisconsin State Journal reported. The bill now moves to the Senate for approval. The Board of Regents will determine the amount of the cut UW-P will be forced to swallow after the budget is approved.

UW System President Katherine Lyall ordered a hiring freeze at all 26 UW campuses in anticipation of the budget cut; however, UW-P administrators already had imposed a hold on the hiring



of new personnel.

"We had already started that. We decided not to build tenure track positions," Markee said.

For the next school year, UW-P will hire one-year, part-time replacements for tenure-track positions that open.

The UW System Board of Regents also

suspended all undergraduate admissions, although students already accepted will not be affected.

While UW-Platteville already had accepted 90 to 95 percent of next fall's freshman class, admissions was only halfway through applications for transfers when the freeze took effect. Markee is optimistic they will be able to accept those students currently left out. Hoping the freeze will end within the next few weeks, Markee said he encourages those students still to apply.

"We'd like to complete that class of new students," Markee said.

The university is looking at other ways to cut costs without removing services from students. Cutbacks in supplies, especially with computers and technology, are being considered, Markee said.

The Exponent

# SETON HALL UNIVERSITY

## Officials combat Ecstasy use

SOUTH ORANGE, N.J.

While there haven't been any reported incidents involving Ecstasy on campus, Seton Hall University officials said they are sure the drug is used on campus. The university is taking several steps to ensure the drug's popularity does not rise. The university has begun educating administrators in all positions, and next month Public Safety and Security will take part in a conference on club drugs. Crime Prevention Officer Gary Christie said. "We are in the process of developing policies, procedures and strategies," Christie said. A unified coalition will look at ways to increase activities on campus and find other ways to get the students involved, Christie said. "It's not just enforcement but also giving someone an alternative," Christie said. Ecstasy is a stimulant that allows the user to be active for a longer period of time. It is known for reducing inhibitions, producing feelings of empathy and eliminating anxiety. It also suppresses the body's need to sleep, eat or drink.

The Setonian

# YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

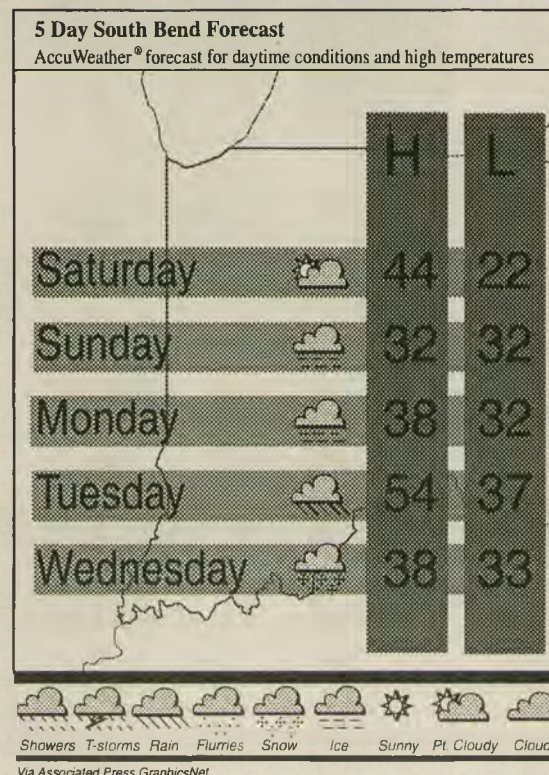
## Students appeal for meat-free diets

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio

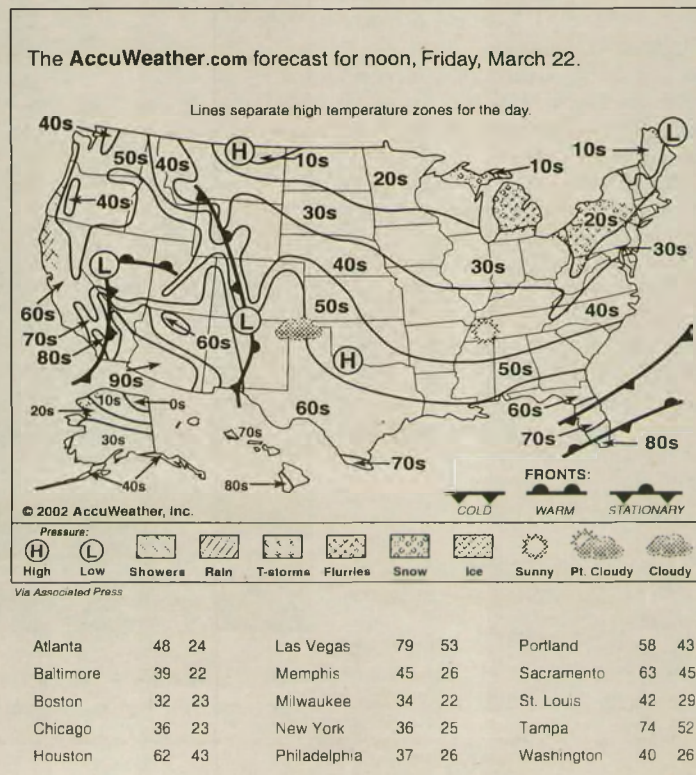
A videotape of bleeding, dying chickens being tossed onto the backs of poultry trucks played over and again on a television next to an information table in Kilcawley Center. Cattle and dairy cows had their necks sliced open and their horns cut off in other portions of the videotape titled "Meet your Meat." Students watched in horror as the animals on the tapes cried out as their bodies were turned into food for human consumption. Though members of Youngstown State University's Environmental and Animal Rights Coalition didn't film the undercover videotape, they used it to show what they say goes on in many slaughterhouses nationwide. Members of YSEARC passed out information about The Great American Meatout from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday in the arcade of Kilcawley Center as a way of informing people not to eat meat on Wednesday, the official day of the Great American Meatout.

The Jambar

# LOCAL WEATHER



# NATIONAL WEATHER





# 'Amistad' actor uses life to inspire students to make a difference

By MAUREEN SMITHE  
Senior Staff Writer

Being yourself and following ones own desires is the best way to make a positive difference in the world, according to Derrick Ashong, Harvard graduate and supporting actor in the motion picture "Amistad."

Ashong was born in Accra, Ghana, and moved to Brooklyn at age 3, on to Saudi Arabia at age 8, and then to New Jersey at 15 to finish high school.

Opening his lecture with the question "Can anyone tell me what it means to be cool?" Ashong said his wide range of living experiences as a youth forced him to create his own niche.

"I'm an Afro-American Arab kid. Where's my category?" Ashong said. "I was gonna do my thing and hopefully everything would work out."

This realization, he said, was a very profound moment in his life. Most of the students at his New Jersey high school had grown up together and were unfamiliar with

different people. Ashong had to break from his novelty "cute" reputation and find pride in his own identity.

His journey toward Harvard did not begin until the summer before his senior year in high school when he participated in a prestigious summer program at Williams College. During a public speaking exercise a white male student read a poem by a black woman about her ability to overcome constant struggles in life. In reflection, the student said that all black people should follow her lead and reject welfare, affirmative action and other benefits of society given to minorities. Everyone agreed with him except for Ashong and the two black females.

"I made my voice heard. I told him that I had a significant problem. Something had to be wrong with him because I could not remember the last time someone approached me and said, 'You are a man of an underrepresented minority group, is there anything I can do for you?' Somehow I missed all the handouts that my people were receiving," Ashong said.



Derrick Ashong, a Harvard graduate and supporting actor from the motion picture "Amistad," lectured at Notre Dame Thursday.

The night of the poetry reading, Ashong said he decided to go to Harvard because he wanted to

prove that his spot would be rightfully earned, not handed out.

"How would someone look at me and think I wasn't taking his place. What made it 'your' place?" he asked.

Despite doubtful looks from high school guidance counselors and general questioning from his peers, Ashong applied to and was accepted at Harvard because of his good grades, heavy school and community involvement and extensive world traveling. However, when he arrived at the Cambridge, Mass., campus in the fall of 1993, he soon learned that once again he'd be forced to establish his own reputation.

"I got there and there was this look — 'He's too short for basketball. Too skinny for football. He must be an affirmative action,'" Ashong said. "I remember being so hurt because I thought I had made it."

Ashong didn't just stop with admission to Harvard. For his senior year thesis, he petitioned to write and produce his own musical theatrical performance. His chosen topic explored issues among African and African Americans within a semi-autobiographical context.

The show sold out every night and audiences left the theater with high acclaim for the project.

Ashong's professors graded it summa cum laude, and he also earned the prestigious Hoops prize, which binds his work and places it permanently in the Harvard library system.

"Of all the people who thought I couldn't be here, who thought I was unfairly bumping them from their deserved spot — how many of them are authors at Harvard?" Ashong said. "I go through this story to illustrate a very simple point: for some very strange reason people didn't see in me what I saw in myself."

Ashong's accomplishments culminated in his supporting role in "Amistad." He said working on the role pulled him back to his roots to the point where he would often take the movie's context home with him at night. One such instance revolved around a scene where he had to put chains around his wrists. Although he was only on the set for four hours that day, he still felt imaginary chains when he went home for the night.

"The type of mental chains that evolve when an entire society dehumanizes an entire element of itself are lasting, real and destructive," Ashong said.

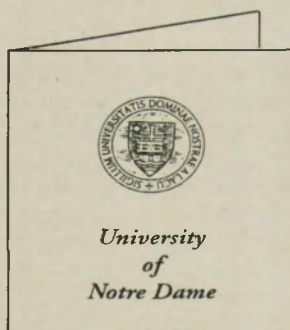
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# Pope speaks on U.S. sex scandals

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY  
Pope John Paul II, in a letter released today, weighed in for the first time on recent pedophile scandals in his church, saying "a dark shadow of suspicion" had been cast over all priests by "some of our brothers who have betrayed the grace of ordination" and succumbed to evil.

In his annual pre-Easter message to priests around the world, the pope did not mention the American church, which many Catholics in the United States say is undergoing the worst crisis in

its history while Rome remains silent.

As they comfort the victims of abuse, the pope said, priests should redouble their search for faith. He expressed no opinion on the conduct of the American bishops.

In three sentences referring to the scandals, the 81-year-old pope presented priests as among the victims "personally and profoundly afflicted" by the unnamed sins of priests who had succumbed "even to the most grievous forms of the mysterium iniquitatis — the mystery of evil — at work in the world."

"Grave scandal is caused," the letter said, "with the result that a

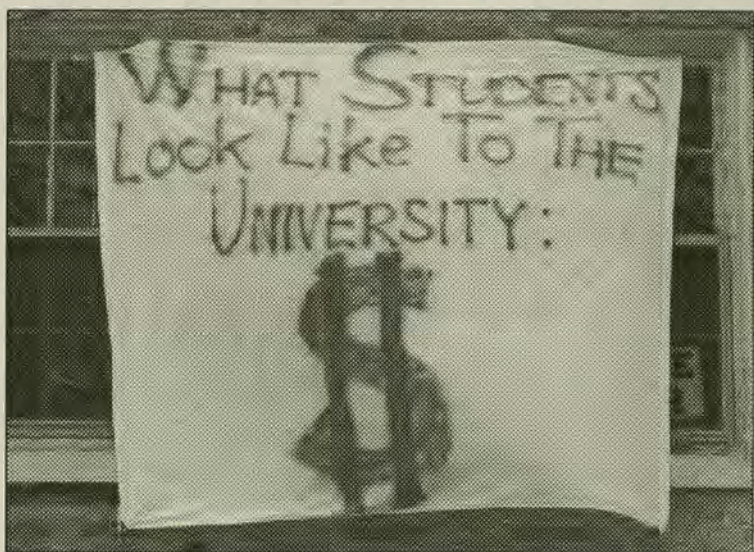
dark shadow of suspicion is cast over all the other fine priests who perform their ministry with honesty and integrity and often with heroic self-sacrifice."

The way that the letter mentioned abuse victims is likely to disappoint those Catholics who were expecting a fuller, more pastoral response.

"As the church shows her concern for the victims and strives to respond in truth and justice to each of these painful situations," the letter said, priests must "commit ourselves more fully to the search for holiness."

At a news conference about the letter, a top Vatican official, Cardinal Dario Castrillon Hoyos,

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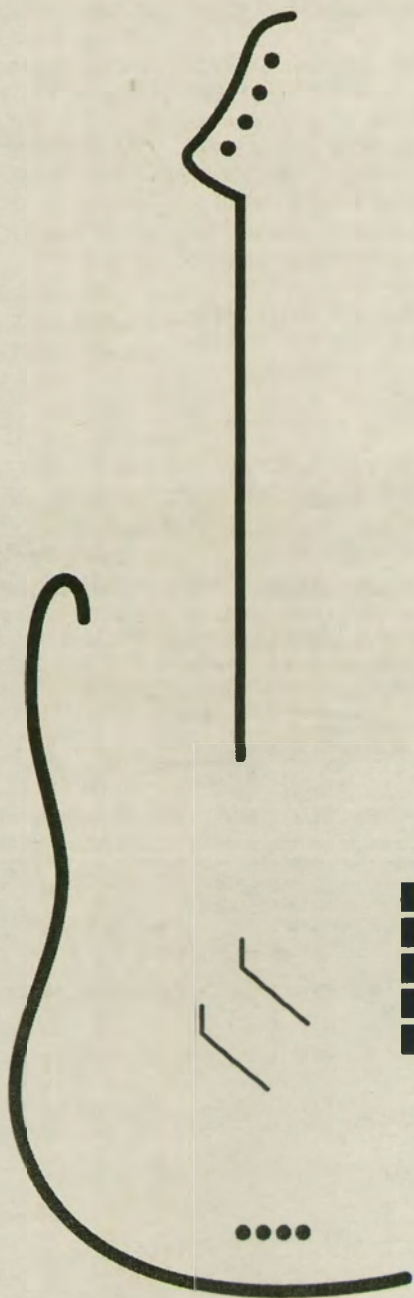
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## WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

### 38 die in Colombia rebel clash:

Heavy fighting in Bogota, near the Venezuelan border, killed at least 38 soldiers and leftist guerrillas, Colombia's military said Thursday. The army said retreating rebels took refuge in the neighboring South American country. Elsewhere, guerrillas have occupied a pumping station at a reservoir in Colombia's southern Andes, cutting the water supply to more than 500,000 people, authorities said.

### Death toll tops 1,500 in Mideast:

In nearly 18 months of violence, 1,221 people have been killed on the Palestinian side and 363 people on the Israeli side. The Palestinian figure includes 46 suicide bombers, several suspected informers for Israel killed by Palestinian militants, 13 Israeli Arabs killed in pro-Palestinian riots and a German resident.

## NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

### U.S. restricts government Web sites:

The White House has placed new controls on government information about weapons of mass destruction and is telling agencies to clear Web sites of even unclassified data that could help terrorists. Advocates for government openness say information about nuclear, biological, radiological and chemical weapons should be kept out of the hands of would-be attackers. They worry, however, that the guidelines released Wednesday could be used to withhold an array of other material as well.

### Group requests morning-after pill:

Some women's advocates urged Congress Thursday to pass a bill that would require hospitals receiving federal funds to ensure that sexual assault victims are told about emergency contraception. The contraception, known as the "morning-after pill," is a high dose of birth control pills taken within 72 hours of unprotected sex to prevent pregnancy.

## INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

### Senator resigns after affair scandal:

A Vigo County School Corp. custodian has been disciplined for having sexual encounters in the administration building with a former district administrator who is now a state senator in Terre Haute. Sen. Mark Blade, the school district's purchasing director since 1986, resigned from the position Feb. 21. At the time, he said his resignation was for personal reasons. The district's personnel office released disciplinary records Wednesday to the Tribune-Star, including a letter that custodian Trilla Eiler wrote admitting that she and Blade had an affair.

## MEXICO



President George W. Bush, Mexican President Vicente Fox and Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien met Thursday for the United Nations summit meeting on global poverty despite terrorist attacks in Peru. AFP Photo

## Bush's trip unchanged by attacks

Associated Press

### MONTERREY

A day after a deadly car bombing, President Bush said Thursday that "two-bit terrorists" would not stop him from visiting Peru or thwart his goal of building better ties throughout Latin America.

"Sometimes it seems like the terror threat might be going away, but all you got to do is look on your TV today and be reminded about how evil these murderers are," Bush said.

The president got a sendoff for a four-day trip to Mexico, Peru and El Salvador with a raucous

airport rally in the Texas border town of El Paso.

"We cannot let the terrorists take over freedom-loving societies and we will not," Bush said, decrying a suicide bombing in the Middle East, a grenade attack on a church service in Pakistan and a car bombing near the U.S. Embassy in Lima, Peru.

Bush's first stop was in Monterrey for a U.N. summit on global poverty. The president was to meet on the sidelines of the meeting with Mexican President Vicente Fox and Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien.

The subject of terrorism

loomed large over Bush's day. Before boarding Air Force One for El Paso, Bush met with Milton Green, whose wife and step-daughter were killed in the Pakistan attack. And while en route, he called Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi to discuss an attack by an offshoot of the Red Brigades terror group, in which an Italian economist was killed.

The president told reporters in Washington that Wednesday's attack in Lima, which killed nine people, would not make him change his travel plans. He is to visit Peru on Saturday, the first U.S.

president to do so. He said he trusts that President Alejandro Toledo will make his country safe for his American visitor.

"Two-bit terrorists aren't going to prevent me from doing what we need to do, and that is to promote our friendship in the hemisphere," Bush said. "Our neighborhood is important to us, Peru is an important country. President Toledo has been a reformist, obviously worked within the democratic system. And you bet I'm going."

Bush said "we might have an idea" who set off the bomb. "They've been around before," he said.

## Market Watch March 21

<b>Dow Jones</b>	10,479.84	-21.73
<b>Up:</b>	1,668	
<b>Same:</b>	189	
<b>Down:</b>	1,497	
<b>Composite Volume:</b>	1,328,530,047	
<b>AMEX:</b>	904.39	+7.47
<b>NASDAQ:</b>	1,868.83	+35.96
<b>NYSE:</b>	601.82	-0.55
<b>S&amp;P 500:</b>	1,153.59	+1.74

## TOP 5 VOLUME LEADERS

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LUCENT TECH INC (LU)	+6.44	+0.29	4.79
GENERAL ELECTRIC (GE)	-3.48	-1.35	37.45
ORACLE CORP (ORCL)	+4.86	+0.61	13.15

## House plans to disassemble INS

Associated Press

### WASHINGTON

House Republicans and Democrats agreed Thursday to dismantle the Immigration and Naturalization Service, which has come under intense criticism since the Sept. 11 attacks.

Under their plan, the INS would be replaced by separate bureaus for enforcement of immigration law and for providing immigration services. The bureaus would report to an assistant attorney general for immigration affairs, who would be the

No. 3 official in the Justice Department.

"This agreement will allow Republicans and Democrats in Congress, in concert with the Bush administration, to work together on fundamentally dismantling the INS," said Rep. James Sensenbrenner, who chairs the House Judiciary Committee, which has oversight of the INS.

The plan combines two bills, one sponsored by Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., and Rep. George Gekas, R-Pa.; the other by Michigan Rep. John Conyers, the Judiciary Committee's

senior Democrat, and Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Texas.

"We want this to be a comprehensive response to the disaster of immigration affairs," Lee said.

The INS has been criticized for years because of long backlogs of applications for benefits such as naturalization or permanent residency. INS supporters and critics say the agency is burdened with conflicting missions to help immigrants enter and stay in the country and to identify and keep out those who try to enter illegally or who may pose a danger.



# Conference brings Asian awareness 'in focus'

By ANDY THAGARD  
Assistant News Writer

The Coalition for Asian Awareness is hosting "In-Focus," a conference exploring Asian-American issues and celebrating diversity, on Saturday.

The daylong event, which corresponds with Asian Awareness Month, features speakers, panel discussions, workshops and a concluding banquet with keynote speaker Carolyn Woo, dean of the Mendoza College of Business.

"We're really, really excited," said Monica Wisner, executive chair. "This is the first one, and we're trying to get students from all over to participate. This is definitely not just for Asian students."

The group has been inter-

ested in sponsoring such an event for the past few years and began official planning in November, according to sophomore Richie Dang, co-director of public relations for the conference.

"We basically contacted every club on campus, dorms and local businesses for funding," Dang said. "We're also generating revenue by charging a \$10 fee in order to cover costs."

The conference kicks off with a lecture by Daren Mooko, director of the Asian-

American Resource Center at Pomona College and manager of a coalition of Midwest Asian university clubs.

Mooko will address issues such as the Japanese internment during World War II, the U.S. spy plane over China in 2001 and recent hate crimes, according to Wisner. He will also give a presentation entitled "The Yellow Peril: A Thing of the Past and Current

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Monica Wisner  
executive chair

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Throughout the day, conference participants will have the opportunity to attend 10

workshops held in Coleman-Morse Center classrooms.

Clubs within the Coalition, including Korean-American, Vietnamese and Filipino-American organizations are sponsoring the workshops. The events include intellectual discussions on affirmative action, discrimination, Catholicism, Asian-American identity, the Asian media and interracial relations. Workshops also include more light-hearted activities including sessions in cooking, dancing and origami.

The conference concludes with a banquet in the Mendoza College of Business atrium and an address by Woo.

"She exemplifies a lot of what we're trying to portray," Dang said of Woo. "Not only is she a woman and a dean, but

she is Asian. When she heard about it [the conference] she was excited to speak."

The conference is sponsored by more than 11 campus organizations and, if successful, may become an annual event, according to Dang. Fifty students from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's, Holy Cross College and Valparaiso University had registered as of Thursday.

The Coalition will accept additional registrations on Saturday morning and through its Web site at [www.nd.edu/~aaa/AAC](http://www.nd.edu/~aaa/AAC).

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meeting with University officials and organizing student response to the proposed changes.

Father Mark Poorman, vice president for Student Affairs, announced Monday three sweeping changes to the alcohol policy:

- ♦ the outlaw of "hard" alcohol in undergraduate residence halls,
- ♦ the ban of in-hall dances known as SYRs
- ♦ and the revision of tailgating rules to allow drinking-age students to host parties before Saturday home football games in the fall.

Poorman said the changes would keep Notre Dame from becoming an alcohol-centered campus. He expected that University officers would approve the changes this summer and enact them in the fall.

If approved, they will be the first major amendments to the policy since 1988. The University first adopted an alcohol policy in 1984.

Revisions this year are the result of a two-year study into the alcohol use and abuse on campus, Poorman said.

But Bishop and Foley disagreed with the process officials used to develop the changes, saying it almost completely excluded students.

"This can never happen again ... where they work for two years in secret," Foley said in a Wednesday interview. "Abusive drinking isn't a good thing, but this policy isn't going to solve that."

The pair took particular issue with the barring of in-hall dances. Foley called the move "tradition-attacking" and worried that it would endanger hall spirit.

"It's not a real solution," said Foley, who believed that drinking and socializing would shift off campus and pose safety risks for stu-

dents. "It has the effect of hurting the special aspect of the residential community we have at Notre Dame."

The ban of in-dorm dances and hard alcohol in halls was a double-whammy, according to Bishop.

"I don't really know what they're trying to accomplish there," she said.

In the wake of the probable changes, Bishop and Foley called for Student Affairs and Student Activities officials to increase funding for student groups to plan on-campus events. The money would pay for attractive new programming on campus.

Bishop and Foley said they also will work with the Office of Alcohol and Drug Education to address the root causes of abusive drinking.

The pair has a scheduled meeting with Poorman in early April. They said they would urge Poorman to include them and the student body in spelling out the details of policy initiatives.

"When it's such a change as this that affects student life so much, I think student opinion is critical," Bishop said.

Students in February elected Bishop and Foley, who had campaigned on the issue of clearing up unclear tailgating rules.

Now, the announcement of three changes to the alcohol policy expands the pair's agenda.

They pledged a zealous but realistic campaign to represent student interests.

"We need to work toward a fundamental change in how policy is determined at this school," Foley said.

Bishop added, "Hopefully, we can use this passion that people have about [alcohol policy changes] to get students to talk to us about other concerns affecting their lives here."

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## Senate

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held outside and under tents would be evaluated on a case-by-case basis as all dances are currently handled.

The supposed lack of student involvement in the formation of the alcohol policy was also emphasized by several senators, although no mention of student involvement was included in the draft of the resolution obtained by The Observer.

Blake Haan, Keenan Hall senator, pointed out that only nine of the 28 focus groups held between September 2000

and March 2001, referenced in Poorman's Monday e-mail to students, were composed of students. About 240 individuals participated in the forums, and only 56 were students.

In an attempt to strengthen their resolution, senators discussed the addition of a clause that would be linked to the Annual Fund's use of SYRs to advertise for fundraising. The Annual Fund is a University-sponsored fundraiser directed toward alumni.

The advertisement appeals to alumni to donate money so that future students could enjoy SYRs as they once had. The mailing included a picture of a couple at a dance and used

the popular MasterCard advertisement to compare the SYR memory to a priceless experience.

The Senate intends to use the Annual Fund's use of SYRs to demonstrate that the University does recognize the traditions that are associated with SYRs.

### In other Senate news:

♦ A resolution to amend du Lac to include a disciplinary process flowchart was unanimously approved. This flowchart is intended to provide clarity for students and to aid them in their disciplinary hearings.

♦ The resolution regarding an increase to club allocations will be voted on in next week's meeting.

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## Madness invades at midnight at Angela

By GRACE ARREDONDO  
News Writer

A four-letter word that is in every college student's vocabulary will help pull in an expected 1,000 students to Midnight Madness held in the Angela Athletic Facility tonight.

Free. The free food, free prizes, free games and alcohol-free fun are all factors that make this annual event the highest-attended student activity on campus, according to organizers.

Saint Mary's athletic director Lynn Kachmarik started Midnight Madness when she joined Saint Mary's three years ago and saw a community in need of an independent identity.

"When I first got here [to Saint Mary's] I remember this overwhelming feeling of everything being about Notre Dame," Kachmarik said. "Our women were going across the street looking for a social life. I was glad Notre Dame was across the street, but I wanted to make life at school about Saint Mary's. I wanted the women to be excited about Saint Mary's."

Kachmarik promoted celebrating Saint Mary's and found much-needed support from College President Marilou Eldred and Vice President for Student Affairs Linda Timm.

The tradition started as an inner-class contest, rather than being athletically based so that the main idea of school pride could be promoted throughout the Saint Mary's community.

Many people would argue that the success of Midnight Madness lies heavily on the anticipation of the free giveaways throughout the night.

This year's grand prize consists of a weekend for two in Chicago, two nights in the Ritz Carleton, dinner at the John Hancock Signature Room, \$50

brunch money on Sunday and \$1,000 for a shopping spree.

Other prizes range from blenders to DVD players, laptop computers, gift certificates to the Inn at Saint Mary's and various restaurants in the area. Traditionally, everyone who attends will go home with a prize. Prizes are sponsored by the Vice President for Student Affairs Office and the Belles Varsity Club.

Area restaurants, including Chick-Fil-A, Fazoli's, Papa John's, Wolfies and Studebagers contributed to the event.

Freshman Shay Jolly believes the prizes will entice many students.

"I think that a lot of people will be there just for the prizes, but once they are there they will see the whole purpose — Saint Mary's pride."

Class competition will take place in events such as body spelling, hula hooping, dodge ball, tug-o-war and Frisbee.

Senior Denise Langlois said students will make the most of the event.

"I won't be intimidated by any of the freshman or underclassmen when the classes compete for the grand prize," said Langlois. "I want the underclassmen to not hold back, to go crazy and savor every moment."

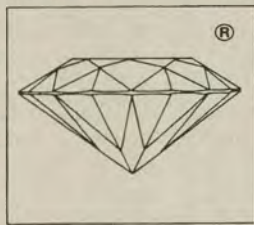
Transfer sophomore Amber Looney is excited about her new experience with Midnight Madness and being able to be apart of a well-known Saint Mary's tradition.

"I think it will be all about fun, friends, pride and most of all free food," said Looney.

The event begins tonight at 8 p.m. in the Angela Athletic Facility, and people must be in the building by 10 p.m. unless they have ticket stubs from the campus play "The Learned Ladies."

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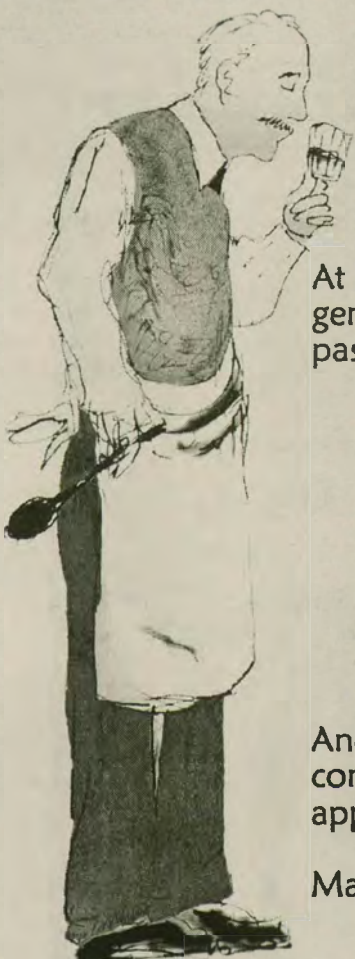


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## New magazine aims to inform students on careers

By JOHN FANNING  
News Writer

In order to better inform students of career options that fit with their passions and interests, a group of Notre Dame undergraduates has been working to establish a non-profit foundation called Changing Times.

The project, which is unaffiliated with the University, is the end-result of an idea originally conceived by Keough juniors John Cannon and John Mirshekari.

But because the two founders are currently studying abroad, they have put the project into the hands of a staff of about 20 students with a variety of majors and interests.

According to the foundations mission statement, students often miss opportunities to pursue their dreams because they are unaware of the possibilities available to them. College students, then, have a two-fold need: better information on their career options and inspiration to use their unique skills and interests to transform society.

As a result of this concern, the foundation was formed with the goal of better informing students at Notre Dame and eventually at other schools across the country — about the options available to them after they graduate.

Cannon, Mirshekari and their staff have modeled their project after successful enterprises such as student-run Web site NDToday.com, as well as foundations similar to their own at other universities such as Yale and Princeton. Yale, for example, has an entire office dedicated to student-run non-profit organizations.

The first tangible product of the enterprise will become available to students in late April. It will come in the form of a magazine called Aspire that will deal

with contemporary career issues facing today's students.

The publication is merely a starting point for the organization, staff member Kaitlyn Dudley said.

"The magazine is the first major channel that we are going to use, but it is not the totality of the foundation," she said.

Changing Times staffers also hope to eventually include an interactive Web site and experiment with other types of media.

"Through a variety of media including but not limited to a magazine and Web site, Changing Times will provide college students with this information and inspiration. Changing Times will relate the real stories of people, both professionals and students, who have come alive to their interests and made an impact on society," according to the mission statement.

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### Changing Times mission statement

The group is now in the process of submitting its business plan to the state of Indiana to become an official non-profit organization. That would allow the group to receive funding from other charitable foundations, individuals and corporate sponsors.

"Changing Times relies a lot on networking," Dudley said.

The group has several ambitious plans looming.

"We hope to have a national release in the fall, to the schools that we feel most need to hear our message."

Although Changing Times operates independently of the University, Dudley said the organizations working with the school isn't out of the question.

"We think that our mission is in line with the university's mission, and our goal is to work with the university in the future, though there is no relationship right now," she said.

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## Prof talks on parents' WWII experiences

By JILL MAXBAUER  
News Writer

Until recently, Lisa Ganser, a Professional Specialist of Biology at Saint Mary's College, knew nothing about her parents' experience during World War II. But her uncle's discovery of family pictures in a book about the war in the Pacific inspired her parents to open up and discuss what happened. Her parents and grandmother videotaped their stories and memories and sent them to Ganser.

"The most special part of this story is that it's never been told. I didn't even know about it until two weeks ago," Ganser said. But she felt that the stories were so strong, she wanted to share them Thursday in a lecture entitled "The War: A Pacific Islander's Perspective."

Ganser's mother was five years old living in Guam when she remembers her father talking about "something going on" in late October 1941. Her mother recalls the Guamanian's feeling deserted by America, although they were always hopeful that the Americans would come back. But America's left Guam completely defenseless for the Japanese attack on Dec. 8, 1941.

Ganser's mother vividly remembers a ten-mile march that to concentration camps. The Guamanians were ordered out of their homes with as much as they could carry. Those who couldn't walk were carried, and the Japanese shot those who couldn't be carried.

"My mother remembers watching her father pull an ox cart on this march. It contained my grandmother and newborn uncle, as well as our possessions ... there was no grimacing, no complaining, it was just something that they had to do. They were

too scared to show emotions," Ganser said.

When they Guamanians got to the camp, they were told to build primitive huts and dig holes for toilets.

"These holes were awful. When it would rain, the holes would fill, spilling excrement everywhere...many people got sick," Ganser said. "My mother had [hook] worms so bad, that when she coughed, worms flew out of her mouth."

The Japanese occupation went on for two and a half years. Priests were killed, the soldiers hid the Guamanians from the American soldiers and there was sexual atrocities performed against the young women.

"My mom witnessed all of these crimes, people being killed in front of their families," Ganser said.

As many as 700 people were killed, which is devastating for such a low population.

Ganser added, "A few years ago, my mom received a compensation check for one thousand dollars from the Japanese government as a form of apology I guess..."

Ganser said she found the strength the people of Guam showed during this time amazing. "They prayed all the time ... After the liberation, the people of Guam were quick to forgive ... well not quick, but they forgave the Japanese for their actions," she said. "My hypothesis is that they are such Catholic people, it is just part of their lives to forgive others."

Ganser's father and grandmother lived on the island of Oahu when Pearl Harbor was bombed. The family worked for the Dole Pineapple Plantation. Her father was eight years old and, along with a Japanese friend, had gotten up early to play that day. They lived twenty miles

from Pearl Harbor and saw the planes begin the attack from a cliff on the island.

"My dad remembers the smoke being so thick and it was so hot that he felt like he had to run."

When her father ran back to the house, Ganser's grandfather told him to stay inside while he went to look for his mother. He could feel the bullets hitting the ground as the planes shot at the workers.

"My grandmother was out in the field for the second wave," Ganser said. "While all the women heard the planes, they didn't take much notice since they lived in between military bases and planes were constantly in the air. That is until her friend saw the Rising Sun on the planes and they all became worried."

After the attacks, everyone on the plantation had to dig their own bomb shelter.

"My father's was six feet underground and ten feet wide, enough for a family of five, and it was stocked with water and canned food ... and there was always the air raid sirens going off," Ganser said. "My grandmother said she got so sick of them that she was going to wait to feel the bullets before running to the shelter again."

Ganser said her father remembered how prisoners in the camps could be swept away without a moment's notice.

"My dad's friend that he was playing with that morning, their family was forced to leave the next day, since there was such intense suspicion," she said. "He never saw his friend again. And he lived in fear that my grandfather, who looked Japanese, would be taken away."

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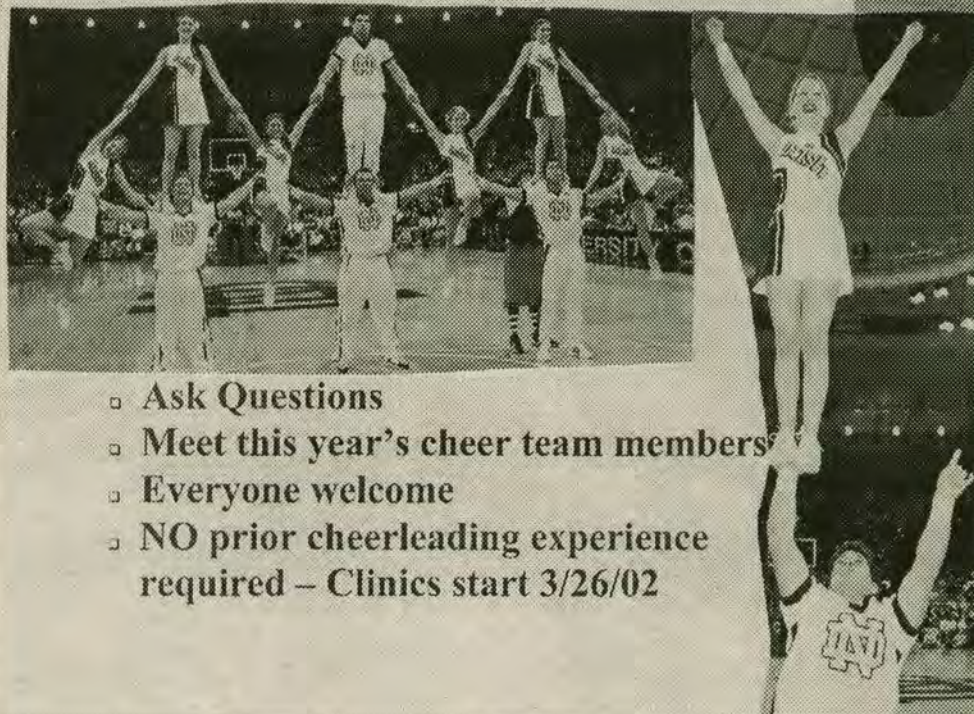
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Associated Press

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A woman whose two huge dogs mauled a neighbor to death in their San Francisco apartment building was convicted Thursday of murder, a charge almost never leveled in an animal attack. Her husband was found guilty of involuntary manslaughter.

Marjorie Knoller, 46, could get 15 years to life in prison for the second-degree murder conviction in last year's death of 33-year-old Diane Whipple, whose throat was ripped open in a gruesome attack that left the hallway spattered with blood.

Knoller looked stricken upon hearing the verdict, fighting back tears and turning to look at her parents. She appeared to mouth, "Help."

Her 60-year-old husband, Robert Noel, showed no reaction. Both were convicted on the manslaughter charge, as well as having a mischievous dog that killed someone. Those charges carry up to four years each.

Sentencing was set for May 10 in San Francisco. In all, the jury deliberated for 11 1/2 hours over

three days before convicting the couple on all counts.

A large group of Whipple's friends and her domestic partner, Sharon Smith, burst into tears in the courtroom.

"There's no real joy in this but certainly some measure of justice for Diane was done today," Smith said later. "I'm glad to see the jury didn't buy some of the smokescreens that were put in front of them."

The jurors reached verdicts on everything but the murder count on Wednesday. They said they took up the murder charge last, realizing it was the most serious charge and the most difficult.

Juror Shawn Antonio, 27, said that the jurors played repeatedly a TV interview of Knoller in which she disavowed responsibility for Whipple's death.

"There was no kind of sympathy, no kind of apologies," he said. "It helped us a lot."

It was the first murder conviction in a dog-mauling case in California and was believed to be only the third of its kind in recent U.S. history.

In pursuing the charge, prosecutors said the husband-and-wife

lawyers knew their two powerful Presa Canarios were "time bombs," and they brought in more than 30 witnesses who said they had been terrorized by the dogs, Bane and Hera, which both outweighed the 110-pound victim.

The defense contended that Knoller and Noel could not have known their animals would kill, and that Knoller tried to save Whipple by throwing herself between her neighbor and the enraged Bane. They also disputed the witnesses' accounts of being menaced by the dogs.

The gruesome case was a sensation in San Francisco: Whipple, a successful member of the city's gay community, was savagely killed outside her door in exclusive Pacific Heights by an exotic breed known for its ferocity.

Soon word spread that the owners were lawyers who specialized in lawsuits on behalf of inmates. They were also in the process of adopting an inmate, white-supremacist gang member Paul Schneider, who officials said was trying to run a business raising Presa Canarios for use as guard dogs.

The couple acquired the dogs from a farm in 2000 after Schneider complained the animals were being turned into "wusses" there. The dogs' former caretaker later testified she had warned Knoller that Hera was so dangerous it "should have been shot."

After the attack on Jan. 26, 2001, Knoller and Noel defiantly blamed the victim. Noel, who was not present during the attack and was not charged with murder, suggested Whipple may have attracted the dogs' attention with her perfume or even steroids.

"It's not my fault," Knoller said in the TV interview that was played for the jury. "Ms. Whipple had ample opportunity to move into her apartment. She could have just slammed the door shut. I would have."

In closing arguments, the prosecutor called her tone "cold as ice."

"Marjorie, from what I could see, never took any responsibility until it was convenient for her to do so at trial," the victim's mother, Penny Whipple-Kelly, said afterward. "They had tried all along to blame my daughter and anybody else that they possibly could instead of looking at themselves."

The case made legal history even before the trial began when Whipple's partner, Smith, claimed the same right as a spouse to sue for damages. The Legislature enacted a law to allow such lawsuits by gay partners.

Pretrial hearings were explosive, with the prosecutor alleging at one point that Knoller and Noel

practiced bestiality with their dogs. Evidence relating to that claim was barred from the trial by the judge along with most evidence about the Aryan Brotherhood.

The trial itself was grim: The jurors were shown 77 bloody photos of Whipple's wounds, many of them blown up to wall size on a movie screen. The prosecutors said the college lacrosse coach had been bitten everywhere except the top of her head and the soles of her feet.

Experts said the 120-pound Bane delivered the fatal wounds and prosecutors said Hera tore at Whipple's clothing during the attack. Both dogs were later destroyed.

Knoller testified for three days, crying, shouting and insisting she never suspected her beloved dogs could be killers.

"I saw a pet who had been loving, docile, friendly, good toward people, turn into a crazed, wild animal," she sobbed, referring to Bane.

Her lawyer, Nedra Ruiz, contributed to the courtroom drama by crawling on the floor, kicking the jury box and crying during her opening statement. In closing arguments, she accused prosecutors of trying to "curry favor with the homosexual and gay folks."

Noel did not testify and contended through his lawyer that he had no warning the dogs would kill. But his letters to the couple's adopted son were read to the jury. Two weeks before the attack, Noel wrote about an incident in which Whipple was frightened by the dogs as she entered the building's elevator.



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## Leaders must confront officials

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

When Father Mark Poorman proposed major changes to the University alcohol policy Monday, Libby Bishop and Trip Foley's student government administration started before current student leaders' term had even ended.

Poorman's announcement essentially forced Bishop and Foley, the student body president- and vice president-elect, to begin fighting for student interests two weeks before the pair officially takes office on April 1. But Bishop and Foley took a firm stand against the policy changes, vowing at Wednesday's rally to play a significant role in the rewriting of whatever policy University officials inevitably approve.

Their words rousingly wiped away any worries students might have had about the soon-to-be leaders' commitment to campus concerns. The pair, however, needs to immediately turn that talk into action.

It's one thing for Bishop and Foley to condemn administrators in front of 600 students who helped elect them and with whom they live, study and work. It's another thing to follow through on their Wednesday promise to students to be at

Residence Life official "Bill Kirk's door every day this summer" as the policy is revised.

The juniors won a close election in February in part by campaigning on the issue of holding administrators accountable for unclear student tailgating rules. Poorman's proposed changes somewhat address that issue. But Bishop and Foley must realize that they were elected to represent all student interests — not just tailgating.

While Bishop and Foley should insist that officials enact clear, convenient tailgating regulations this year, they must also demand that with these likely alcohol policy changes — and with all other changes affecting undergraduate life — students and their elected leaders have a seat at the table to discuss how and why the University makes decisions.

Bishop and Foley should start confronting administrators by speaking at Monday's Campus Life Council meeting, where Poorman will formally introduce the proposed changes. They must call for a student voice this spring in the probable rewriting of the alcohol policy and should continue to actively represent students and rally their support.

Wednesday was a good start. Now, Bishop and Foley must quickly deliver more.

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## Address all types of violence

In the field of conflict resolution, two types of violence exist: hot and cold.

Hot violence is the death and chaos of Sept. 11. Hot violence is the Columbine High School massacre, the Oklahoma City bombing. The unspeakable horror is visible and visceral. Outrage is immediate. Emotions are stirred.

Cold violence has little of that. It is out of sight, so routine as to arouse few emotions, so ordinary as to leave the corporate media unstirred to report it.

Cold violence is the worldwide daily death toll of some 40,000 people from preventable hunger-related diseases. Cold violence is the dying of Iraqis everyday caused by U.S.-imposed economic sanctions. Cold violence is the killing of 12 million animals a day to satisfy America's taste for meat.

We learn to compartmentalize. But how can we be selective, condemning hot violence while condoning cold violence? Double-standard ethics means that U.S. political leaders can decry the highly visible eruptions of violence — the World Trade Center, Columbine High, Oklahoma City — while ignoring public policy decisions that gird systemic and institutionalized violence.

In "The Respectable Murderers," a classic text on nonviolence, Paul Hanley Furfey, the Catholic University sociologist, wrote: "The sporadic crimes that soil the front pages, the daily robberies, assaults, rapes and murders, are the work of individuals and small gangs. But the great evils, the persecutions, the unjust wars of

conquest, the mass slaughters of the innocent, the exploitation of whole social classes — these crimes are committed by the organized community under the leadership of respectable citizens."

Since Sept. 11 and Oct. 7 when pilots from the world's richest nation began bombing impoverished people in Afghanistan, those of us who are pacifists have found ourselves denounced for not waving flags or joining the hordes who cheer George W. Bush and his war council.

A familiar script is being followed, as written by Hermann Goering, the Nazi leader: "The people can always be brought to do the bidding of the leaders. That is easy. All you do is tell them they are being attacked and denounce the pacifists for lack of patriotism."

The solution? Withdraw support — political, financial and emotional — from all double-standard practitioners of violence, hot or cold, legal or illegal. Transfer the support to those working to eliminate violence, no matter where it found or who is madly justifying it.

This nonviolent response to Sept. 11 is in the tradition of Gandhi, Dorothy Day, Jeannette Rankin, Daniel

Berrigan and groups like Pax Christi, the War Resisters League and the Fellowship of Reconciliation.

It is saying to those behind the attack: we forgive you. We reject vengeance. We believe in political, legal and moral solutions to settling grievances, not killing more people. And then summoning still more moral courage, to ask the attackers to forgive America for all of our violence,

for being the world's major arms peddler, for having a military budget 23 times greater than the combined military budgets of our seven alleged enemies, for supporting dictators, for militarizing our schools with ROTC programs, for conferring honorary degrees on presidents who believe in increasing budgets for military violence while decreasing funds for the poor.

Where to begin this overhaul? Perhaps in the schools, with peace education. Unless we teach our children peace, someone else will teach them violence.

Colman McCarthy, a former Washington Post columnist, directs the Center for Teaching Peace in Washington, D.C. He will deliver the keynote address in the Undergraduate Peace Conference at 7 p.m. tonight in the College of Business Administration's Jordan Auditorium.

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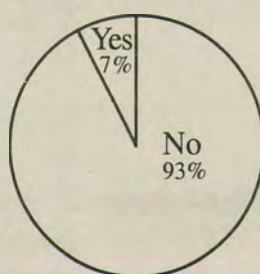
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"Leadership is practiced not so much in words as in attitude and in actions."

Harold Geneen  
entrepreneur



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## Searching for integrity in politics

While waiting in a cafeteria line on Capitol Hill, I observed two congressional staff members debating campaign tactics.

One, a Democrat, accused former President George Bush of undermining Democratic hopefuls in the late 1980s by using tactics typical of the Central Intelligence Agency.

The other, a Republican, countered by pointing out how absurd it would be for a sitting vice president to attempt to bug the office of a potential opponent.

The two staff members were abuzz over a story published this week when Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott (R-Miss.) revealed that in 1989 a listening device was discovered under a table before Lott, then a freshman senator, moved into his fourth floor suite. The table had been in Sen. Joseph Biden's (D-Del.) conference room which the Delaware senator had just vacated.

"That was the table where we did all the presidential planning," Biden, who mounted a bid for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1987, said in confirming Lott's report. "We had all my meetings when I was running for president at that conference table."

Biden, who is considering a second run for the White House, said those in his inner circle always wondered how information from their strategy sessions was being leaked.

"I was the only one to use [the room],"

Biden said. "We couldn't understand how certain things and certain information and rumors and all this stuff about me, the plagiarizing and that stuff" made its way outside the room.

Biden continued, "We couldn't understand how the hell people knew some of this stuff." Biden exited the race for the Democratic presidential nomination in September 1987 under a dark cloud after he was accused of using parts of a speech from British politician Neil Kinnock. The culprit in the eavesdropping incident was never discovered.

Our "chow line debate" escalated when the Democrat likened the Iran-Contra era tactics against Biden with the current President's campaign tactics in the South Carolina primary against Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) in 2000.

The Republican shot back that the NAACP produced television ads against Bush/Cheney that were in poor taste, to which the Democrat questioned, "Oh, and the NRA treated Gore/Leibermann with civility?"

I leaned towards the man behind me, not knowing his party affiliation, and said, "These two are classic examples of what this place has become after New Gingrich gained control. Why can't anybody be civil like Democrats and Republicans used to when Gerry Ford (R-

Mich.) and Tip O'Neill (D-Mass.) were party leaders?"

The man behind me said that he was a Republican from South Carolina who just lost his county chairmanship because he supported McCain in 2000. He said, "I hate to say this, but I agree with the Democrat. You have not seen a dirtier campaign than the South Carolina primary. I was with Mrs. McCain

when she first saw the pamphlet claiming that she had an abortion, and she was devastated."

He continued by saying that this Bush administration has more conservatives in it than the Reagan administration, and that every issue was held as a litmus test for fellow Republicans. He complained that party members cannot be 90 percent with the right wing; they must be 100 percent. He supported a local Republican congressman who admits he wants government funding to work for his district, and the local Christian wing of the party in his state is mounting an effort to defeat him in the primary.

I said that I would love for someone to challenge all the current Republicans in congress who complain about the size of government and taxation. "Let them go without any federal funding for one year in their districts, and then we'll see just

how important government is to local communities," I said.

I continued by saying that I admired John McCain because he reminded me of Harry Truman. Both of them said their minds and did not walk blindly down the party path. I recalled how Ronald Reagan recognized that a year after his tax cuts, he needed to make adjustments and worked with congress while the current president will not entertain the notion of simply reassessing the scheduled future cuts.

I said that I found it ironic how the Bush campaign chided Al Gore for using focus groups when they had done the same thing. I thought it interesting that Bush kept his DUI arrest a secret while trying to claim that he had the most integrity of any candidate. And I mentioned how Bush recently said he really did not know the Enron CEO well until documents released showed how the two were extremely close and often socialized together.

My new South Carolina friend said, "You don't know the half of it. Those folks will allow Secretary of State Colin Powell to endorse the use of condoms because they need him, but they try to destroy somebody like me who wants to use government to better my community. You just don't know the half of it."

As I lowered my plate onto my tray, I turned to him and said, "By the sound of it, I don't think I want to."

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Gary Caruso

Capitol  
Comments



## They're pushing us around

There has been a lot of vilification of Father Mark Poorman the past couple of days and frankly I'm disturbed by it. People have been writing "Osama bin Poorman" on dry-erase boards, putting pictures of him in the urinals for target practice and ranting about him in public until they foam at the mouth and people have to drag them out of the Waddick's line saying "Calm down, Muto, you just wet yourself."

Actually, I can't blame the good Padre, because it's not the man's fault. For you see, he is not Father Poorman at all, but an evil clone, hell bent on destroying all fun on campus. I have no proof of this, but that's the only explanation I can think of for this blunder of Three Stooge proportions.

I spoke at the rally the other day. For the record, I did not say that "celibate white men" are pushing us around. I said that "middle-aged, celibate white men" are pushing us around. I hate being misquoted.

I believe that my comment has some validity. The students of Notre Dame, a diverse group that holds a variety of different viewpoints and has a wide range of values and opinions, is being controlled by a small contingency of priests who don't exactly have their fingers on the pulse of the student body. It's like Walter Kronkite trying to direct a Jay-Z video.

Obtuse metaphors aside, the administration has totally lost touch with the student body and seemingly, with reality. If Notre Dame is a family, then current students are noisy kids banished from the adult table. We have to sit at the kids' table until we're wealthy alumni and can sit with the adults. This policy is a way to shut up the noisy kids without dealing with any real problems like the horrible state of gender relations or the severe lack of activities that would drive many to drink in the first place.

The most infuriating thing is that administrators

assume a condescending attitude, like it is beneath them even to deal with us. They seem shocked that a group of sex-deprived, frozen and bored stiff 20-year olds would want to do anything but sit around and play Monopoly at LaFortune on Saturday nights.

If they take away my booze, my tailgating, and my Mardi Gras, after already taking away my right to confer with women after-hours, I have a feeling I'm going to go slowly crazy like Jack Nicholson in "The Shining." Don't be surprised next year if campus police have to shoot me off the North Quad water tower after I climb it with a high-powered BB gun and start picking people off.

I'm going to cut this off now, because I want to save room for others' opinions. But I'd like to address the students first.

The rally was a great start. But we can't stop there. I can see exactly what Poorman is up to. He's threatening SYRs, knowing that we would conveniently protest. But he never had any intention of getting rid of SYRs. My guess is we are going to get SYRs back, we're going to put ourselves on the back, feeling that we got something done. Then we'll blindly go back to our daily tasks while the administration bends us over on the tailgating and hard alcohol issues. Do not let this happen.

We need to show that we have a voice, and we will not lay idly by and get pushed around. Burning du Lac is a good start. I'd burn my copy, except I'm using it to prop up one of my stereo speakers. Show the administration they can't pull the wool over our eyes. Next year I will be O'Neill Hall's president, and not only will I ignore any new rules that go into effect, but I will urge my freshmen to ignore them as well. They will beat us only if we let them beat us.

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Joe Muto

Livin' on a  
Prayer

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Where's the proof?

Students have made some excellent points regarding the changes in the alcohol policy; however, what I would like to see is the proof that backs these changes up.

Father Mark Poorman claims 30 focus groups were consulted before this decision was made, but declines to specify who they were and what was said. His letter makes references to percentages, numbers, and comparisons to other schools, yet does not include these statistics and assumes we will simply take his word for it.

Perhaps if students had access to the results of all studies, we could better understand how this decision was made. If the situation is really that bad, then the evidence will be right there for all of us to see. At a university of the caliber of Notre Dame, it would seem reasonable to believe that the students could gain insight into the administration's decision through the publication of these statistics. Whatever that insight may be, at least the University would have afforded some respect to the students that they are attempting to protect. Who knows, we might even agree.

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March 20, 2002



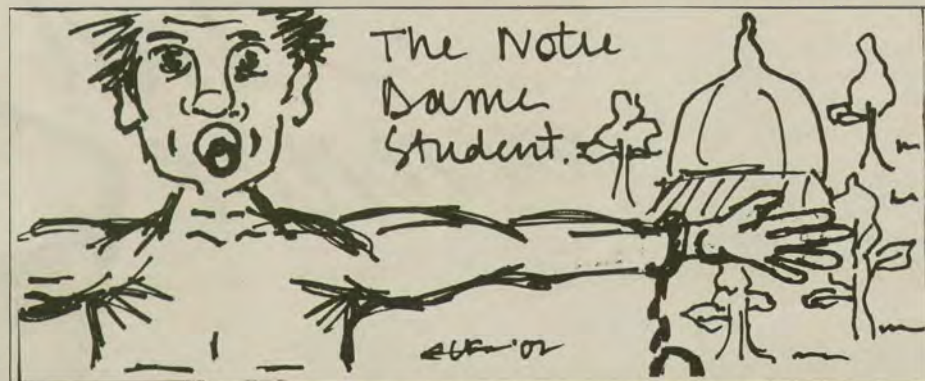
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## Examining the new alcohol policy



## New rules show lack of respect for students

As an off-campus, 21-year old senior next year, the new alcohol policies do not affect me in the least. In fact, I'm now better off since I can tailgate without fear of fine or harassment like so many of-age tailgaters experienced this past season.

So why am I enraged about Father Poorman's new policy? It shows an utter lack of respect for and confidence in the student body. Of course, this problem is not new, and Notre Dame faculty members face similar problems, but never has this outrage been so manifest as now. Much is being said about the direct impact of the policy on campus life. I wish to add my views of the larger picture here.

I doubt that anyone would deny that the students, faculty and alumni of Notre Dame are what make us a great University. Notre Dame carries a tradition of excellence in academics, but unlike other top-tier schools, we have strong social traditions that make us a family, resulting in one of the most dynamic alumni networks in the country.

Furthermore, unlike so many other universities, we have great respect for our school. We do not riot when we win national championships (or lose them), and we do not hold mass protests against policies we think are unjust. We usually respect the administration's decisions, learn to live with them and adjust our lives accordingly, like mature adults. No doubt, many were upset when the Graffiti Dance, the campout for football tickets and Sophomore Siblings' weekend were cancelled, but we eventually took these actions as a loss, moved on and embraced the new Notre Dame. Could we have protested, taken action, embarrassed this University unbearably? Yes. Did we? No, we were more mature than that.

What Poorman's policies tell us is that the University does not see students as adults, but as uncouth youngsters that must be monitored and controlled in every way, shape and form. Instead of approaching us as adults, seeking our input (and I'm not talking focus groups possibly made up of anti-drinking, anti-social people here), the administration acted like bad parents. They waited until housing contracts were in for next year and until RAs were hired (I'm sorry, guys) to unveil their tradition-killing plans.

It was a sly move. Perhaps the students, forced to live under their new, tighter rules, will eventually forget we ever had SYRs and tailgating and there would be a minimum of student response. Wrong. There will be enough of us that remember when we could be social on campus to keep the fire alive.

The problem goes way beyond alcohol, parietsals, or even being able to fish in the lake. The lives and livelihoods of the heart and soul of the school, the students and faculty are in the hands of a handful of administrators, some of whom probably forgot what it was like to be a college student. We have no voice and when we ask for one, we are refused. The saddest thing of all, however, is that no matter what the students do, no matter how much backing from all majors, ages, sexes, races, sexual persuasions or social types we have, the administration will not listen. I feel sorry for the underclassmen and the incoming freshmen. They all deserve to have the same Notre Dame tradition I experienced as a freshman and sophomore.

When I came to Notre Dame as a freshman, I was amazed at the level of camaraderie and closeness in the dorms. I had close friends at every grade level, in every major, and I never felt the need to leave campus to have a good time. I seldom felt held down by the rules.

In the short three years I have been a student here, much has changed. Already, before the new alcohol regulations have taken effect, I have noticed a dwindling dorm spirit, or rather a flame starved for oxygen from an overbearing administration. I have seen our administration take action against long-standing traditions that were never a problem and stifle our spirits without warning. Three years ago, I would have recommended the school to anyone. Now, I see Notre Dame as an excellent place to delay or harm one's social development and to increase one's stress level to outrageous levels.

Some argue that if you don't love the school, including all the changes it may care to make at will, you should find somewhere else to go. If the administration wants to parent a school full of overstressed, fake-ID wielding, drunk-driving, immature and unwieldy students on a campus where few and mostly underclass students live in the dorms (where they can't wait to get out), they may.

However, I cannot have respect or admiration for a rule-making administration that does not respect us or treat my friends and me as adults. Give us a say, a real say, and mean it, or I guarantee Notre Dame will not be Notre Dame any more — it will be another school in the Midwest, and that would be a shame.

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## Learn from the past

I was a sophomore in 1983. I expected to live on campus until I was a senior. Then the 1984 alcohol policy was announced. It took two minutes for us to agree that we were moving off campus early.

In 18 years the administration has learned nothing. I'm pushing 40 now, but I remember enough to know that believing that banning hard alcohol on campus will decrease abusive drinking is absurd. Completely, utterly, absolutely absurd. It's the behavior of an ostrich. Personal experience teaches me that for those who want to drink, the proposed changes in the alcohol policy will increase their drinking, not decrease it.

I think back to those days and I thank God that I never killed any of my buddies or myself driving to off campus bars and parties or doing any of the other ridiculously stupid things we did. I lived through it relatively unscathed, but not everybody will.

No one who reads this should think

that I condone abusive drinking. The administration is right about one thing. Binge drinking is dangerous. But the administration's answers to the problem are so far from adequate that it shocks me. As much as my alumni friends complained about ineptitude in the search for a football coach, the alcohol policy review process makes that search look stellar in comparison.

The solution must be student-based. It cannot be dictated from above. The answers to ultimatums from above will be rebellion today just as it was 18 years ago when I moved off campus in an act of defiance. Today's acts of defiance will perpetuate the problem, not diminish it.

I guess you can always review the policy again in another 18 years when this try fails.

Timothy Short  
class of '87  
Mill Creek, Ind.  
March 20, 2002

## How important is booze?

Wednesday's protest of the new alcohol policy had nearly all the makings of a great expression of solidarity at Notre Dame. Hundreds of students gathered at North Quad united with a common purpose. There were banners flying and students chanting. Television cameras panned the crowd and a few students even joined in on a spirited rendition of Kumbaya.

But there was only one thing that was missing in Wednesday's rally: a good reason to be there.

While observing the gathering, a maintenance worker standing on the steps of Lafortune remarked, "This is the biggest thing since they had that protest over the ban on kegs about 10 years back."

It is a sorry fact, but in over a decade the two largest protests at a school filled with thousands of our nation's future leaders, have been over an issue as trivial as alcohol. (I purposely omit the parietsals slumber party that took place last spring).

It is mind-boggling to think of how many better reasons to join together in protest have emerged over the past 10 years. If not being able to have hard liquor in our dorm rooms is the worst thing that we have got going on, then a lot of people in a lot of different parts of the world would say we have got things pretty good.

That is not to say that the students are totally wrong. It is obvious that the new alcohol policy has infuriated a large portion of the students here at Notre Dame, and, that being the case, these students should be encouraged to voice their opposition in the form of protest. But in doing so, we have to be honest about what we are protesting for. Hidden under the ambiguous language of our student leaders who called the new policy an "assault on the campus spirit" is

the plain and honest truth that this policy hinders nothing more than our ability to get drunk.

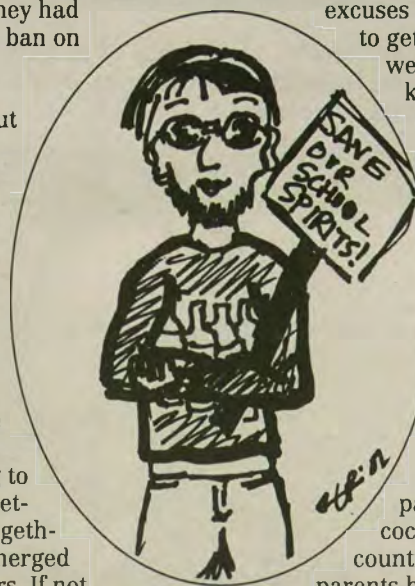
Some have argued that the policy will cause upperclassmen to leave campus. But if students are going to abandon the dorms for Turtle Creek simply because they cannot have hard alcohol we have to wonder whether those are the students we want as part of campus life in the first place.

It is true that the policy would change long-standing traditions such as the Alumni Wake, but even members of those dorms would admit that those traditions are nothing more than elaborate excuses for everyone in the dorm to get blasted. No matter how we put it, every student knows that hard liquor does not equal campus life. But even if the protest is over our right to get drunk, is that necessarily a bad thing? Even if it is not, how important is it?

Why do we never see North Quad filled with students advocating debt relief to highly indebted poor countries or in an effort to convince the pharmaceutical companies to donate the AIDS cocktail to the HIV-ridden countries of Africa. Even our parents had better ideas when they marched for civil rights and in protest of the Vietnam War.

There is no question that in this protest we have the right idea. As students who memorized the Declaration of Independence in second grade, we know that we are entitled to our rights of life, liberty and pursuit of throwing our potential into the bottom of a Bacardi bottle. It just makes you think what we might be capable of if we channeled our energy in a more meaningful direction.

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By MATT NANIA and  
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Scene Movie Critics

In most years, by the time the Academy Awards ceremony rolls around, the winners have already become a foregone conclusion. Because the Oscars arrive at the end of a long line of awards shows and critics' picks, which statistically predict the Academy's selections quite well, the actual bestowing of the golden statue seems little more than a formality.

Not so this year.

While some frontrunners have

emerged, the 74th Annual Academy Awards seems ripe for surprises and upsets. As always, behind-the-scenes antics and Hollywood politics cloud the issue of who or what is actually the most deserving, but this year the diverse nature of the nominated films and acting roles has split the industry more than ever, resulting in a wide variety in their choice of winners.

Each of the films nominated for Best Picture, for instance, has received that highest designation by some other voting body, making predictions much more difficult.

In both the male and female lead acting competitions a heated two-way race has developed. For the men,

Oscar forecasters are debating between Russell Crowe and Denzel Washington. For the women, Sissy Spacek and Halle Berry are battling it out.

Also adding to the drama, this year marks the first time three African-Americans have been nominated in lead acting categories.

In the past, only Sidney Poitier has achieved the Best Actor award, while no black woman has ever earned the prize. Denzel Washington, Will Smith and Halle Berry will look to increase that total.

Interestingly, Poitier will receive an Honorary Lifetime Achievement Award for his

career in film.

To find out the winners and check out the stars' attire, tune into the 74th Academy Awards, hosted live on ABC by Whoopi Goldberg this on Sunday at 8 p.m.

Below is an in-depth look at each category and Melissa (MR) and Matt's (MN) predictions:

**Best Picture**

**Nominees:** "A Beautiful Mind," "Gosford Park," "In the Bedroom," "Moulin Rouge" and "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring"

The race for the most sought-after trophy in entertainment consists of five very different films. Leading the pack is "A Beautiful Mind," which depicts the true story of John Nash and his battle with schizophrenia.

Well, "true" might be too strong of a word considering the media backlash the film has received for its alleged historical inaccuracies.

But these criticisms (instigated by Miramax, who's pushing its contender, "In the Bedroom") have been met with equal support from journalists who feel that the film is truthful to the spirit and overall life story of its subject.

Controversy aside, the film has been well-received by both critics and audiences.

Which brings us to "Lord of the Rings," the expensive, action-packed box office hit that mimics the style and success of last year's winner, "Gladiator." However, fantasy films have never done well on Oscar day, so voters will be hesitant to award the series from the get-go.

"Moulin Rouge" has been gaining steam, according to some pundits, but it's a stretch to think that such a wild and innovative film will appeal to the Academy's more conservative contingent.

"In the Bedroom" is the critical darling, but unlike "American Beauty," the previous award-worthy look at suburban family life, it doesn't have much comedy or optimism.

Last but not least, there is "Gosford Park." This upstairs-downstairs Robert Altman ensemble is set in a mansion on the English countryside. Post-Sept. 11, the Academy wants to award a film that lifts the spirits and verifies the triumph of human nature. No movie about a bunch of gossip-mongering snobs will receive much acclaim at the show.

The winner will be:  
MR and MN: "A Beautiful Mind"

**Best Actress**

**Nominees:** Halle Berry for "Monster's Ball," Judi Dench for "Iris," Nicole Kidman for "Moulin Rouge," Sissy Spacek for "In the Bedroom" and Renee Zellweger for "Bridget Jones's Diary"

This is a three-way race between Berry, Kidman and Spacek. Dench has won enough Oscars already, and not enough people saw "Iris," so she's unlikely to win. Zellweger should feel honored just

to be nominated.

Spacek was the early favorite after winning over the New York and Los Angeles Film Critics associations, the Foreign Press Association (Golden Globes) and the American Film Institute.

Berry's recent victory with the Screen Actors Guild has caused a stir, however, with many pointing out the Academy tends to favor younger actresses (see Julia Roberts' win last year). Kidman is also poised as a potential usurper of Spacek's crown, as voters may want to congratulate her for both of her acclaimed performances this year ("Moulin" and "The Others"), as well as her personal triumph following that nasty divorce with Tom Cruise.

The winner will be:  
MR: Nicole Kidman  
MN: Halle Berry

**Best Actor**

**Nominees:** Russell Crowe for "A Beautiful Mind," Sean Penn for "I Am Sam," Will Smith for "Ali," Denzel Washington for "Training Day" and Tom Wilkinson for "In the Bedroom"

Russell Crowe is up for a Best Actor Oscar for the third year in a row. Had he not won (inexplicably) for "Gladiator," he would be the clear-cut favorite this time around, despite his behavior at the British Academy of Film and Television Arts Awards ceremony, where he berated and muscled the show's producer after the actor's acceptance speech was cut off for time.

This little incident was the subject of much attention last month, and it may have hurt his chances to walk away with the Oscar for the second year in a row (an honor that the Academy may not wish to give out). But one gets the sense that voters simply don't care about the man's behavior. The evidence: last year Crowe was labeled a marriage-breaker due to his affair with Meg Ryan, but that obviously didn't hurt his votes. And his win at this year's Screen Actors Guild Awards indicates further that he's more respected for his work than for anything else.

But Crowe has stiff competition in



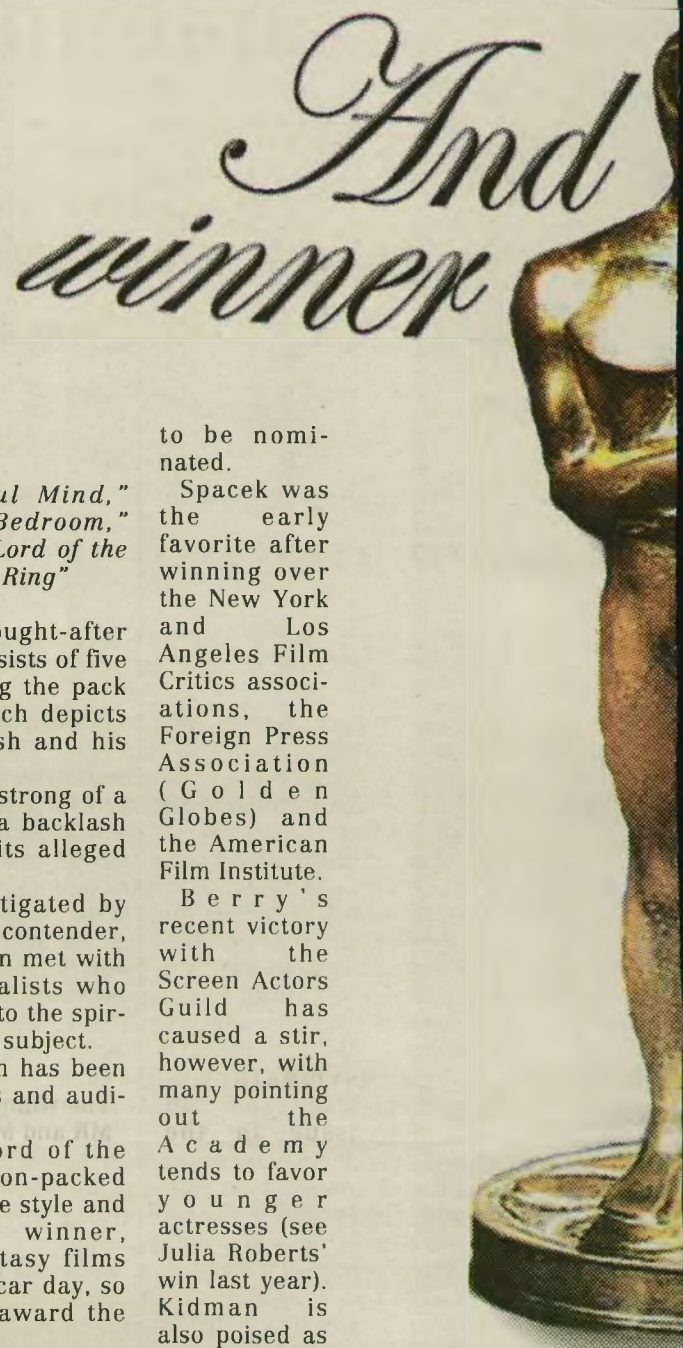
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Sir Ian McKellen won an undisputed Best Supporting Actor award at the Screen Actors' Guild awards this year. Will he have a repeat performance this weekend?



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With his third Academy nomination in as many years and having won the best actor award this year at the Screen Actors' Guild Awards, Russell Crowe is a favorite in the category.





# SCENE

## movies

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the form of Denzel Washington, who's commanding performance in the gritty cop-drama "Training Day" is the film's most highly praised aspect. Voters may take this chance to award Washington for years of fine acting, even though the character he portrays - a corrupt cop - isn't exactly sympathetic. Race as an issue in the Oscar system cannot be ignored, and with the nominations of Smith and Halle Berry, the Academy is clearly looking to award at least one

African-American at this year's ceremony. If it's not Washington, then it'll be Berry, and vice-versa.

The other contenders for Best Actor - Penn, Smith and Wilkinson - have the chance to upset if the vote between Crowe and Washington is split.

The winner will be:  
MR: Russell Crowe  
MN: Denzel Washington

### Best Director

**Nominees:** Robert Altman for "Gosford Park," Ron Howard for "A Beautiful Mind," Peter Jackson for "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring," David Lynch for "Mulholland Drive" and Ridley Scott for "Black Hawk Down."

While Altman and Howard have emerged as the frontrunners for the prize, the nominated men in this category all seem deserving of the award. While many critics couldn't decide exactly what to make of "Mulholland Drive," most praised Lynch for his unique cinematic vision.

Without a matching nomination for Best Picture however, Lynch's chance of victory is quite small. Ditto for Scott, who couldn't muster the win last year even when his film, "Gladiator," triumphed over all.

For his multiple-year work on the "Rings" trilogy, Jackson should be recognized for undertaking such a daunting task. Unfortunately, he's a Hollywood unknown and still has two films, and voters could wait to award him later. That leaves the sentimental favorites: Altman, who's never won despite an impressive body of work, and Howard, who's overcome his

Opie/Richie Cunningham days to finally join the Big Boys.

The winner will be:  
MR: Robert Altman  
MN: Ron Howard

### Supporting Actress

**Nominees:** Jennifer Connelly for "A Beautiful

Mind," Helen Mirren for "Gosford Park," Maggie Smith for "Gosford Park," Marisa Tomei for "In the Bedroom" and Kate Winslet for "Iris"

Unlike most categories this year, the Supporting Actress race has a clear favorite: Jennifer Connelly. She has emerged a fine actress in the past few years, starring in smaller independent films and winning the highly coveted part opposite Russell Crowe in "A Beautiful Mind." In terms of actual screen time, the character of Alicia Nash, John Nash's wife and main source of support, is nearly a leading role. Academy voters recognize this and will reward her effective, moving performance with the Oscar. Helen Mirren and Maggie Smith will split the "Gosford Park" vote, and both Marisa Tomei and Kate Winslet seem to lack support.

The winner will be:  
MR and MN: Jennifer Connelly

### Best Supporting Actor

**Nominees:** Jim Broadbent for "Iris," Ethan Hawke for "Training Day," Ben Kingsley for "Sexy Beast," Sir Ian McKellen for "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring" and Jon Voight for "Ali"

While Broadbent and Kingsley won raves for their performances this year, McKellen is the likely favorite. As Gandalf the Wizard, McKellen provided the heart and soul of "Lord," the year's most-nominated film. Voters who could not muster the courage to vote for the fantasy picture for Best Picture will want to compensate by awarding the film an acting award. As for the others, "Training Day" belongs to Washington, not Hawke; and Voight did not have enough screen time (barely 13 minutes) in "Ali" to make him a legitimate contender.

The winner will be:  
MR and MN: Ian McKellen

### Screenplay - Adapted

**Nominees:** "A Beautiful Mind," "Ghost World," "In the Bedroom," "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring" and "Shrek"

Akiva Goldsman has written his share of trashy screenplays ("Lost in Space" and "Batman & Robin"), but his script for "A Beautiful Mind" more than warrants a nomination. The film's narrative benefits greatly from the writer's choice to hold back certain facts from its audience as John Nash becomes schizophrenic. If it weren't for the controversy surrounding the accuracy of the film's

depiction, "Mind" would be a shoe-in. The most likely upsets are the screenplays for "Lord of the Rings," a triumph of compression (from epic novel to epic film), and "In the Bedroom," a triumph of expansion (from short story to two-hour character drama). But considering "Mind's" win at this year's Writers Guild Awards, it looks like Goldsman will fittingly go home with a gold man.

The winner will be:  
MR and MN: "A Beautiful Mind"

### Screenplay - Original

**Nominees:** "Amelie," "Gosford Park," "Memento," "Monster's Ball" and "The Royal Tenenbaums"

While each of these films won many critical accolades, "Memento" is the most deserving and should win the award. Having been unfairly ignored in the Best Picture category, this award would be a fitting consolation to the film's writer/director Christopher Nolan.

Unfortunately, the film that will likely win the award is "Gosford Park," the winner of the Writers Guild of America award for best screenplay. The WGA often forecasts the Oscars accurately; however "Memento" was left off its ballot due to a technicality and therefore never considered.

Among the other nominees, "The Royal Tenenbaums," the unconventional comedy also overlooked for a best-film nomination, has a slim but unlikely chance. The final two films need not hold their breath in this category, as "Monster's Ball's" best shot lies with Halle Berry and "Amelie" will likely win for Best Foreign Film.

The winner will be:  
MR: "Memento"  
MN: "Gosford Park"

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"The Lord of the Rings," with its 13 nominations, may not win as many awards as hoped, since there are still two more movies to follow and receive acclaim.



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With three African Americans nominated for lead awards at this year's ceremony, attention has been brought to the lack of nominees and winners of this race. Fittingly, Sidney Poitier, the only black man to ever win an award for best actor, will be receiving an Honorary Lifetime Achievement award this Sunday.



## 2002 NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

## Indiana upsets top-seeded Duke, 74-73



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Duke players Casey Sanders, left, and Dahntay Jones can't bear to watch as the game slips away in the final seconds of Duke's 74-73 loss to Indiana in the Sweet 16 round of the NCAA Tournament on Thursday night.

Associated Press

LEXINGTON, Ky.

With a never-give-up rally and a wild ending, Indiana produced an upset of Duke as stunning as any in the Hoosiers' hoops history.

Chipping away persistently at a deficit that was as big as 17 points, Indiana took advantage of another Jason Williams miscue at the foul line and beat the defending national champion Blue Devils 74-73 in the South Regional semifinals Thursday night.

Top-seeded Duke had a chance to tie it with 4.2 seconds left when Williams — a unanimous All-American — was fouled as he made a long 3-pointer to get the Blue Devils within a point. But he missed the free throw, and Carlos Boozer couldn't convert a follow shot.

Indiana (23-11), seeded fifth, makes its first trip to a regional final since Bob Knight took them to the final eight in 1993. The Hoosiers will play the winner of the Kent State-Pittsburgh game with a chance to move on to the Final Four.

"No one believed in us, that we could win this basketball game," Hoosiers coach Mike Davis said. "I hope now that people know I can coach."

It was the most significant victory of his tenure, which began when Knight was fired in 2000. Davis has had to deal with the pressure of succeeding a coach who won three national titles in a state that treats basketball as religion.

Davis jumped high in the air and raced onto the court with his players to celebrate the victory over Duke, which

returned four starters from last year's title team.

Williams, only a 67 percent free-throw shooter, left the Rupp Arena court in tears.

Jared Jeffries had 24 points and 15 rebounds for the Hoosiers, who held Duke to 33 percent shooting in the second half.

"The team worked so hard the whole year to get to this point," Jeffries said. "Duke's a very good team, they put a lot of pressure on us."

The last words from Davis to his team before they ran onto the floor: "Let's go shock the world."

The Hoosiers were shockingly bad, though, at start. They allowed Duke to take a 29-12 lead 11 minutes in, scoring 19 of those points off Indiana turnovers.

But the Hoosiers used a 17-5 run to close to 63-62 with 5:42 left as Jarrad Odle scored 11 of his 15 points and Jeffries became nearly unstoppable inside.

Indiana was helped by the poor shooting of Williams. The guard followed up his 5-for-18 shooting game against Notre Dame in the second round with a 6-for-19 effort against Indiana.

Boozer led the Blue Devils with 19 points and nine rebounds, but he, along with several other starters, got into foul trouble late. Duke's defense, which caused a season-high 23 turnovers by Indiana, was soft inside late.

The Blue Devils led by double digits at halftime Thursday despite a combined 4-for-16 shooting effort from Williams and Dunleavy. Boozer had 12 points at the break, and Chris Duhon had seven to help make up for the difference.

## ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

## Slumping Irish lose second straight to No. 51 Purdue

By COLIN BOYLAN  
Sports Writer

In a year characterized by streaky play, the Notre Dame women's tennis team is finding itself losing some ground at a dangerous time.

The 22nd-ranked Irish dropped their second consecutive match Thursday afternoon, losing 5-2 to No. 51 Purdue at the Lafayette Sports Center.

The setback pushes Notre Dame to 10-7 on the season and

puts the team in a tight spot as they enter the toughest part of their schedule.

The Irish will return to action Wednesday against Illinois, followed by tough contests against top 25 opponents Wake Forest, Duke and North Carolina.

Senior captain Becky Varnum knows the Irish will have to play better than they have in recent matches.

"For some reason, we really haven't been prepared for our matches mentally," said Varnum. "We've lost to some

teams that we know we can beat."

Against the Boilermakers, Notre Dame slipped into an early hole by losing the doubles point. Purdue picked up victories against Notre Dame's top two doubles teams to secure the opening edge. Meanwhile, Alicia Salas and Sarah Jane Connelly continued their impressive doubles showing by earning an 8-1 win over the Boilermaker tandem of Melissa Iqbal and Lara Burgarello.

Their teammates were not

able to build on that momentum in the singles competition as Purdue used a pair of upset victories over ranked Notre Dame players to maintain the upper hand.

Purdue's Gretchen Haynor got the hosts rolling early with a 6-1, 6-1 win at No. 2 singles over senior Nina Vaughan.

Moments later, Iqbal gave the Boilermakers a 3-0 match lead when she won 7-5, 6-2 over No. 75-ranked Becky Varnum, 7-5, 6-2 at No. 1 singles.

Notre Dame earned its first

point when Lindsey Green rolled past Melissa Woods, 6-4, 6-3.

However, Purdue closed out the match when Shawn Zuccarini fought through a first-set tiebreak and defeated junior Katie Cunha, 7-6, 6-1 at No. 5 singles.

After the match was decided, Connelly lost a three-set super tiebreak decision at No. 6 singles to Amy Walgenbach, 7-6, 1-6, 1-0 (10-6).

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## MEN'S TENNIS

## Irish expecting close match against Hoosiers

By JOE LINDSLEY  
Sports Writer

The last two times Notre Dame played Indiana, the Irish lost to the Hoosiers, 4-3.

Saturday, when the seventh-ranked Irish travel to Bloomington, they expect some resistance but are not about to allow the 57th-ranked Hoosiers to upset them.

"I think they always give us some trouble," Notre Dame's Javier Taborga said. "The last two years they beat us, and I think the team is waiting for this for redemption."

The last two times, Notre Dame had the skill and ability to win, according to Taborga, moved from the 20th-ranked to the 11th-ranked singles player in the nation after going 4-0 at last weekend's Blue-Gray Classic.

"I think we were a lot better than they were," he said. "They caught us at a point in the season when we were not playing well. That's the opposite now. Right now we are coming out of a very good month, and we are very strong in certain positions. I think they are going to have way too much trouble beating us."

Although Notre Dame lost to then-eighth-ranked Illinois on Sunday at the Blue-Gray Classic and subsequently dropped from fourth to seventh in the rankings as the Illini rose to second, the Irish do not feel that they are in a rut as they prepare to take on

Indiana.

"The circumstances are really the opposite from the last year when they beat us," Taborga said.

Against Illinois last weekend, Notre Dame was without the services of number three player Aaron Talarico, who was hospitalized during a close Irish victory against Harvard the day before. Additionally, the Blue-Gray Classic was Notre Dame's first outdoor tournament of the season, while the match at Indiana will be played indoors.

"Although we lost to Illinois, I think we know that with all the guys healthy and the way we've been playing indoors, we shouldn't have a problem," Taborga said. "I think the team is playing better indoors than outdoors."

Talarico is disappointed he could not participate on Sunday but he does not feel the loss to Illinois has adversely affected his team.

"[The Blue-Gray] was the kind of tournament where everyone was gunning for us. Yeah, we were disappointed, but at the same time, we had just beat Illinois [two weeks earlier]. Our team was banged up, [the Illini] were banged up. In the whole picture, it wasn't a huge loss," said Talarico, who is completely recovered now and will play on Saturday. "I just got extreme dehydration [last weekend]. I had no water in my system," he said. "I think I drank too much sweet

tea."

While the Irish seem to be confident, they are not completely discounting the Hoosiers.

"We really cannot say that we have the win guaranteed," Taborga said. "On paper if you compare the two teams, we should beat them pretty easily. But every single year they give us a fight."

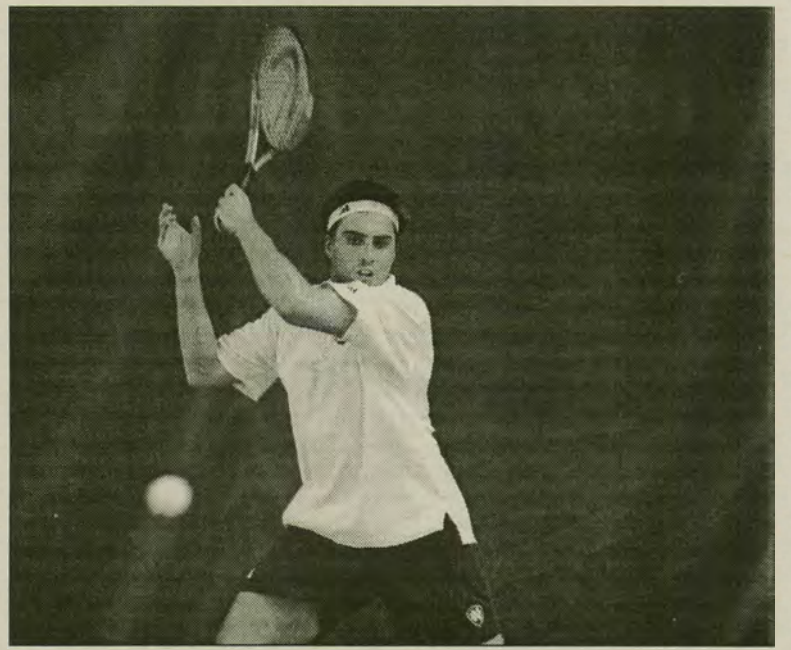
"They always come up ready to play. They have a lot of fighters on their team, so they're a really tough team," Talarico said.

While Notre Dame has nationally-ranked players in No. 11 Taborga, No. 64 sophomore Matt Scott and a fifth-ranked doubles duo of Taborga and senior Casey Smith, Indiana does not have any true standouts.

"They don't have one player that is just unbelievably good. They just have a lot of solid players, a lot of fighters, a blue collar team," Talarico said. "I always expect a tough match from them."

After the Irish had the opportunity to see how they fared outdoors last weekend, they are focusing on improving in certain areas indoors in hopes of becoming a stronger outdoor team. After all, the NCAAAs are played outside, not inside.

"The one thing we're going to work against Indiana is doubles. I think the adjustment to outdoors for our doubles team hurt us a bit," Talarico said. "Our doubles will get stronger indoors, and hopefully we will be able to



RICO CASARES/The Observer

Irish senior Javier Taborga returns a serve in a match earlier this season. Notre Dame takes on Indiana Saturday.

build on that and then bring [the improvements] outdoors."

The team's strengths overpower its weaknesses though, as evidenced by its 15-4 record. According to Talarico, Notre Dame's greatest asset is its team chemistry, something he thinks has been complemented by Taborga's performances and leadership.

"Javier has made our team the difference between being a 20th-ranked team and a top ten ranked team," he said. "He's playing some ball, and it's helping our team a lot."

Notre Dame has some firm goals for this season, and the match against Indiana could be another step in winning home court advantage for the NCAA tournament, as well as a step towards the national championship.

"We have fun on our trips, but at the same time we really take ourselves seriously because we have a good team this year and it'll be too bad if we don't cash it in," Talarico said.

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## WOMEN'S SWIMMING

## Nixon places seventh in 50-yard freestyle

By NOREEN GILLESPIE  
Senior Staff Writer

In the fastest heat ever recorded in NCAA history, Irish senior Carrie Nixon placed seventh in the 50-yard freestyle finals at the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships in Austin, Texas Thursday.

Nixon, who sat out last year after shoulder surgery, earned a career-best time and broke her own Notre Dame record in the event with a time of 22.53 seconds. Her finish Thursday night also topped her morning preliminary performance of 22.70 seconds.

The race ensured Nixon the second All-American honor of her career.

"To come back and go lifetime-best after being out for a year is pretty incredible," said head coach Bailey Weathers.

Although Nixon placed fourth in the event in 1999, the 2002 field of competition was record-setting. In what was the fastest 50-yard swim in United States' history, Georgia junior Maritza Correia set a new NCAA, American and U.S. Open record by finishing in a time of 21.69. Rice junior Mandy Mulzar was second in 22.17, while Auburn's Eileen Coparropa was third in 22.39. Only .05 seconds separated fourth through seventh place

as Georgia's Stefanie Williams was fourth in 22.48, Texas junior Erin Phenix was fifth in 22.51 and Auburn sophomore Rebekah Short was fifth in 22.52.

"That's probably the fastest heat there's ever been in American swimming at the college level," Weathers said. "It's comparable to Olympic trials."

Nixon is one of nine Irish athletes competing at the three-day NCAA Championships this weekend.

She is joined by teammates senior Kelly Hecking (backstroke) senior Allison Lloyd (breaststroke), senior Heather Mattingly (diving), sophomore Lisa Garcia (individual medley and butterfly), sophomore Marie Labosky (individual medley and freestyle), sophomore Lisa D'Olier (butterfly), freshman Kristen Peterson (backstroke) and freshman Kelli Barton (freestyle).

Mattingly, who is the only diver in Notre Dame history to compete at the national meet all four years of her career, earned honorable mention All-America honors on the 1-meter diving board and finished 12th with 267.00 points. It was Mattingly's best-ever finish in the 1-meter competition at the NCAA Championships. Her previous best finish on the 1-meter board was 15th as a sophomore. Mattingly, who will also

compete in the 3-meter event tomorrow, was 12th on the 3-meter board in 2001.

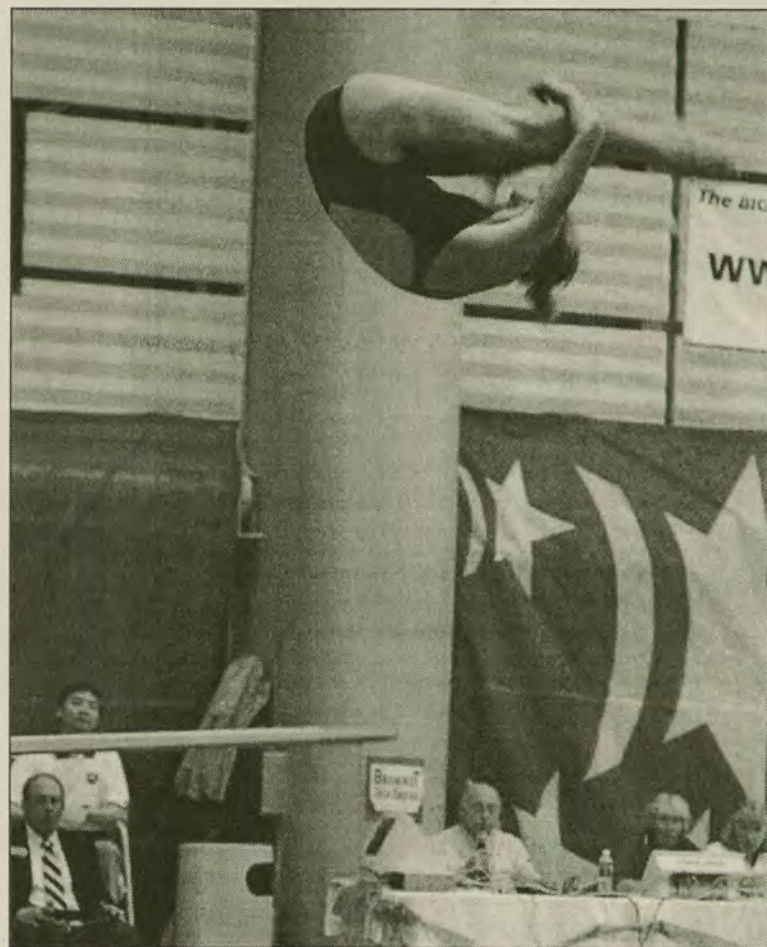
The Irish 400-yard medley relay team of Hecking, Lloyd, D'Olier and Nixon earned honorable mention All-America honors after placing 13th with a time of 3:42.87.

In morning preliminary swims, Notre Dame's 200-yard freestyle relay team of Hecking, Nixon, Garcia and Peterson just missed making the consolation finals, finishing 17th in the preliminaries in 1:32.78.

Barton, a freshman, participated in her first career NCAA meet, finishing 56th in the 500 freestyle (4:59.61) and sophomores Garcia (30th, 2:02.21) and Labosky (54th, 2:04.44) competed in the 200-yard individual medley.

The Irish continue at the NCAA meet Friday with preliminaries at noon and finals at 8 p.m. The same foursome who competed in the 400-yard medley relay will begin Friday's competition, this time in the 200-yard medley relay.

Labosky will then compete in her strongest event, the 400-yard individual medley, in which she placed 12th at the 2001 NCAA meet to earn honorable mention All-America honors. Labosky comes into the race with the 13th fastest time nationally. Barton also will compete in the 400-yard individual medley.



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Heather Mattingly earned All-American honorable mention honors in the 1-meter diving competition at the NCAA Championships.

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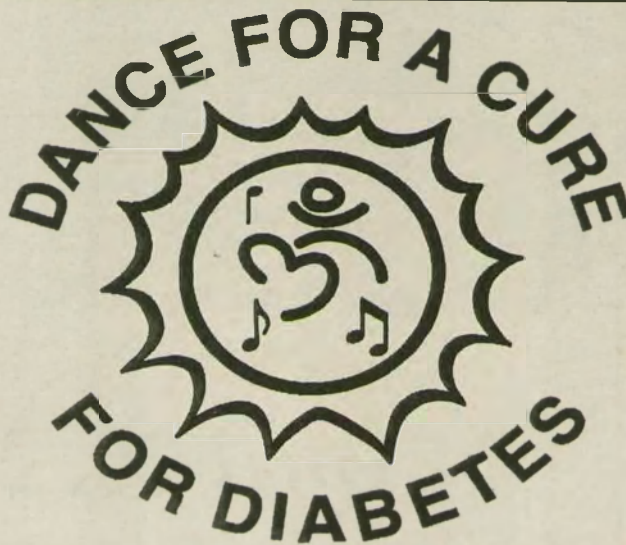
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## NHL

# Red Wings defeat Blue Jackets in OT thriller

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COLUMBUS, Ohio

With tears, silence and eventually cheers, Columbus hockey

fans paid their respects to the 13-year-old girl who died after being hit by a puck.

Brittanie Cecil died Monday, two days after being struck by a puck during Columbus' game

against Calgary. The eighth-grader from suburban Dayton was remembered with a moment of silence prior to the start of Thursday night's game against Detroit.

By the finish, the crowd gave both teams a standing ovation as they left the ice after the Red Wings won a wild 3-2 game on Sergei Fedorov's wraparound goal 25 seconds into overtime.

Niklas Lidstrom had three assists and Brendan Shanahan had two assists for the Red Wings.

Fedorov had tied it from the right dot with 4:47 left in regulation after Shanahan's slap shot bounced to him off Columbus defenseman Rostislav Klesla.

Jaroslav Spacek, acquired earlier this week in a trade with Chicago, scored short-handed for his first goal in a Columbus uniform to provide the Blue Jackets' second goal.

Spacek also figured in two other key plays, checking Detroit's Chris Chelios in the final minute of regulation when it appeared he had a clear path to the goal, and then hammering a hard slap shot in the final seconds that Dominik Hasek deflected with his chest pad.

That was part of a wild last 45 seconds of 4-on-4 after Kris Draper had his stick taken by the Columbus bench and he retaliated by slashing at the bench.

Columbus led 2-1 through two periods, Ray Whitney picking up his 20th goal 2:03 when he jammed a pass from David Vyborny past Hasek. Whitney extended his goal streak to three games in a row.

After the Red Wings evened it on a soft goal allowed by Columbus goaltender Marc Denis — Kirk Maltby's lazy scoop shot from the right boards somehow eluded Denis — the Blue Jackets took the lead again on Spacek's nifty goal.

## What's the Future of this Relationship?

- *What's next for our relationship after graduation?*
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## MEN'S LACROSSE

# Irish hope to take away Hofstra's pride

By JOE LICANDRO  
Sports Writer

It has been a tough year for the Notre Dame men's lacrosse team.

The Irish have lost four games against some of the stiffest competition in the country by a combined five goals.

With a 1-4 record, the good news is that the Irish still have a lot of lacrosse left to play to turn their season around.

The bad news is that the opposition will not get any easier this Saturday when the Irish play host to the visiting Pride

of Hofstra. Hofstra has been a thorn in Notre Dame's side over the last three years, including handing the Irish their only regular-season defeat last year.

The No. 12 Pride have defeated the Irish three straight times, each time by one goal.

Notre Dame coach Kevin Corrigan believes this game is critical for the Irish to gain some confidence as they try to return to the NCAA tournament. Hofstra is Notre Dame's last opponent before they begin Great Western Lacrosse League divisional play, which will determine the Irish post-season prospects.

"We cannot worry about what has happened in the past against Hofstra," said Corrigan. "Right now we just need to focus on the next game we play. We really need a win this week to try to get back to the NCAA Tournament."

Although Hofstra's record sits at 3-3, they enter this game coming off an impressive 11-8 victory over Fairfield. Captain Devin Ryan and the rest of his fellow seniors would love to defeat Hofstra for the first time in their careers, but they know this game will not be easy.

"Hofstra is definitely a good

team," said Ryan. "They are strong every single year, and they will be no different on Saturday. They are capable of beating anyone in the country."

The key to Irish success against the Pride will be stopping senior attackman Tom Kessler. Through six games, Kessler has scored 11 goals and registered 10 assists en route to a team-leading 21 points.

Notre Dame's defense, led by senior captain A.J. Wright, performed well

against third-ranked Loyola and fourth-ranked Virginia, but the Irish still came up short at the end of the games.

"Our defense has

played very well, but it does not matter if the other team scores more goals than you at the end of the game," said Corrigan. "Our offense is improving, but we need a total team effort against Hofstra."

The Irish offense has struggled with consistency this season because it has had to replace so many starters from last year. The youth movement on the Irish offense, led by freshmen Brian Giordano and Matt Malakoff, has improved since the beginning of the year.

"I'm very pleased with how our younger guys have been playing. They keep getting better each game," said Corrigan. "We need our veterans to step up their play. We have to do a better job of taking care of the ball on offense."

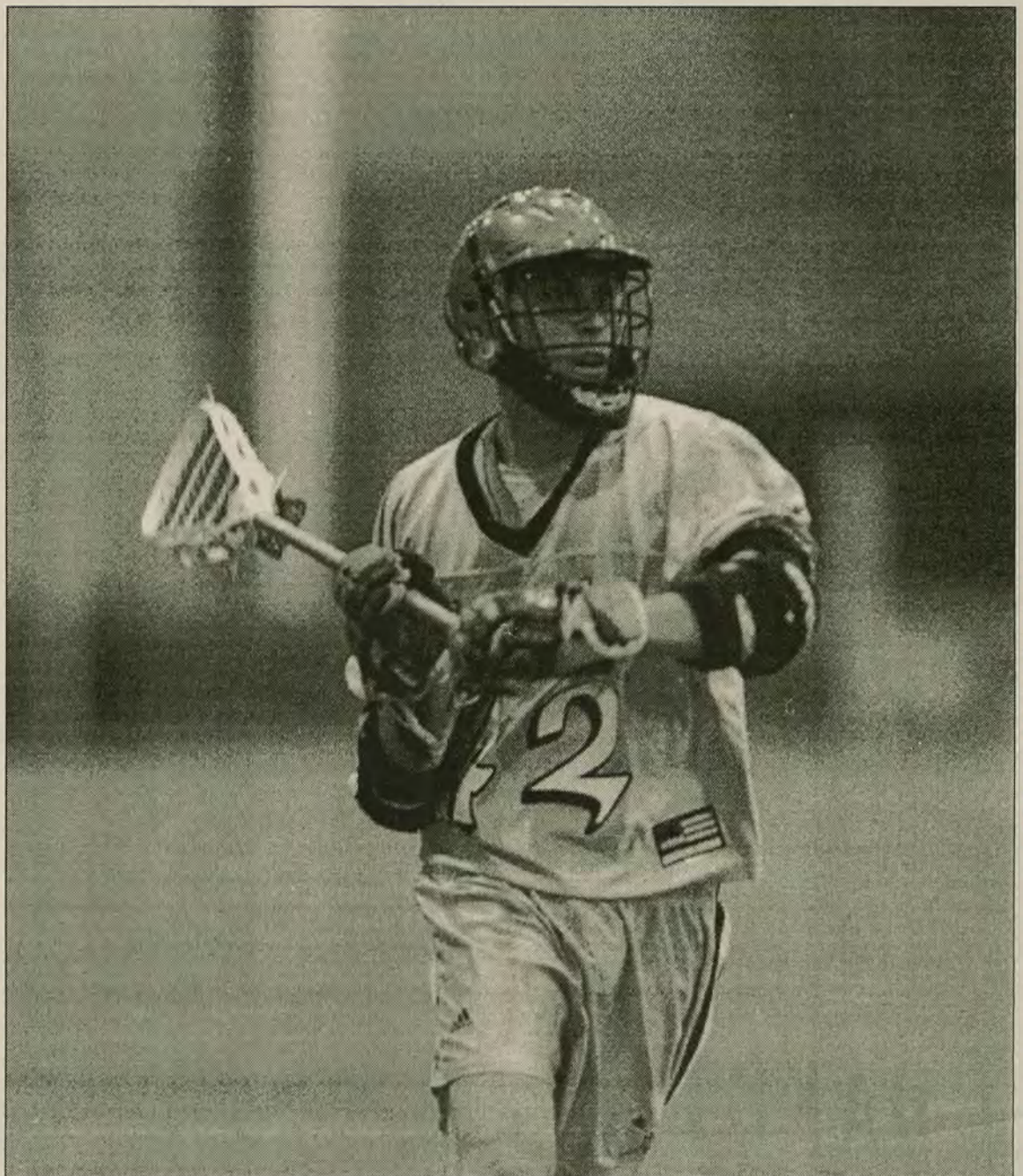
Brian Giordano echoed the sentiments of his coach.

"We're in the middle of an ongoing learning process on offense," he said. "We're starting to pick up on each other's tendencies. If we put together an offensive and defensive game plan like we did against Rutgers, we will be successful every time."

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*"We need our veterans to step up their play. We have to do a better job of taking care of the ball on offense."*

**Kevin Corrigan**  
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Irish sophomore midfielder Owen Mulford looks downfield during Notre Dame's 10-9 loss to Penn State earlier this season. The Irish host Hofstra on Saturday.

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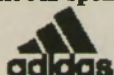
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# Madness

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the other three halls. The Angels have already managed to score 52 points, and with two of their teams playing in championship games, they could add 30 more points to their total.

The Comets of LeMans will be taking on Holy Cross's Little Rascals in soccer, while Le Bak will be taking on Holy Cross's Prom Queens in volleyball. The Prom Queens will be making a repeat appearance at Midnight Madness, coming in as the defending champions after defeating the Senior Spikers last year.

The basketball finals will be a battle of the car-driving, off-campus crowd. The Super Sexy Seniors will be taking on the Basketbelles in a match that promises to be entertaining. The Super Sexy Seniors, with varsity athletes such as Rachel Deer, Kelly Roberts, Katie Robinson and Mary Campione, will provide stiff competition for the Basketbelles.

Following the intramural championship games, athletic

activities that the whole campus can take part in will begin. There will be several drawings, class spirit contests, games and food.

But for all those involved in planning the event, it is really about school pride.

"The whole purpose of the night is really to share Saint Mary's spirit and pride," said Athletic Director Lynn Kachmarik, who introduced the event three years ago.

According to Kachmarik, the planning committee is hoping for an increase in participation, from the over 800 community members who came last year, to more than 1,000 this year.

"One of our goals this year is not only increasing the number [of guests in attendance], but to keep them longer," Kachmarik said. "We don't want people coming and going. So we've tried to make some changes in the course of the night, throughout the duration."

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**Lynn Kachmarik**  
Saint Mary's athletic director

Those changes include a surprise opening that the planning team has been referring to as "the Opening Spectacular." Aside from Kachmarik, Miller and a few other members of the planning team, the opening will be a surprise even to those

who have helped plan Midnight Madness.

"The main thing with the opening spectacular, [is that] the people on the planning committee know

every detail [of the night] so nothing has been a surprise," Miller said. "This way we still have a surprise to them. [Since] only a few of us know exactly what is going to happen."

The madness gets under way tonight at 8 p.m. and all students, except those who have ticket stubs from Saint Mary's presentation of "The Learned Ladies," must be in the d333oors by 10 p.m.

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## NCAA COLLEGE BASKETBALL

# Arkansas upholds coach's dismissal

Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.

The University of Arkansas' top executive upheld the dismissal of basketball coach Nolan Richardson, saying Thursday that he concurred in a campus chancellor's decision to fire the basketball coach.

President B. Alan Sugg said he reviewed 80 pages of material submitted by Richardson and interviewed a number of people while doing his own research. In the end, he agreed that the coach should be replaced.

"Based on my review, I am firmly convinced that the termination of your employment agreement by [Chancellor] John White in consultation with [athletic director] Frank Broyles was legal and fair," Sugg wrote Thursday in a letter to Richardson. "I find no evidence of discriminatory conduct or motive in the making of this decision by John White and Frank Broyles."

It wasn't whether Richardson would sue. The appeal to Sugg was seen as a prerequisite for any action through the courts or government agencies.

"We're not going to move in haste. We'll consider all options carefully and in due course," said Richardson's lawyer, John Walker. "It'll be awhile before

we choose to do anything. We won't make any announcement about it. We'll just do it if we do it."

For a time, and with input from several others, Richardson tried to develop a variety of conditions under which he might stay at the university, Walker said. One set of suggestions, obtained by The Associated Press, demanded that Broyles resign and that Richardson be allowed to take a year off.

"We were asked by emissaries, purportedly representing the university, what conditions would be appropriate in order to resolve this matter," Walker said.

Walker and university lawyer Fred Harrison said Richardson never presented the demands to Arkansas.

"They were never presented because our settlement discussions broke down," Walker said.

White terminated Richardson's contract March 1 and said the coach had asked privately and publicly to be bought out.

Richardson said Feb. 23 and Feb. 25 that if the university bought out his contract, he would leave. He said later, however, that he wanted to stay and asked Sugg to review White's decision.

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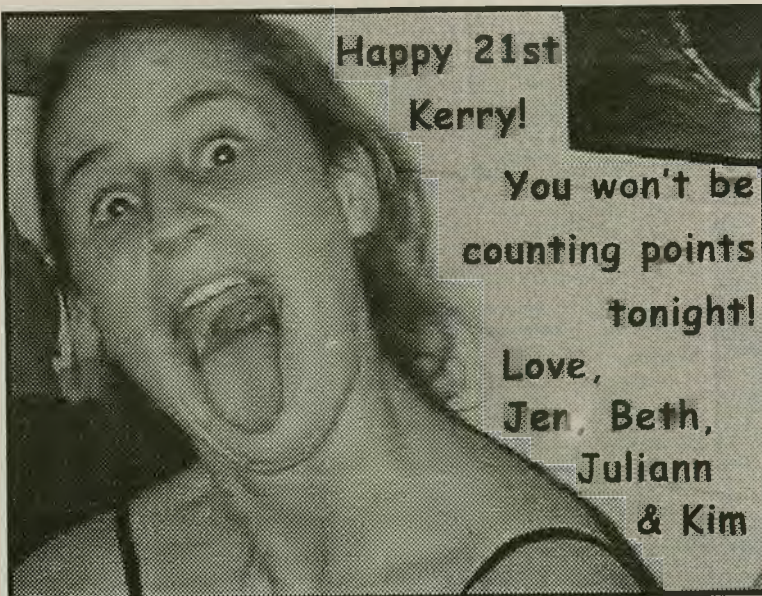
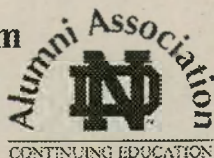
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## BASEBALL

# Irish carry win streak into Big East opener

By CHRIS FEDERICO  
Sports Editor

After playing a total of 15 games in four early-season tournaments in the warmth of the Deep South, the Notre Dame baseball team finally returns to a more familiar environment this weekend, as it travels to Storrs, Conn., for a three-game Big East series against the Connecticut Huskies. It marks the Irish's first conference games of the year.

For the Irish, who entered the season ranked as high as fourth in some polls, the trips proved surprisingly unkind, as a rash of injuries to multiple Irish starters, including last year's Big East Rookie of the Year Steve Sollmann and preseason All-American Brian Stavisky, struck the squad.

"We've had so many vital injuries," senior captain Steve Stanley said. "You really don't realize with guys like [former Irish pitchers Aaron Heilman and Danny Tamayo] last year how important it is to have such a great defense behind you. Especially with some of our inexperienced young pitchers, we're really finding out now what good defense is all about."

The injuries, combined with the fact that the Irish were playing mostly Southern teams in their own regions, led the Irish to a 5-6 start.

"We had been struggling early," Stanley said. "When we first went to Round Rock [Texas], we lost three of the four games, so we started out with a real tough start."

In their earlier struggles, the Irish suffered injuries to starters at every infield position, causing many players to be forced into unusual situations, including having catcher/third baseman Paul O'Toole start his first game at second base since high school and seniors Ken Meyer and Matt Bok starting at first base and left field, respectively.

"I don't really think [the injuries] have been that bad, especially because it's mainly been the veteran players that have been shifting around a lot," Irish captain Andrew Bushey said. "For the most part, it's been minor adjustments, but it's been adjustments we've handled pretty well."

Following the Irish Baseball Classic in San Antonio, Texas, at the end of spring break, the Irish have started to come together, winning four straight games to push their record to 9-6.

"[After losing those games] we dropped out of the top 25, but at the same time, our team is just finding itself," Stanley said. "We're learning about each other and becoming a team."

Several Irish hitters have been on a roll lately, including Stanley, Stavisky and Bushey, who are each hitting over .400 for the season. Stavisky has already made a powerful impact with his return to the lineup, belting three home runs and boasting a monstrous 1.048 slugging percentage.

Part of the staple of the Irish lineup this year has been the impressive contributions of several freshmen pitchers. Irish

starters Chris Niesel, Grant Johnson and John Axford have combined this season for a 3.10 ERA and 57 strikeouts in nearly half of the

team's 134 innings pitched. The three are each expected to start a game in the series this weekend.

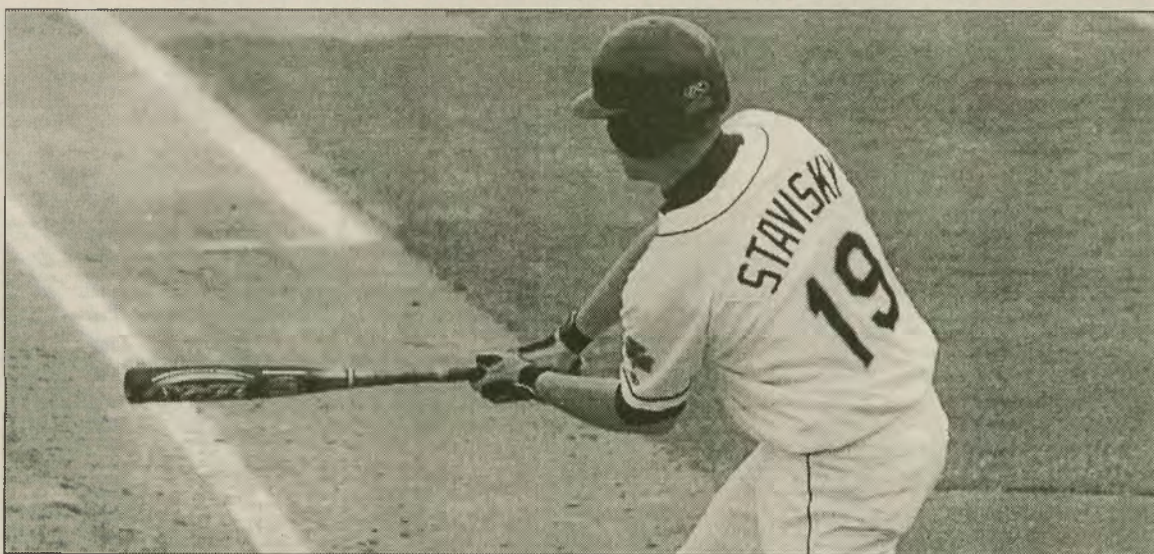
"That's something I don't think I've ever done," head coach Paul Mainieri said. "But I have complete confidence in these young guys. They've showed so far this year that they have great ability and composure on the mound."

The Huskies got off to a much more difficult start than Notre Dame did this season, going 0-4 before winning their next five games out of six to even their record at 5-5. They are led at the plate by junior infielder Brett Barnham, who is currently batting .486 after their first ten games.

Junior lefthander Jesse Carlson has been the staple on the mound for the Huskies, going 3-0 and pacing the team in ERA at 2.84 and strikeouts with 25.

The teams will play a double-header beginning at noon Saturday, and will wrap up the series with another noon start Sunday.

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Irish outfielder Brian Stavisky takes a swing against Villanova last season. Notre Dame opens its Big East season at Connecticut this weekend.

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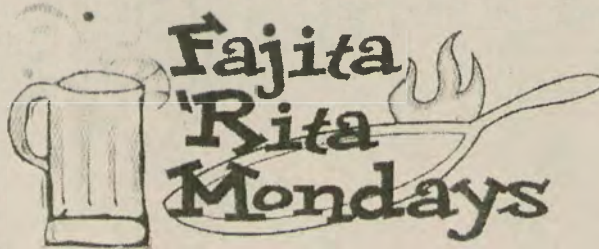
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# Fencing

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national championship for Kryczalo and Ament, the intense pressure of the NCAAAs did not

affect their performance.

"The thing for me is for it not to let me get nervous," said Ament. "You can't think about the pressure because other people are relying on me. You can't think that it's your fault that the team loses if you drop a bout. That will

just make you more nervous."

The most impressive wins for the pair came against Penn State's team of Meredith Chin and 2001 NCAA runner-up Marta Grochal. Kryczalo continued her dominance of the foil field, beating Chin 5-0 and Grochal 5-1.

Ament defeated Grochal 5-0 and Chin 5-3.

"I was pretty confident going in because I already knew how to fence both girls," Ament said. "Because I knew that was the head-to-head competition, I was even more intense. I was pretty pumped up for it."

Kryczalo's +60 indicator, her touches scored minus her touches received, is 14 more than Ament's and 26 more than Wayne State's Inga Wallrabenstein, who is in third place. In yielding only 10 touches and compiling a 14-0 record, Kryczalo could not have planned a better opening day.

"I thought I could score like that because I felt a lot of pressure on me because I am one of the fencers who can win this," she said. "I felt glad to do this well because I couldn't do any better."

With the success of the foil team came the disappointment from women's sabre. Cari McCullough's eight victories and sophomore Destanie Milo's five gave the Irish 13 points, but placed them sixth overall.

Early in the meet, McCullough and Milo could not build any momentum. Their one win in the first round caused assistant coach Janusz Bednarski to tell the fencers to regain their focus.

"During the first round [the bad start] messed me up badly, but after the first round I got myself back on track mentally," said Milo.

McCullough had a more interesting method.

"Janusz told Destanie and I to just go do whatever it took to get our heads back into the game," said the senior sabre captain. "I called my friend, who is a singer. He is a good luck charm for me really. I told him to sing to me, and he did, and it calmed me down I think ... Then I got back in and I was in a good mood. I forgot about the first round and everything was fine."

After their disappointing opening round, McCullough rebounded to win seven of her next nine matches, while Milo took five of nine. During that comeback,

McCullough defeated MIT's Caroline Purcell, the 2000 NCAA champion, 5-4.

Knowing his women's sabre squad underachieved, head coach Yves Auriol realizes a better effort is necessary on day two.

"Women's sabre is so strange. With what Cari did today, after a lousy first round, she came back, and that means she is strong and is functioning," said Auriol. "But the big disappointment of the day is Destanie Milo. We need a better showing from Milo to win the overall title, and I'm sure she will."

In women's epee, sophomore Kerry Walton sits in third place with a 12-2 record in her NCAA Championships debut. Junior captain Anna Carnick is in eighth place and has nine wins.

Walton started off winning her first six matches before losing 5-2 to St. John's Emese Takacs, the defending epee national champion. Carnick and Walton both beat 2001 runner-up Ariene Stevens to give Notre Dame a split against St. John's. Walton scored the winning touch with four seconds left in overtime to earn a 4-3 victory.

"Their women's team is extremely strong," Walton said. "They beat us during the regular season so it was great to split with them. That was excellent."

The big match-up for the epeeists today will come from Penn State. Stephanie Eim is in first place with a 14-0 record and 2000 champion Jessica Burke has nine wins. The Irish, with 21 wins, are in second behind the Nittany Lions' 23.

Despite his team being in first place after day one, Auriol does not want to entertain the idea of winning a national championship.

"There is a lot of fencing left," he said. "I don't even look at the score. I don't want to know."

The women's competition concludes today and the men will fence on Saturday and Sunday.

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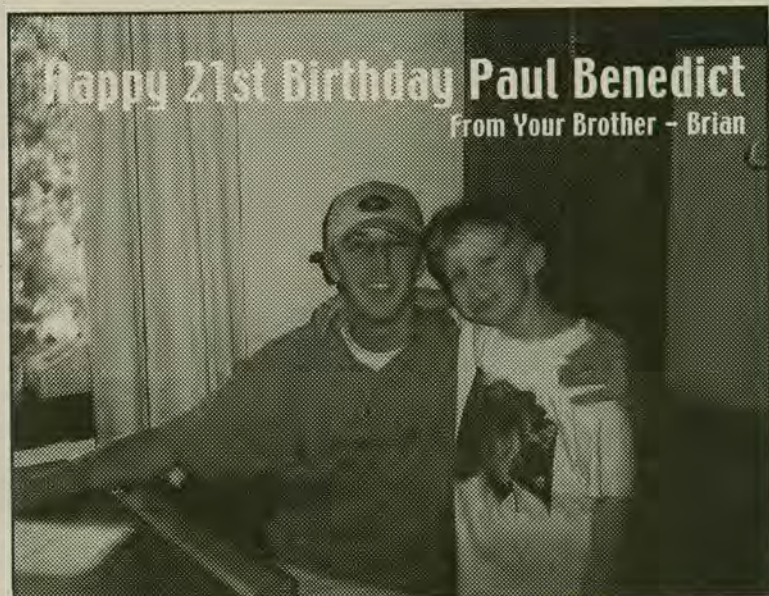
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# Track

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statement this weekend. Last year she took 13th place in the 400-meter dash at the NCAA outdoor championships with a time of 53.28 seconds. During the indoor season, she has improved her 400 time to 53.1 seconds.

Joining Grow in the sprints will be junior Kymia Love, and sophomores Kristen Dodd and Ayesha Boyd. Love won the 400-meter dash in last year's Baldy Castillo Invitational. Grow took first in the 100-meter dash and second in the 200-meter dash. All four women make up the mile relay team that took ninth place two weeks ago at the Indoor National Championships.

Tameisha King has had considerable success at this invitational. Last year she placed third in the 100-meter high hurdles and first in the long jump. King was one of the six Irish women to qualify for the 2001 Indoor National Championships, where she took 13th place overall in the long jump. Joining her will be freshman Tiffany Gunn, who competed in the 60-meter hurdles during the indoor season.

Rounding out the women competitors this weekend are pole vaulters Jamie Volkmer and Jill VanWeelden. Volkmer took first place in the pole vault at last year's Baldy Castillo Invitational, with VanWeelden finishing in third.

Completing the Notre Dame squad are the men's sprinters, led by two freshmen who have had impressive indoor seasons. Freshman Dwight Ellick is the top Irish sprinter, posting times of 6.83 seconds in the 60-meter and 21.32 seconds in the 200-meter during the indoor season. Classmate Selim Nurudeen, who has a time of 8.02 seconds in the 60-meter hurdles, will run the 100-meter high hurdles this weekend. Joining them will be Jason Beckstrom, Ryan Hurd and Tom Gilbert, all running in the 100- and 200-meter events.

This weekend's invitational is a chance to prepare for the Purdue and Stanford Invitationals next weekend, where the whole track and field team will be split up and competing at one of the two invitationals.

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## SOFTBALL

# Irish kick off conference season

By AARON RONSHEIM  
Sports Writer

Two doubleheaders at home this weekend will lead off the Notre Dame softball team's Big East schedule. The Irish (8-12) will play two games against Rutgers on Saturday, followed by two more against Villanova on Sunday.

Players are eager to spend a weekend in South Bend and play at home for the first time this year.

"We are excited to be back at home," centerfielder Jenny Kriech said. "We have been traveling a lot this season. We are really pumped to play in front of a home crowd."

After the toughest pre-conference schedule in school history, in which the Irish played eight top-25 teams, they hope that the tough schedule has prepared them for Big East competition.

"I think it is going to be a huge advantage for us because we have been facing all the top teams," said third basemen Andrea Loman.

The Irish will face two teams at the opposite ends of the standings this weekend. Rutgers has a record of 1-11 and has scored only 22 runs in those 12 games.

Villanova, along with Notre Dame, was picked to win the Big East conference. The Wildcats are

12-2 with the help of Theresa Hornick, the preseason Big East pitcher of the year.

Even though Rutgers has gotten off to a slow start, they are very capable of turning their season around. Under Pat Willis' 30 years of coaching, the Scarlet Knights have only finished under .500 three times.

"Their record doesn't show what they are made of. We saw them play, and they are a good and scrappy team," said Irish head coach Deanna Gumpf.

Brittney Neer leads the Scarlet Knights with a .414 batting average, good enough for fifth place in the Big East.

This will be the only time that Notre Dame gets the chance to play these teams, so games will be important for both teams, especially the Villanova-Notre Dame matchup.

Last season, Villanova finished with a 43-10 record under coach Maria DiBernard. The Wildcats are looking to improve on that record with their strong pitching staff. Besides Hornick (5-1), Villanova has Shannon Williams (3-0) and Kristen Hayes (2-0) who are responsible for a team earned run average of only 1.23.

On offense they are led by junior Sara Carlson, the Big East preseason Player of the Year, and Ricci Lugo, who has six home runs on the year, along with a .417 avg. and 25 RBIs.

When asked about pitching around Lugo or any special plans, Gumpf said, "We will go right at her. She is good, we just have to be smart."

Even through the Wildcats have gotten off to a good start, Loman is confident about Notre Dame's chances against the Wildcats.

*"We have been traveling a lot this season. We are really pumped to play in front of a home crowd."*

Jenny Kriech  
centerfielder

"We know how we measure up against them. We think we are the better

team, so we just have to stick it to them and let them know who is top in the Big East," said Loman.

The Wildcats will face a very balanced Irish team. The Irish have five players with more than five RBIs. The Irish have 11 round trippers on the year and over spring break Jarrah Myers broke the career record for homeruns with her 14th of her career against Oregon.

The Irish believe that their previous success will carry over into the weekend.

"I think it will be a really good weekend for us. We have had some really tough competition, but overall we've meshed over spring break, and I think we can have a great weekend," said Loman.

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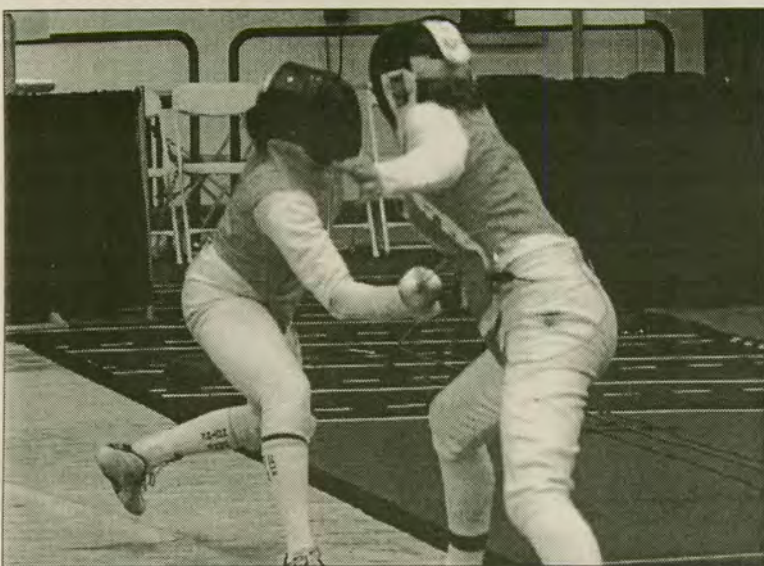
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*(All events at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies)*

9:00 a.m. - Noon	Registration	2:45 - 3:45	Panel Session #4
9:30 - 10:30	Panel Session #1 <i>Nuclear Weapons Issues Peace Education Initiatives Religious Foundations of Peace</i>		<i>A Roundtable Discussion with Fr. Ted Degrees of Identity Looking at the Aftermath: Justice After Conflict</i>
10:45 - 11:45	Panel Session #2 <i>Colman McCarthy Peace Strategies Workshop Youth and Global Change Islam and an Inter-Religious Dialogue</i>	4:00 - 5:00	Panel Session #5 <i>International Responses to Conflict The Role of Media in Conflict Peace, Development, and Multi- Faceted Solutions</i>
Noon - 1:30	Lunch (Free for all registered attendees)		
1:30 - 2:30	Panel Session #3 <i>Notre Dame Take Ten Presentation International Ethnic Conflict Different Perspectives: Military &amp; Non-Violent Approaches to Peace</i>	5:00	Closing Concert <i>Performing Peace Through Music and Art</i>

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Notre Dame's Andrea Ament, left, competes Thursday.

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When the Irish have a problem and no one else can help, all they have to do is find the A-Team.

Just like the 1980s TV show, the Irish A-Team always delivers.

And they do it with stone-cold efficiency.

Ament and Kryczalo's bouts are rarely suspenseful or even exciting. Kryczalo won eight of her bouts without yielding a touch while Ament shut out two of her opponents. The closest bout Kryczalo had Thursday was her 5-3 win against Ament. Nobody else scored more than two touches.

"I thought I could score like that because I felt a lot of pressure on me because I am one of the fencers who can win this," Kryczalo said. "I felt glad to do this well because I couldn't do any better."

Ament's only close bout of the day came against Metta Thompson of Ohio State. Thompson jumped out to a 4-1 lead before Ament mounted her comeback. With machine-like efficiency, she calmly broke down Thompson's defenses and collected a 5-4 win.

The A-Team delivered again.

"I wish we had the same two girls in epee and sabre," head coach Yves Auriol said with a

smile. "I would be walking around very relaxed."

But this 2002 version of the A-Team is completely lacking Mr. T's bad attitude.

Both Kryczalo and Ament are as easygoing and polite off the strip as they are ruthlessly efficient with their weapons.

They quickly dispatch each opponent with a smile and little celebration. They both point out that their individual successes are only important because they can help the team win a national title.

"I've never really come from a team with a team spirit. I've never really cared about a team or even had a team before," Ament said. "This is exciting for me. I feel like this is not even individual for me, but really fighting for the team."

For the past eight years, some weakness in an individual weapon or weapons has prevented the Irish from winning another national title. But with Ament and Kryczalo beating every fencer that dares to step on the strip with them, a poor showing by an individual can be covered up.

Because the Irish know: If they have a problem, and no one else can help, they can always rely on the A-Team.

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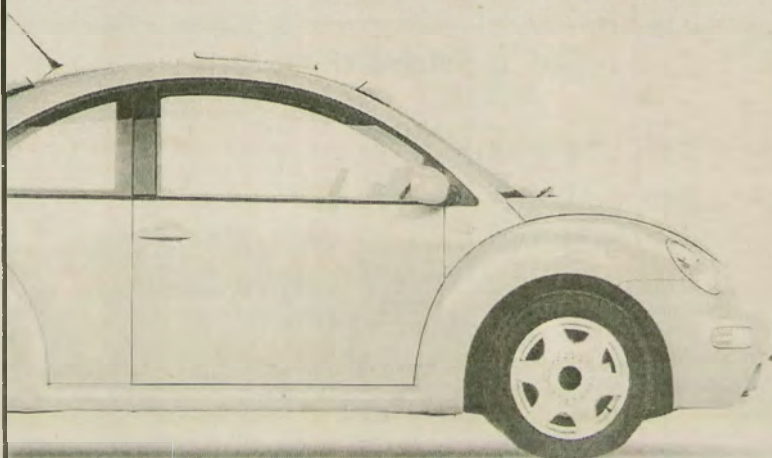
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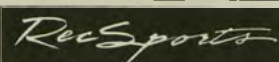
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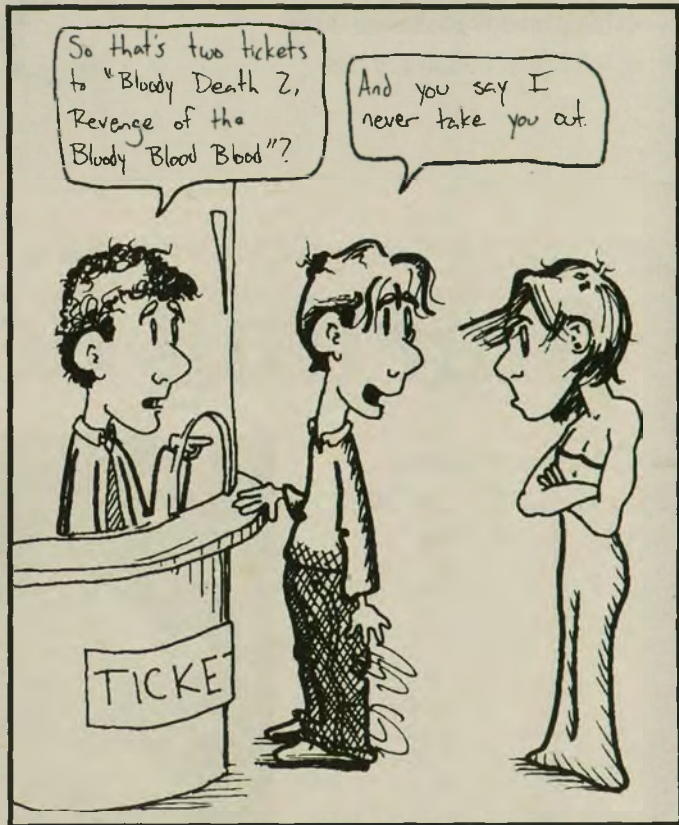
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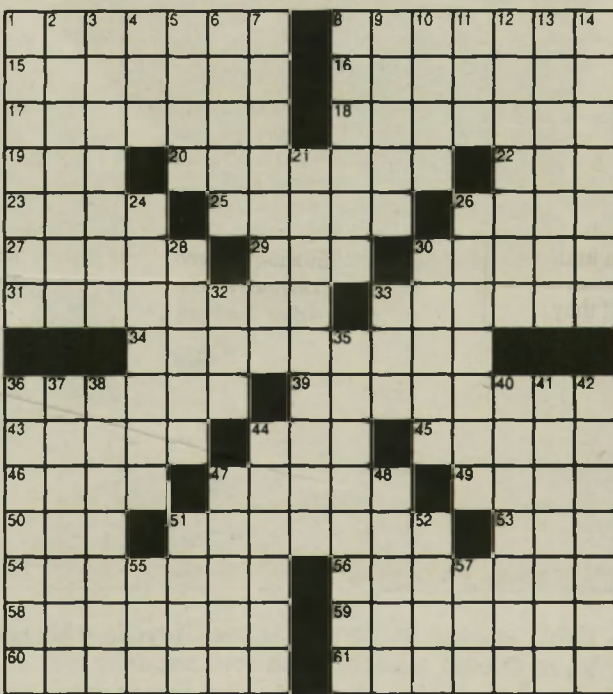


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EUGENIA LAST

- ACROSS**
- 1 Like some glasses
  - 8 Slightly
  - 15 Evidence of change
  - 16 Not leave alone
  - 17 Rules
  - 18 "It's MY treat!"
  - 19 \_\_\_-Jet (winter vehicle)
  - 20 Break down
  - 22 Shar-\_\_\_ (wrinkly dog)
  - 23 Mannequin
  - 25 Suffix with Roman
  - 26 Pear variety
  - 27 Some take a licking
  - 29 Supplementary: Abbr.
- DOWN**
- 30 Fancy, as a restaurant
  - 31 Expensive fur
  - 33 Break down
  - 34 Citation opener
  - 36 Mouths (off)
  - 39 Help for a long shot
  - 43 More than a scuffle
  - 44 Door sign
  - 45 "Me too"
  - 46 Common links
  - 47 Part of many a bus. address
  - 49 Sudden blow
  - 50 Some "JAG" roles: Abbr.
  - 51 Like final manuscripts
  - 53 Loc. \_\_\_

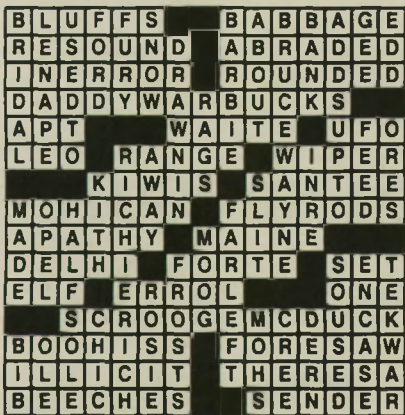


Puzzle by Manny Nosowsky

- 44 Some Vivaldi music
- 47 Pie choice
- 48 Midwest city whose name means "hospitality"
- 51 It may be polished
- 52 Cousin of "Shucks!"
- 55 Dress (up) Cartoonist Browne

Answers to any clues in this puzzle are available by touch-tone phone: 1-900-285-5656 (\$1.20 per minute). Annual subscriptions are available for the best of Sunday crosswords from the last 50 years: 1-888-7-ACROSS.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Karl Malden, William Shatner, Bob Costas, Andrew Lloyd Webber

**Happy Birthday:** Don't overreact or take on too much this year. You just have to learn to gauge yourself and your time a little better. Refrain from spending money you haven't got, especially for big-ticket items. Your numbers are 11, 17, 22, 29, 35, 41

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** You will have a hard time getting friends and relatives to do things your way today. Take a back seat and make life easy on yourself. If you try to use force you will end up spending time all by yourself.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Your interaction with others will lead to new friendships and lots of good times. Consider taking a pleasure trip or at least checking out the possibilities.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Career opportunities are present. Don't hesitate to set up interviews, make cold calls or answer ads in the newspaper. You can up your income if you make a move.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** You will be emotionally up and down today. Don't be too quick to let others know how you feel. You will be too sensitive to deal with issues that are bothering you.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** You may not be fully aware of all the things going on around you. Keep your eyes and ears open and if you can, do a little investigating of your own. The more you know the better prepared you'll be.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Love and romance are in the air. If

you are in a relationship be sure to make romantic plans. If you are single by all means get out and enjoy the company of like-minded people.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** You may be able to talk circles around most but when it comes right down to business you may find yourself a little short of knowledge to argue your point. Don't overreact; back down and learn all you can from those around you.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You will find yourself totally engrossed in conversations that are so descriptive and interesting it will be impossible for you to walk away. Mix business with pleasure if possible.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** You may be inclined to get involved in a risky venture. Your financial situation will suffer if you expand your interests too quickly. Ask for sound advice from someone you respect and trust.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** If something doesn't go according to plan don't worry about it. Time is on your side and the longer you wait, the better. It may be best to back off for the time being.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** The best place to put your energy is into your work. Regardless of anything else you should be able to get ahead if you put your mind to it. Don't give in to bad habits just because you are heading into the weekend.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** You have to make your plans early today. You should try to do something creative or unusual. You will feel satisfaction from your artistic accomplishments.

**Birthday Baby:** You are active and in love with life. You are a proud and independent individual. You have high energy, combined with loyalty and kindness. It will be hard for anyone to dislike you.

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## 2002 NCAA FENCING CHAMPIONSHIPS

## Starting down the road to a title

## ◆ Despite slow start, Irish on top after first day

By MATT LOZAR  
Sports Writer

MADISON, N.J.

Concerned expressions blanketed the faces of the Notre Dame fencing team after the women's sabre team opened Thursday's competition with only one victory in its first 10 matches.

By the end of the day, one thing returned the smiles to their faces.

Winning.

Notre Dame, led by its first-time national championship team qualifiers, stands in first place with 61 points at the NCAA Championships after Thursday's matches.

Defending champion St. John's is in second with 57, while Penn State is third with 53.

Notre Dame's freshman foil duo of Alicja Kryczalo and Andrea Ament won 27 of their 28 bouts on Thursday and claimed the top two places in the field. Their combined win total puts them in first as a team and is the maximum possible since Kryczalo and Ament faced each other in their first match.

"That was as well as we hoped to do, so it's nice that we achieved our goal," said Ament. "We still have some tough people to fence, but we also got through some tough people today."

Although this meet is the first

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Sophomore Kerry Walton, right, attacks St. John's Arlene Stevens with less than 10 seconds remaining in overtime. Walton scored a touch with four seconds left to beat Stevens 4-3. Walton won 12 of her 14 bouts Thursday to place third after four rounds of competition.

MIKE CONNOLLY/The Observer

## ◆ Irish call on the A-team

MADISON, N.J.

At the high-pressure NCAA Championship, freshmen are supposed to get nervous. They are supposed to lose concentration a few times and drop some silly bouts. They

are supposed to get rattled by the crowds, get intimidated by the tough competition and falter under pressure with a championship on the line.

They are certainly not supposed to combine for 27 wins and sit in first and second place after the first day.

But that's exactly what Alicja Kryczalo and Andrea Ament have done. Kryczalo's 14-0 record places her in first place of the women's foil competition, while Ament's 13-1 record sits her in second.

They've been as reliable as a pair of seniors — so reliable that Irish fans have taken to calling them the A-Team. When the sabre and epee fencers won just eight of their first 20 bouts, the foil team churned out nine wins out of 10 bouts. The only loss came when Kryczalo beat Ament head-to-head.

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Mike Connolly

Outside  
Looking In

## TRACK AND FIELD

## Irish begin outdoor season

By DAVE COOK  
Sports Writer

After a week of rest for the Notre Dame men's and women's track and field teams following an impressive showing at the NCAA Indoor Championships, the Irish are ready to begin their outdoor season.

The teams will be sending 18 athletes to Tempe, Ariz., for this weekend's Baldy Castillo Invitational, and head coach Joe Piane is wasting no time in showcasing his talented Irish squad.

The 18 competitors who are going are primarily short-dis-

tance runners and field event athletes who hope to post NCAA qualifying times. The longest distance the Irish will be running this weekend is 1,500 meters, by Pat Conway. Kevin Somok and Eric Morrison. Somok took third in the 1,500-meter run in last year's invitational with a time of 3 minutes, 52.68 seconds.

In the field events for the men, junior Mike Madigan is making his 2002 season debut in the javelin. Madigan has a personal best throw of 190 feet, 10 inches, when he took first at the 2001 Notre Dame Spring Opener. He also took sixth place in the Baldy Castillo Invitational last year.

Senior Derek Dyer looks to continue his success at this invitational, where in 2001 he took fifth and third place in the shotput and discus events, respectively. In the shotput last year, his best throw was 48-9, but he has since improved that mark to 51-3 inches during the 2002 indoor season.

Senior indoor All-American Liz Grow will be leading a strong contingent of Irish sprinters this weekend. Grow, who is seeking a fourth consecutive berth to the NCAA outdoor championships this year, hopes she can make a

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## SMC MIDNIGHT MADNESS

## Intramural season culminates tonight

By KATIE McVOY  
Associate Sports Editor

It's that time of year again when Angela Athletic Facility will host one of the largest crowds of the year. As students, faculty and staff emerge from their classrooms, they will enter Angela to participate in tonight's Midnight Madness extravaganza.

The third annual culmination of the intramural season and presentation of the intramural championship will kick off at 8 p.m. tonight, with championship

games in five-on-five soccer, five-on-five basketball and four-on-four volleyball.

Following the three championship games, the madness begins.

"It's not just about athletics, it's about pride of Saint Mary's," said Janel Miller, who helped organize the event. "It's not just about the prizes. It's about the games, having fun. I just want to see people come, give it a try."

Heading into intramural championships, the LeMans Hall Angels have a 30-point lead on

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AT A GLANCE

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