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Protests not endangering students abroad

◆ Students react to tensions in Europe

By SHEILA FLYNN
News Writer

TOLEDO, Spain
As Notre Dame students in study abroad programs traveled across Europe Feb. 15, they encountered massive demonstrations protesting the possibility of U.S. military action in Iraq throughout major cities on the continent.

Students said the protests they encountered were not violent, but were massively attended and vehemently anti-Bush.

"It was packed," said junior Kathryn O'Brien, who witnessed the protests in Toledo, Spain, where she is studying for the year. "I couldn't even walk. I had to push my way through everybody."

Many other Toledo students were in Seville, Spain for protests, where police placed the number of demonstrators at 60,000 and organizers claimed at least twice that amount were in attendance. Sporting "No a la Guerra" stickers and waving a variety of banners

either ridiculing or denouncing Bush, the protesters flooded the streets and chanted wildly as the Notre Dame students and many other Americans looked on.

"There were a lot of Americans watching," said sophomore Joe Guintu, who is also spending the year in Toledo. "I didn't feel in danger or anything."

Junior Ali Grobe witnessed the march of over one million people in Rome, where she is studying for the year, and she echoed the same sentiments.

"We've already had a few protests in the months that we have been here," Grobe said. "The marches aren't necessarily anti-American, they are just pro-peace or, at the very most, anti-Bush administration. I mean, we don't run around screaming in English, but I don't feel like I am in a dangerous position when I walk around the city."

Most Notre Dame students studying on the continent agreed that the European feeling was, indeed, anti-war and anti-Bush rather than anti-American. Many students said that while the majority of European residents are strongly against

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◆ No plans exist to evacuate abroad participants

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER
Associate News Editor

Increased protests of U.S. foreign policy across the globe have caused administrators of study abroad programs at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's to carefully monitor international transportation and local security at program sites, but there are no plans to have students return to the United States.

On Feb. 15, millions of protesters gathered at cities across the globe to protest the possibility of war with Iraq, including cities where students are studying abroad such as Athens, Dublin, London and Rome. An estimated one million people took part in marches in London and Rome, and police in Athens used tear gas to control crowds who broke windows and threw a bomb at a newspaper's offices.

Thomas Bogenschild, director of International Study Programs at Notre Dame, said that he was not

aware of any student being endangered while abroad.

"I have no reports of anyone being endangered, although people have reported being tense," said Bogenschild.

Anastasia Gutting, director of Notre Dame's London Program, said she had heard second-hand only one report of a student who was asked if she was American.

"A woman student had been approached by a man who asked if she was American and when she responded [that she was] 'Canadian,' which we suggest students use as an answer to that kind of question, and appeared uncomfortable, he immediately backed away," said Gutting.

Peter Checca, counselor of the Saint Mary's Rome Program, said the College has been sending students to Rome since 1970 and students have been in Rome during other tense times, such as the Gulf War and the war in Yugoslavia.

"In times like these, we tell the students to stay away from protests and places where Americans are known to congregate, keep a low profile and go about their business," said Checca.

Although demonstrators were protesting U.S. policy,

Bogenschild said many students have noticed a difference between protestors rallying against American policy and rallying against Americans in general.

"Most students are seeing that the protestors are not anti-American, but are anti-U.S. policy. Whether someone's views are anti-American are in the eye of the beholder," Bogenschild said.

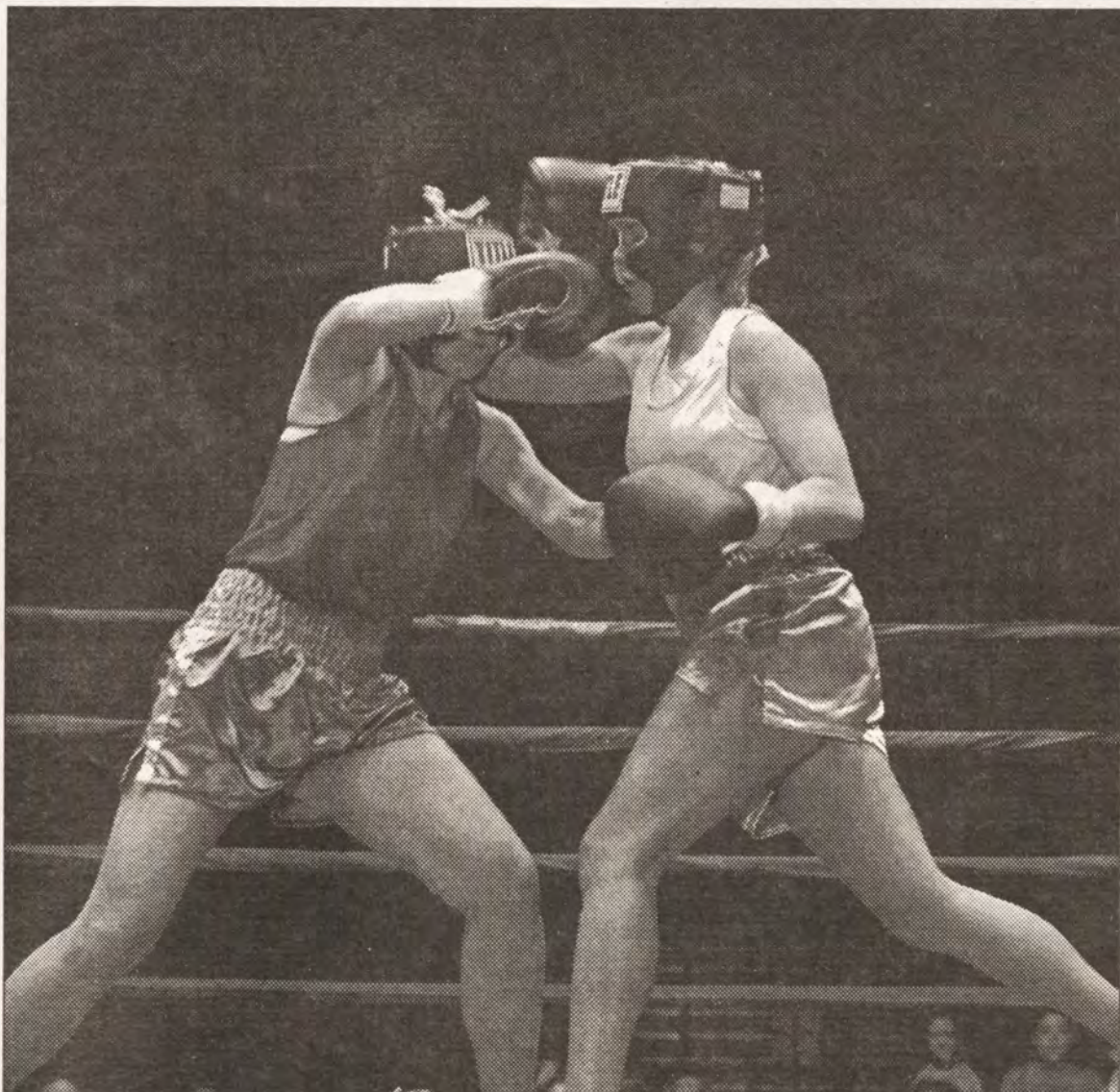
Bogenschild added that his office has no plans to suggest students do not take part in the protests.

"If some protests got out of hand and violence was directed at random students, I might recommend that students not take part in them, but I don't see that now, and I would hate to give such an order [for students not to participate]," he said.

At this point, there has been no increase in security at study abroad sites because of the protests. A large number of security measures are already in place at programs in large metropolitan areas, such as London, where there is keyed access to the classroom building and residence hall and staffed reception desks.

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WOMEN IN THE RING



LISA VELTE/The Observer

Sara Sweeney, left and Kim Dunn fought it out in the ring Sunday. This is the first year that the women have boxed publicly during the quarterfinals of the Bengal Bouts.

SMC raises tuition for third straight year

By SARAH NESTOR
Saint Mary's Editor

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

Tuition will increase to \$21,783 for 2003-04, a \$1,233 increase from the 2002-03 amount of \$20,550. In addition, room and board costs increased by 5 percent to \$7,289, \$347 more than they are this year.

Including tuition, fees and room and board, the average total cost for 2003-2004 will be \$29,072. The average 2002-2003 total was \$27,492.

Saint Mary's spokeswoman Melanie Engler attributed the cost increase to heightened insurance and pension costs in addition to a lower projected enrollment. The slow economy was also a factor in the trustees' decision

to increase costs.

"Everything needs to make adjustments, whether you are a business or a college," Engler said.

However, the cost increases are not in response to construction projects, Engler said. While the trustees discussed the proposed campus apartments, the topic was tabled until the next

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Melanie Engler
Saint Mary's spokeswoman

board meeting in April.

The trustees also approved a 1.5 percent increase in faculty and staff salaries. Although the increase is lower than in the past, Engler said the increase is tentative and could be higher depending on final enrollment numbers.

However, Engler said that Saint Mary's employees are secure in their jobs and that there will be zero layoffs.

"The College is committed to its faculty and staff," Engler said.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Keeping pace with tuition

Saint Mary's and Notre Dame Board of Trustees have once again approved tuition increases, thereby passing the College and University's costs onto students. However, this is not an uncommon phenomenon in the State of Indiana, or even across the nation. Indiana University, Purdue University and Ball State have all approved tuition increases for next year.

Sarah Nestor

Saint Mary's Editor

A main component leading to the approval of tuition increases is the unprecedented higher education cuts that states, such as Indiana have approved. Because of state budget deficits there have been major cuts to in the amount of aid colleges receive, which are then passed on to students. According to The Indianapolis Star in the past two years Indiana Gov. Frank O'Bannon has cut \$228 million in state aid to colleges, in an attempt to reduce Indiana's \$850 million deficit. Currently 49 states are now facing budget deficits, which has lead to tuition increases at colleges throughout of the country and to an estimated 2 million college qualified students not being able to afford a higher education this year.

Now the State of Indiana's proposed budget cuts will begin to directly affect Indiana students as legislators look to approve a budget this week. The \$22.9 billion two-year budget was approved by the Indiana House of Representative, 51-49, and will now be sent to the Indiana Senate for approval. The House Bill 1001 will restore cuts made by O'Bannon that affected state colleges and universities.

As students at Saint Mary's and Notre Dame we are very much aware of the high cost of higher education and the importance of financial aid. The Independent Colleges of Indiana organization, of which both Saint Mary's and Notre Dame are members, is asking that students express the importance of state-funded financial aid to Indiana State House Representatives and State Senators. This is important as it is expected that for the first time Indiana State grant aid will not be able to cover tuition increases.

Funding for higher education institutions has not been a priority, especially in light of the State's budget deficits, but state funded aid for private institutions has become an even lower priority. It is important that State representatives realize how important state funded aid is to students. Without this aid more and more students will have to turn to private loans. Already The College Board reports that private loans increased from \$1.3 billion in 1996 to \$5.5 billion in 2002.

The continually rising cost of Indiana Colleges has not gone unnoticed by Indiana state legislators. There has been recent talk of capping college tuition costs in the State.

"If these universities continue the way they are and increase tuition to an excessive amount - and we think they have - the legislature probably will take a look at taking over the duty of establishing a percentage increase in tuition," Sen. Lawrence Borst, R

Greenwood, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee told The Indianapolis Star.

Although more worrisome is Stan Jones, Indiana's higher education commissioner, assertion that Indiana's tuition increases exceeded what was needed to compensate for state funding losses.

However, Jones' comment that tuition increases have not been solely caused by the State's recession, does not change the fact that tuition increases seem inevitable, forcing students to become ever more dependent on much needed financial aid.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ND

- ◆ Sign up for the Freshman retreat at 114 coleman-Morse Center.
- ◆ Sign up for graduate student retreat, contact Fr. John Pearson at 1-7953.
- ◆ Lilly Endowment Community Scholars open house 5pm-7pm at Mckenna Hall, Center for Continuing Education.

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SMC

- ◆ Black History Month Speaker Victor Lee Lewis will be speaking at 7 p.m, Carrol Auditorium.
- ◆ Political Science Club Meeting will be held in the North Wedge room at 5 p.m.
- ◆ Post Graduation Service Fair will be held at 4 p.m. in Stapleton Lounge.

WHAT'S GOING DOWN

- Student pick-pocketed**

A student reported the theft of money from her coat pocket in LaFortune. There are no suspects.
- Student drinking violation**

NDSP transported a student to St. Joseph Medical Center for treatment of injuries sustained during a fall off campus. The case is being referred for administrative review.
- Ambulance needed at Lafortune**

A visitor was transported by ambulance for treatment of an illness.
- Suspicious activity at Graduate housing**







A student reported the window screen in his bedroom was removed and laying on the ground outside.
- Car towed for parking violations**

Two student vehicles were towed for parking violations on Wednesday at the Hesburgh Center for International studies.

-compiled from the NDSP crime blotter

WHAT'S COOKING

North Dining Hall	South Dining Hall	Saint Mary's Dining Hall
Today's Lunch: Al prosciutto pizza, betsy flannigan grilled chicken breast, boulangere potatoes, brown sauce, chicken gravy, whipped potatoes, mixed vegetables, cherry crisp, orzo with portobello and cream, broccoli quiche, cut corn, sliced carrots, baked potato, BBQ beef sandwich, fried potato skins, onion rings	Today's Lunch: Beef ravioli, spinach fettuccine, pesto sauce, tomato pizza, apple turnover, BBQ beef sandwich, shrimp spaghetti, rotisserie chicken, oriental vegetables, roasted rosemary potatoes, red beans and rice, corn dogs, fishwich, crinkle fries, soft pretzels, stir-fry beef and southwestern pasta sauce, basil-garlic linguine	Today's Lunch: Biriyani rice with cashews, baked potatoes, broccoli cuts, fettucine pasta toss, sweet potato biscuits, tortellini, texas style briskett, lyonnaise potatoes, corn & tomatoes, chicken fajita pizza, cheese pizza, Bread sticks, vegetable and cheese chimichanga, refried beans, nachos, cheese sauce
Today's Dinner: Honey-glazed ham, baked beans, brown sauce, pork gravy, whipped potatoes, mixed vegetables, cherry crisp, vegetables rabat, couscous, baked potato, broccoli, cauliflower, scrambled eggs with cheese, french toast sticks, Lyonnaise potatoes	Today's Dinner: Buffalo chicken lasagna, spinach fettuccine, pesto sauce, tomato pizza, apple turnover, vegetables marinara, capri-blend vegetables, baked turbot jardiniere, beef bourguignon, kluski noodles, bourbon-baked ham, baked sweet potatoes	Today's Dinner: Pasta fantastica, veggie cutlet with mushroom daice, harvard beets, vegetable corn muffins, tempura vegetable bar, broccoli, zucchini, cauliflower, sauteed chicken breast, cheese stuffed shells, rice pilaf, seasoned corn, garlic tomato surprise

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Freshman have choice for council

By JOE TROMBELLO
News Writer

Freshmen will elect either Matt Goulet from Stanford, James Leito from Siegfried, Michael Rooney from Alumni or Matt Somma from Knott for sophomore class council president today.

"When the sophomore class officers are elected, they decide how they would like to have their council look," said Amy Geist, freshman class council sponsor.

Goulet's ticket includes vice-president Ralph Pantony, treasurer Justin O'Neill and secretary Matt Beck. If elected, Goulet hopes to appoint one member from the Class of 2006 to the South Bend municipal council meetings to foster greater communication between Notre Dame and the South Bend community.

Other platform ideas include holding a Yacht Club-themed dance for the soon-to-be sophomores and monthly class Mass, implementing a life-skills program to teach basic concepts like cooking and checking bal-

ancing, changing North Dining Hall hours to close at 7:30 p.m. and expanding the SafeWalk program.

Letio, on a ticket with Kate Distler, Mark Seiler and Anna Skoien, promised social events like sophomore tailgates, dinners, dances, dorm rivalries and class trips to foster a greater sense of community and class spirit. The Leito platform includes changing North Dining Hall hours from 5 to 7:30 p.m., improving student basketball seating in the Joyce Center, expanding the current roommate survey sent by the First Year of Studies and changing the DART system. This is the only freshman class council ticket with previous student government experience.

Rooney's ticket includes Brittany Radcliffe, Evan Dewalt and Kathryn Finn. They want to create new traditions such as a kick-off party and dance to start the sophomore year, a sophomore rally and a Class of 2006 concert with big-name bands chosen by class members.

Their platform also includes

the creation of an expanded class register with more detailed information about classmates, a Hooligan Club similar to the Leprechaun Legion but inclusive of other sporting events and late-night weekend food sales.

Somma's ticket features fellow Knott residents Clayton Allison, Matt Stefanski and Ben Nickol. Although they do not have a formal platform or Web site, Somma said his ticket plans to create more feasible changes than other tickets have suggested.

Somma said open forum discussions and a more in-depth register will allow for greater communication and interaction between class members and an understanding of what the Class of 2006 would like their government to accomplish.

In the event that no ticket gains a majority vote, a run-off election will be held Thursday.

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Lack of candidates for sophomore class

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

Election day is upon us, and would-be class officers are jockeying for position, but sophomores have one ticket to choose from when electing their junior class leaders. Cavanaugh resident Katie Barrett leads the sole ticket seeking election.

Despite the low turnout of voting students in recent elections, Barrett dismisses talk of apathy among the class of 2005. She attributes the narrow field of candidates to the large number of juniors pursuing study-abroad programs.

"I had a hard time filling the ticket because so many people are going abroad," Barrett said.

Matt Kinsella, the current sophomore class treasurer, echoed that sentiment.

"So many people are waiting for [international study] deci-

sions, so they can't commit" to student government, he said. Kinsella called on international study programs to issue earlier decisions, so that more interested students could pursue class offices.

Kinsella said he was satisfied with his council's work so far.

"I was happy with what we accomplished, and I hope [Barrett] will continue the service events we started," he said.

Barrett noted the work of the current class leaders, and pledged to continue their efforts. Her ticket aims at continuing some successful themes from her predecessors, including service projects, social events, and improved communication with faculty members.

"We really want to unite this junior class," she said.

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Current junior class to pick council representatives

♦ Council candidates to look at social services

By HIMANSHU KOTHARI
News Writer

Juniors will decide between Jazmin Garcia of Welsh Family and Megan Horner of Pasquerilla East for president of the senior

class council today. The senior class president is usually elected for a period of four years, making it a much larger commitment than other class presidents. Besides organizing activities for the senior class, the president also works with Alumni clubs across the nation to bring together alumni after graduation.

Garcia's ticket includes Chip Marks of Siegfried as

vice-president, off-campus resident Katie Conklin as treasurer and Carol McCarthy of Pasquerilla East as secretary.

Their campaign is based around many social and service activities that include building upon many of the things done this year by the senior class councils, Garcia said. Her main social event for the year would be a party at Legends, when it

opens, to celebrate the birthdays of all the seniors who turn 21 throughout the year. Garcia also plans to work with clubs like FASO, La Alianza and NAACP to have [more] minority club activities.

Garcia's ticket faces Pasquerilla West residents Megan Horner as president, Cane Scott as vice-president, Laura Sech as treasurer and Allyson Spacht as secretary.

Horner's ticket believes their efforts and ideas can make senior year memorable by unifying the senior class. Horner did not provide further campaign details.

Both campaigns emphasize the importance of continuing this year's activities such as Maragaritaville.

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Dublin Summer Program

June - August 2003

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Colleges targeted for terror threat

By Aidian Holder
The Maneater

Don't wrap Jesse Hall at the University of

Missouri in plastic and duct tape just yet, but FBI Director Robert Mueller warned last week that schools and universities may be on al Qaeda's list of U.S. targets.

Mueller told Congress attacks against targets such as colleges or apartment buildings are likely because they "would be easier to execute and would minimize the need to communicate with the central leadership, lowering the risks of detection."

Mueller's statements came in conjunction with an elevation of the homeland security threat level from yellow "guarded" to orange "high" for only the second time since being created.

Although the increased alert level sent some rushing to hardware stores after Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge said plastic sheeting and duct tape would be useful in the event of chemical or biological attack,

University of Missouri police Capt. Brian Weimer said he wasn't overly concerned.

"You just have to realize that anything can happen at any time," Weimer said. "It's something we've been aware of forever; 9/11 just pushed that to the forefront."

He said MUPD has been taking special precautions against terrorism since the terror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, but there's no easy way to tell how effective they are.

"A lot of time you don't know if they work," Weimer said.

MU professor of political science and terrorism expert Paul Wallace said he's skeptical of the terror warnings.

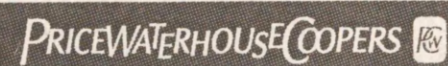
"Unless there's something specific that the public can do, a warning without meaning is counterproductive," Wallace said.

Wallace said he doubted the effectiveness of plastic sheeting to protect against chemical or biological attack.

"Either you'll seal up the room so tight you can't get any air in, or you won't and it won't do any good," he said.

Although some critics have mocked the Bush administration's terror warnings as ineffective, others have attributed political motivations to them. The latest alert upgrade came on the same day as the Center for Public

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IRAQ

Iraqis delay final decision on banned missiles

Associated Press

BAGHDAD
Iraq has made no decision on a U.N. order that it destroy its Al Samoud 2 missile program and hopes to resolve the missile issue with the United Nations, Iraq's chief liaison to U.N. inspectors said Sunday.

Gen. Hossam Mohamed Amin told journalists that Iraqi authorities were studying a letter sent Friday by chief inspector Hans Blix ordering the missiles' destruction.

"We are serious about solving this," he said.

Blix ordered that a U.N.-supervised destruction of all Al Samoud 2 missiles, warheads, fuel, engines and other components must begin by March 1. The missiles exceed the 93-mile range limit set by U.N. resolutions adopted at the end of the 1991 Gulf War.

Iraq says some of the missiles tested flew beyond 93 miles because they were not weighed down by guidance and other systems.

"We didn't expect UNMOVIC [the inspection team] to demand the destruction of Al Samoud 2 missiles," Amin said.

He said that destroying the missile would be a blow to Iraq's defensive capabilities — but not a serious blow.

It "would affect our fighting capabilities, but it would not finish them or affect them greatly," he said. "This missile represents only one aspect of our defensive capabilities. We have comprehensive capabilities."

Amin expressed optimism that the United Nations and Iraq would be able to work out their differences over the Al Samoud 2 — "without interference from the Americans or the British."

Amin repeated Iraq's claims that it is "clean" of weapons of mass destruction, and said Iraq is cooperating with the inspectors in an attempt to prove it.

"Iraq is facilitating all the needs of the inspectors," he said.

He cited as an example that Iraq has begun to dig trenches at sites where it unilaterally destroyed chemical and biological weapons so that U.N. inspectors can examine the soil for proof of its action. He said a U.N. team was due in Baghdad on March 2 to examine the sites.

Amin also highlighted Iraq's agreement to let American U-2 spy planes fly over its territory to support the work of the inspectors.

He said he expected French Mirage planes to begin flying as well over the next two days, and that Iraq was discussing with



AFP

Iraq's top disarmament liaison officer General Hossam Mohammed Amin talks to the press in Baghdad on February 23. Amin said that the destruction of Iraq's Al-Samoud missiles as demanded by the United Nations will adversely affect the country's defense capabilities.

the United Nations the use of German drones as well.

The United States and Britain accuse Iraq of developing weapons of mass destruction and long-range missiles, despite

U.N. bans on both. Iraq denies holding such weapons and says its enemies have their eyes on Iraq's oil and on world domination.

The United States and Britain

are trying to focus the world's attention on illegal Iraqi weapons activities while they prepare a new U.N. resolution that could pave the way for military action.

Nightclub tragedies motivate increased inspections

Associated Press

CHICAGO

Fire inspectors descended on nightclubs across the nation Saturday and Sunday after two nightclub tragedies in the span of a week killed 117 people, some caught in a stampede and others burned to death in a fire.

In Chicago, where 21 people were trampled at the E2 nightclub Feb. 17, inspectors evacuated the second floor of a club early Sunday after finding overcrowding, blocked exits and other problems.

A rock band competition planned for Salem, Ore., was canceled after an inspection there revealed the venue

didn't meet fire and building codes.

And other cities, including Dallas and Kansas City, Mo., put more inspectors on duty and kept them out until the early hours Saturday and Sunday, when clubs are most crowded.

The flurry of inspections closely followed the deaths late Thursday of 96 people in a West Warwick, R.I., nightclub, where a rock band's pyrotechnics ignited the ceiling tiles and quickly engulfed the nightclub and its trapped patrons in flames.

Fire officials across the country said Sunday that they were finding clubgoers almost everywhere were more aware of their surroundings than usual — and more willing to report problems.

"We've seen a sharp increase in the

number of reported overcrowdings," even though most didn't prove to be problems, said Brian Humphrey, a spokesman for the Los Angeles Fire Department.

More people than usual also called Chicago authorities to complain about clubs there, said Chief Kevin MacGregor, a department spokesman.

It was a complaint of life safety issues that required closing down the second floor of this club," he said. "We will be writing up violations on the building, and they've got to comply before we let them reopen."

Kansas City's fire department, which typically conducts inspections during the week, sent four teams of investigators to

54 establishments on Friday night and Saturday morning. In Dallas, the city fire department, which now has two full-time nightclub inspectors, pledged to temporarily add a second two-member team to search for safety violations.

Philadelphia Mayor John F. Street announced Sunday that the city's approximately 200 nightclubs would face emergency inspections in the next 60 days. Massachusetts' governor on Friday ordered similar inspections statewide.

In Miami Beach, which has more than 60 clubs, Fire Marshal Ed Del Favro said the city continued an already busy inspection schedule. Fire marshals are in the clubs during peak hours every Friday and Saturday night and make about 3,000 inspections a year, he said.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Chavez opponent charged with treason

A leading opponent of Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez who helped lead a two-month national strike was put under house arrest Sunday after a judge struck down a treason charge but left standing two other serious counts. Carlos Fernandez, president of the Fedecamaras business chamber, was seized Wednesday by federal agents. An arrest order was issued for another strike leader who remains in hiding.

UAE deploys troops to protect Kuwait

Hundreds of infantrymen from the United Arab Emirates, along with tanks and armored personnel carriers, arrived in Kuwait on Sunday, part of a security force deployed ahead of a possible U.S. attack on Iraq. The troops were on a mission to protect Kuwait if it is attacked by Iraq and are not part of the U.S.-led military force arrayed for a possible offensive.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Possible shuttle debris found in Nev.

Teams searching for parts shed by the space shuttle Columbia as it broke apart found more small metal fragments Sunday in a rural part of south-east Nevada. Digital photographs of the material were sent to NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston for analysis. Several small scraps of aluminum were also found Saturday. NASA has not confirmed whether any debris west of Texas came from the shuttle.

NIH creates grant for biodefense lab

At least six institutions have applied to the National Institutes of Health for a grant to build a \$200 million high-security biodefense laboratory to research the world's deadliest diseases. The NIH will announce its choice in the fall. Among the applicants are the University of Illinois at Chicago, Boston University Medical Center and the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta.

Governors complain about health care

Governors say the national program that guarantees health care for the poor bears much of the blame for their state's financial woes. Governors at their annual winter meeting are hoping to present a united front on transportation needs, homeland security funding, Medicaid and more. Republicans complained that the National Governors Association — the group holding the meeting — more reflected Democratic views than a bipartisan approach.

Autopsy to investigate 17-year old's death

Medical examiners will determine what ultimately killed a teenager who survived a botched heart-lung transplant but died two days after receiving a second set of organs. An autopsy was planned Monday on the body of Jessica Santillan, the state medical examiner's office said. Santillan, whose own heart had a deformity that kept her lungs from getting oxygen into her blood, died on Saturday.

Thomas Aquinas examined at SMC symposium

By SARAH NESTOR
Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's hosted the sixth annual Thomas Aquinas Symposium in LeMans Stapleton Lounge Saturday. The symposium featured lectures by Keith Egan, a Saint Mary's religious studies professor, and Sister Mary Catherine Hilkert, a Notre Dame theology professor.

Egan began the symposium with his introductory lecture titled "Taking a Long Loving Look at the Real with Thomas Aquinas." He related the

teachings of Thomas Aquinas to real life experiences, specifically the experiences of college students.

The teachings of Thomas Aquinas, Egan said, can be used to reflect on our own lives and find the truth of contemplation, which leads to happiness.

"Contemplation and action do and must shape each other," he said.

Egan contended that there are many things in our culture that keep us from contemplating the truth, such as television, which can distract us. According to Egan, students have many ways to entertain

themselves, but little time for leisure.

"The absence of leisure does not allow for contemplation," he said.

Egan said the following four steps can lead to true learning: pay attention to yours and others experiences, try to understand that experience, be willing to judge the correctness of experience and make a decision whether to act on judgment.

"We are doomed to mediocrity when there is no joy in learning," Egan said. "Play with your learning."

Hilkert's lecture, titled "Does God Will Suffering?

Thomas Aquinas and Contemporary Theology," focused on whether suffering is a part of God's will.

Hilkert spoke about tragedies such as the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the violence in the Middle East and friends dying of cancer. Hilkert said many believe such tragedies are part of God's plan, but added that belief is not necessarily true.

"They question why God would let this happen, not having come to terms with what has happened," Hilkert said. "Avoid blaming God for what humans are responsible for."

Hilkert said there could never be an explanation for senseless and radical suffering and that these acts could never be considered God's will.

"Our difficulty is that we cannot see the greater good," Hilkert said.

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Notre Dame recognizes disability awareness week

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Notre Dame students will have the opportunity to show their support for and learn more about people with disabilities this week as the Center for Social Concerns, Best Buddies, the Logan Center, Special Friends and Howard Hall unite to present Disability Awareness Week on campus.

The recognition begins Monday, when silver awareness ribbons will be available for students and faculty to display their support for the disabled members of the University community.

On Tuesday, junior Laura Hoffman will lead a discussion titled "Life After College," in which she will address the difficulties disabled students face upon graduation. Notre Dame and Saint Mary's graduates with learning disabilities, visual impairments, cerebral palsy and various types of physical disabilities must understand their capabilities and determine their new level of independence, such as handling daily living tasks and transportation. It is also crucial that they become familiar with the protective terms of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in obtaining specific employment accommodations.

Students without disabilities are also encouraged to attend, said Marissa Runkle, community-based learning coordinator for the Logan Center. "We all can benefit from hearing the perspectives of students with disabilities," she said.

The talk will be held in the Notre Dame Room on the second floor of LaFortune Student Center.

Another discussion, "How to Work with a Child with Special Needs," will be held at the CSC on Wednesday, featuring panel guests who have experience working with disabled children and adults. Several have been participants in the Notre Dame Special Friends club, working

closely with autistic children. Two other guests are members of ND/SMC Super Sibs, and have brothers with Down Syndrome and mental retardation.

The week's keynote event will be held on Thursday in DeBartolo 101 with Girard Sagmiller, author of the book "Dyslexia, My Life."

The U.S. Department of Education estimates that 17.5 percent of Americans have language-based learning disabilities, including notables Tom Cruise, Cher and Thomas Edison. Sagmiller will relate his own experiences as a member of this considerable part of the population. His talk will share

obstacles such as being wrongly diagnosed with mental retardation in elementary school and feeling isolated and misunderstood by his teachers and peers, as well as his eventual triumph as a computer programmer.

The week culminates Friday as students who have attended events are encouraged to display awareness by wearing their ribbons and sharing their knowledge with others. Ribbons are available from any residence hall president or the Center for Social Concerns.

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military action, they are still interested in the opinions of the average American.

"People in Germany and Austria always ask me what I think about it," said junior Greg Ruehlmann, who is studying in Innsbruck, Austria. "It has always been a polite and a good exchange."

Other Notre Dame students, however, attributed this good-natured exchange to the non-committal or concurrently anti-war opinions expressed by Americans during conversation.

"Every waiter that we had asked us if we're for the war and if we liked Bush," Toledo student David Yeager said. "I felt like as long as I said I'm against the war, no one would

mess with me, but if I would've said anything such as 'Well, there are two sides to be considered,' or anything that wasn't extremely anti-war, I would've felt very threatened."

Students in France said anti-war sentiment has extended to anti-American sentiment at times.

"I had a scary experience in a cab the other day with a taxi driver who hates Americans and America," said junior Lisa Bonkowski, who is studying in Paris for the year. "He gave me a 20-minute political lecture and said I should go home tomorrow because otherwise people will harass me, as they should, according to this guy."

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"With these procedures routinely in place, implementing additional ones is fairly simple. We've not yet seen a need to go to a higher level [such as] limiting access to our buildings to any but previously-announced visitors or hiring security guards," Gutting said.

Checca said he is in contact with local administrators almost daily and they are carefully monitoring security issues.

"After consultation with the American embassy in Rome, if the College were to deem that students were in danger, we would not send them to Rome," Checca said.

At Notre Dame, there is a committee charged with the

responsibility of examining security issues and deciding whether to send students to specific abroad programs. That committee would make any decision to evacuate students.

Gutting said that in the event that the University decided to shut down the London Program and students were brought back to the United States, there are contingency plans in place for courses and housing.

The increased protests have not caused a decrease in the total number of students applying to study abroad next year. Some programs, such as London, received a record number of applications while others did not see a change from previous years.

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South Florida professor indicted

By ROB BRANNON
The Oracle

Florida professor Sami Al-Arian looked tired and sullen. He slumped low in his seat and stared forward at the table in front of him, remaining mostly motionless. The only perceptible sound coming from him was the soft jingle of the chains on his legs.

All around him, the business of Judge Mark Pizo's federal courtroom hurried past. Al-Arian continued to sit quietly next to his criminal attorney, Nicholas Matassini, as Pizo discussed the 120-page indictment that had led to the early Thursday morning arrest of Al-Arian and three others. Across the aisle, a fleet of government investigators and lawyers watched the result of their work unfold.

Al-Arian's court appearance Thursday lasted less than half an hour and was the culmination of a shocking day. According to his wife, Nahla, and daughter Leena, it all began well before dawn at their Temple Terrace home.

Nahla Al-Arian said that at about 5:30 a.m., there was a knock on the door. She said once she opened the door, several officers came into the house. She described them as "polite."

Moments later, Leena said the entire family awoke to see Al-Arian pressed against a wall and being taken into custody.

Al-Arian was moved to the federal courthouse in Tampa and held until his 2:30 p.m. hearing. In the

interim, officials searched both his home and his office at the Islamic Academy of Florida near 56th Street, near the university. Around 11 a.m., the indictment was released.

About an hour later, U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft made a statement about Al-Arian's case. He said the Justice Department had indicted Al-Arian on racketeering and terrorist charges because of his association with

Palestinian Islamic Jihad,

which operates in and around Israel. Ashcroft labeled Al-Arian as "the North American leader of the Palestinian Islamic Jihad."

"Palestinian Islamic Jihad is one of the most violent terrorist organizations in the world," Ashcroft said.

Ashcroft said Al-Arian has been actively funding terrorist attacks in Israel. He said those attacks resulted in the deaths of more than 100 people, including two Americans.

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IN BRIEF

Spring retail sales off to slow start

Spring is looking like another tough sell for the nation's ailing retailers. Merchants' hopes for brighter days as spring sales get under way were dimmed by heavy snow that blanketed the Northeast during President's Day weekend, wiping out the much-anticipated sales bonanza needed to jump-start the season. Add the looming uncertainty about war with Iraq and a sluggish job market, and retailers are likely to stay in the doldrums. The latest blow came as department and mall-based apparel stores were grappling with the government's heightened terrorist alert, which made consumers even edgier and sent many on buying sprees for batteries and duct tape at such places as Home Depot Inc. and Wal-Mart Stores.

Crest airs advertisement in Spanish

A Crest toothpaste ad during the Grammy Awards on Feb. 23 was in Spanish, the first by Procter & Gamble Co. in a prime time, general-interest national broadcast. The ad for Crest Whitening Plus Scope features a young Hispanic couple but will have an English tag line. Hispanics are the largest and fastest-growing minority group in the nation, and the ad is a continuation of P&G's efforts to reach a Spanish-speaking audience. The ad has aired on Spanish-language television. For general-market viewing, an ending line in English has been added — "white teeth and fresh breath ... in any language." Advertising analysts said the commercial is a daring move for the Cincinnati-based consumer products giant.

Greece and Turkey sign gas deal

Greece and Turkey set aside territorial rivalries on Sunday and agreed to construct a pipeline linking natural gas producers from the Caspian Sea region with the European market. The \$265 million deal was signed at the end of a two-day meeting of European Union energy ministers.

Gas prices at near record levels

◆ Consumers assured relief is in sight

Associated Press

CAMARILLO, Calif. Gas prices rose 7 cents per gallon over the past two weeks pushing pump prices to near record levels, but the upward pressure on prices may be easing, an industry analyst said Sunday.

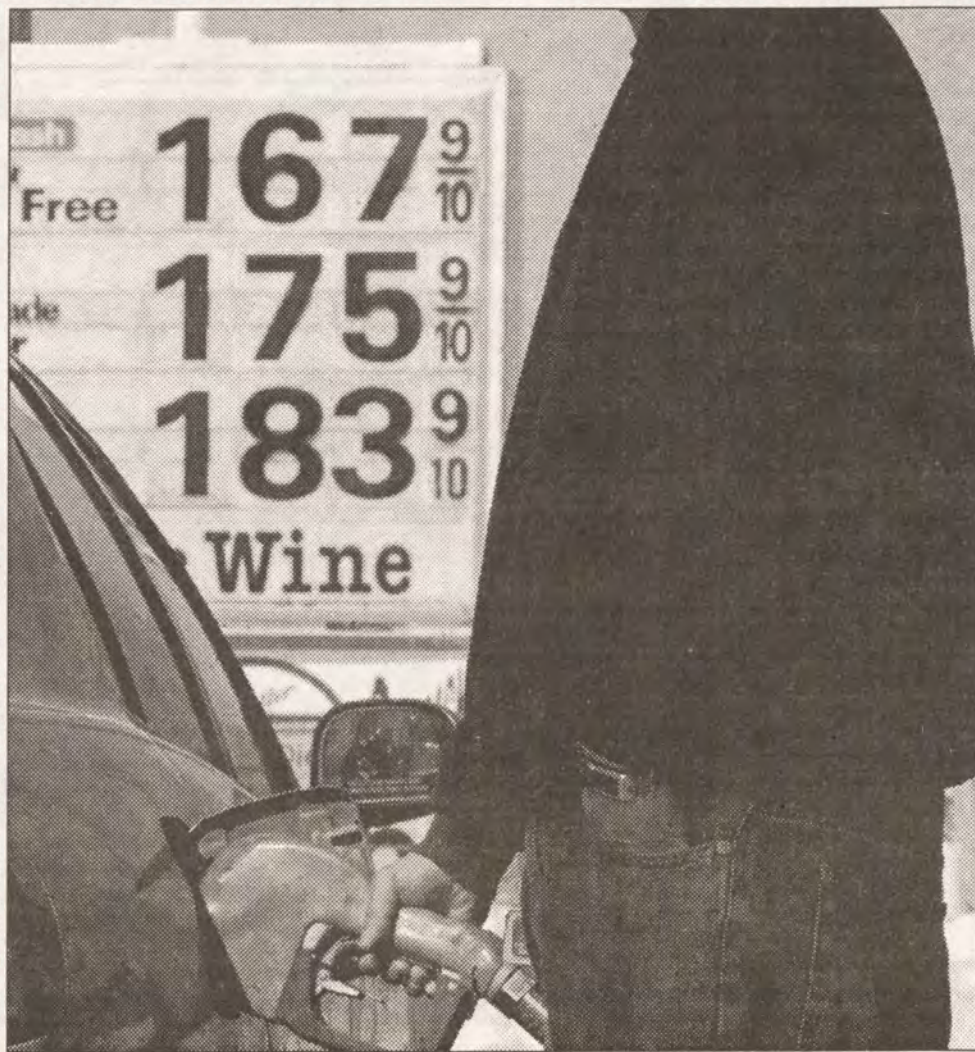
The average weighted price for gas nationwide, including all grades and taxes, was approximately \$1.70 per gallon Friday, according to the Lundberg Survey of 8,000 stations nationwide. That price is within 7 cents of \$1.77, the all-time high recorded by the survey on May 18, 2001.

Gasoline cost about \$1.63 a gallon on Feb. 7, the date of the last Lundberg Survey, an increase of 11 cents over the previous two-week survey.

"The pace of gas prices has already slowed," Trilby Lundberg said. "The other indicators show a possible decrease in prices."

Increased production in Venezuela, the approach of warmer weather, and the reopening of various U.S. refineries that had been idled for annual maintenance should help slow or end the price spiral, Lundberg said.

Crude oil prices are also



A man pumps gas into his car at a gas station on Feb. 20 in Owings, Md. Prices for regular gasoline are the highest they have been in almost two years.

up due to fears of a war with Iraq, but if the U.S. goes to war, or if the crisis is resolved, that oil bubble could burst. Prices rose 30 cents a gallon in 1990 after

Iraq invaded Kuwait, and then dropped 30 cents in 1991 following the Persian Gulf War, Lundberg said.

The national weighted average price of gasoline,

including taxes, at self-serve pumps Friday was about \$1.67 per gallon for regular, \$1.76 for mid-grade and \$1.85 for premium.

Shareholders push for reforms

Associated Press

NEW YORK

If there is a silver lining to be found in all the recent business scandals, it's that shareholders realized they better start flexing their corporate muscle.

And come this spring's corporate proxy season, many will be trying to do just that.

Most annual shareholder meetings are held between April and June, and from the looks of things, companies including General Electric, El Paso and others will come up against a slew of investor-driven proposals for reform.

Of course, not every shareholder idea will result in radical corporate change. But that doesn't mean they will go unnoticed.

"At this time, with all the trust and integrity issues out there, shareholders can actually win the changes they are asking for," said Patrick McGurn, director of corporate programs at Institutional Shareholder Services in Rockville, Md.

It's not that investors didn't go up against big business before. It's just that now they are more aggressively pursuing their own agendas.

They have good reason. With so many cases of accounting fraud, excessive executive compensation and corporate theft exposed over the last year, they want to take steps to

protect their investments.

So far for this year's round of annual meetings, shareholder groups have filed 862 proposals with companies for reform, compared with 802 for all of last year, according to a recent report by the Investor Responsibility Research Center and the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility.

The bulk of the resolutions pertain to changes in corporate governance policies, like executive salaries and perks. But some include demands for a house-cleaning in the corporate ranks.

There are two ways proxy contests generally work.

In some cases, shareholders try to convince companies to include their proposals in the proxy statements sent to investors before a company's annual meeting. Companies get to decide if the proposals appear or not, though the Securities and Exchange Commission can overrule.

Even if the resolutions receive a majority vote, companies don't have to follow them. But the publicity of the proposal — whether it gets into the proxy statement or not — can often sway companies to make changes.

Shareholders can also wage their own proxy fights by connecting with other investors through their own mailings. This can be expensive and is often done with proposals deemed

more controversial, such as hostile takeovers or board-seat nominations.


Some tense battles between investors and companies are already cropping up, and more are expected in the coming months.

Among the most heated is at El Paso Corp., where shareholder Selim K. Zilkha, who owns about 1.5 percent of the struggling energy giant's outstanding stock, launched a fight Tuesday to oust the entire board of directors.

Another hot-button issue that shareholders at many companies are pushing is a split of the chairman and CEO jobs. They think that would give the chairman a more independent role as the overseer of the board of directors.

Among the companies where this vote will come up is General Electric. The proposal, put forth by a group called GE Retirees Justice Fund, urges appointment of a chairman who has never been the company's CEO.

Shareholders at many companies including Bank of New York, Citigroup and AOL Time Warner have also submitted proposals that would allow them to include their own nominations of board directors on their companies' proxy statements. As it stands now, companies do not have to include shareholder-proposed nominations on the statement mailed to investors.



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Murdered U. Penn student's suit comes to halt in city

By GARRETT YOUNG
Daily Pennsylvanian

The case against two Philadelphia police officers filed by the family of murder victim and former University of Pennsylvania student Shannon Schieber was dismissed Thursday by an appeals court before going in front of a jury.

Schieber, then a first-year Wharton doctoral student, was found dead in her Center City apartment in 1998. Last summer, authorities arrested Center City rapist Troy Graves in connection with the crime.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit reversed a Philadelphia District Court ruling by a vote of 2-1 Thursday and granted the defendants', Philadelphia police officers Steven Woods and Raymond Scherff, motion for summary judgment.

Schieber family attorney David Rudovsky, a Penn Law School professor, expressed frustration with the ruling.

"They basically say that the police may have been negligent, but [evidence] has to 'shock the conscience,' which is a very high burden of proof

for three people to decide," Rudovsky said. "They determined that it's not even for a jury to decide."

A motion for summary judgment is a document filed by the defendants that argues that, even if everything the plaintiff says is true, the case is not strong enough to warrant arguing in front of a jury. If the motion is granted and sustained upon appeal, a lawsuit will never go to jury trial.

The suit against both the city of Philadelphia and the police officers stems from a claim that the officers were negligent in their handling of a call early one morning in May 1998.

Schieber was strangled to death in the early hours in her Center City home.

Earlier that night, Schieber's neighbor Parmatma Greeley reportedly heard Schieber yell for help and utter a "choking-like sound," according to court documents. He then reportedly knocked on her door and shouted her name, to which he received no response. Following this, he called 911, and the police arrived approximately five minutes later.

The officers and Schieber's neighbors then approached her apartment and knocked on the door, again receiving no response. The officers then interviewed the neighbors, apparently looking for a reason to break down the door. Finding none, and with Greeley not quite positive that what he heard had come from inside the apartment, the officers searched the area around the perimeter of the building and her apartment and found no sign of forced entry, according to court documents.

The officers left, advising the neighbors to call 911 again if they heard anything. They remained on duty until 7 a.m. and heard nothing further.

The following day when Schieber did not show up for work or lunch with her brother from out of town, he went to her apartment to try to locate her.

Working with Greeley to open a sliding door on her second-floor balcony, he entered and found his sister undressed and lifeless on her bed.

An autopsy later concluded that she had been "manually strangled" to death.

For four years, the case remained unsolved until last June when Troy Graves, known as the Center City rapist, confessed to Schieber's murder and signed a guilty plea in the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas.

In 1998, the Schieber family sued the city and the police department, alleging that the police officers failed to do enough to protect Schieber's

life, saying that she could have been alive while the police were there.

In 2001, a Philadelphia District Court judge agreed that the plaintiffs had enough evidence to proceed to a jury trial and denied the defendants' motion for summary

judgment.

The city appealed the District Court ruling and the Third Circuit Court agreed yesterday.

Now that the motion has been granted by the Third Circuit, the plaintiffs have two main options. The Schieber family can petition either the full U.S.

Court of Appeals or the U.S. Supreme Court to re-examine the case. Either court then has the option to accept or deny the petition. At these courts, cases are more frequently denied than accepted, Rudovsky said.

The second option, he added, is to return to District Court with a case against the city, not the individual officers.

The family, Rudovsky said, expressed "strong disappointment" with the ruling and is now waiting to decide the next step.

"Nobody's had a chance to study the opinion yet," Rudovsky added. "We have to, as the lawyers, sit down, and then sit down with the family and make a decision within the next few days."

The city attorney's office was unavailable for comment Thursday night.

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Norah Jones' music takes home 8 Grammys

Associated Press

NEW YORK

The music of pop-jazz chanteuse Norah Jones garnered eight Grammy awards Sunday night, including album and record of the year, capping a year where the sultry singer catapulted to international acclaim.

"I feel really blessed and really lucky," Jones said after winning the album of the year at the end of the 45th annual awards show.

Jones, who won in every category where she was nominated, tied Lauryn Hill and Alicia Keys for most wins by a female artist in a single night.

As unknown as triple-winner Bruce Springsteen was acclaimed before the last year, Jones won five individual Grammys.

"I never ever thought that the music I made would become popular music, so this is amazing," Jones said as she picked up an award for best pop vocal album.

She also won for best female pop vocal, best new artist and for record of the year for "Don't Know Why," written by Jesse Harris, who

won the song of the year Grammy.

Her album, "Come Away With Me," earned best engineered album and producer of the year honors for Arif Mardin.

The 23-year-old New Yorker, who emerged last year after signing with the tiny Blue Note label, sold more than 6 million copies of her debut worldwide. Jones, the daughter of Indian sitar guru Ravi Shankar and New York concert producer Sue Jones, appeared almost overwhelmed in accepting one award from the "Queen of Soul," Aretha Franklin.

"I can't believe this," she said breathlessly.

Harris, who thanked Jones for "being a pal," said backstage that he "thought for certain Bruce was going to win."

Springsteen was clearly a favorite of the crowd inside Madison Square Garden as the Grammys returned to New York for the first time in five years. His Sept. 11-inspired "The Rising" was honored for male rock vocal, rock album and rock song, although the Boss lost out for album and song of the year.

Performing only a few miles north of ground zero, Springsteen delivered a rousing performance of the title track midway through the show as the crowd screamed, "Bruuuuce!!!!"

Later, Springsteen joined Elvis Costello, Little Steven Van Zandt, Dave Grohl and Tony Kanal for a rousing tribute to the late Joe Strummer - a version of the Clash's "London Calling."

The Dixie Chicks, after a bitter legal battle with their label Sony, took best country album among their three Grammys. The trio's multi-platinum "Home," a return to their country roots, was co-produced by member Natalie Maines' father, Lloyd.

"I want to check the record books and see how many fathers and daughters have won Grammys together," she said, grabbing her father.

Among the double winners were Eminem, Coldplay, India.Arie and Nelly. Eminem's second Grammy came for best rap album, the third time he's won in the category.

Instead of offering an acceptance speech, Eminem

rattled off a list of rappers who had inspired him, including Run-DMC, LL Cool J, Tupac Shakur and the Notorious B.I.G.

"Thank you, because I learned from all of you," he said.

Eight artists were nominated for five Grammys apiece, with all but teen rocker Avril Lavigne going home winners. Perennial Grammy favorite Sheryl Crow, neosoul singer-songwriter Raphael Saadiq and R&B newcomer Ashanti were single winners.

Country singer Alan Jackson, who wrote "Where Were You (When the World Stopped Turning)" in the weeks after the terrorist attacks, won best country song for the mournful tune.

India.Arie, who was nominated for seven Grammys last year but lost them all, finally got her first two, winning for best urban-alternative performance for "Little Things" and best R&B album for "Voyage to India."

Among the other winners: the previously unheralded Funk Brothers. The groundbreaking house band for Motown Records, the focus of the recent documentary

"Standing in the Shadows of Motown," won two trophies.

Some other veteran artists added to bulging trophy cases: bluesman B.B. King won two, for 13 in his career, while Johnny Cash won his 11th and Tony Bennett his 10th while soul legend Solomon Burke won his first.

"We got a Grammy, baby!" Burke said as he hoisted his Grammy.

The disc "Vaughn Williams: A Sea Symphony" garnered three awards, including best classical album.

The show opened with Dustin Hoffman one in a revolving series of New York-based hosts introducing a reunion performance by lifetime achievement award winners Simon and Garfunkel. The pair, who sang "The Sound of Silence," have shared a tumultuous relationship; this was their first performance together in a decade.

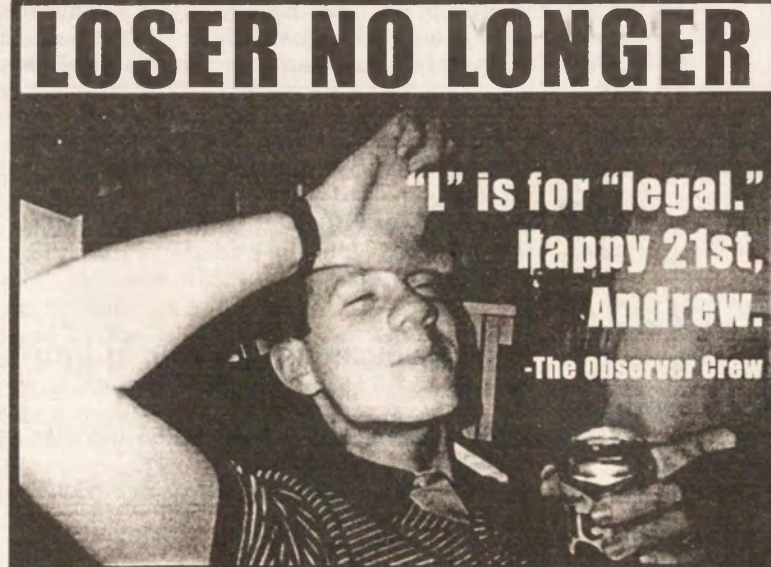
Hoffman, before exiting, provided two gaffes. He mispronounced the Boss' name as "Springstreet," and introduced No Doubt by singing "Say Baby" their hit is "Hey Baby."



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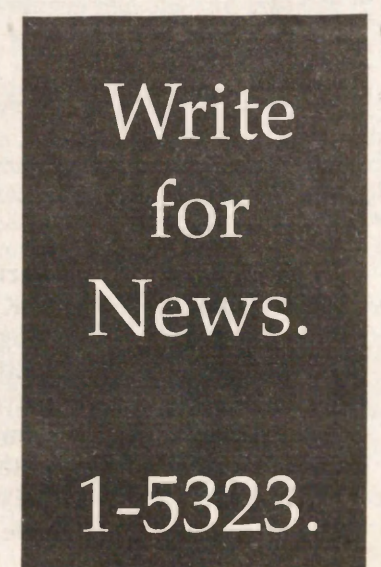
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Rumors of war in Iraq are now calcifying into war. Will it be just? Prominent ecclesiasts have now weighed in, their perspectives predictably following what they have long preached. The U.S.

Catholic bishops and leaders of main-line Protestant denominations have brandished their moral veto.

Comparatively hawkish

national poll numbers raise old suspicions about whether their congregations are listening.

Proponents of the Christian just war tradition will want to interrogate both sides. Emanating from the Christian Gospel, developed by St. Ambrose, St. Augustine, St. Thomas and later luminaries, the tradition allows for lethal force, unlike pacifism, but limits it through a strict set of criteria, unlike the holy crusade. When applied in the spirit of their Gospel roots, just war standards will focus particularly on the plight of the weak, the helpless, and the innocent. On balance, the tradition comes down against President Bush's war. But it is not an obvious judgment. Partisans will discover ruefully that the boundaries of ire and ideology into which they seek to squeeze moral standards are ones that suffering somehow does not respect.

Critics who call the Bush administration an imperialist one have troublingly little to say about the evil of the enemy, a dictator whose gulags have swallowed an estimated 200,000 political opponents and who sent somewhere around a million of his own people to their deaths in a war against Iran. They are also loath to acknowledge the justice of the U.S. protection of Iraqi Kurds from almost certain destruction at Saddam Hussein's hands through the "no-fly zone" of the past decade.

Yet defenders of the U.S. as a crusader for justice — surely the text of a personal ad for the idealistic neo-conservatives of the Bush administration — are reticent about the 100,000 to one million (estimates vary wildly) Iraqi civilians who have died at the hands of U.S. sanctions. A form of siege warfare, seeking to pressure an enemy leader by depriving his civilians of nourishment and medical care, sanctions run wildly afoul of just war morality's injunction against harming innocents as a means to an end. Defenders of sanctions lay the blame for suffering upon Hussein, who has prevented alleviatory food shipments from leaving unloading docks. But while Hussein's perfidy is real and his responsibility for suffering significant, neither exonerates the sanctions.

Absent Hussein's hindrance, does the U.S. then hope that sanctions will be finely tuned enough to deprive Iraqis of Persian jewelry and silk veils but leave them fed, cared for and just angry enough somehow to force their brutal dictator from power? In fact, U.S. policymakers have not even



Daniel Philpott

Just doubts?

tried to avoid direct harm to civilians. They have rejected "smart sanctions," like those proposed by the Kroc Institute's George Lopez and David Cortright, that would block weapon building materials but allow humanitarian relief to pass; they have embargoed shipments of food and medicine to Iraqis; there is no record of them considering enforcing the delivery of supplies.

Sanctions also fail the just war tradition's proportionality test. Ten years of hardship and hundreds of thousands of deaths have failed to move Hussein an inch from his plans to build weapons of mass destruction or diminish his willingness to allow his people to suffer. One of the major lapses of just war voices in recent years has been their absent or muted outrage towards sanctions.

Similar balance, similar attention to the many ways, hidden and unhidden, that the "least of these" will be affected by war, must suffuse judgments of our prospective clash. Again, critics of the administration are selective. Their conspiratorial "daddy theory" and "oil theory" of Bush's motives merit a summary red ink evaluation: "lack of evidence." Worse, such critics fail to recognize that Hussein's massive violation of Iraqi human rights establishes a *prima facie* case for a type of just cause that has re-emerged into the just war tradition since the end of the Cold War: humanitarian intervention.

Though not without their debacles and ambiguities, interventions in Iraq, Kurdistan, Somalia, Haiti, Bosnia and Kosovo — disasters whose magnitude Hussein's Iraq roughly matches — have shown the reasonable effectiveness of military force in stopping, relieving or preventing massive suffering. To be sure, U.N. or NATO multilateral support enhanced the legitimacy of these interventions, support that is as of now lacking in the case of Iraq, but a just cause does not strictly depend on it. Imagine if a Western power had stepped forth to quell the 1994 genocide in Rwanda, but was prevented by the contingent politics of the day from garnering a U.N. sanction — would the intervention have been unjust? In international relations, vigilantism is sometimes permissible.

Ultimately, however, the just war criteria defeat the case for war against Iraq. They most directly reject President Bush's argument for "pre-emptive" war against Hussein's weapons of mass destruction. In fact, Bush misspeaks. Pre-emptive war is a corollary of the classic just war criterion of self-defense that allows for a first strike against an imminent and sufficient threat of attack. But neither condition obtains here. Though Hussein in all probability possesses chemical and biological weapons and seeks to develop nuclear weapons, he has not threatened their use.

What President Bush argues for instead is "preventive war" — a war fought against an enemy's potential and capacity, a war that egregiously defies what the tradition has understood as "self-defense." Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, head of the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of

the Faith, has reminded us that preventive war "does not appear in the Catechism of the Catholic Church." Indeed, incorporating the concept into the tradition would render it virtually indistinguishable from realpolitik, for which the balance of power alone sufficiently justifies war.

Other criteria diminish further the justice of the war, though these are more difficultly assessed as they depend on contingent judgments. One is reasonable chance of success. Alleviating suffering means not only replacing Hussein but also building a stable democracy in his place. The American record of state building is not auspicious. Attempts over the past century to construct democracy in economically underdeveloped countries have widely failed; success has come only in Germany and Japan, both economically advanced countries whom the U.S. defeated, occupied and governed in the wake of a total war. In Iraq, ethnic division, economic backwardness and the danger of a long-term military occupation augur ill for reconstructive efforts.

The other major relevant criterion is proportionality — will the good of the war outweigh the bad? Thousands of Iraqi civilians are likely to die from damage to Iraq's infrastructure; urban warfare is predicted to kill far more combatants than were killed in the Persian Gulf War. A CIA report and top foreign policy analysts cite a strong risk that upon being attacked, Hussein will use his weapons of mass destruction against Israel or even the United States. The war is likely to alienate large swaths of Muslim opinion and fuel exactly the sort of resentment that leads young Muslim men into terrorism. And from the looks of things now, the war may lead to a deep fissure in the NATO alliance, a blow to future cooperative efforts even if such unity is not strictly required for justice.

Added up, these liabilities point to the comparative wisdom of a containment policy that successfully defeated a far more formidable power, one that once lived under Stalin, a dictator at least as evil as Hussein. A clearly expressed Western deterrent would prevent Hussein from using his nefarious weapons — not a guaranteed outcome, but one with far fewer risks and costs than a war.

Were he to change his justification to a humanitarian one and fight a war that succeeds quickly, elicits no horrific backlash and leaves Jeffersonian democracy in its place, President Bush's war could turn out to be just. It is the unlikelihood of such happy circumstances that hobbles his case. The case against war, though, is not an obvious one. It lies in doubts, not dogma. It is wrong not tout court, but on balance, all things considered, given the circumstances.

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"[Slavery] exists wherever men are bought and sold, wherever a man allows himself to be made a mere thing or a tool, and surrenders his inalienable rights of reason and conscience."

Henry David Thoreau
U.S. philosopher

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Reconsidering slavery

Before I arrived in Africa I carried with me moral beliefs that were rock solid — one that being slavery is wrong regardless of the context. I would guess there are few Americans that would argue against this. A counter argument would go against the ingrained American assumption that all people are created equal.

Maite Uranga

Life in Africa

It is from this assumption that our system of justice, government and culture are based on in their present forms. Every day in kindergarten we would all stand up with our hands over our hearts and say the Pledge of Allegiance to a flag and a country. And for those who have forgotten, this pledge ends with, "justice for all." Our Civil War history created heroes such as Harriet Tubman pitted against the unnamed evil slave owners.

After I found out about my Peace Corps assignment, there were very few things I could find about the Islamic Republic of Mauritania. One of the Web sites that I kept finding in my searches was for a non-government organization that's entire purpose was to free the slaves in Mauritania. Alarms and bells went off in my moral consciousness. I could not believe that such behavior still existed in 2001.

During training we had one session about slavery. The speakers talked about how it was not the way American slavery had been and that it did exist, but not like we thought. The Peace Corps trainees with all of our

American ideals disqualified everything the speakers said as unenlightened.

With this arrogance I moved to my village. People were poor — some more than others — but all were generally happy people. Their laughter infected me. I started to eat at different families' houses. I saw everyone in the village get together for weddings and baptisms and eat piles of food. Slavery was something that I did not think about. I assumed after my first four months in my village that it probably happened in the other ethnic groups within Mauritania but not with my people.

This crashed down within two days. I was in my friend's village, and there was a problem with the taxi driver. He wanted to leave, but we had not eaten yet. He started to make a scene in some language I did not understand. Everything was solved after we gave him a little more money. As we walked back to my friend's

house, her host mom said, "Don't worry about it. He used to be our slave. He shouldn't have acted like that."

Although again the denial set in as I told myself that even though both of our villages were the same ethnic group, mine was much more socially advanced. The next day this assumption also crashed. I sat with my sister as we talked about nothing in particular. I asked about the family that lived across the compound from us. They were one of the poorest families in my village. They lived in a stereotypical African mud house with a stick roof. My sister was a little more diplomatic than the woman the previous day as she said, "They used to work for us, but now they only cook at our weddings and baptisms."

Despite the subtlety, I understood the true meaning. I lived across the compound from former, or depending on definitions, current slaves. I belonged to a family that had slaves. I never talked about it with anyone. I did not

know what to say. I did not know how to feel.

It is now a year later and I just read two documents about slavery in Mauritania. One was in a popular American magazine and the second was a 50-page report from an international human rights group. They outlined a culture embedded with slavery. They had lists of human rights violations within the society, government and legal system. One wrote about the daily life of three different "slaves."

A year ago, this would have been an easy moral case for me. Simply, slavery is wrong in any form, but now there are a lot of statements to qualify this. Many of the hardships both of these texts outlined are not only hardships for "slaves" but for everyone who lives in Mauritania. One talked about a "slave" living in one room with a small light. That is how I live here. I consider it luxury in the context of Africa that I have electricity and do not live in a tent like many of the nomads. Another "slave" had to cook at their family's weddings and baptisms like the family across the compound from me; that is all they do. They may even call it a social obligation.

In my moral bedrock slavery is still wrong. But different definitions and cultural situations create many cracks and fissures.

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War protests support Saddam

On Feb. 15, between one and two million people around the world marched in support of the regime of Saddam Hussein.

Of course, they didn't say that's why they marched, but a clear consequence of preventing military action against Iraq is that the "Butcher of Baghdad" remains in power, likely keeping the ability to possess weapons of mass destruction that the world community has unanimously demanded he destroy.

Certainly, many people disagree with a U.S.-led coalition strike against Iraq for perfectly justifiable and defensible reasons. Unfortunately, they chose to throw in their lot with the usual anti-American suspects for the sake of numbers alone. In so doing, they're allowing the motley crew that is the anti-globalization left-wing crowd to de-marginalize itself and attain relevance. Everybody's seen the loonies who wear sandwich boards that compare George W. Bush to Adolf Hitler; on Feb. 15, they got to ride along in parades that numbered in the hundreds of thousands in several American cities.

At best, the majority of anti-war protesters are simply disingenuous — claiming to care about the people of Iraq while steadfastly opposing a regime change which would liberate them. They called for the United States to stand down its "aggression" but didn't bear signs saying that Saddam should stand down his aggression and comply with the 17 U.N. resolutions leveled against him. And a secondary theme of the peace marches was "Free Palestine." None of them show the least concern for freeing Iraq.

Even the most benign of the demonstrators, the

ones who said "Let The Inspections Work" base their beliefs on a faulty premise. First off, the inspections are clearly not working in the way they are intended. They're supposed to be there to confirm Iraq's disarmament, not hunting like bloodhounds over the 168,753 square miles of Iraqi territory to sniff out smoking guns. Second, the only reason why inspections are working at all, such as they are, is because the United States has been rattling sabers for several months. Remove the threat of war and Iraq will cease its tone of limited concessions.

This is the real flashpoint of this conflict. When Bush announced his intent to force regime change in Iraq, opponents of all kinds insisted that he should gain U.N. approval. Despite the fact that America should be under no obligation to have its national defense get rubber-stamped by a body under which Libya is the elected chair of the Human Rights Commission, Bush agreed. And Security Council Resolution 1441, which demanded Iraqi disarmament and suggested "dire consequences" for non-compliance, passed unanimously in November.

Sadly, the rally of peace-at-all-costs has strengthened so much since then that should the United States and Great Britain submit a duplicate of 1441 to the Security Council — which will likely happen this week — it will be vetoed, which means the "coalition of the willing" would face acting against U.N. mandates. Thank you very much.

The chief pain-in-the-neck is France's Jacques Chirac, who, despite acting unilaterally in the Ivory Coast and inviting Zimbabwe's brutal dictator Robert Mugabe for pâté, has still found time to cut oil deals with Iraq, tie America's hands and tell Eastern Europe and Turkey to cheese off. The U.S. has become the world's only superpower through military strength; Chirac is trying to build the European Union into a rival by flexing diplomatic muscles, which is the only strength they have. And it seems the entire nation of France enjoys Jacques-ing off over the idea of standing in America's way.

This opposition, be it in the chambers of the U.N. or on the streets of the world, all plays right into Saddam's hands. The protesters denounce America's supposed "aggression" but are oddly silent to the untold thousands of people Hussein has murdered, people in his own country and his neighbors' (and to the unilateral strikes Bill Clinton made in Iraq and Yugoslavia during his term). To them, the brutal criminal isn't Saddam Hussein, it's George W. Bush. It's America who is out for Iraqi oil, not France, whose TotalFinaElf company recently signed contracts with Iraq. It's not the "axis of evil" of Iran, Iraq and North Korea who represent the gravest threat to world peace, it's the "axis of evil" of Bush, Cheney and Rumsfeld.

Meanwhile, the appeasers of the U.N. Security Council insist on Iraq's disarmament but refuse to do it with necessary force. As long as America doesn't get its way, Iraq can have its. In an interview with an Egyptian magazine in November, Saddam said this: "Time is working for us. We have to buy some more time, and the American-British coalition will disintegrate because of internal reasons and because of the pressure of public opinion in the American and British street."

For whatever reasons, good or bad, that people oppose a war with Iraq, in the end, the only person it benefits is Saddam Hussein. Should he stare down America and get them to blink — again — he'll only be stronger. The United States will emerge weaker, which is really what many, if not a majority, of the opposition wants most of all.

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Bring in the sp

*With spring break inching closer, find out what is hot and what is r*By EMILY HOWALD and
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With the negative degree weather plaguing the Bend, it is somewhat difficult to even contemplate the up-and-coming fashions for this spring. Nonetheless, one shopping spree at the mall will certainly start you thinking about spring attire. Winter is finally coming to an end and it is time to get rid of the heavy wool sweaters and cords in order to make room for the shorts, tanks, and dresses.

For girls, simple elegance with a little bit of brightness will be very popular this spring. Designers such as Banana Republic, GAP, and Abercrombie & Fitch have launched spring lines highlighted by floral patterns and bright colors, with pinks and sky blues at the top of the charts.

Girls, get ready to show some leg this spring too. Minis are coming back into style, but some designers may have become a little too scissor-happy when cutting the length of the skirts.

This spring, one must be careful

when distinguishing between what is considered an appropriate mini and one that is a bit too small to be considered tasteful and presentable. The new styles on sale at Abercrombie & Fitch as well as Hollister are shorts and skirts that are incredibly too short to be considered appropriate.

The mini skirts can be worn with the typical boots and high sock, but for this spring, strappy sandals along with the mini is a big hit. Also, flat sandals, preferably flip flops are considered to be a cute addition to complete a fun and simplistic outfit. To dress the mini up a bit, bare legs with high heels is a fun, yet classy way to hit the town. Since the mini leaves so much to the imagination, with a little bit of creativity, any type of shoe can make it fun and still look cute at the same time.

If the mini style isn't your thing, longer, printed dresses are not only popular again, but they look great during the day or for nightly activities.

To add a little excitement to the nightwear, lace skirts, sequined, satin camisoles and small clutch purses



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This J. Crew model shows the casual and comfortable look that will be popular this spring. The bright colors embody the light and breezy look that will fill the air in 2003.

make the outfit all the more alluring. Although the typical Notre Dame student avoids the dressier attire for the night life on campus, this spring should bring in a lot of simple dresses that will be suitable even for the Notre Dame girls. And don't be afraid to get a little more dressed up on your spring break. Spring break should be a time to let your hair down and have a good time, so those new dresses that you are too afraid to wear at ND will be perfect for your spring break endeavors.

Of course, if you hate wearing dresses, the sporty trend is in full effect once again this spring, bringing chic athletic outfits by Nike, Puma and Juicy to the Notre Dame campus in some of spring's hottest colors. Colorful, sporty, backless tennis shoes designed by companies like Puma will dominate the sidewalks by day, along with flip flops in every color of the rainbow. Not only is the sporty look a big hit this season, but it adds so much comfort that it is not to be forgotten. Many stars have decided to resort to the comfort of their sporty suits, yet still managed to

look chic while doing so.

As for other footwear fashion, stepping out this spring in stone-studded sandals is a must if you want to be in style. When in the office, pointed shoes with high ankle straps will click along the office floors, similar to those worn by Jennifer Aniston, Debra Messing and Katie Couric.

Another great accessory trend this season is the introduction of natural stones into the spring jewelry. Rose quartz necklaces, earrings and rings dominated the fashion runways, and this accessory complements perfectly with the trend of pink clothes this season. Mother of pearl shell necklaces are also extremely popular, especially when they are formed into flowers or other geometric shapes. The beauty of these necklaces is that they complement any outfit because they are a neutral accessory that can reflect the color of your shirt.

If you don't like the natural stones for jewelry, simple silver necklaces are also popular for the spring, with unique silver pieces dangling from the necklace. The classics are always popular, so if you don't want to splurge on

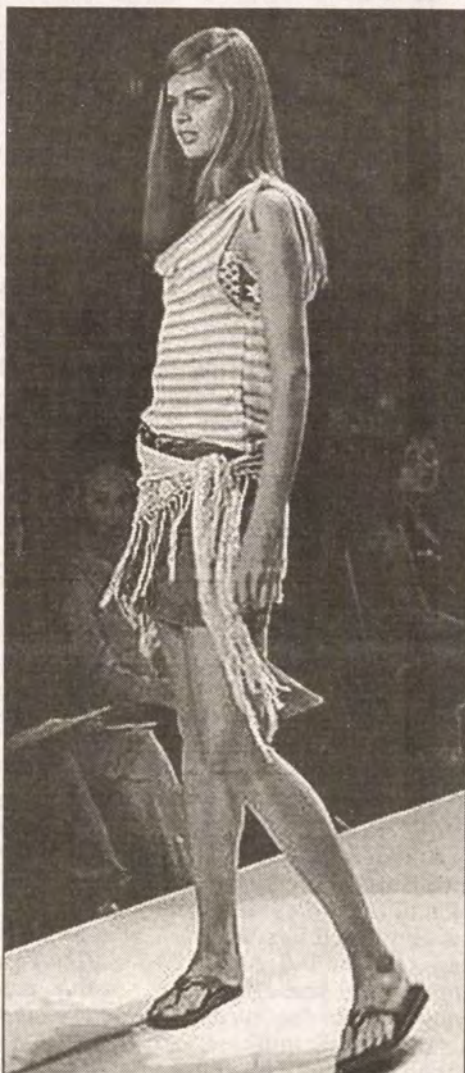


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These microminis are examples of the length that is coming back. Girls, get ready to show some leg because most stores are selling skirts that are pretty tiny.

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Spring fashions

not for both men and women in the upcoming 2003 spring season

new accessories, just remember that jewelry is timeless.

To complete your new spring attire, make up this season will again return to a more natural and less dramatic look.

Eyeliners will stray from the basic browns and blacks to eggplants, blues and fudge tones.

In order to give cheeks a fresh look, highlight the cheek bones by applying blush that is a shade or two lighter, and then use pale, natural pink lipsticks and shimmery glosses to give the ultimate spring chic look.

So enough about girl's fashion. Guys are going to see some new relaxed looks for spring too. For all of you guys out there in need of a fashion makeover though, your best bet is to take a girl with you to help out. Nonetheless, if you can't find a girl to head to the mall with you, just abide by the following style hints for the spring season.

The trendy look for guys this season, which can be found at stores like Abercrombie & Fitch, Hollister and American Eagle, is vintage cargo shorts or pants. Most of the cargos in

the stores this spring sport the wrinkled, worn and baggy pockets, which express the relaxed feeling of men's spring 2003 fashion.

As far as shorts are concerned, one big style change seen this season will be the elimination of the extreme lengths. The majority of the shorts will hit right at the knee, with only a few styles hitting below the knee. If you like the longer short, your best bet is to look in stores like Abercrombie and American Eagle.

Continuing along the relaxed theme are vintage button down shirts with ringer tees worn underneath to give the layered look.

Some stores will even be selling some Hawaiian and other large floral prints for the spring break season. However, there is no doubt that these shirts won't be as popular for the upcoming summer months as they were last year.

Baseball tees are also a huge trend this season, with both long sleeved and three quarter length sleeved versions appearing in many of the stores. Perhaps the biggest trend in long sleeved shirts this season is the

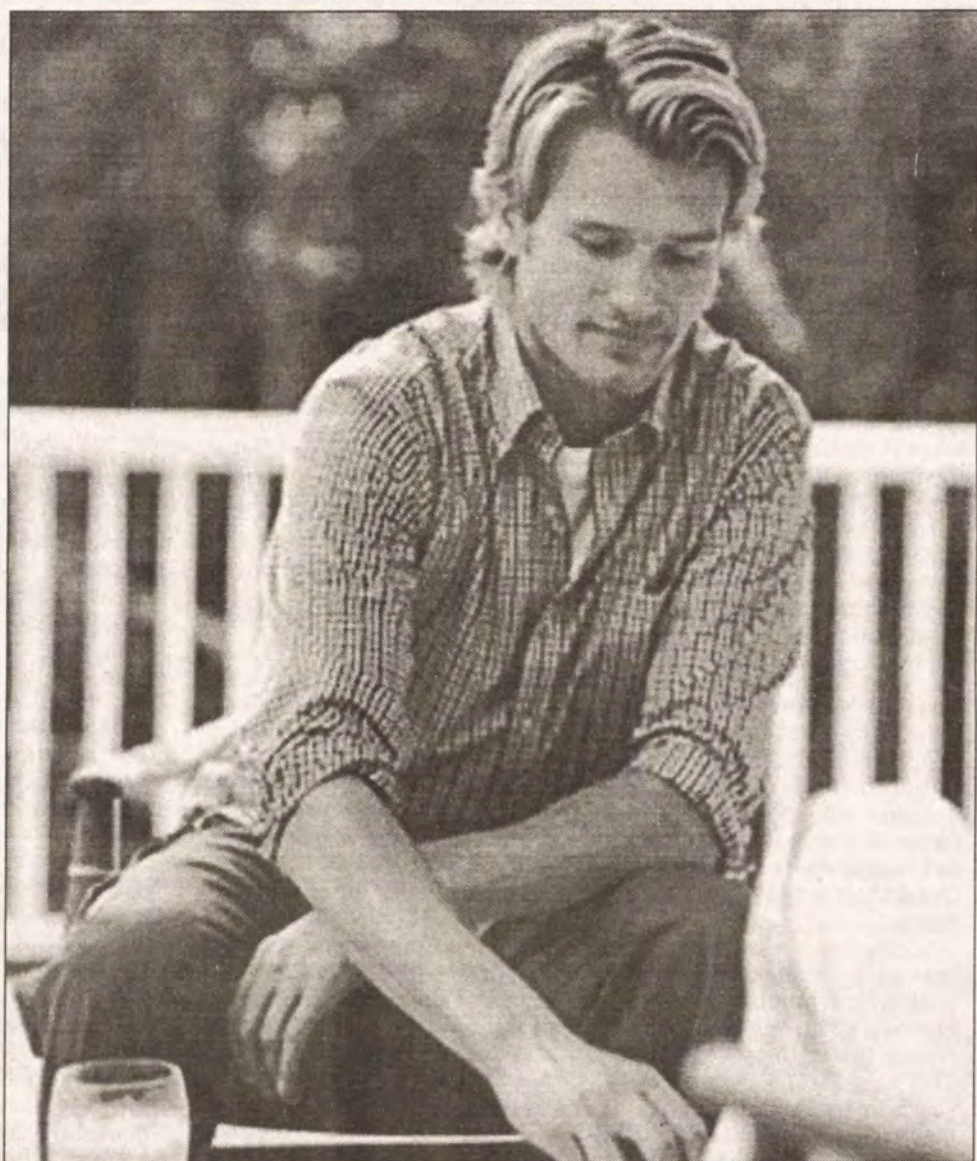


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This model shows the classic button down that is popular once again this spring. Not only will the button down be popular, but the rugby shirt is huge as well.



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These outfits portray the laid back, yet sleek look that will be popular this spring. Both men are casually dressed, yet look very put together.

rugby shirt, which can be matched with jeans or with cargo pants for the perfect relaxed, collegiate look.

The rugby is a great shirt for the transition from spring into summer, and its popularity will dominate all the way into the fall season. Pair the rugby with a baseball hat and this get up should definitely turn a few girls heads.

On the other hand, the biggest fashion faux pas this season has to be the ribbed tanks that were popular last year. In other words, guys, don't wear tanks unless you're playing sports!

If your style leans more towards preppy clothes than the worn and relaxed look, Banana Republic and GAP are introducing flat front cotton pants with a bit of stretch to avoid the wrinkled, vintage look of Abercrombie and Fith and Hollister.

With these casual pants, stretch button downs combined with stretch crew T-shirts underneath complete this classic look.

Nonetheless, the biggest trends this season undoubtedly will be seen in men's shoes. Just like last season, flip flops will dominate the warm spring months, with Reef showing both two-toned solid and striped prints as the popular styles for spring.

For a more classic look, square toed shoes are still trendy, while for the relaxed look, bowling shoes and retro tennis shoes made by companies like Adidas and Puma will flood the sidewalks.

Ultimately, no matter what fashion style you like, nothing wears as well as confidence. So pick out the clothes that you like and that represent who you are. If you follow this one simple rule and the style hints above, you will no doubt look great this spring season.

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BENGAL BOUTS — 150-160 POUNDS

Vargas tops Arevalo in closely fought split decision

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Juan Diego Vargas won a split decision over Steven Arevalo in an excellent fight that couldn't have been closer. The mutual respect each fighter had for the other was obvious as both were hesitant to initiate contact. Vargas charged often throughout the first round, and the exchanges caused significant contact for each boxer.

Midway through the first round, both boxers found themselves tied up in the ropes after a charge by Vargas. Round two began with an impressive flurry of 10 seconds of continuous punching. Arevalo was the aggressor in round two, but every time he attacked he was met with a lot of leather from Vargas. Forty seconds into the third round, Arevalo scored a standing eight-count on Vargas with a strong left that caught Vargas off balance.

In spite of the eight-count Vargas still secured a victory.

Rogers def. Cardillo

Ryan Rogers' control of the ring secured him a unanimous decision over Craig Cardillo. The match began with few exchanges as Rogers successfully used his jab to keep the advancing Cardillo at bay.

Early in round two Rogers forced Cardillo to the ropes. Rogers held the ring well throughout the round and his single jabs were successful. Cardillo began the third round aggressively, forcing Rogers to the ropes. The final round was Cardillo's strongest, but the dominating jabs of Rogers were too much to overcome.

Gasser def. Gorynski

Brendan Gasser held off the aggressive advances of Bobby Gorynski to earn a unanimous decision victory. Gorynski was forced to circle Gasser throughout round one as Gasser's jabs found their way through several times.

In clinches, Gasser was excellent as he attacked Gorynski's body with a number of hooks. A number of strong one-tuos by Gasser began the second round. Gorynski forced Gasser to the ropes in the middle of the second and was effective with his advances. Both boxers fell to the mat with 15 seconds left in round two after an off balance clinch initiated by Gasser.

Gorynski fought well in round three when he moved forward, but Gasser refused to move from the center of the ring, using his jab to keep Gorynski back. The unanimous decision came shortly after a good exchange that closed the third round.

Lohmeyer def. Heaton

Lohmeyer enjoyed the shortest fight of the day as his fight against Chase Heaton was called 15 seconds into the first round due to an injury to Heaton's right shoulder. Lohmeyer had a number of good one-tuos in the first 15 seconds and will be fresh for his fight against Gasser Wednesday.

**155-pound class
Kerrigan def. Melby**

Colin Kerrigan slipped under the long arms of Mike Melby and earned a split decision victory over the 155-pound No. 1 seed.

Kerrigan was aggressive and closed hard in the first round as he got under Melby's jabs. He landed a number of body shots and used his lead hook to the body well to neutralize the taller fighter's jab. Melby's jab found its target more often in round two, but he continued to take the hooks of the slipping Kerrigan.

Round three produced more punches from each fighter and Melby's jab was a bigger factor. A series of hard shots upstairs prompted a standing eight-count on Kerrigan to end the match. Melby improved throughout the fight, but Kerrigan's consistent low hooks were the deciding factor.

Loughrey def. Basola

Galen Loughrey looked strong in his split decision win over Mark Basola. Loughrey moved well, closed hard and got out quickly throughout the first round, scoring a number of times to Basola's body.

Basola's jabs found only the protective left glove of Loughrey throughout the second round as Loughrey slipped with textbook form and delivered a number of straight rights to Basola's mid-section. In round three Basola continued to deliver jabs upstairs, but was unable to consistently break through Loughrey's excellent defense. However a small cut was visible over the left eye of Loughrey as his split decision victory was

announced.

Keppel def. Peters

Steve Keppel won a unanimous decision victory over Michael Peters in a fight that found both fighters often on the ropes and at times tangled in them. Keppel began the match aggressively, sending Peters to the corner three separate times.

Peters backpedaled often throughout round one and found his back against the ropes more than once. In round two Peters looked good and he constantly replied to Keppel's advances. Both fighters threw and took a lot of leather in the second round. Keppel found himself in the corner twice late in the round, once after a push from Peters with ten seconds left. Both fighters were tangled in the gold corner to start round three after a solid exchange.

Keppel's punches were straighter and more successful throughout the final round, securing him the unanimous decision victory.

Schaefer def. Arnold

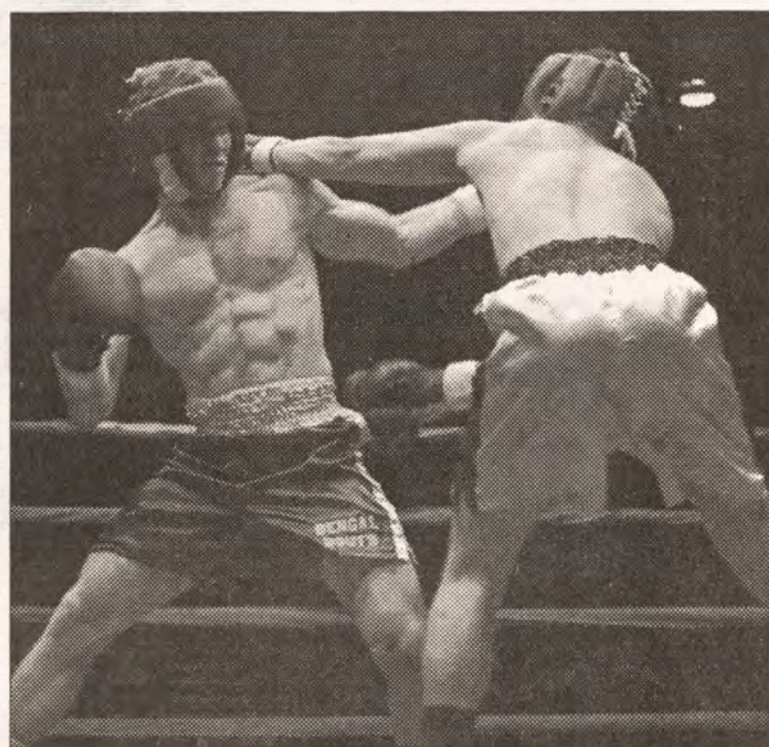
Greg Schaefer overcame a fair amount of bleeding and a late aggressive push by Cliff Arnold to win a split decision victory. Schaefer looked strong in the first round as he sent Arnold to the mat with a hard, straight right 40 seconds in. Arnold was backed to the ropes early in round two and Schaefer snuck in a number of upstairs jabs to dominate the round.

Each fighter came out strong in round three and Arnold forced a bleeding Schaefer to the corner with a series of high one-tuos. Schaefer's blood flew from the ring before a stop to clean him up with 29 seconds left in the third. Arnold's comeback ended as Schaefer landed an impressive shot to his opponent's head and earned a standing eight-count to end the final round and secure his victory.

**160-pound class
Desplinter def. Tschanz**

Mark Desplinter's straight left jabs earned him a unanimous decision victory over Steve Tschanz. Desplinter earned two standing eight-counts on Tschanz in the second round. Both eight-counts came after impressive rights by Desplinter, the first following a jab and the second as a lead to end the second round.

In round three Desplinter's



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Juan Diego Vargas, left, fights Steven Arevalo in the quarterfinals Sunday. Vargas defeated Arevalo in a split decision.

one-tuos were solid and nearly always found their target. Tschanz did not lose quietly as he landed a strong right hand to Desplinter's head that dropped him to the mat to end the match. Desplinter's early rounds were strong enough to earn him a unanimous decision in spite of the late knockdown.

Phillip def. McCarthy

Bill Phillip won a close split decision over Kevin McCarthy in this battle of evenly-matched boxers. A number of high solid exchanges by both fighters dominated the first round. McCarthy was forced to the corner by a number of strong one-tuos by Phillip to end the round. McCarthy began round two with a tough flurry of punches and moved Phillip to the ropes 40 seconds into the round. It was a close round, but Phillip was a bit more aggressive.

McCarthy clinched a number of times in the final round, but was unable to hold off the final aggressive burst of Phillip which ended the round and persuaded the judges to declare him the winner.

Enterline def. White

A strong third round by Enterline won him a split decision over Todd White. Both fighters traded blows early in round one and Enterline was forced to the blue corner then yellow midway through. Round

two began as a brawl and both fighters' forms suffered a bit. A number of clinches and wild exchanges marked the round. Enterline did find success with his jab late in the second.

The third round began and ended with Enterline's jab finding its mark. Enterline was more aggressive in the final round and near the end of the match, dislodged White's mouth guard with a number of strong one-tuos to White's head that forced White to the ropes.

Pierce def. Shallcross

Senior captain Tom Pierce's first fight after spending last spring in London was a quick one as his match with Jesse Shallcross ended 1:28 into round one. Pierce began with a hard one-one-two combo that sent Shallcross to the ropes 15 seconds into the round. Shallcross was forced to the ropes again at 40 seconds in and a final time 1:15 into the fight. Pierce forced Shallcross to the gold corner with upstairs punches and held him there with a series of hooks to the body. A strong right hook doubled up Shallcross and the match was called with two seconds left in the first round. Pierce will fight Enterline on Wednesday.

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BENGAL BOUTS — 125-145 POUNDS

Faist advances to semifinals by defeating Feduska

By ERIK POWERS
Sports Writer

Early in the match it seemed as if Michael Feduska and Brian Faist were participating in a little bit of geometry, with Faist circumnavigating Feduska. Feduska was the aggressor in the first round, causing the elusive Faist to circle him around the ring. But Faist fought off Feduska's flurries well, three times using his left hand to block series of jabs before retaliating with a wicked right hook. Both fighters came out with flurries in the second round, but the staccato succession of blows failed to give either fighter an advantage.

The second round ended with a burst of momentum, however, when Faist mixed two thunderous right hooks with a series of jabs in order to knock Feduska into one side of the ring and then another. Feduska and Faist traded hooks in the final round, but Feduska's fate in the even match could not be rewritten: Faist won in a split decision.

Valenzuela def. Musiala

In the second fight of the 125-pound weight division, Robert Musiala from off campus was pitted against Jon Valenzuela from Dillon. The first round proved to be an exercise in exposition, for Musiala and Valenzuela fought to establish their character in the ring. Musiala depended upon speed and quickness, with his highlight being a left/right jab and hook combination that he landed at the end of the round. Valenzuela displayed a more powerful approach, unleashing a huge hook on multiple occasions. In the second round, Musiala sought to frustrate Valenzuela by dancing around him and landing intermittent jabs. Valenzuela then caught Musiala with a series of sweeping right hooks, battering his opponent into the ropes. The third round's climax was a seven-hit combination of hooks and jabs by Valenzuela, who looked to put an end to the match. Musiala valiantly staged his own offensive, knocking Valenzuela backwards at one point, but Valenzuela still triumphed in a unanimous decision.

Kim def. Rojas

Sung Hoon Kim wasted little time in the final bout of the 125-pound division. Facing Gerrardo Rojas, Kim opened with vehe-

ment violence and landed two hooks and a jab within the first ten seconds. Rojas regrouped and attempted to feel out Kim, but Kim responded with an 11-hit combination that drew a crescendo of cheers from the crowd and a dazed defense from Rojas. While the referee paused the fight to check that Rojas was all right, a buzz continued through the crowd. Smelling blood and feeding off the arena's energy, Kim exploded when the match resumed. Piston-like punches welcomed Rojas back from the break, driving him into the ropes and down to the match. With 1:10 left in the first round, the referee stopped the fight. Kim won in dominating fashion.

140 pounds**Marks def. Hollowell**

Chip Marks had anything but a size advantage, giving up several inches in height and reach to Tony Hollowell. In the first round, Marks prevented Hollowell from exploiting this disadvantage, however. Marks repeatedly rushed Hollowell, landing a right hook and several jabs to his head before closing out the round with a furious seven-hit flurry. Hollowell recovered quickly and began the second round like a different man. Much more aggressive and assertive, Hollowell seemed to turn the tide of the match until Marks eschewed defense for a reckless hook-laden offense. Swinging mercilessly, Marks knocked the momentum out of Hollowell, causing the referee to pause the fight once and limiting Hollowell to a single landed jab in the final 30 seconds of the round. Marks continued his impassioned display in the opening of the final round and knocked Hollowell out of the fight only 40 seconds into the round.

Davidson def. Schmidlin

On Thursday, Stephen Davidson won a hard-fought war of attrition that featured a bevy of punches, an absence of blocking, and a split decision. On Sunday, a refreshed Joe Schmidlin (coming off a first-round bye) beat him at his own game. Early in the first round, Schmidlin landed a six-hit combination. The two then traded blows, and even as Schmidlin had Davidson up against the ropes, Davidson still feverishly returned his punches. In the

second round Schmidlin was unable to absorb and return punches any longer, as Davidson seized control of the match. The trading of blows became a monopoly when Davidson unleashed a brutal seven-hit combination on Schmidlin, knocking Schmidlin into his own corner. When the fight resumed, the fighters switched directions and Davidson promptly knocked Schmidlin onto the bottom ropes of the Davidson's corner, ending the fight at 46 seconds into the second round.

Wuest def. Liva

Bill Wuest knew that he had a height advantage over Eddie Liva, and he used it. Wuest positioned himself at a lengthy radius from Liva, using his long reach in order to land long-distance jabs. Liva was aggressive in the first round, attempting several combinations. But Liva was unable to land enough of his punches on Wuest's body, succeeding in mainly a few ineffectual abdominal hooks. Neither fighter looked tired by the second round, and neither fighter experienced much of a threat either. Wuest and Liva continued to exchange parries and punches. By the third round Wuest and Liva confirmed that they were a stark contrast to the two contests of brute strength that preceded them. Liva and Wuest displayed lightness on their feet, a combination of footwork, chess-like strategy and cat-like quickness in order to anticipate and deflect each other's moves. There were no bloody noses, pauses for count-outs or knockouts. Wuest won in the end, a unanimous decision that was a testament to his longer, more successful reach.

Hoffman def. Pfizenmayer

Chris Hoffman won versus Mark Pfizenmayer, but the margin of victory was small. The tightly contested match opened with Hoffman showcasing his shiftness and power by driving Pfizenmayer into the ropes with a series of six alternating hooks. In response to this opening salvo, Pfizenmayer fired his own flurry of fists, driving Hoffman into the opposite ropes. Pfizenmayer then stymied Hoffman's attempts to move him across the ring as the round ended. The second round opened in even more spectacular fashion, for Pfizenmayer reeled off 10 punches before Hoffman responded with a furi-



LISA VELTE/The Observer

Valenzuela throws a strong punch in his victory against Musiala. The 125 Pound fighters met in quarterfinals Sunday.

ous seven-punch combination that pushed Pfizenmayer back into his own corner. Pfizenmayer attempted to go back on the offensive, but was thwarted. What ensued was pure and swift vengeance by Hoffman. Two jabs and four hooks sent Pfizenmayer reeling across the ring. Two hooks knocked Pfizenmayer up against the ropes. Another series of punches held him there. The round ended with the match suddenly looking one-sided. Pfizenmayer dispelled this notion within 20 seconds of the third round when he disarmed Hoffman with a six-hit combination and then used another six-hit combination in order to send him into the ropes. Hoffman returned the favor with a swooping right hook that knocked Pfizenmayer's headgear askew, and the two battled ineffectually until the end of the round.

145 pounds**Dillon def. Sylling**

Luke Dillon, this year's top seed in the 145-pound weight division, withstood a serious challenge over fellow junior Andrew Sylling in winning a split decision. The fight began with Dillon landing the majority of the blows in the first round. Dillon scored a five-hit combination, a left hook and a right jab to minimal success by Sylling. The second round featured Dillon on the offensive once more, attempting a series of left/right jabs, which Sylling feverishly fought off. Sylling missed at least one jab, however, for the fight had to be paused for him to receive treatment on a bloodied nose. Dillon followed with a pair of two combinations in order to finish the round. Sylling was far from done, though, and opened the third round in inspired fashion. Sylling and Dillon wailed at each other in frantic fashion with no clear victor emerging from the scrum. The crowd, appreciating the brave onslaught by Sylling, ended its alternating chant of "meatballs" for long enough to encourage him while he was treated for his nose once more. Sylling captured the support of the majority of the crowd when he followed with a seven-hit combination highlighted by two huge right hooks. The fight had to be paused a final time for Sylling's nose, but soon afterwards he rode a crest of momentum into the finish with a series of jabs and an uppercut into the midsection of Dillon. But one round of domination was not enough in order to counteract Dillon's two rounds. Harris def. Robinson (walk-

over)
The battle of the Pauls just wasn't meant to be, for Harris advanced past a flu-stricken Robinson in a walk-over.

Ham def. Streit

Experience triumphed over youth as senior Jeff Ham defeated sophomore Jon Streit in the fight for O'Neill Hall. Ham held the upper hand at the onset of the fight, landing the first punch when he launched a hook. Streit landed a few jabs of his own before Ham had a five-hit combination to end the round. The second round began with a hotly contested row, and no clear winner emerged. Soon afterwards, Streit landed a powerful right hook on Ham, sending spit and sweat flying. The round ended with another closely waged flurry, but Ham emerged relatively unscathed, while Streit needed to be treated for a bloodied nose in between rounds. This did not restrict Streit from dominating the opening of the third round. Streit had a pair of three-hit combinations, sending Ham into a corner. Ham responded by knocking Streit off-balance with his own series of blows. Ham won in a unanimous decision.

Duffey def. DeBoer

In the second intrahall matchup of the afternoon, Ryan "The Quiet Man" Duffey fought Dave "The Flying Dutchman" DeBoer. The Sorin residents formed a contrast in size, and the taller Duffey forced DeBoer to circle him at first. Duffey dictated the pace of the match early, landing short bursts of jabs while keeping DeBoer at a distance. In order to adjust, DeBoer began rushing his opponent, landing some point-blank jabs and body shots from close range. Duffey was able to string more punches together, landing a three-hit combination and later a six-hit combination after DeBoer missed a punch. In the second round, DeBoer was much more aggressive and opened on the offensive. Throughout the round DeBoer swung hook after hook at Duffey, trying to knock the senior off-balance or over altogether. Reacting to DeBoer, Duffey capitalized on DeBoer's unprotected head during offensives in order to land four jabs. In the third round DeBoer's furious comeback attempt stalled as the freshman appeared to run out of energy. DeBoer began to miss punches and the experienced Duffey adroitly connected on calculated blows.

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AP	Coaches
team	team
1 Connecticut (44)	1 Connecticut (40)
2 Duke	2 Duke
3 Tennessee	3 Tennessee
4 LSU	4 LSU
5 Kansas State	5 Kansas State
6 North Carolina	6 North Carolina
7 Louisiana Tech	7 Louisiana Tech
8 Texas Tech	8 Stanford
9 Stanford	9 Texas Tech
10 Texas	10 Purdue
11 Purdue	11 Texas
12 Penn State	12 Mississippi St.
13 Georgia	13 Penn State
14 Mississippi St.	14 Arkansas
15 Arkansas	15 South Carolina
16 Minnesota	16 Georgia
17 South Carolina	17 Minnesota
18 Vanderbilt	18 Santa Barbara
19 Santa Barbara	19 Vanderbilt
20 Villanova	20 Villanova
21 Wisc. Green Bay	21 Wisc. Green Bay
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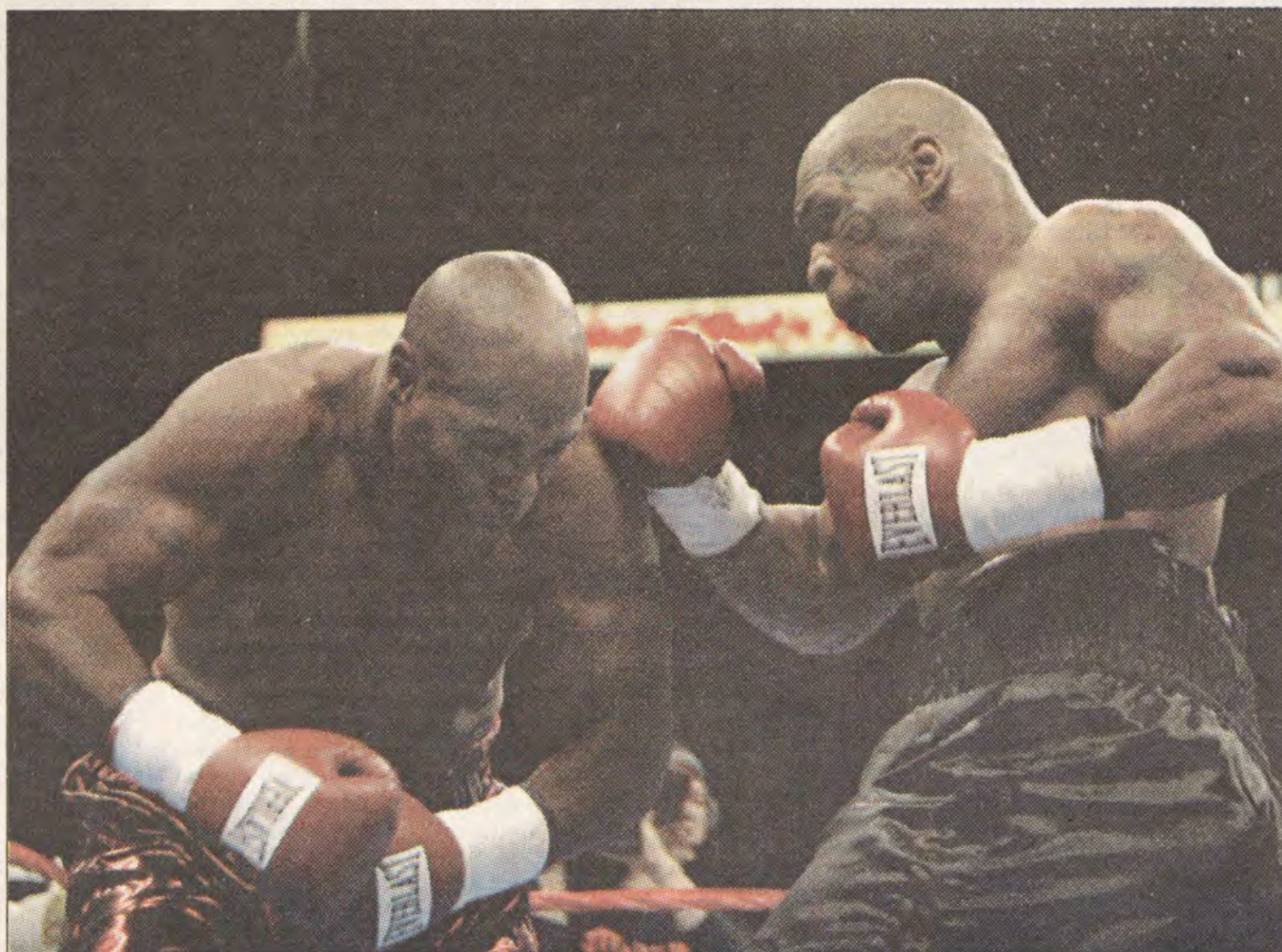
Mens Basketball Polls

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2 Kentucky (13)	2 Kentucky
3 Texas	3 Louisville
4 Louisville	4 Texas
5 Oklahoma	5 Oklahoma
6 Kansas	6 Kansas
7 Florida	7 Florida
8 Duke	8 Duke
9 Pittsburgh	9 Pittsburgh
10 Wake Forest	10 NOTRE DAME
11 Marquette	11 Wake Forest
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15 Syracuse	15 Illinois
16 Oklahoma State	16 Oklahoma State
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18 California	18 Creighton
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Mens College Basketball Big East Conference

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West Virginia	13	11	.542
Georgetown	12	11	.522
Rutgers	11	13	.458

BOXING



Former heavyweight champ Mike Tyson and Clifford Etienne trade punches in the first round of their match Saturday. Tyson knocked out Etienne 49 seconds into the bout.

Tyson knocks out Etienne in 1st round

Associated Press

MEMPHIS
On Mike Tyson's list of lessons learned from his 49-second destruction of Clifford Etienne, a few stand out:

First, rhinos don't dance, but they sure hit the canvas with a thud.

Second, one devastating right hand doesn't mean Tyson has any chance in a rematch with Lennox Lewis.

Tyson rambled on as only Tyson can after Saturday night's fight, touching on everything from his bad back (broken, he says) to his desire to

party (it's big) and, finally, to his future in the ring (more Clifford Etienues).

Etienne — aka the Black Rhino — had gone down seven times in one fight with soft-hitting Fres Oquendo two years ago. Tyson proved that the last thing to go in an aging heavyweight is his punch when his right hand flattened Etienne.

Etienne made the mistake of trying to punch with a puncher, and as soon as Tyson landed his right, he walked away knowing it was over.

"That's what rhinos do," Tyson said. "Rhinos don't dance."

The crowd of 15,171 at the Pyramid went wild over the sixth-fastest knockout of Tyson's career. But the former heavyweight champion was more realistic about what it all meant.

"People are excited to see me knock guys out because that's how I made my reputation," Tyson said. "But I need more rounds. After a fight like this, 49 seconds, I can't go in there against Lewis, a confident fighter who's accurate. I need to go back to the gym."

If he skipped training for a week just before the fight to get a tattoo and

relax, who's to believe he has enough dedication left to get in top condition?

"I like doing other things. I like getting high, hanging out with my kids. I like drinking," Tyson said.

But 49 seconds proved little, except that Tyson can still hit like a mule and Etienne can still fall down. And even though Tyson desperately wants — and needs — the money a Lewis rematch would bring, he said he needs another fight or two before risking it all against a fighter who simply may be too big and too good for him.

IN BRIEF

McGrady rips Nets

Two days after watching 40-year-old Michael Jordan become the oldest NBA player to score 40 points in a game, the New Jersey Nets got burned by one of the league's young stars — Tracy McGrady.

McGrady had 46 points, 13 assists and 10 rebounds in his second monster game since Orlando traded Mike Miller and the Magic won their third straight with a 113-105 victory over the Nets on Sunday.

"Michael scoring 43 at 40 years old, that's more impressive," McGrady said quickly in rating his performance against the Nets versus Jordan's.

What McGrady did against the defending Eastern Conference champions just two days he tallied a career-best 52 points against Chicago was impressive, too.

McGrady, who leads the NBA in scoring with a 31.4 point average, hit 16 of 27 shots and got all his teammates involved in posting the second

triple-double of his career.

The Magic need a big finish from the 23-year-old to make the playoffs.

Coupled with Dallas' overtime win over Washington, Orlando has a one-game lead over the Wizards in the race for Eastern Conference's final playoff berth.

Sooners hang on for win

Oklahoma may have sent a message while beating Kansas to move into a first-place tie with the Jayhawks in the Big 12.

"Our program, from a consistency standpoint, we're getting pretty good," coach Kelvin Sampson said after his team's 77-70 victory Sunday. "Kansas has set a standard for this conference and will continue to do so. But at the same time, Oklahoma basketball is getting pretty good."

The fifth-ranked Sooners were better than that for 25 minutes in building a 32-point lead, then withstood a

rally that saw No. 6 Kansas get within five in the final 30 seconds.

Hollis Price and Quannas White each scored 19 points for the Sooners (19-4, 10-2), but there were contributions throughout the lineup as they extended the nation's longest home-court winning streak to 36 games.

The Sooners took control early by hitting their shots and controlling the backboards at both ends of the floor. White had three 3-pointers and Price had two as Oklahoma went 6-of-10 from behind the arc in the first half.

The Sooners had a 10-3 lead in the first five minutes, stretched it to 17-6 with 11:30 remaining and went on to lead by as many as 21.

Kansas got several good looks early that didn't fall. The Jayhawks missed 17 of their first 20 shots and shot 26.7 percent in the first half (8-of-30).

"In the first half not only were we not in the same building with them, we were not even in the same league," Williams said.

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Suns at Bulls 8:30 p.m., FOX

BENGAL BOUTS — 170 POUNDS-HEAVYWEIGHTS

Cosse's victory earns standing ovation in quarterfinals

By HEATHER
VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

In what some may deem the best fight thus far in this year's Bouts, Clay Cosse defeated Patrick McGarry in a split decision. The fight ended with both boxers tired after a battle of two competitors that warranted the first standing ovation this year.

Cosse and McGarry went punch for punch the whole way through, but it was Cosse who came out firing in the third round to pull out the split decision of a bout that could have been won by either fighter.

Knust def. Michalek

After the McGarry-Cosse fight, Matt Knust and Brian Michalek had some big shoes to fill. However, neither junior could land a punch in the beginning of the fight.

Finally, Knust connected on a huge jab that ended the second round. Building on this momentum, he went on to use a series of combinations on his way to victory by unanimous decision. He will face Cosse on Wednesday.

Voss def. Padilla

In a battle of two seniors, Jason Voss prevailed over Matt Padilla in a unanimous decision. "Criss Cross" Voss was too much to handle from the start, as his first left hook connected to leave Padilla stumbling.

By the end of the bout, both fighters were stumbling, and unable to land a punch. However, Voss had already left

his mark, and it was too much for Padilla to overcome.

Joyce def. Ward

Rob Joyce's unanimous decision victory was the third of the four 170-pound fights. The senior set the tone with a huge opening jab on James Ward and he never looked back.

Ward was unable to land any huge punches, as Joyce, a senior, ducked and feinted the entire fight.

Joyce used a multitude of combinations to land his shots on Ward, a junior. On defense, he was too elusive for the slower Ward, as he moved on to face Voss.

180 pounds**Groeber def. Christoforetti**

It was all Andrew Groeber in Sunday's fight. James Christoforetti could not land a punch on the way to his defeat by the off-campus senior.

Groeber was too tough for Christoforetti, as he continually cornered him using an offensive strategy to score points with the judges. His punches were dominating, as Christoforetti had no answer for the aggressive style Groeber displayed en route to an unanimous decision.

Demko def. Rocca

It was a battle of the Dawgs and the Big Red, as the Alumni-Dillon rivalry extended into the ring. Junior captain Tommy Demko of Alumni came out firing against Erik Rocca of Dillon.

Rocca was continually backed in the corner and knocked off-balance, as Demko landed just about every punch he threw.

However, Rocca would not give up despite the unanimous decision, as the freshman put up a fight despite being over-matched.

Pearsall def. Sullivan

Christopher Pearsall used his outstanding jab to the face to defeat Denis Sullivan. At the end of the first round, Pearsall backed Sullivan into the corner, where he landed multiple combinations to end the round.

Sullivan, meanwhile, could not land a punch. He was forced to play defense the whole fight, leading Pearsall to the unanimous decision. Pearsall will face Demko in the semi-finals.

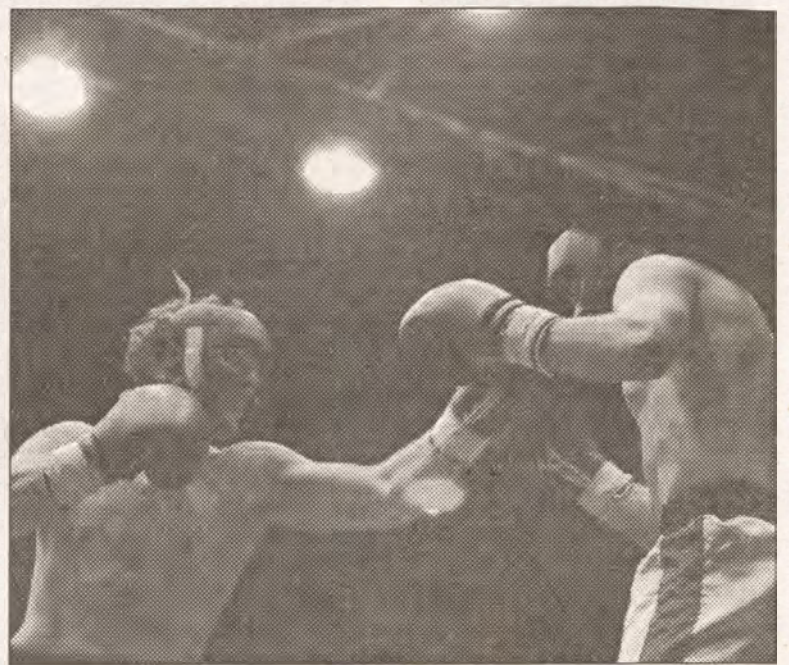
Rooney def. Callahan

If this were basketball, one would believe that Eric Callahan would've had the advantage in the fight, as he had the obvious advantage over the shorter Larry Rooney. However, Rooney stayed low and landed punches to the body all fight, keeping Callahan off-balance.

Callahan was unable to land solid blows to the head, while Rooney scored points with the judges by consistently landing firm shots. The fight went back and forth until the end when the split decision was announced in favor of Rooney, who goes on to fight Groeber.

190 pounds**Lynk def. Escobales**

Senior captain John Lynk proved to be too much for sophomore David Escobales, as the referee was forced to stop



LISA VELTE/The Observer

Clay Cosse defeated Patrick McGarry in a split decision Sunday. This quarterfinal match impressed the crowd as both boxers fought very aggressively.

the fight 1:29 into the first round to the dismay of the crowd.

Escobales came out swinging wildly, but he could not connect. Meanwhile, Lynk repeatedly landed body punches to lower the hands of Escobales, leaving the head exposed. Taking advantage of this, Lynk dominated and forced Escobales to cover up before the TKO was called.

Gathinji def. Ronchetta

Mwangi Gathinji dominated the next fight, defeating Jose Ronchetta in an unanimous decision. Gathinji started off a little slow, but once he landed a titanic uppercut, the fight was his.

He proceeded to continually get Ronchetta against the ropes, dominating the over-matched fighter. Gathinji will be in for a fight against Lynk.

Otlewski def. Carver

In their last Bengal Bouts, John Caver and Patrick Otlewski gave each other a fight. Otlewski stood his ground the entire fight, taking hits and dishing out his share as well.

However, just when it looked like Otlewski had things under control, Caver came out aggressive in the third round and looked to pin Otlewski against the ropes. Despite these efforts, the judges were not convinced enough to change the unanimous decision.

Zizic def. Schroeder

In a battle of youth versus experience, Nathan Schroeder was overpowered by William Zizic. Although Schroeder hung in for the entire fight, he was clearly overmatched by the aggressive Zizic.

Zizic landed a massive left hook that sent both fighters back to their corners, as Schroeder regrouped. Zizic's unanimous decision advances him to the semifinals where he will face Otlewski.

Heavyweight**Abeyeta def. Morrison**

Carlos "The Master" Abeyeta lived up to his nickname as he dominated the competition Sunday after a slow start against Nick Morrison. Morrison held his own for most

of the fight until 51 seconds into the third round, when the referee stopped the fight for the TKO.

Abeyeta's mix of jabs and hooks was too much for Morrison, as he came out strong in the second round of a fight that looked to be up for grabs after the first round. Abeyeta continually pounded Morrison as he relentlessly kept up a barrage of blows to the head and the body.

Burton def. Pezanko

Darryl Burton decided from the beginning of the fight he was going to win. From there, Timothy Pezanko was helpless, as the senior lost to the sophomore, in an unanimous decision.

Burton came out swinging under control. He forced Pezanko on the defensive end, as Pezanko could never even throw a punch. When he did, it either missed or it did not phase Burton. Burton, however, will have his hands full next when he faces Abeyeta in the semifinals.

O'Connor def. Farkas

Ben "No Name" O'Connor sure made a name for himself after Sunday's unanimous decision victory over Brian Farkas. In the battle between two Alumni residents, no one seemed to have the upper hand in the early part of the match.

However, by the end, O'Connor finally had landed more punches than Farkas, despite the fact that neither fighter dominated. Also, both were tiring quickly by the time the third round came, so Farkas was never able to make up the lost ground.

Borovina def. McFeron

Stefan Borovina made quick work of Donovan McFeron as the referee called the fight for a TKO.

McFeron could not land any punches against the dominating Borovina, who started and finished aggressively. He forced McFeron against the ropes and fired jab after jab at the senior. Borovina looks to cause more trouble in the semifinals when he faces O'Connor.

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title with a team total 730 points. "This has been our strongest day traditionally in terms of having all the stroke events," head coach Bailey Weathers said. "We feel like if we can get to this point and we're in the meet, then we can win the meet."

Weathers is confident in his girls, and his confidence has validity in their performance down the stretch.

In a microcosm of the championship weekend, Notre Dame junior Danielle Hulick overtook Rutgers in the final leg of the 400 freestyle relay, the night's last event. The team of Katie Eckholt, Courtney Choura, Heidi Hendrick and Hulick finished with a time of 3:21.18. Rutgers finished second in 3:23.05.

"We were ahead the whole time, but they were winning a lot

of events and they were holding on," Hulick said. "We were a little worried about Rutgers at times, and they were really out to get us, you could tell."

The Irish established they would not back down on Friday. At least two swimmers scored in the top eight of every event, with as many as four swimmers competing in the final heat of a single swim.

Freshman Christel Bouvron (54.57) and Lisa Garcia (54.90) completed the 100 butterfly back-to-back at second and third.

In the 100 backstroke, Hulick (55.56), Kristen Peterson (56.13), Kara Santelli (56.34), and Sarah Alwen (56.73) finished third, fourth, fifth and sixth, respectively, a huge number of points in only one event for the Irish.

Marie Labosky won the 400 IM with a time of 4:16.24, and Meghan Perry-Eaton scored a 309.20 for first in the 1-meter diving.

Even with the points amounting

for the Irish by Friday's close, Notre Dame had a formidable task ahead of them Saturday. Tri-captain Heidi Hendrick knows how hard the team fought for this championship all the way through the weekend.

"We had a challenge up against us this year," said tri-captain Heidi Hendrick. "We did a lot better than any of us expected. We stepped up, and everyone swam extremely well across the board."

'Across the board' is an accurate description.

Even in events in which Rutgers scored well, the Irish hung around.

In the 100 freestyle, the Scarlet Knights' Casmera Wick took second with a time of (50.50), but Hendrick (51.05) and Eckholt (51.55) picked up points at sixth and ninth.

Rutgers' Kelly Harrigan won the 200 backstroke in 1:56.02 and in the process broke a record set by the Irish's own Erin Brooks in 1997 of 1:57.56. Again, there

were Hulick (2:00.27), Labosky (2:00.75), Alwen (2:01.43), Santelli (2:01.68), and Peterson (2:01.70) at fourth, fifth, seventh, ninth and 10th, respectively.

Weathers has nothing but praise for his swimmers.

"We had some great swims today and that was a big part of it," Weathers said. "I thought Lisa Garcia's butterfly swims were great. Our 100 freestylers were really good, and our backstrokers I thought were excellent."

Garcia, who holds the Notre Dame record in the 200 butterfly of 1:59.28, won the 200 butterfly with a time of 2:01.02. She also won the 200 IM on Thursday. Sophomore Brooke Taylor (2:01.37) finished third in the 200 fly and Christel Bouvron (2:05.08) took eighth. The 400 freestyle team captured the night's final event as the Irish closed strong.

"I was really pleased with [the championship]," Weathers said. "I thought it was going to be a really

hard meet for us to win. We came in pretty much as an underdog to Rutgers and probably to Virginia Tech."

The Irish could have been an underdog, even at 9-1-1, because of the loss of defending Big East champions Carrie Nixon and Kelly Hecking. The two girls were wholly or partially responsible for all but one of Notre Dame's victories last year at Big East.

"I think this was better than any of the other years because we had to work harder," said Hulick. "This year, everyone was out to get us, but we had a talk last night and just said we had to cream them today, because the past few years [we've] won by hundreds of points. And we pulled it out."

So even as underdogs, Notre Dame was the team to beat — or, for the seventh year in a row, the team to lose to.

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WOMENS BASKETBALL

Huskies hustle past Irish for 65th straight

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

After trailing most of the first half against the No. 1 team in the country, Notre Dame tied Connecticut at 28-28 on a field goal by Teresa Borton with 1:30 left before halftime.

But there would be no upset Sunday in Storrs, Conn.

The Huskies (26-0, 13-0 in the Big East) responded by ending the half on a 5-0 run and never looked back, en route to a 77-59 victory over the Irish (15-9, 7-6).

"We didn't finish the [first] half strong. We took quick, bad shots and they went down and got easy ones," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "And the beginning of the second half was the same thing, and all of a sudden we're down 15."

The five-point halftime lead was extended to 16 after Connecticut broke off a 16-5 run early in the second half. Their lead reached as many as 22 before the game ended.

That six-minute stretch was the difference in the game, Irish coach Muffet McGraw said in the post-game press conference.

"We let down our guard for the last minute of the first half and the first five minutes of the second half, and UConn capitalized, and that was the difference in the game," McGraw said. "Once we got our bearings about us again, we played them even."

The win was Connecticut's 65th straight, extending their own NCAA record.

Surprisingly, Notre Dame outrebounded the defending national champs 43-40, led by Jacqueline Batteast's career-high 18 boards. It was only the third time Connecticut had been outrebounded this season.

"I was pleased with our post game and rebounding," McGraw said. "I thought the rebounding was especially strong on the offensive end. [Batteast] had a tremendous day on the boards, and she helped us in other ways besides scoring."

However, poor shooting and too many turnovers prevented the Irish from snapping the Huskies streak. Notre Dame shot only 33.9 percent from the field and turned the ball over 18 times. The Huskies were able to

shoot 44.3 percent and only had 10 turnovers all day, including just one in the last 10:21 of the game.

"We just had one of those days when the shots weren't going down and that's going to happen," McGraw said. "Against a team like Connecticut you can't afford to have a down day when it comes to shooting from the field."

Notre Dame had a few offensive bright spots in Borton and Courtney LaVere. Borton had a game-high and career-high 21 points on 7-for-11 shooting. She also knocked in all seven of her free throw attempts and grabbed six rebounds. But she was shut down during the Huskies run in the second half and didn't score again until their were six minutes left and the game was out of reach for the Irish.

LaVere made 5-for-8 shots and scored 13 points for the Irish.

Notre Dame's two leading scorers coming into the game, Batteast and Alicia Ratay, both struggled to find their touch. Batteast was held to only 2-for-12 shooting and five points, ten under her season average while Ratay hit only 2-for-10 shots and ended the day with ten points.

The Huskies did not have one shooting star Sunday, but used a balanced offensive attack. All-American Diana Taurasi led Connecticut with 13 points, while reserve Wilnett Crockett added 12 more points as the Huskies had five players score in double figures.

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WOMENS SWIMMING

Perry-Eaton: Simply outstanding

By PAT LEONARD
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The Big East conference scheduled the weekend events precisely.

The Nassau Aquatic Center staff worked out times slots for each event and each awards ceremony. So when the judges called the platform divers to the winners' blocks at 8:49 p.m. Saturday, it was going as planned.

A Rutgers diver received third place. She waved her hand and smiled. The Miami diver on the victor's block beamed with pride, although platform diving awards no points.

But the second-place block was empty. Out of the crowd came Notre Dame diver Meghan Perry-Eaton, who jogged down poolside a bit late. Maybe Perry-Eaton was not as enthused because she knew she would be receiving another award that evening as the 2003 Big East Outstanding Diver of the Year.

Perry-Eaton may not have stepped up to receive her platform award right away, but the junior diver did step up when it counted at the Big East championships this weekend to help her team to a seventh consecutive title.

"I was pretty excited about winning the award," Perry-Eaton said. "I didn't know because Miami is really strong and Katie Beth [Bryant] got the same places as I did. She has a little more experience and I thought she might have a little more pull, but I was excited to get it."

Miami finished third ahead of Virginia Tech at the championships, in part due to its diving program which is regarded as among the finest in the country. Beating Miami made the victory that much sweeter for Perry-Eaton and Notre Dame.

"She's been working for a long time," said head diving coach Caiming Xie. "We always knew she

was capable of what she has done, capable of winning this title. She's a fighter and she is prepared mentally for that [kind of pressure]."

Injured and inactive her entire freshman season, the Brandon, Fla., native rehabilitated and entered the Irish lineup her sophomore season with a bang. That year, Perry-Eaton nearly qualified for the NCAA championships, coming in sixth in the one-meter diving and 13th in the 3-meter at the NCAA Zone Diving competition.

As a sophomore at the Notre Dame invitational, Perry-Eaton even shattered All-American Heather Mattingly's record in the 3-meter dive in six dives with 333.82 points, beating the previous All-American's 332.40.

More pertinent to the past weekend's meet, however, Perry-Eaton placed second in the 1-meter dive with 293.50 and fourth in the 3-meter dive with 507.50 last season at Big East.

So this year she was out to prove something to herself and, more importantly, to help her team's cause.

"Coach told me it would be a dog-fight points-wise, so I knew what I had to do for our team and that really got me going," Perry-Eaton said.

During the season Perry-Eaton was one of the most reliable Notre Dame swimmers or divers. She practically guaranteed the Irish first place points from the dive.

So at Big East this year, Xie and head swimming coach Bailey Weathers expected a solid contribution out of Perry-Eaton, but a first- and second-place finish?

Perry-Eaton won the 1-meter dive (309.20 points) and finished second in the 3-meter (501.05) to boost the team's confidence.

"Meghan really gave us a huge lift," Weathers said. "She's been working hard for this title and we're working hard too," coach Xie said. Xie has coached mens and womens diving at Notre Dame since 1995. He was acknowledged as Big East diving coach of the year in 1999.

"To prepare for the meet, we talked about confidence on the dive. We told her she should just think of herself diving well as she did all year. She must concentrate and focus and stay calm, and she did that. She did an excellent job."

She stayed calm during the events. Didn't know about the award ceremonies.

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coach Tim Welsh.

In the 200 medley relay, Virginia Tech set a new meet record (1:28.49). Rutgers' team was second in 1:29.93, and Notre Dame placed third. The Irish team consisting of Doug Bauman, Jason Fitzpatrick, Frank Krakowski and Tim Randolph set a new Notre Dame record (1:30.58).

Notre Dame's Jamie Lutkus placed second in the 400 IM with a time of 3:54.38. Sean Smith of Rutgers won in 3:52.25. ND's David Moisan (4:00.29) and Patrick Heffernan (4:03.29) finished seventh and 12th overall, respectively.

With his second-place finish, Lutkus, a freshman from Granger, broke the school record he set in the prelims. Lutkus also posted the highest individual finish for the Irish.

In 100 butterfly, Krakowski set yet another record for the Irish. In one of the most exciting and close races of Friday evening, Krakowski finished seventh with a fast time of 48.92. Dustin Rogers of UConn placed first (48.35) and Pedro Pinto of West Virginia (48.41).

Junior Matt Obringer placed fifth in the 200 free for the Irish in a record time of 1:38.49. Winner Kleyton Franca touched in 1:37.31 and second-place finisher Marshal Livingstone followed in 1:37.52.

In the 100 breaststroke, senior Jason Fitzpatrick was third with a time of 55.35. Winner Kevin Furlong of Virginia Tech set a new Big East record (53.54). Also for the Irish, Randolph came in ninth with a time of 56.68. Teammates Josh Dermott (56.71) and Tyler Grenda (57.16) finished 10th and 13th overall.

Fitzpatrick's time was a new school record as well as a "B" qualifying time for the 2003 NCAA meet.

It was all about freshmen for the Irish in the 100 backstroke. Bauman placed sixth with a time of 50.29, and fellow rookie Steve Shomberger was 15th (51.43). Winner Steve Tozer of Virginia Tech touched in 49.13, followed by teammate Chris Lindberg (49.25).

In diving action, Andy Maggio and Joe Miller qualified for the 3-meter finals. Maggio finished in third place with 494.80 points. Miller was eighth with a score of

356.50. Miguel Velazquez completed his sweep of the diving events with a victory of 657.20 points, followed by Pitt's Dennis Nemtsanov (564.20).

The 800 freestyle relay team of Obringer, J.R. Teddy, Patrick O'Berry, and Brian Guarnier finished sixth in 6:46.46. St. John's placed first in 6:36.32, and second-place Pitt touched in 6:37.28.

In the 1,650 freestyle final, Eric Limkemann of Pitt finished first in 15:21.48, followed by Michal Szapiel of St. John's (15:32.43). Notre Dame's Matt Bertke placed seventh in 16:04.20.

Shomberger was eighth (1:52.76) in the 200 backstroke final, while teammate Bauman finished 12th. Winner Anders Frahm of Virginia Tech touched in 1:46.98, followed by Rutgers' Jon Stinson (1:47.90).

Freshman Shomberger, despite missing the majority of the season due to an elbow injury, set a new school mark in the 200 backstroke prelims (1:49.54).

"Our freshman stepped up tremendously," said Welsh. "If you look across the field in Saturday's championship finals, which was by far not our best night, nevertheless it was mostly freshman and sophomores in the finals."

Senior Michael Grube of Pittsburgh won his third 100 freestyle championship in a row, with a time of 44.18. For the Irish, sophomore Krakowski finished seventh (45.47) and Obringer was 12th (45.60).

200 breaststroke winner Randy Gertenbach of Pittsburgh set a new meet record with his time of 1:59.42, breaking the old mark of 1:59.45. For the Irish, David Moisan finished eighth (2:04.86), Fitzpatrick was 11th (2:04.36), Tyler Grenda 13th, Josh Dermott 14th and Lutkus finished 16th.

Freshman Patrick Heffernan placed eighth overall in the 200 butterfly (1:51.66). Pittsburgh's Jason Miller won in 1:47.75. Also for the Irish, Lucas Wymore (11th), J.R. Teddy (12th) and Brian Guarnier (13th) contributed to a strong effort.

In the last event of the meet, the 400 freestyle relay, the Irish team of Randolph, Krakowski, Fitzpatrick, and Obringer placed fifth (3:01.91) in a close race. Pitt finished first with a time of 2:57.74, followed by Virginia Tech (3:01.95), UConn (3:01.68), and St. John's (3:01.82).

The Irish records that were set during



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Pat Davis dives into the pool during the Big East Championships held last weekend. The Notre Dame men finished fourth overall.

the meet included new marks in the 200 backstroke, 400 medley relay, 50 free, 200 freestyle relay, 400 IM, 100 butterfly and 100 breaststroke.

Coach Welsh praised the team's record-breaking efforts.

"The team this year was very focused and did a good job in terms of performance and team building," he said. "The ones [records] that we missed we missed close. We only missed the 500 [free] by a tenth [of a second], 200 [free] by hundredths, and 200 back by hundredths."

Sophomore Frank Krakowski was a standout for Notre Dame, having a hand in four of the seven records set during the

weekend. The sophomore was a part of both relay teams and as an individual broke the previous marks in the 50 free and 100 butterfly.

Despite the numerous new records and the consistent performance of the Irish at the meet, there was a feeling of unfinished business.

"It's a young team and we'll be back," said Welsh. "We know how hard it is to move up and we will continue to work hard towards that. We hope that it happens next year. We left something to be done."

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of juice heading into Connecticut," Matt Carroll said Saturday. "With Big Monday, we'll be ready to go."

Thomas called his fellow sophomore Okafor "the bread and butter" of Connecticut's team, and for good reason. The two last year were widely considered the best freshmen in the Big East, and when Thomas won the award, Okafor made a point of talking to Thomas about it before the two teams squared off in the semifinals of the Tournament.

"He said to me last year that I stole his rookie of the year award," Thomas joked. "I think he had a little chip on his shoulder."

Although Okafor only scored seven points and grabbed 10 rebounds against the Irish last year, he averages 15.4 points, 11 rebounds and 4.7 blocks a game.

Yet playing in Okafor's shadow is his classmate Ben Gordon, who averages a team-high 20.4 points a game.

"Ben Gordon is one of the best guards in the Big East, Okafor is one of the best centers in the Big East," Carroll said. "It's going to be a very difficult game."

Chances are it will also be an emotional one for Calhoun and

the Huskies. The 60-year-old Connecticut coach was expected to take three to four weeks to recover from surgery to remove a cancerous prostate in early February.

But against St. John's Saturday, to the deafening roar of 10,000 fans, Calhoun led his team to a 77-69 victory just 16 days after undergoing surgery.

"We saw coach was there — the general's back — and it got us fired up and ready to go," Gordon said after the game.

Neither team had a significant amount of time to prepare solely

for tonight's matchup. Both squads finished their games Saturday afternoon, leaving a little more than 50 hours between the conclusion of

Saturday's games and tonight's 7 p.m. tip-off.

But Brey isn't concerned about the short turnaround, nor does he think the relative ease with which the Irish beat the Hokies will take any sharpness away from the Irish.

"Our frame of mind is really good," he said. "We're loose, we're playing to win. Sometimes we're a little too fearless, jacking up shots to quick. But my gosh, that's a fine line."

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BENGAL BOUTS — 165 POUNDS

Dillon's aggressiveness pushes him past Rector in quarterfinals

By LUKE BUSAM
Sports Writer

Junior captain Pat Dillon's aggressive right hand won a unanimous decision over Reid Rector. Dillon connected on a solid right to earn his first standing eight-count of the match 15 seconds into round one. Dillon was aggressive throughout the round and moved Rector around easily with his one-tuos. Dillon ended the round with a nice one-two-one upstairs combo.

In round two, Dillon connected well in several exchanges, but Rector was more aggressive and snuck several jabs in over Dillon's dropping right. In round three, Dillon promptly sent Rector to the corner with a one-two upstairs. Rector continued to score, but Dillon used his strong right to lead throughout the third and earned a second standing eight-count 1:10 into the final round with two impressive right leads.

Gough def. Milliron

Charlie Gough will move on to face Dillon on Wednesday after referee Terry Johnson stopped the contest against Chris Milliron late in round three when Milliron fell to the mat after a charge by Gough that tangled him in the ropes. Shortly after the fall, time was stopped for the first time to clean the blood on Milliron.

Milliron was cleaned three more times in the second, but his hands remained fast, high, and accurate throughout the round. Milliron exchanged well, but Gough did break through and landed several shots to Milliron's head.

With 22 seconds left in the third, Milliron was sent to the corner for the third time in the round and the seventh time in the match to clean the blood on his face. Gough was good in his aggressive one-two combos and moved Milliron to the corner early in the final round. Milliron fought well throughout the fight and the blood did not seem to greatly affect his boxing.

Yost def. Bartels

Mark Yost earned a split decision victory over Ross Bartels. Yost controlled the ring early in round one and sent Bartels to the corner with a good one-one-two. Yost was pushed to the corner by Bartels and held there shortly after. Bartels was aggressive in round two and sent Yost to the ropes twice with his long jab. In round three, the fighters traded places in the corners and on the ropes and the close fight ended with both boxers leaning over the ropes and struggling to gain their balance.

Fergus def. Foy

Alex Fergus dominated Brian Foy in a match that was stopped 48 seconds into the second round. Fergus scored two standing eight-counts on Foy in round one, the first one after a hard right that sent Foy to the

mat. Foy bent his head forward and made himself an easy target for Fergus throughout the match. Fergus

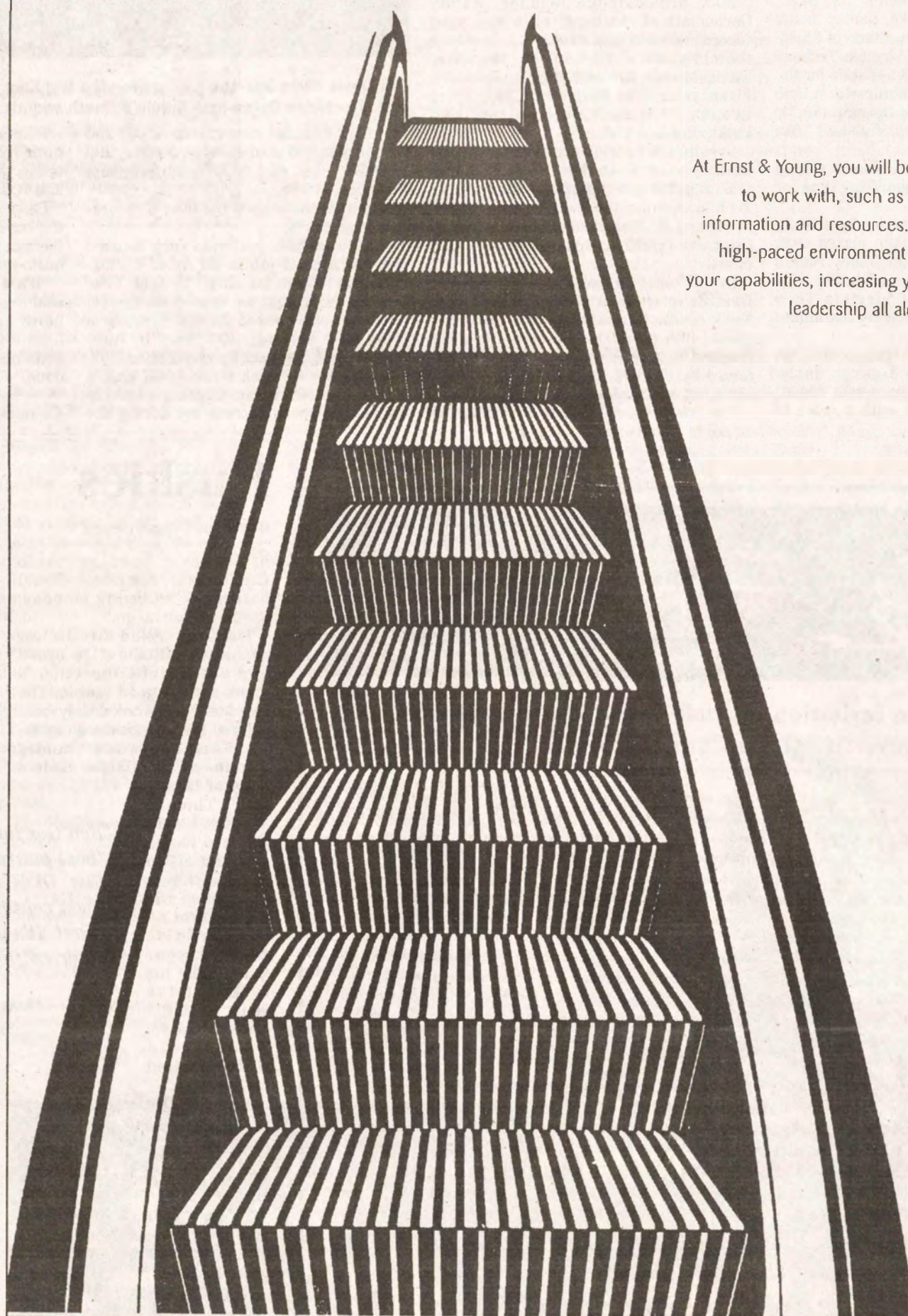
held the ring well in the second round and forced the hesitant Foy to the edges of the ring. A RSC was called 48

seconds into that round as Fergus scored his third standing eight-count of the match with a strong right hand to

Foy's head.

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MENS BASKETBALL

Second-half offense helps the Irish overwhelm Hokies

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

The grin on Matt Carroll's face showed how happy he was to get a win.

The red scratches stretching from his neck to his collarbone showed what he had to go through to get it.

Carroll scored a team-high 25 points Saturday afternoon to lead the Irish past Virginia Tech 98-76 after Notre Dame led by just one point at the half.

The turning point in the game, in Carroll's opinion, came early in a physical second-half. When he chased after a loose ball in front of the Notre Dame student section, Hokies guard Bryant Matthews violently shoved the Irish senior into the cheerleaders, leaving him with a pair of marks on a his neck and a burning desire to get even.

"I got a little angry, and it started coming out," he said. "I wanted to make them pay for it."

He did, keying a second-half explosion that yielded 64 points — eight more than the Irish scored in the entire game against West Virginia Tuesday.

Simply put, Notre Dame's second-half offense was unstoppable. The Irish shot 71.9 percent from the field, including 63.6 percent from behind the 3-point line. At times, the game resembled less a Big East con-

test and more like a Harlem Globetrotters exhibition.

Irish guard Chris Thomas tied a season high with 13 assists to complement his 21 points and six rebounds. While he committed seven turnovers, Thomas often threw nifty passes between Hokie defenders to wide-open Notre Dame players under the basket.

"That's how it's supposed to be," he said. "Everybody shared the ball really well and when we do that, we're going to be a heck of a team to beat."

Notre Dame's second-half output paralleled the first five minutes of the game, when the Irish exploded to a 16-4 lead. But after a lethargic rest of the half, the Hokies had climbed back into the game and trailed 34-33.

"We forced transition a little too much," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "We had it easy in the first four minutes, but once they adjusted and took some things away, we kept forcing it and probably shot some quick threes."

But after a halftime talk where the Irish challenged themselves to play aggressively for the entire second half, the Irish started lighting up the Hokies.

After Matthews — who also shoved Thomas to the ground twice and hit Miller hard enough to send him to the locker room for stitches — started getting physical, the Irish start-

ed getting hot. With Notre Dame leading 40-37, the Irish reeled off 20 of the game's next 27 points to blow the game wide open.

Part of Notre Dame's spurt came from Torrian Jones, who scored 12 points in 31 minutes and. Jones, whom Carroll compared to the Energizer bunny, keyed the Irish on the defensive end but also scored a variety of points thanks to slashing drives.

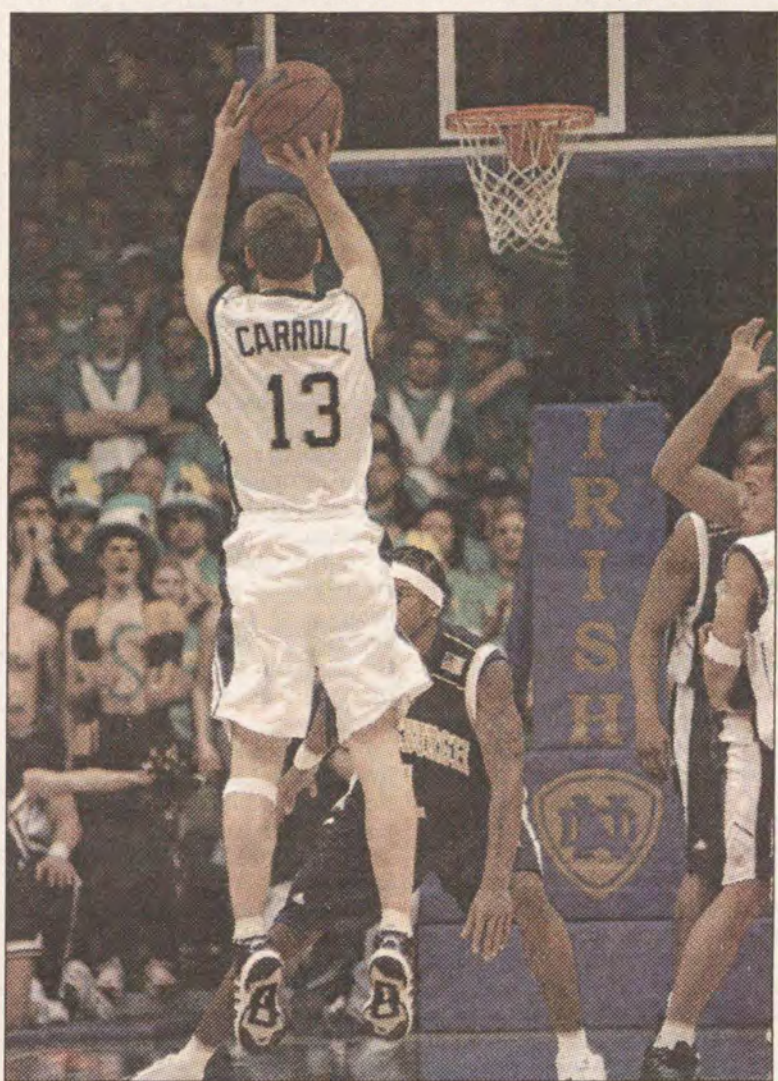
The final 10 minutes of the game quickly turned into a Notre Dame highlight reel. First Tom Timmermans, whose family was in town from the Netherlands, sliced through the line for an athletic tip-dunk.

Then Carroll and Thomas started scoring at will from behind the arc. Miller, who finished with 22 points, threw down a reverse dunk on a fast break.

Even walk-on Dan Lustig got into the act with a 3-pointer in the game's final seconds.

The blowout was a welcome change for the Irish, who have had seven of their last eight games decided by 10 points or fewer.

"All the security guards and older people keep saying we need to stop taking it down to the wire," Thomas said. "They're getting scared."



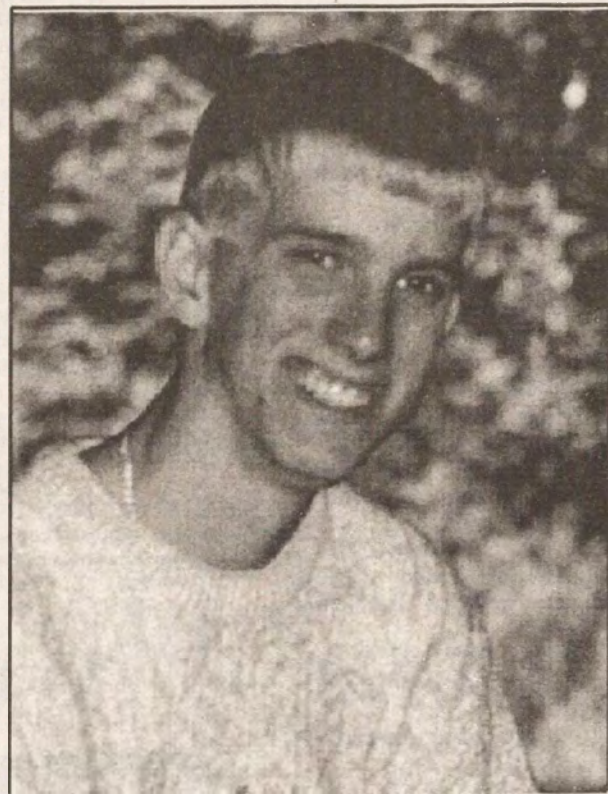
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Matt Carroll shoots against Pittsburgh earlier this year. He led the Irish to score 64 points in the second half against Virginia Tech on Saturday.

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HOCKEY

Winning streak extended to 4 as Irish sweep Lakers

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Sports Writer

As has happened so often during the regular season, the Irish ran into stellar goaltending by their opponent.

Only this time, it didn't matter. Notre Dame extended its winning streak to four and moved into a tie for fifth place in the CCHA with 3-2 and 6-3 wins over Lake Superior State Friday and Saturday, respectively.

"It feels good to have turned things around over the last two weeks," said head coach Dave Poulin. "This was a big four-game stretch for us."

The only thing that prevented both games from being blowouts was stellar goaltending by the two Laker netminders. The Irish outshot their opponent 106-52 on the weekend.

Coming into Friday's game, the Irish were on a tear, having beaten Bowling Green on the road the weekend before, with both games ending in 3-2 scores.

At home on Friday, the Irish once again managed a 3-2 result.

Defenseman Brett Lebda put the Irish ahead about midway through the first period after a nice give-and-go play with senior forward Michael Chin.

The Irish outshot the Lakers 19-4 in the first period, but were unable to get any more goals past sophomore goalie Matt Violin.

The second period was a different story, as forward Cory McLean beat Violin just less than four minutes into the period with a nifty move.

McLean faked left to draw a Laker defenseman and goad Violin out of the net. He then quickly shifted to the right and just managed to slide the puck behind Violin.

The game remained 2-0 until the third period, when freshman forward Mike Walsh gave the Irish some extra insurance two minutes into the period.

Kyle Dolder and Tim Wallace each attempted shots that Violin was able to stop, but the puck squirted away from the Laker goalie to Walsh, who buried the puck for his first goal of the season.

Just 54 seconds later, the Lakers got on the board with a goal from forward Adrian Kremblewski.

"After the goal that put us up 3-0, I thought there might have been a bit of a lapse," Poulin said. "They got a little momentum as well."

The Lakers were able to ride that momentum for one more goal, with Kyle Anderson scoring about the six-minute mark, but the Irish were able to hold on for the win.

The Irish outshot the Lakers 50-21 for the game, but Violin kept the visitors in the game until the very end.

Saturday, the Irish didn't have to deal with Violin. Laker head coach Frank Anzalone decided instead to start sophomore Terry Denike in net.

Denike was stellar in the first period, stopping all 19 Irish shots he faced.

The Lakers got on the board first, with a goal from defenseman Ren Fauci from the blue line past Irish goaltender Morgan Cey for a 1-0 lead about six minutes into the game.

The Irish finally got their answer and solved Denike early

in the second period, when Connor Dunlop put home a rebound of a Rob Globke shot.

Seven minutes later, freshman Matt Amado gave Notre Dame its first lead of the game. Again it was off a rebound as Denike stopped Neil Komadoski's bid but gave the puck to Amado, who flipped it home.

A minute later, the Lakers tied the game at two on the power play as Fauci got his second goal from the blue line that managed to elude a screened Cey.

The Irish answered with a power-play tally with about five minutes remaining in the period with a freshman-to-senior combination.

Amado took the puck to the right circle and made a gorgeous pass across the crease to senior forward John Wroblewski, who beat Denike as the goalie tried to move over to the left.

Once more the lead was short-lived as the Lakers came back to tie it two minutes later after a costly Irish turnover led to a goal by defenseman Kory Scoran.

Connor Dunlop managed to regain the lead for the Irish before the end of the high-scoring second, as he once more scored a rebound goal on Denike with about two minutes left in the period.

The Irish blew the game open in the third with a goal by defenseman Brett Lebda with six minutes left in the game.

After the Lakers pulled Denike with two minutes or so remaining, Chin iced the win for the Irish with an empty net goal.

Dunlop, who assisted on Chin's tally, was the game's first star with a four-point night.

"It was personally nice, but more than that it was good to get that fourth win in a row," Dunlop said. "I don't think I did anything different tonight, it's just that sometimes you get the bounces."

Dunlop was the leading scorer for the Irish last season, but came into the game as only the third-leading scorer on this year's team.

"[Scoring] is something I expect out of myself," he said.



SARAH LATHROP/The Observer

Right Wing Rob Globke moves down the ice as his team looks on. The Irish won both games against Lake Superior State on Friday and Saturday.

"As long as I chip in and do what I can that's the best way for me to help the team."

The win puts the Irish in a tie for fifth place in the conference with Northern Michigan, one point ahead of seventh-place Miami. The Irish face Northern Michigan in a home-and-home series to end the season.

"It feels good [to be in fifth place]," said Poulin. "The team realizes that the goal is still ahead of us."

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Katie Riley!

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The Girls



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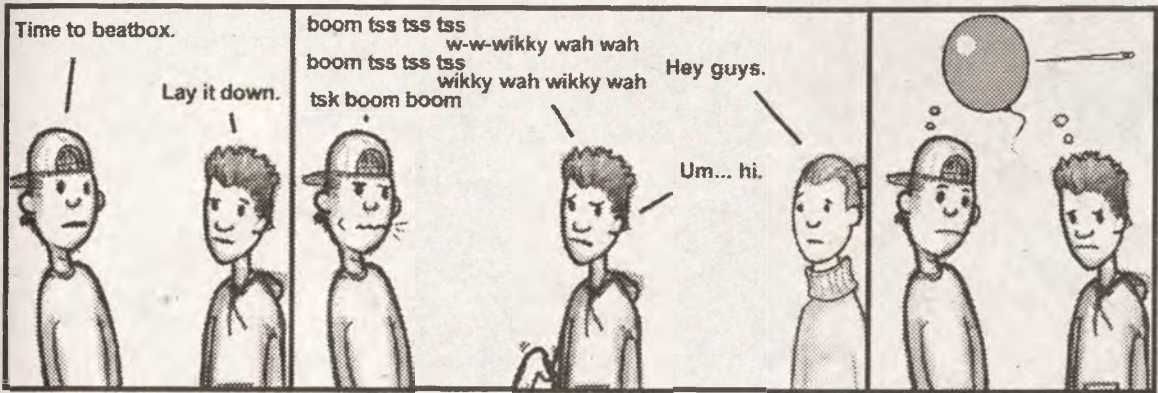
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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(Answers tomorrow)

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Answer: How he took the count of ten — LYING DOWN



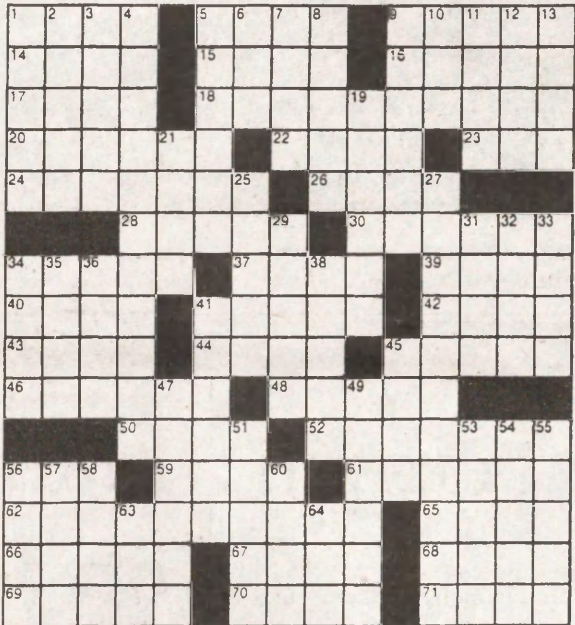
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Health resorts
 - 5 TV series with Hawkeye and Hot Lips
 - 9 Aspirin maker
 - 14 N.Y.S.E. listing
 - 15 Nabisco cookie
 - 16 Miss Doolittle of "My Fair Lady"
 - 17 Large section in an atlas
 - 18 Thumbtack, British-style
 - 20 Error
 - 22 Office message
 - 23 Drunkard
 - 24 Church bell spot
 - 26 Fall in scattered drops, as rain
 - 28 Boot camp reply
 - 30 Not on the road
 - 34 Sheets and pillowcases
 - 37 Sandwich shop
 - 39 Restaurant chain acronym
 - 40 Immediately, after "at"
 - 41 Job title (giving a hint to this puzzle's theme)
 - 42 Goopy ground
 - 43 Hearty drink made with honey
 - 44 Center of a Christmas display
 - 45 Hearty steak
 - 46 Flowering shrub
 - 48 Water at the mouth
 - 50 One-named Irish singer
 - 52 Avenues
 - 56 "What's the ___?"
 - 59 Reps.' foes
 - 61 Bluesman — Wolf
 - 62 Well-worn
 - 65 German "a"
 - 66 Art stand
 - 67 Fiction teller
 - 68 R & B/jazz singer James
 - 69 Beach souvenir
 - 70 Stately trees
 - 71 Work station
- DOWN**
- 1 Rip-offs
 - 2 Put
 - 3 Get up
 - 4 Seattle landmark
 - 5 Catwalk walkers
 - 6 The "A" in E.T.A.: Abbr.
 - 7 Line made by a 41-Across
 - 8 Inventor Elias and others
 - 9 Marathon runner Joan
 - 10 High school math: Abbr.
 - 11 Puppy sounds
 - 12 Operatic singer Pinza
 - 13 Long, angry complaint
 - 19 Damage
 - 21 Atop
 - 25 Duck down?
 - 27 White-flowered plant
 - 29 Marry again
 - 31 Cincinnati's home

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

WHAT'S NEW CROWDS
HUSH HUSH RESHOE
ISSUANCE INTENT
STAG NONEED RTS
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STURM SCHNOOK
MIAMI HEAT
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FEM STEFAN AROD
TOOTOO OPENFIRE
ENDALL USATODAY
DEEMED REPHRASE



Puzzle by Gregory E. Paul

- 32 Time starting at dawn
- 33 Fencing rapier
- 34 ___ Linda, Calif.
- 35 "Il Trovatore" soprano
- 36 Interscholastic sports org
- 38 Lecherous looks
- 41 Stuck around
- 45 Bull in a bullring
- 47 Ultimate purpose
- 49 Additional ones
- 51 Walk
- 53 Best of the best
- 54 Salon jobs
- 55 ___ preview
- 56 Tableland tribe
- 57 Iranian "king"
- 58 Scots Gaelic
- 60 Flying jib, e.g.
- 63 Electric fish
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EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Helen Shaver, Paula Zahn, Barry Bostwick, Edward James Olmos

Happy Birthday: Stay alert and intent on following through with your plans this year. Don't second-guess your abilities or your choices. The more prepared you are, the more confident you will feel. Your numbers are 3, 18, 22, 28, 31, 35

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You'll be in a good mood and ready to take on whatever comes your way. This can be a day of reawakening if you are open to what others have to share with you. ★★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't give in to unreasonable demands. Instead suggest what can be done to resolve such circumstances. Be sure to get enough rest. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You can thoroughly enjoy yourself today if you pursue knowledge. You are likely to meet someone special through those you befriend while on your quest for information. ★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Get to know the people around you a little bit better. Offer your services or help and you will open the doors to long-lasting friendships. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Offer your knowledge and experience and you will be praised for what you know. You will enjoy games that are challenging and competitive, so don't hesitate to take part. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Being proactive will help you get through the turmoil that you face today. Don't let anyone push you around or take you for granted. Make the decisions that are best for you. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Talk to someone who can give you information about your family background. This information may help you discover vital facts regarding your physical or mental health. It's not as bad as you think. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You may not be all that happy about your current work situation, but all sorts of opportunities are waiting for you. Don't worry about money. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may be a little on edge today. Make sufficient plans to keep busy, or prepare to deal with the problems once and for all. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Be careful not to say things out of context. Be as precise and up-front as possible about your intentions without revealing your secrets. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Interaction will be the key to knowledge, friendship and all sorts of interesting entertainment. You will enjoy intellectual banter with like-minded people. ★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Form a solid base with people who think the way you do. It won't be easy to fight issues that you disagree with by yourself. Today can be an extremely difficult day emotionally if you try to discuss the problems that have been bothering you. ★★

Birthday Baby: You will be inquisitive, intuitive and intelligent. You will have the qualities needed to become a leader and will be admired by most.

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SPORTS

Monday, February 24, 2003

ND SWIMMING & DIVING

Lucky 7

◆ Women claim 7th straight Big East title

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

UNIONDALE, N.Y.

"How many times have you won Big East?"

Each swimmer and diver wears the green shirt with navy blue letters that asks this question. And each member of the Irish squad would be glad to answer that question.

Seven. Seven in a row.

Friday saw Notre Dame score high in numerous events, including victories in the 400 IM and the 1-meter diving. Heading into Saturday, Notre Dame led second-place Rutgers at the Nassau Aquatic Center, 501-428.

The Scarlet Knights accepted their challenge, taking second in the 1650 freestyle, first in the 200 backstroke and second in the 100 freestyle. Still, the Irish were too much on the final day of competition, with 16 swimmers scoring to Rutgers' 11. Notre Dame won its seventh consecutive Big East

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The Notre Dame womens swimming and diving team poses for a picture after winning their seventh consecutive Big East title Saturday afternoon.

ANDY KENNA/The Observer

◆ Men finish in 4th, break many school records

By LISA REIJULA
Sports Writer

UNIONDALE, N.Y.

At the 2003 Big East Championships, the Notre Dame mens swimming and diving team turned in a solid fourth-place finish. The Irish scored 462.50 total points, and shattered seven school records over the course of the three-day event.

Pittsburgh's victory (708 points) gave them their seventh title in a row. Virginia Tech (555) finally pulled ahead of Rutgers (538.50) to earn second place. St. John's (348) placed fifth, followed by West Virginia (281), UConn (265), Syracuse (199), and Seton Hall (168). Rounding out the field of 12 was Villanova (94), Boston College (66) and Miami (40).

"From an objective point of view, we swam faster this year, scored more points than in the past few years, and were closer to first place," said Irish head

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ND TRACK & FIELD

Men win first Big East crown

◆ Women finish second, men rule 3,000-meter race to claim title

By ANDY TROEGER
Sports Writer

Led by three high finishers in the 3,000 meters, the Irish mens track and field team won its first Big East indoor championship on Sunday, while the womens team finished second to Miami.

After trailing Connecticut by five points following the first day, the men found themselves behind Georgetown by five with four events to go. However in the 3,000 meters, the Irish had three runners finish in the top four, with Luke Watson, Tim Moore and John Keane placing second, third and fourth, respectively. Those finishes were worth 19 points for the Irish. The Irish were able to hold off Connecticut and Washington in the last

three events.

In addition to his second-place finish in the 3,000, Watson also won the mile in 4:12.85. Moore and Keane placed first and third, respectively, in the 5,000 meters.

Selim Nurudeen finished second in the 60-meter hurdles, falling only .03 seconds short of the title.

The womens team had three individual Big East champions as Jaime Volkmer, Lauren King and Tameisha King posted individual wins, leading the Irish to a second-place finish.

Volkmer won the pole vault with a new career best and Big East meet record of 4.00 meters. Lauren King won the mile by over five seconds in an NCAA-qualifying time of 4:46.90. Tameisha King won her first individual Big East title in the 60-meter hurdles, beating Miami's Sharienne Lawson by .01 seconds. Tameisha King had previously been on two Big East Championship 4x100 meter

relay teams.

The womens distance medley team of Lauren King, Tricia Floyd, Megan Johnson and Molly Huddle set a Big East meet record in winning in 11:24.45.

Other impressive performances for the women included Huddle's second-place finish in the 3,000 meters and Kymia Love's NCAA-qualifying time in the 400-meter dash. Her time of 54.79 seconds was only .02 seconds out of first. Love also finished fourth in the 60-meter dash. Emily Loomis placed second and qualified for the NCAA Championships in the high jump with a season best of 1.79 meters.

Other top scorers for the mens Big East Championship Team were Kevin Somok in the 1,000 meters, Chris Staron and Ryan Mineburg in the high jump and Ryan Hurd in the 200-meter dash.

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MENS BASKETBALL

National spotlight on Joyce tonight

◆ Irish put home winning streak on the line against Okafor and Huskies

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

Sitting in the locker room minutes after wrapping up a blowout victory against Virginia Tech, the Irish couldn't help but talk about tonight's marquee matchup against Connecticut.

And for good reason, too. The storylines surrounding tonight's nationally televised game at the Joyce Center are limitless.

There's the story of Husky coach Jim Calhoun, who will be coaching just his second game tonight since he took a little more than two weeks off to recover from prostate cancer surgery.

There's the tale of how the

Huskies, winners of four of the last seven Big East Tournaments, beat the Irish in the semifinals last year.

There's the matchup of prolific sophomores — Notre Dame's Chris Thomas and Connecticut's Emeka Okafor — who finished 1-2 in last year's Big East Rookie of the Year voting.

There's Notre Dame's undefeated home record this season and the fact that the Irish haven't lost in the Joyce Center in 372 days.

But most importantly for both teams, there's the pivotal role tonight's game will play in the race for regular season Big East titles.

Fresh off the heels of a 98-76 blowout of Virginia Tech Saturday, the No. 12 Irish (21-5 overall, 9-3 in the Big East) are ready to take on Connecticut (17-6, 8-4) tonight.

"This game gives us a little bit

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

WOMENS B-BALL

Connecticut 75
Notre Dame 58

After being tied with the Huskies late in the first half, the Irish fizzled in the second half. The Huskies now have won their 65th consecutive game.

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MENS BASKETBALL

Notre Dame 98
Virginia Tech 76

After once again giving up a huge lead, the Irish explode in the second half, scoring 64 points and shooting over 70 percent from the floor, to put away the Hokies.

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