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Shots fired blocks from campus

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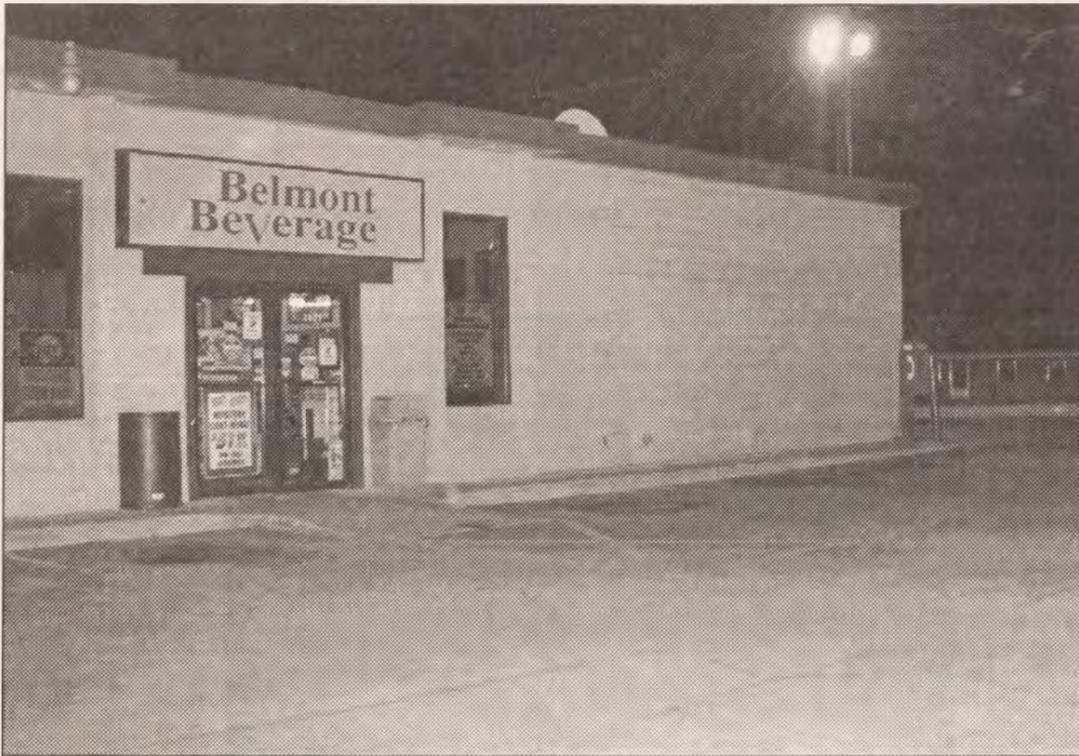
A 21-year-old South Bend man who was shot Friday evening at a liquor store one block from Notre Dame's campus died later that night at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, said Rex Rakow, director of Notre Dame Security Police.

Witnesses to the shooting said an argument between two individuals started inside Belmont Beverages, located on South Bend Avenue, around 9:50 p.m. and continued out into the parking lot when they heard multiple shots, Rakow said. The victim, 21-year-old Jamaal Davis, was transported to the hospital before police arrived at the scene.

According to Rakow, the shooting is being investigated by the St. Joseph County Metro Homicide Police. Because the shooting occurred close to areas that NDSP regularly patrols, an NDSP officer responded to the shooting, said Rakow.

"The [man] had already been taken to the hospital. Our officer just helped secure the scene," he said.

According to The South Bend Tribune, police had not made arrests as of late Saturday night and an autopsy was scheduled for Monday. Homicide investigator Lt. Steven Richmond told the Tribune that the murder could be in retaliation for a Feb. 22 shooting that occurred at the LaSalle Park Homes on West Washington St. in South Bend.



LISA VELTE/The Observer

A patron of Belmont Beverage at 1621 South Bend Ave. fired gunshots at another patron Friday night, who later died. Several Notre Dame students were in the vicinity at the time.

Police were also considering the possibility of connections between the Belmont shooting and another shooting that occurred around 1:30 a.m. Saturday at a house located on Diamond St., The Tribune reported.

Notre Dame seniors Nina Siggins and Nicole Coolbaugh left Belmont Beverages just before the shooting occurred.

"I was kind of shocked, but I was glad we weren't there at the same time," said Coolbaugh.

Both students, who live off campus, said they regularly

make purchases at the liquor store, but did not think the shooting would discourage them from going to Belmont Beverages in the future.

"If it happened there its possible it could happen at other places too," said Siggins.

The shooting death at Belmont Beverages comes after the Jan. 17 mugging of a Notre Dame student on Notre Dame Ave. and the death of Notre Dame freshman Chad Sharon.

Notre Dame students were notified of the incident in a campus-wide e-mail Saturday

informing students that the shooting had occurred and advising anyone with information about the crime to contact police.

Officials from the South Bend Police Department, who responded to the shooting, did not return phone calls seeking comment on the shooting. A Notre Dame student who was at the liquor store around 9:50 p.m. declined to comment on the matter.

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Student struck by SUV

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
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A South Bend resident driving a sports utility vehicle struck a Notre Dame junior early Saturday morning near Club 23, South Bend police said.

Steve Meyers, a Knott resident, was hailing a cab and walking across South Bend Avenue when Daniel Tarwacki hit Meyers.

Michael Hannigan, Knott assistant rector, said the vehicle was traveling at about 35 mph when it struck Meyers.

"The vehicle did quite a bit of damage [to Meyers]," he said.

Hannigan said Meyers sustained several injuries as a result of the severe impact.

Meyers underwent surgery at Saint Joseph Medical Center Saturday. Hannigan said Meyers condition was stable Sunday.

"The accident was very life-threatening and he came very close to death," Hannigan said.

Knott Hall rector Brother Jerome Meyer said Sunday that Meyers condition was "improving."

South Bend Police spokesman Captain John Williams said the police

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Independent SMC students perform monologues

By MELANIE BECKER
News Writer

Student performers and 70 members of the community gathered to recognize global violence against women at Sunday evening when a performance of Eve Ensler's "The Vagina Monologues" was held in the Regina North Lounge at Saint Mary's.

Nine students from the junior and senior classes performed "The Vagina Monologues" for interested members of the Saint Mary's Community.

The V-Day website said that, "Saint Mary's College is proud to present a benefit production of 'The Vagina Monologues' to raise awareness and for local organizations working to end violence against women and girls." The V-Day website lists senior Susan Almeda as the official organizer of the Performance at Saint Mary's. However, Almeda had no com-

ment for The Observer.

A disclaimer was read to the audience that the College in no way supported last night's performance but students are given the liberty to hold such performances under the academic freedom policy of the college. The performers also noted that they felt that the performance of the show was of great importance. All performers had no comment for The Observer.

The performers all wore black shirts that read on the back, "Never turn your back on your sisters." Minimal props and costume accessories were used as the students transformed the stories of women from around the globe through their reading.

Ensler begins the play by defining the vagina as the essence of a woman "The Monologues" expressed the oppression of women through the negative connotation and destruction of the vagina. Stereotypes and stigmas were

addressed as destroying the basic nature of a woman by the denial of such an essential part of her. Examples of this oppression ranged from the practice of douching in western cultures to female genital mutilation, particularly in Africa.

The monologues within the play were taken from interviews that Ensler conducted worldwide with women about their vaginas. The play consisted of a range of topics from the generalizations and embarrassment of having a vagina and menstruation, to the denial of its existence, to rape.

Throughout the show, statistical information was provided to the audience about sexual abuse of women. According to Ensler's findings, most homeless women have experienced sexual abuse or rape at some point during their lifetime and homes for abused women become a place of insecurity and fear.

The affects of abuse and

rape of women were also examined. After sexual abuse or rape a woman's body becomes a 'crime scene.' The separation of a woman's body and soul after sexual violence was demonstrated through the agonizing tales of women suffering from violence.

"It was a good way to bring about very important issues, such as female genital mutilation. It covered the full spectrum," senior Katie Sandford said.

The hour and a half performance ended with a monologue about the vagina during childbirth. The vagina is compared to a human heart in its ability to love, hurt, heal and sacrifice for others. A woman, like her vagina, changes with the birth of a child.

Audience members had mixed reactions and many refused to comment. Many students were surprised at the bluntness of the show and the level of its detail. Audience members were composed of

curious students, parents, professors, faculty and visitors.

"From a male's perspective, it was shocking, but I'd heard of it before. It's uncommon to think about the vagina, and it makes you think — not about all the pretty stuff either. Overall, it's a good play, it's honest and shows every perspective from a woman's point of view," Ricky Baron, a junior visiting from Valparaiso University, said.

"You never see yourself in that light, it's not something you expect. Many things you don't even hear about are brought to light," sophomore Madelyn Estrada said.

The play has fueled a global movement to end violence against women, which has gained momentum on college campuses across the nation.

Concerns as to whether the show fit the Catholic character of Saint Mary's arose in January of 2001. After selling

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INSIDE COLUMN

Rest in peace, weekend

Another week has come and gone, and another week has begun with me grieving the loss of the weekend. It arrived just three days ago amid much anticipation and has yet again been brutally wrenched from our lives by the greedy hands of another Monday.

Kevin Allen

Wire Editor

I must admit that I lead a pitifully cyclical existence by spending four days a week anticipating the arrival of the weekend, two days celebrating it and one day mourning its departure. Sometimes, my sorrow grows so extreme that Sunday night Mass almost seems like a funeral — a final affirmation that the sweet taste of freedom I enjoyed for a mere 48 hours is gone forever, or at least it seems that way in the illogical mind of a sleep-deprived 21 year-old.

Although I am probably more melodramatic about this than anyone else, I know that I am not the only student who feels this way. I see other students mourn just as I do every Sunday when the weekend suddenly passes away, crushed to death beneath a hefty pile of procrastination.

The passing on of the weekend abandons thousands of distraught students at the beginning of every new week. Robbed of their freedom to sleep in, students' grief is inconsolable as they make futile attempts to attack another busy five-day sprint through classes and assignments. In blatant disregard for the Fourth Commandment, students flock to libraries and computer clusters each Sunday to grieve the passing of the weekend.

By Monday morning, those reminders of the weekend that have survived, like the unfortunate mess in Alumni Hall's second-floor bathroom, the lingering awkwardness from a random hookup at Heartland and the ever-growing fear of the physics test I have on Wednesday will also fade away, leaving me with nothing but hopes for another weekend. But on a Monday like this, or any Monday, that seems far away.

But of course, the five days always fly by and I find myself enjoying another weekend before I know it. And two days later I'm back to grieving over the loss of another.

So as I ramble through this pseudo-eulogy for our close friend, the Weekend, let us enjoy these days, what I like to think of as the time between weekends, because that is the way the Weekend would want it. Do not pout and stress during mid-term week, one of the busiest weeks of the semester for most. Instead, be optimistic — look forward to Spring Break.

It's five very long days away. And I can't wait.

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A new Environmental Molecular Science Institute has been established at Notre Dame, thanks in part to one of the largest competitive grants the University has ever received.	The CIA wants to get into Khalid Sheikh Mohamed's head to gather information on possible future terrorist attacks.	U.S. Airways' bankruptcy claim advances before the judge who needs to approve its pension plan.	Letters to the editor argue against war and the purpose of singing the	The controversy surrounding "The Virginia Monologues" continues in the play's third year of being performing on Notre Dame's campus.	For the first time since 1983 Notre Dame's fencing team failed to win a combined conference championship Saturday.
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WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ND

- ◆ Lecture with Harrison Hagan Schmitt "To the Moon and Beyond!" 12:50 p.m. at DeBartolo Hall, room 101
- ◆ Lecture with Dr. Mohammed Mattar "Sexual Slavery: The problem of Trafficking of Women in an International Context" 6 p.m. at DeBartolo Hall, room 131
- ◆ Lecture with Barb Franklin, Liz Dobbs and Stacie Sowala "Living Next Door to the KKK: How the Klan hurts Americans of all Colors" 7 p.m. at DeBartolo Hall, room 101

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SMC

- ◆ Must Do Monday In celebration of Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month 12 p.m. at Hagggar College Center, room 303
- ◆ Lecture with Margaret O'Brien Steinfelds "Viewpoints on Iraq" 7 p.m. at Madeleva, Carroll Auditorium
- ◆ Lysistria Project Students will perform the Greek play in protest of war with Iraq 8:30 p.m. at Madeleva, Carroll Auditorium

WHAT'S GOING DOWN

- Abandoned bike found** Friday, an abandoned bike was found in the B1 faculty and staff south lot and is being kept by NDSP for safekeeping.
- Student finds license and cash** Wednesday, a student found a driver's license and cash in the C1 student lost and turned it into NDSP for safekeeping.
- NDSP issues speeding ticket** Thursday, a NDSP officer issued a state citation for exceeding the posted speed limit on Juniper road.
- Student reports missing bike** A student reported the her locked freestanding bike was taken from the east side of LaFortune Student Center between Feb.21 and 24. There are no suspects.
- Student injured at Rolfs** NDSP transported a student to St. Joseph medical Center for treatment of a sports injury from Rolfs Sports Center last Thursday.

-compiled from the NDSP crime blotter

WHAT'S COOKING

	North Dining Hall	South Dining Hall	Saint Mary's Dining Hall
Today's Lunch:	Boiled linguine, shells, tri-color rotini, meat sauce, spaghetti sauce, chicago pizza sauce, breaded cheesesticks, pepperoni pizza, cheese pizza, vegetable pizza, supreme pizza, breadsticks, tomato soup, minestrone soup, whipped potatoes, corn, apple cobbler, baked potato, hamburgers, chicken patty, steakhouse fries	Minestrone soup, Texas chili, tomato soup, hamburgers, chicken patties, grilled hotdog, chicken breasts, nature's burger, steakhouse fries, chicken taco, taco meat, refried beans, fajitas, spanish rice, whipped potatoes, pork gravy, brown sauce, broccoli cheese casserole, corn, rice, carrots, peas, green beans	Vegetarian paella, wild mushroom strudel, pasta, marinara, caribbean twice baked sweet potatoes, seafood international saute, grilled hamburger, grilled bratwurst, grilled cheese, french fries, BLT's, chicken breast teriyaki, vegetable lo mein, peas and carrots, deluxe pizza, cheese pizza, bread sticks, ham salad
Today's Dinner:	Vegetable pizza, supreme pizza, breadsticks, tomato soup, minestrone soup, whipped potatoes, corn, apple cobbler, baked potato, hamburgers, chicken patty, steakhouse fries, pork loin, pork gravy, peas, mushroom quiche, au gratin cauliflower	Grilled hotdog, chicken breasts, nature's burger, steakhouse fries, chicken taco, taco meat, refried beans, fajitas, spanish rice, whipped potatoes, pork gravy, brown sauce, broccoli cheese casserole, corn, rice, carrots, peas, green	Biriyani rice with cashews, baked potatoes, broccoli cuts, fettucine pasta toss, sweet potato biscuits, tortellini, Texas style briskett, lyonnaise potatoes, corn and tomatoes, chicken fajita pizza, cheese pizza, bread sticks, chimichanga

LOCAL WEATHER	TODAY	TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	HIGH 27 LOW 5	HIGH 27 LOW 25	HIGH 33 LOW 15	HIGH 27 LOW 16	HIGH 43 LOW 30	HIGH 37 LOW 31

Institute earns competitive grant

By KEVIN ALLEN
News Writer

A new Environmental Molecular Science Institute has been established at Notre Dame, thanks in part to one of the largest competitive grants the University has ever received.

Scientists and engineers at EMSI will utilize a \$5.5 million grant from the National Science Foundation and the Department of Energy to study the chemical interactions between microparticles and heavy metals in the environment, especially in the context of groundwater contamination.

"It is increasingly obvious from our poor record in cleaning up Superfund sites that we don't understand the molecular-scale chemistry that is happening at contaminated sites," said Jeremy Fein, associate professor of civil engineering and director of EMSI. Superfund sites are uncontrolled or abandoned places where hazardous waste is located, possibly affecting local ecosystems or people.

The scientific mission of the Institute is to provide a molecular-scale understanding of heavy metal and actinide interactions with nano- and microparticles in the environment, and to determine how these particles affect contaminant transport in geologic systems.

"Our researchers are working to develop models that can be used to make groundwater cleanup efforts more efficient and to design more efficient containment treatment strategies," said Fein.

Nano- and microparticles, such as bacteria, natural organic matter and mineral

aggregates are invisible to the human eye, but exist in nearly all groundwater systems. It is estimated that roughly half of all Americans depend solely on groundwater supplies for their drinking water. Groundwater is usually safe, but pollutants from a variety of sources, including hazardous waste sites, landfills, chemical storage tanks, mining operations, road salt and sewage spills, can lead to contaminated water supplies.

Fein and other investigators at EMSI found that nano- and microparticles present in water can enhance or hinder the transport of contaminants.

One threat that is being investigated at EMSI involves situations where heavy metals are dumped at a site and become attached to the cell walls of bacteria. Once the metal binds with the bacteria, it becomes as mobile as the bacteria.

The potential mobility of neptunium, a by-product of the production of plutonium in nuclear reactors is another research focus of the Institute. Concerns about the potential impact of neptunium in the environment have increased since President Bush recommended the Yucca Mountain facility in Nevada as the national underground repository for high-level nuclear waste.

EMSI will offer several research positions for undergraduates. EMSI will host a Research Experiences for Undergraduates program this summer for eight to 10 undergraduate students from across the nation.

"That's been the normal trend for our department — to get students into labs," said Fein.

EMSI will also attempt to increase the number of underrepresented minorities in the field of environmental science. The institute has partnered up with the National Consortium for Graduate Degrees for Minorities in Engineering and Science, Inc., and is developing a master's program specifically for undergraduate minority students.

EMSI is hosted by the Department of Civil Engineering and Geological Sciences and is housed in Fitzpatrick Hall of Engineering, where it maintains a 1,500 square-foot laboratory space. The lab was renovated with University funds and new equipment was bought with the grant money.

The new institute also collaborates with the University's Center for Environmental Science and Technology (CEST) and with the Argonne National Laboratory, operated by the University of Chicago.

The principal investigators for EMSI are Fein, Peter Burns, Massman Professor of Civil Engineering and Geological Sciences and Patricia Maurice, associate professor of civil engineering and geological sciences and director of CEST.

EMSI also employs an education and outreach administrator who will organize educational programs that target the scientific and general community. One proposed program would bring faculty from EMSI into local high schools to make scientific presentations. Several graduate and post-doctorate positions are still available at the Institute.

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Special prosecutor appointed to trial

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The office of St. Joseph County Prosecutor Michael Dvorak presented a request for a special prosecutor in the trials of the four former Notre Dame football players accused of sexual assault at a hearing Wednesday, according to court records.

A Notre Dame student claimed Lorenzo Crawford, Donald Dykes, Abram Elam and Justin Smith sexually assaulted her in March 2002. The four were charged with conspiracy to commit rape and Crawford, Dykes and Smith were charged with rape.

The need for a special prosecutor arose because two of Dvorak's chief deputies were connected to the cases before joining the prosecutor's office.

Ken Cotter, chief deputy prosecutor, represented Lorenzo Crawford before Dvorak appointed him to his current position. Frank Schaffer, chief deputy prosecutor, previously worked for Tony Zappia, who represents Justin Smith.

The petition did not name a special prosecutor, and the prosecutor's office did not return phone calls seeking comment.

Mark Lenyo, Elam's attorney, previously said he did not ask for a special prosecutor and

did not see the need for one.

Andre Gammage currently represents Crawford.

Chamblee rescheduled Crawford's trial date to June 2.

♦ Jefferson trial

The trial of a former Notre Dame football player accused of raping a former Saint Mary's student in March 2001 has been rescheduled.

Clifford Jefferson's civil jury trial will begin tentatively Sept. 23.

The case was reassigned to St. Joseph County Superior Court Judge William Whitman. St. Joseph County Superior Court Judge Jenny Pitts Manier recused herself from the case Jan. 21 without providing a reason. Jefferson did not appear at two previous court hearings regarding the case and was unrepresented by counsel at his Jan. 21 trial date where Manier instructed Jefferson to hire an attorney before she recused herself.

A clerk from the civil division of the St. Joseph County Clerk's office said Jefferson had not yet hired an attorney.

Attempts to reach Jefferson were unsuccessful.

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PILLARS promotes healthy break options

By CAITLIN EARLY
News Writer

A student-led alcohol and drug awareness and education group has launched a series of events to encourage students to make healthy choices over spring break.

Peers Inspiring Listening Learning and Responsibly Socializing, began in 1995 to provide peer drug and alcohol education programs to students. The group has since grown to comprise of nearly 60 students ranging from sophomores to seniors.

The group has organized a weeklong pledge signing campaign which asks students to make a commitment not to drink and drive during spring break.

All Notre Dame students that sign the spring break pledge are entered into a nationwide drawing for a chance to win a Jeep Wrangler.

PILLARS has also organized a presentation for Tuesday at 7 p.m. in DeBartolo 102, entitled, "DUI: A Powerful Lesson," where Mark Sterner is scheduled to share how his own spring break experience in Florida ended in the death of three friends after he chose to get behind the wheel drunk.

"We want to emphasize that PILLARS is not an abstinence-based group, rather we focus on harm reduction," said Gina Firth, director of the Office of Alcohol and Drug Education. "Drinking is a personal choice, but it is also a community choice because it affects other people around you." Each fall semester, PILLARS

sponsors a first-year program in each residence hall to provide freshmen with information about healthy decisions and to expose them to the different resources that are available on campus through the Office of Alcohol and Drug Education.

"We prefer to do the hall presentations within the first two weeks of the semester because studies have shown that freshmen establish their drinking patterns within these first few weeks on campus," said Firth.

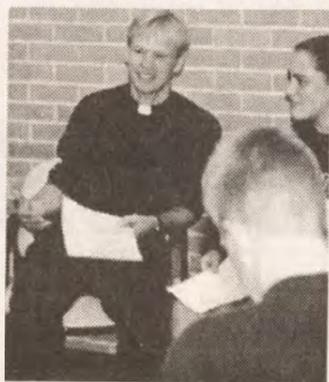
PILLARS is also responsible for coordinating a number of other activities and events throughout the year. The group, which consists of 13 different committees, focuses on diverse aspects of alcohol and drug education. Through the committees, students work to organize events such as Alcohol Awareness Week, Mocktails, and Tobacco Prevention Week.

"We haven't quite met the attendance goals, but it's getting better," said Kelly Lawrence, assistant director of the Office of Alcohol and Drug Education.

"There is no magic bullet when it comes to alcohol and drug education. We struggle like so many other colleges and universities across the nation to come up with creative incentives to raise an awareness within students," said Firth. "This year's group has been amazing in their continued commitment to the program and we hope to keep this momentum going in the coming year."

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ND dining halls try new healthy bread

By JESSICA DALSING
News Writer

New bread products considered to be a healthy alternative to what the University currently uses will appear in North and South Dining Halls on March 17. The new breads and muffins from Natural Oven's Bakery will be offered because of the bread's healthy ingredients.

The dining halls will be testing the HealthMax and 100 percent Whole Grain bread along with blueberry muffins from Natural Oven's Bakery.

"The wheat bread in the dining hall is just white bread with a tan," Food Services Dietitian Josie Antonelli said.

According to Food Services, the nutritional content of current breads lack many key ingredients to healthy living. However, Natural Oven's breads have a high fiber content, no preservatives or trans fatty acids and contain flaxseed, a leading source of Omega 3.

In the words of Antonelli, it contains "nothing that you can't pronounce."

Though this bread might sound too good to be true, the product's creator, Paul Stitt, had a hard time convincing future users of the bread's worth. With a master's degree in bio-

chemistry, Stitt worked for an oil company with a grant to find a product that could fight world hunger.

"We found a product that could feed people nutritiously for two cents a day," Stitt said.

Yet Stitt was soon to find that his dream of "doing something to make a difference in the world" was not shared by all. After being blacklisted from food companies, Stitt started his own company with \$5,000. Customer response has turned his dream into a reality, with Stitt selling his products all over the Midwest and supporting 300 employees.

"Running the company is only about making enough money to help more people with it," Stitt said.

After five years of hard work and a tip from a physician, Notre Dame has decided to give Natural Oven's Bakery a chance at being a staple in the dining halls.

The products will appear on local Martin's Supermarket shelves today. Tours are also available at the new Natural Oven's Bakery plant in Valparaiso, Indiana.

"We are so proud of what we do that we want to share it," Stitt said.

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out Carroll auditorium twice in the spring of 2000, the college withdrew its support of the show and prohibited its performance at Saint Mary's.

Students have continued to perform the show since the College's support was withdrawn. The students that performed the show in 2001 were requested to apologize to the student body, but the College did not place any sanctions on the students involved with last year's performance. After two years of controversy surrounding the ethics of performing "The Vagina Monologues" at Saint Mary's, the administration says that they will take a neutral stand to the student led performance last night.

Even without the college's endorsement of the show, students have continued to express the need to perform it at Saint Mary's.

"I think that it's important to talk about violence. Look at how many women are raped here. We feel so sheltered because we are at a white Catholic school. As an all woman's college, it is important to address issues of rape because it is a reality," senior Ann Hoover said.

A collection was taken at the door of the performance and proceeds will be donated to the Sex Offense Services, the Young Women's Christian Association and a shelter for battered women in the St. Joseph Community. Additionally funds were raised through the sale of chocolate shaped vaginas. These funds will go to the V-Day Campaign at IUSB.

Interested students who missed last night's performance can see "The Vagina Monologues" on Tuesday or Wednesday night in Notre Dame's Washington Hall at 7:30 p.m.

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report did not indicate whether charges were filed against Tarwacki, although Williams did not rule out the

possibility that charges could be filed. Williams said the report did not indicate whether Tarwacki had been drinking.

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Air Force rape scandal jars town

Associated Press

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.

As a song lamenting the fate of a wounded soldier plays on the VFW Post jukebox behind him, Bob Campbell talks with disgust in his voice of the treatment some young cadets say they've been getting from the Air Force Academy.

"I think it is terrible that these kinds of things can happen. It should be an honor to be there," the Vietnam veteran says of reports that female cadets were punished by the academy after reporting they had been raped or sexually assaulted by upperclassmen.

"I believe it is going on now and has been in the past," he says.

Across this spit and polish military town of 500,000, Campbell's sentiment echoes among the civilians as well as the military employees and retirees who make up more than a fifth of the population.

"This is a terrible black mark on the academy," says retired Air Force Col. Dick Rauschkolb, who directed the office of enrollment programs at the academy. "We want the best and brightest here to come here."

Since late January, at least 22 female cadets have said they were ostracized or reprimanded for minor infractions after they reported being raped by upperclassmen. The Air Force is conducting investigations and at least four senators have called for an outside investigation, which Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper has said he would welcome.

Academy Superintendent Lt. Gen. John Dallagher, speaking Friday on ABC's "20/20", said it was as serious as the 1991 Tailhook scandal, when women at a hotel were groped or assaulted by drunken pilots at a Navy booster group's convention.

At Colorado Spring's primary rape and crisis center, counselors have helped 22 alleged rape or assault victims from the

academy, said Cari Davis, the center's executive director.

She said many of them are afraid to complain for fear they'll lose their chances to advance in the military.

"If you want to be a fighter pilot, you don't have any other options," she said.

On the academy campus, beyond the large letters at the entrance that spell out, "Bring Me Men," young men and women in uniform walk from the coed dorms to their classes along the wooded hillsides of Pikes Peak.

The property is closed to the public because of heightened security measures, but during an appearance last week by Air Force Secretary James Roche, military public relations officials escorted reporters in to speak with some of the cadets.

Two female cadets, both members of a voluntary group set up to help victims of assaults, said the students at the academy work together to over-

come gender barriers. About 4,000 cadets a year train at the academy, created in 1954. It opened its doors to the first female cadets in 1976. "You're all face down in

the mud together," said Cadet 1st Class Sarah Miller of Enola, Pa., who wants to be a pilot.

"I honestly believe this is a wonderful place, and a few bad apples are spoiling the bunch," said Cadet 1st Class Katie Veseth of Malta, Mont.

Janette Tinianow said her twin daughters, who graduated at the top of their academy class in 2000, never had any trouble with classmates. "I never heard of anything that was hushed or put down. I am very skeptical that that is true. My girls were always respected by everybody," she said.

The academy has responded to sexual assaults involving cadets in the past.

After rape allegations surfaced in 1993, the academy established the Center for Character Development to promote ethical conduct.

A 24-hour rape hot line was set up in 1996. Since then, there have been 99 calls reporting some form of sexual assault, from inappropriate touching to rape, according to the academy.

Twenty reports of sexual assaults of cadets on or off campus have been investigated since 1996, and two cadets have been convicted for off-campus sex offenses.

Freshmen also take a course called "Street Smart" to learn how to protect them-

selves in potentially dangerous situations, including personal relationships. Last year, the academy increased its classroom emphasis on ethics amid the biggest drug scandal in the school's history; 38 cadets were implicated.

In addition to the academy and NORAD, the Colorado Springs area is home to the newly created Northern Command to defend against terrorism, Peterson Air Force Base, and the space warfare and satellite control center at Schriever Air Force Base.

Nearby Fort Carson has 15,000 soldiers, of whom 11,000 are being deployed to the Middle East.

Army commanders are closely watching activities at the Air Force Academy, and particularly the military's response.

"It is healthy to see that our leadership will take action where action is needed to remind ourselves that we are expected to conduct ourselves properly. If we do not, it is good that there are consequences for misconduct," said Fort Carson spokesman Lt. Col. Tom Budzyna.

He said soldiers both in this country and abroad are constantly reminded to treat civilians with dignity.

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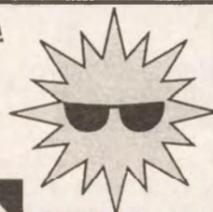
Lt. Col. Tom Budzyna
Fort Carson spokesman

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Katie Veseth
Cadet 1st Class

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CIA hurries to interrogate al-Qaida's Mohammed

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WASHINGTON

The CIA wants to get inside Khalid Sheikh Mohammed's head. But his interrogators — CIA, FBI or from a foreign security service — are working against the clock. Mohammed's information about impending terrorist operations and the location of al-Qaida leaders and cells grows more dated by the hour.

Whether the CIA can learn anything useful from the alleged Sept. 11 mastermind depends on the skills and methods of the interrogators, Mohammed's willingness to talk and perhaps simply time.

Captured early Saturday in a raid in Pakistan, he is now believed to be in U.S. custody overseas.

Of top priority during the questioning is gaining intelligence that could help quickly disrupt attacks being planned or lead to added precautions, American counterterrorism officials said.

That could mean a domestic law enforcement raid to break up a cell ready to strike, or an increase of security at areas Mohammed names as targets subject to imminent attacks. Intelligence about Mohammed's activities led in part to the orange alert that lasted most of February, counterterrorism officials said.

Overseas, it could mean an operation that leads to the capture of al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden.

But such information is just what he is most likely to try to keep secret, or lie about. Still, terrorists who learn of Mohammed's capture may alter their plans, abandon safe houses or make hurried telephone calls — actions that could expose them to detection.

The only al-Qaida capture that approaches the magnitude of Mohammed's was that of Abu Zubaydah last March. Zubaydah more than once provided information that sent American security officials scurrying to provide warnings to cities and sectors of the economy, knowing all the while that he could be lying.

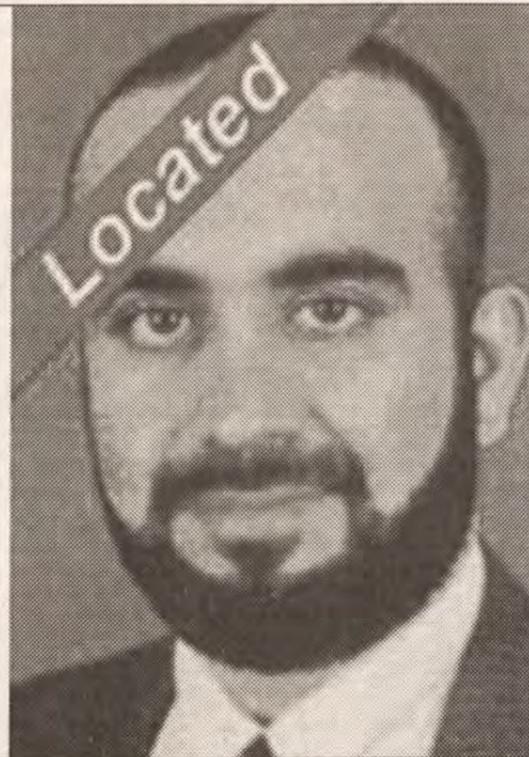
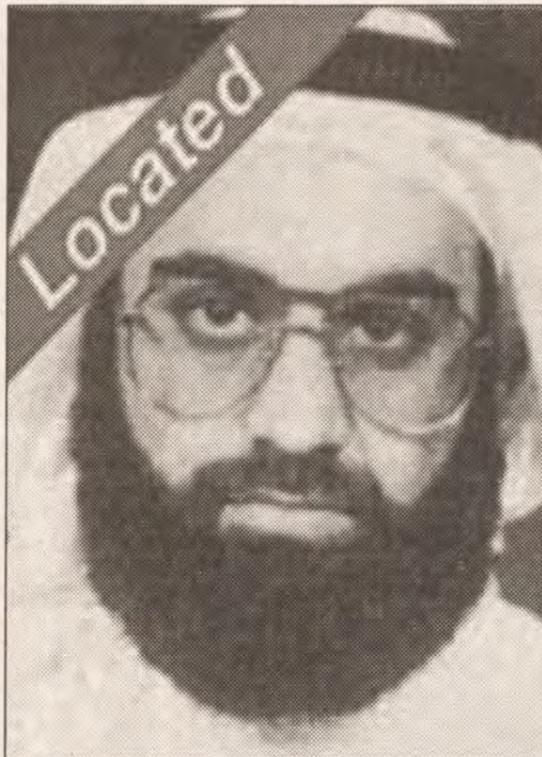
Zubaydah did provide some information that was later verified through other sources, officials said. That included intelligence that led to the detention of Jose Padilla, the American whom federal officials allege was plotting to use a radiological weapon on U.S. soil.

U.S. officials were elated by Mohammed's capture.

"This is equal to the liberation of Paris in the second World War," said GOP Rep. Porter Goss of Florida, chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, on ABC's "This Week."

"This is a giant step backward for the al-Qaida," Republican Sen. Pat Roberts of Kansas, chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee, told "Fox News Sunday." "Now their operations commander is simply out of operations."

Officials were not releasing



Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the suspected mastermind of the September 11 attacks, is shown in two FBI mugshots. Mohammed is being interrogated by U.S. and Pakistani agents after he and two other al-Qaeda suspects were apprehended in Rawalpindi, Pakistan on Saturday.

details of Mohammed's detention. Previous high-level al-Qaida captives have not been brought to U.S. soil; they would have rights not afforded on foreign soil, U.S. officials say. Where they are, however, has not been disclosed.

Another secret is how officials will attempt to get information from Mohammed.

U.S. officials insist they eschew physical, violent tor-

ture, although it is unclear if all of America's allies live by a similar code.

"We don't sanction torture but there are psychological and other ways that we can get most of what we need," said Sen. Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va., vice chairman of the Senate Intelligence Committee.

Whatever the method, the goal is to get inside a prisoner's head and get him talking,

experts say. An interrogator may try to appeal to Mohammed's vanity, his fears, or whatever lever seems to offer the best avenue to getting information that will stop terrorist attacks.

As his interrogation moves away from the immediate, Mohammed can provide counterterrorism officials with a deeper understanding of al-Qaida and its history.

U.S. Iraq mission riskier without support of Turkey

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Without Turkish bases to open a northern front against Iraq, the U.S. military still could take Baghdad, but with more difficulty and risk, officials and analysts said Sunday.

The U.S. war plan calls for attacks on Iraq from two directions, Kuwait in the south and Turkey in the north. That approach would complicate Iraq's defense planning and ease U.S. logistical problems.

In a weekend move that surprised U.S. officials, however, the Turkish

Parliament rejected a motion that would have granted a U.S. request to position tens of thousands of ground forces for the assault into northern Iraq and to station about 200 additional strike aircraft at two other bases.

Defense officials, speaking Sunday on condition of anonymity, said Gen. Tommy Franks, who would command a U.S. war in Iraq, had not yet decided to give up on Turkey. Franks said in an Associated Press interview last week that his war plans are flexible and take into account such problems.

If Turkish bases were not available to U.S. ground forces, Franks could opt to

airlift a force into northern Iraq from Kuwait or elsewhere in the Persian Gulf. Instead of having the Army's 4th Infantry Division — a heavily armored force — roll into northern Iraq from Turkey, Franks might choose to use the 101st Airborne Division, a lighter, air mobile force.

It was not clear whether that was Turkey's last word on the matter. Reconsideration could come as early as Tuesday, but the head of Turkey's ruling party said Sunday there are no plans in the "foreseeable future" to seek another parliamentary vote.

Still, a senior U.S. official said the

administration was evaluating the situation but did not regard the vote as necessarily final. Another official said the Turkish vote was a disappointment and that the U.S. ambassador to Turkey was seeking clarification from Ankara.

Several senators were less sanguine.

"It's a huge setback for our purposes. It stunned me," Sen. Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va., ranking Democrat on the Intelligence Committee. "We spent the last 50 years defending them in NATO. And along comes this opportunity, and by three votes they decline the opportunity to allow us to come in through the north."

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Israeli tanks move into refugee camps

Israeli tanks firing shells and machine guns moved into the Nusseirat and Bureij refugee camps in the central part of the Gaza Strip early Monday, witnesses said. No casualties were reported. The Israeli military said its forces were concentrating in the area for an operation. It was the second Israeli incursion in as many days in Gaza. Two Palestinians were killed in the conflict on Saturday.

Bahrain calls for Saddam's resignation

Bahrain's king said Saddam Hussein should step down to spare Iraqis and the region another war, the official United Arab Emirates news agency reported Sunday. Sheik Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa was quoted as saying that a proposal by the Emirates that the Iraqi leader go into exile was "honest advice to the Iraqi leadership." Several other Persian Gulf nations echoed these sentiments.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Families of Gulf War victims back Bush

Mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters paid tribute Sunday to loved ones killed in the first Persian Gulf War and said they supported President Bush's efforts to again send Americans against Saddam Hussein. A ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery remembering the more than 400 men and women who died in the Gulf War.

Congressmen meet with Cuba's Paya

Reps. Jim Davis, D-Fla., and Jim Kolbe, R-Ariz., were the first American congressmen to meet with Cuban opposition leader Oswaldo Paya, a top organizer of the Varela Project. The congressmen expressed support for Varela's attempt to ensure freedom of speech and other civil rights for Cubans. The Varela Project seeks a referendum on several proposals that would guarantee civil liberties such as freedom of speech, assembly and the right to private business ownership.

NYC mayor marches in gay St. Pat's parade

Mayor Michael Bloomberg marched Sunday in a gay-inclusive St. Patrick's Day parade, delighting organizers who protest the exclusion of openly gay groups from the much larger Irish celebration on Fifth Avenue. "I'm glad everyone's here marching," said Bloomberg, who walked at the front of a group of several hundred participants in the 15-block parade through heavily Irish sections of Queens. "I wish all parades could be that way."

NASA debated shuttle risks for five days

Before the Columbia broke apart, NASA experts debated over five days the risks to the space shuttle, moving from a telephone inquiry about tires to remarkably accurate fears focusing on the left wing. Toward the end, engineers even identified with haunting precision which sensors might fail in sequence as the space shuttle raced through searing temperatures.



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S&P 500	841.15	↑	+3.87
AMEX	830.63	↑	+2.43
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COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
INTEL CORP (INTC)	+3.35	+0.56	17.26
NORTEL NETWORKS (NT)	-4.44	-0.10	2.15
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	+1.67	+0.23	13.98
MICROSOFT CORP (MSFT)	+0.51	+0.12	23.70
NASDAQ-100 INDE (QQQ)	+1.57	+0.39	25.16

IN BRIEF

Wall St. has 3rd straight losing month

Investors vacillated between jitters about a possible war with Iraq and optimism from upbeat economic news for much of the day Friday, finally sending the market's gauges higher in the final minutes of trading. But the gains weren't enough to save most stocks from their third straight monthly decline. Analysts remain dubious of Wall Street's ability to forge an upward path in the face of uncertainty about Iraq. And despite Friday's advances, the major indexes ended the week lower, snapping a two-week winning stretch.

German railworkers threaten strikes

Germany's railroad unions threatened Sunday to continue pressing their demands for 5 percent more pay through brief strikes throughout the coming week, beginning in eastern Germany. Strikes would concentrate on the east of the country, where workers are seeking wage increases to match salaries in the more affluent west of the country. About 140 rail workers took part in temporary strikes on Saturday in the western cities of Cologne and Dortmund, disrupting local and long-distance trains in the region. Union leaders called the Saturday action a first signal to the national railway company, Deutsche Bahn, that the nation's 160,000 rail workers are prepared to launch a full-blown strike if their demands are not met.

Intel releases new wireless technology

For years, Intel Corp.'s microprocessors for laptop computers differed little from those powering desktop PCs. This month, the world's largest semiconductor company, ushers a new high performance and wireless capability with slower battery drain. The technology, dubbed Centrino, combines the energy-efficient chip with components designed to work reliably together and ensure the greatest power savings. The previous chips were designed for machines plugged into the wall, not juiced by a battery.

Airline bankruptcy advances

◆ Judge backs US Airways on pension plan

Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA, Va. A bankruptcy judge agreed Saturday to allow US Airways to terminate its pilots' pension plan, but said his ruling will be subject to the pending decision of an arbitrator.

The pension issue is the last hurdle US Airways faces in its plan to emerge from bankruptcy by March 31. U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Stephen Mitchell's ruling means the airline has not yet completely cleared that hurdle and will be under immense pressure to resolve the pension issue quickly.

"We think this is an important ruling because it allows us to stay on track," US Airways spokesman Chris Chiames said. "We're calling on ALPA to join us in immediate negotiations." Roy Freundlich, a spokesman for the Airline Pilots Association, said the union is pleased that an arbitrator will decide if terminating the plan violates the pilots' collective bargaining agreement.

The key issue is whether the pilots' union agreed to allow the airline to terminate the pension plan in a secret agreement reached back in December.

In the agreement, management promised to begin a new, smaller pension plan if the old one were terminated. They kept the agreement secret because if it became public, they thought it would



David Siegel, president and CEO of US Airways, the nation's sixth-largest airline, is moving ahead with bankruptcy proceedings after a favorable ruling on Saturday.

torpedo efforts to get Congressional legislation to fix their problem.

But union and management differed on the agreement's meaning. US Airways said the letter constituted acquiescence from the pilots to termination of their plan.

But the union said the agreement was only designed to give them protection in the event that the federal Pension

Benefit Guaranty Corp. instituted efforts to terminate the plan.

Judge Mitchell said Saturday it was a close call but sided with the union's interpretation.

On all other matters, Mitchell sided with the airline. He agreed that the airline faces imminent threat of liquidation if it does not resolve the pension issue and he agreed that the airline does not

have the money to fully fund its pension plan.

The union said most pilots would receive annual benefits of \$50,000 to \$70,000 a year under the old plan. Under the new plan, those benefits could be cut in half.

An arbitrator is scheduled to hear the issue March 13. The final hearing for US Airways to emerge from bankruptcy is scheduled for March 18.

Experts worry about stagflation

Associated Press

NEW YORK

No sooner did hints of rising inflation emerge than the muttering began on Wall Street about the possible return of dreaded stagflation.

It was last seen three decades ago, when rising inflation, surging unemployment and failing growth crippled the U.S. economy.

No one would welcome its return.

It's not that the economy is faced with this grim scenario just yet. But a prolonged war, continued gains in oil prices or the economy's failure to recharge soon might make stagflation a possibility in the not-so-distant future.

In periods of stagflation, economic growth remains very weak, but inflation roars ahead — as it normally would during times of rapid expansion.

It's a term that was coined in the 1970s after the OPEC oil embargo caused a dramatic surge in the cost of crude oil and gasoline and sent inflation soaring.

"High inflation pushed up interest

rates and eroded buying power, and as a result consumer and business spending remained soft, preventing the economy from growing," said Sung Won Sohn, an economist at Wells Fargo & Co. in Minneapolis. "It was a vicious combination of factors."

Every few years, fears of returning stagflation turn up. Most recently, there was some talk of it in the spring of 1994.

This time around, a slight gain in inflationary pressures — after months of no inflation concerns at all — spurred some speculation about stagflation making a comeback.

Much of that was fueled by the recent surge in oil prices, which have reached levels not seen since 1990 as the United States prepares for a potential war in Iraq at a time when crude supplies are extremely tight.

There also have been price jumps in other commodities, including metals, cotton, aluminum and food products like wheat, corn and beef.

All that led to the much bigger-than-expected 1.6 percent January

gain in the Labor Department's producer-price index, which tracks wholesale costs. It was the biggest monthly increase in 13 years.

There has been very little in the way of job growth. There are still huge numbers of new jobless claims each week, while companies take little initiative to add to their work force.

Corporate earnings remain depressed, despite improvements in productivity. Companies face higher material costs but lack any ability to raise prices. Manufacturing in many sectors has come to a halt.

Since consumers have been the economy's backbone through the last few, tough years, there are concerns about what will happen if they scale back their spending.

"The economy is still very weak and unemployment is not coming down," said Gary Thayer, chief economist at the St. Louis-based investment firm A.G. Edwards & Sons, Inc. "We don't want a flashback to the 1970s when people were seeing their job situation deteriorate while their earnings were getting squeezed."

Myers takes home film Institute award

Associated Press

ASPEN, Colo. — When comedian Mike Myers was growing up, anyone who wanted to be invited to his home more than once had to be funny. "My dad was very like, if somebody came in the house that wasn't funny, it was like, 'Can't come anymore'" said Myers, accepting the 2003 American Film Institute Star Award. Myers, who grew up in Toronto, told the audience at the U.S. Comedy Arts Festival that his characters on the big screen and on "Saturday Night Live" were all based on his family members. "Wayne is me," Myers said Friday of the film

"Wayne's World," while the 1960s swinger Austin Powers resembles his father, a native of Liverpool, England, who never let his son forget his roots. "It would be 11 o'clock at night and the local TV station would have something with Peter Sellers or Alec Guinness and he'd say 'You're going to bloody watch this and you're going to bloody enjoy it. It's your bloody heritage.'" When his father died in 1993, Myers took a two-year break from acting because "nothing seemed funny to me." It was then that he crafted what would be the basis for his "Austin Powers" character.

Broadway union sets strike deadline

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The union representing Broadway musicians set a strike deadline of midnight Thursday in its battle with theater producers over the thorny issue of the minimum number of orchestra players required for Broadway shows. "The parties continue to be very far apart, and there's not going to be a

settlement tonight," Bill Dennison, an assistant to union president Bill Moriarity, said Sunday. "We have set a strike deadline for Thursday midnight March 6." Dennison said the producers have proposed the number of musicians required for the large Broadway theaters be reduced to seven. The minimums at those large theaters currently range from 24 to 26.

ITALY

Milan shows unveil pampered look

Associated Press

MILAN — In these difficult times, designers have decided to pamper their customers. For fall-winter 2003-2004 they issue none of the usual dictates, from black to sexy to glam overload, but rather concentrate on the personal touch. "What today's woman needs is something special and super beautiful," said Tom Ford of Gucci after his romantic show Saturday night, where every detail was designed to make his client fall in love with the clothes.

Dolce and Gabbana ended their Sunday show with 13 handmade, one-of-a-kind dresses. Stefano Gabbana calls the series "special dresses," and said before the show they represented the designer duo's current commitment to creativity.

"Our peace message is creativity," he said. Earlier in the week, Miuccia Prada's return to the pared-down debutante sophistication which triggered her fashion fame in the early 1990s was met with a standing ovation. "Right now you feel a little desperate and want to be attached to something," Miuccia said after Friday evening's show. The Iraqi crisis and the general economic slump have cast their shadows off the runway,

too. Despite the figures published by the Italian fashion chamber more than 3,000 accreditation requests from buyers and press to attend the shows, the usual hype which surrounds the semiannual "moda Milanese" presentations is not there. There are fewer parties, fewer shoppers and shorter cab lines.

"Our peace message is creativity."

Stefano Gabbana
designer

Gone are the extravagant floral decorations which in past seasons adorned Milan's famed boutiques, while bittersweet rainbow-colored flags bearing the Italian word for peace hang from windows of elegant downtown Milan palazzi.

On the runway, Ford translated what he called his "melancholy mood" into romance. The petals of 50,000 white roses fell gently like snowflakes as demure models with their hair falling lightly on their shoulders, their eyes welled up with a makeup-moistened tear, walked the runway with surreal pace.

More goddess than gal, the new Gucci woman is a romantic warrior who wraps herself in leather and silk tied around the bodice, like a breastplate. She likes her boots thigh-high and spike-heeled. Her sleeves are as wide and romantic as her rearview silhouette is tight and tough. She loves to cuddle up in a little shrug fur jacket, and never forgets to wear her gloves. The latest Gucci bag

sports a prominent trademark equestrian bit.

Miuccia Prada said her collection was born out of a "need to find beauty." And lovely it was from beginning to end, from high-waisted, collarless tweed coat to faded chiffon evening wear.

The show, based on traditional British country wear, offered a proper wardrobe from head to glove to bare-toed sandal or clumpy-heeled pump. The look was man-tailored, but never masculine. The latest Prada bag comes in cheerful silk prints. Prada's only luxury fling was the generous use of opulent crocodile leather.

Whatever their mood, the Dolce and Gabbana designer duo always make fashion look like fun. And front-row guests actress Fanny Ardant and ex-Spice Girl Victoria Beckham seemed to be having a great time at Sunday's show under a tent set up in the garden of the designer's downtown Milan home.

Shiny oversized nylon ski jackets, bright tights, colorful thigh-high boots and necklaces made out of multicolored plastic charms all combine to lift the fashion spirit.

For those tugging at their purse strings, the designers invent the "do-it-yourself" look, where jackets and coats are held together by buttons or snaps, allowing the wearer to add or subtract as she pleases. Unsnap the hemline of a mink coat and you have a mink jacket. Unsnap the sleeves of a suit jacket and you get a chic vest.

"We want to make our woman feel special," Gabbana said.





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RUSSIA

In Eurasia, Stalin still carries clout

Associated Press

MOSCOW

The typewritten letters on a yellowing page spell out the end of an era in striking shorthand. Next to the time 9:50 p.m., March 5, 1953 is just a brief entry: "Comrade I.V. Stalin died."

So ends a medical report detailing Josef Stalin's last four days, as he lay dying in his Moscow dacha. It is part of a new exhibit at Russia's federal archives, whose officials hope it will help dispel decades of speculation that the Soviet dictator was done in by a Kremlin intrigue.

If mysteries about Stalin's demise persist, they are dwarfed by the conflicting views and emotions that surround his life and his role in the troubled history of a country that seems unable to break his spell 50 years after his death.

"There may be no other figure in Russian history of the last century who has provoked such different evaluations, from fierce hatred to veneration," said historian Yuri Polyakov, a member of the prestigious Russian Academy of Sciences.

For some, Stalin was a giant who bore the Soviet Union on his shoulders to victory in World War II, hauled it onto the front line of the industrial age and kept ironclad order at home while turning the country into a superpower with the clout to make its Cold War foes shudder.

"He was the best as a chief, as a leader. He lifted the country out of the ruins," said Natalya Vekshina, 64, who took her grandson to a separate exhibit, across town, focusing on Stalin's cult of personality the propagand-

da that portrayed him simultaneously as a god and a good guy.

"We need a leader like him now," Vekshina said.

Larisa Tsvizhba, at the archive exhibit, disagreed. She said Stalin left a "sinister mark" on the Soviet Union and stunted its growth by decimating a generation. "When millions of people die for no apparent reason what kind of progress can there be?"

Stalin's repressions "touched if not every person, then every other person in the country," said Tsvizhba.

Russian officials have said they believe more than 20 million people were victims of communist purges before Stalin's death. More than 10 million are said to have died.

Like many of Stalin's ardent admirers, Vekshina is from a generation that mostly suffered from the Soviet collapse. She lost her engineering job, while her scientist husband is "a big man in his field but now he's impoverished."

But it's not only the elderly who yearn for Stalin's strong hand.

"He is the symbol of a healthy nation," said Alexei Fedyakin, 27, a political science graduate student who came to see the "Stalin: Man and Symbol" exhibit and wrote a diatribe in the visitors' book complaining about material showing Stalin in a bad light.

Those items, records of executions and artwork depicting Stalin holding the keys to a prison cell stretching across the Soviet Union reflect the backlash that came in two waves, one soon after his death and another in the late 1980s with Mikhail Gorbachev's glasnost.

In 1956, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev denounced Stalin's

cult of personality, and his body was removed from its place next to Lenin in the Red Square mausoleum in 1961. But it was buried nearby, alongside the Kremlin wall, and much of the truth about Stalin's excesses did not emerge until the Gorbachev era.

The sharp criticism of Stalin that held sway as the Soviet Union collapsed waned along with the euphoria of Russians hoping for a swift, smooth transition to democracy. Stalin's star has brightened for those angered by lawlessness, economic uncertainty and their country's decline on the world stage.

Oleg Orlov, head of the human rights organization Memorial, said that frustration helped fuel the rise of President Vladimir Putin, a former KGB colonel who has restored some Soviet-era symbols and has been careful in his criticism of Stalin.

"Putin arrived on this wave on promises of stability and pride for one's country as a great power, and of a restoration of order and a major part of this ideology was pride in the past," Orlov said.

According to poll results by the Public Opinion Foundation last week, 37 percent said Stalin did more good than bad for the country - compared to 29 percent who believe the opposite. The organization contacted 1,500 respondents across Russia on Feb. 22-23. No margin of error was given.

In the visitors' book at the "Man and Symbol" exhibit, one person mused: "I wonder, will our country live to see the moment when Stalin is perceived as an ordinary person, instead of as either the devil incarnate or the Father of the Peoples?"

GREECE

Terrorism trial spells big relief for Athens

Associated Press

ATHENS

Between allegedly plotting assassinations and bank robberies, Dimitris Koufodinas tended to his beehives at a house near Athens. Having dodged police for 28 years, he spent his last month on the run hiding on a nudist beach.

On Monday, Koufodinas and 18 others go on trial in Greece's biggest criminal prosecution in three decades, bringing past and present together: Greece of the 1967-74 military junta, and the democracy and host of Olympic Games that is the country today.

Once Europe's most elusive terror cell, the far-left November 17 Revolutionary Organization, is blamed for more than 100 bombings, a string of armed robberies, and 23 murders judges, politicians, industrialists diplomats from Britain and Turkey, and four American officials.

It looted military arsenals, fired or tried to launch anti-tank rockets at police and British aircraft carriers, and gunned down its victims on Athens streets.

Greek authorities had long been under U.S. pressure to act, and more recently received advice from senior British anti-terrorism experts experienced in fighting the Irish

Republican Army.

The group was eventually exposed after a bungled bomb attack last summer left one suspect seriously injured and triggered dozens of raids. It is the first time Greece has arrested and put domestic terrorists on trial since the dictatorship collapsed in 1974.

The breakup of November 17 comes as a huge relief to Greece's Socialist government and security planners of next year's Olympics. Senior American officials once claimed that the Socialist party, in power for 19 of the past 22 years, was somehow shielding the terrorist group.

It also signals an end to decades of ugly political divisions here, rooted in the Cold War.

Named for the date in 1973 when tanks crushed a student uprising, November 17 was the deadliest of several Greek militant groups to emerge after the fall of the dictatorship that had received American support.

It first appeared with the 1975 murder of CIA station chief Richard Welch, shot as he drove home from a Christmas party. Its last victim, in June 2000, was British military attaché Stephen Saunders, ambushed and killed because of what a claim of responsibility referred to as NATO's "barbaric airstrikes" in neighboring Yugoslavia.

SOUTH KOREA

N. Korea warns of disaster if attacked

Associated Press

SEOUL

North Korea warned Sunday of "nuclear disasters" around the world if Washington attacks the communist state, while its civilian leaders urged greater cooperation between Pyongyang and Seoul to ease the crisis on the Korean Peninsula.

The North's official Rodong Sinmun newspaper accused the Central Intelligence Agency of preparing a surprise attack on the nation's nuclear facilities that are suspected of being used to make atomic bombs.

"If the U.S. imperialists ignite a war on the Korean Peninsula, the war will turn into a nuclear war," Rodong said. "As a consequence, the Koreans in the north and south and the people in Asia and the rest of the world will suffer horrifying nuclear disasters."

The report, carried by the North's state-run KCNA news agency, claimed that Washington put its forces

around the peninsula on "semi-war footing" and "is pushing ahead with nuclear war preparations in full swing."

Pyongyang accuses Washington of inciting the nuclear standoff as a pretext for an invasion. Washington has repeatedly said it has no plans to attack North Korea, but stresses that "all options are on the table."

In Seoul on Sunday, North Korea's religious and civic leaders took part in inter-Korean religious masses and urged greater cooperation between the two Koreas.

"Preventing war through national cooperation is the most urgent task of the nation," said Ri Mun Hwan, a senior North Korean delegate. "If war breaks out, the South cannot be safe and the entire nation will face disaster."

Another delegate, Oh Kyung Woo, said the "United States is threatening a nuclear war, but if war breaks out both South and North will incur damages," according to South Korea's national Yonhap news agency.

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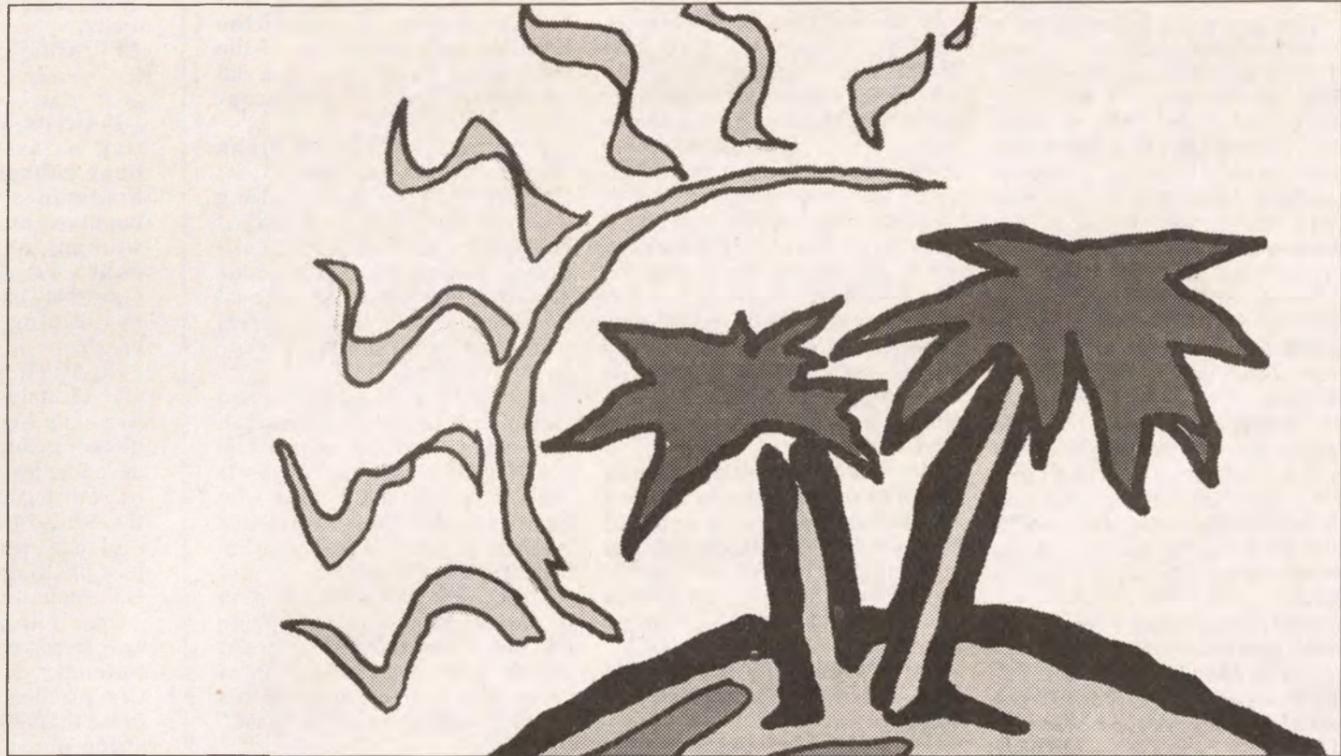
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Painting a post-spring break picture

This semester I've done all I can do. I have exhausted every social resource in an attempt to kick this January through March malaise. Every one. Recently I've resorted to Paintshop Pro. When things aren't going my way at school, I look to my artwork and my beautiful pictures to pacify me. Even if they are going my way, I still just want to toss up a little Paintshop Pro. So basically, it has become quite the addiction.

David Barrett

Notre Bum

I make wallpapers for my friends, for special occasions and for little old me. Sometimes I feel the 28 colors they give me to paint with are simply insufficient, so I whip a few up on my online palette. I have saved some classic, custom-made blues. Blues that hit you like a rush of mountain air and blues that leave you breathless. 28 colors? Color is boundless man. Lately I have been really into blues. And serpens.

So I come home from class and express in paint what I am unable to in words. Words can be incredibly limiting sometimes. These past few days I have been expressing things like, "Woohoo, spring break, woohoo," and some other things like that as well. My Paintshop preoccupations I feel are more or less indicative of a growing campus sentiment: "Get me up out of this motha'."

It's just that time of year. I have approximately 26 pages of paper to write by this coming Thursday, plus an examination. Not minus an examination, plus an examination. It's not like I am disillusioned about Notre

Dame in general, it's just a bad time of the month for me. I, like many others, understandably look to spring break as an opportunity to nurse this three-month hangover. It makes sense. Some others look to improve upon that hangover. Whatever be the motive, we are all hating Notre Dame right now. But don't hate the player. Hate the game. Hate midterms, but look past them.

When we get back from break you are all welcome to a grill out at my place. Or a grill off, which I would probably win. This upcoming stretch after spring break is arguably more fun-filled and excitement-packed than the very beginning of the year. The weather is already warming, sooner than recent years if I remember correctly. Nuclear war may be imminent and last I checked the terror level was high, but let us not forget the sun is shining.

There is Saint Patrick's Day looming. Apparently the administration was unsuccessful in its yearly ploy to place it during spring break, so we won't have to celebrate a week late or a week early. However, the jury is out on whether we'll be forced to do it in our room and without the Domino's stand.

There is March Madness and Bookstore Basketball, block parties and Pig Tostal. Remember those beloved first few weeks of fall? I think it's better.

I remember cutting out of Intermediate Spanish at noon one week late last year to catch a party at Marion Street. You stand there on the porch, with sandals on your feet and a smile on your face and pan the crowd for someone you know. I think I saw 10 kids from my Spanish class that

day, kids I had never talked to before and would probably never talk to again. And for a few minutes there, you forget that there is some unwritten rule forbidding you from acknowledging somebody from class. You learn their name, fill their cup. You know what I'm talking about. The end of the year is awesome.

Girls start looking better and shed their oversized Irish sweatshirts in favor of more flattering shorts and tank tops. Guys start thinking they look better, and shed their clothes as well. This is a bad idea. Chances are you look really lame, and rather than helping your chances with Susie from science class, you might help your chances of getting hit by rocks.

Some will be drawn to the quads for decadent games of slip and slide, questionable music and mixed drinks. Others will head to the lakes for quiet study and bird watching. The bottom line is that there is something for everybody.

Go to Daytona and get your tan. Get over midterms and come back with a fresh perspective. Just don't think you can get naked on the quad or blare Smashmouth out of your room speakers. It's not going to be loud enough, and you are annoying. Prepare yourself for my kiosk, coming soon, with my favorite Paintshop prints. Prepare yourself for noontime parties and unexpected conversation and remember to save a couple of skips.

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"An optimist is the human personification of spring."

Susan J. Bissonette
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

About peace petition signers and non-signers

War rhetoric drowns out calls for peace

I challenge Timothy Bonadies' suggestion that the students, faculty and staff of Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross who did not sign the petition in opposition to a war in Iraq did not do so because they favor war. I know many people who would have included their names in the collection, but they were unaware of the effort to make the voice for peace heard on our campus. Bonadies' assertion is a transparent attempt to distort the weak case for a war in Iraq.

I have read many student opinions within these pages expressing support for a war, and too few that speak out to challenge these views. I acknowledge that Saddam Hussein is responsible for many horrendous human rights abuses, which create great suffering for the people under his rule, but I do not agree that war will lessen their pain or bring justice.

It will instead further the devastation of a nation already impoverished by previous military action. In 1991, U.S.-led military forces targeted Iraq's civilian infrastructure, destroying electric plants, water treatment facilities, food warehouses, roads, bridges and factories. A United Nations report following the Gulf War stated that Iraq has been "relegated to a pre-industrial age."

Sanctions imposed in 1990 prevented any possible recovery for the destroyed country. After 12 years, conditions have grown progressively worse, and Iraq civilians are especially vulnerable to disease, food shortages and injury or death as a consequence of war.

I have heard the arguments that a war in Iraq should be waged in order to emancipate the Iraqi people and ease their suffering. It is clear to me that war will increase their present suffering. It is difficult to know what harm it will bring to the future. If history is any indication, the Iraqi people will endure more hardships as a consequence of a war supposedly fought to help them.

Bonadies cited a 1983 U. S. Catholic

Bishop's pastoral on general war and peace to support his position. He fails to notice numerous other documents published by Catholic leaders within the past six months that clearly speak against war in Iraq. On Nov. 13, the U.S. Catholic Bishops stated that "resort to war, under present circumstances and in light of current public information, would not meet the strict conditions in Catholic teaching for overriding the strong presumption against the use of military force."

The Catholic Bishops Conference of India stated on Feb. 3, "The remedy for putting an end to terrorist activities and organizations should not be worse than the malady itself, and that is what is feared: a full-scale armed conflict. Let peace prevail and not war."

In the last several months, numerous leaders throughout the world have taken strong stances against war in Iraq and have urged that more energy be spent on creating less destructive solutions to the current conditions in the nation.

Despite what some claim, there are many people within the Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross community who oppose war in Iraq. Unfortunately, our presence is not felt because the rhetoric of war overpowers the cries for peace.

Molly Jacob
senior
off-campus
March 2

Inaction says nothing affirmative

I am a bit surprised that anyone would consider the lack of action on the part of

"9,000 other students, faculty and staff" as endorsement for a war.

Inaction has never meant support for anything. It usually just means people do not care

enough. Otherwise, we may be faced with a world where scientific theories would be disproved before they were proved and elections would be based on the number of people who did not vote rather than those who did.

It is also interesting to note that Timothy Bonadies points to a whole slew of evidence of chemical weapons use between 1983 and 1987 (several years prior to the Gulf War). No doubt this is all true and I do not question it. However this was at a time when Iraq was a strong ally

of the United States, with both military and economic aid and strong trade ties. It begs the question: If a person teaches another how to make chemical bombs, who really is morally and ethically responsible for the consequences, the student or the teacher? The hijacker or the terrorist group? The supplier of chemical bombs or the user?

In case it is not clear to Mr. Bonadies, there is a big difference between not supporting war and supporting Saddam Hussein; the petition signatories focus on the latter and not the latter. No doubt thousands of Iraqis wish for Saddam's removal, just like I do, but do they seek that through the explosion of more bombs in two days than occurred throughout the Gulf War? Do they wish for that through 10 years of sanctions that has killed over half a million children and only consolidated Saddam Hussein's grip on power? Probably not. Fighting wars is easy; it is the peaceful part that is difficult.

That said, I look forward to seeing the 9,000 signatures seeking a just war in the center pages of The Observer in the near future, hopefully with the likes of Father Theodore Hesburgh as signatories.

Haseeb Mahmood
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off-campus
February 28

Clarifying our position and the arguments for peace in Iraq

There appear to be three common misperceptions about those who oppose this impending war against Iraq. The first is that those who oppose this war support Saddam Hussein. Now there may be a small minority of "Saddam-Husseinophiles" out there, but such ignorant and insane people fall into the very small minority. The majority of us who oppose this war recognize that Hussein is a serious threat who needs to be challenged, contained and addressed. However, we believe this can be done in a non-violent way.

The second common misperception about those who oppose this war is that we are anti-American. Again, there appears to be a small minority who use this issue as a platform to push their anti-American agenda; however, we submit that the majority are opposed to the war out of concern for humanity, and further, patriotism.

To be patriotic or to care about one's country means calling that country to strive for the highest of ideals and truth. As is written in the United States Catholic Bishops' document "The Challenge of Peace," "The virtue of patriotism means that as citizens we respect and honor our country, but our very love and loyalty make us examine carefully and regularly its role in world affairs, asking that it live up to its full potential as an agent of peace with justice for all people."

The final misperception that we wish to examine most strongly is the misperception that those who oppose this war are out of touch with reality, lack good arguments against the war and fail to present legitimate non-violent alternatives to deal with the problem. First, it is again important and realistic for us to note the existence of some in the peace movement who lack good arguments for their stance or understanding of the complexity of the situation. We believe and submit, however, that there is a strong and realistic argument against the war, including non-violent alternatives to war in dealing with the situation.

To begin to make the argument that a war against Iraq would be unjust, it is important that we note the context which we choose to use to evaluate the nature of impending war. Our context as Catholics is just war theory, which states that a war must meet the criteria of just cause, legitimate authority, probability of success, proportionality, right intention, last resort and comparative justice in order to be considered just.

Just war theory is meant to be seen as a whole theory of criteria for just war, not as something we can adapt or pick from to justify war. An important thing to remember about just war theory is that it presumes peace and states that a strong case, meeting the above criteria, must be met for the war to be considered just. People who propose war should

always be the ones faced with making arguments for such a decision. It should not be the other way around. Thus, the U.S. government has a responsibility in our democratic country to make their case for going to war to the American people. It is our responsibility to analyze and evaluate such a case.

In the situation with Iraq, we do not pretend to be experts on the application of just war theory in an analysis of the complex situation. However, we concede and look to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Vatican for such an argument. Both the U.S. Catholic Bishops and Pope John Paul II have made strong statements that a U.S. war against Iraq would not meet the criteria of just war theory at this time and therefore would be unjust. Further, a large number of major scholars, theologians, philosophers, political science professors and other people whose fields of study would give them legitimacy on this issue have stated that a war under present circumstances would be unjust.

Further analysis of the issues of just cause, legitimate authority and proportionality should be addressed in explaining our stance and we encourage anyone interested to read the recent statement from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

In conclusion, we wish to address the "last resort" part of just war theory, which says that war can only be justified

if all reasonable approaches to a peaceful resolution have been exhausted. In the situation with Iraq, we do not believe all reasonable approaches to a peaceful resolution have been exhausted. As pointed out by David Cortright, George Lopez and Alistair Millar in their document "Winning Without War: Sensible Security Options for Dealing with Iraq," there are many "nonmilitary options that have been effective in the past and can be strengthened now to disarm and contain Iraq." Such options include "improved monitoring of Iraq's borders, the establishment of sanctions assistance missions, tightened controls on Iraq oil marketing, strengthening collective deterrence against potential Iraqi aggression and much more."

This is why we signed the petition claiming a war against Iraq under present conditions would be unjust. We do not ignore the threat of Saddam Hussein. We do not ignore the evils of war. And most of all, we do not ignore our call as Christians to be "peacemakers". That is also why we will be in the O'Shaughnessy Great Hall on Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., praying, signing and talking for peace. Come join us in this great struggle for peace.

Peter Quaranto and Catherine McGeeney
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Sorin and Cavanaugh Halls
March 1

Fighting violence and stereotypes

The controversy surrounding "The Vagina Monologues" continues in the

By CHRISTIE BOLSEN
Assistant Scene Editor

When can a production founded on the ideal of ending violence against women become such a heated controversy that, weeks prior to its debut on campus this year, there is already debate brewing amongst members of the student body, faculty and alumni about its appropriateness on a Catholic campus?

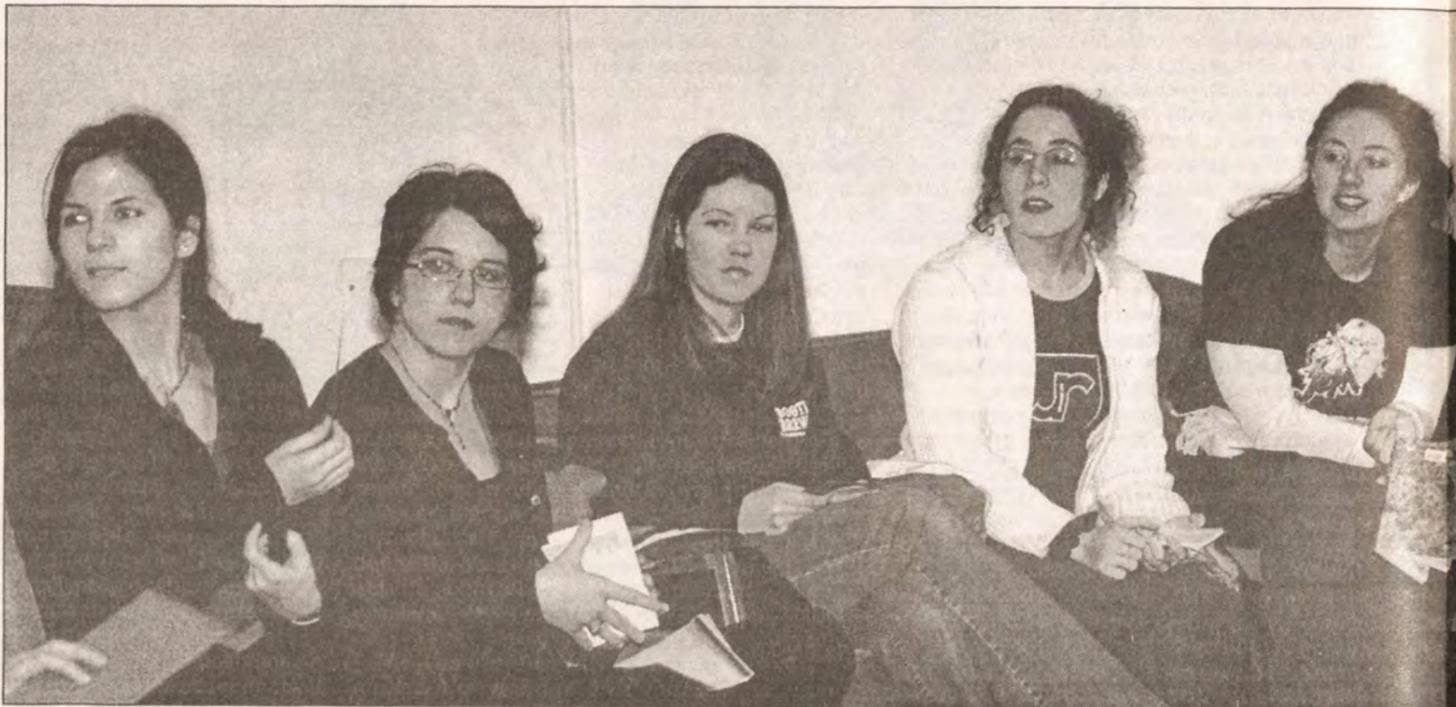
When the production is entitled "The Vagina Monologues" and when it openly discusses traditionally taboo problems in society.

Eve Ensler based the play on an extensive series of interviews with women. What began as an off-Broadway hit has developed into a national and international phenomenon. Whether audiences find the performance enlightening or tasteless, it has raised millions of dollars to stop violence against women and girls.

In 1998, the success of the show set off V-Day, a non-profit organization funding grassroots groups that work to end violence against women or help women who have been victims. Last year, Notre Dame was one of over 800 college campuses that used the production to help raise money and awareness for the V-Day cause. This year's projected \$10 million for charity demonstrates what a massive cultural event The Vagina Monologues has become.

Notre Dame's production donates all profits, raising its own money every year. The charities are not determined by the national production, but are instead chosen specifically by the Notre Dame campus. Last year, around \$2,000 went to Sex Offense Services, \$500 to women of Afghanistan for educational materials and \$3,000 to the YWCA.

Lindsey Horvath, director and campus organizer of The Vagina Monologues, said the donation to the YWCA demonstrated



The cast members of "The Vagina Monologues" discuss the play in preparation for the show. The "Monologues" have created controversy for since their first performances with daring and explicit themes concerning all aspects of women's lives.

how significant the money raised can be for the charities that benefit.

"They had done their budget that day and had run out of money for food and the logistics of paying electrical bills and things like that," Horvath said. "They were going to have to frantically scramble for grant money or go beg corporate sponsors, and we walked in with our check, and the woman just started bawling — when we heard that, it just shows you what work you're doing here and what we put up with here is all for a really good cause."

The organizers of the show research the

potential beneficiaries of the money raised before deciding which ones could benefit most and would use the money in ways that most reflect the spirit of the production. Last year's show and V-Day movement had a special focus on helping the women of Afghanistan while this year's has a special focus on Native American and first nation women.

The Notre Dame production is entirely student run, from the directing to acting to lighting. The V-Day events are also organized by students, with the final event taking place tonight. Dr. Mohammed Matar will be giving a presentation entitled "International Trafficking Issues" at 6 p.m. in DeBartolo 131. The purpose of the events and V-Day movement is not only to raise funds for community groups but also to help raise awareness and discussion. Sponsors of the 2003 movement include such high profile names as Liz Claiborne, Hearst Magazines and Time Inc.

The show itself will be the finale to the events, taking place amidst protest and support, disapproval and curiosity. The script is full of highly personal accounts of women and their experiences with their vaginas, sex, menstruation, men, abuse, childbirth, thong underwear, rape and many other subjects. Between some of the monologues, some of which actually involve several actors, are facts about issues like female genital mutilation, or in one case, vibrators. The script

states: "It is illegal to sell vibrators in the following states: Texas, Ohio, Georgia and Arkansas — it is totally legal to sell guns in all of these states."

At times, the monologues speak frankly about shocking or disturbing topics such as detailing what makes a vagina angry. "Crooked Braid," new this year, also addresses shocking topics. Ensler wrote this latest monologue to coincide with this year's focus on Native American women. It addresses the challenges of living on reservations and the fact that the rate of rape and sexual assault is 3.5 times higher in American Indian women than all other races. The monologue is sad and unsettling, bringing up abuse and the role of wives from the Oglala Lakota Nation in South Dakota.

This year there are two monologues written by students, one by males and one by females. The male monologue is in two parts, the first written by Jared Rizzi and Steve Hoeplinger. It has a more serious and personal message than the lighter second part, written by Tom Sutton, David Buckley and Mike Romano. The female student monologue is written by Emily Tarpoff, Jennifer Roberts and Meegan Anderson.

A performance of the Vagina Monologues at a Catholic university goes hand in hand with criticism. Mary's Advocates, Campaign 2003, describes Ensler as using "college students to spread her pro-lesbian, anti-marriage propaganda by staging benefit productions of her verbally pornographic 'Vagina Monologues.'"

The campaign's Web site, www.MarysAdvocates.com, includes a link to letter writing instructions for people to protest its presence on campus. Outspoken critics include multiple students, Charles Rice of Notre Dame Law School and Bishop John D'Arcy of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

Horvath thinks that people do not exam-



Numerous actors and students from Notre Dame and Saint Mary's have gotten involved in performing and producing "The Vagina Monologues."

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against women *the play's third year on campus*

ine the play closely enough, or not at all. "I just ask that those in opposition at least read it, so that they know the content — the people who are appropriately informed, I think that they get caught up in thinking that we are promoting these lifestyles," she said. "The problem with that view lies in the fact that we are not promoting any one lifestyle except one that is without violence for women and girls. We aren't promoting masturbation, we aren't promoting lesbianism, we aren't promoting sexual promiscuity. We're empowering women to lead the lives that they choose."

"Everyone's entitled to their opinion and if they don't agree with this, that's fine, but at the same time I think that we definitely have the right to express our view," said Jessie Potish, a member of last year's cast. She said that it is frustrating when people who are misinformed claim that they are trying to do damage or hurt people with the production, and felt that the most important fact to remember is that it is a fundraiser.

"It is a campaign that is designed to help stop violence — the production itself that the whole V-Day campaign is really a peaceful movement that is designed to produce a positive message and a positive view of ourselves," Potish said. She describes her monologue as more positive, "kind of like a vagina celebration, if you will."

"I think there's this silence that is really acceptable regarding women and sexuality — for women it's not talked about as much, or it's unacceptable or improper," said Martha Patzer, a first-year cast member who wanted to get involved because the issues discussed are so frequently avoided. Her interest in talking about gender issues has prompted her to want to start a gender relations committee to discuss the issue pertaining to our campus in particular.

"Most importantly, people need to be aware of these issues," Horvath said. "However you choose to address that in your lives, that's your prerogative, but the issue is that you do need to address it. It can't just be ignored. And if you don't like the Vagina Monologues, after seeing it or reading it and knowing the purpose behind it, then that's fine, but then choose your own method — if you don't like what we're doing, — take action yourself and help combat the problem."

The Vagina Monologues will be performed March 3 and 4 at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall. Tickets are \$6 for students and seniors and \$8 for non-students at the LaFortune Box Office.

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Lindsey Horvath, director and campus organizer of "The Vagina Monologues," discusses points of acting and production with the cast and crew.

A weekend of smoldering jazz lights up the campus

By BJ STREW
Scene Writer

Walking into the LaFortune Ballroom, audience members encountered the jaunty, disjointed rumble of drums, the bass thumping away, and the sporadic warmth of saxophone before realizing the noises were just the band warming up. Then the lights dimmed.

Those lucky enough to make it there last Wednesday got a free preview of the 45th Annual Collegiate Jazz Festival. But the festival proper kicked off in Washington Hall. Arguably the most remarkable student act that night was the quintet hailing from the famed Western Michigan jazz program. Their jazz orchestra was nearly as good as the quintet, owing not inconsiderably to the players sharing places in both.

The CJF was founded by students in 1959 and remains a Student Union Board event to this day. Father George Wiskirchen has been the faculty advisor since 1972 and has helped draw the nation's top jazz talent to judge. This year, the festival boasted its usual class of judges: tenor saxophonist Greg Tardy, trumpeter Jimmy Owens, bassist John

Clayton, pianist Lynne Arriale and touring and session drummer Russ Miller. All of them have distinguished themselves as eminent performers

on an international level.

At the end of the Friday show came the climax to the entire festival. The five judges assembled their seasoned talents in an astonishing display of their technical and improvisational virtuosity. In honor of George, Owens and Arriale played Coleman Hawkins' stirring "Body and Soul." Owens and Tardy topped it all off with a staggering, bravura exchange that overwhelmed an already over-awed audience.

The Judges' Jam is always an impossible act to follow. It is a small wonder that Saturday's audience seemed a bit diminished. Those who made it were treated to vigorous Duke Ellington pieces, a Reno quartet's fresh rendition of John Coltrane's "Giant Steps" and "Thelonious Monk" and Notre Dame's own own Jazz Band 1.

Taken as a whole, and inevitably, the concert was oriented mostly towards big band music, though the small combos — the judges, especially — furnished the most exceptional performances. The only thing that would improve the CJF would be allowing a more diverse variety of jazz styles, featuring more bop, fusion, free jazz, and other styles. It's a minor carp, but it might move the festival from superb to sublime.

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Photo courtesy of SUB

The University of Nevada at Reno Jazz Ensemble was one of the many groups to play at the 45th Annual Collegiate Jazz Festival Saturday night.

NBA

Utah defeats New Jersey by tipping in last second shot

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. Andrei Kirilenko watched John Stockton's last-second shot sail toward the basket and immediately recognized it would be an airball.

Kirilenko timed his leap perfectly and tipped in Stockton's miss just before the final buzzer sounded, giving the Utah Jazz a 91-90 victory over the New Jersey Nets on Sunday.

"It was airball for sure," Kirilenko said. "It was bad."

His tip, however, was good, allowing Utah to snap a three-game losing streak and win for the eighth straight time on New Jersey's home court.

With Utah trailing 90-89 following Kenyon Martin's shot from the lane with 14.1 seconds left, Stockton dribbled upcourt and headed to the right baseline.

The Nets were in a zone defense, and Martin found himself matched against Utah's 40-year-old point guard.

"Whatever we were running we didn't do it very well," Stockton said. "So there it was with the time running down and not much to do, so I just tried to get it up there somewhere."

"It basically was a cast-off, and Andrei made a play out of it. It was a no-chance shot."

Kirilenko directed it in, the ball bouncing four times on the rim before settling through the net as the buzzer went off.

"Yeah, John threw it up just a little bit shorter than I would have liked," Utah coach Jerry Sloan said. "It was a success, wasn't it."

Malone scored 20, DeShawn Stevenson added a career-high 18 and Kirilenko had 15 points. Kirilenko and Stockton each had four steals for the Jazz, who shot 58 percent (22-for-38) in the second half.

Martin scored 24 and Kerry Kittles had 21 for the Nets, who have lost four of their last five.

Stevenson surpassed his previous career high of 16 on a corner jumper with 5:33 left that cut the Nets' lead to 83-82, and Kirilenko made a pair from the line with 3:58 left to give Utah its first lead since the second quarter.

Kidd hit two free throws after stealing a pass by Stockton with 1:07 left to cut Utah's lead to 89-88, and the Nets forced a 24-second violation and got the ball back. Richard Jefferson grabbed an offensive rebound on a miss by Martin, and Kidd threaded the ball inside to Martin for a short jump hook that gave the Nets a 90-89 lead.

Magic 102, Cavaliers 76

As Tracy McGrady stepped to the foul line late in the third quarter, one of the scoreboards

in Gund Arena flashed an advertisement for the "The Cleveland Clinic."

How fitting. Because for 12 minutes, that's exactly what the Orlando Magic put on.

"The third quarter was amazing," Magic coach Doc Rivers said.

Tracy McGrady scored 28 points and rookie Gordan Giricek made two 3-pointers when Orlando defeated Cleveland 39-12 in the third, leading the Magic to a 102-76 win over the Cavaliers.

McGrady didn't have to play in the fourth quarter as the Magic improved to 4-1 since acquiring Giricek and fellow rookie Drew Gooden in a Feb. 19 trade with Memphis.

Giricek had 16 points and Gooden added 13 points and 14 rebounds for Orlando, which led 54-50 on Giricek's 3-pointer — his first of two straight — with 10:27 left in the third.

Giricek's jumper ignited a 28-3 run by the Magic, who outscored Cleveland 34-7 over the final 9:43 of the third to turn a tight game into another blowout loss for the Cavs, who dropped to an NBA-worst 11-48.

McGrady and Giricek each scored 12 points in the third as the Magic had runs of 9-0 and 16-0 and went 16-for-26 from the floor in the period. Cleveland helped out by making nine turnovers.

Davis and rookie Dajuan Wagner had 14 points apiece as Cleveland lost for the eighth time in nine games.

"This is the way things have been going around here for the last two years," Darius Miles said. "We have to try and turn it around. All we have left is to try and knock some teams out of the playoff and just have fun."

McGrady, the NBA's leading scorer averaging 31.3 points, was content to make passes as his teammates blew it open in the third.

However, the All-Star guard put an exclamation point on Orlando's spurt by draining consecutive 3-pointers to put the Magic ahead 79-52 with 3:15 remaining.

"We wanted to come out aggressive," McGrady said. "A team that has a record as bad as the Cavs have, if you come out and jump them right away, they tend to fold and don't want to play no more."

McGrady missed two dunks but was still 6-of-9 from the floor and scored 16 points and added five assists in the first half to give Orlando a 49-45 lead at halftime.

Raptors 104, Celtics 92

This time, the Toronto Raptors took advantage of Paul Pierce's absence.

Vince Carter had 18 points and 11 rebounds, and Antonio Davis scored 19 to lead five Raptors in double figures in Toronto's 104-92 victory over the Boston Celtics on Sunday.

Boston's Antoine Walker had a season-high 38 points but was ejected after receiving two technical fouls in the last two minutes.

The Celtics were without Pierce for the second straight game. Pierce, the NBA's fourth-leading scorer, strained his lower back when he slipped on ice about a week ago. The Celtics beat the visiting Raptors on Friday night without Pierce.

"It's very difficult to play without our leading scorer, somebody that commands a lot of attention," Walker said. "We are trying to weather the storm right now. We're 1-1 without him. Hopefully, we'll get a win tomorrow in Memphis before we get back home."

Davis had 14 points as Toronto turned a five-point halftime deficit into a 14-point lead by the end of the third quarter. Toronto scored a season-high 38 points in the third.

Carter's dunk capped a 10-0 run as Toronto took a 65-55 lead midway through the third.

Rafer Alston's 3-pointer gave Toronto a 16-point lead in the fourth, but Walker had six points as the Celtics followed with a 14-2 run.

Walker then was ejected as Carter made two more free throws with a minute remaining. "I wasn't frustrated. It was just in the heat of the battle, you want to win," Walker said. "We let the game slip away from us."

Jerome Williams added 18 points, and Alvin Williams and Lenard each had 15 for the Raptors, who are 8-5 since Carter returned to the lineup after missing 23 consecutive games with a strained right knee.

"We're not having the best season, but we've been able to turn it around and to show people this what could have been if we were healthy," Carter said.

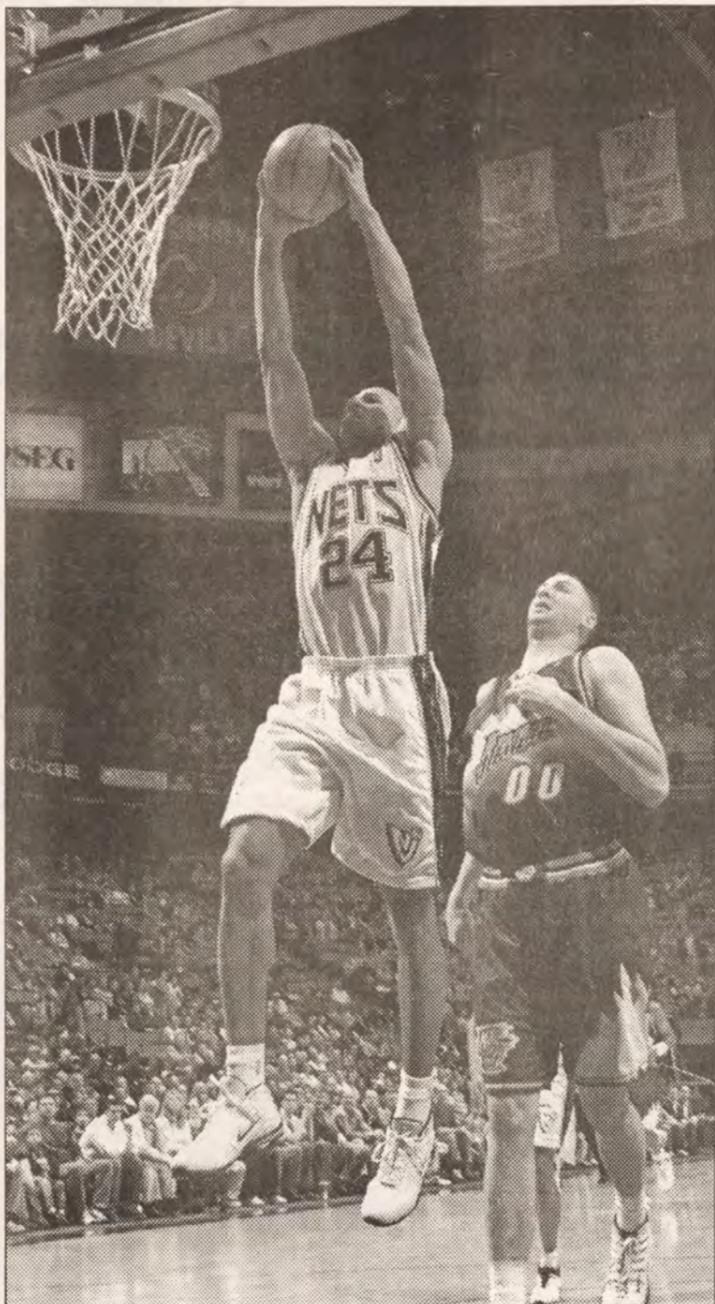
Walker had 17 points, most of them inside, as Boston outscored Toronto 28-12 in the paint and led 49-44 at halftime.

Spurs 97, Rockets 88

Five San Antonio Spurs scored in double figures. One surprise scorer led them all.

Emanuel Ginobili scored a career high 20 points as the Spurs held off the Houston Rockets for a 97-88 victory Sunday.

The Spurs won for the 13th time in 14 games and improved their record in 2003 to 22-4. Tim Duncan had 17 points, Tony Parker and Malik Rose each had 16, and David Robinson had 14.



Richard Jefferson lays one up past Greg Ostertag of the Utah Jazz in the Nets 90-91 loss Sunday.

"We played real well together, I'm real proud," Ginobili said. "We have to keep doing the same thing. Twenty points just happened today. I don't know if it will happen again. I don't care if it does."

"He's becoming more and more important to this team," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said of Ginobili. "He plays defense, he gets steals, he gets loose balls. He's just an outstanding player. The league is beginning to see there's more there than they thought."

Steve Francis led the Rockets with 21 points, and Yao Ming had 14 points and nine rebounds.

"We've got to do something about our slow starts defensively," Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich said. "We got into a comfort zone and then when it got to the embarrassing stage we picked it up later on."

The Spurs used a 12-4 run to build on their 51-39 advantage at halftime. Even an 11-1 run by the Rockets couldn't get their deficit under 10 points, and San Antonio kept Houston at bay and led 74-59 going into the fourth quarter.

Parker had 10 points in the first quarter and Duncan scored eight to give the Spurs a 30-18 lead.

Robinson, retiring after this season, likely played his final game at Compaq Center. He chatted briefly with Rockets and Rockets broadcaster and Hall of Famer Calvin Murphy.

"I have great memories here," Robinson said. "Playing against Hakeem [Olajuwon] was one of the motivating factors for me early in my career. He was tough, him and Patrick Ewing were the guys I wanted to be like when I first got in the league."

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Finals

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scored often, once on a nice uppercut late in the round. Hollowell covered well on defense and Wuest's jab was mostly ineffective in the second.

In round three, however, Wuest's jab broke through Hollowell's gloves a number of times. Hollowell clinched often at the end of the round in an effort to neutralize the now effective jab of Wuest. Wuest's consistent jab began to pay off late in the match, but it proved too little too late as Hollowell earned his victory.

145-pound class

Harris def. Duffey

Law student Paul Harris won his first match in the finals over Ryan Duffey in the first split decision of the afternoon. Duffey scored first and dominated the early seconds of round one as both boxers stayed in the center of the ring and traded jabs. A big right by Duffey sent Harris' mouth guard to the canvas midway through the round. Harris came on strong and snuck in a number of jabs and rights as Duffey's hands dropped at the end of the round.

Harris' jab held up in the second and he closed well finding scores either through Duffey's gloves or under while fighting close. Duffey landed a big right at 1:05 in that sent Harris back a bit and necessitated a cleaning 1:45 into the round.

Harris began with the jab again in the third and was not deterred by the lead hooks of Duffey. Duffey held the ring well in the final round, but Harris dominated the round circling and sticking. Both were visibly tired as the final bell sounded to end the well fought battle of jabs peppered with a number of hard shots by each boxer.

150-pound class

Vargas def. Gasser

Juan Diego Vargas won the

150-pound title by earning a split-decision victory over the quality one-tvos of Brendan Gasser.

Gasser held the ring well throughout the first round, but Vargas charged quickly and often. Vargas forced Gasser to fight a bit closer than he had in the past. Gasser was unable to land a high percentage of his punches on the advancing Vargas until 1:35 into the round, when he forced Vargas to the corner with a series of straight one-tvos.

Gasser looked great at the start of the second, scoring a number upstairs. Vargas took a number of shots in the first 45 seconds of the round often with his back on the ropes. Gasser forced Vargas to the ropes several times in the second with his straight upstairs attacks.

Gasser was also strong in the third, but Vargas's fast hands slipped through the trading gloves of Gasser several times. Vargas was often on the ropes in the third, but was able to box his way out with his hooks and footwork. Vargas' speed paid off, earning him the decision, but Gasser's straight punches upstairs were certainly a major presence in the fight.

155-pound class

Kerrigan def. Keppel

Colin Kerrigan won a unanimous decision victory over Steven Keppel by holding off a round three push by Keppel that threatened to the fight around.

Keppel held the ring in the first round as Kerrigan circled and counterpunched. Kerrigan didn't initiate contact often, but landed good shots upstairs on the closing Keppel.

In round two, Kerrigan began to initiate more, leading with his jab instead of waiting and countering. Keppel held the ring once again scoring a number of times to head and body, but the circling Kerrigan shot in hard and was successful upstairs.

Round three began with a good

exchange that drew blood on both fighters. Thirty-five seconds in, Keppel forced Kerrigan to the corner with a huge charge. Keppel landed quality shots before Kerrigan was able to work his way out and push Keppel back to the ropes. A similar exchange took place again at 55 seconds in. At 1:35 in Keppel and Kerrigan both were cleaned after a strong exchange.

160-pound class

DeSplinter def. Pierce

Mark DeSplinter once again jabbed his way to a championship as he defeated senior captain Tom Pierce in a split decision.

In round one, Pierce was not phased by DeSplinter's jabs and DeSplinter was forced to the corners three times. DeSplinter threw a large number of punches in the first, but most of them found only the protective parry of Pierce or the air in front of him.

Tom Pierce came out strong in round two and forced DeSplinter to the ropes often. DeSplinter kept the jabs coming throughout the round and Pierce clinched a bit to end the second.

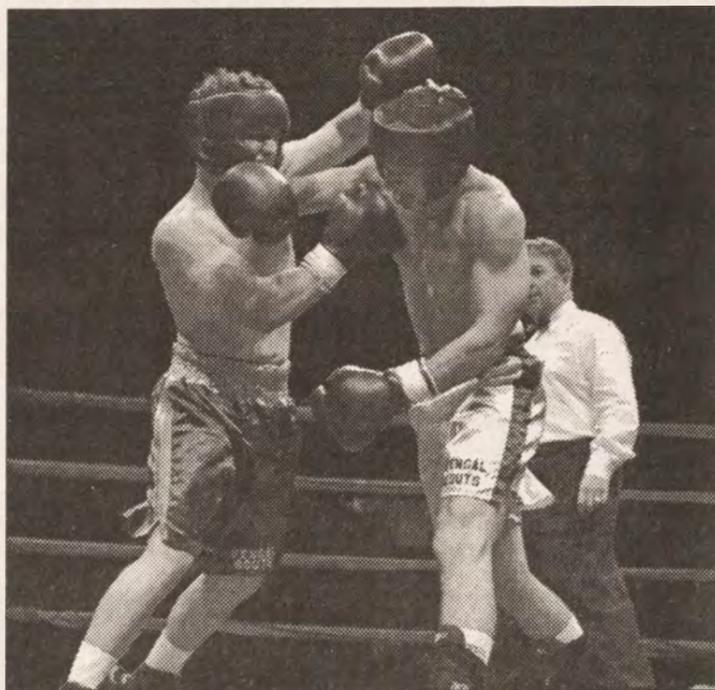
In round three, DeSplinter jabbed and used his right a great deal more than he did earlier in the fight, standing his ground against the charging Pierce. DeSplinter jab scored often in the final round and Pierce seldom replied effectively. DeSplinter dominated the third round and his consistent jab paid off once again as he earned the split decision victory.

165-pound class

Fergus def. Gough

Alex Fergus had a quick win over Charlie Gough as the fight was called at 1:36 into the first round.

Fergus was extremely fast and moved well to avoid the aggressive charges of Gough. The boxers had only exchanged a few times when Fergus landed a stiff jab to Gough's face that drew blood soon after.



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Clay Cosse, left, throws an uppercut at Rob Joyce during the 170-pound Bengal Bouts final. Joyce defeated Cosse in the bout and was later recognized as the best boxer of the tournament.

1:20 into the bout, time was stopped to clean Gough and a long pause ensued as the ring-side doctor examined his nose. With gauze in both nostrils Gough returned to middle of the ring. Shortly after, the gauze was removed by a shot from Fergus. After a tackle that sent both boxers to the mat time was stopped to examine Gough once again.

An RSC was called at 1:36 after it was determined that Gough was unable to fight due to his nose.

170-pound class

Joyce def. Cosse

Rob Joyce's composure and footwork earned him a victory over the aggressive, hooking Clay Cosse.

Cosse held the ring and initiated contact as the mobile Joyce circled him, deftly ducking and avoiding his charges. Cosse threw a number of lead hooks, but Joyce moved well and countered effectively. Midway through the round, Joyce pushed Cosse to the ropes with a strong flurry upstairs.

In round two, Joyce continued to move well, once nicely slipping and landing two punches at 35 seconds in. Cosse strung together a good flurry at the end of the round, forcing Joyce to clinch to end the even round.

Early in the third round, Cosse forced Joyce to the outside of the ring throwing often. Joyce used his excellent footwork and slips to avoid Cosse's hooks. Joyce's right hand became a stronger presence as the round went on and he countered well to Cosse's head. Joyce showed his years of ring experience in his swift movements and composure in the ring.

Later in the afternoon, Joyce was presented with the award for best boxer of the tournament.

180-pound class

Groebner def. Pearsall

Andrew Groebner won a split decision victory over Chris Pearsall in a match that couldn't have been closer.

The fight began slowly as Pearsall held the ring and Groebner circled and the two occasionally traded jabs in the first minute. Pearsall had a big flurry at 1:15 that set off more aggressive exchanges by each fighter. Pearsall's one-tvos were straight and accurate while Groebner was a bit wilder with his punches in the first round.

In round two, Groebner was aggressive and charged often. Pearsall's boxing was more calculated and he selected his punches carefully. Groebner landed a high quality shot to Pearsall's head in the closing seconds of the round.

In round three, Pearsall was pushed to the corner 30 seconds

in by a strong flurry from Groebner and once again at 55 seconds. Groebner was warned for what appeared to be a backhand after the second exchange in the corner. Both fighters threw everything they had left in the closing seconds and Pearsall's mouth guard fell to the mat as the bell rang.

190-pound class

Lynk def. Zizic

John Lynk overcame a fierce performance by William Zizic to earn his second Bengal Bouts title.

Lynk and Zizic exchanged well throughout the first. Lynk held the ring and forced Zizic to the outside with his lead jabs and power punches.

In the second round, Lynk continued to hold the ring and picked his punches more carefully. Zizic's footwork was strong as he moved and closed on Lynk, who stuck to one-two combinations for most of the round but began to add a third in his attacks in the closing seconds. Zizic replied to nearly all of Lynk's advances and the round was extremely close.

Throughout the third round, Lynk forced Zizic back and to the ropes. Lynk stuck with one-two combinations throughout and continually found ways to score. Zizic continued to move and reply well, scoring a hard right to Lynk's head to end the match.

The split decision in favor of Lynk reflected the intensity and closeness of this cruiserweight battle.

Heavyweight class

Borovina def. Burton

Stefan Borovina out-boxed Darryl Burton to earn his first Bengal Bouts title.

In the first round, Burton used his long reach to repel the advances of Borovina. Burton forced Stefan to the corner several times throughout the first round. Both fighters exchanged well upstairs, Burton sticking to his jab while the smaller, faster Borovina often used a two as well as the jab.

In the second round, Burton's long reach made closing effectively a bit difficult for Borovina. Both fighters took and gave serious shots throughout the round that would have easily sent lighter boxers to the mat.

In round three, Borovina's jab was more effective and scored often. Burton's reach was constantly an issue for Borovina who chose to concentrate on Burton's head instead of slipping under the long jab and attacking the body.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Red Storm comes back to upset Duke

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Marcus Hatten was alone on the court with 19,610 people.

The St. John's senior was fouled with no time left on the clock and he stepped to the free throw line with a chance to give struggling St. John's an upset of No. 6 Duke.

With the sellout crowd at Madison Square Garden silent, Hatten made the free throw to cap a 12-0 run and give the Red Storm a 72-71 victory that snapped a four-game losing streak.

Hatten had 29 points, including 16 of the last 22 for the Red Storm (13-12), who held the Blue Devils scoreless over the final four minutes.

"Hatten was really good," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "He kept making plays and put himself in a position to get fouled."

When Hatten made the free throw, he jumped into his teammates' arms and started a celebration, something the Red Storm hadn't been able to do in a while.

"No matter how much they got up we never gave up," said Hatten, who didn't even bother with the second free throw.

"This has been an up-and-down season with a lot on the downside, but we never quit on each other and this win means a lot to us going to the end of the season and the Big East tournament. At a time when it seemed like everybody was counting us out and not thinking we could stay within 15 points of this team, we stuck together."

Duke (20-5) had the ball with the score tied and 30 seconds to play after Hatten missed a jumper. The Blue Devils did not call a timeout, running their offense to try for a possible game-winning attempt.

But Hatten stole the ball from Daniel Ewing near midcourt and went to the basket, getting fouled by Ewing as the buzzer sounded.

"They had run the same play the last 10 minutes of the game and I had done a terrible job against it," Hatten said. "This time I just anticipated, to not let him get to the screen, and I was able to move my feet and stay in front of him without the referee calling a foul. The ball was just there, and I stuck my hand in there and came out with a pot of gold."

Ewing said he and Chris Duhon were just exchanging the ball at the top of the key.

"I thought I got fouled, but the referee didn't see it," Ewing said. "But I had to make a play, fouled him and he made the free throw. Once I fouled him it was all up to him."

The Red Storm had lost seven of nine overall and were 1-5 in their last six home games. They trailed 71-60 with 4:05 left when Duke's Dahntay Jones, who had 23 points, made one free throw.

Hatten and fellow senior Anthony Glover took over, scoring all but one of the points in the game-closing run. Each had his only 3-pointer of the game in the burst. Glover's made it 71-70 with 1:51 left and was just his fourth of the season, 12th of his career.

Kyle Cuffe made one free throw with 1:30 left to tie it at 70. Duhon missed on a drive with just under a minute left, and Glover grabbed the rebound. Hatten missed a jumper with 40 seconds left, but Glover got the rebound — only to have Hatten miss the jumper that set the stage for the wild ending.

Kentucky 74, Georgia 66

With No. 2 Kentucky trailing in the second half, Marquis Estill wasn't worried about the nation's longest winning streak.

"I was thinking about what we needed to do to win this ballgame," Estill said.

Estill had 16 points for the Wildcats, who forced five straight turnovers during a game-deciding run to beat No. 21 Georgia 74-66 on Sunday for their 18th straight victory.

The Bulldogs were playing their first game without assistant coach Jim Harrick Jr., who was suspended Friday after a former player accused him of paying part of his expenses and committing academic fraud.

The player, Tony Cole, also told The Atlanta Journal-Constitution he used the personal credit card of head coach Jim Harrick to buy a TV while he was enrolled in school.

"I don't think that what's happened in the last couple of days had anything to do with this game," said Harrick, who only took a few questions.

Chuck Hayes added 15 points and 12 rebounds for the Wildcats (24-3, 14-0 Southeastern Conference), who clinched a share of the Eastern Division title. They lead Florida by two games with two games left for each team, including a season-ending matchup in Gainesville, Fla., on Saturday.

"We are relieved to get the win," Kentucky coach Tubby Smith said. "Our kids kept their composure and played with a lot of confidence. Composure is a quality of a team that expects to win."

"Our kids came ready to play."

Ezra Williams had 17 for Georgia (17-8, 9-5), which had won four straight.

Kentucky hasn't lost since Dec. 28, when Louisville blew out the Wildcats 81-63. During the streak, they've won by an average of 16 points, and they'd won their previous five road games by at least 16.

"The winning streak is something we're proud of, but we're just taking care of business," Estill said. "We don't talk about it too much."

The decisive spurt started on two free throws by Estill, which gave Kentucky the lead for good at 56-54. The Bulldogs went six straight possessions without scoring, and the final five of those ended in a turnover. They entered averaging a league-best 12 turnovers.

"That was part of our game plan," Kentucky guard Gerald Fitch said. "They get their offense started with that pass to the wing, and we wanted to overplay the passing lane and get them out of their offense."

The Wildcats scored six unanswered points for an eight-point lead, and Georgia could get no closer than four the rest of the way.

BASEBALL

Relief pitching snaps losing streak

By BRYAN KRONK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's offense struggled against tough pitching at the Dairy Queen Classic at the Metrodome in Minneapolis over the weekend, as the Irish were only able to push five runs across the games in its three games against baseball powers Nebraska, Minnesota and Wake Forest.

However, after dropping the first two games against the Cornhuskers and Golden Gophers, 7-1 and 8-2, respectively, the Irish came back to edge out the seventh-ranked Demon Deacons Sunday in a marathon 13-inning 2-1 victory, snapping what was a four-game losing streak heading into Sunday's game.

Notre Dame's matchup with Wake Forest Sunday pitted two solid pitchers — Tim Morley for the Demon Deacons and John Axford for the Irish — who provided solid outings for their teams.

The Irish struck first, converting on a sacrifice fly by designated hitter Steve Andres in the bottom of the fourth inning.

The Demon Deacons struck back in the seventh inning as they pushed a run across on a wild pitch by Axford in the top of the seventh.

The Irish threatened several more times in the late stages of the nine innings, but the score remained tied due to excellent relief work by Notre Dame's J.P. Gagne and the Wake Forest duo of Daniel Davidson and Adam Hanson.

However, Hanson would yield the deciding run in the bottom of the 13th inning. After centerfielder Cody Rizzo was picked off of first base following a one-out single, Alex Nettey singled. Craig Cooper then smashed a double to left-center, pushing Nettey to third before Joe Thaman knocked in the game-winning run with a single up the middle.

Gagne earned the victory for the Irish, pitching six scoreless innings of relief, allowing only four hits and a walk while striking out two.

The earlier games of the Dairy Queen Classic featured similarly solid pitching performances — but only by Irish opponents.

The opening game Friday against Nebraska featured an outstanding performance by Cornhusker starting pitcher Aaron Marsden, who struck out 10 Irish batters in eight innings of work while Chris Niesel picked up to the first loss of his career, giving up six runs on nine hits in only four innings of work.

Cornhusker Jeff Liese provided all the offense Nebraska would need, knocking in three runs on a solo home run and a 2-run triple. Nebraska would add three more runs, notching a 6-0 lead before the Irish got on the scoreboard in the sixth. Matt Macri, Kris Billmaier and Matt Edwards all singled to push its first and only run across the plate.

Irish freshman reliever Tom Thornton finally stopped the bleeding for the Irish by providing four innings of relief in which he allowed only one

unearned run.

But the Irish bats fell silent and the No. 16 Cornhuskers sent the Irish below .500 on the season with the loss for Notre Dame.

Saturday's game against Minnesota featured a near-carbon-copy game from Friday. The Irish fell behind early and another strong pitching performance kept them from recovering.

Minnesota starter C.J. Woodrow retired the first 14 Irish batters he faced on the way to a dominant six-inning, 86-pitch outing where he allowed one unearned run on four hits.

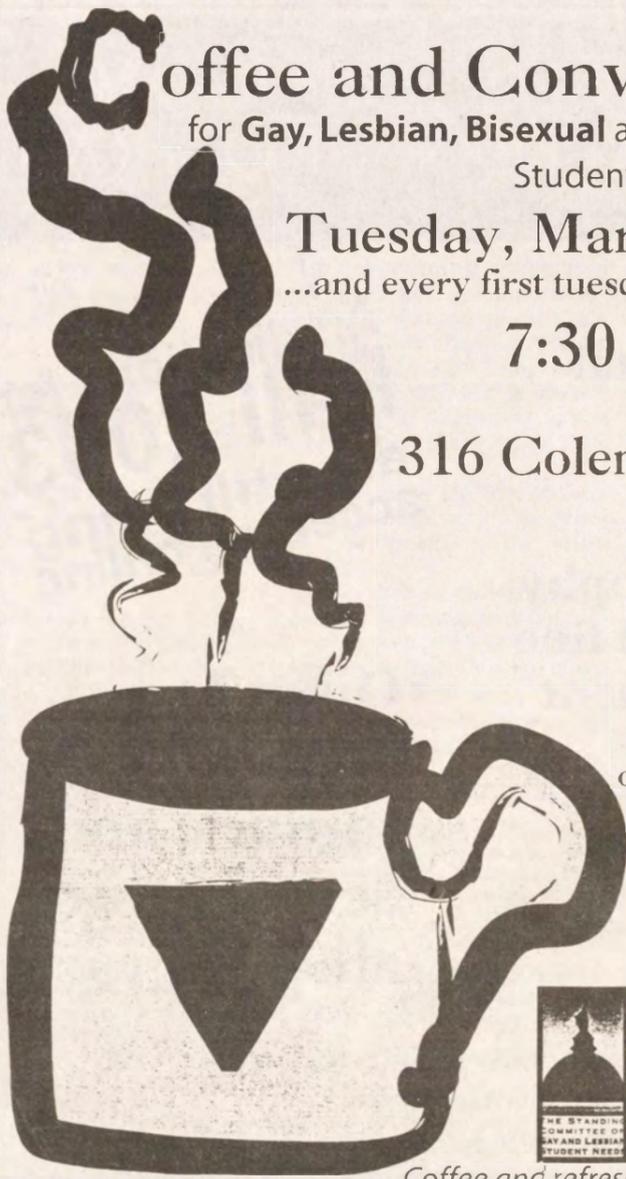
However, Irish starter Pete Ogilvie dug himself an insurmountable hole by giving up an early 5-0 Gopher lead before the Irish offense could retaliate.

But once again, when the Irish were able to get on the scoreboard, it was too little too late. An RBI single by Edwards notched one run in the sixth inning while an RBI groundout in the seventh by Macri gave the Irish its second run.

But that was all the Minnesota relievers would allow, and the Gophers cruised to an 8-2 victory, setting up the marathon pitching duel in the finale Sunday against Wake Forest.

The Irish now get five days of rest before heading to Jacksonville, Fla. for a seven-game set over spring break.

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WOMENS TENNIS

Cunha, Irish upset Longhorns

By **JOE LINDSLEY**
Sports Writer

It was a weekend of many good moments for the Irish — good moments springing from overcoming various levels of adversity.

After suffering three close losses a week ago, the Irish registered two victories over the weekend, including their first upset of the season during what was a special day for senior captain Katie Cunha.

Saturday, Notre Dame defeated Wake Forest and Sunday the Irish triumphed 6-1 over No. 13 Texas.

Sunday's match, the "Ace for the Cure," was a fundraiser held in honor of Cunha's mother, who died of cancer last August. The first Ace for the Cure was held last spring with her mother in attendance, but the Irish captain and the team decided to continue the event in memory of Christine Cunha.

"[The win] felt great, especially because we bounced back after two close 4-3 losses to good teams," junior Alicia Salas said. "It was nice to come out here and be able to win. Everyone played great, especially today."

"Even though we played well, you worry that when you lose, you can get down," he said. But the Irish proved over the weekend that past losses would not necessarily promote future losses.

The Irish began strong, as they swept the doubles against the Longhorns, a team traditionally known for its doubles prowess.

Junior Caylan Leslie and freshman Jennifer Smith won the first doubles match, and the two are undefeated as a team. Then Cunha and freshman Kristina Stastny clinched the doubles point when they upset the 19th-ranked pair of Kendra Strohm and Ziva Grasic, 8-3. It was Cunha and Stastny's fourth win over a ranked opponent this season.

"We played so well in the doubles," Louderback said. "That was such a big factor. All three doubles teams played very, very well. We played like that

against Wake yesterday too. It just gets the momentum going."

And the momentum did continue, with each of the six Irish singles players winning her first set.

"For our [singles players] to come out and win the six first sets took a lot of pressure off of everybody," Louderback said.

Leslie, playing at No. 1 singles, put the Irish up 2-0 as she earned her sixth victory of the season. The junior defeated No. 105 Strohm, 6-0, 6-2. Then Lauren Connelly defeated Macey Breece, 6-3, 6-2. With Stastny's 6-4, 6-2 win over Grasic the Irish moved ahead 4-0 and victory was clinched.

When it was too late, the Longhorns achieved their first and only point of the day, with Kelly Baritot defeating Irish sophomore Sarah Jane Connelly, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2.

Then Salas encountered a tough match at No. 2 singles, but in the end she closed her four-match losing streak as she defeated Michelle Krinke, 6-2, 7-5.

"I think I needed a close match," Salas said. "Today I think that was good for me. The difference was really serving. It felt good to be able to come back and pull out a close one."

With the score at 6-1, only one match was left on the court — Cunha versus the Longhorns' Lindsay Blau. With her father, teammates, and the sizeable crowd all fixated on her match — although the Irish had already secured victory — Cunha was able to top Blau in a long match, 6-2, 5-7, 1-0 (10-4).

"She didn't feel like she played as well as she has been, but she gutted it out," Louderback said.

For Cunha, it was a tough day, but a still a good one.

"There was just a lot of emotion out there on my part," she said, recalling that her mother was one of the fans during last year's event.

"Coming out here and beating a team that's ranked above us, it was a really happy ending, a good day," Cunha said.

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MENS LACROSSE

Irish crush Quakers 14-5

By **PAT LEONARD**
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame mens lacrosse team won their home opener and improved to a 2-0 overall record in an impressive 14-5 blowout win over No. 23 Penn (0-1) on Saturday.

Led by junior Matt Howell (three goals, two assists) and freshman Patrick Walsh (two goals, three assists), the Irish redeemed themselves from a 7-6 loss in Philadelphia a year ago.

Notre Dame led 5-4 at halftime in what appeared to be a tight battle, but the Irish offense put the pressure on in the second half, scoring nine goals and keeping the ball in the Quaker's zone for a good portion of the half.

"We played very well all around," coach Kevin Corrigan said. "I think we did a better job facing off, did a better job running our offense and getting good shots and we played extremely well defensively. Nothing carried us. I think [the win] had to do with a little bit of everything."

Howell got the Irish on the board first, scoring at the 11:49 mark of the first quarter and added his second goal shortly afterwards. Penn's Will Phillips, who had two goals, narrowed the gap to 2-1 with his first goal at 7:23. Notre Dame freshman Matt Karweck received a pass from fellow freshman Walsh only forty-five seconds later and netted it for his first of three goals to make the count 3-1 Irish.

James Riordan scored two goals in the first half for the Quakers, his second being a man-up goal coming at 1:20 to tie the contest at 4-4. But Notre Dame's Howell found junior attackman Dan Berger, who scored with 59 seconds remaining to put the Irish back on top at halftime — and for good in the game.

In the second half, Penn managed only one goal. They had one other solid chance in the third quarter, taking advantage of an Irish defenseman pinching up into the attack zone. Notre Dame goalie junior Stewart Crosland made the save, one of ten on the day.

From then on, it was all Irish.

Walsh made a behind-the-head pass to junior captain Steve Clagget, who scored at 12:53 to make it 6-4. Owen Mulford then scored on a Matt Ryan pass at 11:19. Mulford finished with two goals.

Penn's Phillips tried to create something for his team, scoring with 2:02 left in the third quarter to make the score 9-5, but Walsh added two goals to his three assists late in the third to increase the lead to seven goals for Notre Dame.

Goals also came from Brian Hubschmann (one goal, one assist) and Matt Ryan (one goal, three assists).

Notre Dame's points were spread out across the roster. The Irish had four players with multiple goals and six with multiple points.

"I think one of our strengths is that on any given day, we have a lot of people who can [score]," Corrigan said. "Balance is something I look at as a strength. Today, it just as easily could have been [senior captain] Travis Wells, Clagget and [sophomore] Brian Giordano. We know Berger can do that already. It will be a key this year to have a good balance offensively and not to be so dependent on certain people to score points for us."

Notre Dame has started well, especially in contrast to last year, when it also played Penn State and Penn in its first two games, but lost both matches.

"We're a year older and a year more mature this year," Corrigan said. "There was not a big senior class last year and there isn't one this year. We've just prepared better. From the beginning of fall practice until now, this team has been better determined and had enthusiasm and talent."

"Coming out of the first two losses last year we played some of our best lacrosse," Corrigan said. "If we can come out of these first two wins, we'll be in a better position and we can take it from there."

Notre Dame plays next at North Carolina on Saturday, March 8.

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3	Tennessee	3	Tennessee
4	LSU	4	LSU
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6	Louisiana Tech	6	Louisiana Tech
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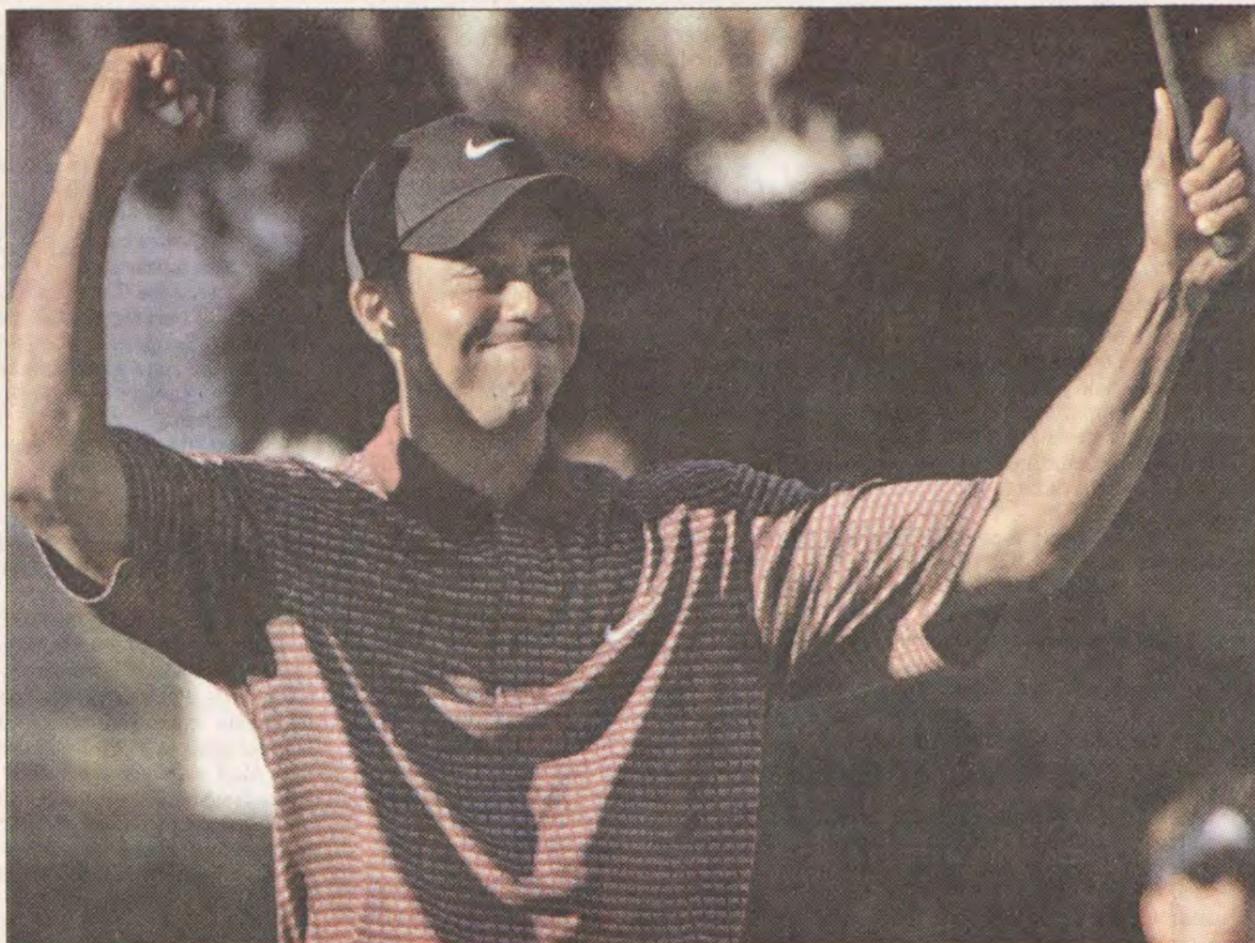
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West Virginia	4	10	.286
Rutgers	4	10	.286

GOLF



AFP Photo

Tiger Woods celebrates his \$1 million win over David Toms on the 17th hole during the final of the World Match Play Championships at La Costa Resort in Carlsbad, Calif.

Woods triumphs at World Match Play

Associated Press

CARLSBAD, Calif. Tiger Woods completed his sweep of the World Golf Championships on Sunday, building a big lead and then holding off a gritty comeback from David Toms to win the Match Play Championship. Leading by as many as five holes, Woods finally closed out Toms with a 3-foot par putt on the 35th to win, 2 and 1.

Woods won a record three straight U.S. Junior Amateur titles and three straight U.S. Amateurs, but he was 0-4 as a professional.

That changed during a dominant week at La Costa, where he made only five bogeys on a tough course and played only 112 holes, the fewest of any winner in the five-year history of the tournament.

He also became the first player to win all four of the World Golf Championships since their inception in 1999 — three times the NEC Invitational, twice the American Express Championship and the 2000 World Cup with David Duval.

The missing piece was the Accenture Match Play Championship, a format Woods enjoys the most. He

finally showed why, hitting smart shots down the stretch when his game was off and making Toms come after him.

The former PGA champion almost did.

A 15-foot birdie putt on No. 15 cut the lead to 1 up with three holes to play. After they parred the 16th, Toms missed the fairway and then hit into rough so deep left of the green that he could barely identify his ball.

He hacked out just short of the green, and his par chip turned away.

Toms, who only last August said he could not compete on a regular basis

with Woods, showed plenty of heart and game.

"I'm not going to quit," said Toms, who was 4-down after the morning 18. "That's not my nature. We're on national TV and I wanted to last a long time. I didn't want to be embarrassed. My goal was to chip away."

Woods won for the 36th time on the PGA Tour and earned \$1,050,000, his largest paycheck on tour.

Since returning from knee surgery after a two-month rehab, Woods has won twice and tied for fifth. His game looks better than ever as he starts preparing for the Masters.

IN BRIEF

Stars' Guerin faces surgery

Dallas forward Bill Guerin could miss the remainder of the regular season after undergoing emergency surgery to relieve a buildup of blood in his bruised thigh.

Guerin, second on the Stars with 25 goals and 50 points, bruised his thigh Thursday when he collided with Ottawa defenseman Chris Phillips in the third period.

The bruise caused a so-called compartment syndrome in Guerin's thigh, in which severe internal bleeding cuts off circulation to the thigh muscle. Team doctor Dan Cooper operated to relieve the pressure Saturday night at Baylor Medical Center in Dallas.

Team officials said Guerin will miss four-to-six weeks.

The 6-foot-2, 210 pound Guerin finished the 2001-02 season with the Boston Bruins, leading the NHL in shots (355) and tying for second in the league in goals (41).

The 32-year-old right wing was

acquired by Dallas in the offseason and signed a five-year deal worth about \$45 million. He has also played in New Jersey and Edmonton.

The Stars have 17 regular-season games left, including Sunday's home game against Pittsburgh.

Kenseth hits jackpot with Vegas win

Matt Kenseth solidified Roush Racing's hold on Las Vegas Motor Speedway by winning the UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400 on Sunday — giving his team its fourth victory in the track's six-year Winston Cup history.

Kenseth, who won a Winston Cup-best five races last season, got incredible help in the pits — his crew gave his Ford four tires in 13 seconds on their final stop — to jump out to a huge lead and beat Dale Earnhardt Jr. to the finish line by 9.104 seconds.

Since NASCAR's Winston Cup

Series began racing in Vegas in 1998, Roush drivers Mark Martin, Jeff Burton and Kenseth have all made it to Victory Lane. Burton did it back-to-back in 1999 and 2000.

Michael Waltrip finished third in a Chevrolet and took over the Winston Cup points lead. He was followed by Joe Gibbs Racing teammates Bobby Labonte and Tony Stewart.

Burton was sixth. Ryan Newman came back from falling two laps down early in the race to finish seventh in a Dodge. Sterling Marlin, Joe Nemecheck and Steve Park rounded out the top 10.

Only 11 cars finished on the lead lap, and the front five were all running individually at the end of the race with huge gaps between them on the 1.5-mile oval.

Kenseth was in command for most of the final 100 laps. He had a 4-second lead after the final round of stops and built it to more than 9 seconds by the checkered flag.

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Ratay

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After Notre Dame had fallen behind by six at halftime, the Irish needed a lift. Ratay then took the team and put it on her shoulders. In the second half, Ratay took a pass from Le'Tania Severe midway between the top of the arc and the right corner and buried a 3-pointer to get the Irish within 29-27, and more importantly, get the almost-dead home crowd on its feet. That shot was also the 250th trey of Ratay's career — a new school record. But the senior wasn't done yet. She drove to the hole with 8:40 left, got fouled and made both free throws to give Notre Dame a 46-45 lead. The Pirates grabbed the lead back with six minutes left, before Ratay drained another 3-pointer to put the Irish ahead 51-49. She got fouled with 4:08 remaining and made both free throws again to push Notre Dame back into the lead at 53-52. But Seton Hall stormed back and nearly delivered a knockout punch on a Cecilia Lindqvist 3-pointer with 2:59 left in regulation that gave the Pirates a 56-53 lead. Down three in her final home

game, Ratay didn't hesitate when she got the ball at the top of the 3-point circle on Notre Dame's next possession—she simply started into her sweet shooting form, put perfect rotation on the basketball and sank the 252rd 3-pointer of her career to tie the game again. On the Irish next offensive trip, Ratay drove to paint and made a layup to tie the game yet again at 58-58. The Irish went on to win 62-60, with much of the credit going to Ratay for keeping Notre Dame close all game. "She's made so many big shots in her career that it would be hard to remember all of them," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "There's always a big shot in every game where we absolutely need a basket, and she's the one we want to shoot the ball." Ratay's hit most of those clutch shots in her career. She's connected on over 45 percent of her 3-point attempts, made more 3s than anyone else in Irish history and will go down as one of the best shooters ever to play women's college basketball. "She has meant so many great things to this program," McGraw said. "She's been an outstanding player for us for four years ... She's, in my opinion, the best shooter in America. We would not be anywhere near where we



Alicia Ratay lines up a shot during Saturday's game. Ratay has had a key role in Notre Dame's success during her career.

LAUREN FORBES/The Observer

are right now, and our program wouldn't be where we are right now, if it wasn't for her." Ratay's home career ended Saturday in front of over 7,300 people. And it couldn't have been a more perfect ending. Ratay was honored before the game. The Irish won.

And the Lake Zurich, Ill. product hit big bucket after bucket. Just like she has her entire career.

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Pirates

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place in the Big East standings with the victory. The Irish need to win Tuesday against Syracuse and then hope Virginia Tech loses to St. John's to clinch fifth place in the conference. The Irish struggled most of the game against the Pirates' tough defense and fell behind 17-5 midway through the first half. Notre Dame missed 11 of 12 shots and turned the ball over seven times before hitting their second field goal. Seton Hall also used a 14-8 rebounding advantage on the offensive glass to hang with Notre Dame. "I thought Seton Hall played a great basketball game," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "They played tremendous defense. They were outstanding. They rebounded well and we didn't get anything easy all night long, and that's to their credit. Notre Dame recovered from their slow start and got within 27-21 at halftime before finally overtaking Seton Hall with 13:56 remaining on a layup by Flecky. It was the first Irish lead since early in the first half. But the Pirates wouldn't go away. After Jacqueline Batteast nailed a 3-pointer to put the Irish up 42-36, Seton Hall scored the next seven points to regain a 43-42 lead. The lead went back and forth for the rest of the second half. With 29 seconds left, Seton Hall's LaNedra Brown hit two free throws to give the Pirates a 60-58 lead. On Notre Dame's next trip, Batteast took the ball, drove to the paint and dished a pass to a wide-open Courtney LaVere, who converted the layup to tie the game at 60-60 with seven seconds left in regulation. Seton Hall quickly took the inbounds pass, dribbled across mid-court and called a timeout with 3.2 seconds left. On the ensuing throw-in, Seton Hall's Ashley Bush wanted to throw the ball near the hoop, but couldn't find anyone open. She then tried to throw into Brown, but Flecky broke up the pass and Brown committed the costly foul. "That's just a heck of a college game to be a part of," Seton Hall coach Phyllis Mangina said. "We were supposed to throw the ball to the rim and we didn't. The last place we wanted to throw the ball was toward mid-court." McGraw was pleased with her team's play down the stretch. "I thought at the end of the game we made some huge plays and everyone contributed," McGraw said.

Notes:
 ♦ Alicia Ratay nailed a 3-pointer, the 250th of her career, with 18:42 remaining in the second half to break Sheila McMillen's Notre Dame record. She added two more before the game ended, giving her 252 in her career.
 ♦ The exciting game was precluded by a pre-game standing ovation for both seniors. Their accolades on the court and in the classroom were announced before Ratay and Swanson walked onto the court, escorted by their families.
 ♦ Swanson started and played for nearly six minutes at the opening of the game before she was replaced by Le'Tania Severe.

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FENCING

Buckeyes stop Irish in combined conference championships

◆ Irish unexpectedly finish second

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Editor

The wake-up call for the Irish didn't just come for the 8 a.m. Saturday morning start to the team competition. It came in the form of failing to win a combined conference championship for the first time since 1983.

But it wasn't the third-ranked women's team that didn't get the job done, it was the No. 1 mens team in the country.

Notre Dame won a team title in foil and finished second in sabre, but a semifinal round lost to the Ohio State in epee cost the Irish a chance at winning its 19th consecutive combined championship. Ohio State won the combined team title with a total of 855 points, with Notre Dame finishing second with 835.

"On the mens side, we unexpectedly lost epee. It's not history, but we lost against the same team that is always challenging us," Notre Dame coach Janusz Bednarski said. "The kids at the beginning lost a couple of bouts and focused their attention on previous competitions that they won and it helped. They were trying to come back but it was too late."

In that semifinal match between Notre Dame and Ohio State, the Irish dug themselves in a 4-2 hole and couldn't get out. Senior epee captain Jan Viviani and senior North Carey won bouts to tie the match at four. Sophomore Michal Sobieraj couldn't complete the comeback and dropped the deciding bout 5-4 to Ohio State sophomore

Brian Gross.

Gross went 3-0 in the match against the Irish and won a key bout earlier against Viviani. The two went into overtime, but Gross was able to get the winning touch and defeated Viviani 5-4.

While Viviani surprisingly dropped a bout, Bednarski was more disappointed in Sobieraj, who won the North American Cup tournament in December against a 140-member field.

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Janusz Bednarski
coach

"A wake-up call for them was in the morning when they lost the first bout unexpectedly," Bednarski said. "I hope they will get this wake-up call, especially Sobieraj, who has the talent to win. He won an even bigger tournament months ago."

"Today he lost two important bouts and he needs to improve."

The Buckeyes also won the mens competition with 435 points while the Irish were second with 410.

Meanwhile, the womens team repeated as champions of the Midwest Fencing Conference with a team point total of 425. The Irish won foil and epee while finishing third in sabre.

"On the womens side, the results were like we expected," Bednarski said. "We won easier than I expected, which was a positive surprise."

Ohio State finished second on the women's side with 420 points. Northwestern was third with 385 points.

The Notre Dame epee team cruised to its title.

The Irish defeated Michigan State 5-0 in the quarterfinals and Northwestern 5-2 in the semifinals. In the finals against Ohio State, the Irish jumped out to a 4-0 lead, but let the Buckeyes come back as they won three straight bouts.

Senior epee captain Anna Carnick closed the door with a 5-2 win over Ohio State freshman Sherice Gearhart. Carnick, along with the other Notre Dame captains, showed a lot of energy while fencing and encouraged teammates as they watched. Bednarski was a main reason for this increased leadership.

"I was encouraging them because we are here on our own home territory and our kids are very soft," Bednarski said. "They have to be more excited by winning."

Womens foil also easily won its championships. The Irish defeated Case Western Reserve 5-0 in the quarterfinals, Minnesota 5-1 in the semifinals and Ohio State 5-3 to claim the title.

After finishing one spot behind the Irish at the 2002 NCAA Championships, the Buckeyes are quickly closing the gap on Notre Dame by winning this year's conference

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Janusz Bednarski
coach

championship, something that gives Bednarski mixed feelings.

"We have a growing rivalry with Ohio State in our region and they

are working very hard," he said. "It is good to have a rival on the one side because it is exciting, but on the other hand we have to be prepared for the bouts because the Midwest Championships aren't as easy as the past."

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◆ Irish claim 10 top-3 finishes in tournament

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Editor

Senior foil captain Ozren Debic fenced his way into the Notre Dame history books at Sunday's Midwest Fencing Conference Championships in becoming the first Irish fencer to win four individual conference championships.

He didn't give up any touches in his preliminary bouts and defeated teammates Forest Walton and Derek Snyder 15-3 in the semifinals and finals, respectively.

And he feels he can do better.

Debic and sophomore Alicja Kryczalo each repeated as individual conference champions and led the Irish to 10 finishes in the top three Sunday at the Joyce Center.

"After winning it three or four times, you are expected to win, so anything less than that would be a disappointment," Debic said. "I think I can fence better. I think stronger competition is going to push me all the way. I was trying hard today because I wanted to win for the fourth time. When the emotions part kicks in fighting for the [NCAA] title, it will motivate me more."

Kryczalo easily advanced to the semifinal round of the women's foil competition by not dropping a bout. Then, the defending national champion defeated Wayne State's Inga Wallrabenstein 15-7 in the semifinals and teammate Andrea Ament 15-9 for her second conference crown.

"For them it was pretty easy, I call it domination. They dominated in the competition," Notre Dame coach Janusz Bednarski said. "Also, Ozren didn't give up any points in preliminary, which looks like a world record. It doesn't mean he has any weak opponents. He is simply a high-class fencer."

"Alijca dominated the competition. She needs some work, but physically they are smiling."

In epee, the Irish claimed second place on both the mens and womens side. Senior captain Jan Viviani battled back from an 11-9 deficit to force overtime against Wojciech Dudek of Wayne State. Viviani had priority in overtime, but

Dudek scored the winning touch and denied Viviani a chance at repeating.

Junior Kerry Walton easily won her semifinal bout against Ohio State junior Alexandra Shklar 15-10. Walton struggled in the finals against Anna Vinnikov of Wayne State, who defeated Notre Dame senior Meagan Call 15-6 in the semifinals. Vinnikov took an 11-6 lead, and the defending national champion could get no closer than three points as Vinnikov defeated Walton 15-10.

Notre Dame senior Matt Fabricant pushed Jason Rogers, one of the top sabre fencers in the world to the limit in the mens semifinals.

Fabricant seemed to have control of the match holding a 12-8 lead. Rogers then showed why he is ranked in the top 10 nationally and came back to defeat Fabricant 15-14. Bednarski knows the tough loss to Rogers and a quarterfinal round win over another top sabre fencer in Ohio State's Colin Parker, will only help Fabricant at the national championships in three weeks.

"Personally, I was not disappointed. He lost to a good fencer who is very high in the rankings," Bednarski said. "Matt had a bout where he was almost winning. Theoretically, he should win. He will now have a little bit more experience in a stressful situation. He made the mistakes in trying to use more complicated actions. But, he learned a lot, got the confidence, not only in the match against Rogers, but he beat Parker, and now he is very confident. I think he did a very good job."

Junior captain Destanie Milo lost 15-6 in the semifinals of women's sabre to eventual champion Louise Bond-Williams of Ohio State.

Claiming 10 of the top 24 spots in the individual competition, the Irish showed they have a chance to make some noise when the national championships begin March 20 at the Air Force Academy.

"The competition is tough," Bednarski said. "We are not one of the top teams in the country, but we are strong and we will try to give them a lot of problems. If everything works right, maybe we can get a medal."

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HOCKEY

Irish score late to beat Western Michigan on Senior Night

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Sports Writer

On Senior Night, a freshman that came up biggest of all.

Freshman forward Matt Amado scored a beautiful goal with six and a half minutes left in the game to break a 2-2 tie, en route to a 5-2 victory over Western Michigan Saturday at the Joyce Center. Amado received the first star in that game.

The win avenged a 4-2 setback to the Broncos Friday in Kalamazoo, Mich., which broke Notre Dame's season-high four-game winning streak.

Friday, in front of a sold-out crowd of 4,326 in Lawson Arena, the Irish took the initial lead halfway through the first period when junior forward Rob Globke collected his own rebound and whipped it past Bronco goalie Scott Foster.

On the season, the Broncos were 3-11-1 when giving up the first goal, but the odds were against the Irish Friday.

In the second period, the Broncos came storming back with goals by forwards Vince Bellissimo and Trevor Cook to take a 2-1 lead. The Broncos also outshot the Irish 14-3 in that period.

The Irish evened the score five minutes into the second when sophomore Yan Stastny beat Foster with a nice wraparound after assists from Aaron Gill and John Wroblewski.

The Irish momentum was stilled three minutes later when a defensive lapse led to a 2-on-1 in which Irish goaltender Morgan Cey stopped the initial shot by Dana Lattery but couldn't stop Jeremy Cheyne

rebound goal.

The Broncos iced the game when Jeff Campbell scored into an empty net with 32 seconds left in the game.

The deficit could have been much larger had Morgan Cey not stopped Bellissimo on a penalty shot late in the third period. Cey has stopped all four penalty shots he's faced in his career, including three this season. He made 26 saves on the night in the loss.

"We played well in the first period and should have been up by more than one goal with the chances we had," Irish coach Dave Poulin said. "We had some great opportunities in that period and just didn't finish."

In front of a raucous standing room-only sellout crowd the next night at the Joyce Center, the Irish put on quite a show in their last regular season home game.

Before the game even started, this year's Irish seniors were rewarded for four years of hard work by having their home jersey presented to them. The Irish wore their road blues for the game.

The senior accolades continued into the actual game, when Poulin surprised everyone with an all-senior starting lineup. John Wroblewski, Connor Dunlop, and Michael Chin composed the first offensive line and Evan Nielsen and Jake Wiegand were the first defensive pairing.

The interesting thing is that Wiegand is a natural forward.

"I decided this morning to start six seniors," Poulin said. "Everyone was excited to see Jake line up at forward."

The sixth senior that Poulin decided to start was goaltender Tony Zasowski. Zasowski, who has been backup to Cey for most

of the year, took advantage of the rare start by making 25 saves.

The Irish leapt out to an early lead once again in the first, when Aaron Gill beat Foster with a beautiful backhand after a nice pass from junior forward Kyle Dolder. It was just the team's second shot of the game.

Four minutes into the second period, the Irish padded their lead with Dolder again getting on the score sheet. This time, junior defenseman Brett Lebda gave Dolder a pinpoint pass through the neutral zone that was just on sides. Dolder skated through two defensemen and whipped the puck between Foster's legs.

As has been a problem all year, the Irish were unable to hold the lead. Bad penalties led to multiple power plays for the Broncos, and they took advantage.

Mike Jarmuth took a hard slap shot from the blue line that was tipped by Bellissimo and just eluded Zasowski for the Broncos' first power play goal, less than three minutes after the Irish opened up the two-goal lead.

Shortly after the goal, Foster had to leave the game after a collision in his crease. Freshman Mike Mantua took his place.

The Broncos tied the game back up with just 54 seconds left in the second period, after slashing minors on Globke and Cory McLean gave the visitors a 5-on-3 advantage. Defenseman Dave Cousineau scored the equalizer for his second point of the game.

Heading into the third period, the momentum had shifted to the Broncos, at least until Amado scored his pivotal goal.

With less than seven minutes to go in the game, Amado took a



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Freshman Matt Amado knocks the puck past Western Michigan's Mike Mantua to take the lead in the 5-2 win on Saturday.

nice pass from Nielsen and somehow managed to break through two Bronco defenders to reach the net, where he flipped the puck past Mantua.

"Niel [Nielsen] made a great pass to me in the neutral zone and I saw the defense in front of me," Amado said. "I made a move to cut outside and then inside and got by the first defenseman, and ended up beating the second as well. I went to the net, saw an opening, and was lucky to trickle it in."

Dunlop and Wroblewski added insurance for the Irish in the third, with Wroblewski's empty net goal erasing any hope of a Bronco comeback.

"Our seniors were big," Poulin said. "You need these guys to pass it on. We want them to be the first group of seniors to go to Joe Louis Arena all four years."

In order to go to Joe Louis Arena, a CCHA team has to get past the first round of the playoffs. With their win Saturday, the Irish's home ice chances are still very much in play.

Coming out of the weekend, the Irish are now tied for fifth with Western Michigan, Northern Michigan, and Alaska Fairbanks. The top six finishers in the conference get home ice for the first round of the playoffs.

"It's strange," Poulin said. "There's so many dynamics at work. In my ways, this shows the balance in this league."

Next weekend, the Irish travel to Northern Michigan to face the Wildcats in a two-game series to complete their regular season.

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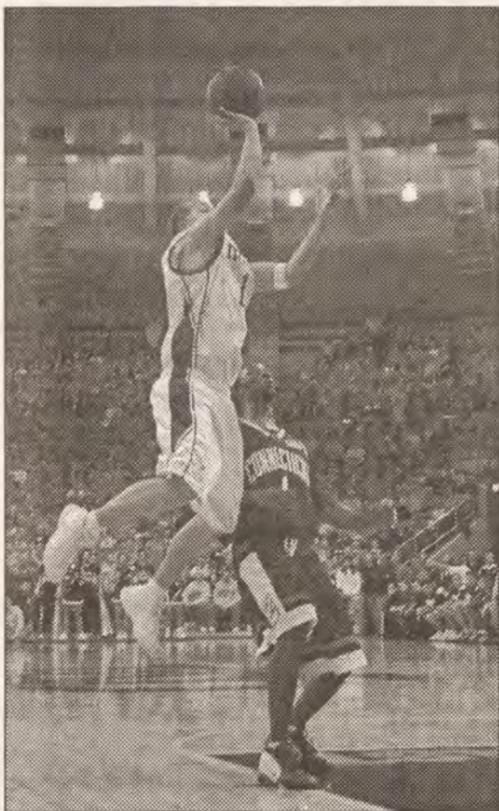
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MENS BASKETBALL

Notre Dame never got going in upset loss to Rutgers



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Guard Chris Thomas files toward the basket in a 87-79 loss against Connecticut on Feb. 24.

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

What started out as a simple road game against the worst team in the Big East quickly turned into a Notre Dame nightmare.

In front of a hostile Rutgers crowd Saturday afternoon, the Irish never got going, never led and never had a chance after the Scarlet Knights (12-14 overall, 4-10 in the Big East) took a 24-point first half lead en route to a 95-82 upset of the ninth-ranked Irish.

The loss — Notre Dame's third in its last five games — marked the first time the Irish (21-7, 9-5) dropped back-to-back games all season, and virtually eliminated any chance they had of winning the Big East West Division.

The loss also hurt Notre Dame's prospects of earning a high seed and playing a first-round NCAA Tournament game in Indianapolis.

"There's been a lot of talk about tournaments, particularly the NCAA Tournament," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "We have to reel our focus back in and hopefully get a little momentum before the Big East tournament."

It was hard to tell on Saturday which team had its ticket already punched for the NCAA Tournament and which one might not even qualify for the Big East Tournament. Rutgers entered the game dead last in the East Division and aver-

aged a league-low 66.6 points a game. But against the Irish, they shot 53 percent from the field and 61 percent from 3-point range, as they tallied their highest point total of the season.

Even Notre Dame's chances of finishing second and earning a bye in the Big East Tournament are in jeopardy after the Scarlet Knights lit up Notre Dame in the first half. Rutgers leapt out to an 8-1 lead, and, after the Irish closed the lead to three, exploded on a 31-10 run to make the score 43-19.

"It's a tough hole to dig out of," said Brey, whose squad has allowed an average of 91 points in its last two games.

The Irish never got the deficit back into the single digits, although they were close. After holding Rutgers scoreless for a four-minute stretch at the end of the first half, Notre Dame had pulled within 13.

But then Jerome Coleman hit one of his seven 3-pointers, and Notre Dame's hopes of a miraculous comeback seemed doomed. Although the Irish made the score 55-44 in the second half, they couldn't get any closer than that.

If the jump shots weren't falling — which didn't happen often — Rutgers simply shut down the Irish offense with speed and quickness. So impressive were the Scarlet Knights that they scored 20 fast break points. The Irish, by contrast, had zero.

"You read it on paper, but it looks even worse out there on the court," Chris Thomas said. "We were just getting beat

in transition. We had to hustle back every time."

Coleman himself was a one-man scoring machine. He shot 7-for-12 from behind the arc for a game-high 27 points. At times, it seemed like every shot Coleman heaved toward the basket went in.

But he had a lot of help, especially from Calvin Wooden off the bench. Earlier in the week, a local newspaper had called Wooden a Division II-caliber player at best, and Wooden responded by scoring 18 points.

The bright spots for the Irish were few and far between. Chris Thomas led the way by scoring 24 points, and three other Notre Dame players — Matt Carroll, Dan Miller and Torin Francis — reached double-digit point totals.

But the Irish only managed to shoot 37 percent from the field, and watched Rutgers' bench outscore Notre Dame's by a 40-11 margin. Carroll, Notre Dame's most consistent player, struggled for most of the game and spent the last eight minutes watching from the bench.

"The game was probably out of our reach," he said. "It hurt a little bit sitting there watching the score and watching them put up points against us."

The Irish have another day off before they host Syracuse in Notre Dame's home finale Tuesday. They close out the regular season at Georgetown Saturday.

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SOFTBALL

Irish aggressive early in 12-7 win against Demons Sunday

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame softball team righted its season record to 6-6 with a 12-7 victory over Northwestern State (1-11) on Sunday afternoon at the Louisiana Classic. The win gives Notre Dame a measure of revenge on the Demons, who surprised the Irish 3-2 in the first game of the tournament.

Notre Dame jumped all over Northwestern State starting pitcher Amanda Ortega over the first three innings, piling up 11 runs. Mallorie Lenn (two for three, two RBI) and Alexis Madrid (two for two, two runs scored) led the Irish hitters, while Andrea Loman and Liz Hartmann both hit home runs. The Irish pitchers, however, continued to struggle. Starter Steffany Stenglein was one inning away from ending the game on the eight-run rule, but ended up surrendering four runs in the inning to keep the game alive.

The Irish immediately got on the scoreboard in the first inning when Megan Ciolli reached on an throwing error. After Lenn popped out, Loman drilled a two-run home run to left-center field.

The Demons came back to tie the game in the top of the second when Krystle Nichols drew a walk and Katrina Walker followed with her own two-run home run.

The tie was quickly broken up in the bottom of the inning. Liz Hartmann led off with her third home run of the tournament to put the Irish up 3-2. Madrid singled and stole second base to get in scoring position and Ciolli earned a walk. Lenn then came through with a single through the left side and advanced to second on the throw, while Madrid scampered home on an error by the Demon leftfielder. Loman then got her third RBI of the

game on a fielder's choice ground ball which allowed Ciolli to score.

Notre Dame then attempted a double steal and Loman was safe at second, but Lenn was thrown out at the plate. Meagan Ruthrauff fouled out to end the inning.

The Irish offensive explosion continued in the bottom of the third. Andria Bledsoe led off with a single and stole second base. Lisa Mattison then drove her in with a single up the middle. The Notre Dame first basemen advanced to second on a wild pitch and eventually moved to third when Hartmann grounded out to third base. After deFau lined out, Madrid reached first on a bunt hit which kept Mattison at third base.

Ciolli stepped in next and singled through the middle, driving in Mattison and moving Madrid to third. Lenn ended up with a two-RBI single next after Ciolli stole second base. The Notre Dame scoring spree finally ended when Loman walked and eventually scored, along with Lenn, on a fielding error by the Demon shortstop.

Northwestern State got one run back in the fourth inning on an illegal pitch call with the bases loaded, but Notre Dame matched that run total in the bottom of the inning. Sara Schoonaert posted her first career double, driving in deFau who had drawn a walk earlier in the inning.

Needing three outs to end the game, Stenglein ran out of gas. Sarina Noack led off with a single and Lindsey Dansy drove her in with a double. Stenglein then issued two walks to load the bases and Heather Booth came in for relief. She did get a sacrifice fly for the first out, but Shay Hunt made sure the game would continue with a three-run home run.

Both teams remained scoreless the rest of the way. Stenglein picked up the win for Notre Dame, evening her season

record at 2-2.

Notre Dame returns home for the week before heading to the west coast for Spring Break.

The Irish will play a doubleheader at Cal State Northridge on March 9, then enter the 2003 Kia Klassic on March 13.

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BENGAL BOUTS FINALS

Newburg clinches third Bouts title

By LUKE BUSAM
Sports Writer

Senior captain Shawn Newburg earned his third Bengal Bouts championship with his unanimous decision victory over Jon Valenzuela.

The fight began slower than both boxers' semifinal matches, as Newburg and Valenzuela circled each other and tested distance with a few quick jabs. Newburg patiently picked his punches and held the ring well throughout the round, forcing Valenzuela to the outside. Newburg's right lead hook landed a number of times in the first and he scored often with flurries. Valenzuela ended the round forcing Newburg to the ropes and connected with a few shots upstairs as Newburg covered up.

In round two, Newburg moved well and continued to choose his punches as Valenzuela circled. Newburg bled a bit from Valenzuela's round one flurry and was cleaned up one minute into the second.

In closing, Newburg stuck his jab well and often added a right hook that nearly always scored. Valenzuela came out aggressive

in round three, throwing and landing more than in previous rounds. However, midway through the round Newburg took over again, forcing Valenzuela to two corners and ending the round throwing straight one-twos that elicited almost no reply from Valenzuela.

140-pound class Hollowell def. Wuest

Tony Hollowell earned his second Bouts title even though he had to overcome the significant reach advantage of Bill Wuest.

Hollowell got under Wuest's long jab early and scored a number of shots to his body in round well. Wuest's jab was mostly ineffective and Hollowell continued to slip and counter well with a powerful right hook to Wuest's ribs. Hollowell ended the round with a nasty hook combo to Wuest's head.

In round two, Wuest stuck with the jab, throwing five and six punches consecutively at times. Hollowell's right continued to find a score and Wuest failed to wrap up both Hollowell's arms in several clinches. Hollowell's free hand

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LISA VELTE/The Observer

Shawn Newburg, right, throws a punch at Jon Valenzuela during Sunday's final round of the 125-pound Bengal Bouts final. Newburg beat Valenzuela by unanimous decision for his third Bouts title.

WOMENS BASKETBALL

Seniors go out with a win as Irish nip Pirates

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

Notre Dame didn't want to lose on Senior Day.

Katy Flecky simply didn't want to run extra sprints at Monday's practice.

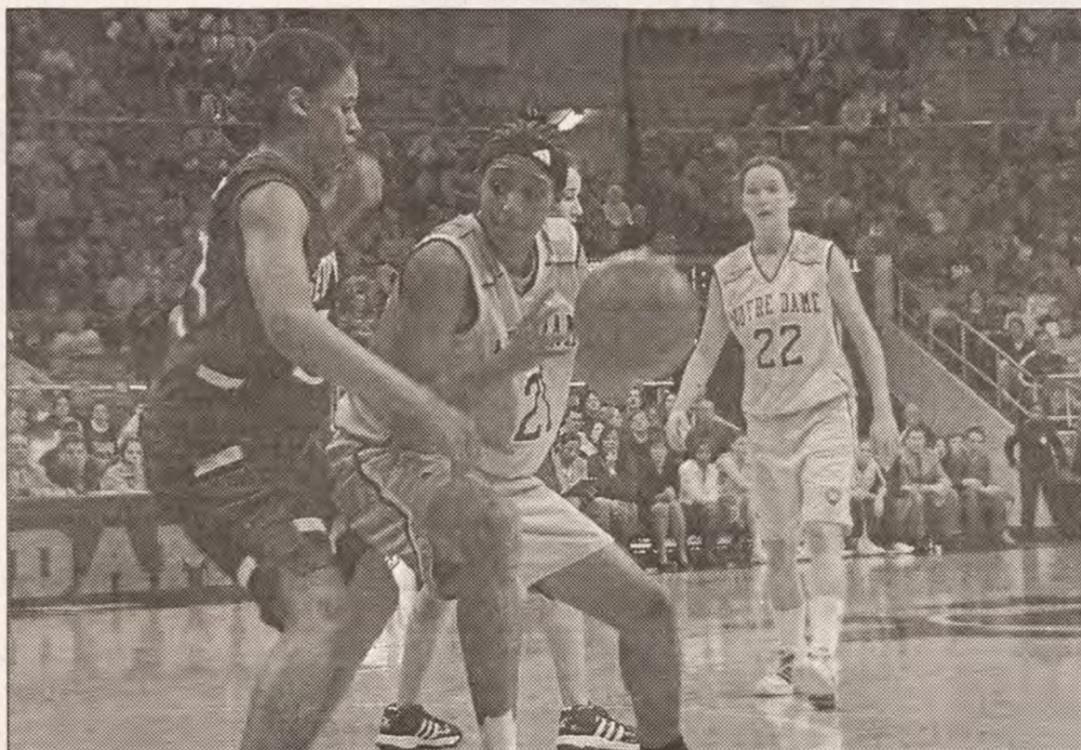
The sophomore forward deflected a Seton Hall inbound pass with 3.2 seconds left in the game, got fouled and sank two free throws to lift the Irish to a 62-60 victory over the Pirates Saturday afternoon at the Joyce Center.

"We have team free throws a lot and we're all nervous to make our shots because we don't want to have to run, so I just didn't want to make myself run," Flecky said.

Senior Alicia Ratay scored 20 points, including hitting three-of-six 3-pointers, while senior Karen Swanson got her second career start in the last home game of the season for the Irish.

Notre Dame clinched sixth

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LAUREN FORBES/The Observer

Notre Dame forward Jacquelline Batteast makes a move to the basket in Saturday's 62-60 victory for the Irish over Seton Hall on Senior Day at the Joyce Center.

◆ Reliable Ratay has always come through in clutch

Alicia Ratay doesn't show much emotion on the court.

She may not look like she's having fun during practice or games.

At times, she doesn't seem interested in basketball at all.

But one thing Ratay did do, and something she's been doing her whole career at Notre Dame, is knock down the clutch shot when the Irish need it the most.

Senior Day Saturday against Seton Hall was no different.



Joe Hettler

Sports Editor

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

MENS BASKETBALL

Rutgers 95
Notre Dame 82

Hot early shooting by the Scarlet Knights sunk the Irish, who were unable to recover from a 24-point first half deficit.

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HOCKEY

Friday:
W. Michigan 4
Notre Dame 2

Saturday:
Notre Dame 5
W. Michigan 2

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WOMENS TENNIS

Notre Dame 6
Texas 1

The 19th-ranked Irish upset the 13th-ranked Longhorns at the Eck Tennis Pavilion during Saturday's Ace for the Cure.

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BASEBALL

Nebraska 7
Notre Dame 1

Minnesota 8
Notre Dame 2

Notre Dame 2
Wake Forest 1

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MENS LACROSSE

Notre Dame 14
Penn 5

Matt Howell and Matt Karweck each scored three goals to lead the Irish over No. 23 Penn.

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SOFTBALL

Notre Dame 12
Northwestern St. 7

The Irish finish the weekend's Louisiana Classic with a 2-2 record.

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