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CSC hosts educational forum on Iraq

By TIM LOGAN
News Writer

A "teach-in" concerning the threatened United States assault on Iraq was held yesterday afternoon in the Center for Social Concerns.

The event was held to increase awareness of the current situation in Iraq and provide a forum for members of the Notre Dame community to discuss the issue.

There were short talks given by a number of professors, clergy, students and other local experts who presented facts about how the crisis came about and discussed their opinions on what the U.S. should do next. Each speech was followed by an audience discussion.

"Everybody expressed their views. It was a pretty open discussion," said freshman Kevin Kuhn, who attended a portion of the five-hour event. "I thought it was very



The Observer/Kevin Dalum
Kathleen Mass Weigert, professor of American Studies, spoke at yesterday's "teach-in" on American policies in Iraq.

informative."

There was a good deal of discussion of alternatives to a bombing campaign as well

as the ramifications of military action. Speakers also considered whether the U.S. has the right to use bombs to enforce U.N. resolution 687. The resolution mandates that Iraq turn over all of its weapons of mass destruction and allow U.N. inspection teams full access to suspected sites.

George Lopez and David Cortright, both of whom spoke at yesterday's teach-in, delivered a lecture last Wednesday entitled "Dealing with Saddam: Bombing, Bargaining or Bailing Out." In that lecture, Cortright said that bombing "offers no guarantee to eliminate Iraqi weapons," and may make matters more difficult for the United States by inflaming anti-western passions in the Arabic world.

The sanctions which were imposed on Iraq at the end of the Gulf War "have wreaked havoc on Iraqi society" and "created a humanitarian emergency," said Lopez.

SMC to host housing life conference

By ALLISON KOENIG
Saint Mary's News Editor

This weekend, Saint Mary's College will function as both a host and a first-time participant in the Indiana Residence Hall Organization Conference (IRHOC).

IRHO is a student-run organization that "facilitates communication between Indiana schools, recognizes outstanding student and organization accomplishments, serves as a resource and a reference and develops positive leadership skills," according to its mission statement.

During Saturday's conference events, student representatives from 13 Indiana schools will attend 30 workshops with topics ranging from residence hall government to personal development, leadership, and other issues pertaining to on-campus life. The planning committee expects a total of 140 participants throughout the duration of the conference, making this the longest conference in the program's five-year history.

"We're ecstatic [about hosting the conference]," said Amy Moskalick, one of the conference co-chairs, who are both members of the Residence Hall Association (RHA). "We hope it's the best one yet, and that people really remember it and are able to take something from it."

Saint Mary's joined IRHO last year, and hosting the conference in its second year is a "major accomplishment for SMC," said Moskalick.

Preparation for this week-

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'Expo Roma' features fourth-years



Photo courtesy of Mike Dwyer
This watercolor by Eddie Ebert is one of more than 150 pieces of art displayed for the 'Expo Roma.'

By JOHN HUSTON
News Writer

Fourth-year architecture students will show off their work this weekend and all next week at the Expo Roma in Bond Hall.

The Expo is centered around Junior Parents' Weekend. Students in the College of Architecture are required to spend their third-year of studies in Rome. Therefore, they do not have the opportunity to take part in the JPW festivities.

The Expo Roma enables them to display their work to parents and fellow students.

Fourth-year architecture student Mike Dwyer said that while all the work that will be shown was done in Rome last year, "some were projects, some were done for pleasure."

The work that will be displayed includes watercolor paintings, sketchbook drawings, and photographs from the students' travels to Italy and other European coun-

tries.

"It is a chance for us to relive Rome in South Bend," said Phil McCormac, also a fourth-year student as he erected a giant obelisk in the front lobby of Bond Hall.

"With this show, we can give the general public an idea of what we did in Rome," agreed fourth-year student Tony Goldsby.

The highlight of the Expo Roma week is tomorrow's slide show. It will take place at 1:30 p.m. in the main auditorium of Bond Hall.

According to Dwyer, the show is also for any students that did not attend the Rome Program.

"If you didn't have the chance to travel or study abroad, this program gives a student the chance to capture the spirit. They can live vicariously through our experience," said Dwyer.

The exhibit, which begins today, will run through Friday, Feb. 27 in Bond Hall.

Matthew Loughran contributed to this report.

Hesburgh believes more effort towards civil rights needed

ND President Emeritus instrumental to success of '50s integration effort

By DAN CICHALSKI
Assistant Managing Editor

High above campus, in a corner office inside the library that bears his name, Father Theodore Hesburgh can turn from his desk to look out upon a Notre Dame much different from the one he saw when he first came here 64 years ago.

It is now, even when it snows, not quite so white.

"It was, I guess you'd have to say, different," Hesburgh said about Notre Dame's ethnic makeup so many years ago. "The whole country was different. When I came here in 1934, there wasn't a single black student on campus. Or faculty. It was an all-white ghetto."

Things changed rather quickly. When Hesburgh returned to Notre Dame in 1945 after spending time in Rome and Washington, D.C., he came back to work as chaplain for the returning veterans from World War II. Integration was not far behind.

"When I came back," he said, "they had one or two naval officer candidates who were black, and those were the first students here in the ROTC. But then, when the war was over, we were determined to integrate."

"When I came into the administration in 1949, we had a few black students here full-time, and we were beginning to hire them [into the faculty] here. Then I became president in 1952, and then I could do something about it."

"There was full determination at that point that we were going to integrate the place, but it wasn't easy to do because we had to work right across the board — students, faculty ... scholarships, espe-



Photo Courtesy of Notre Dame Archives
Former University President Theodore Hesburgh collaborated with President John Kennedy on issues of civil rights in 1961. Hesburgh was nominated to serve on the Civil Rights Commission by President Dwight Eisenhower in 1957 and continued to work on the commission until 1972.

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■ INSIDE COLUMN

Following in your footsteps

When I wrote my college application essay for Notre Dame four years ago, I selected Amy Tan's "The Joy Luck Club" because of its theme — mother-daughter relationships. Ironically, the last thing that I will write for The Observer is about my own mother.



Kelly Brooks
Viewpoint Editor

Last November my mother was diagnosed with breast cancer. The lump was detected by a mammogram but it could not be felt by a breast exam; it was smaller than a dime. Something so small has changed my life and my family's life forever.

I spent my Christmas vacation taking my mother to and from the cancer center, carting her around much like she did for my sisters and I in our days of soccer, basketball, drill team, and field trips. I accompanied her to her first radiation treatment, much like she did with our countless doctor appointments. I sat in the waiting room while she faced the doctors and machines alone, probably feeling much like a child. I was there for her first injection of the medication that she will receive for the next five years, much like she was there for my own first shot.

Ten days ago she finished with her radiation treatments. Her breast is swollen, burned, and peeling. As soon as she is healed the doctor will do another mammogram to confirm what the doctors suspect — that her lump is gone.

I have had the opportunity to observe my mother in her other life — her place of business. She spends her days as a nurse helping, healing and listening to her patients. In watching her work I came to know my mother as a woman. She is one of the strongest human beings I have ever known.

Probably one of her greatest qualities is her ability to listen without judging. Her patients love her because she may be one of the few people in their lives who takes the time to listen to them. Most of her patients are poor women on some form of state or federal assistance programs. She takes the time to ask them about their families; she remembers their children's names; she congratulates them on their marriages; she lets them cry on her shoulder when they need to.

I have been blessed to inherit my mother's sense of justice, her sensitivity, her generosity and creativity, and some of her goodness. As a woman, I respect my mother for the job that she does, for the pride and integrity with which she approaches her work, and for the sacrifices she has made for her children. As a daughter, I love my mother for her heart, her generosity, her patience, and her encouragement. I am often told that I look like a younger version of her; I can only aspire to follow her example in living life.

I spent the spring of my junior year abroad and was invited to participate in Junior Parents Weekend with the class of 1999. Because of my mother's treatment and the travel involved, my parents will not be attending. I am sad that I will not be able to share her with my flatmates and friends from London and Notre Dame. However, I can only hope that those of you who know me have come to know a little of her.

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

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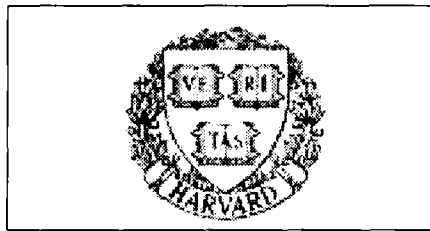
Family of murder — suicide victim sues Harvard

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.

Nearly three years after a tragic murder-suicide, the family of Trang Phuong Ho filed a lawsuit against the university yesterday.

Ho, a junior biology concentrator at the time of her death, was stabbed 45 times by her roommate, Sinedu Tadesse, on the morning of May 28, 1995. After fatally wounding Ho and injuring 26 year-old visitor Thao Nguyen, Tadesse hung herself in the shower of her Dunster Hall suite.

The suit — filed in Middlesex Superior Court on behalf of the deceased's elder sister Thao Phuong Ho — alleges "wrongful death, conscious pain and suffering and emotional distress," charging the university, as well as Dunster House Master Karel Liem, former Dunster House senior tutor Suzi Naiburg and Ho's entryway tutor David Lombard, with negligence.



The suit does not specify monetary damages.

According to one of the plaintiff's attorneys, Max Stern, the family waited to file suit in order to collect evidence and prepare to enter a trial.

"It took some time to investigate the matter for [the family] to decide it was something they wished to pursue," Stern said. "They would not have done it if they had not believed Harvard was truly at fault."

University spokesperson Alex Huppe declined to comment on the suit, noting that he had not yet read

the document.

"We can't comment on something we haven't seen," Huppe said.

Stating the university owed Ho the "duty to maintain a reasonably safe and secure environment," the court papers note Tadesse had demonstrated "desperate and antisocial behavior" about which University officials "knew or should have known."

The 20 year-old native of Ethiopia had missed three of her four final examinations the week before the murder-suicide, and had sent letters to random individuals, expressing her desperation with life.

The suit claims Ho's death "was proximately caused by the failure of the defendants to have adequately monitored Tadesse's situation and progress after having knowledge that she was troubled, and their failure to inform [Ho] of Tadesse's troubles."

■ STETSON UNIVERSITY

Prospective student shot with BB gun

DELAND, Fla.

A visiting prospective female student was shot in the face with a BB pellet last week. Will Smith, an RA from Smith Hall, contacted Public Safety when the incident occurred on Feb. 8. The victim was standing on a sidewalk outside Smith Hall when the incident occurred. She was facing south and talking to a resident of the dorm, Ed Gill, when she felt an object strike her face on the right jaw area. The object caused a minor wound that resulted in minimal bleeding. However, if the entry of the BB was a little bit higher, she could have been shot in the eye. The victim was instructed to clean the injury with soap and water in order to avoid infection. The object was not recovered, nor was the offender identified. Gill declined comment. The victim was staying with a friend, Michelle Cross, who is currently a student at Stetson. Cross was unable to be reached for comment.

■ BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY

Alleged rapist charged in kidnapping

PROVO, Utah

The man accused of raping a BYU student was also charged with aggravated kidnapping Tuesday morning in addition to the charges of aggravated sexual assault, said County Attorney Kay Bryson. Bryson said Luis Alonso Rivera faced a felony first court appearance Tuesday and was charged accordingly. Bail was set for \$50,000 for the second charge of aggravated kidnapping. Rivera is "sad by the entire event and is anxious to get the charges resolved in the interest of justice," said Steve Killpack, court-appointed attorney for Rivera and director of the public defenders office. "We're unaware of any confession at this time," Killpack said. There are two separate cases, one for each of the people Rivera attacked, Bryson said. In one case, he said Rivera is charged with only aggravated kidnapping. In the other case, he is charged with both aggravated kidnapping and aggravated sexual assault. Each case has a \$50,000 bail for a total of \$100,000, he said.

■ NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

NYU drops charges against student

NEW YORK, N.Y.

New York University has dropped its charges against student activist Sigmund Shen, who accused NYU of discriminating against Chinese workers in hiring for construction jobs. But at a press conference Wednesday, NYU activist groups said they will not be satisfied until the University changes its policy and apologizes to Chinese workers. Shen, a member of the Chinese Staff and Worker Association, challenged the NYU administration on the hiring of Chinese construction workers at a campus building site. NYU put Shen on probation after he openly questioned University officials at a fundraising dinner celebrating the launch of an Asian Pacific-American Program at the University. NYU also added a letter noting disruptive behavior to Shen's transcript. Shen said the letter was intimidating, and inhibited his actions. "It was very frightening," Shen said. "When I received the letter, I was caught with my guard down."

■ UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

New coalition joins admissions suit

ANN ARBOR, Mich.

The university has nearly one more week to respond to a coalition's motion to intervene in the first of two lawsuits challenging the university's admissions processes. A clerk in the office of Detroit Federal Court Judge Patrick Duggan, the judge who will decide whether to permit the intervention, said no response motions have been filed yet. The coalition, Citizens for Affirmative Action's Preservation, filed a motion in Detroit Federal Court on Feb. 5 to become a defendant in the lawsuit. Members of the coalition, including several national civil rights organizations and high school students from southeast Michigan, said they want to intervene in the suit because they have a direct stake in defending the university's admissions policies. CIR filed the first lawsuit against the university in October on behalf of two white applicants who claim they were unfairly evaluated in the admissions processes of the College of Literature, Science and Arts because it uses race as factor in evaluating applicants.

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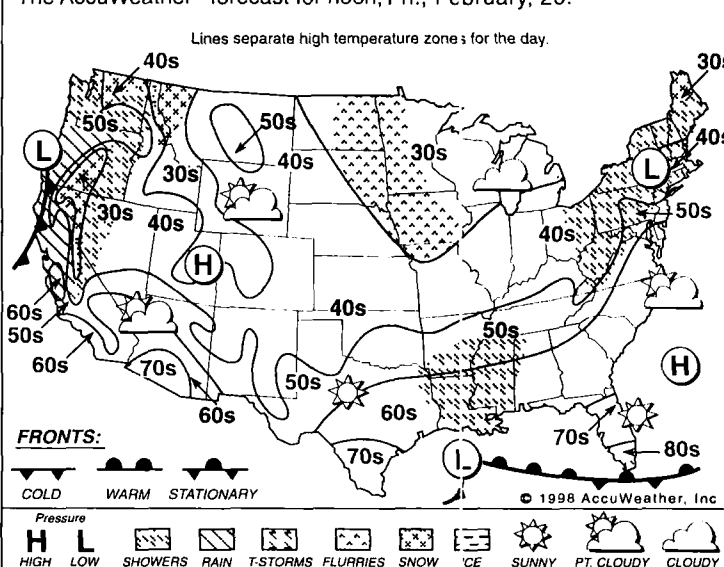
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New system makes library catalog more user-friendly

By ANNE MARIE MATTINGLY
Assistant News Editor

Next fall, the University will replace the University of Notre Dame Library Online Catalog [UNLOC] with a more user-friendly, Web interface catalog system called ADELPH.

"The transition from the card catalog to an online system was like switching from the horse to the Model-T, and the changeover to this system is like moving from that Model-T to a BMW," said Doug Archer. Archer is a reference librarian who helped to adapt the basic program to the needs of the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's community.

"Ninety-nine percent of UNLOC's features will be retained [with ADELPH]; we didn't want to lose capabilities," Archer said.

The most noticeable difference between the new program and the old system is that ADELPH works through a Web interface, according to Archer. Users will be able to log onto the catalog from the World Wide Web, and a graphical interface will allow patrons to "point and click" rather than manually entering each command.

"The new system is not dramatically

different, but it will feel easier," commented Archer. He also believed that the elimination of the special UNLOC terminology will help to make the system less confusing.

"Instead of typing 'a=Dickens, C', you can just type 'Dickens, C,'" he said.

Another useful feature of ADELPH is that when a search doesn't turn up any results, the catalog will give the user an alphabetical list of entries that are in the system, rather than simply stating "No entries found." In this way, spelling errors shouldn't prevent users from finding what they are looking for.

Other characteristics of ADELPH include options for the user to choose the format in which the results appear on the screen and what information is given in the results. Moreover, patrons can perform sub-searches. For example, when searching "Shakespeare, William," a user could specify to search for "The Two Gentlemen of Verona" to avoid having to read through a large number of entries, according to Archer.

ADELPH also has the capabilities to allow users to access documents that have been scanned; Archer suggests that the materials in the rare book

room could be made accessible in this way. Patrons will also be able to copy records via e-mail. The new system includes the "keyword" function, which many new online catalog systems have abandoned, and can work with foreign characters.

Like UNLOC, the ADELPH system will contain entries for all materials available in the libraries of Notre Dame, Saint Mary's, Holy Cross College, and Bethel College. However, the high-level technology that operates ADELPH will allow users to access the online catalogs of many other educational institutions as well.

"This system allows us to connect to the catalogs of other libraries through a Z 39.50 interface — which is a national standard for data transfer — because all systems that are Z 39.50 compatible will work regardless of software differences," Archer said. "This is also true of anything that uses the [Z 39.50] system, including databases and periodical indices ... The Z 39.50 technology is a least common denominator."

Archer commented that this new technology makes inter-library loans a possibility, but that many policy issues exist and this will not become a reality

any time soon. The new system also has the capabilities to allow patrons to use their ID numbers to view their records, check fines, and renew books, but that feature will not yet be available when the system starts up next fall.

Notre Dame is the first educational institution in the United States to purchase the ADELPH software, which was created by an Israeli based company called Ex Libris. Archer said that the University chose Ex Libris because the company is very flexible and is willing to adapt the software to the needs of each institution.

"As new features become available, this system can adapt," commented Archer.

Archer credits much of the success of the project to the University.

"The University has supported the upgrade; they wanted the catalog to be a world-class system. The University has provided the hardware and the software," he said.

The target date for the completion of the system setup is the beginning of the summer term, so that it can be tested and the difficulties can be worked out before all the students return next fall.

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SMC to host Readers' Theater production

By P. COLLEEN NUGENT
Associate Saint Mary's News Editor

"Offending the Audience," a one-act play produced by Peter Handke's Readers' Theater will be featured at Saint Mary's College on Sunday.

Professors Ted Billy, Renee Kingcaid, Katie Sullivan, and Max Westler will read the dramatic performances. These professors represent the departments of English, Modern Language, Communication, Dance and Theater, which are jointly sponsoring the event.

"This is going to be a good opportunity for the faculty to see the audience's reaction,"

said Billy, chairman of the English department.

"This performance is going to be an experimental and confrontational change to the usual ways Saint Mary's College has formerly produced

the annual plays and musicals here on campus," he said.

Fortunately, Billy continued

to mention that this event is unique in its visit to the Little Theater in Moreau Center for the Arts.

The audience

will be able to watch the performance while reflecting upon the experience firsthand.

"Attendance at this event is not a requirement. It's just a really good idea to partake in; it shows a sense of school spirit," sophomore Catherine

Flannery said. She added that this would be a good event for all students to attend, especially the theater majors.

"Through attending this play, the students are able to critique the performances for themselves," she added.

According to Flannery, Sullivan is also the current director of the spring musical, "Charlie Brown."

Throughout the performance, the majority of the attention will be focused on the members of the audience.

"This play will consist of a disturbing theme that possesses a radical approach to theater," Billy states.

"Offending the Audience" will be performed at 7 p.m. Admission is free and the performance is expected to run approximately 45 minutes.

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TED BILLY
CHAIRMAN, SMC ENGLISH DEPT.



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IHROC

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end's event began over one year ago. Saint Mary's presented a written bid and delivered an oral presentation at the IHROC business meeting last May at Ball State University. Saint Mary's request beat Valparaiso University's bid for the host position for the 1998 conference.

"The conference staff is really excited to see the conference. We've been planning for a long time and it's been nothing but hard work. We're glad to see it played out in the conference," said Lori Gundler, conference co-chair.

As soon as students returned to campus last August, preparation work for the conference began. The committee, composed of nine people, has planned all aspects of the conference, including registration, accommodations, meals, rooms for meetings/programming, entertainment, security and hospitality.

The committee has been aided by the various Student Government Association branches as well as the administration.

Saint Mary's will have 10 official representatives at the conference as well as one communications coordinator and one advisor. The Saint Mary's delegation will present three programs and facilitate roundtable discussion.

The conference begins Friday evening at 8 p.m. with "Roll Call," and the opening speaker and event. Any Saint Mary's student may attend that session, which will be held in Carroll Auditorium.

Universities and colleges sending representatives to the conference include Ball State University, Manchester College, Purdue University, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Butler University, Valparaiso University, Indiana State University, University of Southern Indiana, University of Evansville and DePauw University.

Hesburgh

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cially. A lot had to be done to gear that up, but it kept growing, and fortunately when I finished up 35 years later, the new administration was just as driven as I was, and I think that we're making progress."

That progress may be evaluated on different levels, depending on whom you ask. There will always be some people who feel more should be done.

"I think it's never quite where you want it to get," Hesburgh said regarding civil rights. "It's something that you have to keep working on. But again, you've got to remember we started from ground zero, so from that standpoint there's been an enormous change."

Hesburgh's realm of experience does not only cover civil rights at Notre Dame. In 1957, President Dwight Eisenhower appointed him to the six-member U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. Although the initial commission was only intended to last two years, Eisenhower and his successors continuously renewed it, and Hesburgh served for 15 years.

"When I started in '57, there were 6 million blacks who couldn't vote, who couldn't register to vote," Hesburgh said. "So if you can't register to vote, you can't be on a jury. You're nobody if you can't vote. That is something that has completely changed and I think we've licked that one."

"I think all of what they call 'apartheid' is pretty well wiped out. I've got to say that all of this happened — opening up jobs, opening up voting, opening up schooling, opening up employment — all of that happened because of affirmative action."

"Not only did you have to let people in, but you had to go out and look for people to try to fill it up. The organization of affir-

mative action was central to all that happening. Women probably got much more advancement in all of these same areas out of the African-Americans than did blacks and Hispanics, but it helped everybody."

Hesburgh's work on the commission brought him together with the nation's government and civil rights leaders. In the hallway in his office on the 13th floor of the library hangs a black-and-white photograph of Hesburgh, Martin Luther King and others holding hands in a circle at a housing march and prayer service in Chicago.

"On the first anniversary of [King's] death, I was invited down to Martin's church ... to give the talk, the sermon down there," Hesburgh said. "And Daddy King, his father, said, 'Do you want to wear Martin's robe?' And I said, 'Sure.'"

"It was a Baptist church. Then he leaned over to me and he said, 'You're not only the first Catholic priest who ever preached in this church, you're the first white man who ever preached in this church.' And I said, 'OK, Daddy, then you come up and preach in our church.' And he did."

With all that has passed since Hesburgh's days on the Civil Rights Commission and King's death on April 4, 1968, there are few who deny that there is still room for improvement.

"I think Martin Luther was an honest man, and he'd have to say we have made more progress in the last 20 years than we did in the 200 before," Hesburgh said. "But do we have a long way to go yet? Of course. The real problem is not just laws. We've got the laws. It's people in their hearts."

"This isn't something that you can just pass along. It's something you have to work at all the time. It's not automatic. We've inherited a very bad legacy, since the days of slavery. And it's not easy to turn that around, because color should be irrelevant."

Memorial mass to be held for Brumbaugh

Special to The Observer

A memorial Mass will be celebrated for Justin Brumbaugh on Monday, Feb. 23 at 5:05 p.m. in the University of Notre Dame's Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

Brumbaugh, a senior business major and Knott Hall resident from Bolingbrook, Ill., died suddenly on the

afternoon of Feb. 8 while working in a computer cluster in the College of Business Administration complex. He suffered from cardiomyopathy.

University President Father Edward Malloy will preside at the Mass and Father James Foster, also a resident of Knott Hall, will give the homily.

SMC professor wins award for law classes

Special to the Observer

Susan Vance, chair of the department of business administration and economics at Saint Mary's College, received the Charles E. Hewitt Excellence in Teaching Award from the Academy of Legal Studies in Business (ALSB) last semester. In addition, Vance was recently designated a "distinguished alumna" by Thomas M. Cooley Law School. Last year, she was also honored by the Saint Mary's students when they selected her to receive the first annual "Woman of the Year" award.

The ALSB is a national association that promotes and encour-

ages scholarship and superior teaching of business law and other law-related courses at the undergraduate level.

Vance earned a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Massachusetts, a bachelor of science degree from the Illinois State University, and a juris doctor degree from Thomas M. Cooley Law School. She is a licensed attorney and a certified public accountant.

During her 15 years at Saint Mary's College, Vance has taught international business law, women and law, principles of accounting, cost of accounting, personal income tax, and two other classes in business law.

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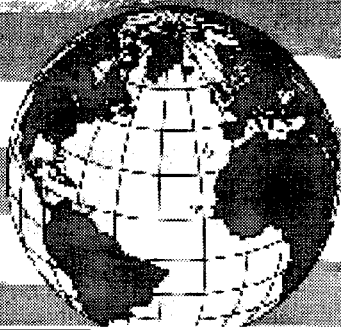
"I Can't Sleep"
("J'ai pas sommeil," 1995, France, directed by Claire Denis)
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Alleged drug cartel leader arrested in Colombia

BOGOTA, Colombia

Colombian police captured a man believed to be the new head of the Cali cocaine cartel Thursday, calling it a devastating blow to a drug ring already weakened by previous crackdowns. Jose Nelson Urrego, 43, who built up a large fortune that includes hotels, ranches and other real estate, was arrested during a raid on a country home outside Medellin. "He was practically the highest-ranking person left in the cartel," said Gen. Rosso Jose Serrano, the national police chief. The Cali cartel was the source in the early 1990s for about 80 percent of the cocaine sold on U.S. streets but, with the arrest of its top leaders, cocaine trafficking has now been splintered among many smaller groups that U.S. and Colombian drug agents have found more difficult to identify. Serrano also called on the United States to certify Colombia as an ally in the drug war.

INS deportation of illegal aliens rises in 1997

WASHINGTON

The Immigration and Naturalization Service said Thursday its agents ousted 34,134 criminal and illegal aliens from the United States in the last three months of 1997, up 70 percent from the same period a year earlier. Some 12,755 of those deported or otherwise removed were criminals, the agency said. Congress and the Clinton administration have funneled vast new resources to the INS in recent years amid widespread criticism that the agency was falling down on the job. The INS has been under growing pressure from Congress and border-state governors to crack down on illegal immigration.

U.S. slashes number of troops in Bosnia

WASHINGTON

The United States is expected to reduce its military commitment to the NATO mission in Bosnia this year from 8,500 to 7,000, an administration official said Thursday. The official made the disclosure after NATO ambassadors meeting in Brussels decided to extend NATO's presence in Bosnia beyond June, when the current mandate expires. Despite the reduced U.S. presence, the overall NATO commitment is expected to remain at its current level at least until national elections in Bosnia this fall. Clinton has warned that Bosnia "could backslide into war" if the United States and NATO withdrew peacekeepers. Among major U.S. diplomatic challenges, Bosnia is emerging as a bright spot.

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FBI charges two men in alleged plot to use biological weapons

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LAS VEGAS

Two men were charged Thursday with possessing the deadly germ anthrax for use as a weapon. The FBI said one bragged in Las Vegas he had enough to "wipe out the city" and last year laid out a plan to unleash bubonic plague on New York City subways.

The men were arrested in suburban Henderson late Wednesday as they were allegedly trying to arrange a lab test of the substance. Their beige Mercedes, sealed in plastic, was hauled off to a military base for tests to confirm whether the material carried inside was the germ warfare agent.

An informant said one of the men told him he had "military grade anthrax" in flight bags in the trunk of the Mercedes, according to an FBI affidavit. The informant said he saw eight to 10 bags marked "biological" in the trunk.

Larry Wayne Harris, 46, of Lancaster, Ohio, and William Leavitt, 47, of Las Vegas and Logandale, Nev., appeared before a federal magistrate Thursday afternoon, handcuffed to each other and shackled at the ankles.

They were charged under a federal law that prohibits the production and possession of any biological agent for use as a weapon.

A detention hearing for the pair was continued until Monday while the government ran tests to determine whether the anthrax was military grade or simply an anthrax vaccine.

The FBI said the pair were trying to arrange to buy the informant's testing equipment for \$2 million up front and another \$18 million later.

Bobby Siller, special agent in charge of the Las Vegas FBI office, told a news conference before the affidavit was released there was no indication the men had any target. Siller repeatedly reassured residents of the Las Vegas area that there was no contamination and no danger.



AFP Photo

FBI Special Agent Bobby Siller announces the arrests of Larry Wayne Harris and William Leavitt for possible possession of the deadly germ anthrax.

Anthrax is an infectious disease that usually afflicts only animals, especially cattle and sheep. But anthrax spores can be produced in a dry form suitable for weapons and can be fatal to humans even in microscopic amounts.

Anthrax can also be used in germ warfare; many of the troops who fought in the Persian Gulf War were inoculated for the bacteria.

Harris, identified by the FBI as a member of the Aryan Nations, was previously given probation after pleading guilty to illegally obtaining bubonic plague bacteria through the mail in 1995. He is also author of a self-published book called "Bacteriological Warfare: A Major Threat to North America."

Leavitt, who has no criminal record, owns a microbiology lab in rural Logandale, about 60 miles north of Las Vegas, and another in Frankfurt, Germany, according to the affidavit prepared by FBI Special Agent John H. Hawken.

In background information in the

affidavit, the FBI said that last summer Harris described plans for the New York attack.

"Harris told a group of plans to place a 'globe' of bubonic plague toxins in a New York subway station, where it would be broken by a passing subway train, causing hundreds of thousands of deaths. Harris stated that the Iraqis would be blamed for that event."

The affidavit added: "Harris had stated that the New York subway attack would ruin the economy and take the military by surprise."

The affidavit said a confidential informant called the FBI Wednesday to say he was a research scientist and had been contacted by Harris and Leavitt, who asked him to use some of his equipment to test vials of the bacterium *Bacillus anthracis*, which causes anthrax.

In Washington, D.C., Attorney General Janet Reno briefed President Clinton by telephone on what the government knows about the case and what was being done.

Clinton keeps advisers close to home

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON

On the eve of a high-stakes U.N. diplomatic mission to Baghdad, President Clinton ordered his national security team to postpone overseas travel Thursday while he considers a possible military strike.

Clinton said he had made no decision on setting a deadline for Iraqi President Saddam Hussein to bow to United Nations demands for access to suspected weapons sites. "I feel that time is on our side," he told reporters.

The U.S. military buildup in the Persian Gulf continued apace. The lead contingent of a 3,000-strong Army unit from Fort Stewart, Ga., arrived in Kuwait to take up defensive positions and demonstrate U.S. resolve. Clinton said Vice President Al Gore would put off his trip to South Africa, and Pentagon officials said Defense Secretary William Cohen would delay a planned journey to South Africa and South America that was to have begun next Tuesday.

"In coming days I want my full national security team on hand to take part in our deliberations and decisions on this vitally important issue," Clinton said.

With U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan headed to Baghdad for talks with Saddam, Clinton said he had spoken with French President Jacques Chirac and they agreed that Annan's mission was a "critical opportunity to achieve the outcome that all of us would prefer—a peaceful and princi-

pled end to this crisis."

"We hope the secretary-general's mission will succeed, but let me be clear: If diplomacy fails, we must be and we are prepared to act," the president said.

After speaking by telephone with Chirac, Clinton said the U.N. Security Council was unanimous in believing Iraq must give U.N. weapons inspectors "full, free and unfettered access to all suspected sites anywhere in Iraq."

"The choice is Saddam Hussein's," the president said.

A day after his top national security aides encountered outbursts of anger at a public meeting on the Iraqi crisis in Columbus, Ohio, Clinton and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright kept on the public offensive. "I believe strongly that most Americans support our policy, that they support our resolve," Clinton said, speaking with reporters at the White House.

PRESIDENT CLINTON
ON THE IRAQI SITUATION

Albright traveled to Tennessee State University in Nashville on Thursday, where she told a more subdued college audience the United States would strive to limit civilian casualties if it decides to bomb Iraq. Albright denounced Saddam as a tyrant who has used chemical weapons against Iraqi Kurds as well as Iranian soldiers. But, she added, the task of containing the Iraqi leader will not last forever.

"Ultimately, biology will work and he will disappear," she said.



Albright

Singer to perform classics

Special to The Observer

Soprano Eileen Lauer will perform with accompanist Ivana Bukvic on February 28 in the Moreau Center for the Arts Little Theatre at 8 p.m. Lauer will sing works by Debussy, Schubert, Puccini, Copland, Gershwin and Kritiz. The recital is free and open to the public.

Lauer is currently the director of liturgy and music at Christ the King Catholic Church in South Bend, Ind. She holds a bachelor of music degree in vocal performance from Indiana University at South Bend, where she was a winner of the 1992 Concerto Night Competition.

Lauer has given numerous vocal recitals in the area and has been featured in the "First United Methodist Concert Series" [South Bend,] "the Concerts at St. Joseph's" [Homewood, Illinois].

She is also a soprano soloist with the South Bend Symphonic Choir's Brahms' Liebeslieder Waltzes.

She has toured Ireland with the Notre Dame Folk Choir, with whom she has made two recordings: "Of Holy Women" and "Candle Seasons." Lauer's vocal has also been featured in several local area television and radio commercials.

Pianist Bukvich began her piano education at the age of five at the S. Mokranjac Music School for gifted children in Yugoslavia.

While there, she received the S. Mokranjac and the D. Kirn Foundation Awards, and competed successfully in many city, state and Republic competitions.

She attended Belgrade University of Arts and came to Indiana University South Bend in 1993 to join the Martin Piano Studio at the invitation of Alexander Toradze.

She is currently a graduate assistant at IUSB.

Mir encounters function difficulties

Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL

They came dangerously close to abandoning Mir when the worst fire ever aboard a flying spacecraft broke out one year ago. No wonder the cosmonauts pulled out the cognac once the smoke cleared.

The Feb. 23 blaze was just the first in a string of calamities that would bedevil the Russian space station and its international crews: a mid-space collision, a crashed computer, noxious fumes, blistering temperatures.

The revelation that there was cognac aboard is hardly likely to improve Mir's battered image. But cosmonaut Alexander Lazutkin says it was purely for medicinal purposes — that having extinguished the fire, the crew needed a sip of the hard stuff to extinguish the stress.

"It was like any people on Earth who have weekends, holidays. We needed to relax, so we would allow ourselves a sip of cognac," he explained in an interview.

"On board there is a little bit. It is needed because you can imagine the stressful situation on board, therefore a small quantity can be consumed," echoed cosmonaut Vasily Tsibliyev.

American astronaut Jerry Linenger, a physician, declined. He says he doesn't drink much alcohol on Earth, let alone in space where "you need to have all your senses, you need to be sharp every minute."

According to Linenger, the bottled cognac is brought aboard on unmanned supply ships and sipped through straws. Russian ground control winks at the practice, he said in an interview.

While NASA flatly forbids drinking in orbit, the Russian space agency's rules seem lax, to say the least. Each program sets its own regulations for its own spacecraft.

"They look at it ... as a medication to calm your nerves and help you through some tough situations," Linenger

said. "But the problem on Mir is, the next day is also a tough situation."

It's so tough, day after day and month after month, that even astronauts with combat experience have returned from four-month stints saying never again.

"I would not send any more people to Mir," said David Leestma, director of NASA's flight crew operations. "Everybody comes back and says it's the hardest thing they've ever done."

Seven NASA astronauts have served on Mir, the last being Andrew Thomas who arrived in January, and all are convinced their work has contributed to the next big step in space research — to assemble an international station in orbit starting this summer.

Mir's setbacks have taught NASA and the American public much about what a space station can and can't do, says Marcia Smith, a specialist in space policy for the Congressional Research Service in Washington.

However, she said, "There's still a question as to whether you needed seven people to go up to learn this."

Linenger, who quit NASA at the end of 1997, feels good about his contribution: oxygen generators that are safer than the one that burst into flames. The igniter on the solid-fuel, oxygen-generating canister in all likelihood caused the blaze, so the canisters on the international space station will be adapted accordingly.

The fire burned like a blowtorch for about 14 minutes and blocked the exit leading to one of two lifeboats, each capable of holding just three people. The next space station will have a smoke-inhibiting system, and its lifeboats will be twice as big.

The smoke was so thick aboard Mir that its six occupants an American, a German and four Russians, could barely see. Linenger's oxygen mask didn't work, so he had to grab another. The fire extinguishers proved ineffective against the burning lithium perchlorate fuel.

After the fire, Linenger suggested that everyone take vitamin pills and powdered milk to neutralize any contaminants inhaled or swallowed. Russian flight controllers concurred and also recommended "a little special medicine," which turns out to have been the cognac.

The fire was "one of the worst things that ever happened in the history of spaceflight," Tsibliyev said.

He ought to know.

After the fire, problems snowballed aboard 12-year-old Mir, some because of its age, others for unrelated reasons.

Tsibliyev, Mir's commander, and Lazutkin, his flight engineer, were there for all of it: when the fire broke out; when the cargo ship rammed and ruptured Mir in a June docking test; when computers crashed and the station lurched through orbit; when noxious antifreeze fumes leaked from corroded pipes; when temperatures inside shot above 90 F.

Lazutkin prematurely disconnected a cable and set Mir adrift without sun-generating power. He insisted he wasn't exhausted or overworked, he simply made a mistake.

Tsibliyev, overwrought after

the collision, developed an irregular heartbeat. Doctors attributed it to stress, and he was barred from spacewalking repairs.

Tsibliyev knew he would be blamed for the collision since he was the one controlling the unmanned cargo ship. He was, in fact, faulted by some Russian space officials, but a Russian investigative board ultimately spread the blame around, citing "an unfavorable combination of factors."

The Russians say they will keep Mir orbiting with rotating crews through 1999, after which the station would be brought back into the atmosphere to burn up. No date has been set.

For the cosmonauts, after six months back on Earth, time seems to have softened even the harshest memories.

"Flying on Mir isn't dangerous at all," Tsibliyev noted during a visit to Italy last month, "and the demonstration is the fact that we are continuing to live on it even after the breach caused by the collision."

During a trip to New York earlier this month, Lazutkin declared: "I want to go back." Was he crazy? He laughed hard and replied: "All astronauts are crazy men."

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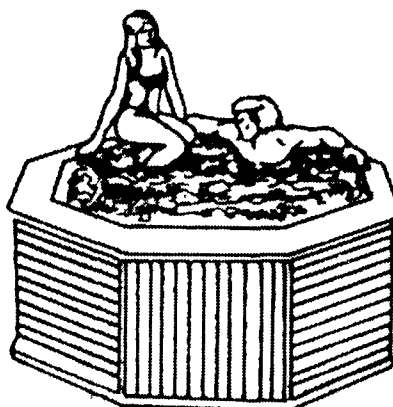


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Tobacco companies add nicotine

Associated Press

NEW YORK America's third-largest tobacco company is secretly adding genetically altered, high-nicotine tobacco to cigarettes it exports to Asia, the Middle East and Western Europe, a company executive has testified.

Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp. uses twice as much of the high-nicotine leaf in cigarettes sold overseas as it does in brands marketed in the United States, said Roger Black, the company's director of leaf blending, in a deposition for New York's class-action lawsuit against major tobacco companies.

The genetically altered tobacco packs twice the nicotine of natural leaf.

The Jan. 16 deposition was conducted in private, and tobacco industry lawyers requested it remain confidential.

tial.

However, a copy of a portion of the transcript was obtained by The Associated Press on Thursday.

During his deposition, Black testified that:

- The Viceroy King Size and Viceroy Lights cigarettes exported to Europe, the Middle East, Hong Kong and other parts of Asia are 6 percent high-nicotine tobacco. Export brands began packing the leaf in 1995.

- Brown & Williamson uses the genetically altered leaf in at least eight brands sold in the United States. Black mentioned Prime, Summit, Raleigh King Size, Raleigh 100s, Pall Mall Plain King Size, Lucky Strike Plains, Raleigh XLP and Private Stock.

- The company last week said the Richland brand also uses the leaf. These brands are 2 percent to 4 percent high-nicotine leaf. The reason

for the lower levels for American cigarettes was not explained.

- Hundreds of strains of high-nicotine leaf have been developed, with at least five used in Brown & Williamson cigarettes sold in the United States.

- Souza Cruz, a Brazilian company owned by BAT Industries PLC, the same British conglomerate that controls Brown & Williamson, grew and supplied a large part of the high-nicotine tobacco used in the American cigarettes. Souza Cruz most recently shipped the tobacco to Brown & Williamson in 1995 and 1996.

- A small quantity of genetically altered, nicotine-rich tobacco — code named Y-1 — was grown in Kentucky in 1984 and 1985 and added to Brown & Williamson cigarettes sold in the United States.

U.S. House questions Arlington burial sites

Associated Press

WASHINGTON Reps. Bob Stump and Lane Evans, both military veterans, have introduced legislation that would deny them — and a lot of others — burial in Arlington National Cemetery.

Stump, R-Ariz., chairman of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, and Evans, D-Ill., the ranking minority member, said their bill would clear up the recent controversy over who is eligible to be buried at the cemetery.

"Our bill meets head-on the concerns raised in recent months over the discretionary waiver process at Arlington," Evans said.

Allegations arose last year that the Clinton administration had given waivers to big campaign donors who normally would not be allowed burial at Arlington.

Subsequent hearings and an investigation by the congressional watchdog office, the General Accounting Office, found no evidence of improper waivers but concluded there was a lack of clear guidelines for the waiver process.

Under the Stump-Evans bill, which will be discussed

at hearings next week, eligibility would be terminated for the vice president, members of Congress, Supreme Court justices, high-level diplomats and other senior government officials who served in the military but do not otherwise meet criteria for Arlington burial.

That would disqualify Stump, who was in the Navy during World War II, and Evans, who was a Marine during the Vietnam War but did not serve in Vietnam.

The president and ex-presidents would continue to be eligible, as would service members who die on active duty, retired members of the armed forces, recipients of major combat medals and former prisoners of war.

The bill would allow certain close family members of eligible veterans to be buried in the same grave with loved ones without a need for a waiver and would codify regulations allowing the cremated remains of any veteran with an honorable discharge to be kept at the cemetery.

Only memorials honoring military service would be allowed on the grounds.

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■ IRAQ

U.N. leader will visit Baghdad

Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Bound for Iraq in a last-chance peace mission, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan declared Thursday he was "reasonably optimistic" about his chances of ending the weapons-inspection standoff without force.

In case he fails, the United Nations evacuated dozens more aid workers Thursday, and the Polish Embassy — which represents U.S. interests in Iraq — became the first to pull its diplomats out.

Speaking to reporters in New York, Annan acknowledged a "great deal of suspicion on both sides."

His aims for weekend talks with Saddam Hussein were straightforward: "to explain the situation very clearly — and get him to understand that it is in his best interest and in the interest of the Iraqi people to agree to implement Security Council resolutions."

Annan stopped in Paris for talks and was to arrive in Baghdad on Friday, after the Security Council approved his mission Wednesday.

Speaking to reporters after a meeting with French President Jacques Chirac, Annan said, "I hope I will be able to convince President Saddam Hussein to accept certain proposals that I will make to avoid a military strike."

Chirac called Annan's mission "extremely difficult and important" and said that the U.N. leader had France's full support. "I hope, thanks to him, wisdom and reason will prevail," he said.

The U.N. Security Council postponed a briefing Thursday on the progress of weapons inspections and prepared for a vote Friday to allow Iraq to more than double the amount

manufacture as much as 200 tons of the deadly VX nerve agent.

Saddam sent a message Thursday to Russian President Boris Yeltsin saying he remains committed to a diplomatic solution, the official Iraqi News Agency reported. Yeltsin has been loudest and bluntest among world leaders in opposing any U.S. use of force to end the crisis.



ANNAN

The Polish Embassy, which has handled U.S. interests in Iraq since the 1991 Persian Gulf War, sent 10 of its diplomats and their families to Jordan. The remaining six diplomats would

follow, Polish Ambassador Roman Chalackiewicz said, without saying when.

The U.S. Embassy in Jordan said Washington played no role in the Polish decision to evacuate, which Polish officials predicted could prompt an exodus of foreign missions from Iraq.

Buses carrying 29 U.N. relief workers pulled out of Baghdad before dawn Thursday. Another 30 were to follow Friday.

The move was a precaution "in case everything does not work out," said Denis Halliday, the U.N. humanitarian coordinator for Iraq.

About 250 workers, out of a total of 400, remain in Iraq to run the U.N.-approved oil-for-food program distributing aid to Iraqis.

'IT IS IN [SADDAM'S] BEST INTEREST AND IN THE INTEREST OF THE IRAQI PEOPLE TO AGREE TO IMPLEMENT SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS.'

of oil it can sell under a U.N. oil-for-food plan.

Both moves were seen as an effort to increase Annan's chances of negotiating a peaceful resolution to the crisis.

The United States wished Annan success, but made clear it reserved the right to reject any deal he makes — and to attack to force Saddam to open all suspected weapons sites to U.N. inspectors.

The draft weapons inspections report to be presented to the council claims Iraq has failed to fully disclose its chemical and biological weapons ability or to provide information on its missile warheads.

The report by Richard Butler, the chief U.N. weapons inspector, also says Iraq may possess enough material to

■ CUBA

Cuba frees prisoners

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY

The Cuban government said Thursday it has freed 299 prisoners as a result of Pope John Paul II's visit last month, and may free another 20.

Cuban Foreign Ministry spokesman Alejandro Gonzalez told a news conference in Havana the prisoners were freed last Friday and Saturday, although word of the releases trickled out slowly over the following days.

Gonzalez said the released prisoners had been convicted of both ordinary crimes and political crimes, according to the Cuban government news agency Prensa Latina, moni-

tored in Mexico City.

Among the freed prisoners, 224 were released for humanitarian reasons, including old age and ill health.

During the papal visit, the Vatican presented Cuba with a list of more than 300 prisoners, although 106 of them already had been freed. The list included 160 political prisoners.

Gonzalez said 20 political prisoners on the Vatican list remain under study. But the government decided not to free another 60 to 70 on the list because of the seriousness of their crimes.

The government has not released the names of those freed.

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King's wedding cake sells for \$26,000 at auction

Associated Press

NEW YORK

A 61-year-old piece of wedding cake sold for \$26,000 on Thursday, part of the spirited bidding in the first round of a nine-day auction of the Paris estate of the late Duke and Duchess of Windsor.

Though likely very stale by now, the cake, sealed in a nearly three-inch-square white box, has the distinction of being from the 1937 wedding of Edward VIII, the former king of England, and the woman for whom he gave up his throne, American divorcee Wallis Warfield Simpson. It had been valued at up to \$1,000 in a

pre-sale estimate.

Telephone bidders joined an audience of about 1,000 at Sotheby's in purchasing an array of items from the estate.

The cake's buyer, 31-year-old Benjamin Yim, identified himself as a San Francisco entrepreneur and said he intended to keep his purchase.

"I'm not going to eat it," joked the Hong Kong native, who said he was attracted to the item by the couple's love story. "I think it's epitome of true romance."

The duchess, who survived her husband, left most of the estate to the Institute Pasteur in Paris. The institute sold it to the Dodi Fayed International Charitable

Foundation, headed by Egyptian-born millionaire Mohamed Al Fayed.

The auction initially was set for last September but was postponed after the Paris car crash that killed Fayed's son, Dodi, and Princess Diana.

Proceeds of the auction will go to the foundation.

Also sold were a brass ashtray, which went for \$1,200, and a pair of glass claret jugs given to Edward by his grandmother, Queen Alexandra. The jugs, valued before the auction at up to \$3,000, sold for \$35,000 to a Los Angeles buyer.

"This is the biggest auction we've ever held in the United

States, and as a royal collection, more or less unprecedented in history," said Sotheby's expert Joe Friedman. "One has to go back to the 17th century to find

or Man Ray, the Duchess tended her "pug collection" — dozens of the snub-nosed dogs in paint, porcelain, bronze, plaster, embroidery, even a bath mat and a pug-headed cane.

Two green-jade Maori war clubs, gifts to the Prince of Wales during a visit to New Zealand in 1921, were to be sold Sunday despite 11th-hour appeals by government officials and tribal leaders in New Zealand for their return.

Ethnologists said Maori tradition requires that a gift be returned once the recipient no longer wants it or dies.

Sotheby's spokesman Matthew Weigman said Fayed foundation trustees had elected to sell the clubs, and "several" advance bids had already been received. They were valued at \$3,500 each.

Separate sessions were reserved for sale of the couple's extensive wardrobes.

Hers included dozens of gowns and dresses by Chanel, Dior, Givenchy, St. Laurent and Valentino, while the Duke, a diminutive 5-foot-4, with a 31-inch waist, left behind closets full of suits, military uniforms, formal wear, tweeds and yachting blazers, many reflecting the relaxed American styles he often favored. The morning coat and trousers he wore to his wedding on June 3, 1937, was valued at \$10,000 to \$15,000.

anything comparable — the sale of the possessions of Charles I."

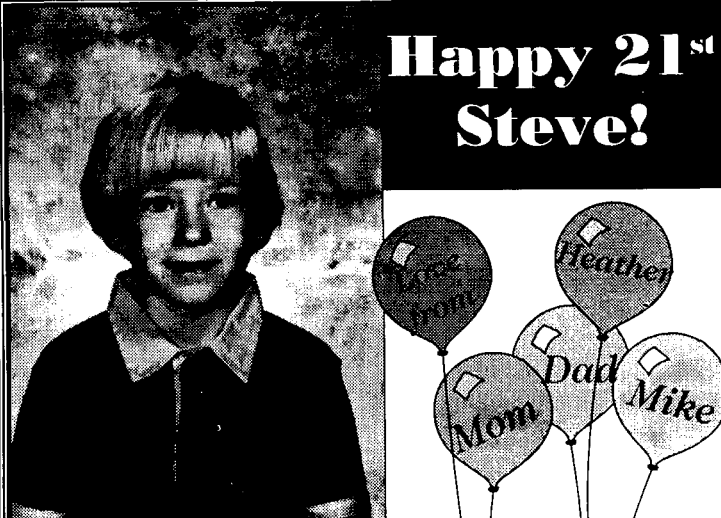
Edward's short-lived reign ended in 1936 when he doffed the crown to marry Simpson and became the only English monarch ever to abdicate. He died in 1972; she died 14 years later, leaving the estate to charity.

Among 40,000 items to be sold, the priciest was Sir Alfred Munnings' 1921 painting of Edward, Prince of Wales, in riding habit astride "Forest Witch," valued at \$600,000 to \$800,000. The cheapest: a small 1962 portrait of the Duchess, \$40 to \$80.

Otherwise, bidders could choose from an array of furniture, paintings, jewelry, housewares, dishes, rugs, bric-a-brac, clothing, scrapbooks and souvenirs of the merry — and not-so-merry — lives of Windsor.


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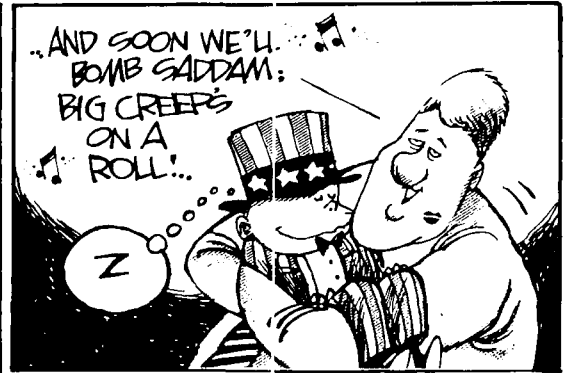
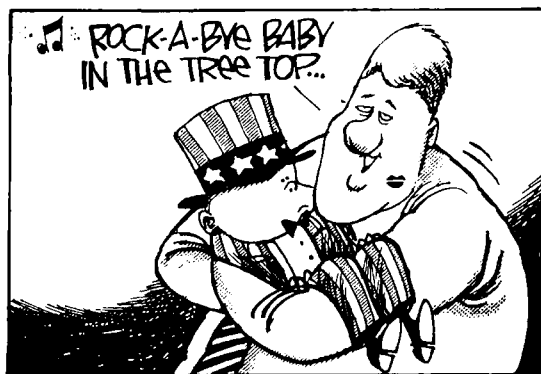
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RIGHT OR WRONG?

When Strong Bodies Fight

Could Mother Teresa have had a connection to the Bengal Bouts? Surely not as a competitor. And we have never had a weight class that went that low. Instead, the connection was, and is, more basic.

Charles Rice



Her life, her death, drew world attention to the efforts of her Missionaries of Charity in a part of the world where Holy Cross missionaries in Bangladesh do the same work with the support of the Bengal Bouts.

Mother Teresa's task, as she defined it, was to provide "free service to the poor and the unwanted, irrespective of caste, creed, nationality or race."

"The poor," she said, "give us much more than we give them. We have so much to learn from them."

This thought was frequently echoed by Father Edmund Goedert the 1997 posthumous recipient of the Bengal Bouts Award, who worked 38 years in Bangladesh and served as chaplain to the Boxing Club after his return to Notre Dame. "Proceeds from the Bouts," he said to the boxers, "have assisted the missionaries in their work of maintaining schools, dispensaries and feeding the hungry in the poorest country in the world."

So the first reason we should support the Bengal Bouts is to participate in the efforts of the Holy Cross missionaries as they do the great work brought to the attention of the world by Mother Teresa. Dominic J. "Nappy" Napolitano, director of the Bengal Bouts from 1931-1981, epitomized this purpose of the

Bouts: "Strong bodies fight that weak bodies may be nourished."

Beyond that, the Bouts themselves are a unique athletic phenomenon that could happen only at Notre Dame. "In 1931," wrote Chicago sports columnist Bill Gleason, "Father Vincent Mooney had an idea. Notre Dame's students would put on a boxing show. Proceeds would go to the Holy Cross order to help the priests with their missionary work in India. The students wouldn't merely sponsor the bouts; they would fight in them. Mooney took his idea to a 23-year-old student assistant in the physical education department ... For anyone who has attended Notre Dame, the words 'Bengal Bouts' have only a little less meaning than 'The Fighting Irish.'"

"In the beginning," wrote Gleason, "one college kid said to another, 'Let's have a team for the students.' Somewhat later a coach said, 'Let's have students for the team.' And that was the start of the kind of recruiting which led to the current scandal caused by phony transcripts of credit. Every now and then there is an event that reminds us of how campus sports were run in the time before athletic directors and huge coaching staffs. The Bengal Bouts are ... as purely amateur as a sport can be."

"One of the most special things about the Bengal Bouts," said Coach Tom Suddes, "is that you may end up in the ring with your best friend, and after the final bell rings the relationship is even stronger than it was before you stepped onto the mat."

As Coach Terry Johnson noted, "The Bouts attract the same type of guys every year. They are out to try something new and really listen and work hard. We teach traditional, stand-up style boxing the same way Nappy taught it for 50 years, and we have always approached boxing as a sport, not a fight. The guys understand this and are dedicated to the idea of sportsmanship, camaraderie and boxing for

the missions."

The principle changes over the years, Johnson pointed out, have been continual improvements in the safety of our programs.

"Nappy always made sure that injuries were not a part of the Bouts," said Johnson, "but now with the medical staff, the safety factor has been formalized and risks are minimal for the boxers."

The student officers of the Boxing Club run the program under the supervision of Coach Johnson, a Chicago attorney, Coach Suddes, a Columbus, Ohio, developer, and Coach Pat Farrell,

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Mother Teresa

who is the University pilot.

"Any member of the Club," said president Ryan Rans, "will tell you that participation in this program is the most memorable experience of his Notre Dame career." The other officers are Lucas Molina, Sean Sharpe, Fred Kelley, Tommy Will, Mike LaDuke and Brian Gaffney.

"Our primary emphasis," said Molina, "is on safety. We have never had a serious injury in the program and we mean to keep it that way."

Dr. James Moriarity, University chief of medicine, maintains a close watch on the program. No contact is permitted in practice without EMTs in attendance. Trainer Jack Mooney and his assistants, Jack Zimmerman and Sweet C. Robinson, maintain a high level of skill and efficiency which itself is a protec-

tion against injury.

Jack Mooney, 85-years-young, was with Nappy at the beginning. He was Knute Rockne's paper boy, and Rockne himself smuggled Jack onto the sidelines at home football games. Jack has been an inspiration to countless members of the Boxing Club.

Junior Emily Schmidt is indispensable in her handling of the administrative details of the program. Assisted by Molly O'Rourke, Emily has the title of office manager, but she is really the brains of the outfit. Her dedication and ability explain why the Bouts netted a record \$23,000 contribution to the missions in 1997.

"The reason for being of this program," she said, "is to send the maximum possible contribution to the Holy Cross Missions."

On the 25th anniversary of his ordination, Goedert wrote, "What do I have to show for 25 years besides a bunch of used calendars? Not much. But, through the Masses, I have made Him present to the usands of people over thousands of times and places. Often the places where He's never been before. I have made Him present to some who might otherwise never have known Him or His Good News. I have made a few more aware of the Christian calling and a Christian's duties toward others. And, with your help, I have made the lives of some a little easier, a little happier, a little more Christian."

The 68th Bengal Bouts will be held this Monday and Wednesday with the finals on Friday. We hope you will support this effort.

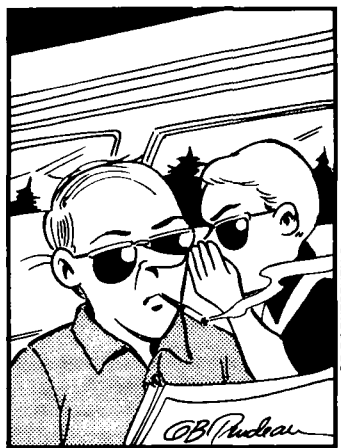
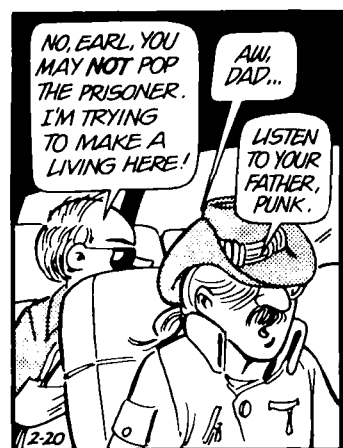
Mother Teresa would approve.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"There are years that ask questions and years that answer."

-Zora Neale Hurston

■ THAT GUY IN THE HALLWAY

From Boys to Men

We hear it all the time: "Who's the man?" Who's the strongest, and who dominates? Who takes what he wants, and who deserves the most respect? If "I am" is the answer to these questions, then I ask you again: Who is the man? Who can accept and learn from his weaknesses and subordination — from his mistakes and defeat? Who

Bob Kerr

says, "I can be a better man?"

To "turn the other cheek" is arguably one of the most difficult things to ask of a man. A male is naturally inclined to prove his manhood, but our social values have undefined true manhood, and the choice between "the man" and the better man is a difficult one.

The better man obviously turns his cheek while maintaining his integrity, but as a true man he needs no applause. More important is the experience of "the man." Ironically, "the man" is still a boy, but dealing with a difficult decision such as this, he can test and eventually prove his true manhood. Does he recognize his mistake and assume fully responsibility for his weakness?

Unfortunately, in our increasingly competitive community, there is little room for mistakes and "men" cannot afford not to be "the man." Notre Dame is a symbol of excellence and perfection, and hopefully men will graduate closer to excellence and perfection, but this is a symbol, this is an ideal.

The problem is that too many of us cannot appreciate the value of an ideal, and too many of us forget our natural limitations. Man was never created with the ability to embody a symbol or an ideal. Man was created imperfect, but God blessed him with the capacity for self-reflection and improvement.

As Notre Dame men, we are blessed with the opportunity to grow in the shadow of the Dome, and we are blessed to be able to contribute to the excellence and perfection of the community. Despite the common misconception, we are unable and not expected to be the Dome.

If you are still determined to be "the man," remember you must first not be the man. In *The Four Quartets*: East Coker, T.S. Eliot explains:

"In order to arrive at what you do not know. You must go by the way which is the way of ignorance."

"In order to possess what you do not possess. You must go by the way of dis-possession."

"In order to arrive at what you are not. You must go through the way in which you are not."

Before you know everything, you must first know nothing; before you possess strength, you must possess weakness; and before you are truly a man, you must accept your imperfections and take responsibility for your actions.

It is a difficult thing to swallow your pride and keep your mouth shut, but as long as you know you will always be "the man" without letting everyone know, you are moving in the right direction. We all know how much guys hate to lose, so remember that as long as you are learning what it means to be your own man, you can't lose.

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■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Special Thanks from Brumbaughs

Dear men and women of Notre Dame,

When we first learned of Justin's passing we felt an enormous void, as if we were two lonely strangers left in the cold and dark. However, from the moment we stepped upon the Notre Dame campus it was as if gigantic arms engulfed us in warmth and affection. The clergy, teachers and administration were uncommonly wonderful, and it is with special endearment that we will forever treasure the kindness and love of Justin's many friends and classmates. You have now become our adopted sons and daughters forever in our hearts.

With all our love,

Keith and Joyce Brumbaugh
Bolingbrook, Ill.

■ CAPITOL COMMENTS

Junior parents should look back at lessons of the last 20 years

Two decades ago, the juniors who will accompany their parents this weekend on campus were barely toddlers. Jimmy Carter, the last Democrat in the White House, wrestled with such unlikely problems ranging from unrest in the Middle East and gasoline shortages at home to new human fertilization experiments promoted by government agencies. Disco dominated the music charts, and clothing fashion had reached new heights. Moms in their platform shoes and dads with their long sideburns and bellbottom pants dreamt that their babies might one day share the upcoming weekend at Notre Dame.

If time had frozen 20 years ago, those strolling on campus this weekend would be like Brady families, caught wearing outdated clothes, speaking in outmoded phrases and being quite different from everyone else. Most of the moms and dads knew that fashion styles change, but probably had no idea that anything like "Hip Hop" would ever exist. None of those moms and dads could have anticipated the explosion of our language caused by the computer lingo of bytes and RAM, modems and Zip drives. Certainly, cloning existed only in science fiction movies, and rap was not a form of music but a description for conducting deep conversations with teenagers.

Some contend that many, including some church and university leaders, prefer to freeze their thinking in the time of the late 1970s. While platform shoes are making somewhat of a comeback today and the Brady Bunch has enjoyed two feature-length movies, our world is a smaller and less private place. Part of our new intrusion on privacy is currently focused on the leader of the free world. However, for all the personal questions swirling around the latest Democrat president, Bill Clinton has done a stellar job compared to Jimmy Carter.

The strides in genetic studies to prolong life and fertility procedures that assist couples in beginning families has outpaced any 1970s imagination. Could anyone have written a script where one twin brother is born seven years after the other? A long-forgotten frozen embryo was brought to term recently which led to the birth of the younger twin this past week.

Telecommunications strides have given each of us instant communications with anyone around the world or beyond in the space shuttle. Trying to communicate with a loved one in the military during the 1970s sometimes could take two weeks via snail mail. Today, families can exchange e-mail several times a day with their sons and daughters serving in the military.

Twenty years ago students at Notre Dame advocated co-educational housing options, but settled for apartments off campus. The football team had just completed a national championship season which made almost everyone feel exhilarated. Gay students at Notre Dame, not quite as happy, were trying to organize their organization and "come out" from the shadows of shame and their ostracized existence. Students engaging in premarital sex usually did not use condoms and thus risked

unwanted pregnancies and disease.

Today, personal ads in *The Observer* ring out with a very different tone. The fight over equal treatment of gay students, not officially recognized and therefore not able to use campus facilities for meetings, is being compared in a Feb. 11 ad to the "Progressive Student Alliance." The ad wonders why the unrecognized alliance group can use facilities. Is it because the alliance does not offend traditional thinking and embarrass anyone with a public relations nightmare?

Gary Caruso



Frequent ads soliciting babies is another 1990s occurrence. Just last week, two familiar ads appeared again on Tuesday and Wednesday. The Feb. 10 "Adoption is Love" ad was paid for by "Shawn and Meg," while the Feb. 11 edition's "Ed and Ellen," the "happy, caring professional couple" are once again offering to "provide a new born with love, joy and security." Could it be that the regular use of condoms is the very reason these ads flourish in a Catholic university's student newspaper?

It is interesting to some to note that 20 years ago the Vatican effectively removed itself from active politics when it forced its clergy to abandon any elected offices they may have held. Two Catholic priests who were U.S. Congressmen at the time retired, and the Church expected Catholic laymen to carry the Church's political water. Governors like Mario Cuomo, unjustly vilified by fellow Catholics, could not immediately reverse their stands on issues that were favored by their Church but opposed by their constituencies.

Our world is so complex today that many ideals of two decades ago are in need of redefining. For example, family planning and contraception make sense in poverty-stricken and AIDS-torn developing countries. Acceptance of gay children by their parents as called for by the U.S. Catholic bishops is a preventive measure against breaking up families and decreasing teenage suicide.

I often wonder how Carol and Mike Brady would have handled two very real Notre Dame graduates with whom my life has brushed. The first is a man I met while I volunteered on a soup truck in Washington, D.C. He was older than I, but he had graduated from Notre Dame and earned an MBA degree. In the early 1980s, he told his parents that he was gay, and his father immediately disowned him. The son turned to drugs, lost everything he owned and became destitute on the streets.

The other was a woman who also graduated from Notre Dame, but after

me. She was daddy's little princess and was raised in a very strict Catholic home where her mother dominated the social order. However, she fell from grace when her boyfriend finally talked her into sleeping with him at the end of their sophomore year because he was about to participate in a semester away from Notre Dame. Her one indiscretion in the early 1980s caused her to become pregnant.

When she approached her mother together with her boyfriend, the mother thought that the two were going to announce an engagement. After they told her mother that she was pregnant, her mother was so outraged with denial that she slapped her hands only once, but so hard on her thighs that she caused two large and deep bruises. The girl was whisked away to another city to have the baby and forced to immediately give it up for adoption.

I often ask myself if the corny Carol and Mike Brady would have offered simple but more loving solutions to these two troubled Domers? I believe that in these instances, the 1970s would need no updating because Carol and Mike would have put family and love above pride and social rigidity. As it turned out, the man was rescued by a social worker who graduated from Saint Mary's College and whose older brothers knew the man. To this day, he continues to remain sober and has reentered society as an upstanding and respected professional. He is a committed volunteer who helps others with similar problems.

The woman, on the other hand, haunts me because I have lost touch with her. When I last saw her several years ago, she was fighting the demons of loneliness and child abandonment. She wanted her child and needed to somehow find fulfillment and inner peace. Her strained relationship with her parents seemed to be doomed on a collision course when I last saw them together. Each party avoided the issue, yet she hungered for a solution.

Nothing is ever a black and white issue, especially in today's constantly changing and complex modern society. As the babies of the 1970s now walk as juniors this weekend with their parents, they might contemplate the pros and cons of conformity and stagnation. Twenty years from now, many of them may be trudging across an ever-expanding Notre Dame campus with their junior sons and daughters. It may be better even then, in the fantastically ultra advanced 2010s, to be more like Carol and Mike Brady when it comes to embracing their children. For when it comes to your children, I repeat, "Nothing is ever a black and white issue."

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Junior Parent

Here's to you Mr. Robinson



Although no one in the family has ever attended Notre Dame or is Irish, they've always been very big Notre Dame football fans ... particularly, Mr. Robinson. He grew up in the middle class suburbs of Baltimore. Every Saturday afternoon he watched the Blue and Gold wreak havoc on opposing teams. When it came time to apply to colleges, he wanted to apply to Notre Dame, but his family's finances would not support his dream. John attended Catholic University where he lettered in football all four years.

It was shortly after he graduated from Catholic that he met his future wife, Thelma. It was anything but love at first sight. He tried using one of those timeless pick-up lines like, "You must be tired, you've been running through my mind all day." Eventually however, the street smart, young vixen, Thelma, a real estate broker at the time, saw through his rough exterior. They eventually got married and had a wonderful son, Era, (they're not obsessed or anything) who is now fulfilling John's dreaming of going to Notre Dame. They bought a nice house in the middle class suburbs and bought a few dogs and cats, all who have the name of same famous ND football player. Little do the older Robinsons realize that Era really wanted to go to NYU film school and become the next Stephen Spielberg. The only problem is, he is prone to breaking cameras.

Dancing in D.C.

The Williams family hail from the Washington, D.C., where father, Earl, and mother, Andrea, are both well-established lawyers. They commute together everyday to the city from their home in Fairfax, a mere twenty minutes from their five bedroom, four bath, split-level ranch home. Their three car garage, stocked with three Jeep Cherokees, is adjacent to the fully furnished basement which provides the children with a recreational room and Earl with a place to watch Monday Night football on his 48-inch television.

Earl, who graduated from Notre Dame Law School, met his beautiful wife on a blind date for the Saint Mary's All-Campus Formal. He was impressed with the way she handled herself in light of the behavior of peers (and how good she looked in a dress). Since then they have been dance partners as well as husband and wife.

Earl and Andrea raised their children so that one day they can come back to South Bend and visit their clones in the very same dorms in which they resided.

Tony, their son, spends his time on the computer trying to decide which sequel to a video game he should make. Super Mario Brothers 13 or Pac-Man: The New Adventure. No matter what he does, he will be successful. It seems to be in the blood.



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Irish Eyes



The McCarthy family hails from a suburb right outside of Boston, Mass. Pat, head of the McCarthy clan used to be in the Irish Guard and is quite excited about his return to the "homeland." Mom, Mary Kate, is the type of mother who knits matching hat, scarves and mittens, all stitched with the Notre Dame emblem for her children and their roommates. She is also a professional business person, who actually strives to have her own talk show. Look out Rosie O'Donnell.

At least twice a year, Pat and Mary Kate fly out for a football game and take everybody (kids and roommates) out to Macri's or CJ's. A point of interest, the McCarthy family throws great tailgaters, but you have to get there early, or Pat may charge a cover.

Pat and Mary Kate met nearly forty years ago, when young Patrick fell off a swing set at the wholesome young age of eight. Mary Kate rescued the ill-fated Patrick from the ground with a kiss on the knee. At the ripe old age of ten, she was an older and more mature woman. Since that fabled day, the couple has not spent more than two days apart, joined at the hip one might say.

Their daughter, Samantha, a promising young biologist, wants to one day save the world from what she calls "The Willies." She is also looking to get herself out of a "self-imposed" hiatus from men.

Notre Dame?

The Johnsons come from the back bayous of Louisiana and have a very powerful hand in the "craw-daddy" industry. One might say a monopoly. The patriarch of the Johnson family, who goes by the name of Jack, is the son of a fish farmer and grew up in the murky swamps of Louisiana. He never heard of football, let alone Notre Dame, until his son got the acceptance letter three years ago. But he sure knows how to fish. His wife Marge, on the other hand, is a city girl from Frankfurt, La., a thriving metropolis of 3,000. She met her beloved, Jack, at an alligator wrestling match. Jack was not the one in the leather. Marge was intoxicated by his bruited dark looks and his ability to throw around a reptile. True love? I guess so, they've been together for the past twenty years. Happy Anniversary Mr. and Mrs. Johnson.

Their love child, Jack Jr., known as J.J. by his very close friends, aspires to be an awarding winning poet, and hopes to one day escape from the pitfalls of bayou life. Notre Dame seemed like the way out. To J.J., attending college in South Bend was like moving to New York City, but there was a foil in his plan. He longed for those Cajun "craw-daddies." They just aren't the same in the Midwest.



■ NBA

Clippers send slam dunk champ to Heat

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES If ever a deal made sense, it was the one made by the Los Angeles Clippers and Miami Heat shortly before the NBA trading deadline.

The Clippers sent Brent Barry, the 1996 slam dunk champion, to the Heat on Thursday in exchange for Isaac Austin, rookie Charles Smith and a 1998 No. 1 draft choice.

The teams played each other at the Anaheim Arena several hours later, with the Heat winning 89-80. Neither Barry nor Austin played.

Barry, who will be a free agent at the end of the season, told the Clippers he did not intend to resign with them next summer.

He's expected to be the third guard in Miami's rotation behind Tim Hardaway and Voshon Lenard.

Austin will also be a free agent this summer, and it was extremely unlikely he would return to the Heat because of salary cap restrictions.

Miami coach Pat Riley said the 26-year-old Barry, the son of former NBA great Rick Barry, will be sidelined for another 5-6 days because of a sprained right ankle he suffered Monday against Houston.

Barry left for Miami after hearing of the deal and was scheduled for a physical exam today.

"We feel extremely pleased with what we were able to get for Ike," Riley said. "Ike was a very, very important part of our team. We're going to really miss him. But we feel we get back a very young player who is exciting. He has great size, a player who can play (three positions) for us. We feel like he has a real huge upside."

Barry was averaging 13.7

points, 3.5 rebounds and 3.2 assists for the Clippers.

"Re-signing Brent is a priority," Riley said. "We looked at a number of scenarios. Had anyone have considered something better than Brent Barry, it would have taken two or three of our starters."

"I feel very good with Brent in this deal. He's exactly what we needed. He can score, he can shoot, he's got a lot of skills."

Riley said the 28-year-old Austin is a quality player and quality person who will help the Clippers, a team without a potent center.

"Ike has great skills, but I never felt nor was I ever led to believe that we were anything more than a longshot in re-signing him, and I don't blame him," Riley said. "He's got a life to live and a family to take care of."

Because of salary cap rules, the Heat could offer Austin no more than the average NBA salary — about \$2.8 million — for next year.

Austin will be commanding about twice that when he becomes a free agent, and the Clippers will be far enough under the projected \$31-\$32 million 1998-99 salary cap to be able to meet his price.

"They're showing me the dedication as having me as a player. That's all you need," Austin said. "They've traded a good player to get a player, and I think these two months are a feeling-out period for them as well as me."

Austin, in his fifth NBA season, thrived in a 22-game stretch earlier this season when he started in place of the injured Alonzo Mourning. He was averaging 12.7 points and 6.3 rebounds in 52 games, including 25 starts, after being named Most Improved Player last season.

Pippen, Bulls down Raptors

Associated Press

Scottie Pippen was on the move, all right.

Pippen shook loose for three 3-pointers in the first six minutes Thursday night and gave the Chicago Bulls an early lead they never lost in a 123-86 romp over the Toronto Raptors.

The game at SkyDome started shortly after the NBA's trading deadline passed. Pippen has talked much of the season about wanting to change teams, but the only deal the Bulls made during the day involved sending Jason Caffey to Golden State.

"There were some doubts. You never know what they're going to do," Michael Jordan said. "I would have been somewhat surprised, but not totally. They're going to do whatever they want anyway."

Pippen, who scored 22 points, said that as the deadline approached, "I figured there was no possibility of my being traded."

Jordan scored 16 points and Dennis Rodman had 19 rebounds for Chicago. None of the Bulls starters played in the fourth quarter.

In other NBA games, the Los Angeles Lakers beat Denver 131-92, Miami topped the Los Angeles Clippers 89-80, Indiana beat Philadelphia 82-77, San Antonio defeated Dallas 87-81 and Houston downed Detroit 100-90.

The Raptors had just nine players, including only two of the six they got in trades in the past week.

"It's tough when you have to come out for your first game against the Bulls," said Roy Rogers, sent from Boston to Toronto a day earlier. "But overall, we have a great

amount of talent here, though it's definitely going to take some time."

Lakers 131, Nuggets 92

The Lakers ended their longest losing streak of the season at three as Rick Fox scored 22 points and Kobe Bryant 21.

Shaquille O'Neal added 19 points and 11 rebounds as Los Angeles, with its most-lopsided win of the season, beat Denver for the seventh consecutive time. The 5-47 Nuggets lost their fifth in a row overall.

LaPhonso Ellis and Johnny Newman scored 19 points for Denver.

The host Lakers used an early 17-1 run to take a 64-38 halftime lead. They did it even though starting point guard Nick Van Exel was at home with a cold and a sore right knee.

Heat 89, Clippers 80

Alonzo Mourning scored 28 points and P.J. Brown had a career-high 20 rebounds as Miami beat the Clippers at Anaheim.

Earlier in the day, the teams made a trade. The Heat sent backup center Isaac Austin, rookie guard Charles Smith and a 1998 first-round draft choice to Los Angeles for Brent Barry. None of those players suited up for the game, and both teams had just nine players in uniform.

Rookie Maurice Taylor scored 17 points for the Clippers, who lost their fifth straight game.

Pacers 82, 76ers 77

Reggie Miller keyed a third-quarter run as Indiana sent Philadelphia to its eighth straight road loss.

The game was tied at 46 before Miller scored seven consecutive points during a 13-2 spurt.

Dale Davis scored 14 points for the Pacers. Derrick Coleman matched his season high with 18 rebounds and had 16 points for the 76ers.

Joe Smith, who traveled all night to join the 76ers after being traded by Golden State or Wednesday, missed his first six shots in his debut. He finished with seven points.

Spurs 87, Mavericks 81

Tim Duncan had 26 points and 16 rebounds as San Antonio defeated Dallas for the seventh time in a row.

The host Mavericks were ahead 56-46 midway through the third quarter before the Spurs reeled off an 18-1 run.

Duncan led the way in the absence of David Robinson, who has missed two games because of an inflamed right knee. Robinson's condition was to be re-evaluated today.

Rookie Bubba Wells scored a season-high 21 points for the Mavericks. Shawn Bradley had 13 points and 15 rebounds.

Rockets 100, Pistons 90

Clyde Drexler scored 29 points and helped host Houston pull away from Detroit in the fourth quarter.

Drexler led a 10-2 run after the Pistons pulled to 72-69. Charles Barkley had 14 points and 14 rebounds for the Rockets.

Joe Dumars scored 19 for Detroit.

Official Scott Wall sustained a concussion during warmups when he was hit by a male dancer doing backflips. Wall was knocked to the floor and missed the game.

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■ MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Canseco starts spring training with Blue Jays

Associated Press

Jose Canseco got a quick wakeup on his first day with the Toronto Blue Jays. When he stepped to the plate Thursday, he saw a very familiar face.

"It was the first time facing live pitching and I've got to face Clemens," Canseco said. "I let Ed Sprague go first so Roger could work out the kinks on him."

Canseco and Clemens were teammates on the Boston Red Sox in 1995 and 1996. Now they're trying to turn around Toronto, which hasn't been above .500 since winning the World Series in 1992 and 1993.

"I hope this year I can stay

away from the injuries," said Canseco, who has been disabled nine times in his career and averaged fewer than 96 games during the past five seasons.

Canseco homered off 1996 Cy Young Award winner Pat Hentgen during batting practice at Dunedin, Fla. He knows his home run and stolen base totals have been cut by the injuries.

"The last four or five years has hurt my career. I should have had 400 homers by now," said Canseco, whose career total is 351.

"I'd like to achieve 30-30 this year, and if I'm healthy 40-40 is possible. Right now I want to

play the game and be the player I was four, five years ago."

At Kissimmee, Fla., Andres Galarraga hit the first home run as Atlanta began full-squad workouts.

Galarraga, hitting third after Andruw Jones, drilled a drive onto a grassy hill just beyond the left field fence.

"It feels good to hit the first one," said Galarraga, who signed a \$24.75 million, three-year contract with the Braves.

"Now I can relax." Galarraga, who hit .318 with 41 home runs and a league-leading 140 RBIs with Colorado last season, had just blooped a ball into short right field.

"That would have been out in

Coors Field," quipped Ryan Klesko, waiting on deck to hit after Galarraga.

"That's part of the game, just having fun," said Galarraga, who drove from his home in West Palm Beach, Fla., in a Mercedes with his nickname, "Big Cat," on the license plate.

At Jupiter, Fla., St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Alan Benes did his best to quash rumors he aggravated his surgically repaired shoulder.

"I'm just trying to take it easy enough not to have any setbacks," said Benes, 9-9 with a 2.89 ERA in 23 starts last season.

Benes, 27, wasn't expected to be ready until May after

surgery for a torn rotator cuff last September. It could be late March before he starts pitching.

"We're shooting for May 1," Benes said, "but that's not in stone."

At Phoenix, the usually late Rickey Henderson reported to the Athletics' camp on time. In the past, Henderson typically didn't show up until shortly before the team started its exhibition schedule.

Henderson, signed as a free agent, said the heavy rains in California in recent weeks had interrupted his workout regimen so he decided to get to spring training to work on conditioning.

Boston's Naehring recovers from elbow injury

Associated Press

FORT MYERS, Fla.

The eight-inch scar runs along Tim Naehring's elbow, a bright red reminder that his career may be over.

He couldn't brush his teeth, feed himself or shampoo with his right arm. He didn't even wear a tie to recent business meetings because the arm wouldn't bend enough for him to put it on.

"It was tough packing my stuff to come to spring training, knowing that I was throwing a glove in a bag and wouldn't be able to use it for a while," he said.

The Boston Red Sox third baseman knows about serious injuries. He had operations on his back and right shoulder and spent time on the disabled list in six of his previous seven seasons.

But he was enjoying one of his finest years when he made an off-balance throw last June 23 at Toronto. He knew immediately something was wrong with

his elbow.

It turned out to be a torn ligament and a torn capsule that holds the joint together. Dr. Arthur Pappas, the team physician, said Thursday he knows of no other case like that.

Pappas performed surgery on July 30 and the rehabilitation seemed to go well. Naehring even played racquetball in November. But in January, there was a problem. His range of motion was restricted.

A cortisone shot didn't work, so about four weeks ago he had a procedure in which scar tissue inside the elbow was broken. That enabled him to bend the elbow again, Pappas said, but the tightness returned whenever he threw a ball or swung a bat.

Now, Pappas said, Naehring must regain that range of motion before he can take the next step.

"Will he play again? I expect he will," Pappas said, although he doesn't know when.

Marlins may lose two more

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Fla.

The Florida Marlins lost four starting pitchers, two top relievers and the leading hitter from their World Series championship team.

The best of the bench may be the next to go.

Reserves Jim Eisenreich and John Cangelosi helped to give Florida perhaps the best depth in the major leagues last year. They were the garnish on the roster, but it's unclear whether the budget-conscious Marlins can afford even garnish anymore.

Eisenreich and Cangelosi arrived for spring training this week wondering whether the Marlins will trade them before the season starts.

"We're pretty laid back and not worrying about

what they're going to do," Cangelosi said Thursday. "But I hope they keep us both."

That's doubtful. Eisenreich expects to be dealt away because he'll make \$1.4 million this year, more than the Marlins want to pay for a backup outfielder-first baseman who turns 39 in April.

"Understand, I am an old man," he said with a laugh.

Cangelosi, 35 next month, has a better chance to stay because his salary is only \$550,000. He would provide much-needed outfield experience, particularly in center, where 22-year-old rookies Mark Kotsay and Todd Dunwoody will battle for the starting job.

"Cangelosi is still a question mark in this


mix," manager Jim Leyland said. "If you're able to keep a guy like Cangelosi, you're able to protect the young guy a little bit from throwing him to the wolves too much."

Another potential plus is that Cangelosi is a switch-hitter, while the two rookies and new left fielder Cliff Floyd bat left-handed.

"I have a feeling I'm going to stay, but you never know," Cangelosi said. "I think if I do stay, I'll play a lot more than last year."

A year ago Cangelosi hit just .178 as a pinch hitter but .296 in 31 starts. Eisenreich hit .280 with 19 doubles and 34 RBIs in 293 at-bats, and in an expansion season, both players still have considerable market value.


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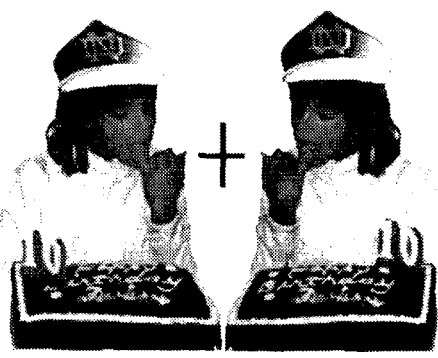
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■ JOCK STRIP

U.S. hockey team fails to meet expectations

Disappointing. This one word sums up the feelings of every member of the United States Olympic hockey team. In a week t h a t D a l e Ernhardt's

Gene Btralik
Sports Writer

first Daytona 500 win, Herman Maier's recovery from a devastating crash to win two gold medals, and the U.S. women's hockey team winning the first gold in women's hockey, the fifth place finish of the men's hockey team was one of the most embarrassing moments in U.S. Olympic history. Here is a team made up of professional hockey players and the only team they could beat was Belarus. Let's assess the problems.

Rumors are swirling about this team. They spent too much time out having themselves a good time. But I believe it was the players who wanted to rough it in the Olympic village unlike their basketball Dream Teamers who lived lavishly. The whole idea of living in the Olympic village was to keep priorities focused on their mission — winning the gold. Instead they took advantage of their accommodations and spent the night visiting places like the Pink Elephant (a karaoke bar in the heart of Nagano).

To make matters worse, after losing on Tuesday night, the U.S. team decided to destroy their residences, like a bunch of drunk college guys after they get back from the local bars. Maybe living with the other athletes wasn't a smart

move.

Egos caused another problem at these winter games. The U.S. hockey team came in all mighty, bearing their medals from the August 1996 World Cup of Hockey. They figured if they showed up, they would win. Right now, they are reconsidering that decision.

Every U.S. player was so confident they would win the gold medal, that they thought the preliminary round didn't matter that much. Their coach, Ron Wilson, even agreed with this strategy. He figured by the time the medal round rolled around, Team USA would hit their groove and play in the gold medal game.

The team's lackadaisical approach landed them a game against the Czech Republic in the medal round. This meant they would have to face one of the NHL's best goaltenders and the MVP of the league last year.

Ron Wilson also must be blamed for this embarrassment. He didn't make the adjustments that needed to be made until the medal round.

Overall, the players didn't play up to expectations. With six 50-goals scorers, the team should score more than nine goals. They had open nets and they couldn't put the puck in the goal.

The U.S. hockey team's performance was a disgrace to the loyal hockey fans who expected them to win more than one game. Hopefully when the games go to Salt Lake City in 2002, Team USA will be more focused and have their priorities straight.

■ SOFTBALL

Irish set goals to win Big East

By BETSY BAKER
Associate Sports Editor

The Notre Dame softball team is wasting no time testing its ability to compete with the top-ranked teams in the nation as it kicks off its season this weekend at the Gladstones Tournament at the University of South Florida in Tampa.

The Irish will take on ninth-ranked Kansas and 10th-ranked South Florida today, and Auburn and DePaul tomorrow in an effort to see where they stand among the nation's best, and whether they can return to being one of them.

Last season was the first time in four years that the Irish did not advance to the NCAA tournament, due to a pitching staff that was not 100 percent healthy. However, head coach Liz Miller hopes that will change this year.

"What happened last year is that we had the strongest hitting lineup we've ever had, but one of our best pitchers got injured and we didn't have a strong enough pitching staff to take us as far as we had gone in the past," Miller explained. "This year, we've added two new pitchers, and Kelly Nichols is back, so we should have a solid staff."

Nichols, one of the team's two senior captains, will be looking to fill in the hole left by the graduation of all-American Joy Battersby,

and with her 21-12 career record and 18 saves, she appears to be on the right track. Nichols only needs two more saves to become the NCAA all-time saves leader, a record currently owned by Cal Poly Pomona's Lori Thompson with 19.

Nichols will be joined by junior Angela Bessolo and freshmen Jennifer Sharron and Melanie Alkire who are expected to come in and make an immediate impact.

The biggest question for the Irish remains one of filling in the gaps left by the five graduated starters, three of whom started all four years at Notre Dame.

Miller maintains confidence in both her returning players and a talented corps of freshmen, however, and hopes that the early-season tournaments like the Gladstones will give the team the unity and camaraderie needed to be successful.

"Our focus is in going out and playing hard, and throwing it down without worrying about wins and losses," Miller commented. "Of course we always go out to win, but it is more important for us now to develop some unity among the players and a consistent rhythm in our play."

The fact that the Irish will immediately face two top-10 teams is actually a matter of coincidence. Miller explained that the tournaments are scheduled a year

in advance, but teams do not exactly know who they are playing until a few months prior to the tournament.

Still, both Miller and the players are confident the Irish will perform well and agree that it is the best thing for the team.

"I think it is good for us," Miller said. "It is definitely going to give us an idea of where we are and what we need to improve upon."

Senior Jenn Giampaolo, an all-American outfielder who, after limited time with the team last season, has returned to the starting lineup in center field, concurred.

"It's the best way to start — throw yourself out there and put it all on the line," Giampaolo said. "We've never started out above .500 in the early-season tournaments, but this year we are a lot more confident."

In the past, we've kind of sold ourselves short because we haven't practiced outside or had any games, but this year we're going in saying we are the team to beat."

Although this weekend should shed some light on where the Irish can set their goals nationally, they have already set one definite goal within the conference.

"Our No. 1 goal is to win the Big East," Miller said. "We've been in it for three years and have never won it, so that is what we want to do this year."

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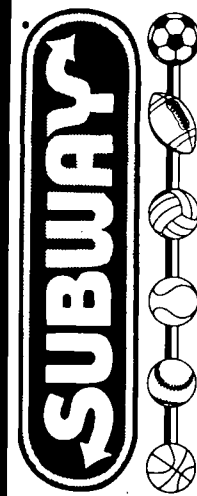
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■ MEN'S LACROSSE

Returning seniors will lead Irish lacrosse team

By TOM STUDEBAKER
and DAN LUZIETTI
Sports Writers

Aiming for the title, the Notre Dame men's lacrosse team is back. Expectations are high for

the Irish, with seven returning starters and a solid recruiting class. This year's squad is comprised of quality depth and experience which could make the difference for Notre Dame over the course of the season.

Headlining the list of Irish returnees are four players who are arguably as good as anybody in the country at their positions — seniors Jimmy Keenan (midfield), Todd Rassas (defense), and Alex Cade (goalie), along with junior Chris Dusseau at attack.

"With the experience and depth we have returning this season, guys are going to have to earn their way onto the field," said head coach Kevin Corrigan. "This is a team whose strength will be in its senior class. I expect, too, that we will have some freshman who will help us out."

Some of the freshman the team will look to are Dave Ulrich and Steve Bishko. Both hope to contribute to the Irish success as they see more playing time.

On the Notre Dame attack, Dusseau and senior Ned Webster promise to be a potent scoring combination. Dusseau has led the team in scoring in the past two years for a total of 58 goals and seven assists. The Irish will count on them to continue this success as they head into the 1998 season.

The Notre Dame midfield unit has the potential to be the most productive in school history, and is capable of scoring a lot of goals. The heart and soul of the midfield unit is Keenan. He was a two-time honorable mention all-American honoree and scored 12 goals while passing off a team-leading 28 assists last year.

The Irish defense is led by the outstanding play of Rassas. There may be no finer defensemen in the country than the



Photo courtesy of Notre Dame Sports Information
The Notre Dame men's lacrosse team will rely on the experience and depth of senior Jim Keenan and other returning players this season.

two-time Irish all-American. Notre Dame will count on his play as they look to the upcoming campaign.

The last line of defense is Cade. He has been Notre Dame's most prolific goalkeeper and has ranked among the nation's leaders in goals-against averages in the past three seasons. Last year he posted a 5.76 save percentage

and registered an 8.86 goals-against average. The Irish expect Cade to maintain his standard in the net this year.

The team's first regular season game is March 1, when they play Penn State. The team will be fine-tuning its skills against Brown this weekend, the scrimmage is at noon this Saturday at Moose Krause Stadium.

Men's Lacrosse Schedule

Feb. 21	BROWN	Noon
March 1	PENN STATE	1:00 p.m.
March 7	at Air Force	1:00 p.m.
March 8	at Denver	1:00 p.m.
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March 21	RUTGERS	1:00 p.m.

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■ BASEBALL

Irish head south to face Hurricanes

By ALLISON KRILLA
Sports Writer

Weather forecasts in Miami call for strong storms this weekend, as the Notre Dame baseball team heads south to fight through a three-game series with the No. 7 Hurricanes.

The Irish (2-3) are coming off a two-game stint in New Orleans where they lost an 11-inning thriller to UNO and earned a come-from-behind victory against Loyola (La.).

Junior righty Alex Shilliday, who settled for a no-decision after throwing seven innings against UNO, is slated to start Friday's game. Shilliday and the rest of the Irish pitching staff face a formidable 'Canes line-up with "a heart of the order that's probably the best in the country," according to Notre Dame head coach Paul Mainieri.

Senior rightfielder Jason Michaels (.378, seven HR, three 2B, 17 RBI) bats third for the Hurricanes, followed by junior first baseman Burrell, the No. 1 professional prospect in college baseball, and junior first baseman Aubrey Huff (.361, three HR, three 2B, eight RBI) in the fifth spot. In 1996, Burrell became the first freshman to lead the nation in hitting (.484), and is already on a torrid pace this year, batting .444 with seven homers, seven doubles, 18 RBI and seven walks.

"It will be an interesting match-up," said Mainieri, "with our pitching against their hitting. Pitching is our strength, and hitting is theirs. We don't expect to shut them

down completely, but to work hard against their No. 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, and 9 hitters, so the heart of the order comes to bat with no one on base."

Offensively, the Irish have struggled with clutch hitting, leaving 12 men on base in the loss to UNO.

"(Leaving men on base) is a concern," said Mainieri. "But we've worked hard at hitting in the clutch during practice. I think we can attribute the way we've been hitting lately to the fact that it's still early in the season. We traditionally start off swinging the bats slowly, until we play on a more regular basis."

"I was happy with the fact that we hit well enough last weekend to get the opportunity to put that many guys on base."

Mainieri will rely on Brant Ust and Jeff Wagner to carry the bulk of the offensive load, although the key to beating Miami will be "multiple run innings," Mainieri commented.

Ust and Wagner are hitting a combined .375 with 10 RBI, but the entire Irish starting lineup has contributed with at least one RBI apiece.

The Hurricanes present a tough task for the Irish, but the weekend series will not be a benchmark for the team.

"I don't think it's fair to say that the way we play this weekend is a true test of where we are right now," said Mainieri. "The University of Miami is one of the hardest places in the country to visit and win. No matter what happens, we're just going to go out and play hard."

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we have to do, so it's just a matter of executing. If we play our game, we'll be fine."

After a six-game slump in which he shot just 39 percent, Garrity seems to have finally regained his old form. The all-American candidate scored a game-high 31 points in last Tuesday's 88-79 loss to Connecticut as the Irish played what may have been their best all-around game of the season.

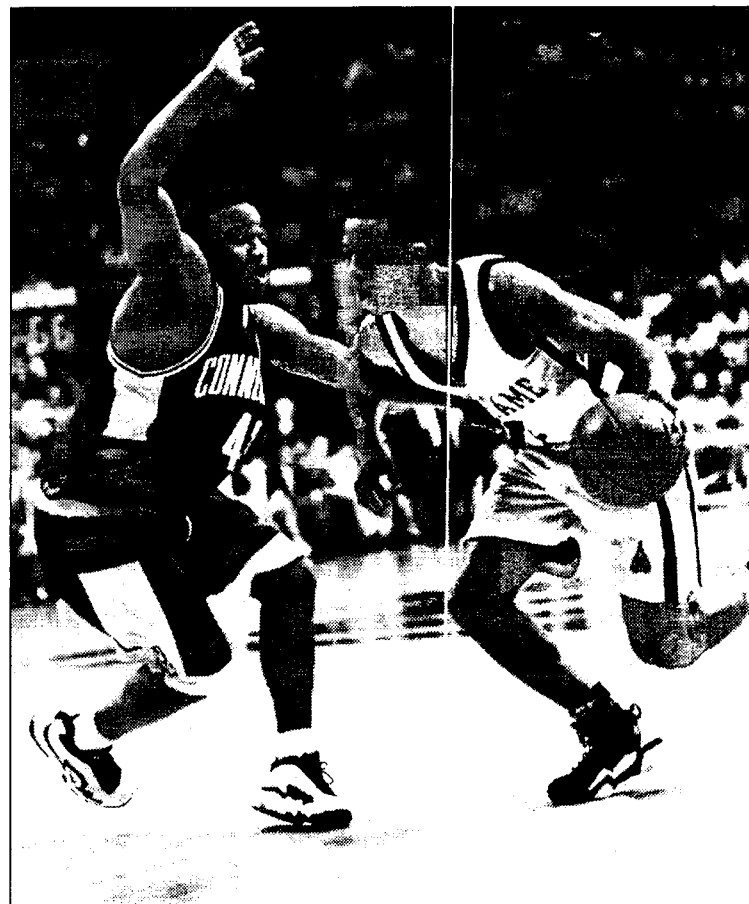
"It was good to see Pat come out and have a big game for us," said MacLeod. "He has struggled a bit over the last few games, but he seems to have shot his way out of it."

The biggest surprise against the Huskies was the play of Garrity's supporting cast. Center Phil Hickey chipped in 16 points, shooting guard Antoni Wyche added 13, and point guard Martin Ingelsby contributed nine points and six assists.


If the group matches that effort on Sunday, they should up their mark to 13-11 (7-9 in the Big East) and improve their chances of receiving an NIT bid. With just three games left in the regular season, the thin margin for error is beginning to weigh on the psyche of MacLeod's squad.

"We're not panicking or anything like that," said Ingelsby. "But we know that we need to start to put things together so we can start the post-season on a high note."

But first things first, the Irish must pull themselves out of the rut.



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The Irish will look to Antoni Wyche, who scored 13 against the Huskies, for a repeat performance against the Hurricanes.



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■ MEN'S TENNIS

Notre Dame looks to build on two straight wins

Boilermakers line-up will challenge Irish

By SHANNON RYAN
Sports Writer

Playing at home has its advantages. Unfortunately for the Irish, one of the traveling Boilermakers will also experience a kind of home court advantage at the Eck Pavilion this weekend.

Derek Myers, a South Bend native and one-time prodigy of Irish coach Bob Bayliss, will be making a homecoming

Saturday at 2 p.m. when he attempts to haul Purdue over Notre Dame.

"I used to give lessons to [Myers] until he was 14," Bayliss recalled. "He's always been a great player."

The Irish are hoping that after following two consecutive losses with two straight wins, Bayliss's coaching will not pay off for Myers as much as it has for them.

In the past, Myers has appeared well-taught. Playing

at the No. 3 position, he beat top-notch, Notre Dame graduate Ryan Simme last year.

Even without the three-time South Bend Tribune Player-of-the-Year, Purdue has been fairly successful. While Myers was sick, the rest of the team filled in to defeat a strong Wisconsin team.

"Their top four can beat anyone in this part of the country," Bayliss said of Purdue's top-heavy line-up. "Their top two doubles and top four singles scare me the most."

The Irish will come out with history on their side. Notre Dame has not lost to Purdue in Bayliss' 11-year reign and also holds a 37-8 all-time record over Purdue.

For the Irish to beat the Boilermakers, the doubles will need to continue to play like last weekend.

After going 0-3, the Irish pairs won two straight last

weekend with a strong showing from Ryan Sachire and Matt Horsley. Danny Rothschild and Vijay Freeman have also become a deadly combination, while Brian Patterson and Jakub Pietrowski have recently unknotted their early tangles.

Pietrowski has been practicing with the confidence he gained last weekend in a strong win over Miami. After a disappointing winless streak, the senior, playing No. 2, defeated renowned and powerful Diego Ayala.

Rothschild's consistency and Patterson's decisive determination will also be key for the 23rd-ranked Irish to win a third straight.

However, Sachire will have to play the role of the smoking gun once again. Last week, the sophomore boasted a win over the No. 3 player in the nation and lost a close battle to the second ranked player.

His bullet serves will be essential to defeat Purdue's Jamie Gordon. Gordon, last year's Regional Rolex champion, pulled out a win over Florida's top man and 10th-ranked national competitor earlier in the season.

Despite the recent success of the Blue and Gold, the team must be careful not to overstep the bounds of self-assurance into over-confidence.

"I'm guardedly optimistic," Bayliss said. "They're a lot better than [their ranking]."

The usually profitable Irish should not be shortchanged either. With signs of the doubles finally clicking and the solid line-up, the Irish may be a better bet.

"Everyone looks fine and we're hungry," Bayliss said. "We've seen some good teams so far and know what the level of play is. We'll just have to meet that."

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Northern Michigan, which currently sits in fifth place, seven points ahead of the Irish. On Saturday night, they will face Lake Superior State, which sits just two points ahead of the Irish in the standings.

Success in this weekend's contest, according to Noble, hinges upon the squad's ability to outwork their opponents which the Irish did not do last weekend. It resulted in two losses, including Saturday night's loss at the hands of cellar-dwelling Western Michigan.

"Both teams this weekend are hard-working teams," he stated. "We need to play intensely, to come out and outwork them."

This week in practice has been a good one for the Irish.

"Without going into particulars, we focused on team play," said Noble. "We had short and intense workouts, and hopefully that will carry over into the games this weekend."

In addition to intensity, the Irish hope to revive their coveted power play. They have the third-best power play in the league, trailing only Michigan and Michigan State. Last weekend, especially against Western Michigan, it was not as effective as usual. The Irish went zero for six on power play chances Saturday night.

If the Irish can play with intensity and revive their power play, they will indeed create the momentum that they will need to carry them into the post-season.

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■ TRACK

Tracksters ready for Big East

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame track and field team will compete in its biggest team meet of the indoor season this weekend — the Big East championships in Syracuse. They hope to bring home a first-ever title on the men's side and improve on last year's sixth-place finish for the women.

A Big East title for the men would indicate that Notre Dame track and field has risen to a new level of competition. Georgetown is favored to win, but Connecticut, Villanova and Miami could also present challenges.

"We want to contend to be in at least the top two teams on the men's side," said head coach Joe Piane. "There are those people that think that Georgetown is unstoppable, but if we compete up to our capabilities, we have a legitimate shot at beating them."

"On the women's team, we would like to improve on last year's sixth-place finish if we can, and that's going to be difficult. It's a great conference for track, especially for the women with Georgetown, Villanova, and Miami."

"The key to success will be being able to be aggressive and step up to the next level of competition. A lot of kids are doubling and tripling races."

In order to contend for the title, the men will need all of their athletes to score well in the events they are expected to. They will also need some help from other schools in hurting Georgetown in the 800-meter and 1000-meter runs.

All-American Jason Rexing will be looking to claim his third straight Big East championship in the 5000-meter run and junior Mike Brown will be returning from a hamstring injury with hopes of defending his title in the pole vault. Brown is ranked first in the Big East in his event, as is Marshaun West in the long jump. Other men with strong shots at individual victories are senior captain Errol Williams in the 55-meter hurdles, Chris Cochran in the 55-meter dash, and all-American Danny Payton in the 500-meter run.

"The goal is to win the team championship. That's what

everyone's got on their mind," said Rexing. "Personally, I've just got to take it one race at a time with two races each day and score as many points as I can. It's always a big help to have all your teammates behind you and cheering you on at this meet."

Payton believes he would have to run in the low 1:02s to come out victorious in the 500-meter run, with his personal record being 1:02.79 at the Mevo Invitational Feb. 7.

Cochran also wants to achieve the team goal of winning the Big East while doing whatever he can to help the team win in his events — the 55-meter dash, 400-meter dash, and 4 x 400-meter relay.

"On the guys' side, we can be in the hunt for the team championship," said field events coach Scott Winsor. "That means the field event crew has got to be hitting on all cylinders, and if we can get out of the field events even with Georgetown or Connecticut, we'll be in good shape."

Sprints and hurdles coach John Millar said, "My goal for the meet is for our athletes to go to the meet and reproduce their best times or improve on them. There's nothing else you can ask for, and if they can do that, they'll be successful. I can't control what the other 12 schools do. I just try to focus on what we're doing and make sure our group is prepared to run."

Among the women, top competitors for individual titles should be Nadia Schmiedt in the 500-meter run, Berit Junker in the 800-meter run, Jenny Engelhardt in the high jump, and JoAnna Deeter in the 3,000 and 5,000-meter runs. Other key events will be the 4 x 800-meter relay and the distance medley relay.

"Hopefully," said Schmiedt, "I can make the final in the 500, and run my best time of the year, as well as scoring as many points as I can for the team."



The Notre Dame women's track team will face tough competition at the Big East championships.

"Definitely a goal is to run an NCAA qualifying time in the 5,000; definitely to run under 16:40," said Deeter. "I also want to get some points for the team in the 3,000."

"I think we've got probably our best two distance athletes in the 3,000 and 5,000 right now in Deeter and Alison Klemmer," said distance coach Tim Connelly. "We want to also get some good performances from our runners and maybe qualifications for the NCAA's."

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Muffet McGraw said of the matchup with the Huskies. "We haven't played a ranked team since December, so it's a great measuring stick for us. It's a chance to see how much better we have gotten since the last time we played Connecticut. Also, Storrs [Conn.] has a great basketball atmosphere to it."

Meanwhile, Notre Dame has taken full advantage of a three-game homestand, sweeping the series by an average margin of 24 points per win. The latest victims of the Irish were the Georgetown Hoyas, who left the Joyce Center with a disappointing 80-54 loss. During the game, the home team used stifling defense to hold the Hoyas to 22.1 percent shooting. Junior Sheila McMillen had the hot hand for the Irish, scoring a game-high 21 points and hitting four of five shots from beyond the arc.

"We played well in every phase of the game," McGraw said. "Our defense was good, we rebounded well, and we shot the

ball extremely well. We went out there and were very focused."

However, one of the biggest impacts for the Irish was the return of sophomore Niele Ivey to the starting lineup. Ivey, who suffered a hip pointer minutes into the St. John's game on Feb. 12, was forced to sit out of the next game against Pittsburgh. Against the Hoyas, she scored six points and grabbed five rebounds in 24 minutes of play, helping clinch Notre Dame's 10th straight home win.

"I think having Ivey back in the lineup is really going to help us, defensively in particular. She brings a lot of intensity to us," said McGraw.

Another player who stepped up for the Irish this weekend was freshman phenom Ruth Riley. The 6-foot-5 center recorded her third consecutive double-double against the Hoyas with 11 points and 11 rebounds. Riley currently ranks second in the Big East in blocked shots, averaging 2.2 rejections a game.

The clash between the Irish and the Huskies is set to tip off at 2 p.m. in the Harry A. Gampel Pavilion.

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■ BENGAL BOUTS

Bengal Bouts captains motivate fellow competitors

By DAN LUZIETTI
Sports Writer

Bengal Bouts has been a long-standing tradition on the Notre Dame campus since 1931. One of the reasons for its great success has been the strong student support of both the tournament's participants and viewers. In its 57 years of existence, it has relied heavily on the student captains. This year is no different.

This year's captains include seniors Fred Kelly, Lucas Molina, Ryan Rans and Sean Sharpe and juniors Brian Gaffney, Mike LaDuke, and Tommy Will. The coaches rely on the captains, and expect a lot from them.

"Captains drive the whole program. It's really the boxer's club, and who better to lead than a fellow student," explained Terry Johnson, a Bengal Bouts coach. "Not only are they in charge of trying to get themselves in shape and win the tournament, they are responsible to promote ticket sales, help with advertisement sales, and keeping everybody else motivated. It is definitely a great pleasure to work with

these guys and they mean a lot to the program."

Each captain brings his unique talents to help instruct and motivate over 100 members of the Bengal Bouts this year. Sharpe always rises to meet this challenge, but he also recognizes that the Bengal Bouts give him a unique opportunity.

"We help guide the new guys and give them instruction along the way," said Sharpe. "This can be a difficult task, but Notre Dame is the only place where boxing is a team sport. We help each other as much as we can, in hopes of improving each other's skills along with our individual ones."

The boxers have six weeks to refine their skills and they are always looking to the captains for motivation. The captains, along with the coaches, teach the newcomers the techniques of boxing while continually training with the veterans. The captains' role as coaches is very important to a program with so many participants and Molina recognizes his responsibility.

"Personally, I love to coach," he said. "I have been around boxing since I was 16, and I think I have more to offer as a

coach than I do as a boxer. This opportunity with Bengal Bouts brings me a lot of fulfillment."

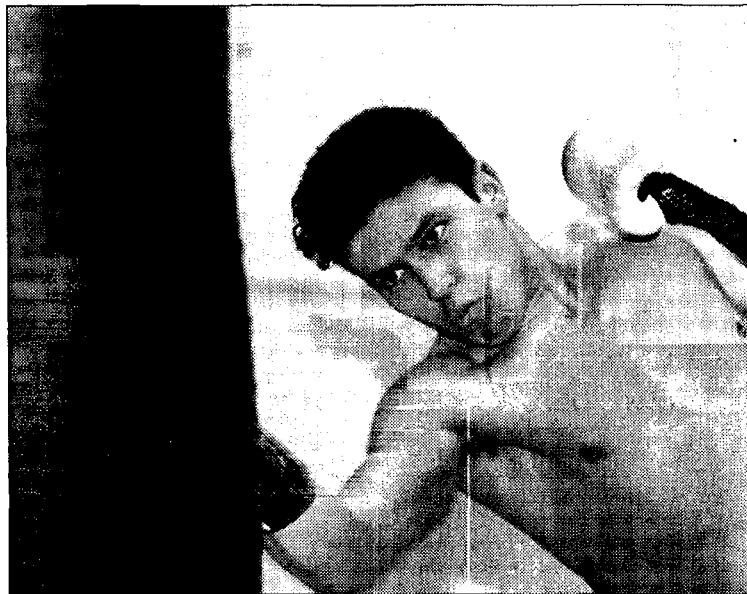
Many of the other captains learn a lot from boxing as well. Boxing demands dedication and hard work to maintain top physical condition. Kelly also recognizes what the sport has done for him.

"Boxing is a great confidence builder," explained Kelly. "It gives you a mental toughness that you'll never lose."

The boxers learn a lot from their experience, but the most important part of their participation is the good they bring to others. Bengal Bouts raise money for the Holy Cross Mission working in Bangladesh.

In the past, the tournament raised \$20,000 through its ticket sales and advertisement sales. This year's captains have taken the challenge of doubling that to earn \$40,000.

"We support a school, a mission and a church, and the money we raise goes a long way," said Rans. "We have had an opportunity to hear some of the Holy Cross priests who have been to the missions, and it always makes us feel good to know we are doing something



The Observer/John Daily

Senior captain Lucas Molina acts as a coach for fellow boxers.

so special. You're having a good time here, but also helping so many over there."

The captains have put in a lot of time, and their efforts culminate in next week's tournament. The students appreciate these efforts and so do their fellow boxers.

"The captains are really important to the program," said

Steve Locher, a sophomore Bengal Bouter. "They do a lot of work both behind the scenes with the business side, and teaching the younger fighters the proper techniques for the tournament. They drive the whole program. They put in so many hours of work, and without them, the program wouldn't run as smoothly as it does."



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■ OLYMPIC UPDATES

U.S. hockey team causes \$1000 damage

Associated Press

NAGANO, Japan (AP)

Some U.S. hockey players trashed their rooms at the Olympic Village after being knocked out of the Nagano Games, and the NHL apologized and said it was investigating who was responsible for the damage, estimated at \$1,000.

Chairs were broken, two apartments were damaged by fire extinguishers, and one extinguisher was thrown from the fifth floor into a courtyard during the incident, which occurred about 4 a.m. Thursday said Paul George, head of the U.S. delegation in the Olympic Village.

U.S. hockey officials apologized to the U.S. Olympic Committee for the incident and offered to pay for the damage.

"The USOC and our Olympic delegation are deeply disturbed by the behavior of some of our athletes," said USOC president Bill Hybl.

USOC spokesman Mike Moran said the committee was not embarrassed by the incident, but regarded it as "the individual activity of veteran, mature athletes. The USOC is not a babysitter."

Team USA general manager Lou Lamoriello told the Newark (N.J.) Star-Ledger that the players "should be ashamed of themselves."

"I'm upset. I'm appalled to hear something like that," he said.

"I don't condone it. I can't accept it. There is no reason to do anything like that. If they were disappointed, think of all the fans who were disappointed."

The incident occurred about 12 hours after the highly touted U.S. team, composed entirely of NHL players, was eliminated from the Olympics in a 4-1 loss to the Czech Republic.

■ SKIING

Compagnoni wins third gold

The Associated Press

SHIGA KOGEN, Japan
Deborah Compagnoni was not about to let it happen again, not in the event she has ruled for the past few years.

A day after blowing a big first-run lead and getting a disappointing silver in the slalom, Compagnoni threaded her way down an icy giant slalom course to become the first Alpine skier to win gold medals in three Olympics.

She also joined Vreni Schneider and Katja Seizinger as the only women with three Alpine golds.

Compagnoni took a lead of nearly a full second into the second run Thursday night, and expanded that to 1.8 seconds on a course that other skiers complained was the toughest they'd ever encountered.

"Between the two runs, I thought of yesterday, when I had a huge margin after the first run and then I lost gold," Compagnoni said. "But this time it was giant slalom, my favorite race, and I had an even bigger lead."

Compagnoni finished with a two-run time of 2 minutes, 50.59 seconds to successfully defend the title she won in Lillehammer.

She also won a gold medal in the super-G in 1992 at the Albertville Games.

Alexandra Meissnitzer of Austria won the silver medal in 2:52.39 and Germany's Seizinger, winning her third medal in five days, was third in 2:52.61.

"Deborah, she is better than the rest of the world," Meissnitzer said. "It was the most difficult course and hill I've ever skied on. It was a really demanding race."

Seizinger won gold medals in the downhill and combined earlier this week. Meissnitzer was a bronze medalist in the super-G last week.

A mixture of rain and



KRT Photo

Deborah Compagnoni took a 1.8 second lead in the woman's slalom yesterday to become the first Alpine skier to win three Olympic gold medals.

snow fell during both runs. The second run was moved up 45 minutes because of the deteriorating weather.

"The course is very difficult and now with the rain it's impossible," said Herwig Demtschar, the U.S. women's coach.

"The only woman who can ski this course is Compagnoni."

Seizinger's bronze gave Germany six of the 15 medals in the women's Alpine events at Nagano. The Austrians have been even more dominant in the men's races, taking seven of the 12 medals so far, with the slalom remaining Saturday (Friday night EST).

Compagnoni, who has overcome a series of physical problems throughout her career that include surgery on both knees, a

broken shinbone and intestinal surgery, finished the first run with a lead of .94 seconds over France's Sophie Lefranc.

Compagnoni also held a big lead after the first run of the slalom a day earlier, only to lose the gold to Germany's Hilde Gerg by six-hundredths of a second.

But Compagnoni's specialty is the giant slalom, in which she is two-time defending world champion. It's the event in which she won nine straight World Cup races, a streak that ended just last month.

"It's a very difficult and technical course, the kind of course I like most," Compagnoni said of the Olympic giant slalom. "It's a course where you must use your brains in addition to your legs."

The soft-spoken

Compagnoni is uncomfortable in the spotlight, but has become the target of Italian paparazzi and headline writers because of her romance with Alessandro Benetton, heir to the clothing company fortune.

A small band of Italian fans chanted "Deb-Deb-Deborah" at the finish line. After wrapping up her victory and seeing her time, Compagnoni turned to the crowd and raised her arms in triumph.

"This gold is very important to me because it came after yesterday's silver medal, which was a great achievement but disappointing to me because I came so close to the gold," she said.

Lefranc finished fifth, behind Germany's Martina Ertl. Andrine Flemmen of Norway, third fastest on the first run, finished 10th.



MEDALS TABLE

1998 Nagano Winter Olympics

Wednesday, Feb. 18
50 total events

Nation	G	S	B	Tot
Germany	9	8	8	25
Norway	7	8	8	20
Russia	9	5	2	16
Austria	3	5	7	15
Canada	5	5	4	13
Netherlands	5	4	2	11
United States	5	2	4	11
Finland	2	3	5	10
Italy	2	6	2	10
Japan	4	1	3	8
France	2	1	3	6
Switzerland	2	1	3	6
China	0	4	0	4
South Korea	2	0	1	3
Czech Republic	0	1	1	2
Sweden	0	1	1	2
Belarus	0	0	2	2
Bulgaria	1	0	0	1
Denmark	0	1	0	1
Ukraine	0	1	0	1
Belgium	0	0	1	1
Kazakhstan	0	0	1	1

G-Gold, S-Silver, B-Bronze

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■ SKIING

Tomba crashes in giant slalom

The Associated Press

SHIGA KOGEN, Japan
Alberto Tomba has always had a flair for the dramatic. So maybe he's saving his best for last.

Though it might be too much to ask, what better way for Tomba to finish his Olympic career than to grab another medal — better still, gold — in the final Alpine ski race of the Nagano Games?

So far, the signs are not promising. The 31-year-old Italian megastar crashed in the giant slalom Thursday. His race ended after only 18 seconds of the first run when he hooked a gate, flew in the air and landed heavily on his back.

Italian team officials said Tomba suffered deep bruising of his backside and was undergoing laser therapy.

He felt better 24 hours after the crash, said Allisia Tomba, his sister and spokeswoman. He inspected the slalom course and likely will race in the event on Saturday (Friday night EST), she said. However, he did no training.

Tomba, grimacing with pain, was cautious Thursday about his prospects.

"Tomorrow, I don't know," he said. "After that hard fall ..."

Entering his fourth Olympics, Tomba's expectations — and those of his fans — were more modest than usual. But hopes for a final Tomba flourish were high.

The slalom is the race that presents him with his best chance for a medal.

His fans will hope for a repeat of his heroics on the final day of the Lillehammer Games in 1994. In 12th place after the first run of the slalom,

Tomba skied a spectacular second run to take the silver medal.

That made him the first man to win an Alpine medal in three straight Olympics. He also won gold in the slalom and giant slalom in 1988 and the GS in 1992, and silver in the slalom in 1992.

With 49 career World Cup victories in slalom and giant slalom since 1985, Tomba has been inconsistent this season and has hinted this could be his last year.

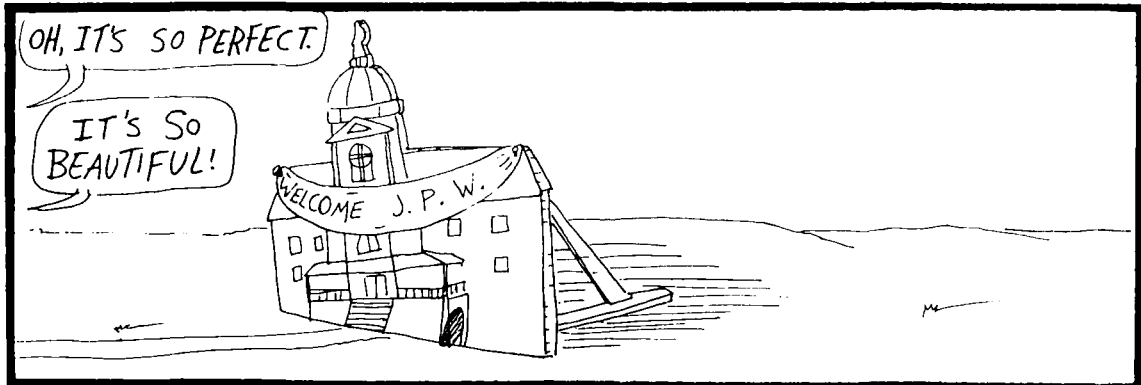
The Japanese jinx doesn't help.

Throughout his illustrious 13-year career, he has never won a race in Japan. At the 1993 world championships in Morioka, he pulled out of the GS with a stomach ailment and fell in the first run of the slalom.

"Japan doesn't bring me much luck," he said. "I've always failed here."

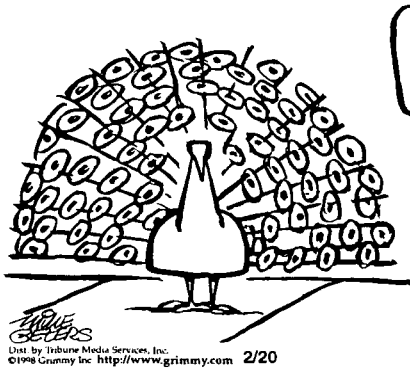
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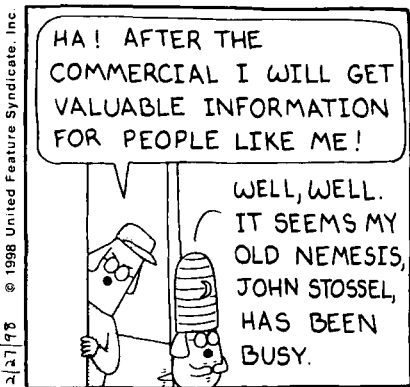
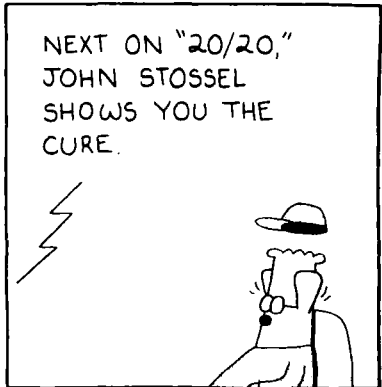
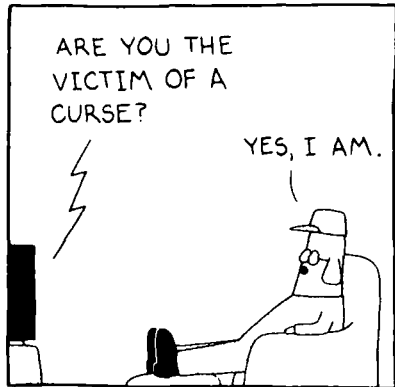
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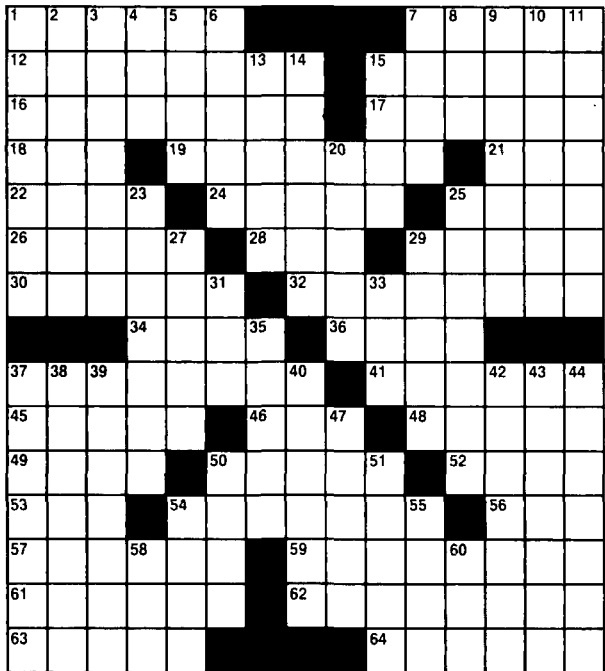


CROSSWORD

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- 1 Lacking significance
 - 7 Deep Blue specialty
 - 12 Laments loudly
 - 15 Successor of Nikita
 - 16 Ice cream flavor
 - 17 It may have a berth to Perth
 - 18 Pump
 - 19 Brighten
 - 21 Returns letters
 - 22 Cutlet?
 - 24 Danielle's darling
 - 25 — B'rith
 - 26 The Fair Maid of Kent and namesakes
- DOWN**
- 28 Robert Morse tour de force
 - 29 Dirt-court game
 - 30 Raid
 - 32 Art lovers
 - 34 Garbed
 - 36 Increase dramatically
 - 37 Wolverines' rivals
 - 41 Ahead
 - 45 — — — — — midi
 - 46 A.M.A. members
 - 48 Burt Reynolds film
 - 49 Somewhat
 - 50 Coventry coolers
 - 52 Losers at Vicksburg
 - 53 Prog. Cons. opponent, in Canada

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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Puzzle by Alan Jay Weiss

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- 33 Unduly
- 35 "Women Ironing" artist
- 37 Belief in false gods
- 38 Operating periods
- 39 Found fault with
- 40 Lampoons
- 42 Was humiliated
- 43 "Class" star
- 44 Lorax creator
- 47 Impolite sound
- 50 Sunday-meeting link
- 51 Classical walks
- 54 Saturday night specials
- 55 Offended
- 58 "— Beso" (Paul Anka song)
- 60 Back

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YOUR HOROSCOPE

Aries: The world must have slowed down while you were asleep. Days go by with each passing hour. Others are unable to comprehend how you can move so quickly, or why you would want to.

Taurus: Your patience is legendary today. You get your way by simply waiting for events to agree with you. Because you haven't wasted energy going the wrong way, you end up ahead by not even moving.

Gemini: A friendly competition takes on an edge today. A territorial dispute lies at the root of a seemingly harmless disagreement. You may need to mobilize your forces to defend what is rightfully yours.

Cancer: Business and pleasure play tug-of-war with your day. Whatever you do is just not enough. Keep your impatience on a short leash and your mind wide open.

Leo: A routine is a good thing to have, but yours will require some flexibility today. Confusion reigns when a process becomes the end instead of the means. Be open to others if you want your day to run smoothly.

Virgo: Creative collaboration pays off when others finally get what you have been saying. Romance twinkles in the eyes of someone who really notices you. The world feels your presence today.

Libra: Sentiment is no substitute for hard facts in making today's decisions. Your favorite way of doing things may be impractical at this point. Small oversights will result in dire consequences.

Scorpio: It will be obvious to everyone that you have your eyes on the prize. Repeating a story too many times is likely to bore others. After a point, talking is no longer an acceptable substitute for doing.

Sagittarius: Your light heart and free spirit are weighed down by material concerns today. Money and possessions take up too much of your brain capacity. It may be time to redefine your values.

Capricorn: Dress for success today, because it may well happen. Upward mobility is not a myth to those who have earned it. Changes made at this time are likely to be permanent.

Aquarius: You feel boxed in today, stuck in a room of locked doors. Someone is preventing you from completing a task that was supposed to be easy. The current set of restrictions is only temporary, however.

Pisces: Reality is not all that far from your imagination today. Join forces with other dreamers to make things come alive. This is a day when the friend of a friend comes in very handy.

MENU

North

- Chicken Stew over Baking Powder Biscuits
- Oriental Vegetables
- Shrimp Poppers
- Linguine with Vegetables

South

- Turkey Rice Soup
- Stir-fry Chicken & Pea Pods
- Shrimp Poppers
- Vegetable Egg Rolls
- Baby Carrots

St. Mary's

- Rigatoni w/ Italian Sausage
- Beef Barley Soup
- Roast Pork Loin
- Veal Madeline
- Baked Manicotti

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Men's Basketball vs. Miami Irish hope to break out of rut

By MIKE DAY
Sports Editor

It's a dangerous rut for a team to fall into. Playing to the level of one's competition rarely leads to success.

Just ask the Notre Dame basketball team. Over the last few weeks, the Irish have gone head-to-head with both the best and the worst the Big East conference has to offer. And for the most part, they have held their own.

The trouble is, no matter who the opponent is, the Irish seem to be one step behind. Whether it's No. 6 Connecticut or league doormat Rutgers, the outcome has been decided in the game's final minutes. Unfortunately, the Irish have ended up on the losing end.

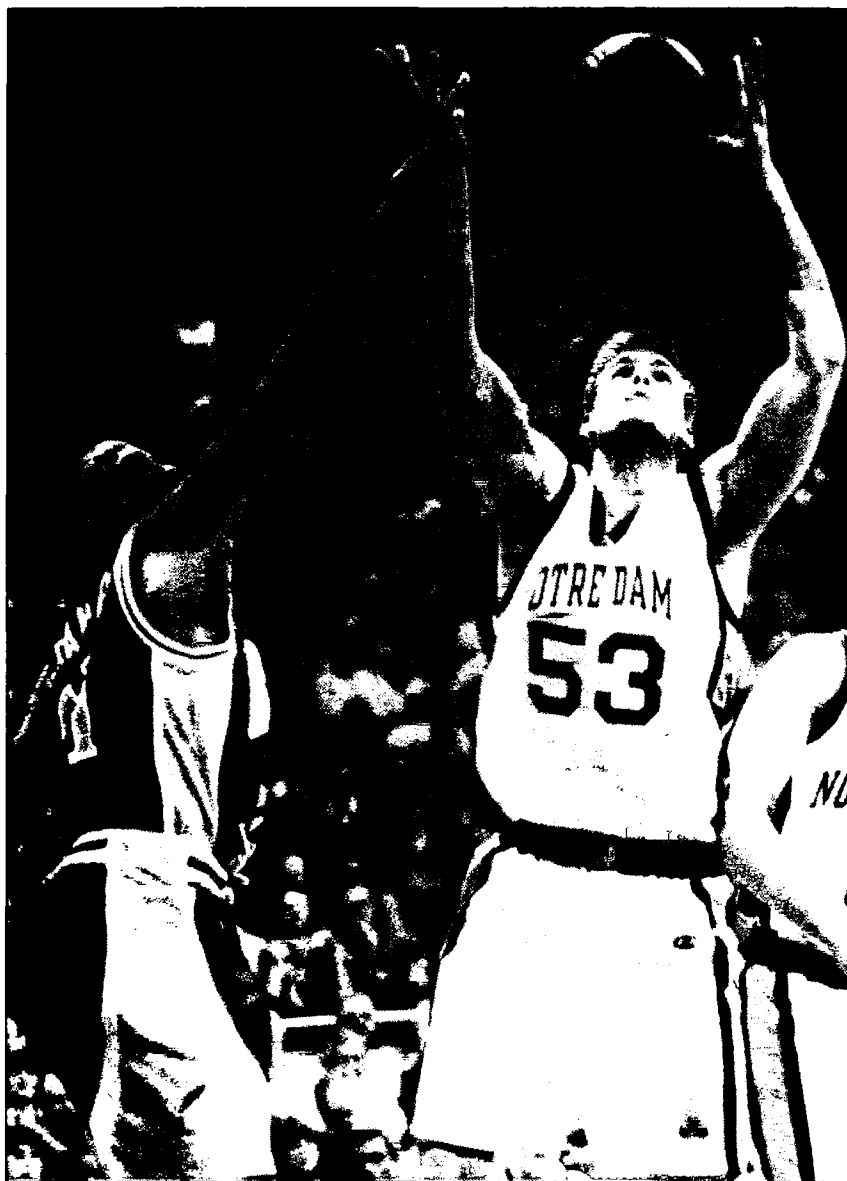
"We've played the good teams tough and have struggled against some of the teams we know we should beat," said point guard Martin Ingelsby. "We need to be more consistent and find a way to finish a step ahead instead of a step behind."

This Sunday at the Joyce Center the Irish will encounter another one of the "good" teams in the Big East — the Miami Hurricanes. Last Saturday, the Irish matched the Hurricanes stride for stride before faltering at the end, 66-57.

Notre Dame committed an eye-popping 23 turnovers and connected on just 38 percent of its shots from the field. To make things worse for the Irish, Miami played without its leader Johnny Hensley, who was suspended for five games after violating an unspecified team policy.

Meanwhile, Miami's impressive front court combination of Tim James and Vernon Jennings combined for 32 points, 20 rebounds, and nine assists.

"Miami did a good job of defending us," said Irish head coach John MacLeod. "They pressured us, they beat us to the loose balls, and they



The Observer/John Daily

After a six-game slump, Pat Garrity scored a game-high 31 points for the Irish.

forced 23 turnovers. We were able to control the defense early, but then we just hit a skid."

Although the Hurricanes own an impressive 17-6 record, they have struggled somewhat after starting the season 12-1. Thus, despite last Saturday's outcome, the Irish are

confident they can turn things around this weekend.

"It's the time of year when we've got to come together and avoid making mistakes," said senior forward Pat Garrity. "We know what

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



The Observer/Kevin Dalum

Ruth Riley (00) is ranked second in blocked shots.

Huskies pose threat for Irish

By BILL HART
Sports Writer

In the past week the Notre Dame women's basketball team has dominated on their own court. Conference opponents began to fear the floor of the Joyce Center, as the team tore through their home schedule with a vengeance. However, this Saturday the Irish will become the visitors, as they face Connecticut in one of the toughest battles of the season.

This week, the second-ranked Huskies clinched the Big East Six divisional title with an 86-50 triumph over St. John's on Wednesday. UConn shot .600 (33-55) from the field, while freshman guard Svetlana Abrosimova led five players in double figures with 16 points for the game. Seniors Paige Sauer and Kelley Hunt finished with 12 and 10 points for the game. Sales, the Huskies' leading scorer this season, has 2,149 career points and needs just 29 to break the all-time UConn record of 2,177 held by Kerry Bascom. She leads the conference in scoring and is 16th in the nation at 21.6 points per game. Sales has also become the all-time Big East steals leader, surpassing the former mark of 194 held by Georgetown's Nadira Ricks.

"It's a great opportunity for us," head coach

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HOCKEY



The Observer/Joe Stark

The Notre Dame hockey team hopes to step their momentum for the playoffs.

Icers look ahead to playoffs

By CHARLEY GATES
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame hockey team is on the verge of clinching its first playoff birth in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association league playoffs in three years. The Irish currently sit in seventh place in the 11-team league, one point ahead of eighth-place Ferris State and two points behind sixth-place Lake Superior State. The top eight teams in the league advance to the post-season.

"Our first goal is to be in a good spot for the playoffs," remarked senior captain, Steve Noble.

One of Notre Dame's goals a week ago was home ice advantage in the playoffs, which goes

to the top four teams in the league. However, two CCHA losses last weekend have put the matter largely out of Irish hands and Notre Dame would need teams ahead of them to fall fast and furiously for them to reach fourth place.

On the other hand, Notre Dame is almost a lock to make the playoffs, as they lead ninth-place Alaska-Fairbanks by eight points. For the first time in head coach Dave Poulin's three-year tenure, the Irish will most likely be headed for post-season action.

"Our goal is to get on a roll for the playoffs," said Noble. "We'd like to get some momentum going as we head down the final stretch of our season, and then hopefully that will carry

over into the playoffs."

Notre Dame still has plenty of incentives to finish strong. If they finish higher in the standings, they will play a lower-ranked team. The Irish will have a better chance of succeeding in the playoffs if they play a lower-ranked team.

"We are focusing on the battle we have going with the teams around us in the standings," mused Noble. "We're competing with Ferris State and Lake Superior State and we are going to do the best that we can to get ourselves ready and to get on a roll headed into the post-season."

This weekend, the Irish play two away CCHA games. On Friday night they will battle

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vs. Miami,
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Swimming at Big East
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