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■ SECURITY BEAT

Drunk driver collides with student's car, injures 3

By HEATHER COCKS
News Editor

A drunk driver allegedly hit a car containing three Notre Dame students Friday night, seriously wounding one passenger and leaving the other two girls with only minor injuries.

Walsh Hall sophomore Serena Kubiak suffered a head injury and did not regain consciousness until Sunday afternoon in the Intensive Care Unit of St. Joseph Medical Center, according to her roommate, Kristin Leonardo.

Senior Luz Maria Rodriguez, also from Walsh, needed stitches in her forehead and treatment for an elbow sprain; the driver, off-campus senior Jennifer Gorman, escaped with minor cuts and scrapes.

At about 11:15 p.m., a speeding, southbound vehicle turned onto Mishawaka Avenue from 32nd Street, smashing into the driver's side of Gorman's east-bound car, she said.

"The other guy had a stop sign, but I don't even think he slowed down for it," Gorman said. "He just blew right through and hit my car, and then he kept on going

'THE OTHER GUY HAD A STOP SIGN, BUT I DON'T THINK HE SLOWED DOWN FOR IT. HE JUST BLEW RIGHT THOROUGH AND HIT MY CAR, AND THEN HE KEPT ON GOING UNTIL HE CRASHED INTO A POLE ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD.'

JENNIFER GORMAN
OFF-CAMPUS SENIOR, CRASH VICTIM

needed staples to close it up, but Serena's doing really well now,"

Kubiak, who sat in the backseat and was not wearing a seatbelt, struck her head after the impact of the collision threw her around the car's interior, according to Leonardo.

"It was a deep lesion — the doctors

Leonardo said. "Her neurosurgeon ran a CAT scan and said it came back clear, so that was a huge relief."

Kubiak's mother requested that her daughter receive no calls or visitors while she recuperates, said Leonardo, adding that Kubiak will leave school for the rest of the semester.

"As soon as Serena's up to it, she'll go home to recover there," she said.

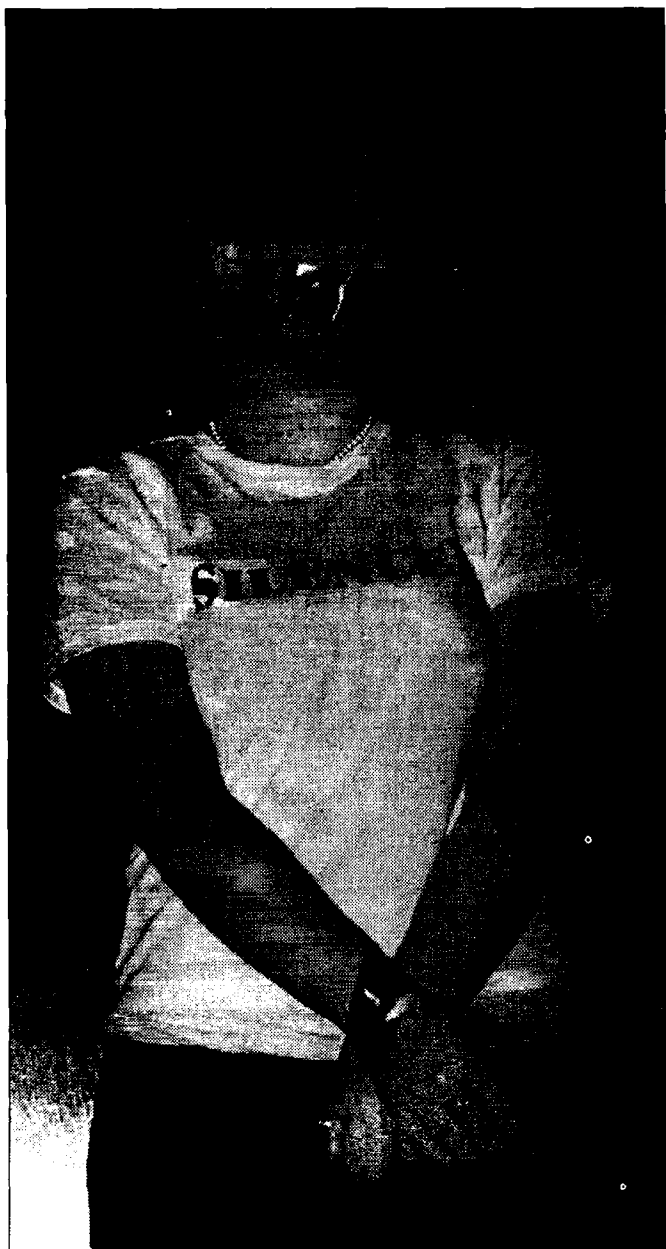
The other driver may have emerged unscathed, according to Gorman. Police tests listed the his blood alcohol level as 0.22, she said. That is more than twice the legal limit; the South Bend Police Department could not be reached for comment.

As of Sunday night, no charges had

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'Alliance Denied: Are you losing your voice?' *T-shirts worn by Alliance protestors*

Students protest club status refusal



By ALLISON KOENIG
Saint Mary's News Editor

Members of The Alliance gathered outside of Saint Mary's College president Marilou Eldred's office Friday for almost eight hours to protest her denial of official club status to the group.

Several demonstrators wore T-shirts featuring the word "SILENCED" and placed red tape on their mouths as a symbol of the silencing of the student body, which is what they claim Eldred's decision mandates. Alliance member Pookie Sherer wore a shirt stenciled with the phrase, "Alliance denied. Are you losing your voice?" and asked students passing through the LeMans hallway to sign petitions that stated simply, "I will not be silenced."

"I think the demonstration was a strong sign to the president of the College that her proposal does not meet student needs," stated Alliance member Kelly Curtis.

"We had really positive reactions," said demonstrator Stephanie Lancaster. "People stopped, asked questions, went away to think about what we told them, and then would come back and sign a petition."

"We were able to initiate one-on-one dialogues with students," Sherer said. "If people declined signing the petition, they had to verbally refuse, and I think that caused many of them to walk away and really evaluate why they said no."

"It was very non-confrontational for students, and I think they responded well to that," Lancaster added. "It was certainly confrontational for Dr. Eldred, however."

"I'm glad to see so many students involved," said student body vice president Lori McKeough. "It's good to see the expression of a lack of concern about the student voice."

"I was proud of the way that the students who protested reacted. They handled themselves in a respectful manner," said student body president Nikki Milos. "My hope is that President Eldred will give students a way to express their opinions, other than in a protest."

Vice president of student affairs Linda Timm, who was out of town during the protest, believes that Eldred will continue to seek out

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Former members describe gang life

By ALLISON KOENIG
Associate News Editor

In only 15 years, Brother Bill Tomes has presided over 144 funerals of young victims caught in the crossfire of Chicago's gang warfare.

Tomes, a member of the Brothers and Sisters of Love order from the Catholic Charities, spoke Saturday afternoon to a group of students on his ministry experiences in Cabrini Green, one of Chicago's many low-income housing projects.

Tomes was accompanied by his assistant, Brother Jim Fogerty, and Scott Ellis and James Griggs, Cabrini Green residents who are former gang members.

The discussion was preceded by a videotape of a CBS feature report on Tomes' work that was filmed a few years ago.

Tomes then opened the floor for questions from the student audience.

"Why are you here today?" asked a student.

"To enlighten you to our experiences," responded Ellis.

"Life has been brutal," Ellis said of living in the projects his entire life. "I thank God that [I am here] to talk to you right now."

Ellis and Griggs discussed how they became involved with gangs, membership in which is almost expected of all young men in the projects. They stated that outsiders begin to associate a person with a particular gang simply by a person's relationship or friendship with others in a gang.

"The building you're in is the gang you're with, because if you hook up with another gang from another building, you can't really get into your home," Fogerty said.

A student asked if it is possible to live in the projects and not become involved with a gang.

"It is possible ... extensive after-school programs for kids would really help," Griggs said.

"Most kids are going to learn everything about it whether or not they're involved," Fogerty said.

Tomes explained that a gang can be the source of affection and other familial-type benefits for members, and those provisions may be more than some members received from their actual families.

Fogerty addressed the role of the government and police officers in gang life.

"The government and police force don't have good relationships with people," he said. "There's not really any trust; there's a very antagonistic relationship there."

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■ INSIDE COLUMN

\$100,000

What can you get for \$100,000?

A night in the Lincoln bedroom, I think.

You could buy a Hummer.

You could sing about one-tenth of a Barenaked Ladies song.

\$100,000 is a Brobdignagian sum of money, probably more than I'll ever have at one time in my life as a high school teacher. To understand it, let's bring this to a more immediate level.

You could throw one helluva tailgater (with your parents, of course).

And you could buy a college football player for four years.

I know it comes to more than \$100,000 once you figure in books, travel, free clothes and stipends, but I lose mathematical accuracy over \$100,000.

OK, so what do the football players get for their \$100,000 worth of services?

Don't choke on your lunch in your hurry to answer. I know you, like everyone else, have a long list. Women will be at the head of your list, I'm sure. Preferential treatment probably ranks pretty high. I won't go through the lists I've heard lest I use the rest of my allotted space.

But frankly I'm getting horribly tired of hearing people go through these lists, so let me add my items to your list.

For four or five years, you get a big target painted on your back. In class, in the dining hall, in the dorm. Everything you do, every day, is scrutinized. C'mon, how many of you have called a friend either here or at home with some tale of your run-in with a Notre Dame football player?

As a football player, if you trip in the dining hall, you know someone will recount the story that evening. If you answer incorrectly in class, you know people will hear about it.

You get to have every wanna-be tough guy with beer muscles wanting a piece of you. If you're a lineman, chances are you're not that concerned. Until you figure in the fact that you can't do a thing or your scholarship is gone. Yeah, I could probably beat up Mike Rosenthal too, if he wasn't allowed to fight back.

You get to work out while others hang out. You get no holidays with your family. You get to wake up most mornings in the offseason with trouble walking, sore from training. We'll leave exploitation out of this discussion, as that's another day, and another column.

You get to have people who are no comparison skill-wise critique your every move. Ron Powlus was undoubtedly the best or second-best quarterback on campus this year. So where do people who will never be close to as good as he is get off ripping him? You know you said something negative about him this year. Why don't you get some footballs and a tire to hang from a tree and invite Ron over?

You get to have many people (I said *many*, not *all*) wanting a piece of you only because you play football wanting to tell their friends they know somebody who's actually on TV. TV!

So you get to go through what are supposed to be the best years of your life, often not knowing someone's motivation for being around you. To many, you cease being a person and become a persona.

I would think at this school, where so many lived high school lives under the microscope that is the popularity of athletic captaincy or student government, that people would remember what it feels like.

This column is obviously not to suggest that being a football player is a negative experience. But before we assume the life of a football player is heaven, we should remember what it felt like to live in the fishbowl. Or ask someone who has. Then weigh that feeling against the feeling of having anonymity whenever you'd like it. Then \$100,000 doesn't seem like that much money.

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Outside the Dome

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Tufts community debates racial content of magazine

MEDFORD, Mass.

Student complaints over the Feb. 12 issue of The Primary Source, the campus magazine of Tufts University, sparked dialogue at the Community Union Senate and prompted the senators to decide whether or not they should hold a forum to discuss the responsibility of campus media groups.

During open forum, the Senate heard from Pan-African Alliance (PAA) president Gareth Robinson, who voiced concerns about The Primary Source.

"The issue is the writing of The Primary Source. A lot of what is in here is a lot of offensive imagery," Robinson said.

Referring to the most recent issue of the Source which parodied the Task Force on Race report, he said, "They did something that is very offensive to many students, espe-



cially African-Americans.

"I believe the Source should exist. My concern is as far as their funding is concerned. I was wondering if the Senate could have an open forum for all campus media for us to sit down and discuss these issues."

A representative of the Arab Students Association said, "Many Arab students on campus found many things particularly offensive. We would also hope to have an open forum on this issue," she said.

A representative from the Tufts Community Union Judiciary also endorsed an open forum.

Senators discussed whether or not the Senate or the Media Advisory Board (MAB) should sponsor a forum to discuss the campus media. Senator Samar Shaheryer said, "We have decided to postpone the forum [originally scheduled for this Wednesday]. We really want to get a better idea ... There have been a lot of questions raised on whether we should be holding this forum."

"We want to know what people think. First, to see whether anything should be done at all. There are a lot of ideas out there — from a magazine to counteract the Source, to funding," she said.

Shaheryer added that MAB also has the authority to hold such a forum.

Senator Larry Harris said he worried that "it might appear as though we are putting this group [The Primary Source] on trial."

■ PENN STATE UNIVERSITY

Professor prepares for zero gravity

STATE COLLEGE, Penn.

During his 16 days in space, university professor James Pawelczyk will have a chance to run for three straight hours, climb inside a paper bag, dissect a few animals and teach a class to University students. And, he hopes, have a chance to look out the window. Pawelczyk, assistant professor of physiology and kinesiology, and the rest of the seven-person crew will not have much time for stargazing during their flight on the Space Shuttle Columbia April 2. They will fill their days with testing the effects of space flight on the nervous system, adjusting to space flight and interacting with the world below. University students will be able to question Pawelczyk about his work as they watch him through a television monitor. Meanwhile, a World Wide Web site designed by Kaspar Stromme provides images of the shuttle, updates of the crew's preparations and provides a forum for asking the crew questions via e-mail.

■ HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Lawyers settle malpractice suit

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.

The malpractice insurance company for University Health Services (UHS) agreed last Friday to pay \$1 million to settle a lawsuit brought against Dianne Drake, a UHS doctor between 1985 and 1996. Helena Nicholaysen, a 39-year-old Brookline resident and wife of a Harvard graduate student, sued Drake for not diagnosing her breast cancer until it had passed the point at which it could be effectively treated, spreading throughout her body to her lymph nodes. "[Nicholaysen] is dying because a doctor at Harvard University Health Services failed to take Mrs. Nicholaysen's complaints of a breast lump seriously," said Andrew Meyer, an attorney with Lubin & Meyer, the firm representing Nicholaysen, in a statement yesterday. "Dr. Dianne Drake failed to properly evaluate, monitor and follow up the lump reported by Mrs. Nicholaysen," he said.

■ OHIO UNIVERSITY

School reports most rapes in MAC

ATHENS, Ohio

From 1994 to 1997, no Mid-American Conference (MAC) school reported more than five rapes in a one year. Except OU. Under its new reporting system, OU reported 33 rapes in 1996 and 27 in 1997, numbers that some officials say provide a more in-depth picture of rape occurrences at OU and the state's other MAC universities. All other MAC schools in Ohio rely solely on the Uniform Crime Reporting method, which takes into account population, for reporting rape statistics. By federal law, every university must keep records by this method, which does not categorize the type of attack, report incidents not verified by law enforcement, nor include city police department reports. But low numbers at other schools do not mean rape does not occur on other campuses. One reason for low numbers could be the method police departments use to report sexual assaults, said Ted Jones, director of campus safety.

■ UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

Web regulation still far off, profs say

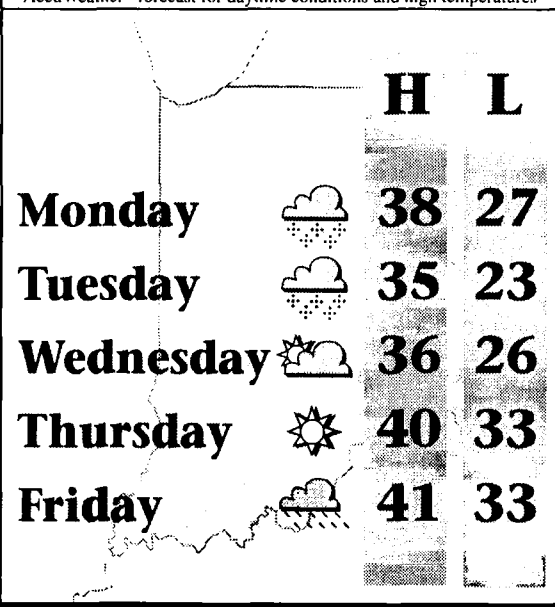
GAINESVILLE, Fla.

While the U.S. government is gearing up for another attack on the "indecent" of the World Wide Web, some university professors say it may be impossible to ever regulate the Internet. Both law and computer science and engineering professors say that because the Web is so huge, it cannot be regulated. During the past month, Congress has made proposals to restrict Internet sites that are "harmful to minors" even though other plans, like last year's Communications Decency Act, have failed because they were too broad. Right now, programmers are working on a driver's license type of identification system to be built into computers. The system would determine what areas of the Internet a user could access, said Richard Newman, assistant professor of computer science and engineering. "This would work better than anything else we have right now to keep kids away from adult sites," Newman said. "But the costs aren't worth it right now."

■ SOUTH BEND WEATHER

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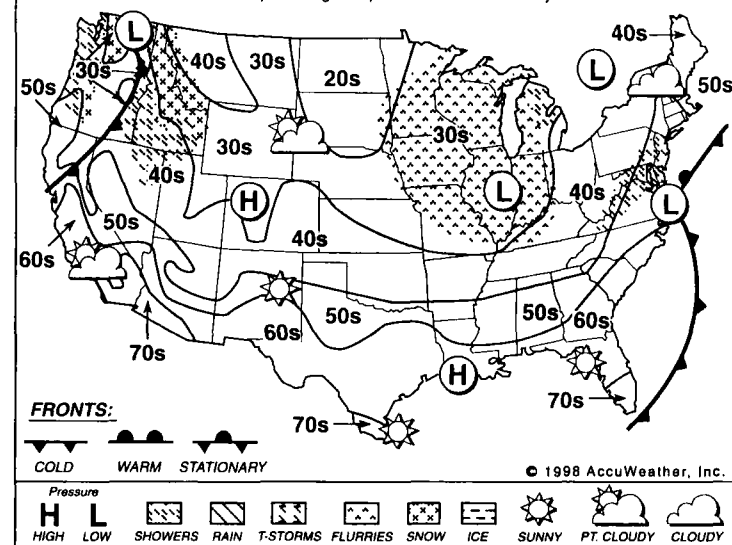


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■ NATIONAL WEATHER

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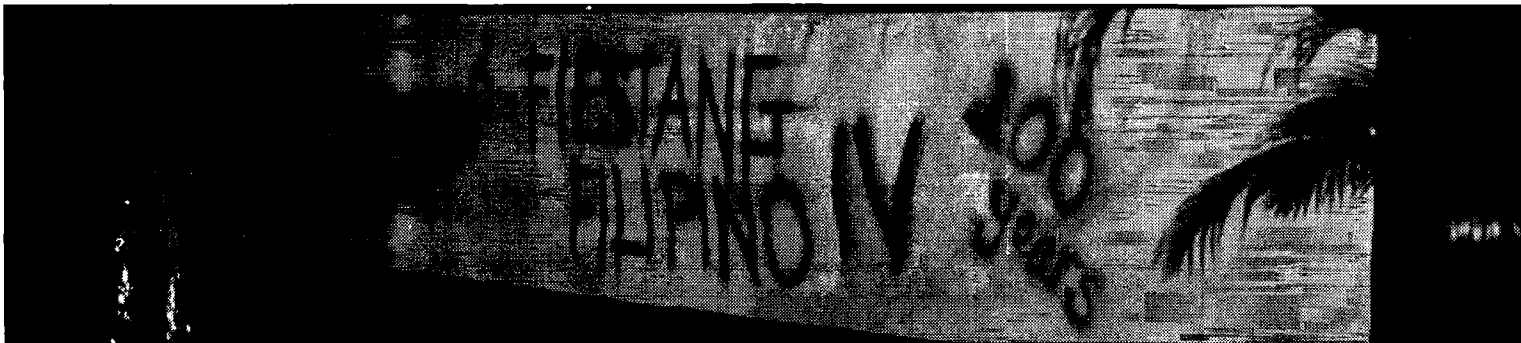
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Chicago	38	30	Manhattan	54	34	San Antonio	66	37

■ MULTICULTURAL BEAT

Students celebrate centennial of Filipino independence



LEFT: Students hung banners to decorate for this weekend's FASO-sponsored "Fiestang Filipino."

BELOW: Among the events was a performance by Troop ND.

The Observer/Michelle Keefe

By CHRISTOPHER SHIPLEY
News Writer

On Saturday, the Filipino-American Student Organization (FASO) presented the fourth annual "Fiestang Filipino," a celebration of the culture and history of the Philippine Islands.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the independence of the Philippine Islands. On June 12, 1898, the declaration of independence of the Filipino people marked the beginning of the revolutionary transition from Spanish to native rule.

"We come here together to celebrate a very important day in Filipino history," said Rona Reodica, president of FASO. "I hope you leave with a better understanding of the Philippine centennial."

This is the first time in its four-year history that Fiestang has been held at Stepan Center. Over 300 members of the Notre Dame community attended the event.

Everyone in attendance had an opportunity to sample authentic Philippine cuisine before the program started.

Following dinner, the cele-

bration began with several traditional Philippine dances. Presentations, such as Tinikling, Binasuan and Singkil, employed authentic costumes and tested the concentration and skill of the performers.

Dances were also given by a Purdue University dance group, who performed Maglalatik, and Troop ND, the University's hip-hop dance team.

The evolution of the Philippines, from oppression to freedom, was laid out by Tricia Sevilla, who presented several historical perspectives of the islands before 1898. A video presentation, "Heart of a Hero," detailed the plans for the centennial celebration later this year.

Dr. Max Basco, the chairman of the Philippine Centennial Committee of Chicago and Midwest States, gave the keynote address for the evening. In his talk, Basco praised FASO for exploring the rich heritage of the Filipinos and appealed to the audience to "not let Filipino spirit become dormant."

"We are the generation of Filipinos who enjoy the fruits of the struggle for democracy," Basco said. "On June 12, the

names of our national heroes will ring like they have never rung before."

Basco, the vice president of the Filipino-American Military Medical Officers Society, told the audience that the last 100 years have been crucial to the development of the Philippine Islands.

Basco stated that since the declaration of independence, the people of the Philippines have reached a new solidarity, seen the birth and growth of their race, and initiated an

active vision in international issues.

Basco urged the audience to perpetuate the "brilliant tapestry" of the Filipino heritage by involving themselves in the Philippine Centennial Movement, which is the official planning committee for the holiday.

"The centennial is a celebration of our glamorous past and future," Basco said.

Fiestang comes in the wake of the Coalition Council's recognition of FASO as "Organization

of the Year." In addition, sophomore Rona Reodica was named "Officer of the Year," and sophomore Fiestang commissioner Liberty Jones was named Council "Member of the Year." Voting for the awards was held in early February and was open to all members of the Coalition Council.

For information on the Philippine Centennial movement, contact the office of the Filipino-American Student Organization or the organization's president.





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Protest

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and listen to the student voice.

"The students' expression of concern [at the protest] is to be expected. It's important that we hear that, and the president is constructing ways so that she hears the dialogue," Timm said.

Timm hinted at a series of informal student gatherings which Eldred is planning to host in her home to further the discussion.

"That will be one of her ways of continuing the dialogue," she said. "How many college presidents do you know of that are willing to do something like that?"

Timm addressed the overall improvement of the treatment of sexuality topics on campus.

"Dialogue on the whole issue of sexuality has been so much better in the past two years," she said.

Timm praised Eldred's decision, stating that the whole dialogue had been elevated to yet another level.

"This is a dialogue that should be inclusive of the entire campus, and the president's letter makes that

clear," she stated.

Timm believes that the Committee on Relationships, and consequently the College, will greatly benefit from the goals Eldred cited in last week's letter to the Saint Mary's community which detailed her findings.

"The committee has a different status than before — it now has a priority that it didn't have before."

Curtis continues to assert that Eldred's proposal fails to fill the student-to-student support void.

"The issue of a student-run group is not going to just go away for the students," she said.

Timm is encouraging College community members to "step back and think about what Eldred said in the letter."

"Change does not happen overnight," she stated.

Regardless, students and members of The Alliance are planning a rally for today at 1:45 p.m. outside Stapleton Lounge, as a continuation of disapproval of Eldred's decision.

"We want to be assertive in a non-confrontational manner," Sherer said. "I think the rally will excite a lot of energy ... and be more inclusive of faculty and administration."

Gangs

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An audience member questioned the process and possibilities of leaving the projects and moving to a more favorable environment.

"If you have a job, you can leave," Ellis said. "Save money and get another place."

Griggs, who has also lived in Cabrini Green throughout his life, is now married and raising three children in the projects. He hopes to relocate in the near future.

"Moving is the best thing for my family, for my kids," he said.

Ellis continued to explain

that while it sounded simple, the situation was actually very complex. If a gang member seeks a regular job, he has less time to sell drugs and consequently, the gang chief or leader receives less money.

"In a gang, a job is a death penalty," concluded Fogerty.

Tomes described the magnitude of gangs' presence in the city.

"There are 70,000 gang members in Chicago," he said. "It's gotten to the point where you can't go to school without a gun. People get shot in the school buildings."

A student asked the panel what outsiders can do to help.

"Interact with the kids. They need someone ... or something to keep them busy," Griggs

said.

"Gangs are here," Tomes said. "They're going to be here a long time unless society changes."

Tomes related stories of accompanying groups of gang members to Mass, who always insisted on attending a service located far outside their neighborhood or territory.

"They didn't want to ruin their tough image," he said.

Tomes related his philosophy to the students which guides his work everyday.

"God wants us to love one another. In the midst of tough situations in Cabrini Green, in the projects, that's what I try to convey to the people," he said. "God loves us and wants us to love each other."

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Accident

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been filed against the driver, and Gorman said she did not know whether Kubiak's family planned to pursue legal action.

"I haven't even seen the police report yet," she said. "We haven't gotten that far.

The top priority was to make sure Serena pulled through this, and that she gets the rest she needs to recover.

"She is looking really good, though — her mother wanted Luz and I to see her since we were there [in the accident] with her," Gorman added. "She squeezed our hands and is getting ready to start therapy soon."

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■ WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Deaths cause Meningitis scare

PROVIDENCE, R.I.

The recent deaths of three children has caused a rush on meningitis vaccines and led the governor to plan to set up inoculation clinics in schools across the state. Three children from different communities have died since Jan. 12 after apparent bouts with meningitis. The most recent was Monday, when a 5-year-old boy died. Because children are falling ill with the bacterial infection at increasing rates, state health director Patricia Nolan has recommended that 250,000 state residents between the ages of 2 and 22 be vaccinated. But the vaccine is in short supply, and doctors' offices have repeatedly run out as Rhode Islanders hurry to get their children inoculated.

Bush seen as 2000 frontrunner

BILOXI, Miss.

Despite skipping the event, Texas Gov. George W. Bush topped a Southern states straw poll of possible GOP contenders in the 2000 presidential race. Bush was the choice of 18 percent of 1,106 delegates at the Southern Republican Leadership Conference, an organization of GOP activists in 13 states from Oklahoma to Virginia. Publisher Steve Forbes came in second at 15 percent followed by former vice president Dan Quayle at 12 percent and Sen. Fred Thompson of Tennessee at 10 percent. While contenders claim the results meant little, some delegates said the poll indicates how the GOP rank-and-file feel about their party's presidential lineup. "It doesn't say what's going to happen," said Robert Foy of Dothan, Ala. "But as of right now, I think it is significant for this moment." House Speaker Newt Gingrich, who politicked from table to table Saturday.

Russia buries last czar

MOSCOW

Despite last-minute hesitations by the Orthodox Church, the government has decided to bury Russia's last czar and close a painful chapter of history. The Cabinet voted Friday to bury the remains of Nicholas II and his family in the czars' crypt in St. Petersburg on July 17 — 80 years to the day after they were executed by a Bolshevik firing squad. The disposition of the remains has been the subject of heated debate since they were exhumed in July 1991 from woods near the Ural Mountains city of Yekaterinburg. First Deputy Prime Minister Boris Nemtsov said Yeltsin gave the Cabinet full authority over the burial plans, and Friday's decision was final. "There will be no other decision except this one," Nemtsov said. Nicholas was executed in Yekaterinburg, 900 miles east of Moscow, on July 17, 1918, along with his wife, five children and four servants.

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Britons protest 'country life' policy

250,000 march through
London streets

By AUDREY WOODS

Associated Press Writer

LONDON

A quarter-million people — hunters in red coats, fishermen carrying rods and reels, children, a brass band — poured into London on Sunday to protest a government they say threatens their rural way of life.

From the grouse moors of Scotland and the green valleys of Wales and England, landowners and laborers, fox hunters and their opponents brought their diverse grievances to the capital in Britain's largest single demonstration since anti-nuclear marches in the early 1980s.

In a show of strength that filled main roads through the city center, they marched in complaint about a government many see as unsympathetic and full of urban dwellers who don't understand their ways.

The crowd, which Scotland Yard estimated at 250,000, marched two miles from the Thames-side Victoria Embankment through Trafalgar Square to Hyde Park.

"Tony Blair Doesn't Care About Country Life" proclaimed a placard attacking the prime minister. "This Earth is for people, not just new Labor" said another.

Fox hunting was at the heart of the matter.

A Labor legislator has initiated a bill to ban hunting with hounds, provoking anger among thousands of men and women who gallop across frozen farmland on winter days in pursuit of the fox.

Hunting opponents say it is barbaric to allow dogs to tear a fox to death and that no civilized society can tolerate it.

Hunters say they provide a vital control of foxes, which are a farmyard pest, and that people who have no knowledge or understanding of the hunt have no right to deny them their sport.

The march was organized by the pro-hunting Countryside Alliance to protest the legislation, but a huge array of other interests joined in.

Among them are anti-hunting campaigners who have other conservation issues at heart — from saving hedgerows to halting construction on green fields.

Some landowners are unhappy with prospective legislation that would allow walkers to roam over their acres. Organizations for "ramblers," as the walkers are called, marched in support of such a law.

Through all these issues runs the thread of deep concern about preservation of the countryside and a sense that the government represents an urban viewpoint.

"Of course there has to be moderate change, but the government is attacking people like farmers," said Peter Haydon, who lives in Hertfordshire, 20 miles north of London, and works in the capital.

Farm worker William Campbell said he came with 26 others from his hometown of Desmartin in northwest Northern Ireland.

"I want politicians to change their mind about banning



AFP Photo

British demonstrators hold banners in Trafalgar Square yesterday in London as thousands marched toward Hyde Park to protest against recent changes they say make life impossible for those living in the countryside. The organizers of the rally, the Countryside Alliance, hope at least 250,000 farmers, hunters and fishing and shooting enthusiasts will join the march, making it the biggest protest in London in 20 years.

fox hunting and building on green-belt areas," he said. "And if the ramblers get their way, farmers will not even have a right of access to their own land."

Not all the marchers were country folk.

Peter Pender, a retired electrician, said the only countryside he knew about was the window box at his seventh floor apartment in Hounslow, west London.

But he said he resented the government's decision to ban the sale of beef on the bone because of concerns that it could transmit mad cow disease, or bovine spongiform encephalopathy.

"I think it's an attack on my freedom," Pender said.

■ BELGIUM

European nations move toward the 'euro'

By ROBERT WIELAARD

Associated Press Writer

BRUSSELS

Several European nations declared today they had met the strict economic criteria for the euro, meeting a deadline for starting the common currency in 1999.

The data showed as many as 11 of the 15 European Union nations may join the single currency — a participation rate that seemed unlikely only a few years ago.

A final decision will be made by the EU leaders at a summit in early May.

Economic figures from national capitals gave proof of how successful the countries have been in aligning their

economies, said European Commission President Jacques Santer and Yves-Thibault de Silguy, the EU finance commissioner.

In the recent years, the euro project has been boosted by healthy economic growth in parts of Europe. The EU economy grew by 2.6 percent in 1997. The outlook for 1998 is growth of 3.0 percent, according to EU figures.

All EU nations — except Britain, Denmark, Greece and Sweden — will likely shed their currencies for the euro if they meet the criteria, which includes a budget deficit of no more than 3 percent of gross domestic product, a public debt not exceeding 60 percent of GDP — or moving in that direction — and

low inflation.

Governments had to say by today how their economies performed in 1997.

Germany, France and Italy — whose participation in the euro is of key importance and whose economic performance has been widely questioned — said they meet all targets.

Germany and Italy each reported budget gaps of 2.7 percent of GDP. France put its at 3.0 percent. Finland came in at 0.9 percent. Ireland reported a 0.9 percent surplus.

In the past, Germany Italy and France have been accused of debt bookkeeping with critics charging that politics — not economics — drove the single currency project.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'We Teach Because We Can'

In response to Spencer Stefko's "Inside Column" printed on Feb. 25, 1998:

Although it may be an "old adage," I speak for myself, and fellow education teachers, when I say that "we teach because we can." It is teachers who have to be as knowledgeable in their content area as possible. It is pretty hard to fake what you know in front of a classroom of students who have a desire to know, "Why?" As a teacher one cannot just slide through a lesson and hope that no one will notice that they actually don't really know much about the topic, or simply hope that the students will not ask any questions. Lessons are constantly changing with the reactions of the students and a teacher must be prepared for anything and everything. Hence, I believe we teach because we can: We can adapt to changes in the classroom, we can explain a situation in many different ways to help students understand and we can answer the question "why" with confidence.

The suggestion that students should be able to receive a degree after taking their major courses and a few summer courses in the summer is clearly not well thought through. What about the 100 hours that Saint Mary's education students spend in the classroom and tutoring to learn how to deal with students? The time that we spend with students is crucial and during the summer months this experience is not readily available. How could one possibly learn how to run a classroom with no prior experience? Would you want your child to sit in a classroom with a teacher who had never taught before but had simply taken classes to learn the theories and common practices? I think all of the education majors would agree that we get more from the time we spend with students than the hours we sit in class and talk about theories. It is through experience that we learn what works and what doesn't, what type of assignment best benefits certain students, and how to effectively be their teacher and personal cheerleader at the same time.

You suggest that we could learn from our college professors on what are good teaching techniques. If you had ever taken a class in education you would know that most students do not learn from lecture. College for the most part consists of lecture courses. Also, many of the professors at all universities have had no previous education courses themselves. They teach in college for the fact that they are among the most knowledgeable in their content area, and for that they should be commended. But just because you know your content area does not mean that you can teach it or teach it well.

I just ask that you give education majors a little more credit. We not only are taking classes in our major content areas, education classes but we are also spending time in classrooms and tutoring so that we will be prepared for our students. We will most likely have one of the longest working days of most professions and unfortunately, we will receive the least pay. But to us, it doesn't matter, because we can change a child's life by giving them the opportunity to learn.



Jennifer Grams
Junior, Off-Campus
February 25, 1998

Columnist Doesn't Know What it Takes

I am writing in response to the Inside Column on Feb. 25, by Spencer Stefko. I am not trying to start a fight with Mr. Stefko; in fact I agree with him in that we need better role models for our youth.

However, I feel the need to address some misconceptions about the profession of teaching. As a senior Elementary Education major, I feel my four years of training have all been worthwhile, and I do not need my education nor my degree minimized by people thinking that "the classes essential to teaching could all be squeezed into a summer."

I have observed or taught at five area South Bend schools. I was required to accumulate at least 100 hours of classroom observation or related work with students, even before I could student teach. As a student teacher, I put in about seven to eight hours at school, not to mention the time outside school spent planning for the next day's lessons, researching and collecting resources.

As an aspiring teacher, I am prepared to be a parent, role model, counselor, nurse, listener, story teller, nose wiper and hug giver to my students. I am not a six hour teacher, I am a 24 hour teacher, dedicated to my calling and true to my mission of educating children.

Some people can be good teachers without studying education, some people in education are terrible teachers. I feel that to have even a slight concept of teaching, education courses are essential, observation time is valuable, and student teaching is a must. Through student teaching you can test the water. For some it may have been too cold and they jumped back out. For others, perhaps it was too hot. I found it to be just right and will gladly venture into the shark infested water anytime. Teaching is very challenging, and those who can, teach.

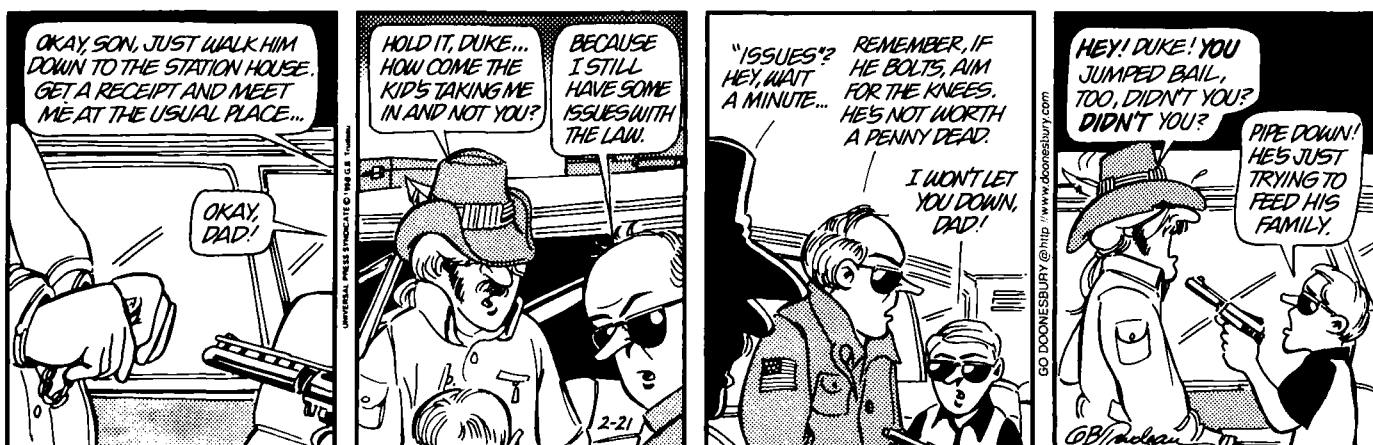
Besides shaping minds, touching lives forever and being a positive role model, at the very least I will have an insurance plan, a retirement fund and about a month of the summer to enjoy out of school.

What a bonus to this \$25,000-a-year profession.

Sarah K. Reynolds
Senior, Annunciata Hall
February 25, 1998

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GARRY TRUDEAU



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Taking to pieces is the trade of those who cannot construct."

—Ralph Waldo Emerson
on critics

■ FROM THE LEFT

Sweatpants and Malls: The Baffling State of American Culture

Every so often, I have that rare moment of lucidity where one side of being an American makes sense. I'm sitting in an International House of Pancakes, drinking their road tar coffee with my comrade Colleen just south of San Francisco about a year ago. Some polyester-clad management type has decided that what we consumers desire is an easy listening station who currently is piping in the soft mush of an Electric Light Orchestra song. In walks two elderly men, beltless brown pants hiked up too far, and they stumble over to a table in the corner. The Napoleon-complex manager seems disturbed by the few people in his already pristine IHOP, and verbally whips his waitresses into frenetic action.

**David
McMahon**

The pink wallpaper, the fake plants, the horrid teal-colored landscapes, the sweating control-freak manager, the strip mall, the dulling atmosphere, and the clueless sali-

vating mouths of the few patrons, eagerly awaiting the dutch-apple pancakes with powdered sugar they have come to love more than their children. We have done it! Trampled and lassoed the land! Tamed the wilds and replaced them with colonial-styled chain restaurants! We have achieved what we set out to do before and after Manifest Destiny: obtain the pure zen of comfort, surround ourselves with endless arrays of product choice and comfort-enabling devices and crush our emotions flatter than mass-produced pancakes. Congratulations are in order! Handshakes all around! The entertainment mall of Disney-driven dreamscapes has replaced the town square, and we can stroll about it via the democratic institution of the internet. We can wear our zebra-striped matching sport-team outfit and parade around the temperature controlled mall, the sticky coating of consumer resin crusting above our lips. We have created an empire based on an endless cycle of ever-increasing consumption and gluttony. We have reduced civilization to the post-modern rubble of sweatpants and malls.

Antiquated notions like justice, social morality, and human rights have been triumphed over by the market, self-absorption and apathy towards our own extinction. The strong economy so heralded by Alan Greenspan the world over is actually a quickening of our own demise as a species. Ever-increasing products for an ever-increasing market of ever-increasing population can only mean eventual saturation. We become blinded by our own technological gadgetry when it comes down to biological case studies of extinction. We so hubristically believe ourselves to be above laws governing nature because of our rational minds. The technological messiah is touted with increasing frenzy these days, in pointedly absurd and often contradictory manners. Media drools over the prospect of science/nature creating septuplets as we race towards overpopulation, and scarcity of resources. Nature channels brag about the human capacity to rebuild coral reefs, and the IRS gives Exxon added tax breaks for spilling oil in Alaska.

Kings of the dung heap — such as Nike — fashion a double exploitation of the poor: slavery in the sweatshops and shoes being sold to impoverished inner-city youths as an elixir of "gangsta" style. Michael Jordan shamelessly sells product for a morally bankrupt and evil company. The carnival of American consumerism has pitched a tent over all culture, rendering distinctions nearly meaningless as we all sit in the tent and watch the endless progression of Paula Jones, murdering nannies, world-class figure skaters, popes in Cuba, crazy Nigerian strikers, George Foreman-endorsed info-products and Nike poetry slams. We sit back, suck it all through a straw, and allow the decline of civilization to rage unabated. We don't see the money change hands, we miss the real enemies who hoist this endless deluge of junk into our minds and hands, because, as "The Baffler" so poignantly notes, power has become invisible, the enemy now honors Martin Luther King, Jr., the enemy sponsors the avant-garde, the enemy offers anarcho-socialist syndicalist transexuals the product of a lifetime.

This modus operandi of capital — the unloading of tiny plastic toys and bloated looking sneakers upon our society — is reinforced seven-fold by the middle-managers and dupes in corporations whose job it is to make sure we hunger for a little rebellion in our tacos or the accouterments of aristocracy in Cuban cigars. I bear eye witness to the endless parade of broken down corporate hags, pudgy cholesterol-ridden bosses and acne-faced young temps. Working as a temp in the past, I always encountered the lowest sorts of ground-down dust of capital, those who fit into Melville's conception of Bartleby the Scrivener. Quietly, they rebel in ways unknown even to them against oppressive business systems. They are quieted by the humor of capitalist-dupe "Dilbert," Scott Adams' creation which allows managers to laugh at they

own foibles and cry, "Aren't we all human," as they break strikes in Detroit, or sign themselves another 35 percent raise. Times are good. Indeed they are for the power class of this country whom everyone seems intent on ignoring these days, as the soup kitchen becomes replaced by increasingly complex means of bread for the masses — think only of NBA stars, Nike/Reebok-styled revolution, pierced punksters on Pepsi ads, or "doin' the Dew!" The unabated flow of junk distracts us from our own misery, from the massive poverty of our own people.

The distinction between entertainment and foreign policy, for example, has become a blurred line. First of all, we never hear a counterpoint to the discussion on Iraq, it is always a question of how our empire is going to punish this restless little neo-oil colony, and the absurd opinion — nearly alone in world opinion — that this little tin-pot dictator resembles Adolf Hitler at Munich. It is the kind of "Right Reason" Big Brother logic that creates the equation two plus two equals five. In 1992, Americans suffered from "Clean War Syndrome," the uncanny ability to separate ourselves from human suffering and death, as if



we had just left the film "Titanic" and thought momentarily about the horrors of human suffering. For six years now, the suffering of Iraqis due to our policies has never once entered the discussion. Imagine the impudence of the U.S., a country whose biological, chemical and nuclear capabilities make Iraq look like Kearny, New Jersey!

In any event, we need sound debate, with talk from the other side as well, before we allow the war hawks to descend once again into a nation far from ours. Or perhaps we maybe should just speed up development of electric cars and leave Iraq be. I believe that much like the chip being installed in TV, allowing parental discretion, we should now have a junkie chip as well, that filters out Dan Rather blather, Rush Limbaugh and all this Monica Lewinsky junk. Or perhaps the better measure would be to junk TV altogether and spend more time with our families, with our communities, and with ourselves, repairing what we've done to ourselves with Cap'n Crunch, Nike, the NBA, and so on, and so on.

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author, and not necessarily those of The Observer.

■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Students Unite for Gay Rights

I once believed homosexual activity was sin. But last school year in December, I found myself sitting on a chair by the charred opinion board in the Goshen College student union building for 20 hours over the course of the next four days.

Every year I attended Goshen College (a Mennonite liberal arts college near here) there was a debate on Christianity and homosexuality. But during my senior year it was intense. That Thanksgiving holiday, between two and three a.m., an unknown arsonist burnt most of the messages on the opinion board where students were debating the issue. Vandalism like that was very rare at Goshen.

A couple days later when we came back from break, I was sitting in chapel and got in a discussion with a friend who mentioned that late last night he'd removed a note from the board that read, "I hate fags, kill 'em all." After considerable discussion a group of us started a 24-hour vigil by the opinion board, not taking any position on the Christianity and homosexuality, we were just there to be a peaceful presence. For four days someone was always sitting by the board.

A couple months later, 60 students gathered at an unofficial poorly publicized pizza meeting sponsored on behalf of our unrecognized Lesbian Bisexual Gay Alliance (LBGA). Fifty students formed a group to promote tolerance and get the LBGA recognized, called the Advocates. Suddenly this became the biggest issue on campus to face our new president. We had the administration running for a while and they actually promised to setup a committee that would recommend granting the LBGA official club status by the end of the semester. We had 285 signatures on our petition and distributed 500 pamphlets. But the committee was not formed. The administration, professors, and students were in favor, but the big donors and conservative Mennonite constituency were not. In June, our undemocratic Board of Overseers met and decided they wouldn't even consider recognition until June 2000. The Advocates are now a recognized club, while the LBGA is not.

I'm one of those Christians who believes that homosexual activity is right and good. This is a small minority position within the Mennonite Church, as it is at Notre Dame. Historically, minorities have opposed only rich landowners having the right to vote, slavery, and the subjugation of women. They, too, were right.

So I ferociously condemn all the homophobes at Saint Mary's College and Notre Dame, as well as those who would kneel before the power of the wealthy donors who want to see oppression continue and falsely invoke the name of the Catholic Church. You cannot suppress the Alliance and GLND/SMC forever. God is not on your side.

Aaron Kreider
7B O'Hara-Grace
Feb. 27, 1998

Rock, JACC ...
Schlap?

I am writing to bring an issue into the public forum which I feel needs to be addressed. Although the new Rolfs Sports Recreation Center is a great facility, its name is its great weakness. When we refer to buildings, it is always with a quick, easy-to-pronounce word. For instance: the Rock, the JACC, Loftus, the Eck. All of these names can be quickly shot from your tongue. But the RSRC? What can it be called? It can't be called "Rolfs" because we already have the Rolfs aquatic center. "RecSports" is way too ambiguous. And I dare anyone to say "RSRC" phonetically without sounding like they're rabid.

Luckily, I have a solution. We must begin referring to the RSRC by an arbitrary nickname. I have found one that is simply everything you could ask from a nickname. It is: "The Schlappy." That's right, "The Schlappy," pronounced just how it looks. This could serve as a simple and unique name for the RSRC. Of course, it will inevitably be shortened to "The Schlap," which is a positive evolution. Going to work out at the Schlap tonight? Me too, I'll meet you there.

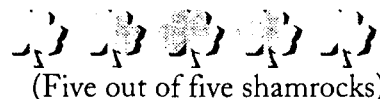
Frank Helgesen
Freshman, O'Neill Hall
Feb. 25, 1998

Oscar nomination brings 'Boogie' back to screen

"Boogie Nights"

Director: *Paul Thomas*

Starring: *Mark Wahlberg, Burt Reynolds, Julianne Moore and Heather Graham*



(Five out of five shamrocks)

By MIKE McMORROW
Accent Movie Critic

"Boogie Nights" is in the tradition of the "rise and fall" epic genre — a film that traces the life and career of a person mixed up in a profession that may lead to money, but certainly not to happiness. It is a film showing us why such a life, in this case pornography, is appealing, but also why that appeal is blind to reality.

The film stars Mark Wahlberg as Eddie Adams, a 17-year-old high school student working at a local nightclub. He meets Jack Horner (Burt Reynolds), an adult film producer. As most of the people who have heard of the film have heard, Eddie is quite well-endowed. Horner notices, and wants to give him a part.

"Boogie Nights" follows the development of Jack and Eddie's relationship, and introduces a number of colorful and entertaining characters who assist in the development of Eddie's career.

We meet Rollergirl (Heather Graham), a classmate of Eddie's in high school who became a drop-out porn star loyal to Jack Horner. We meet Amber Waves (Julianne Moore), who lives with Jack and has just recently been separated from her husband. In a mesmerizing yet chilling scene, we see

Eddie's first on-screen sex scene with Amber. It is a fascinating scene in that we see all reactions — the camera men filming the scene, the reactions of the director, Horner, and the way that Eddie and Amber handle such an occurrence. The movie's audience is forced to understand how these characters view sexuality.

One of the film's strengths is that it doesn't fall into the Hollywood trap of using sex as a rhetorical strategy; the movie doesn't use sex for the sexy qualities.

The film is concerned with the opposing views of the nature of sex within the confines of the different characters on the screen. That is the real subject. And it is the uncompromising presence of this "real subject" that allows "Boogie Nights" to explain why a life of hedonism and cheap sex may create the illusion of happiness.

This film does not get too wrapped up in preaching. It is true to the porn life in all respects. It lets the darker aspects of life come out in humorous form. There are plenty of raunchy jokes and moments when the viewer blushes for laughing, but can't stop.

Especially funny is a scene when Little Bill, Horner's assistant director William H. Macy

gets agitated at his porn-star wife's beyond-gratuitous promiscuity outside her profession. We know we shouldn't be laughing at such a situation, but of course we do. "Boogie Nights" is true to the nature of the humor about its subject.

In form and structure, the film resembles Martin Scorsese's "Casino" and "GoodFellas."

All three movies tell the story of the weakness of man and how this weakness manifests itself through the illusion of ephemeral happiness. All three get to the root of the problem and show us characters that are not one-note evil. There is a genuine sense of love among the main characters.

"Boogie Nights" is not afraid to admit that "low people" are capable of love and respect, even outside of their professional domain. These people are human and destined to care about something. Their only problem is that they don't know how to do so without letting their selfishness and ignorance come first.



Photo courtesy of New Line Cinema Productions, Inc.
Burt Reynolds plays adult film producer Jack Horner in "Boogie Nights."

The darker side of 'Dark City'

"Dark City"

Director: *Alex Proyas*

Starring: *Keifer Sutherland, William Hurt and Rufus Sewel*

(Zero out of five shamrocks)

By JOHN BARRY
Accent Movie Critic

"This is weird," said my friend Erin, about a half-hour into the movie. We sometimes call Erin "Master

of the Obvious." Calling "Dark City" weird is an understatement. In fact, calling the calling of "Dark City" weird is an understatement in itself. If you didn't quite catch the understatement in an understatement idea, just understand this — do NOT go see "Dark City."

Obviously, the next few paragraphs will just be a huge bashing of this "movie." "Movie" is said with great cynicism, because this is really like one of those weird goth/techno videos they show on MTV at 3 a.m.

Enough stalling. You're waiting for the inevitable plot summary because you have no idea what this movie is about.

Okay, here goes. Get ready to roll your eyes as far back as physically possible, because this plot is just WEIRD. "Dark City" is about aliens, (a cross between Uncle Fester on slim fast and Stephan King), who try to find out what makes a human being a human. These "strangers," as they are called, need to find out how to be like homo sapiens or else they will die. They do this by injecting their subjects with other peoples' memories, seeing how they react to the belief that they are, say, a serial killer.

Nobody in the film has a past and there's basically no character development, plus the viewer couldn't care less about what happens to the guinea pigs.

The overall theme of the movie is something like this — are we more than just the greater collection of our memories? Do our memories and our past experiences dictate behavior in the present? While this might seem profound, the questions are brushed over and answered as Yes and No.

"Dark City" follows one man as he



Photo courtesy of New Line Cinema Productions, Inc.
In "Dark City," aliens attempt to decipher what makes humans beings human and not alien.

achieves the alien's power to "Tune" (emit bad special effects from their foreheads) and therefore battle enemies and save the city from being a junior high experiment gone bad.

Yes, "Dark City" makes less sense than the material in chemical engineering classes.

The temptation is to label acting as the worst aspect of the movie, but there are a lot of parts that are absolute trash. Keifer Sutherland gives the worst performance of his career, acting as a cross between Quasimodo and William Shatner. He limps around like Ethan Frome, speaking three syllables at a time and throwing in obnoxious pauses for no apparent reason.



Photo courtesy of New Line Cinema Productions, Inc.
Rufus Sewel stars in the newly released sci-fi thriller "Dark City."

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"Strong bodies fight, that weak bodies may be nourished."

Monday, March 2, 1998

SPOTLIGHT

Molina gains revenge over Will

Senior captain ends career on a high note

By SHANNON RYAN
Sports Writer

As Lucas Molina sunk to his knees, sobbing and blessing himself, Tom Will hung his head and masked himself with a brave face.

There was no doubt this was more than a typical boxing match. It was a battle for vindication and of the heart. This was the sweet science at its sweetest.

Two captains. Controversy. Tension. A rematch.

It proved worthy of the talk.

As the emcee stretched the delivery of the decision, the roaring crowd of seconds ago fell close to silent then roared again in a medley of boos and cheers as Molina's raised arm indicated a win.

He had been vindicated.

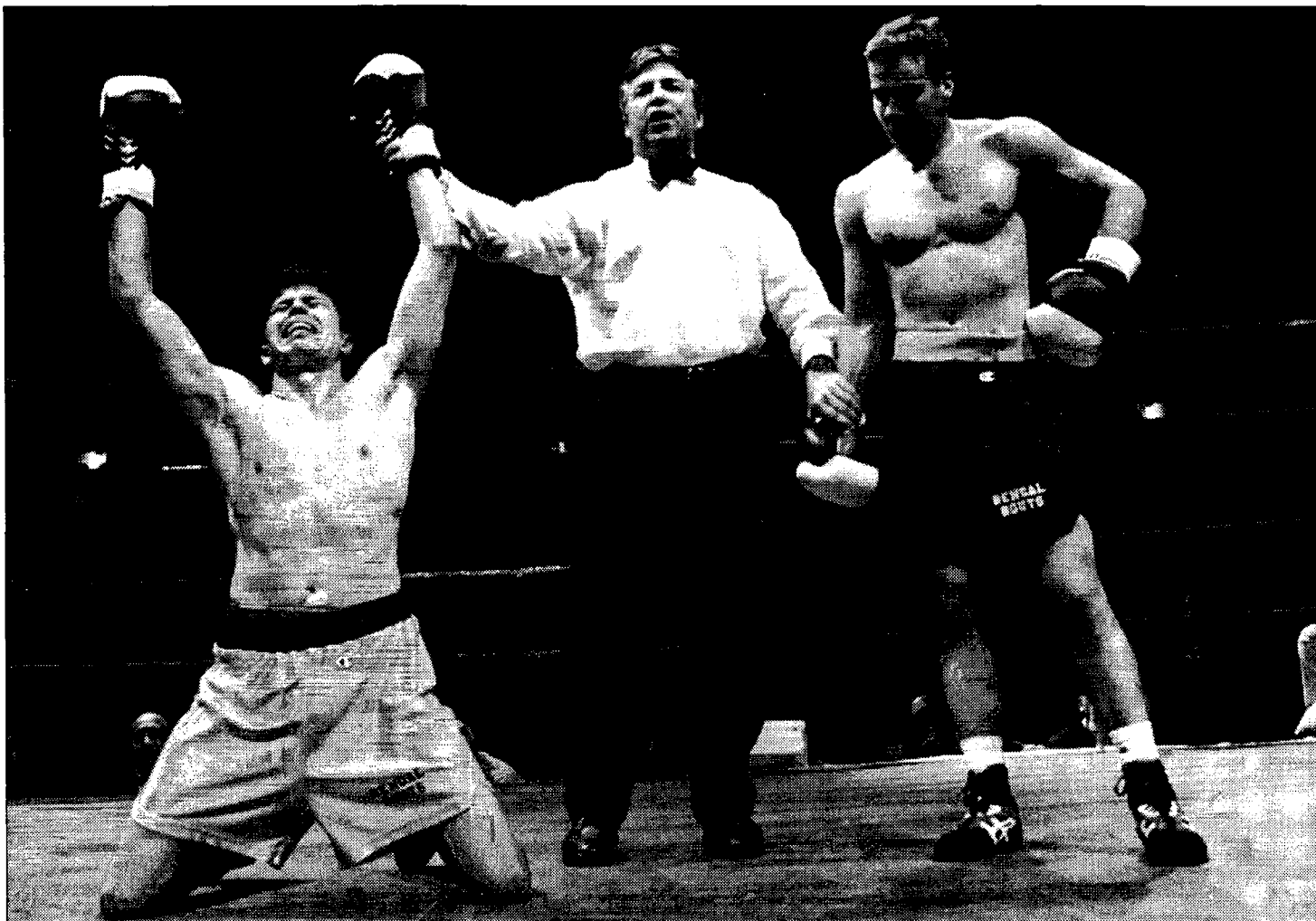
Last year, Molina thought he was slighted after the split decision went to Will. He left the ring without shaking hands, shaking only his head in dismay.

Last year, he was bitter and bewildered. This year, he was brilliant and brazen.

"I felt the pressure [going into the match]," Molina said after the match, enclosed in a tight hug from his wife and receiving slaps on the back from friends. "It feels so good to end as a champ. This definitely gives me lots of closure [after last year]."

After last year's controversy, the fighters never sparred in practice. Both admitted to awkwardness during preparation. The tension ran as high as the stakes. And they both knew it.

In the first round, however, it was Molina who pounced to draw first blood. The senior's swinging arms seemed to be made out of springs as he bullied Will into the ropes several times with his hooks.



Senior Lucas Molina (left) falls to his knees in celebrating his split decision victory over junior Tommy Will. The win helped Molina gain a measure of revenge against Will, who defeated him in last year's finals.

"He kept the pressure on and didn't relax at all," Will said. "He was throwing lots of hooks that were coming fast and crisp."

"El Mariachi's" black-booted feet didn't stop dancing in the second round. Nor did his gloves stop connecting.

Molina's full-packed punch sent Will jumping back on more than one occasion.

"I just told myself to keep punching," Molina said. "I think it was my power [that won it]. I know he can walk right through any of my jabs. But he rang my bell a couple of times too."

Will delivered some effective body shots and jabs, but Molina

knew they were coming and he was prepared. He combatted Will's patient intelligent strategy with his simple philosophy of quickness.

"I was ready to take his body shots," Molina said. "I think I can say I've developed quite a body shot."

In the final round, Molina had a slight edge and Will knew it could be close. He backed Molina into a corner with a surge of sudden power.

Awaiting the clotting of Will's blood in the third, Molina had time to think. As the crowd split in cheering of "Will" and "Molina," the Texas native questioned his confidence after the first and second rounds.

"I really couldn't tell who was going to win," Molina said.

But Will's late effort wasn't enough. And he, along with the judges, knew it.

"In every fight, you're not sure how much you scored because it's based on points," Will said. "But I knew it wasn't a decisive victory so it wasn't a dramatic let down. I didn't feel I had been cheated."

But Molina's mind was replaying last year, when he was robbed of what he thought was a deserving victory.

With the final clang of the bell, Molina knew he couldn't rely on his punches any more. So he prayed.

"I tried to say as many Hail

Mary's as I could before the last bell and the decision," Molina said.

Then his prayers were answered by a referee who raised Molina's glove into the air. This year, he had a different reason for tears.

Crowned king of the 135-pound weight class, Molina raked in his third championship, basking in glory.

Last year, Molina said, "He may have gotten the decision, but he didn't beat me. Tonight, the decision went the wrong way."

Now, a year later, Molina has proven himself in the ring and

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160 TO 170 POUND DIVISION

Biolchini joins his father and brothers as champion

By KATHLEEN LOPEZ
Assistant Sports Editor

160-POUND WEIGHT CLASS

Family ties permeate the Bengal Bouts each year. This year, a set of brothers competed, a father coached his son and three brothers coached and worked the corner for their younger brother.

Senior Chip Farrell had his fight in the corner for his 160-pound weight class championship. In the other, sophomore Tom Biolchini had his three brothers, all former Bengal Bouts competitors, in the corner.

"I heard everything they said," Biolchini said. "They were awe-

some, especially when it came to the uppercut."

The fight between Farrell and Biolchini took on a completely different look than was predicted. Biolchini charged right at Farrell, landing him in the ropes.

"I knew that I couldn't dog fight him because he is the best fighter," Biolchini said.

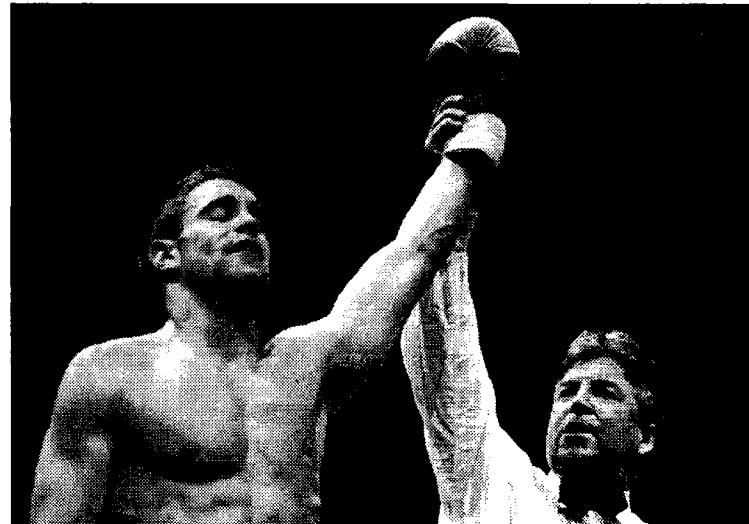
Farrell's technical type attack never truly materialized. For the first time of these Bouts, he found himself being attacked and not being the attacker. In the first round, Farrell did not land a scoring punch.

Both knew that in order to win a fight the boxer must control the center of the ring. Each battled for the upper hand, yet nei-

ther could fully control the center. The two fought in the center for the majority of all three rounds.

"It was completely thought of by my brothers because I was going to come right at him," Biolchini said. "They said no you need to go for the jab because he is too good a boxer and he will beat you."

The second round and third round consisted of the same, with Biolchini being so aggressive that he completely threw off Farrell. Biolchini relied heavily on his jab and various combinations to confuse his opponent. By the conclusion of the fight, a fatigued Farrell seemed in a



With his three brothers supporting him ringside, No. 2 seed Tom Biolchini upset top-ranked Chip Farrell in one of the night's best fights.

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■ 175 TO HEAVYWEIGHT WEIGHT CLASSES

Romanchek breathes a sigh of relief

By ALLISON KRILLA
Sports Writer

going to practice again [today]."

175-POUND WEIGHT CLASS

In the 175-pound division, Brian Gaffney succeeded in his quest for a third consecutive Bengal Bouts championship, defeating Chris Dobranski in three rounds.

It was Gaffney's first this year to last beyond the first round, as both fighters used an aggressive style that left both bleeding.

"It wasn't so much nerve-racking," Dobranski said. "But with other fights I had an idea what I was going to do based on the other fighter's style. With Brian you're never quite sure what he's going to do. This fight required a lot more thought."

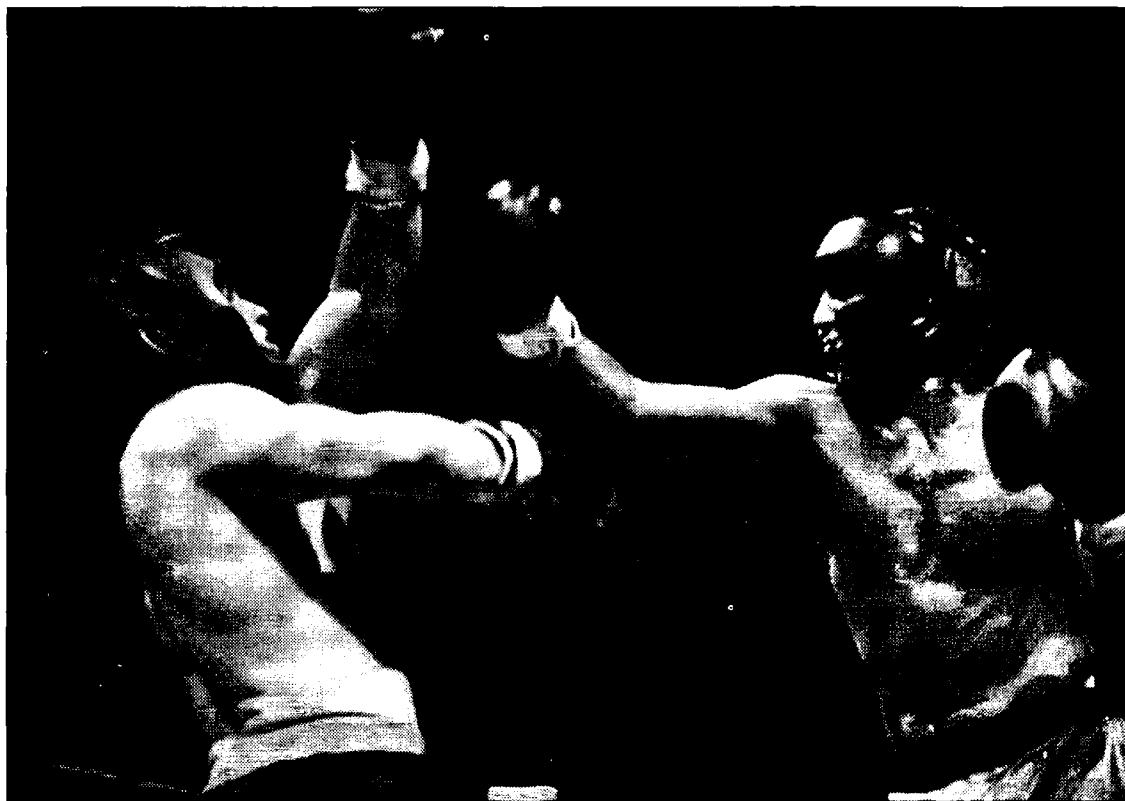
The constant attacks by both fighters, and precision of their jabs led to the night's bloodiest contest and a decision to end the fight before its end.

"This was a really fun fight," Dobranski said. "We were both hitting each other hard, and it was as much fun as that could be."

185-POUND WEIGHT CLASS

The night's biggest crowd-pleaser came in the 185-pound division, as friends Dave Butz and Andrew Hebert squared off. Second-seeded Hebert started strong and stayed off top-seeded Butz's comeback attempts in the final round for the victory.

"I was pretty relaxed all day, as opposed to Wednesday," Hebert said. "Unfortunately I had to fight one of my good friends. I knew that he knew I



The Observer/John Daily

Despite some big hits by Dan Prince (right), top-seed Mike Romanchek captured the 180-pound title.

180-POUND WEIGHT CLASS

To the untrained eye, Friday's 180-pound title bout between Mike Romanchek and Dan Prince was the night's most controversial.

But the split decision victory for Romanchek revealed the subtleties of amateur boxing.

"I think that the outcome was considered controversial because Dan hit me a lot, and each time he did it was a knock-out punch," Romanchek said. "But what many people don't realize is that in amateur boxing a jab counts just as much as a knockout punch."

Romanchek controlled the first round, landing a majority of his jabs to keep Prince on the ropes. As the fight progressed, Prince's conditioning allowed him to land a flurry of jabs, even knocking Romanchek back in the second round.

Entering the third round, the bout appeared deadlocked, and Romanchek and Prince turned up the intensity. Prince came out strong, but Romanchek fought back, throwing straight jabs to keep Prince on the defensive.

"I wasn't sure which way it was going to go," Romanchek said. "I didn't have a great fight because Dan really took me out of game plan."

"[The decision] was a relief. I felt really happy, but it wasn't elation," Romanchek said. "I was actually kind of sad for it to come to an end; I wish we were

respected his big punches, so I had to come out being very aggressive and not wait to counter what he did."

Hebert dominated the first round with persistence and jabs that put Butz on the ropes early. But the second round turned into a slugfest, with both boxers trading big punches. In the third round, Butz's stamina gave him the edge, but it was too late. Yet the outcome was still a surprise to Hebert.

"I basically congratulated

Dave because whenever someone ends stronger, you think they won," Hebert said.

HEAVYWEIGHT CLASS

The heavyweight division also provided its share of upsets, as freshman Peter Ryan earned his first Bengal Bouts title with a victory over top-seeded Dave Monahan. Ryan's control and stamina proved too much for the bigger Monahan. Ryan used his quickness to elude Monahan's

big punches, while landing his jabs.

"I was the taller guy, and I just tried to use my jab to keep him away," said Ryan. "Plus, he didn't really come in on me."

But the spirit of Bengal Bouts touched even the largest champion.

"I'm really happy that I got to participate," said Ryan. "Winning was more about having gone through the six weeks of training with all these guys and getting in the ring."



The Observer/Brandon Candura

No. 1 seed Richard Molloy, shown here grabbing on to senior James Sur, rolled to a decisive victory.

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daze as he watched his last chance to secure another title slip away. Biolchini ensured his first win with the final blow, a stiff uppercut which stunned Farrell.

Biolchini claimed his first title with a split-decision over the defending champion.

165-POUND WEIGHT CLASS

Rich Molloy captured his first title after losing out last year to Farrell. Entering the 165-pound weight class championship, Molloy appeared to be at a dis-

advantage to his opponent, senior James Sur. First-finalist Sur had a slight height advantage but Molloy showed no signs of intimidation.

"Last year, I just went forward and took way too many shots," Molloy said. "It is hard to see what's going on when your just charging in head first. I used lots more patience."

Molloy stuck to his plan of patience and control. He waits for his opponents' guards to go down and then he pounces on his opportunity.

"I was kind of waiting out his punches a little bit," Molloy said.

"I kind of tried to lead in with the right hand and try and get close to him. He was tough."

His powerful lefts and immense upper-body strength ensured that Molloy, not Sur, held the advantage.

In the first round alone, Sur received a standing eight count and a bloody nose due to Molloy.

170-POUND WEIGHT CLASS

Senior Norm Beznoska earned his first Bengals title with a walkover win against senior Ryan Rans.

The crowd and coaches took a moment to acknowledge Rans for his hard work and dedication this year. The captain injured his hands in the semifinals, and therefore could not fight.

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stored away hard feelings.

"Tommy's a hell of a guy and a hell of an athlete," Molina said. "I've never held anything against him. And I'll tell you what — next year, he will defi-

nately be the 135-pound champ. I feel awful both of us couldn't win."

Maybe next year, Molina will come back to sit in Will's corner and cheer him on. But in this bout, the will and desire was on Molina's side.

A rematch was settled. A controversy put to rest. A story created worth retelling.

68th Annual Bengal Bouts Finals Results

125 Pounds Matt Peacock def. David Frick

160 Pounds Thomas Biolchini def. Chip Farrell

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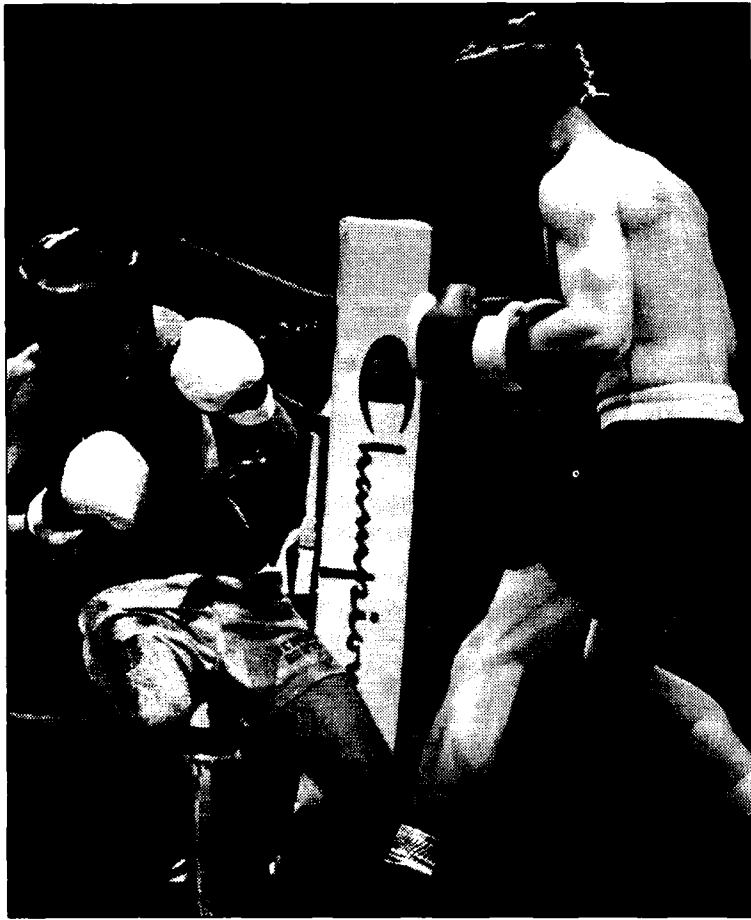
155 Pounds Michael LaDuke def. Adrian Cardona

Heavyweights Peter Ryan def. Dave Monahan

The Observer/Tom Roland

■ 145 TO 155-POUND WEIGHT CLASSES

LaDuke crushes Cardona to finally earn respect



Senior Fred Kelly (right) has Stefan Molina against the ropes early in the fight to atone for his loss in the finals a year ago.

By MIKE DAY
Sports Editor Emeritus

155-POUND WEIGHT CLASS

All week long, he had everybody fooled. While spectators believed the top seed in the 155-pound weight division was struggling, he was merely saving his best for last.

Juitor Mike LaDuke may have been unimpressive in advancing to the finals, but he certainly made up for it on Friday night. The first-year captain thoroughly whipped freshman Adrian Cardona to capture his first career Bengal Bouts title.

"He had been getting a lot of hype all week, but those who know fighting knew I was the better fighter going in," LaDuke said. "He was real aggressive, but he didn't have any defense. I knew that my jab and quickness would help me win."

In his first year of boxing, Cardona emerged as one of the top newcomers in the tournament, relying primarily on his "streetfighter" style and mentality. And given his enormous strength and punching power, many expected Cardona to upend LaDuke in the finals.

That simply wasn't the case.

Just seconds into the fight, LaDuke showered Cardona with a barrage of punches that immediately forced Cardona's nose to bleed. Even after the cut was cleaned up, LaDuke continued to pick apart Cardona.

Despite a tremendous effort, the trainers were unable to stop the bleeding. As a result, the fight was stopped 16 seconds into the round and LaDuke was awarded the victory by TKO.

"I knew he bled some in the semifinals, so I tried to take advantage of that," LaDuke said. "I'm kind of sorry the fight was stopped when it was. It would have been nice for him to have the chance to finish the fight."

150-POUND WEIGHT CLASS

There are few sure things in boxing, but Fred Kelly winning the 150-pound division was about the closest thing to it. The senior captain dominated fellow senior Stefan Molina from start to finish in earning a unanimous decision for a fitting cap to his brilliant career.

"My game plan was just to box. The one thing I learned last year is I'm a decent fighter but I can be a good boxer," Kelly said.

A year ago, Kelly entered the

finals as the top seed but was upset by second-ranked Ted Pegano. After a full year of training virtually every day, Kelly, who dedicated this year's Bouts to Angelo Busani and Pat Carbone, made sure there wouldn't be a repeat of last year's outcome.

"It [last year's loss] was the fuel for this year," Kelly said. "It was a little bit of redemption. I exorcised a few demons."

145-POUND WEIGHT CLASS

In the 145-pound division, top-seed J.R. Mellin shook off an uninspiring victory in the semifinals to win over junior Dave Murphy.

After barely escaping with a split decision win against David Bann on Wednesday, Mellin didn't know what to expect heading into Friday's finals. He erased all doubts, however, just a few seconds into the fight.

"I was pretty nervous after struggling a little bit on Wednesday," Mellin said. "Guys who charge have caused me problems. He [Murphy] had been coming out fast [in previous rounds], so I was waiting for him to come out — but he never came."

■ 125 TO 140-POUND WEIGHT CLASSES

Peacock finds 125-pound title worth the wait

Leatherby takes the "prance" out of Seerveld

By BETSY BAKER
Associate Sports Editor

The 125-pound to 140-pound weight classes do not usually produce the closest, most power-packed fights of the Bengal Bouts. Usually, it is a matter of who is more experienced and a better technical pugilist, not who is stronger, therefore leading to many lopsided fights in the lower weight classes.

In Friday night's finals of the 68th annual bouts, however, anyone who showed up late missed four great fights.

125-POUND WEIGHT CLASS

In the 125-pound division, senior Matt Peacock spent four years in the program without a

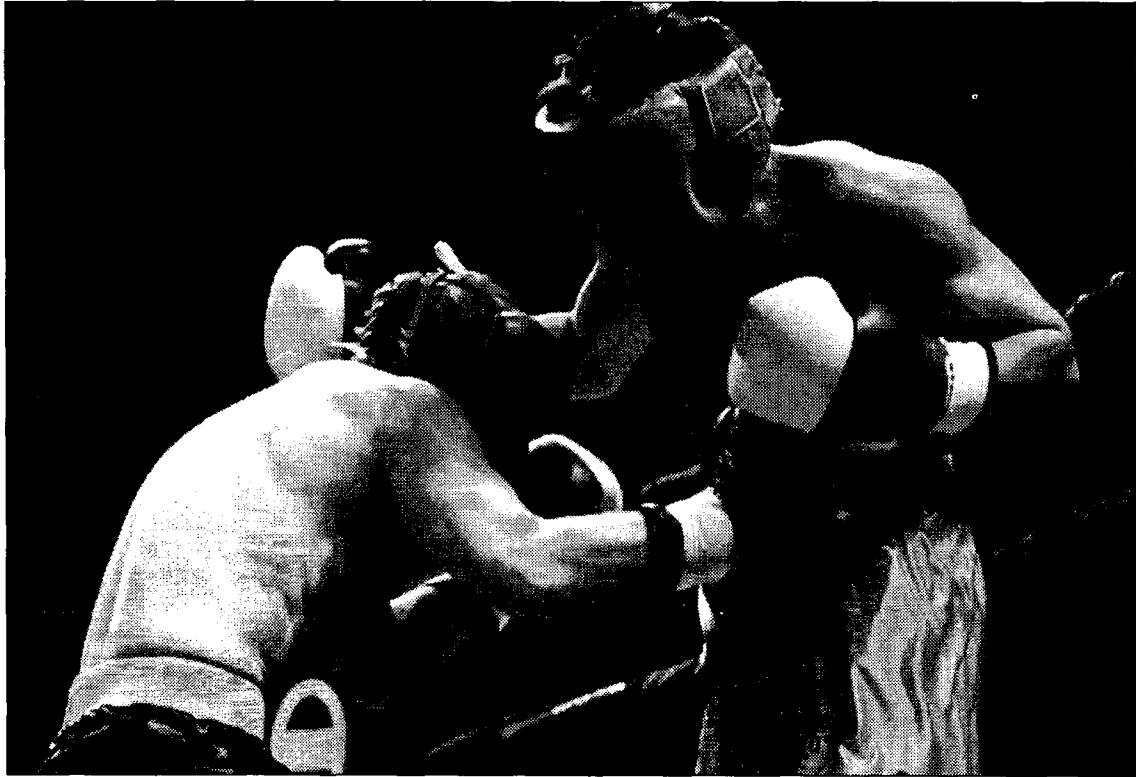
victory until last week. As the top seed last year, he was upset by then sophomore David Seerveld in the semis. Friday night was Peacock's night, however, as he came out and defeated sophomore David Frick in a unanimous decision.

Peacock said before the fight that he hoped that he being a left-handed fighter would play to his advantage, and that was exactly what happened. Peacock was able to go up-and-under Frick with a left hook right from the first bell, and he never looked back.

"I just tried to go out there and do what I did in the semifinals," Peacock said. "I've been in this situation before and have come up short. Tonight, I guess I just did what it takes to win."

130-POUND WEIGHT CLASS

The 130-pound matchup saw one of the year's premiere rookies face off with one of the more quirky fighters in the finals. Freshman Jeremy Leatherby upset the junior Seerveld with the self-imposed nickname "The Prancing Pixie," with a combination of speed



Lucas Molina (right) successfully lands punches early and often against defending champion Tommy Will.

and power. Seerveld had the clear reach advantage in the fight, but Leatherby was too athletic for the prancer, delivering jab after jab and dazing Seerveld.

"He had the reach on me, but I think my power made a big difference," Leatherby said. "I think I hurt him early on, and he didn't expect it. After the first round, I think I just kind of coasted."

Leatherby was able to control the tempo of the fight with his athleticism, a major key in accomplishing the upset of the junior.

135-POUND WEIGHT CLASS

The 135-pound division proved to be all that was anticipated of the Lucas Molina-Tom Will rematch, and in the end, it was the desire of a senior in his last fight that appeared to give

Molina the edge in the split decision. Both Molina and Will appeared more like professional fighters than amateur college students, as the final provided a showcase of two of the most well-trained fighters in the program.

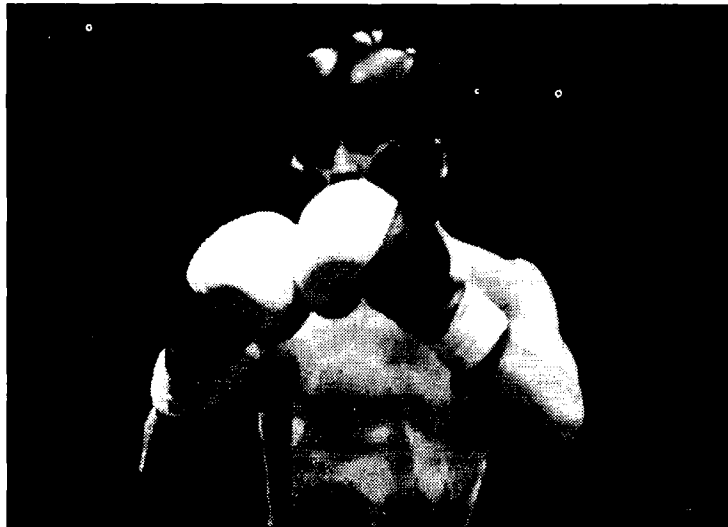
The difference in this year's fight — as it was in last year's — was who controlled the ring and determined what kind of fight it would be. While Will was able to take the wind out of Molina's power-packed sails last year, Molina was able to force Will to drop his conservative, patient approach and fight the quicker and more aggressive fight.

"I think I was able to take him away from his game plan a little," Molina said. "It was a little faster, more up tempo than I think he would have liked. But I still wasn't sure what the outcome would be."

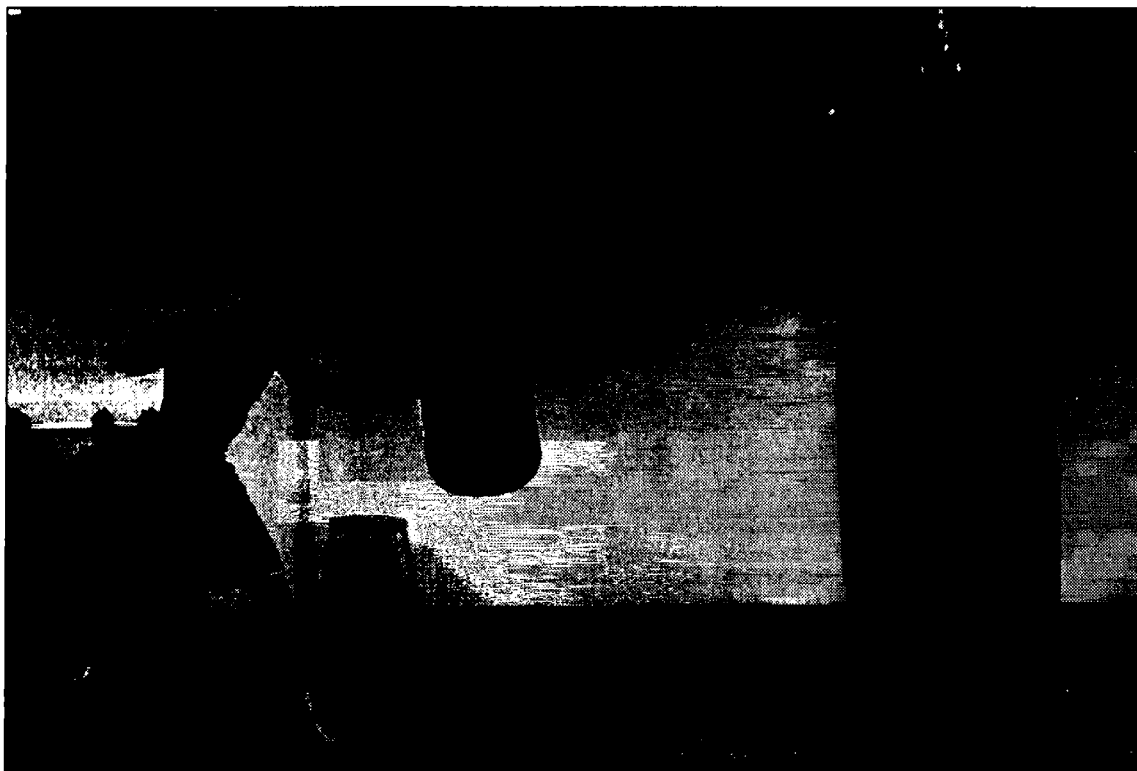
140-POUND WEIGHT CLASS

In the 140-pound class, fans saw another upset as senior captain Sean Sharpe fell to junior Mike Maguire in a split decision. Much like in the 135-pound final, Maguire came out with the more aggressive approach, forcing Sharpe to adjust and eliminating any room for conservative fighting.

Maguire controlled the ring for the first round of the fight, forcing Sharpe to be on the defensive. In the second round, Sharpe was able to put forth more offense, but the Maguire barrage left him vulnerable to giving up points. And that is what happened. By the time Maguire started to get a little fatigued in the third round, it was too late for Sharpe to come back, giving Maguire the decision.



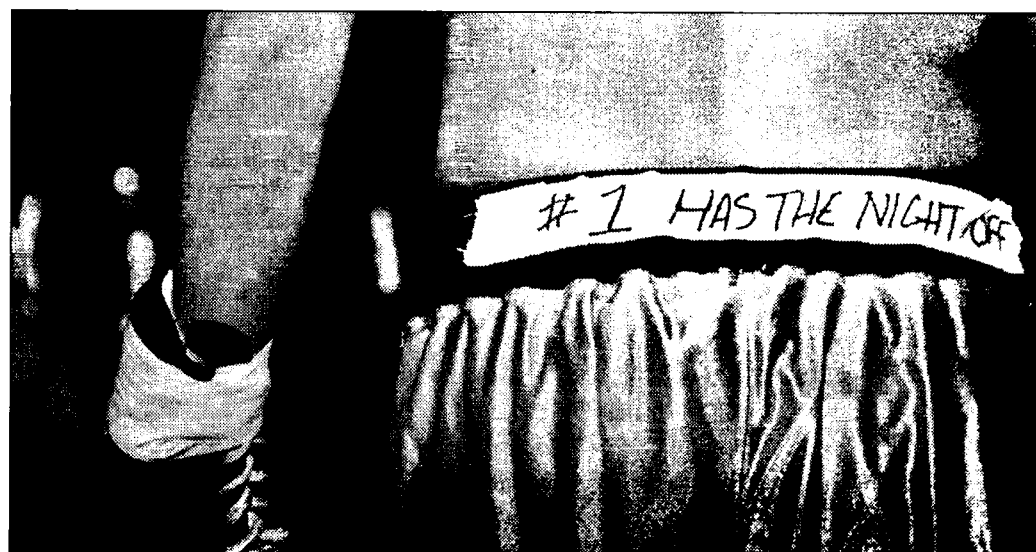
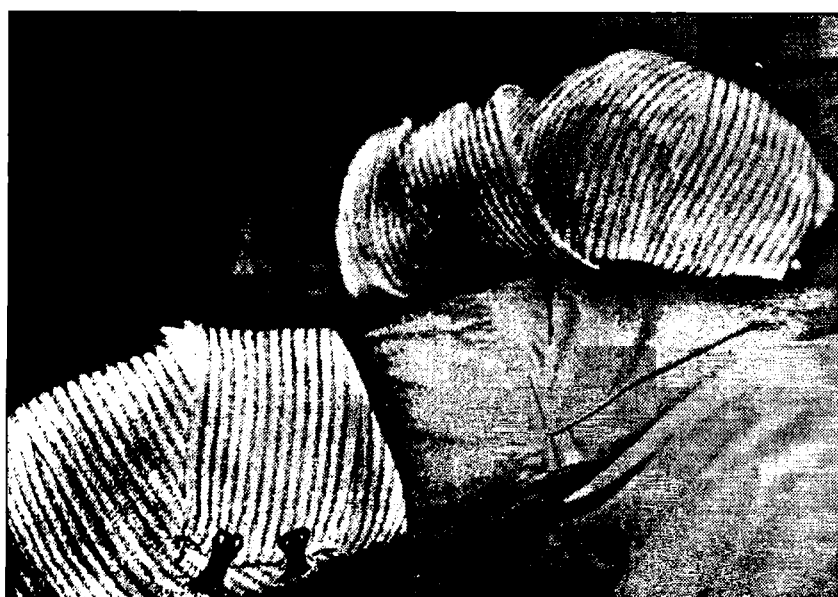
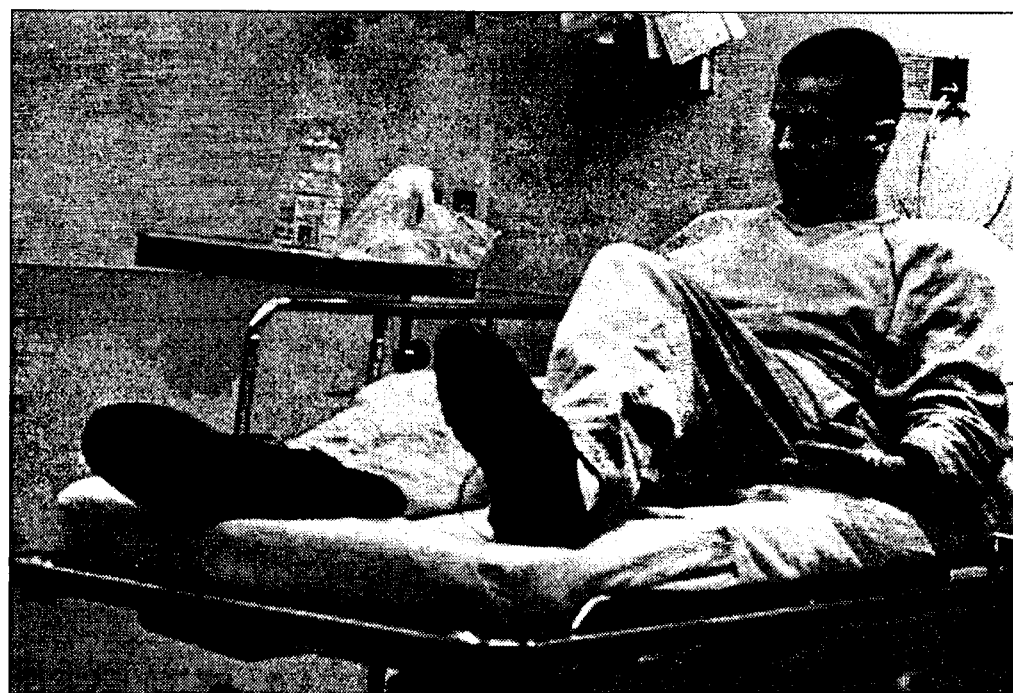
Senior Matt Peacock, who had not won a fight in his three previous years of competition, finally captures the 125-pound title.



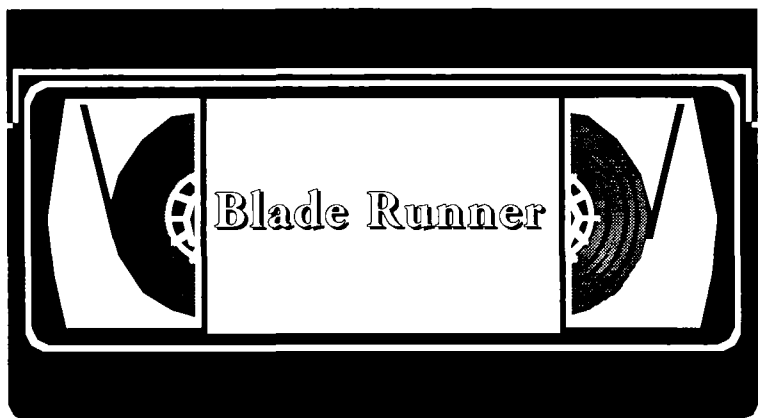
The Boxer's Hands

Photos by John Daily

Three years ago, Ryan Rans sat in a hospital and asked the doctor if he would be able to box again. This past Wednesday, he asked the same question but got a different answer. Ryan broke bones in both of his hands en route to winning his semifinal bout. He had put his life on hold for boxing, and was devastated when he was defeated outside of the ring. Lucas Molina said it best Friday night, "#1 has the night off."



VIDEO PICK OF THE WEEK



Eighties flick thrills modern audiences

By JOSH BECK
Accent Movie Critic

Although brimming with cult enthusiasm and a flair for the mysterious, "Blade Runner" has survived from its inception to the present.

Directed by Ridley Scott and starring Harrison Ford, this film has stood the test of time as one of the best sci-fi films ever produced. Through his use of incredible sets and special effects, Scott created a masterpiece for all time.

Although derided by critics after its release in 1982, today the film has a cult following. Aside from critiques of the film itself, Blade Runner is still best examined as what it was meant to be — a sci-fi film employing all of the aspects of film noir in telling a dark, yet fascinating story.

"Blade Runner" is film noir. Its detective nature, the dark lighting, and the camera angles all make it a perfect replica of classic film noir representations.

Its ambiance is altogether terrifying, but accommodating in nature. The story of Deckard (Ford), a man employed as a "Blade Runner" to hunt down humanoid replicants who have gotten out of control is somewhat striking but thoroughly enjoyable.

The acting comes through with a superb Rutger Hauer playing the part of the leader of the replicants and Sean Young as Deckard's love interest. Edward James Olmos also has a bit role as Deckard's sometime-accomplice and Daryl Hannah is good as Hauer's replicant girl-

friend.

The acting, although good, is definitely not what this film tries to exhibit. "Blade Runner" is about a rainy, dreary, futuristic world. Set in Los Angeles in the year 2019, the film provides a bleak outlook for America's future and that of the world.

The most interesting aspect of this movie is the fact that the original was so panned by critics that Scott produced a director's cut a few years later. The cut is definitely many times better than the original. With the absence of Ford's narration and a couple of new shots added in, the director's cut is visually stunning.

The history of "Blade Runner" is also interesting. After completion of the film in 1982, the studio pressured Scott into changing some scenes to accommodate the crowd and make the film easier to comprehend and more enjoyable. To Scott's dismay, a drab narration was added with Ford's voice and a new, happier ending was tacked on. A primary reason for the director's cut, it brings into question whether Deckard is himself a replicant by adding a new scene into a particular sequence.

Both versions of "Blade Runner" are thoroughly enjoyable and viewing the original is a definite must for a newcomer to the film. The original provides information undetected in the director's version. Don't let the cult following fool you — "Blade Runner" is definitely a movie for the masses and will remain one of the best sci-fi films of all time.

SOAP OPERA UPDATE

General Hospital

By GENEVIEVE MORRILL
General Hospital Correspondent

This week in Port Chuck, Carly figures out that Robin knows Michael's true paternity and is worried that Miss Scorpio will spill the beans. Jason tells her not to worry; Robin would never betray him that way. Carly's not so sure. She refuses a gift from Monica and Jason reminds her to stay away. Monica then sends Bobbie over to make overtures. Edward meets Carly for lunch and attempts to charm her. Lila interrupts and warns Carly against betraying Jason.

Lizzie tells both Sarah and Audrey about her attack. Sarah is supportive but as for Audrey, denial is not just a river in Egypt. It's Bobbie who convinces Liz to go to a doctor and holds her hand through the exam.

Bobbie thinks Luke ought to tell Lucky about his rape of Laura on the disco floor many years ago, since it might ruin Luke and Lucky's relationship if the truth comes out another way. Luke assures her it happened a million years ago, but even he keeps having flashbacks. Lucky tells Bobbie to back off when he hears the tail end of the conversation and he defends his Dad. Later, the Spencer men go and find Liz's bracelet for her and Lucky announces his desire to find the man who attacked Liz.

Stefan is touched by Kathy's gift, only Alexis

ever gave him gifts on his baptism day, and (surprise!) the bench looks just like the one from the island in Greece. Repeat after me Stefan, "one plus one equals two." Stefan sits on the bench and remembers Laura. He reveals to Kathy that he has only loved one woman in his life and then kisses her. The woman's identity? Three guesses and the first two don't count.

Stefan and Nikolas remember Greece and his childhood. Stefan tells him that his father and mother conceived him in love and Nik wonders if Stefan loved Laura. Uncle (or is it Father?) quickly denies it. Later, Nik finds the portrait in the basement and Stefan covers by saying he had it painted for Nik should he ever wish for a picture of his mother.

Jason is sending the unions out on strike as soon as the Q's break ground for the dock renovation, but there's trouble. Jax visits to tell him about a rebel lieutenant that will try to replace him, but neglects to mention that he was the one who incited the rebellion.

Jason and Justus have a war council. Jason decides that he needs to change his image to command the respect of his men. He has to look like leader, not a soldier, so Carly takes him shopping.

Carly tells Robin to stay out of their family. At the meeting, Jason is about to be whacked by his men. It looks like there could be a family in trouble.

Days of Our Lives

By MELISSA LAYTON, JULIANNE FAHEY
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Days of Our Lives Correspondents

The week began with everyone still amazed at Jen being alive. Jen and Jack went see Peter in jail. They taunted him with the fact that they are together while he is locked away. Stephano arranged a plea bargain for Peter who was shipped off an Omaha federal prison.

Back at the house, Jack once again got down on his knees and proposed to Jen, who accepted.

At the Blake house, Marlana discovered Kristen's body in the pool. John jumped in and tried to revive her, but she was definitely dead (the purple lips were a nice touch).

Abe and Roman, completely impartial detectives as usual, just happened to see Susan at the airport and stopped her. She denied seeing Kristen, but gave no explanation for heading back to England without being sure of her sister's (Sr. Mary Moira) safety.

John called Abe and Roman to tell them Kristen drowned. They kept Susan from leaving for England on the chance that she did see Kristen before her death. Roman had a hunch that things were not right. Roman's next big accomplishment was discovering the letter opener by the pool. Susan's prints were all over the letter opener. With powerful

detective skills, Roman concluded Susan must have seen Kristen.

While Susan is being questioned at the station, Edmund showed up to protect her, claiming he is her fiancé (we didn't notice any proposal). Susan eventually admitted that she saw Kristen, and told them the entire story. She swore she left Kristen alive.

A new side of Stephano emerged as he mourned the downfall of his adopted children. He seemed particularly attached to listening to opera as he cried. He also had to deal with Celeste, who is still wandering around Salem with the Jungle Madness.

Sami (winner of Best Villainess on Friday night's Soap Opera Awards) felt very torn about Franco. Austin is obviously not jealous of them, so she told Franco to quit hanging around her. In an effort to further charm Sami, Franco gave her fancy business cards and asked her to trust him. She caved, of course. He continues helping her with her new image.

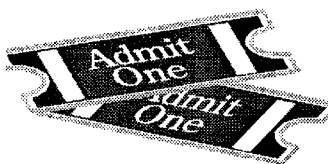
Carrie helped Mike with his new image. Mike decided to apply for Chief of Staff at the hospital. Carrie took him shopping for snazzy purple, red, and yellow shirts and ties. She also decided to be his PR rep.

Carrie confronted Mike about being the married woman he is in love with, but he lied to her. She told Mike about Austin wanting a child, but she wants to wait.

Top Ten Weekend at the Box Office

Movie Title/(Gross Sales for weekend)

1. Titanic (\$19.7 million)
2. The Wedding Singer (\$9 million)
3. Good Will Hunting (\$6.6 million)
4. Dark City (\$5.5 million)
5. As Good As It Gets (\$4 million)
6. Sphere (\$3.8 million)
7. Krippendorf's Tribe (\$3.2 million)
8. The Borrowers (\$2.8 million)
9. Senseless (\$2.5 million)
10. Caught Up (\$2.4 million)

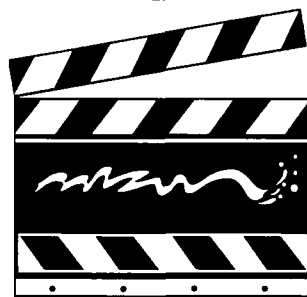


Source: NY Times AP online

Top Ten Last Week's Video Rentals

Video Title/(Gross Sales for the week)

1. Air Force One (\$10.18 million)
2. Devil's Advocate (\$4.28 million)
3. G.I. Jane (\$4.04 million)
4. The Game (\$2.9 million)
5. Conspiracy Theory (\$2.49 million)
6. Nothing to Lose (\$2.23 million)
7. Event Horizon (\$1.66 million)
8. Con Air (\$1.59 million)
9. Money Talks (\$1.53 million)
10. Fire Down Below (\$1.48 million)



Source: VSDA online

■ BASEBALL

Irish sluggers win three, rebound from 3-game losing streak

By ALLISON KRILLA
Sports Writer

The pieces are slowly but surely falling into place for the Notre Dame baseball team.

Coming off a 7-5 win over Central Michigan in Wednesday's home opener, the Irish had regained some of the confidence that they lost in a three-game sweep by No. 7 Miami.

Freshman pitcher Danny Tamayo spelled relief for a staff battered by the high-powered Hurricane offense, shutting down the Central Michigan offense in his four and one-third

innings of work. The offense also erased the memories of stranded runners and diminished power, blasting nine hits, including four extra base shots.

This weekend proved another test for the Irish, and they passed with flying colors.

In the first game of the Evansville, Ind., Diamond Classic championship, junior righty Alex Shilliday stole the show, facing just 29 batters in eight innings with a career-best 10 strikeouts, as the Irish beat Evansville 6-1.

Shilliday (2-1) allowed one run on four hits, walking none and hitting two batters before giving

way to Chris McKeown, who retired the side in the ninth.

Although four Notre Dame players drove in runs, sophomore Brant Ust highlighted a three-run fifth with double that plated J.J. Brock and Jeff Perconte.

Errors plagued Evansville, as the team's four misuses led to three unearned Irish runs and the first loss for sophomore righty Ryan Miller.

In the second game, Notre Dame faced Purdue, a 10-4 winner over Valparaiso, and defeated the Boilermakers 12-6 behind an eight-run second inning.

Ust again led the Irish, booming two home runs in the second, his second and third dingers of the year.

After Ust's first shot, Jeff Felker singled and Todd Frye walked before first baseman Dan Leatherman's RBI bloop single. Frye scored on an error by shortstop Daryl Hallada, and junior Allen Greene followed with a two-run double down the left-field line. Jeff Wagner's double to right scored Greene, and Ust's second homer to deep left-center closed out the scoring.

The Irish also received scoring boosts from Wagner and Brock, who blasted a two-run shot in

the sixth and added a solo homer in the seventh, respectively.

Junior right-hander Brad Lidge (1-2) earned the victory, allowing three runs on six hits over five innings, with two walks and four Ks. McKeown worked the sixth, and Dan Stavisky worked the next two innings, allowing three runs on three hits. Righty Steve Szczepanski closed out the game with a flawless ninth.

The win put the Irish in yesterday's final game against Indiana, a 3-2 winner over Ball State, with the honor of best in the state on the line

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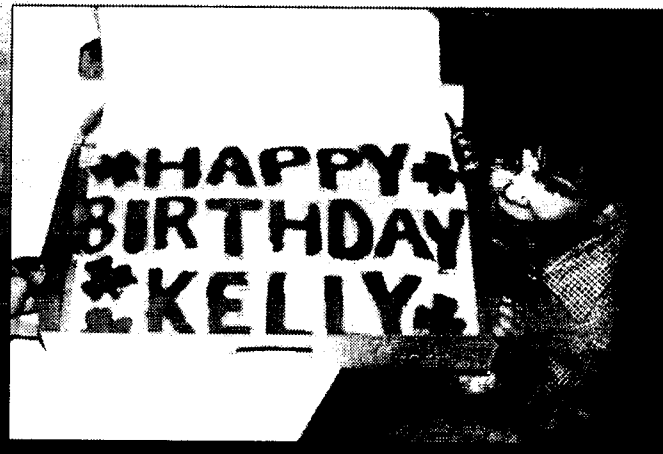
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■ WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish weather Red Storm

By BRIAN KESSLER
Sports Writer

PISCATAWAY, N.J.

With brilliant shooting form behind the arc, the fifth-seeded Notre Dame women's basketball team advanced to the second round of the Big East championship in Piscataway, N.J.

The Irish defeated St. John's on Saturday in a 94-57 rout that featured a 13-for-20 three-point performance as a team, a new Big East tournament record.

Sparked by an eight three-point performance by guard Sheila McMillen, also a new Big East tournament record, the Irish advanced past round one and set the stage for another showdown with top seeded Connecticut, a team they lost twice to during the regular season.

Notre Dame showed its readiness to play with a 14-0 run in the first five minutes of the game against the Red Storm.

"The opening run set the tone early," St. John's head coach Chalene Thomas-Swinson said. "We weren't able to come back or slow them down. They were definitely jelling and really played well together."

The Irish quickly built a 28-9 lead midway through the first half following a barrage

of three-pointers from Mollie Peirick and McMillen.

The Irish continued their run at their first Big East championship behind the leadership of Peirick, who was named to the all-Big East third team and became the thirteenth player in Irish history to go over 1,000 points for her career. The accomplishment came early on in the contest when he connected on a three-pointer.

"I wasn't sure how many I needed going into the game," Peirick said. "It is a really great accomplishment, though."

McGraw praised Peirick's leadership skills and commented that she believes the senior guard was underscored for Big East accolades.

"Under the leadership of Mollie, we've basically taken eight new people and turned it into the team you see today," McGraw said. "I think that's a credit to her mental toughness. As a matter of fact, I think she should have been on the first team all-Big East."

The Irish took a 47-20 lead into the locker room having made 11 of the 13 three-pointers. The second half was much of the same for the Irish, as every member of the team posted playing time, with Peirick, McMillen, and forward Julie Henderson finishing in double figures.

W. B-ball

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we knew after watching them play St. John's that we couldn't give up any three-pointers to them. Our goal, even though it was a little unrealistic, was zero threes."

The Wildcats finished nine-for-26 on the day from three-point land, but the absence of a solid inside game prevented them from competing in the paint.

The key for the Irish was their play of the bench, specifically that of Danielle Green who was second in scoring behind Riley with 17 points.

"Danielle Green came off the bench and played an outstanding game for us," head coach Muffet McGraw said of the junior guard. "Basically, I think

our bench really outplayed theirs."

The Wildcats kept it close, however, throughout the second half, until with five minutes left in the contest, the Irish solidified a 10-point lead at 50-40. The closest the Wildcats came from that point was within eight, the margin by which they lost.

The win allowed the Irish to redeem themselves from a 16-point loss to the Wildcats at Villanova on Jan. 28.

"It was embarrassing for us to lose by 20 at Villanova," Peirick said. "We came out today and kept out intensity throughout the game, and were able to redeem the earlier loss."

The Irish will face the Huskies tonight at 6 p.m. in hopes of winning their first-ever Big East title. The Huskies pulled out a narrow victory

over West Virginia, after receiving a first-round bye, winning 84-82. A major factor for the Irish in the game against Connecticut will be the absence of Big East player of the year, Nkyesha Sales, who went down last week with a season-ending injury.

"We're looking forward to the game against UConn," McGraw said. "It should be a lot different with Sales out of the lineup."

Beth Morgan, last year's all-American who led the Irish to the final four, was present for the game against Villanova had gave her analysis on the possibility of an Irish upset.

"It's a great opportunity for them," Morgan said. "UConn, without their senior leader, is obviously down, and it's a great chance for Notre Dame as long as they control the boards and take care of the ball."

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Even though it has been a one-or-the-other situation for the Irish in the tournament, Notre Dame has shown that it can be potent from both outside and inside, and the unpredictability of it works in its favor.

The Irish have posted five players in double figures in the last two games and have set two Big East tournament records — one team record for the most three-pointers as Shiela McMillen made eight against the Red Storm.

The Irish inside game remains strong with freshman center Ruth Riley's game-high 18 points against Villanova, and they have out-rebounded their opponents 81 to 63. Even the bench creates

a formidable foe for the Huskies as it has scored 60 of the combined 150 points for the Irish in the tournament. Julie Henderson (against St. John's) and Danielle Green (against Villanova) have come off the bench and been the second leading scorers in the game with 14 and 17 points, respectively.

No doubt exists that the Irish are playing solid basketball, and tonight will be the best opportunity to beat Connecticut as they've had in the past three years.

But don't expect the Huskies to roll over and play dead because they are missing their money player in Sales.

In both of this season's contests, Connecticut had out-rebounded the Irish. In both games, the Huskies have posted three players in addition to Sales in double figures. And in both contests, Notre Dame's shooting has hovered around 30 percent.

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■ HOCKEY

Notre Dame puts Northern Michigan on ice, twice

BY CHARLEY GATES

Sports Writer

Head hockey coach Dave Poulin himself couldn't have written a better script for this weekend's hockey games against Northern Michigan. The Irish (17-15-4 overall, 12-13-4 CCHA) blasted the Wildcats 3-1 on Friday night and 5-2 on Saturday night, moving into a tie for sixth place in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association.



Eisler

"We won two different types of games this weekend," Poulin said. "Friday night's game was close, and we had to survive a flurry at the end. Saturday night we jumped ahead 5-0 and had to play with a large lead. This sounds odd, but sometimes that is difficult to do."

The Irish are currently tied with Lake Superior State in the CCHA polls in sixth place, but the Lakers would earn the spot in the event of a tie because they have the better record in head-to-head competition (2-0-1 versus the Irish). If Notre Dame could move into sole possession of sixth place, they would avoid a first-round playoff match-up with either Michigan or

Michigan State.

On Friday night, freshman sensation Mark Eaton gave the Irish a 1-0 lead midway through the second period. Eaton's superb stick-handling earned him his 10th goal of the season. He took a pass from forward classmate Dan Carlson in stride and decked Wildcat goalie Duane Hoey, sliding a backhand behind him.

"Mark Eaton is a very, very good player," Poulin said.

Junior Brian Urick scored what would prove to be the game-winning goal in the third period on a clutch breakaway goal. He took a pass from sophomore center Ben Simon and beat Hoey with a low shot into the left corner of the net.

The Irish then had only to withstand a Wildcat flurry. Senior goaltender Matt Eisler stood tall in the crease, stopping 18 of 19 shots for the game. With 3:44 left to go, the Wildcats finally overcame Eisler and cut the lead to 2-1. But the Irish defense came through and shut down the Wildcats. Urick sealed the victory with a full-ice empty net goal in the final seconds.

"Matt was huge," Poulin said. "This was a tough game to play in. He stopped 10 shots in the final period and was there when we needed him."

On Saturday, Notre Dame administered a thorough beating to the Wildcats. A trio of

juniors — defenseman Benoit Cotnoir and forwards Aniket Dhadphale and Urick — led the offensive attack. Dhadphale scored two goals, pushing his season total to 24 — the most by a Notre Dame player in eight years.

"Aniket hung around the net tonight, and when he does that good things happen," Poulin said. "He's done that 24 times this season."

The offensive-minded Cotnoir also recorded two goals and an assist, and Urick added three assists. Sophomore defenseman Sean Seyferth also added

a slap-shot goal of his own.

The Irish jumped out to a 3-0 lead, including two power play goals.

"Getting those two goals was key for us," Poulin said. "When we got the second one, it really put the team in a tough position. And that's something that we haven't done this season is keep the pressure on a team by getting that second goal."

Eisler turned in another outstanding performance. His 28 saves gave him 2,778 in his career, pushing him into second place on the all-time save list. He also topped the 6,000-

minute plateau early in the third period.

"We had a complete game tonight," Poulin said. "When you go up by five goals it can sometimes be hard to remain focussed. But we hung in there and played tough. We maintained our intensity, and I was pleased with that."

The Irish now turn their attention to the upcoming Michigan game, which will help determine who the Irish face in the first round of the playoffs.

"We need one point next weekend," Poulin said.

■ SAINT MARY'S BASKETBALL

Season ends on a high note for Belles

By KAT RADEMACHER

Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's Belles rang in one final victory Friday night against the Aurora Spartans 84-75, ending their basketball season on a bright, yet emotional note.

"It was the last time for everything," tri-captain Brenda Hoban said. "It was the last time we would warm-up. It was the last time we would yell, 'team.' We were ready to play."

In the first half, the Belles made that evident. They came out with the intensity and hunger that blew the Spartans away.

Although the squad has had a disappointing season, they made sure the last game was a memorable one. Saint Mary's was not about to let anyone push it around on the home court this time. At the end of the first half, the Belles led 45-31.

When the clock started ticking in the second half, the Belles continued playing hard. But gradually the Spartans closed the gap until they were within five points with 11:11 left.

The margin continued to narrow, and with less than six minutes remaining, the score was tied at 70.

"We got a little nervous," Darcy Nikes said. "But we pulled together as a team and came through in the end."

Fitting true to the rest of the season and her reign at Saint Mary's, tri-captain Julie McGill finished with 27 points and 16 rebounds. Darcy Nikes, a third senior captain, racked up an astounding 23 points. Using the fast break and tough defense to their advantage, Saint Mary's

went out with a bang and a misty eye or two from the seniors.

"When the buzzer went off, I took a deep breath and knew this was it," Nikes said. "It was a good feeling knowing that we won the last game, but it was a sad feeling knowing that it was the last game. I hope that I brought a spark to the team and inspired them to continue on with hard work, hustle, and will."

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■ TRACK & FIELD

Track team ends season with Wilson Invitational

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Sports Writer

The Alex Wilson Invitational held in Loftus Sports Center this weekend closed out the indoor season for most members of the Notre Dame track and field team.

Compared to last week's Big East Invitational, this meet had a low-key atmosphere surrounding it. The Alex Wilson Invitational was scored only on an individual basis, and most of the teams besides the host team who sent athletes to the meet sent only a few of their top runners.

The Fighting Irish, on the other hand, used this meet as an opportunity to give all of its runners, besides those who ran in a high number at the Big East races a chance to compete.

"When you consider that we had raced pretty hard the week before, we had some very good performances," said head coach Joe Plane. "It's a great way for many of those kids to terminate the indoor season on a positive note."

Among the top showings by the Irish were sophomore Tim Kober's personal record by 3 1/2 seconds in winning the 800-

meter run, junior Nadia Schmiedt's 400-meter victory time of 55.33, a personal record indoors; senior Danny Payton's come-from-behind win in the 400-meter run, a first-place finish by freshman Terry Wray in the 500-meter run, Big East champion Mike Brown's title and close attempt at jumping a school record 17'7" in the pole vault, freshman Carri Lenz's victory in the 200-meter dash, and sophomore Chris Cochran's winning time of 6.89 in the 60-meter dash.

"It felt really strong," said Kober. "It went the way I'd like the race to go. I just let the



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The Alex Wilson Invitational, held this weekend in Loftus Sports Center, marked the last competition for some Irish runners.

other two guys lead, and then finished strong the way I try to run."

"It went a lot better than I thought," said Schmiedt. "I was kind of tired from all last week's races, so I just figured I would go out there hard, and if I died, I died. It was a personal best for me indoors, so I'm very happy with that."

Wray had the opportunity to run a race without having to compete against teammate and all-American Danny Payton, and took full advantage in securing the win. "It was faster than I ran it last week," said Wray. "I felt good running, and I was just happy with it because it was a good way to end the indoor season."

Other top finishes for Notre Dame were Bethany Wilson's meet and school record of 9'0" in the pole vault, Angela Patrizio's win in the triple jump, Janelle Reklau's top finish in the long jump, second-place finishes by Kelle Saxen and Dan Frigo in the high jump, Berit Junker's win by a hair in the 800-meter run, freshman Travis Davey's victory in the 200-meter dash, a

1000-meter winning time by Erin Newmar of 3:02.6, and a men's 4 x 400-meter relay time of 3:20.87 in taking first place.

Junker, a senior, crossed the finish line just ahead of Magdalena Paszta of Lewis University, with a margin of victory of just one-hundredth of a second.

"I wanted to go out in a :63 at the 400 split, and to be able to run a good time in the end," Junker said. "I was just trying to keep the girl behind me, and I gave it all I had, which ended up being enough."

"Specifically, I think Nadia Schmiedt ran her best 400 since she's been here," said sprinters and hurdlers coach John Miliar. "Terry Wray ran very well, and Chris Cochran also."

A handful of runners will compete in either the Silverston Invitational at Ann Arbor, Mich., next weekend, or a meet at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis, in a final attempt to qualify or sharpen up for the NCAA Indoor Championships March 13-14. For most Irish athletes, however, this was the final meet of the indoor season.

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Despite Garrity's usual strong effort, point guards Jimmy Dillon and Ingelsby were unable to feed the all-American candidate the ball on a consistent basis. Strong defensive pressure haunted the Irish guards all day long, limiting them to just four assists between the two of them.

Center Phil Hickey, who may be finally developing some consistency, was the only member of MacLeod's squad to give Garrity any support, scoring 12 points and grabbing eight rebounds. Ingelsby and Dillon combined for just two points, while the entire Irish bench was limited to just 13 points.

"When we don't give Pat enough support, we are going

to have trouble winning," MacLeod said. "It's too much to ask anyone to try to do it by himself. We need to have two or three other guys step up and take some of the load off him."

The Irish made a mediocre team look like a world-beater, allowing the Friars to jump out to a 26-13 lead while never looking back. Entering the game shooting a dismal 42 percent from the field — second worst in the conference — Providence connected on 29-of-56 attempts for an uncharacteristic 52 percent shooting.

"What could we do different? I have no idea," said MacLeod. "You're asking me right now when we just got our tails cracked. We'll have to come up with something, that's for sure."

And with the rematch scheduled for Wednesday at 11 a.m., they had better do it quick.

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■ MEN'S LACROSSE

Ulrich leads Irish to victory

By TOM STUDEBAKER
and DAN LUZIETTI
Sports Writers

Lacrosse made its return to South Bend as Penn State came to play Notre Dame in the first regular season matchup. The 13th ranked Irish defeated the 14th ranked Nittany Lions by a score of 14 to 8.

Notre Dame's attack was headed by freshman David Ulrich. He netted five goals and added two assists in his first-ever collegiate game. His seven points are the most ever scored by a Notre Dame freshman in his first Division I game in the program's 18-year history.

"Unfortunately for us, David Ulrich is no longer a secret," Head Coach Kevin Corrigan said. "He is a very good player, and he makes those around him better. We are not always going to look for him to score five goals, but he will be an integral part of the team."

Six Irish players combined to score the other nine goals including two each by senior captain and midfielder Burke Hayes, junior midfielder Brad Owen and junior attack Chris Dusseau. Senior captain Jimmy Keenan and junior midfielders Revere La Noue and Steve Taylor each added a goal a piece.

Penn State jumped out to an

early two-goal lead in less than two minutes into the first quarter. Senior captain Chris Killoren opened the scoring with his first of three goals. He also added two assists on the day.

The Irish were quick to respond, scoring seven out of the next eight goals. Sparked by Owen's back to back goals, Notre Dame never looked back.

"I wasn't tremendously pleased with our performance. I was, however, pleased with our competitiveness and our ability to score some goals," Corrigan said. "We can do a much better job defensively. Giving up nine goals in a game like this is more than we should have given up."

Although the Notre Dame defense allowed many goals, it did tighten when it had to. In the net, senior captain Alex Cade made 13 of his 17 saves in the second half, while allowing only four goals in the last 30 minutes.

It was a very big win for the Irish. They are 6-3 in home openers under Corrigan, and it is always good to get the season off on the right foot.

"The first game of the season, you want to win, and you want to get a benchmark of where you are," Corrigan said. "We know where we are and where we want to be. You always take

away something positive when you win, but we don't want to be satisfied with how we performed."

The level of play must continue to improve for the Irish. Penn State was the first of many ranked opponents for the Irish. In total, nine of their 12 opponents are ranked in Face-Off Lacrosse Magazine's pre-season top 30. Next up for the Irish is a Spring Break trip to Colorado, where they will face the Air Force Academy and Denver University.

■ SPORTS BRIEFS

ND Tai Chi/Kung Fu Club meets every Sunday at the Rockne Memorial from 10 a.m. to noon in Room 219. The club teaches southern Shaolin internal martial arts which include Tang-style Tai Chi Chuon and "Five families, five animals" internal Kung Fu. Classes are non-competitive, and all are welcome to attend regardless of prior

training. If the above time is inconvenient or if you want more information, please call Teo at 4-3013 or email at cteodoro@nd.edu.

Signups for Bookstore Basketball teams will begin today. The signup sheets are in LaFortune from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and from 7 to 9:30 p.m. The price for entering is \$10 per team.

See tomorrow's Observer for coverage of men's tennis.

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after they swept the competition Saturday.

Yesterday was much of the same for the Irish, as they began the day by sweeping Purdue 5-0, before heading into the semifinals. The opponent was different, but the results were the same — a 5-0 victory over Case-Western Reserve. The victory placed the Irish in the finals against No. 7 seed Michigan State. They defeated the Spartan epee squad by a score of 5-2.

Jackson led the team on the second day of competition, posting a 7-0 mark.

"I know we are like the best thoroughbreds out here," he said. "We are the strong horses in the Midwest, and we can take anyone out here."

The men's foil squad had the same outcome despite leaving the Joyce Center ranked second after the first day, despite going undefeated. The Irish swept the Vikings of Cleveland State in the finals, with senior team leader John Tejada leading the way on the day, undefeated with six wins.

The story of the sabre team was junior All-American Luke LaValle. LaValle went 10-0 on the weekend as the squad completed the men's squad's sweep with the victory over Northwestern in the finals.

Also undefeated on the weekend — but with a 20-0 record — was Krol in women's epee. Krol's victory against

Northwestern yesterday gave the squad the 9th victory, and won it for them, 9-4.

The biggest confidence builder for the team came at the hands of Wayne State's Marta Sciubisc, who is considered one of the league's elite fencers and is a contender for the national title in epee. Krol, who lost to Sciubisc at the Notre Dame meet in early February, defeated her by a score of 5-1.

"That is a real confidence builder. To have all of us beat one of the top contenders for the national title is great," Krol said. "We know that our team, all three of us, are going to fence well next week. We are positive that although one of us will not go, that we will qualify two in women's epee [for NCAAAs]."



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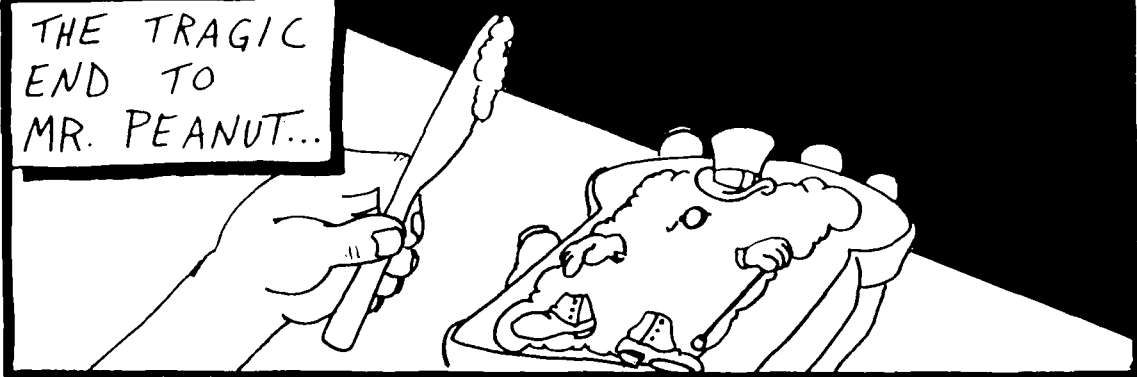
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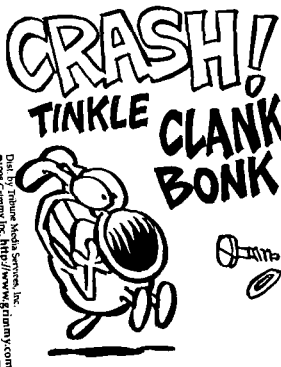
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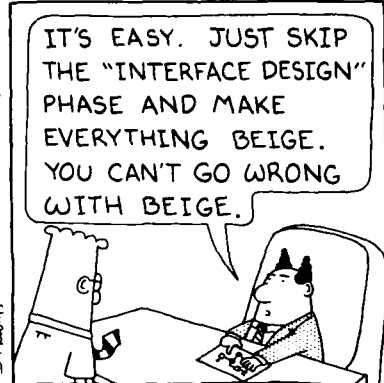
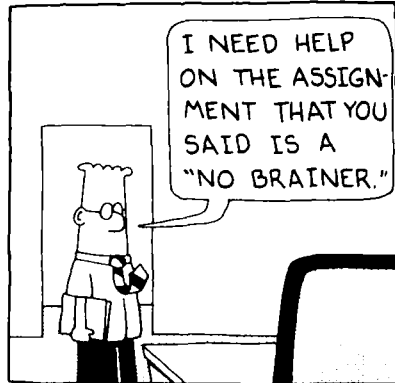
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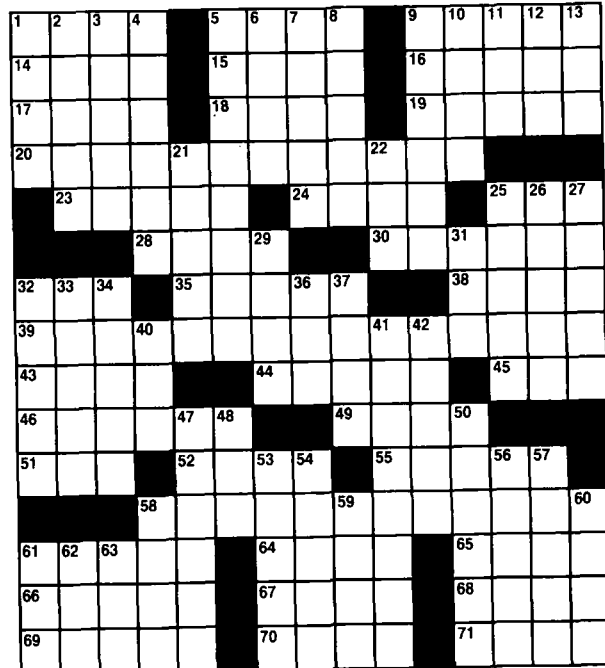
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- 5 Money owed
- 9 Pharmacy items
- 14 Composer Schifrin
- 15 Anatomical passage
- 16 Like "The Twilight Zone" episodes
- 17 Actress Lena
- 18 This — of tears (life)
- 19 Do watercolors
- 20 Secondhand store
- 23 Showed respect for the national anthem
- 24 Sister of Osiris
- 25 Mr. O.
- 28 Cinematographer Nykvist

- 30 Arthurian sorcerer
- 32 Harvest goddess
- 35 Pass, as laws
- 38 Verdi heroine
- 39 John Glenn's Mercury spacecraft
- 43 Type assortment
- 44 Card catalogue entry after "Author"
- 45 Before, in verse
- 46 Overage
- 49 Boat propellers
- 51 Loaf with seeds
- 52 — to the throne (prince, e.g.)
- 55 Laid, as a bathroom floor
- 58 Member of the police

- 61 Without — in the world
- 64 Prefix with China
- 65 Nat King or Natalie
- 66 — says (tots' game)
- 67 — do-well
- 68 Popular fashion magazine
- 69 Israeli port
- 70 Microbe
- 71 Do one of the three R's

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- 1 Drain problem
- 2 Angels' headgear
- 3 Ness of "The Untouchables"
- 4 Musical movements
- 5 Stockholder's income
- 6 Catchall abbr.
- 7 Attorney Melvin
- 8 Lock of hair
- 9 Remove from office
- 10 Harvest
- 11 Spoon-bender Geller
- 12 Rummy game
- 13 Matched items
- 21 Made on a loom
- 22 That guy
- 25 Kicking's partner
- 26 Contract add-on
- 27 Nonsensical
- 29 Political cartoonist Thomas



Puzzle by Stephanie Spadaccini

- 31 "Norma —"
- 32 Bidder's amount
- 33 Stockholder's vote
- 34 Subsequently
- 36 Letter before psi
- 37 Maverick Yugoslav leader
- 40 High season, on the Riviera
- 41 Railroad station area
- 42 Printing flourish
- 47 Singer Easton
- 48 Ocean
- 50 Deli machine
- 53 Cake decoration
- 54 "Walk Away —" (1966 hit)
- 56 French school
- 57 Singer Reese
- 58 Univ. teacher
- 59 German border river
- 60 Marsh stalk
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- 62 K.G.B.'s cold war foe
- 63 "— the only one?"

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ARIES — You'll be devoting much time to routine matters. Stock up on general household goods, attend to minor repairs, and complete old assignments. The day unfolds on schedule.

TAURUS — Time to improve your income and status. Also conclude travel plans. Your efforts to promote yourself will prove successful.

GEMINI — Routine grind of a day. You concentrate well since there are no distractions to interfere with your goals today.

CANCER — You'll have the energy to party all night if you want. Most likely, you'll simply enjoy visiting friends or speaking your mind at a group meeting.

LEO — An inner restriction is lifted. You'll have a new sense of freedom, which may cause you to embark in a fresh direction. You'll be contemplating changes in life-style.

VIRGO — The day focuses your attention on group activities and gatherings with pals. Now is a good time to make plans to visit someone you haven't seen in a while.

LIBRA — You'll feel inspired at your job today by your 120% original thinking. Later, there's a happy emphasis on partnerships. Tonight, however, may bring conflict.

SCORPIO — Spend some time with financial record-keeping today. Members of the family will feel especially close. Tonight entertain company at home.

SAGITTARIUS — Initiative brings you gains in career today, but you'll need tact in your dealings with sensitive types. Charm works wonders tonight.

CAPRICORN — This is a day to be careful with your checkbook and credit cards. Keep a close eye on expenditures, since someone is inclined to extravagant spending now.

AQUARIUS — Urgent business matters just can't wait so deal with them. However, family members are likely to make demands on your time.

PISCES — Your powers of concentration are excellent now. You'll let nothing distract you from achieving your ambitions. It's a day of progress and productivity.

■ OF INTEREST

"Reinhold Niebuhr and Christian Realism: A Late-Century Assessment," is the title of a lecture by Robin Lovin, dean and professor of ethics at the Perkins School of Theology that will be given today at 8 p.m. in room 138 DeBartolo. The talk is sponsored by the theology department.

"Guillaume de Machaut's Early and Heinrich Suso's Horologium Sapientiae: Music and Mysticism in the 14th Century," is the title of a paper to be given today at 4:30 p.m. in room 124 Crowley Hall by Anne Walters Robertson of the University of Chicago. The lecture is free and open to the public. Please call 1-6201 for more information.

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■ WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish fly high at Big East Tournament

Win over Villanova advances team to semi-final round of tourney

By BETSY BAKER
Associate Sports Editor

PISCATAWAY, N.J.

The Notre Dame women's basketball team will have another shot to defeat Connecticut as it advanced to the semifinals of the Big East championship with a 56-48 win over Villanova on Sunday.

The game against the Wildcats was in direct contrast to the contest with St. John's the previous day in which the Irish score 54 of its 94 points in the backcourt. Against Villanova, Notre Dame relied on its inside game, putting the ball into the hands of 6-foot-5 center Ruth Riley, who had a game-high 18 points.

Riley scored the first eight points for the Irish, as the game got off to a slow start with only 16 total points scored in the first eight minutes.

While the Irish set a Big East tournament record for three-pointers with 13 the day before, it was the Wildcats who reigned form behind the arc as 15 of their 17 first-half points came from three-pointers.

The Irish entered the locker room with a 20-17 lead, 11-for-22 in shooting.

The Wildcats were able to silence Sheila McMillen, who set an individual tournament record for most three-pointers with eight against St. John's, by holding her to one three-pointer and five points overall.

They also held McMillen's counterpart Mollie Peirick, who chipped in three of her own from behind the arc against the Red Storm, to identical numbers — one three-pointer and five total points.

"I knew if we were going to compete, we'd have to hit between nine and 14 three-pointers," Villanova head coach Harry Perretta said. "And



Freshman Ruth Riley, recently named to the Big East all-rookie team, scored a game-high 18 points against the Wildcats on Monday.

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■ IRISH INSIGHT

Rematch with UConn offers Notre Dame a chance at redemption

Betsy Baker
Associate Sports Editor

Always a bridesmaid, never a bride.

That old cliché sums up the relationship of the Notre Dame women's basketball team's relationship with Connecticut.

Notre Dame has gone 0-7 against the Huskies since entering the Big East three years ago, and no matter how good the Irish are, UConn always seems to steal the show. The Irish have had spurts of brilliance — or at least a presence — against the Huskies, such as losing by seven in February of 1996 or by nine last March. They have also had games they would rather go unremembered — losing twice by 23 points, once by 17, and this year's contest by 19 and 12.

After trampling St. John's in the first round 94-57 in the Big East championship and defeating Villanova on Sunday 56-48, however, it looks as though it might be Notre Dame's chance to walk down the aisle.

The stage is set for the Irish to accomplish what it has been missing in the last three years. After going to the final four last year, one would think the only thing left to accomplish is winning a national championship.

But not for the Irish.

There is one thing missing in the last three years — a win over Connecticut.

With Connecticut's absence of the Big East Player of the Year Nykesha Sales, and the fatigue of its hard-fought 84-82 win over West Virginia on Sunday, it very well could be Notre Dame's game to lose.

For one, the Irish have shown over the last two games their potential for a balanced scoring effort.

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■ MEN'S BASKETBALL

Notre Dame falls to Providence

By MIKE DAY
Sports Editor Emeritus

The Irish may have discovered what Hell looks like on Saturday afternoon. It bears a strong resemblance to the Providence Civic Center in Providence, Rhode Island.

Notre Dame, in desperate need of a victory in its regular season finale, couldn't have made things more difficult on itself, losing 77-62 in a game with huge implications.

Not only did the Irish want a victory to head into this week's Big East tournament on a high note, but they also needed a win to all but secure a bid in the NIT. Suffice it to say, they did not get what they were



Dillon

looking for on Saturday.

"We would like to have had more success here at the end," said Irish head coach John MacLeod after watching his team lose for the sixth time in eight games. "I'd like to see us get straightened out at the free throw line. I'd like to see us start controlling ourselves when the defense pressure hits."

With a 13-13 overall record, Notre Dame must win in Wednesday's opening round of the Big East tournament to clinch a .500 record — a requirement to receive an NIT bid. To make things worse, the Irish will have to do it against the same Friars team that just gave them a 15-point spanking.

"We certainly have our work cut out for us," said point guard Martin Ingelsby. "There isn't any room for error. We've got to make it happen for us."

On Saturday, Providence forward Jamel Thomas made sure

it didn't happen. If the Providence Civic Center was Hell, then Thomas was the devil. The 6-foot-6 junior exploded for a career-high 32 points and added 10 rebounds and four assists to practically single-handedly sink the Irish.

"He brought his 'A' game tonight," said Irish forward Derek Manner. "He was outrageous. It was hard to stop him because his elevation on his shot was so good."

Meanwhile, Notre Dame forward Pat Garrity was giving it everything he had to try to keep pace, scoring 26 points on 9-of-18 shooting to go along with 10 rebounds.

"I think he's the player of the year," said Providence coach Pete Gillen. "You can argue Richard Hamilton's great. Felipe [Lopez of St. John's] had a great year. But I voted for Garrity, and I'd vote for him after this game."

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■ FENCING

Fencers duel to strong victory

By ANTHONY BIANCO
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame fencing team finished its team competition this past weekend just as it began it, by winning.

The strong finish gives the Irish their seventh straight win in the Midwestern Team Championships, with first-place finishes in men's foil, epee, sabre and women's epee. The women's foil squad finished second.

More importantly, the victories give the Irish the confidence they need to qualify two fencers in each competition for the NCAA Championships, the maximum allowed in next week's Midwest Regional Qualifier.

"We have a great chance to

qualify ten fencers next weekend," said sophomore All-American Magda Krol, who went undefeated on the weekend with 20 wins.

More important than giving the team another win on the team-meet season, the tournament, and the Irish dominance, places them in the best possible scenario to qualify the ten.

"We're confident," said senior epeeist Carl Jackson. "But we have to take it one step at a time. The next hurdle for us is this upcoming weekend, then we can focus on the NAAs."

The for the men's epee squad easily cleared the hurdles they faced this weekend. They gained the No. 1 seed

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