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This will be the last issue of The Observer until March 17. The staff wishes you a safe and happy spring break!

One final time  
■ The hockey team plays its last home game tonight against Michigan.

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## Friday Feature



Local Hispanic youth participate in games and activities with Notre Dame Spanish students through CASH, the Community Alliance to Serve Hispanics.

## CASHing in



The Observer/Kevin Dalum

### 'CASH' program pays off for South Bend Hispanic community

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN  
News Writer

Through the vision of Isabel Jakab, an alliance between Notre Dame students and the Hispanic community of South Bend has flourished in the form of an organization called Community Alliance to Serve Hispanics (CASH).

Jakab, who came to the U.S. from El Salvador, had long seen the needs in the Hispanic community. She served for 10 years on the Board of Directors at La Casa de Amistad (House of Friendship), a social service agency primarily for Hispanics in South Bend. She

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## Professor details relationships of freedom, religion

By M. SHANNON RYAN  
News Writer

Professor Hugh Page led the packed crowd in Stapleton Lounge at Saint Mary's yesterday through a "brief imaginative journey to the Ancient Near East" as part of the College's Lenten Lecture Series.

Focusing on four selected texts, Page urged the audience to conceptualize freedom and liberation. His goal was for listeners to understand the religious ethos by which the Bible is shaped, form a spiritual kinship with ancient forebears of religion, and gain an awareness of this theme in Judaism and Christianity.

Page first spoke on the freedom of group inclusion, pointing out an example of this the Egyptian story of Sinuhe.

Sinuhe was a man who fled into self-imposed exile, but later longed for the community of his homeland.

"[The culture] placed a premium on the group, not the individual. They found safety and meaning in life with their families, community, and relatives, not outside the community," Page said.

This story offers a sense of liberation by drawing from others. This "wholistic and integrated approach" led to members "plung[ing] head first into the joys ... of the group," according to Page.

In his second topic, Page described freedom in the heart of human existence in Mesopotamian cultures.

In the Epic of Atrahasis, the burden of deities is delegated to mortals. The chief spokesperson of the gods is ironically sacrificed for the birth of humans who were created through mixed clay and flesh.

Before the god's death, a promise was made that a symbol of him would be found within every person — "the drumbeat of the human heart."

"It suggests that the same courage and intelligence is at the heart of the human experience," Page said. "The heart is the seed of emotion and intellect. [It] is seen as the cosmic liberator."

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#### ■ ELECTION '98

## Hanover team will lead class of 2001 in 1998-99

By TIM LOGAN  
News Writer

The ticket of Hunt Hanover and Anna Benjamin was elected yesterday to lead the class of 2001, edging Gerry Olinger and Megan Strader's ticket in a runoff election 51.2 percent to 48.4 percent. The margin of victory was 28 votes.

Hanover will take over as president, with Benjamin stepping in at vice president, Brian Smith will be treasurer and Meghan McCurdy will take over as secretary.

"We have a lot to bring to the class: a fresh perspective, experience and a good work ethic," declared Hanover.

The ticket hopes to improve communication between class government and students. They plan to distribute a bimonthly class newsletter by e-mail and put up an informational Web page for sophomores. They will also hold open class council meetings.

"We'll encourage any involvement, ideas, criticism from students. We'll listen to any-

thing that can help us be better representatives for students," stated Smith.

The ticket also plans to hold several class activities early next fall "in order to increase class unity," said Hanover.

Smith and McCurdy served on Freshman Class Council, and Anna Benjamin was vice president of the class of 2001. "I am looking forward to working hard for our class again next year," stated Benjamin.

The race was hotly contested, as five tickets initially entered the race. In Monday's election Hanover received 30 percent of the vote and Olinger garnered 23 percent. "It's exciting to see that much enthusiasm," commented Hanover.

"We would have been in great hands either way," Hanover continued, referring to the close nature of his victory over the Olinger ticket. Olinger has served as president of the class of 2001 up to this point in the year. "We think Gerry did a great job last year."

Mickey Doyle was elected off-campus senator, receiving 53 percent of the vote.



The Observer/Liz Lang

Hunt Hanover, Anna Benjamin, Meghan McCurdy, and Brian Smith were elected president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer, respectively, of the class of 2001 for the 1998-99 academic year.

■ INSIDE COLUMN

# ND loses sight of students

At the end of a listening session on cultural diversity hosted by Father Edward Malloy a couple weeks ago, members of the audience, 95 percent of whom were minority students, pressed him to attend a follow-up event where they could continue to air their concerns. After a few minutes' hesitation, Malloy agreed to the students' wishes.



**Brad Prendergast**  
Editor-in-Chief

I attended that session, and what surprised me was not so much that Malloy agreed but that this was the first time in my four years at Notre Dame that anyone in the upper echelon of the administration had said he or she would listen to what the students had to say.

Sure, Patricia O'Hara reads the resolutions from the Campus Life Council before she rejects them, but the fact is that the administration has its mind made up on the most controversial issues well before it receives student input.

When we at The Observer write articles about how the latest rational arguments of students to improve the campus community have been rejected, we tend to become desensitized. "So the University chose to hide behind legal jargon rather than do the right thing by including sexual orientation in the non-discrimination clause? That figures."

There are times when the frustration often experienced by the student body hits home at The Observer. For the past six months, The Observer has tried to make the best of the impending move to South Dining Hall, which was forced upon us without regard for the fact that it makes absolutely zero sense for the student newspaper, which devotes much of its news-gathering to student government, not to be housed in the student center, where many student groups such as student government are located.

But more important than whether the University cares about the school paper is whether it cares about the students. You'd think the administrators do care, but sometimes you have to wonder.

When the school spends \$50 million to renovate the hallowed home of the football squad — a team composed of a greater percentage of minorities than the student body is — but allows relations between races, and for that matter, genders, to deteriorate, you have to wonder.

When the school decides to spend millions of dollars to repave the sidewalks on God Quad and to build a second bookstore, yet increases tuition each year at a rate twice that of inflation so that graduating seniors begin life \$30,000 in the hole, you have to wonder.

When plenty of other Catholic universities allow their homosexual students to run their own groups and include sexual orientation in their non-discrimination clauses, but Notre Dame hides itself behind legal jargon instead of just doing the right thing by providing homosexuals the protection they deserve, you have to wonder.

Every time that The Observer's outgoing editor-in-chief writes an Inside Column for the last issue of his term — as today's edition is for me — the content invariably focuses on how the administration has ignored both the students and their opinions. The implication is that things around here just don't get better, even as time moves from one year to the next.

Because the student body is composed of different people every year, it has an excuse for repeating the same mistakes.

The administration, however, does not.

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

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# Outside the Dome

Compiled from U-Wire reports

## Nationwide 'cyber attack' strikes Princeton, other schools

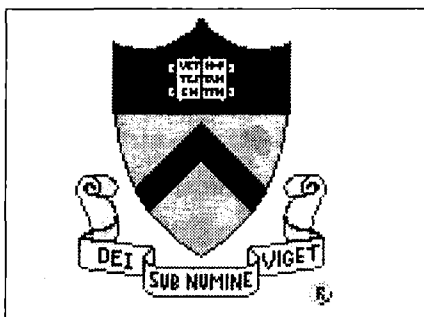
PRINCETON, N.J.

Investigations are still underway to explain the computer crash that affected thousands of civilian and military computers all over the nation, including those at the university.

During a 36-hour period that began early Monday evening, several schools, including the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the University of Minnesota, and the University of California at Berkeley, were affected, according to the Associated Press.

Several unclassified Navy computers were also affected, according to Commander O'Leary from the U.S. Navy Office of Information in New York City.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is heading up the effort to find the people responsible, O'Leary said. "The FBI handles all



investigations involving military computer systems," he added.

Microsoft Corporation group products manager Edmund Huth said Microsoft is also performing an investigation in cooperation with "law enforcement agencies and the various institutions involved."

"As a company, it's our policy to cooperate aggressively with law enforcement agencies when security breaches occur against our clients,"

Huth said.

Huth added the university has been an important collaborator in this and past investigations. "Princeton is well known about its expertise in computer security," he said.

According to Huth, there are various types of 'cyber-attacks' possible.

"This type of attack is called a 'denial of service attack,' when no data is conducted to the computers, and that causes them to freeze. Most systems are set just to reboot after they freeze," he added.

Huth also said the university's lack of Internet security makes it a more-susceptible target to cyber attacks.

"This type of attack can only be mounted against organizations that do not protect their networks with firewalls. . . . A firewall is a piece of software that insulates the Internet from the internal network of the organization," Huth said.

■ DUKE UNIVERSITY

### Students burn campus benches

DURHAM, N.C.

West Campus looks remarkably barren now. Displaying an impressive level of organization and unity, students Tuesday night burned many of the benches that had inhabited the area. The spark for the burnings came from the administration's refusal to allow students to build a traditional bonfire following the men's basketball team's Saturday afternoon 77-75 victory over archrival University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and from its plan to take away 14 of the benches in order to prevent future fires. "Public Safety didn't want any more benches on campus," Trinity senior Jeff Kessler said sarcastically. "I guess we're just doing their job for them." In an elaborate plot — orchestrated by two students who wished to remain anonymous — several people planted a decoy to distract members of the Duke University Police Department: They moved the bench to the center of the quad and feigned igniting it. At approximately the same time, a fire alarm went off in Clocktower Quad, and a few of the students who were trying to ignite the Mirecourt bench were taken away by police.

■ MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

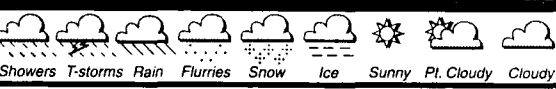
### Casino management will be offered

EAST LANSING, Mich.

MSU took a gamble Tuesday after the Academic Council approved courses that teach how to manage a casino, some faculty members said. "Does MSU want to be associated with an activity that will teach impressionable young people how to gamble?" asked Shawnee Vickery, a market and supply chain management professor, during the meeting. Vickery, who asked for dismissal of the motion, said offering the classes would only cause advocacy and could begin a dangerous path for college students. She also said the long-term effects of gaming may lead to many negative consequences, including habits such as alcoholism and the severity of a huge economic impact. But John Tarras, associate professor of hospitality business, said students have the right to choose whether they want to gamble, and the courses will provide the knowledge needed to make that decision.

■ SOUTH BEND WEATHER

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■ WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

### Freshmen charged with counterfeiting

BOWLING GREEN, Ky.

Two Western Kentucky students were indicted by a federal grand jury in Louisville yesterday in connection with a possible two-state counterfeiting ring. Freshmen Jason Cardwell and Craig Fagg, both 19, were charged with conspiracy, producing counterfeit currency and passing counterfeit currency, all federal offenses. If convicted, Cardwell may serve up to 50 years in prison, three years of supervised release and pay a \$1 million fine. Fagg faces up to 35 years imprisonment, three years supervised release and a \$750,000 fine if proven guilty. "I've been advised to tell you guys no comment," Cardwell said. Despite numerous calls, Fagg could not be reached for comment. Fagg and Cardwell were released on bond and will be arraigned in Bowling Green federal court March 18. According to the indictment, the two conspired last August to produce \$20 bills on a computer in Fagg's dormitory room. The two allegedly spent the phony cash in several unspecified Bowling Green convenience stores Aug. 27.

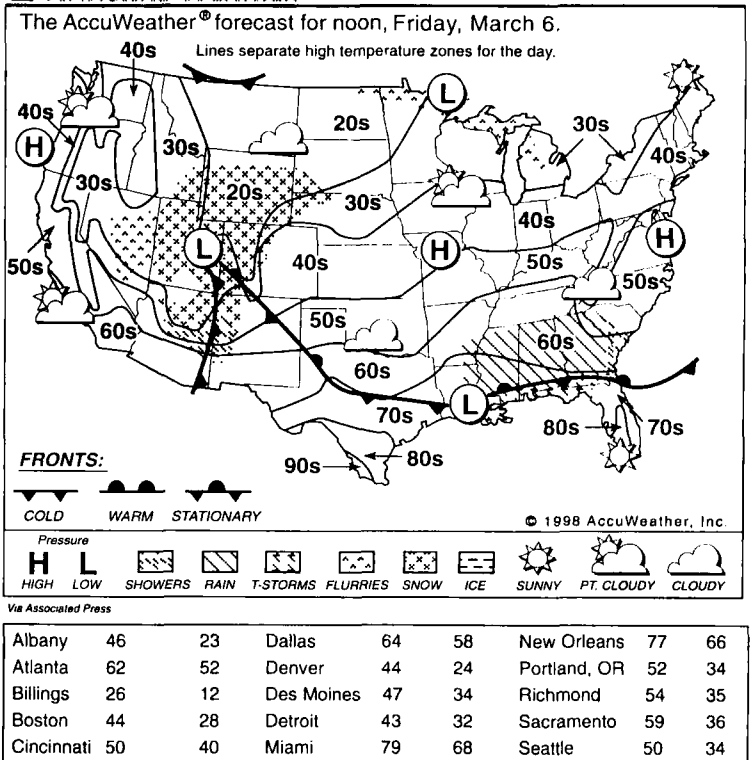
■ UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

### Gov't officials sued for defamation

TAMPA, Fla.

Student government chief justice Chandan Manansingh filed two civil lawsuits in Hillsborough County circuit court against three Student Government officials for defamation of character and violating information laws. The defendants named in the lawsuits are senate president Rob Mackay, Sen. Lara Osofsky and director for Sober Ride Bryan Verdone. In the official complaint, Verdone is accused of spreading false information in regard to Manansingh's character. "(Verdone) knew the good name and reputation of the plaintiff (Manansingh)," it states. "(Verdone) composed and published a letter . . . in which false, scandalous, and defamatory statements concerning (Manansingh) were made maliciously intending to injure the plaintiff and to bring the plaintiff into public scandal and disgrace." Verdone said he could not comment on Manansingh's lawsuit against him because he had not yet been served with a copy of the it.

■ NATIONAL WEATHER



# Music students to perform opera

By SARAH J. HILTZ  
Associate News Editor

Romance, politics and the glory of ancient Rome will be on display in an opera put on by the Notre Dame music department later this month.

The music department will also include "The Coronation of Poppea" in its spring schedule. Monteverdi's opera, which will be performed in English, is about love, politics and jealousy, and is set in the Roman Empire during the reign of Nero.

Emperor Nero, who will be played by graduate student Magnus Hillbo, is the main character. He is in love with Poppea but is married to Ottavia, who eventually tries to have him killed. Ottavia winds up banished, and Poppea, played by senior Laura Portune, becomes queen.

Graduate student Erin

Kraemer, who plays the part of Ottavia, sung the praises of the show's director, Marc Verzatt.

"Marc has so much energy, and he gives everything he has. During the first rehearsal, he gave me a whole extra hour and a half," Kraemer said.

She also explained the care taken by Verzatt to accommodate the character according to the abilities and personality of the singer.

"He takes time to get to know you personally, and then decides how the character should be played. He gets a feel for your own personality, then shapes the character," Kraemer explained.

Stephanie Mann, a Notre Dame graduate student, plays Drusilla, who takes the blame for trying to murder Ottavia to protect Ottane, the man she loves.

"The story is very sick.

Drusilla is really the only one with some redeemable qualities," she said.

Mann emphasized that, while college students may not have a particular interest in opera, the intriguing plot makes the show worth seeing.

"What is interesting is that the plot has such subtle twists. There are a lot of subtexts that make it good. There is a lot of meat in this particular work," she commented.

The music for the opera will be conducted by John Apeitos, who is resident conductor of the National Radio Symphony in Athens, Greece.

Tickets for "The Coronation of Poppea" are now available at the LaFortune box office. Costs are \$6 for general admission, and \$3 for students and senior citizens. The show will take place at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall on March 27 and 28.

## ■ CORRECTION

An article in the Feb. 19 edition of The Observer, "Drunken students damage van," was a fabrication. The article was one of five briefs in The Observer's daily "Outside the Dome" section, which are received each day from U-Wire, a college news wire service.

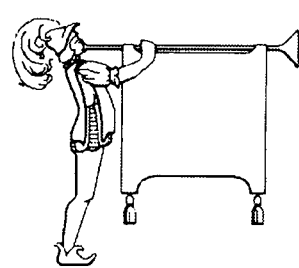
The copy editor for that section created the story and also substituted the names of acquaintances for names mentioned in "Alleged arsonist stu-

dent released," "Police charge students with fraud" and "Student falls down waterfall." The four stories were attributed to UCLA, Boston University, the University of Virginia, and the University of Arizona, respectively.

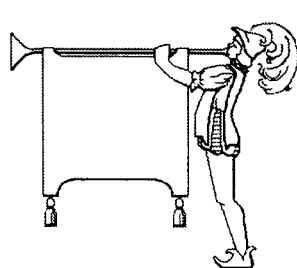
The copy editor has been suspended from The Observer for the remainder of the semester.

*The Observer extends its apologies to those four schools and to U-Wire.*

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## Announcing the 1998 Annual Awards of the Albert Ravarino Italian Studies Travel Scholarship



Thanks to a generous gift from the Albert Ravarino family, the Italian Studies Program is pleased to announce the 1998 annual competition for travel in support of summer research and foreign study in Italy. Grants will be made in amounts not to exceed \$3,000, and will not normally cover all expenses. Notre Dame graduate and undergraduate students who are planning to pursue research or a formal program of summer study in Italy are invited to apply. Students must have completed at least one year of Italian language. The course work will normally be in Italian; will involve the study of Italian language, literature, and culture; and must be applicable to a student's degree program at the University of Notre Dame.

Recommended programs for foreign study include, but are not limited to: Loyola University in Rome, Boston University in Padua, UCLA in Pisa, Miami University in Urbino, Columbia University in Scandiano. Interested students are encouraged to consult the materials on Italian foreign study in the Department of Romance Languages, 343 O'Shaughnessy Hall.

Students are invited to submit a letter which should include:

- 1) an explanation of how the proposed research or foreign study will enhance their degree program at Notre Dame
- 2) a personal statement indicating their background, interests, and long-term goals
- 3) a description of the research project or the program they intend to follow
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THANK YOU, NOTRE DAME BASKETBALL FANS.



# CASH

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also was looking for a way for her students to practice speaking Spanish in the real world.

These two goals came together in 1992, when Jakab wanted to start a course at Notre Dame called the Hispanic Experience, in which she planned to include an experiential learning component. The University viewed sending students into the Hispanic community as a liability, so the new organization became an alternative possibility for conversation experience.

From these modest beginnings, the club has expanded into a group benefiting up to 100 people each semester. Jakab, founder of the club, also serves as the faculty adviser.

"Not too many people know about CASH, but what is being achieved is a lot," she said.

CASH offers three different programs at La Casa de Amistad — a Kids' Club on Saturday mornings, a Boy Scout troop which meets on weekday afternoons, and classes designed to help prepare

people for United States citizenship.

There is also some involvement in teaching English as a second language at local schools. This semester, a new program offering Spanish classes to young children at the Early Childhood Development Center has begun.

Last year's CASH president, senior Megan Ferstenfeld, got involved in the club in order to practice her Spanish. She began by participating in citizenship classes and tutoring English Harrison Elementary School. Soon, she became a club officer.

"CASH's basic mission is to serve as a liaison between various South Bend Hispanic charities and Notre Dame student volunteers," said Ferstenfeld. "Our goal is to try to get ND students out into the community, especially those in Spanish classes, to get a more experiential learning instead of textbook. And there's such a great need for it. We're really trying to get people to come up for next year and rebuild our club."

The Kids Club is one of the most successful endeavors of CASH. It offers activities which

celebrate the culture and diversity of the children of La Casa de Amistad, who are mostly Hispanic.

The Notre Dame volunteers play games with the children, celebrate holidays, do various arts and crafts, make snacks, go on field trips, and participate in other activities such as dancing or telling Hispanic ghost stories.

One interesting aspect of the club is that the children may switch back and forth between speaking English and Spanish. Many children come with their friends and siblings in tow, as interest in the club spreads largely by word of mouth.

Sophomore Laura Antkowiak, Kids Club Coordinator and vice president of CASH, is responsible for planning events for each week. She decides what will be the activities for that day.

However, she notes that these are not always set in stone, recounting one morning when the children handcuffed the volunteers and dragged them off one-by-one to a room which they referred to as jail. Antkowiak called that day as her fondest memory of Kids Club.

"I love kids. These are like my brothers and sisters away from home," said Antkowiak. "It's hard getting up early on Saturdays, but it's so worth it once you get used to playing with the kids," she said.

"With the Kids Club, we are helping the kids to realize that it is not bad to speak Spanish; it is a gift," said Jakab. "If Notre Dame students are trying to learn Spanish, it must be good. We want to make them proud of their culture and also a part of American culture. What we want is to help the self-esteem of the Hispanic children."

The citizenship classes, organized by senior Kelly Nicholas and junior Matt Sparacino, meet one to two times a week to teach Hispanic people about citizenship and helping them become citizens. A number of people are looking to take advantage of this service through La Casa de Amistad.

"With the citizenship classes, once people become citizens, they can vote and be the equal of Americans," said Jakab. "That is the goal of almost every person, but they are afraid because they love their country and are afraid to be

disloyal to their homeland, but know they are going to live here and want to be integrated into the community."

The Boy Scouts offer a much needed after-school activity for elementary school students, and the English program helps individuals to improve their grasp of the language.

The new program at the Early Childhood Development Center is different in that it is not primarily for Hispanic children, but meant to promote understanding of the Hispanic culture and the speaking of Spanish.

Down the road, Jakab would like to see 300-level Spanish classes getting involved in CASH as an experiential learning component, as the experiential learning is currently only in place for 200-level classes.

"For the future of CASH, I would like to see more people involved and more projects," said Jakab.

"I would like to see us become a very strong organization on campus with office space, to be a more solid and comprehensive organization because we have a lot to give and there is a big group there with the need," he commented.

# Lent

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The Bible was the third selection Page marked as possessing concepts of freedom, especially in the Book of Exodus.

A brief episode in this book "almost goes unnoticed," according to Page. However, when examined, God's message to Moses, "I bore you on

eagle's wings and brought you to myself," implies Israel's concept of liberation.

The text provides a sense of "divine strength, deliverance, and parental nurturing" and also the union of a community and a divine God. Israel's obedience to the covenant indicates a life of service through which people were invited to priestly vocations and found a link between freedom and the cosmos.

"[This] led to community liberation," Page said, emphasizing

the virtues of the eagle.

In his final example, Page noted that the New Testament embodied the ministry of Jesus and early Christian establishments. In the gospels, Jesus associated with those on "the social margins" which made him appear to represent counter-values of the society.

This idea unifies the link between liberation in institutions and liberation of an individual.

"[The New Testament] appears to permit an ongoing

influence of the Holy Spirit," Page said. "[It shows] how to live the Gospel as an individual and how to live the Gospel as a faith community."

The issues of liberation and freedom are centralized in Judaism and Christianity, Page noted.

Page ended his speech by answering a self-posed question, "How do the texts contribute to the observance of the Lenten season?"

By contemplating the sacred mysteries for a 40-day period,

Page believes that one can gain a greater sense of liberation.

Citing Lent as an epoch journey, Page said this is a time to "draw closer to people and draw closer to nature" while discovering the meaning of liberation and freedom.

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### ■ RIGHT OR WRONG?

## Notre Dame 'Family' Shouldn't Judge in Fox Case

Now that the prosecution of John Rita is over, it may be useful to evaluate some aspects of the public and campus reaction to the case.

On Nov. 13, 1993, at about 12:30 a.m.,

### Charles Rice



a car driven westbound by John Rita, then a third-year Notre Dame law student, struck and killed Mara Fox as she and three other students were walking west along Douglas road.

John drove away from the scene and was later apprehended in his apartment. At 3:28 a.m., he was given an Intoxilyzer breath test which showed an alcohol blood level of 0.14 percent. The legal limit is 0.10 percent. About a half-hour later, the police videotaped an interview of John.

In November 1994, John was tried in South Bend on two counts, one for causing a death while driving with a blood alcohol level in excess of 0.10 percent, and the second for knowingly leaving the scene of a personal injury accident. The jury acquitted him on the first count and failed to reach a verdict on the second.

Later, the second count was amended to charge him with failure to return to the scene. On Feb. 6, 1998, John pleaded guilty to this charge and was sentenced to a one-year suspended sentence with probation, a \$1,000 fine and 40 hours of community service which he can perform in Virginia, his home state.

Prosecutor Michael Barnes said the sentence was appropriate: "We're at the same place, most likely, if he had been retried and a conviction obtained." The case was prosecuted, and defended, with competence and integrity by

Barnes, a respected Notre Dame Law School alumnus, and by Charles Asher, whose character as well as ability I know to be excellent in every respect.

The incident was tragic for Mara Fox and her family. The Notre Dame community, and especially the residents of Lyons Hall, gave a witness of faith and character in their support of Mara's family. The case was tragic, too, in a different way, for John Rita and his family.

Unfortunately, there were few indications anywhere on campus of support, or even suspension of judgment, for them.

The proper concern that justice be done was transmuted in some media and other quarters to an identification of justice with the conviction and imprisonment of John. This prejudgment was typified by the effort of some, even before the trial, to deny John his degree. The University has authority to do so. However, such a rush to punishment would have been inappropriate in a case in which the dispositive facts were seriously in dispute.

We hear much about "the Notre Dame family," especially in fund raising. But if a family turns on a member in trouble, when the facts are in dispute and before the evidence is in, it is not much of a "family."

And there were facts in serious dispute. After the trial, prosecutor Barnes said he "realized the case had possible weaknesses--notably the Intoxilyzer test and Fox's position in the road--but he thought the other evidence would overcome that." South Bend Tribune, Nov. 13, 1994, p.C1.

On the breath test, the Intoxilyzer registered strikeovers and misprints, causing defense expert Dr. Walter Frajola to say that he had never seen such errors and that they led him to question the accuracy of the reading. Incredibly, the police did not retest or offer Rita the more reliable blood test which he was willing to take.

Juror John Michaels said: "We considered, as serious an accident as it was, why wasn't there a blood test? ... Why

didn't they take another breath test to make sure it was correct?"

Juror James Stroup said, "There was not evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that he was drunk. He surely was impaired, but ... it is legal to drive with a blood alcohol content of up to .10 percent... The only substantial evidence that he was over that limit was a ... test ... which does not even measure the actual blood alcohol content but only makes an estimate based on a breath sample. By testimony presented in court, there was serious doubt as to the validity of this method of testing for blood alcohol content, and as to the accuracy of the test given."

On the second point, whether Mara Fox was unknowingly walking on the road, it is important that the night was dark, rainy and foggy. There was evidence which could support Mr. Asher's claim that: "The painted white borders of the ... road (also known as fog lines) were not maintained, making it impossible for either a driver or a pedestrian to see where the edge of the road was. The Rita vehicle never left the roadway. The point of impact between the Rita vehicle and the victim was in the right center portion of the roadway. Even after the tragic accident (which could only have pushed the victim to the right), the victim came to rest entirely on the roadway ... [T]he victim and her companions could not themselves know that some of them were on the dark, inadequately marked roadway."

Since the trial, I have come to know John very well and I hold him in the very highest regard in every respect. At the time of the accident and trial I knew John well enough, as a student in three of my courses, to form a judgment on his sobriety during his videotaped interview shortly after he took the breath test. My reaction to that tape was that he was not drunk. A second viewing of the tape confirmed my opinion.

However, my opinion that John did not in fact cause a death through driving while intoxicated does not count. The only opinions that matter are those

of the 12 jurors who deliberated upon all the evidence. Their vote to acquit John of the first charge means only that they unanimously concluded that the prosecution had not proven John's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. The jury made no specific findings as to the level of alcoholic impairment, whether impairment caused the accident, or any other facts. I am not urging the reader to adopt any particular view of the facts. However, the verdict on the first count is consistent with the conclusion that if a total abstainer had been behind the wheel, Mara Fox would still have died. It is consistent with Mr. Asher's conclusion that "This was an accident. It had nothing to do with intoxication."

On the amended second charge, John Rita should have returned to the scene as soon as he realized he had hit someone. His guilty plea admits his fault in that regard, for which he will pay for the rest of his life. Why did he not return? Because, in his own words, he "freaked out." He should not have done that. But if any reader can absolutely guarantee that he or she would not so react, he or she is made of sterner stuff than most mortals including this writer. After the acquittal, the Tribune reported that the mood on campus "was one of great sadness." Why "sadness"? If John had been convicted, would there have been "joy"? John Rita is as much a member of the Notre Dame "family" as is (not was) Mara Fox.

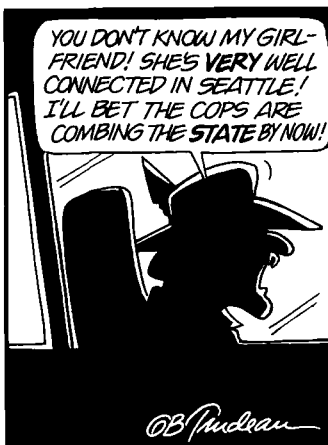
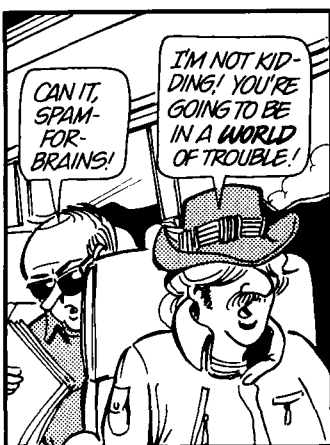
The law gives an accused the benefit of the doubt and does not consider him guilty until a proper adjudication on the evidence. His "family" ought to do no less.

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### ■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

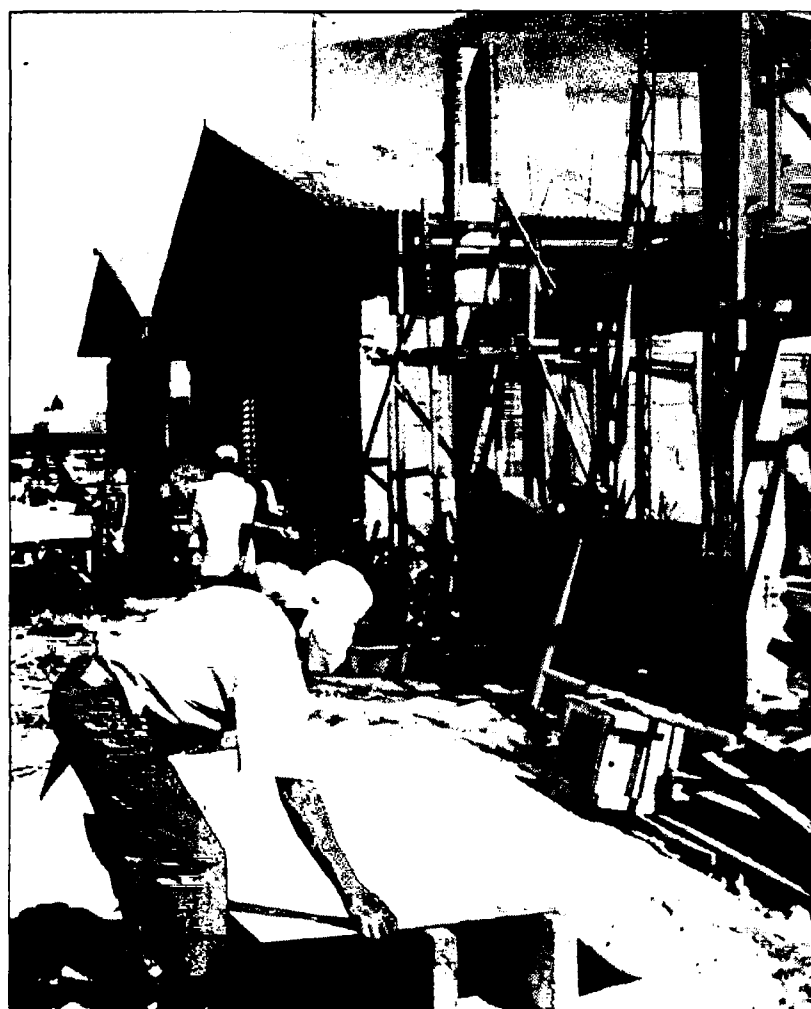
"California is a fine place to live - if you happen to be an orange."

—Fred Allen

# Building a

## Notre Dame's Habitat for Humanity campus

By SARAH DYLAG  
Accent Writer



**M**embers of Japan's Habitat for Humanity work on a house in the Philippines. The houses in the Philippines are constructed out of cement blocks, which differs from the wood construction techniques used in the United States.

**Below:** This is the same site that 10 members of Notre Dame's chapter hope to visit this August. Their goal is to build 25 houses during a two-week stay in the country.

Photos courtesy of Rick Hathaway, Habitat's regional director in east and south Asia.



Spring break is typically a week to have fun and spend time with friends under a tropical sun, but the University of Notre Dame's Habitat for Humanity chapter has other plans. Although they may see some time in the sun, and they will spend the week with friends, they won't be seen on "MTV Spring Break 1998." Instead they'll be tackling a project right here in South Bend.

Notre Dame's chapter of Habitat for Humanity was established in 1988 with the help of the St. Joseph County chapter. As part of Habitat for Humanity International, the ND chapter seeks to eliminate sub-standard housing worldwide. Since its founding, the campus chapter has focused its efforts in the South Bend area. They funded and constructed their first house independent of the St. Joseph County chapter in 1995, and since then they have built one house every year. Their 1997-98 house is almost complete, with the dedication ceremony scheduled for April 19.

But their hard work is far from finished.

During spring break, 12 students and two advisors from three Japanese Habitat for Humanity campus chapters — Kyoto University, Doshisha University and Kwansei Gaku University — will visit South Bend. They will work together with representatives from the Notre Dame chapter and other Indiana chapters to construct a house at 1746 N. Meade St., near LaSalle High School.

"It's a great opportunity," said Amy Crawford, president of Notre Dame's Habitat chapter. "We have a great organization that has taken on a lot of responsibility funding and building our own homes. Our involvement in the Japan exchange shows that other chapters are aware of our hard work."

Developed by Indiana Lieutenant Governor Joseph Kernan, a Notre Dame graduate and former mayor of South Bend, the Kansai-Indiana Volunteer Initiative seeks to bring together Habitat volunteers in the spirit of international partnership. Participants hope the initiative will provide an opportunity to highlight the mutual achievements of both Japanese and Indiana Habitat chapters while establishing a connection across countries.

Early last semester, the ND chapter learned of the Japanese project through their faculty advisor, Professor David Kirkner. Kirkner presented the issue at a weekly board meeting and the club seized the challenge appointing freshman Jennifer Farrell as special projects coordinator.

Farrell's personal interest in Habitat began with her work at a fall break Appalachia seminar sponsored by the Center for Social Concerns.

"I went to Appalachia and decided I wanted to get more involved with Habitat. When the position opened up, Amy [Crawford] offered me the job and I took it," she explained.

Since then, Farrell has overseen all aspects of the ND chapter's involvement with the Kansai-Indiana Volunteer Initiative.

"I'm kind of the contact person," she said. "St. Joe's Habitat tells me different things, Rick Hathaway, the regional director for Habitat in east and southern Asia, will e-mail me and I try to keep everyone informed."

Keeping everyone informed means staying in contact with a long list of people in different parts of the United States and abroad since representatives from Japanese companies in South Bend and Habitat chapters from Purdue, Bethel College and IUSB will each contribute to the project with the three Japanese chapters.

Farrell communicates regularly with the Japanese chapters and has learned a lot about their culture and involvement with Habitat. Her e-mail correspondence has revealed the Japanese students' enthusiastic anticipation of the opportunity to expand their involvement with Habitat International and work with the Indiana chapters. In addition to South Bend, the group will travel to Americus, Ga., the city where Habitat for Humanity was founded.

"It's not just a chance for them to come to the United States," explained Farrell.



# Partnership

## chapter to participate in Japanese exchange

"They are really excited about Habitat in general, and excited to learn about how we build. Apparently, our way of building things is completely different from theirs."

Typically, the Japanese chapter build homes made out of cement blocks instead of wood. Because land is so expensive and volunteerism uncommon, the four existing Habitat campus chapters in Japan have not had many opportunities to build within their country. Instead, the chapters frequently travel to the Philippines and build homes there.

"In the Philippines, a house made of wood is like a shack," explained Farrell. "It's not really worth anything. The Japanese students are used to building with cement blocks. They're really excited about learning how we build. They even asked if they should take carpentry classes before they came."

Building techniques will not be the only unfamiliar aspect for the visiting chapters. Although they attend international schools in Japan, only four volunteers are completely fluent in English. The rest speak only a few words or do not understand the language at all. Luckily, the Michiana Nihon Friendship group has offered to meet the students at the airport and help with translation throughout the week.

"The Nihon Friendship group is a group of Japanese-Americans in South Bend who speak Japanese and they're going to really help us out," said Farrell, who emphasized that the language barrier even poses problems with her e-mail correspondence.

Despite the barrier, the St. Joseph County Habitat chapter has planned various activities to give the Japanese students a taste of American life. After arriving in South Bend on Saturday, March 7, the students will have a full day to rest, sight-see and socialize with the Indiana student volunteers.

Sunday evening, they will participate in a tailgate dinner organized by St. Joseph County Habitat. Work at the site begins at 8 a.m. Monday, and throughout the week, group dinners will be provided by various church organizations in the area.

"I'm really enthusiastic to meet all of the students," said Jen Nelson, a Notre Dame Habitat volunteer. "There are quite a few activities and dinners planned that will give us a chance to get to know each other. I'm excited to meet some people and form some new friendships."

Nelson considered various other spring break options, but Habitat's Japanese exchange convinced her to stay on-campus.

"It's a unique opportunity," she explained. "I worked on a Habitat Seminar house on an Appalachia seminar last year. The Habitat project in South Bend really convinced me to spend spring break here."

While in South Bend, the Japanese students will also visit Japanese classes at LaSalle High School and have lunch with the students. On Tuesday, March 10, participate in a press conference with Lt. Governor Kernan who will help build at the site that day.

For the Notre Dame chapter, however, the most unique aspect of the project is the opportunity it presents for further international involvement.

"In August, we want to send 10 of our students to the Philippines to build with the Japanese students who come here," said Farrell.

The trip, which is still in the planning stage as the chapter considers funding options, would send members of Notre Dame's Habitat for Humanity chapter to a two-week work project in the Philippines. During these weeks, the chapter would attempt to construct 25 houses.

"Houses don't cost as much there," explained Farrell. "I think the whole exchange just shows how much people around the world care about what happens in the Philippines and here."

For now, the club is focusing on this week's project in South Bend.

"I'm really excited to work with these students from Japan," said Crawford. "It's going to be a busy and hectic week, but I'm excited about meeting Japanese students, learning about their lives and culture and how they're interested in Habitat."

"I just want our students to have a good time and the Japanese students to have a good time too," she added.

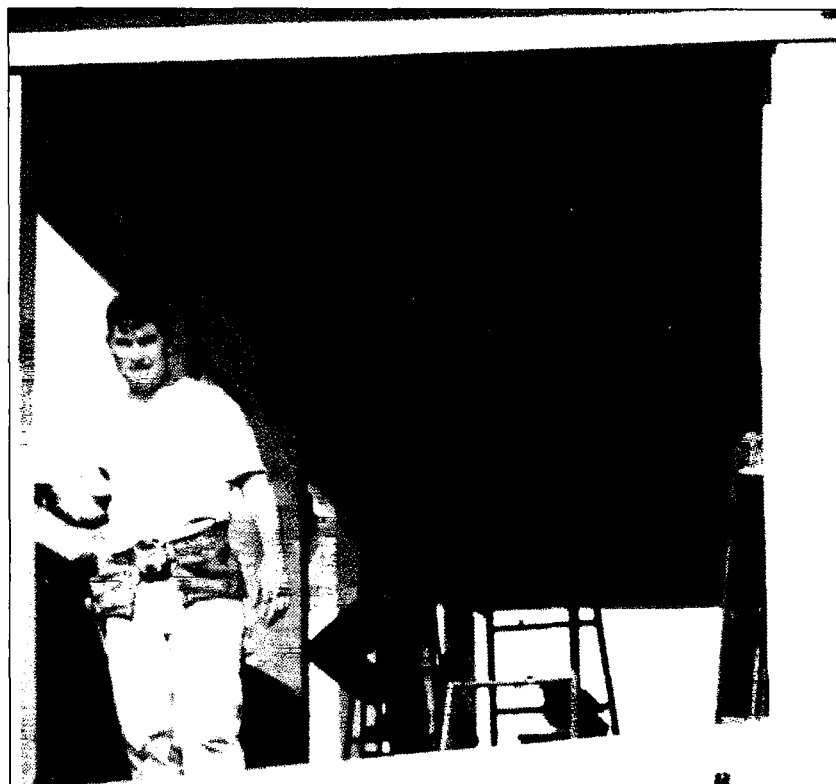
### Just another Saturday afternoon?



Members of Notre Dame's Habitat for Humanity chapter work together to build a house in South Bend. The group funds and builds one house each school year working mainly on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

**Below:** Some members of the ND chapter will stay in South Bend during Spring Break to work with Japanese students in building a house at 1746 N. Meade Street, across from LaSalle High School.

Photos courtesy of ND Habitat for Humanity



**Habitat for Humanity**  
**NOTRE DAME STUDENT CHAPTER**



## ■ TRACK AND FIELD

## Runners look to qualify for NCAA's

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN  
Sports Writer

This weekend will be the final opportunity for members of the Notre Dame track and field team to qualify for the NCAA indoor championships, with just a few individuals competing in either the Silverston Invitational in Ann Arbor, Mich., or the Last Chance Qualifying Meet at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis.

"We want to get some people qualified, and in the case of Errol Williams [who is already automatically qualified], just to run as preparation for nationals," said head coach Joe Piane. "It will be good for him to run on the same track the NCAAAs are held on."

Heading to Silverston are pole vaulter Mike Brown, who should be bound for nationals if he can clear 17 feet, seven inches, one inch higher than

his current best; Marshaun West, who is two centimeters away from an NCAA berth in the long jump; and Jay Hofner in the 35-lb. weight throw.

Taking part in the Indianapolis meet are Williams in the 55-meter hurdles, JoAnna Deeter in the 3000-meter run, whose previous times in the 3000 and 5000 may be good enough to qualify her; and a distance medley relay quartet of Mike Conway, Danny Payton, Phil Mishka, and Jason Rexing.

"One goal is we're going to try to improve JoAnna's time in the 3000, and hopefully get her into the 3000 at nationals," said distance coach Tim Connelly. "We'll use this race as a chance to qualify her, run on the same track the NCAAAs are run on, and sharpen her up."

"[If she makes it to nationals], Our number one goal would be

for her to be an all-American, which would mean being in the top eight Americans. As well as she's running right now, that's a pretty realistic goal."

"This weekend, we're running the DMR to qualify for the NCAAAs," said Rexing, an all-American. "We're in a race that we should be able to do that in if we perform up to our capabilities. It will be tough, but I think we can do it."

The NCAA championships will be held in the RCA Dome March 13-14, the same site as this weekend's Indianapolis meet.

"We'd love to, assuming that JoAnna, Errol, and a couple others get in, get a couple all-Americans out of that," said Piane.

Of Williams, sprints and hurdles coach John Millar said, "I think, realistically, we'd like to see him make the final, which would mean, one, he'd be an



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The Notre Dame distance medley relay team will run at the RCA Dome.

all-American, and two, anything can happen. The hardest part is getting into the finals."

The cross country and track program produced 12 all-Americans in 1996-1997.

## ■ WOMEN'S LACROSSE

## UC-Davis presents challenge

By KEVIN AMERIKS  
Sports Writer

Last weekend, the women's lacrosse team took another important step toward making their presence known nationally by beginning their season along with 40 others at Duke University in the prestigious "South of the Border Tournament" in Durham.

Though none of the nine contests which the Notre Dame women's lacrosse team squared off in last weekend will impact their regular season record, head coach Tracy Coyne extracted much meaning from her team's experience at Durham.

"We want to use this weekend as a benchmark for our season," Coyne said. "We had a great game versus Boston College, which killed us last year, but this time we handled them. We had excellent transition, full-field passing, and good defensive plays."

As opposed to last year, this time the team went down to the tournament with specific goals they had set for themselves and they came away with a greater sense of accomplishment.

"The weekend was a huge success; we felt more competitive than last year and we're closer to being the team we want to be," commented Coyne. "We hung in there with two teams in the top 10 (Georgetown and Delaware)

and did things well defensively. It was also a good opportunity to see how different groups of players work together in different positions."

In the coach's eyes, the Irish have shown appreciable improvement from last year's squad, but Coyne is quick to qualify this broad notion of "improvement" and incorporate it into a fuller expression of the approach that the team will take this year.

"Given the strength of our opposition right now, we want to measure ourselves more in terms of where we want to be as a team, and not so much on whether we just win or lose, because we can of course win without playing well and that poses a problem too," she said.

The attack is blessed with talent and will inevitably prove to be a formidable challenge for the opposition, said Coyne, adding that she is especially proud of the hard work and dedication that her midfielders and defenders have shown thus far.

Though still in its formative stages, the program's entry into the national scene has been relatively painless, if not a little sudden. Top 10 teams like Georgetown and Delaware are not only passively taking notice of the rising program, but they are also getting scored on by Mara Grace, Eileen Regan, and co. on the Irish attack.

They are becoming frustrated by Jessica Grom and Margaret Cholis on the Irish defense, and they are bearing witness to the exciting atmosphere that fans of Notre Dame athletics create for collegiate events.

To be sure, the team has not bumped any one from the spotlight just yet, but all last season put them on the map, then this year they hope will serve as their coming out party.

Now that midterms are through, the lacrosse team resumes competition with a week of games out west over spring break. They will begin their trip with a contest Monday afternoon against UC-Davis. Last year, UC-Davis finished their season with a 19-1 record. The match will provide yet another moment for the Irish to establish what sort of team they will be.

The team will stay in the California sunshine for a few days, squaring off with arch-rival Stanford at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday. Then, it's off to Denver for their final match of the road trip on Friday.

"Our goal is to come back undefeated," commented Coyne. "We won't be happy unless we can accomplish that goal. We face a tough home stand after spring break, with competition from Colgate, Vanderbilt, and Duquesne, so we need to be well-prepared to take the step in the direction we want to go."

## ■ MEN'S TENNIS

## Irish hit the road for next two months

By M. SHANNON RYAN  
Sports Writer

Although Willie Nelson delighted in being "On the Road Again," the men's tennis team is already dreading its excursions.

Finishing their regular season home games with a 7-0 win over Michigan State Wednesday, the No. 23 Irish now find themselves at every fold of the map for the remainder of the year.

The Irish (8-2) will begin their two month road trip (which coach Bob Bayliss can only define as brutal) Friday through Sunday at the Pacific Coast Doubles Tournament in California.

"The competition is going to be tough," said senior Jakub Pietrowski who plays No. 1 doubles with Brian Patterson. "If we come out and have a bad day, we can definitely get beat."

And the teams that will be there will be more than willing to rain on the Irish's parade. The competition will boast mostly Ivy League schools and contenders ranked within the top 20. Included in the competition will be Penn and William and Mary.

The Patterson-Pietrowski duo ranked fifth in the nation proved their mortality at the beginning of the dual season by losing their first three matches.

Lately, the pair has proven why they are ranked among the best by winning their last four battles in doubles.

Bayliss may mix different combinations and implement often unused players. Eric

Enloe, who usually plays only singles at No. 5, may receive his chance to prove himself a potent power in pairs.

"I've been practicing and feel ready," said Enloe who played successfully in the fall with Robert Warn. "I'm anxious to get in there."

The Irish are also anxious to breathe in some fresh air.

"Getting outside will be good," captain Danny Rothschild said. "We've played well outdoors."

The outside courts are one benefit the Irish will have at the weekend tournament. Since courts outdoors are usually slower, they fit the Irish style of play which is accustomed to the tame courts at the Eck Pavilion.

With outdoor play, the Irish can also expect more baselines which fits nicely into their game plan.

In fact, the overall atmosphere of the tournament should be enough to inspire the Irish to make a statement.

"Lahoya is a great place to play tennis," Bayliss said. "It's old and storied and the best place to play."

After the weekend in the West, Notre Dame will get their frequent flyer miles in by heading back east to face Pennsylvania on Tuesday.

However the Irish should be able to handle the travel time considering the way they have been playing. They have compiled five straight wins and are competing at their highest level.

"I think we're prepared," Enloe said. "It's going to be tough, but we're looking forward to it."

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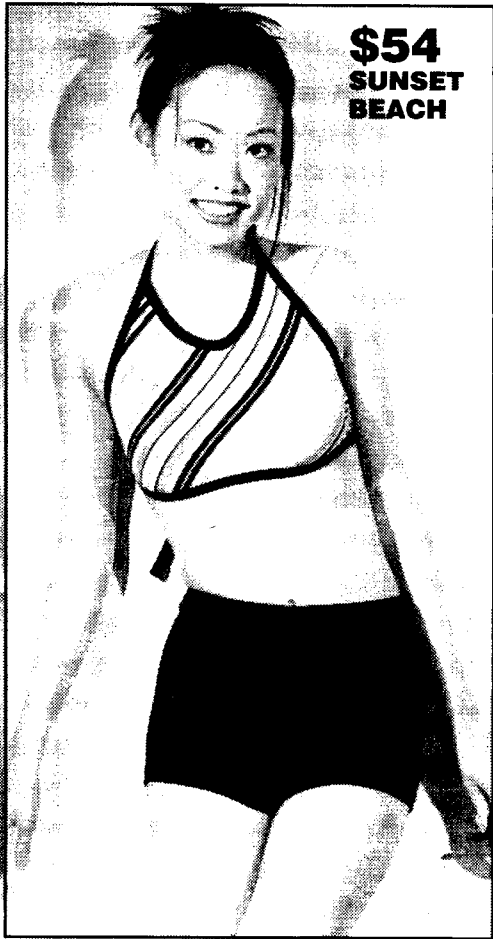
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## ■ BASEBALL

# Irish host classic in San Antonio

By ALLISON KRILLA  
Sports Writer

A seven-game stint in San Antonio, Texas, stands between the Irish and their Big East conference opener against Providence on March 21.

Notre Dame hosts its annual Irish Spring Baseball Classic at Wolff Municipal Stadium, March 11-14, with Brigham Young, Southern Illinois and Incarnate World participating in this year's tournament.

All four games in the classic present formidable challenges to the Irish, who are fresh off a Diamond Classic championship title run.

The Irish will also play two games against Southwest Texas State and another game against BYU.

Head coach Paul Mainieri praised his team for its ability to bounce back after three tough losses to Miami.

"It would have been easy for us to lose confidence, but the opposite happened," said Mainieri.

One of the keys to Notre Dame's recent success is the

resurgence of the offense. Brant Ust led the team in Evansville, Ind., although the team's power surge came from a variety of sources.

Notre Dame blasted four home runs in a win over Purdue, with two by Ust, and drilled three homers in the final game versus Indiana, including two by junior Jeff Wagner.

"We started to swing the bats last weekend," said Mainieri. "If we can swing the bats consistently, we'll be tough to beat."

Wagner led the team in hitting, going 7-for-13 in the three-game tournament, while J.J. Brock took advantage of his move to

the No. 2 spot in the lineup, batting .385 over the same stretch.

The pitching staff also did its part, striking out 21 batters and walking none in a three-game stretch against Central Michigan, Evansville and Purdue. Alex Shilliday took the spotlight with his eight-inning, 10-strikeout gem against Evansville.


Depth is a major concern for the staff during spring break. The Irish will be without the services of freshman Danny Tamayo and sophomore Scott Cavey, as both hurlers nurse sore arms. If the Irish can survive this test, they will be well-prepared for the upcoming Big East schedule.



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Notre Dame will host its annual Irish Spring Baseball Classic next week.

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"Mind/Body Dualism"
- 7 pm David Chalmers (University of California, Santa Cruz)  
"Conceivability, Possibility and the Mind/Body Problem"  
comments - Barry Loewer (Rutgers University)

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- 10 am John Foster (Oxford University)  
"A brief defense of the Cartesian View"  
comments - David Armstrong (University of Sydney)
- 1:30 pm Fred Dretske (Stanford University)  
"Mental Normativity"  
comments - John O'Leary-Hawthorne (Syracuse University)
- 3:30 pm W.D. Hart (University of Illinois, Chicago)  
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comments - Philip Quinn (University of Notre Dame)

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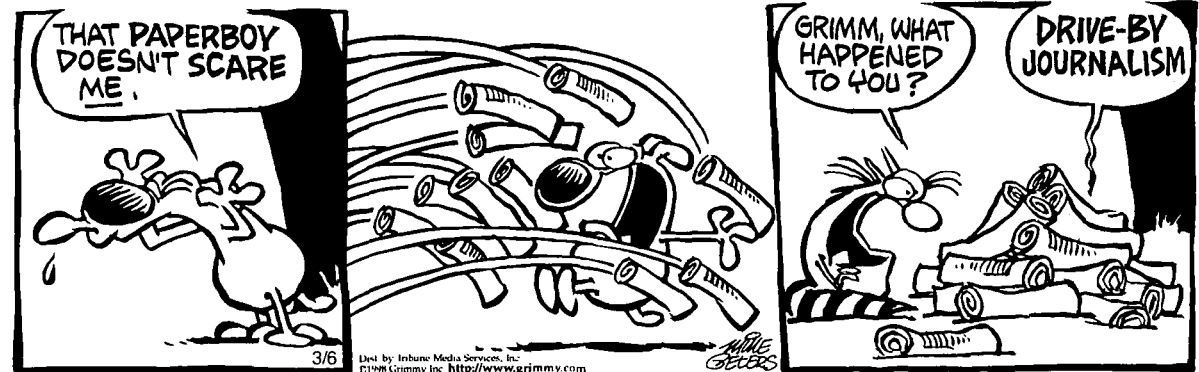
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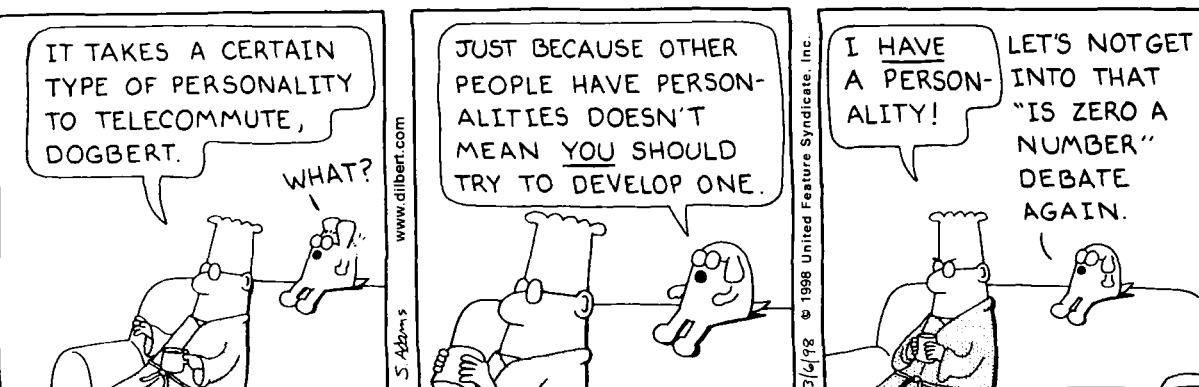
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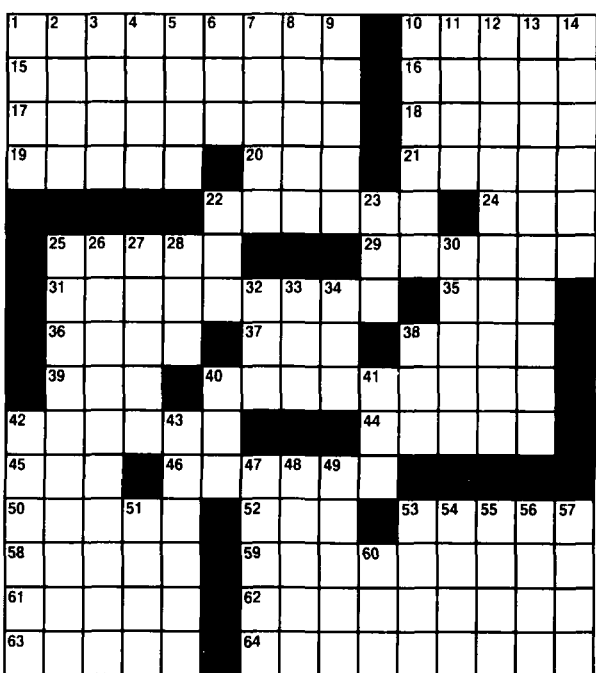
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## ■ MEN'S LACROSSE

## Lacrosse team prepares for road trip

By TOM STUDEBAKER  
and DAN LUZIETTI  
Sports Writers

*Irish looking to avenge last year's loss to Loyola*

Spring break is a time for hanging out at the beach, relaxation, and a relief from the normal, monotonous routines of school.

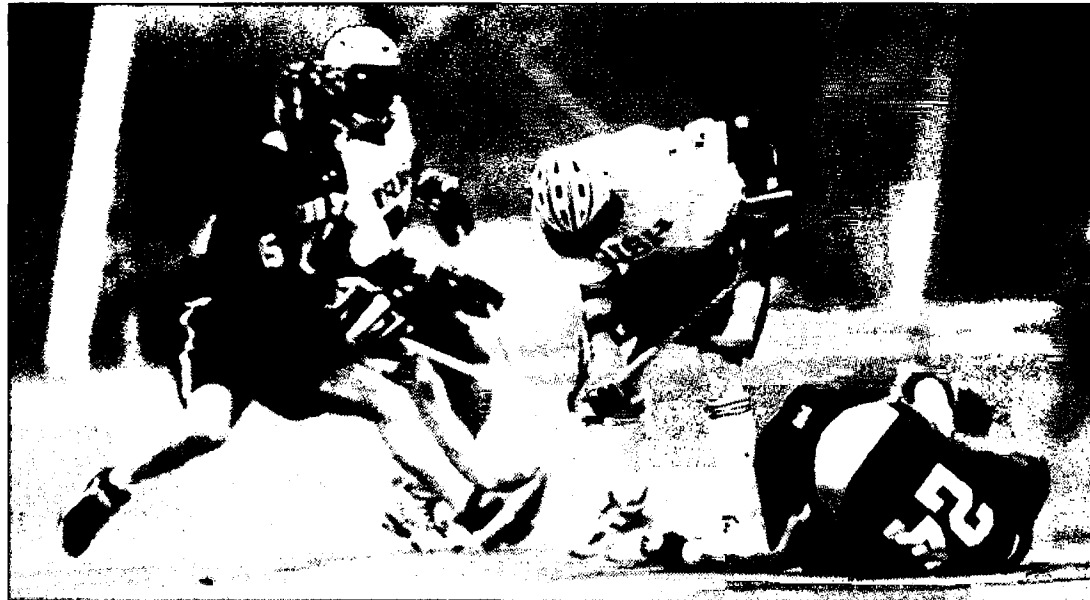
But, for the Notre Dame men's lacrosse team, it will be time for the longest road trip of the year.

The Irish travel to Colorado this weekend for a double-header against the Air Force Academy and Denver University. The second weekend of spring break will see Notre Dame in Hempstead, New York, to face Loyola College.

The Irish are coming off of a strong performance against Penn State last weekend, winning 14-9. They were led by freshman Dave Ulrich, who scored five goals and added two assists. Senior captain Burke Hayes and juniors Chris Dusseau and Brad Owen each added two goals in the win.

Notre Dame looks to build upon this victory during this three game road trip.

"This road trip is crucial for us. In order to get the regional bids that we want, we must win



Notre Dame faces Air Force and Denver before taking on Loyola in a rematch of last year's NCAAAs. The Observer/Jeff Hsu

these tough regional games," said head coach Kevin Corrigan. "With the season being so short, every game is crucial. We hope to keep our momentum moving in the right direction."

A unique challenge on this road trip will be playing on back-to-back days. This is the

only time that the Irish are scheduled to play two in a row this season.

"This will give a lot of people on our team an opportunity to play," Corrigan explained. "We need contributions from everyone in a situation when we play back-to-back games. It is a challenge for us, but we also

see it as a chance for many different individuals to step up and produce."

The first game of the weekend will be against Air Force in Colorado Springs, Col. The Falcons play a lot of zone defense, which presents the Irish with yet another obstacle. Notre Dame hasn't played a

predominately zone defense in a few years. With a few adjustments, the Irish hope that it doesn't disrupt their attack.

The Irish travel up to Denver the following day to face the Denver University Pioneers.

"Denver University is a very young team, and therefore a very excitable team," Corrigan stated. "We have to make sure to not get into a position where we are building their excitement."

Looking past this weekend, the Irish have a chance at revenge when they play Loyola. Last year, Loyola knocked Notre Dame out of the NCAA tournament in the first round, beating the Irish 21-5. The Irish hope to play up to their potential this time around.

"I don't think that I will have to do much to get our team excited to play Loyola," Corrigan said. "Last year where we played 11 very competitive games and only finished with one game where we didn't play up to our potential. We are all anxious to go out there."

The Irish have their work cut out for them this spring break, but hope to rise to meet the challenges it presents.

## ■ HOCKEY

## Playoff-bound Irish end regular season with Michigan



For the first time under head coach Dave Poulin, the Irish will participate in postseason play. The Observer/Joe Stark

By CHARLEY GATES  
Sports Writer

Senior hockey players Lyle Andrusiak, Steve Noble and Matt Eisler will play their final game in the Joyce Center tonight when the Irish take on the Michigan Wolverines in Central Collegiate Hockey Association action.

The game also concludes the regular season for the Irish (17-15-4 overall, 12-13-4 CCHA). But for the first time in head coach Dave Poulin's three-year tenure, his squad is bound for the postseason, regardless of the game's outcome.

The Irish clinched a playoff birth with a win at Northern Michigan two weeks ago; in that game, Brian Urlick had three points on his way to becoming the third Irish player to be named CCHA player of the week.

The Irish currently sit in sixth place in the 11-team league, tied with Lake Superior State with 28 points. Both teams have one game remaining. The Lakers host Michigan State, the top-ranked team in the CCHA, on Friday night, which means that Notre Dame will know what it has to do to earn sole possession of sixth place when it takes the ice on Saturday night.

The Lakers would win any tie because they hold the better record in head-to-head competition (2-0-1). Thus, a Laker victory on Friday night would put the Irish in seventh place. But a tie or a loss would leave the door open.

If the Irish do capture sixth place, they will face third-ranked Ohio State. Otherwise they will face the Wolverines in Ann Arbor on March 13-15.

Poulin's squad is trying hard to gain

momentum heading into the postseason, because a hot team is hard to beat in the playoffs.

"We have played very well over the past two weekends," stated Poulin.

During that span, the Irish are 3-0-1, with their only loss coming in overtime to Western Michigan on an unlucky bounce of the puck.

The Wolverines have won both meetings this season, a 7-2 triumph on Friday, Jan. 30th. But the following night the Irish played the Wolverines even, taking them to overtime. They eventually lost the game, but it was clear that the Irish could play with the Wolverines.

Both the Irish and the Wolverines have comparable special teams. They are tied in league power play scoring and the Irish hold a slight edge in penalty killing.

Regardless of the outcome, Poulin's squad will be playing away in the first round of the playoffs.

"We are going to treat it like a weekend away series," commented Poulin. "Our non-conference schedule will help us here. We deliberately scheduled difficult away games to prepare us for this."

The Irish have proven that they are a road team with impressive wins like the pair at St. Cloud State and the thrashing of Michigan State.

"We like to put ourselves in tough positions in our non-conference schedule because it helps us to become a better team," said Poulin. "Every team we played against this season outside of our conference has spent at least some time in the top 10 in the nation, except for the second round of the Mariucci Classic, which we couldn't control. All this experience will help us."



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