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English professor Erskine Peters dies at 49

By COLLEEN McCARTHY Saint Mary's News Editor

A loss was dealt to the Notre Dame community on March 9 when the man who helped to encourage culture diversity in the University's curriculum as well as Notre Dame's first specialist in African American literature



Erskine Peters, 49, was a professor of English and member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1987. He died of pneumonia in his hometown of Augusta, Ga., after becoming ill in South Bend.

increase cultural diversity in the curricu-

"One of the things remember ROOM. most about him is that he directed a Ford

Foundation summer institute on cultural diversity in the curriculum for Notre Dame faculty. It dealt with how to introduce cultural diversity into the classroom," Sniegowski said.

He added that through the institute, Peters met with professors not just

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Don Sniegowski

In addition to specializing in Faulkner studies, Peters was also a scholar of American literature to 1930, Afro-American literature, 18th century British literature and Afro-poetics.

classroom,'

Sniegowski

"From the time he became a faculty member here until last semester, he

Don Sniegowski, director of undergraduate studies, recalled Peters' across campus.

from the English department but from in the English department dealing with in the English department dealing with all areas of African American literature," Sniegowski said.

Sniegowski also attributed an increase in faculty members specializing in Afro-American studies and literature to Peters influence.

The fact that there are now extra faculty members here is part of his doing. He made us more aware of cultural diversity," Sniegowski said.

"He was a man of great professionalism. He was a scholar through and through. He also had a great deal of commitment to the African American community as well as the Notre Dame community," Sniegowski added.

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McDowell Mission



The town of Gary tucks into a mountain valley in southern West Virginia. A lack of resources often leaves damaged and delapidated houses abandoned.

otre Dame students and alumni traveled to the Appalachian region on a variety of Spring Break Service Seminars. One of theses places was the McDowell mission in Gary, West Virginia.



see Irish Focus, pages 12-13 John Heasly and Mary Clark work on the mission's damaged wharehouse.



Bridget's offenders face court sentencing

By ALEX ORR News Writer

On March 6, while many students were preparing for a week of relaxation at points tropical, 165 of the University's underage drinkers were feeling the ramifications of their police capture at Bridget McGuire's Filling Station on Jan. 30.

Most students avoided the rigors of an actual trial by declaring their guilt and opting for a "pretrial diversion agreement." Through this agreement, guilty parties could avoid the harsher penalties of court trial and also maintain a relatively clean criminal record, bearing only the stigma of a "dismissed" case for their efforts.

Pretrial diversion is, according to Rita Glenn at the St. Joseph County Court House, "basically a program for first time offender. If they do their community service, pay their fines, and have complied with the program, the charges will be dismissed. Their records will show that they were on the program, but that the case was dismissed without pleading guilty or a conviction.

But the diversion was by no means a painless process, nor a mere slap on the wrist. The divertees showed up at the court house at 8 a.m. on Friday, and stood in a line that, with its inclusion of traffic violation cases, at times extended out the door of the court house.

They were then processed in groups of 12, brought before an officer and delivered what was, on the whole, the same punishment, varying in severity only if the use of a fake dri-

By 1 p.m., the last of the students emerged from the court house. They left saddled with a one-time \$52 fee, a monthly

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ND celebrates with St. Patrick's Day festivities

By MATTHEW LOUGHRAN

Notre Dame students can look forward today to celtic fiddlers, a bagpipe band, a multi-talented Irish musician, the blarney stone and an all-ages dance party at Alumni-Senior Club in celebration of St. Patrick's Day.

The day's festivities begin with free events planned by Student Activities. At noon in the Huddle area of LaFortune Student Center, Tom Dahill will perform traditional Irish music on the fiddle, button, accordion and guitar. Dahill, who has performed at the Winnipeg Folk Festival, Gaelic Park and Indiana University, Northwest's coffee house, boasts a repertoire of more than 1000 traditional songs. He will

From 4 until 7 p.m. the Math Club will bring the Blarney stone out into the Huddle area for students

Then, at 7:30 p.m. at the State Theatre on S. Michigan Street in South Bend, the Notre Dame Bagpipe Band will open a Celtic Fiddle Festival.

"We are really excited," said Daniel Murphy, the leader of the band. "This is a premier opportunity

The Bagpipe Band will play for 10 or 15 minutes before the festival. They will also play during the

The main act in the festival will be the three celtic fiddlers, Kevin Burke, Christian Lemaître and Johnny Cunningham.

"These guys have sold out 14 of 16 shows across the country," said John Kennedy, of I'll Learn to Fly Productions, which is sponsoring the festival. Shows in Washington D.C., Dartmouth, New York, San Francisco, major cities have sold out for this

From 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. Student Activities will finish off the evening with an all-ages, alcohol-free dance party in the Alumni-Senior Club. There will be a pool tournament, a leprechaun look-alike contest and dart contests. Admission is free and open to every member of the Notre Dame community.

Tickets for the celtic fiddle festival can be bought at the LaFortune Information desk or at the door of the State Theatre. They cost \$16 in advance, \$18 at the door and \$14 for students and seniors.

■ INSIDE COLUMN

The truth about St. Patrick's Day

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY! Do you know what that

ST. Nora Regina Meany
Do Saint Mary's Writer

means? Okay, barring the obvious...Do you know the ABC's of this popular ethnic holiday? How is St. Patrick's Day celebrated differently in America than in the Emerald Isle? Who began the popular parade tradition? More importantly, who the hell is St. Patrick?

Well, let's tackle the last question first, before we separate traditions of different countries. Now, I could give you a long and detailed explanation of the works of St. Patrick. However, it's really not that interesting and would be quite a challenge to jam that into the space of an inside column. Basically, Paddy is known for two big historical accomplishments.

Firstly, he is credited as one of the religious forefathers of Ireland, bringing Christianity to the country. As a chain reaction, through the monasteries that they set up, the Irish brought widespread Christianity to the rest of the world.

Next, as legends go, St. Patrick was the man to drive all of the snakes out of the country. Now, I made the mistake of questioning how snakes could have ever survived in such harsh, damp and cold vegetation at all, and I got my head bitten off by Irish friends. So, the one lesson I learned was to never question Irish tradition.

But how do you celebrate the holiday like a true Irishman? Woah there, Seamus, put down that pint of Guinness! Contrary to popular belief, St. Patrick's Day is not traditionally known as a party day across the pond. In actuality, March 17th is a national holiday in the country, but it is a day of rest. St. Patrick's Day traditionally falls around Mother's Day in the country, so it is another opportunity to spend time with one's family. It is one of the only times in the year when the pubs are brimming with little children!

Don't get me wrong ... I don't mean to imply that the people of Ireland aren't drinking today. When do they not drink? However, St. Patrick's Day is not like a "spring break" for the entire country.

There is a debate between my Irish friends over the origin of the parade — whether that was in Ireland or New York. Some maintain that the parade began in Ireland, and the idea was then exported to New York (possibly through Boston?). Others stand by the claim that the Irish would have never given the thought of such a pointless exercise as having a bunch of bands, celebrities and floats marching in a straight line. And if this ever did happen, the citizens of Ireland would never willingly stand in the cold for hours watching it.

However, after reading the Aer Lingus magazine during the flight, I have come up with my own hypothesis over the birth of the parade. The "modern" St. Patrick's Day parade, with the marching bands, the free candy being thrown from floats, and the loud music being piped in from bad sound systems is definitely an American thing. Aside from that, does anything else happen.

Oh, and here is a little fun fact that you can wow your friends with when you are out celebrating tonight. Chicagoans can attest to the ugliness seen with the dyeing of the Chicago River to a Kelly green every year. But, for the first time, Disney is giving the people of Dublin

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Outside the Dome

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Police investigate student's death as possible homicide

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. Harvard junior David Okrent, a physics concentrator in Cabot House,

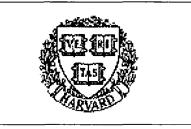
was found stabbed Sunday morning on Revere Beach in Boston.

Okrent, a native of Evanston, Ill., was pronounced dead on arrival at Massachusetts General Hospital shortly after 6:30 a.m. He was 20.

According to the Suffolk County District Attorney's office, a man walking his dog found Okrent, who had a single stab wound to the neck. Officials said Okrent was still alive when authorities arrived on the scene.

According to several Cabot House residents, students were told at an informational meeting last night that Okrent had been present at Saturday's "Cabot Underground" dance and was last seen at 1:30 a.m. Any students who saw Okrent after that time are instructed to contact police.

Okrent's death is being investigated



by the Massachusetts state police as a "possible homicide," said James M. Bourgesanie, press secretary for the Suffolk County district attorney's office.

Bourgesanie did not rule out the possibility of suicide, saying Okrent's wound could have been self-inflicted.

Harvard spokesperson Alex Hupp said the Harvard University Police Department is assisting in the investigation.

Autopsy results are still pending and are expected to be released today.

Janice and James Ware, masters of Cabot House, held an informal meeting in their residence last night for Okrent's close friends. James Ware said more than 50 students came to express their feelings of grief and loss.

The Wares told students last night that Okrent's roommates will be flying to Chicago today to visit his family and attend funeral services, which are tentatively planned for Wednesday.

Lawrence Okrent, David's father, said the family learned of their son's death early yesterday morning.

"I was sitting at the breakfast table when somebody from some sort of Massachusetts organ donor organization called," he said. The call came between 8 and 9 a.m. The caller asked Okrent if he would like to contribute his son's organs, but hung up when he realized that the father had not yet learned the news of his son's death.

■ Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Police think death may be suicide

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.

Philip Gale, a 19 year-old MIT undergraduate, apparently jumped out of a 15th floor window of an MIT science building shortly after 7:30 p.m. last Friday. Gale was pronounced dead on arrival at Massachusetts General Hospital at 8:05 p.m. According to Robert Sales, assistant director of the MIT news office, MIT police consider the incident an apparent suicide. "The case will stay open until the medical examiner signs the death certificate,' Sales said. "I don't imagine there is much more to investigate." Gale is thought to have thrown a chair through the thick plate glass window of the green building before he supposedly jumped. Students in east campus dormitory across from the green building heard the breaking glass. "I heard the glass break, but people had been smashing glass bottles for a couple of days so I didn't think anything of it," said Brian Sniffen, an MIT sophomore. "Right after that I heard the crash of something hitting the ground,' said Sniffen.

■ DUKE UNIVERSITY

Minor claims rape at frat party

DURHAM, N.C.

A 16-year-old girl who was visiting a female university student alleged that she was raped March 7 at the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity section while attending a mixer between SAE and the Pi Beta Phi sorority. Capt. Charles Nordan of the Duke University Police Department said an investigation is in progress. As a result, no charges have yet been filed. During the mixer, Nordan said, the victim reportedly consumed about five cans of beer and some vodka between 10:30 p.m. and midnight. At about midnight, the victim and a male individual at the function struck up a conversation. The victim reported to police that she remembers very little between the time the two began their conversation and when she awoke the following morning. The female student whom the victim was visiting also spoke with police.

■ University Of California-Berkeley

Prof caught in credit card scam

BERKELEY, Calif.

A former visiting professor at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory was arrested Wednesday following a six-month investigation by police into his role in a credit card scam that cheated university faculty. Randy Baadhio, 32, obtained a number of faculty credit cards under false pretenses, and in an elaborate scheme, bilked banks and credit card companies of nearly \$200,000 over a two-year period, UC police said. Baadhio was charged Wednesday with 26 counts of forgery, grand theft and check fraud. He is currently held in Santa Rita Jail in Dublin on \$140,000 bail. According to university police, Baadhio would pose as an LBNL official in an attempt to gain access to laboratory credit card accounts. Two of the officials Baadhio allegedly defrauded were laboratory director Charles Shank and Piermaria Oddone, the deputy director for research. During a five-year stay at LBNL from 1991-96, where Baadhio began as a visiting scholar in the laboratory's physics division.

■ UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

Spinal meningitis takes student's life

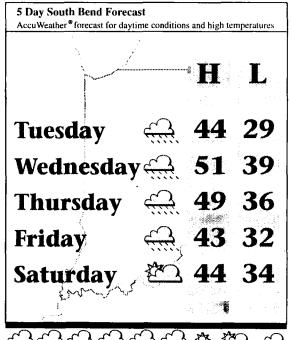
GAINESVILLE, Fla.

Phillip Butler had his life planned out — from the song that would play at his wedding to his first son's name to what he would do in the world of public administration. But while visiting his Tampa home for spring break, the 24-year-old public affairs administration master's student died unexpectedly of spinal bacterial meningitis. Butler, who had started putting the final touches on the outline of his thesis project, left Gainesville the first weekend of spring break showing no signs of illness, roommate and UF sophomore Rachel Glickman said. On Monday, Butler started showing flu-like symptoms that developed into a coma by Wednesday night. At around 6 a.m. Thursday, Butler died in St. Joseph's Hospital in Tampa, Glickman said. His family held a memorial service in Tampa on Saturday.

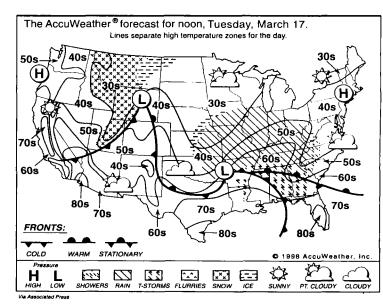
■ SOUTH BEND WEATHER

Showers T-storms Rain

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■ NATIONAL WEATHER



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Dallas	62	51	Nashville	54	45	Wichita	42	34

Malloy addresses Keough Hall

News Writer

University President Father Edward Malloy addressed a wide range of topics last night in an informal discussion with residents of Keough Hall.

Malloy discussed the challenge posed in maintaining Notre Dame's Catholic character, the University's efforts to increase financial aid availability and several residential life issues.

"We're becoming a greater university each year, our greatest challenge is to sustain that improvement and to still take our religious character seriously," said Malloy.

He pointed to the school's unique position as a way in which this challenge can be met.

"I don't think there's any other Catholic university in the world that has the stuff, that has the resources, academic excellence and alumni support, to be a great university and to sustain what it takes to be a great Catholic university," he stated.

But keeping Notre Dame in that position, Malloy noted, will take attention and is important to its unique identity.

"If we lose our Catholic nature, our hallmark will erode and Notre

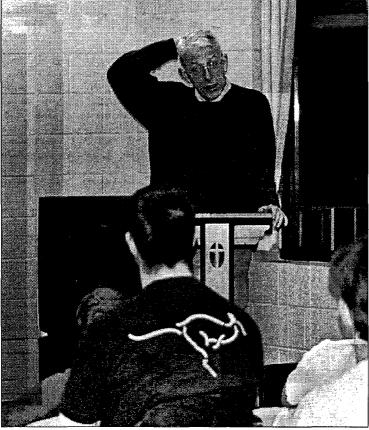
Dame will become just another nice school in the Midwest," he warned. Pointing to the increased difficulties in paying

for college, Malloy said that providing financial aid to students has become "our number one priority," in terms of endowment use. "[Increasing aid] is our single greatest need,"

and as a result, in a "dramatic change," the Board of Trustees has recently increased the payout from the University's endowment for such purposes, he said.

In a question and answer session, Malloy was asked about rapid expansion of Notre Dame's physical plant and future building plans. He noted that several projects were still underway, and a new performing arts center would be built in the coming years, along with a science teaching facility and expansion of Notre Dame's build-

ings in London and Dublin.
"I don't sit around and say 'what can we build



University President Father Edward Malloy spoke to the residents of Keough Hall last night on topics such as financial aid, residence life and the Catholic character of Notre Dame.

this year.' Our expansion flows out of listening to various constituents," Malloy said.

Malloy was also asked about the possibility of co-ed dormitories at Notre Dame, and the apparent exodus of seniors to off-campus hous-

"There has never been sufficient support across the student population [to change the single-sex residence system]," Malloy said. "Co-residence has advantages and disadvantages. It has less to do with sexual morality and more to do with tradition.

Malloy observed that despite appearances, the "hordes" of students leaving campus in recent years are nothing new.

"People have always moved off," he said. "We try to make on-campus housing a more attractive option, and I assure you that [the present] off-campus apartments will become more decrepit year after year."

Book examines corporate ethics

Associate News Editor

MBA students who took Patrick Murphy's 1.5 credit class this semester had a rare perspective on the material. One of the books on the syl-

labus "Eighty Exemplary Ethics Statements," was written by the teacher. book, which features val-



Murphy

ues statements, corporate credos and codes of ethics, Murphy presents and comments on the codes of conduct at some of the world's leading corporations

and organizations.
He also offers seven principles to follow in developing such statements and concludes with advice on how to move beyond rhetoric to infuse ethics into an

organization.
"This book presents some of the best statements about ethics that organizations have developed. It is a 'good news' on ethics book and I wanted to get the word out that the first task of companies and other organizations should be to develop an ethics statement," Murphy said. Sir Adrian Cadbury, former

chair of Cadbury Schweppes, commented on the timeliness and necessity of a book on corporate ethics.

'Around the world, shareholders and stakeholders alike are taking an increasing interest in corporate conduct," he said. "All manner of organizations are being encouraged to draw up codes of conduct and statements of business ethics.

The essential point is that we should all try to learn from each

"Eighty Exemplary Ethics Statements' not only illustrates how organizations of various kinds have put their beliefs into words, but also clarifies the thinking which lies behind their codes of conduct. This book, therefore, meets one of the challenges of our times," said

A member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1984, Murphy specializes in studying how ethics influence marketing decision making in both business and nonprofit organizations. He also studies public policy, especially the impact of regulatory agencies and how this affects marketing strategies

In 1992, Murphy received the Reinhold Niebuhr Award, which is given to a faculty member who is engaged in teaching and social justice.

From 1993 to 1994, Murphy was a Fulbright Scholar in the department of management at University College in Cork,

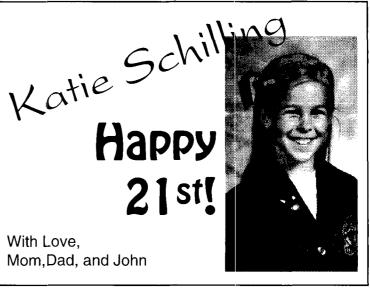
A 1970 graduate of Notre Dame with a bachelor's degree in marketing, Murphy earned a master's of business administration degree from Bradley University a year later and a doctorate in business from the University of Houston in 1975.

He was previously chair and associate professor of marketing at Marquette University. During a sabbatical, he also served in the office of management planning at the Federal Trade Commission.

There will be an information a al session about the book at Barnes & Noble Bookstore on Thursday, March 26, at 7:30



Advisors from every Major, Concentration, Area Studies Program and more (ALPP, Pre-Law, Career & Placement....) will be present to provide information and answer questions for students interested in the Arts & Letters curriculum





Deadline for Registering is Thursday, March 19, at 6:00pm

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fee to be paid in five installments of \$22, \$50 court costs, and requisite community service of 20 to 30 hours at one of four local charitable institu-

A freshman who was in court that day said of the process, "I think that the pretrial diversion is a good program, but to charge \$200 from each student ... It seems like they are simply out to make money. I have to pay them so I can do community service.'

Another student, a junior,

was similarly critical of the fees and community service.

"I thought the punishment was way too severe for what it was we did. After all, I'm just a college kid in a college bar in an otherwise worthless and boring town. It's frustrating,' he noted.

A local police officer sympathized with the students when he said, "I did the same [stuff] when I was that age. The only difference was that I didn't get caught.'

For those who were caught, the ramifications will be felt until Aug. 15 of this year, when the last of the money is due, the community service is finished, and their debt to society is finally repaid.

indeed guilty.

The judge scheduled sentencing for July 20 at the request of defense attorney Brian Sun, who cited sections of the plea agreement which remained sealed.

Political fundraiser pleads gulity designed to allow prosecutors to continue questioning Chung

LOS ANGELES Democratic fundraiser Johnny Chung, who has agreed to help prosecutors probing campaign finance abuses, pleaded guilty Monday to charges of funneling \$20,000 in illegal contributions to the Clinton-Gore re-election

Chung also pleaded guilty to charges involving an \$8,000 donation to the campaign of Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., tax evasion and fraudulently obtaining a \$157,500 loan on his home.

Chung, 43, stood before U.S. District Judge Manuel Real and answered "Yes" repeatedly when asked if he was pleading guilty because he was

The delay in sentencing was

and to perhaps to call him before a grand jury or other investigative body in connection with the campaign finance scandal.

'Thank God, this is a new beginning of my life," Chung sald later outside court. " want to put all of this behind me as quickly as possible so my family and I can get on with our lives.

His lawyer said Chung would cooperate in the investigation. and if asked to detail the operations of the Democratic National Committee, he would provide whatever information he could in that regard.

The judge stressed that he was not promising Chung any specific sentence and that the plea agreement did not require him to grant leniency. Chung said he understood.

Chung could face 37 years in prison and \$1.45 million in fines, but plea bargains usually involve a request for substantially reduced penalties. The by how much useful information the defendant provides.

The charges against Chung were substantially lower than those he could have faced given the extent of his contributions to Democratic causes. He actually donated some \$400,000 to Democratic causes and candidates between 1994 and 1996.

A Taiwan-born U.S. citizen, Chung was the fourth person charged in the campaign finance scandal but the first to agree to cooperate with investigators in an effort to avoid a lengthy prison sentence.

In recent years Chung was a frequent visitor to the White House. Once he escorted Chinese businessmen who wanted to watch President Clinton deliver a radio address.

He has said that in 1995 he was solicited for money by a White House staffer and delivered a \$50,000 check to first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton's office.

Peters

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Peters, who graduated from Paine College in 1969, earned his doctorate in English from Princeton University in 1976. Additionally, he was a faculty member at University of California at Berkeley for 11 years where he served as chairperson of Afro-American Studies and assistant dean of the College of Letters and Science.

Funeral services for Peters were held March 13 at the Rock of Ages CME Church in Augusta. Memorial contributions can be made to Paine College, 15th Street, Augusta Ga., 30901.

Lawmakers question C role in drug trafficking

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

CIA findings that its agents had no role in bringing crack cocaine into the United States met with serious contention Monday from House lawmakers who questioned the agency's ability to investigate itself.

"In my informed opinion, the CIA inspector general report and the investigation lack credibility, and its conclusions must be dismissed," said Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., at a hearing of the House Select Committee on Intelligence.

The hearing was the first since the CIA inspector general on January 28 issued the first part of its report on whether the CIA colluded with allies of Nicaraguan Contras to raise money by bringing crack cocaine into the United States in the 1980s.

CIA Inspector General Frederick Hitz, repeating the conclusions of the report, stressed that the 18-month investigation found no evidence of any conspiracy by CIA agents or assets to bring drugs into the United States.

He added that he had uncovered no information that the CIA in any way hindered the arrests or convictions of drug traffickers, including several with Contra connections, who helped start the crack epidemic in urban America in the 1980s.

Allegations of CIA links to drug surfaced August1996 series published by the San Jose Mercury News which concluded that a San Francisco Bay area drug ring sold cocaine in Los Angeles and funneled profits to the Contra rebels for the better part of a

The newspaper series also reported that two Nicaraguan cocaine dealers, Oscar Danilo Blandon and Norwin Meneses, were civilian leaders of an anticommunist commando group formed and run by the CIA during the 1980s.

The executive editor of the Mercury News, Jerry Ceppos, later wrote a column that critiqued the series, saying it "did not meet our standards" in key areas. Among other things, Ceppos said the series often presented only one interpretation of complex evidence, oversimplified the spread of crack and used graphics and language "that were open to misinterpretation.'

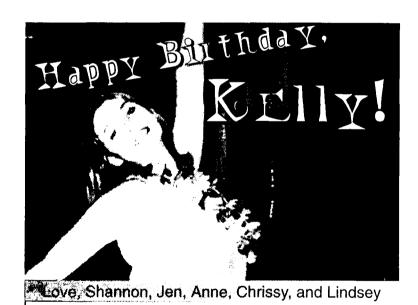
The articles were followed by a storm of protests in urban areas such as South Central Los Angeles, with citizens demanding answers as to whether their communities had been ravaged by drugs to help pay for a foreign policy goal.

The public remains skeptical," said Juanita Millender-

McDonald, D-Calif., who represents some of the poorer areas of Los Angeles. The information in the report, she said, shows that "the CIA turned a blind eye at best to Contra drug activities.

Waters, who represents South Central Los Angeles and has been the leader in pursuing alleged CIA links to drug dealing, blasted the Hitz report, citing extensive findings from her own inquiry of connections between the CIA-backed Contras and the flow of drugs

This report's sweeping denial of the CIA's knowledge of drug trafficking related to the Contras defies the evidence and the logic that the CIA should have known.'





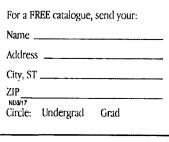
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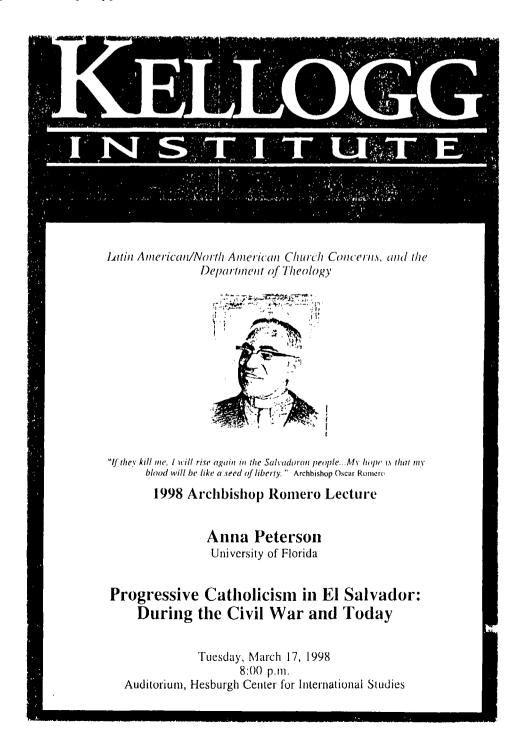
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■ WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Palestinians warn Jewish settlers to stop attacks

HEBRON, West Bank The Palestinian security chief in the West Bank warned Jewish settlers Monday that they would "not leave alive" if they tried to attack residents of Hebron's Palestinian-run areas again. Col. Jibril Rajoub also said that he was suspending security cooperation with Israeli troops in Hebron, one of the hot spots in the West Bank and the scene of daily clashes in the past week. Rajoub was responding to an incident Friday in which about 30 Jewish settlers stormed Abu Sneineh neighborhood in the Palestinian-controlled area of town, stoned an Arab home and smashed the windshields of Arab-owned cars. The settlers were then stoned by Palestinians. Israeli troops fired rubber bullets on the Palestinians, and two

Official defends nicotine levels in cigarettes

The head of leaf blending for the country's third-largest cigarette maker denied Monday that his company was trying to hook more smokers when it created a high-nicotine cigarette. In videotaped testimony played Monday, Roger Black of Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp. said the Y-1 project was conceived in the 1980s to reduce tar, not increase nicotine. "I do not like the word manipulation, but I would agree that definitely our original intention with Y-1 in cigarettes was to use it to alter the tar-and-nicotine ratio," Black said in a deposition taken Jan. 16. "We were looking at it as more of a tar reduction tool." Brown & Williamson developed Y-1 — an engineered tobacco that packs about twice as much nicotine as ordinary tobacco.

Judge withdraws federal nomination

PHILADELPHIA

In a quavering but composed voice, a judge accused of being soft on crime withdrew Monday from her long fight to become the first black woman to sit on the federal bench in Philadelphia. "I have been a fighter ... all my life, but allowing still more and more selective, one-sided and unsubstantiated charges to go unanswered in this politicized environment is not acceptable to me after my long journey," Frederica Massiah-Jackson said at a news conference, reading from her withdrawal letter to President Clinton. Prosecutors and Senate Republicans were strongly opposed to her nomination. finding that she was "soft on crime" when she heard criminal cases as a Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas judge.

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Northern Ireland continues talks



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WASHINGTON

The Clinton administration urged pivotal figures in the Northern Ireland peace process to use their St. Patrick's Day visits to Washington to nudge the process forward.

"This is a time in which they need to look beyond short-term calculations, they need to sort of lift themselves out of the weeds of the specific narrow issues that they're trying to resolve and look at the brighter future that's available to them," said James Steinberg, deputy national security adviser.

He spoke Monday as officials and negotiators in the talks made the rounds on Capitol Hill, and as Clinton prepared for an evening Oval Office meeting with Gerry Adams, leader of the Sinn Fein party, and his chief negotiator, Martin McGuinness. Sinn Fein is a legal political party allied with the outlawed Irish Republican

Most of the leading figures in the peace process are in Washington for St. Patrick's Day receptions at the White House and in the Capitol on

"Any time that you have a chance to bring some focus to an issue, it's valuable," said Sen. Edward Kennedy. "This is sort of the time for the type of exchanges that we hope will continue to take place.

At the same time, Kennedy said, "I think all of us understand here in the United States, this is going to be something that's going to be decided by the people at that negotiating table ... But we obviously have a continuing historical interest, and many of us have personal interests as well.'

David Trimble, leader of the Northern Ireland's major Protestant party, the Ulster Unionists, said during a picture-taking session with Kennedy that the "few days that we're spending here ... gives us an opportunity to pause and to reflect" before entering a period of intensive talks

Trimble has said that Sinn Fein should be permanently barred from the negotiations.

Clinton, meanwhile, was prepared to tell Adams and the other key figures that "the moment is now," said his spokesman, Mike McCurry.

The peace talks, which began in June 1996, are supposed to conclude in May, with what negotiators hope will be a compromise on governing Northern Ireland that is acceptable to both its Protestant majority and the large Catholic minority.

McCurry called it "a very critical moment in the Northern Ireland peace process, and one in which the coincidence of St. Patrick's Day and the meeting of all the party leaders here provides the president with, I think, an important opportunity to help the parties, and the government of the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland, to move the work forward."

Steinberg, the deputy national secu-

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Vatican Holocaust memo defends Pope

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY In a long-awaited document that Jewish leaders immediately criticized, the Vatican expressed remorse Monday for the cowardice of some Christians during the Holocaust but defended the actions of the wartime pope.

The Vatican's version of Roman Catholic Church's role during World War II, coming in a statement promised by Pope John Paul II a decade ago, singled out Pope Pius XII for praise as a wise diplomat. He long has been criticized for failing to speak out forcefully against Nazi per-

"It is too little, too late." Meir Lau, Israel's chief

rabbi and a Holocaust survivor, said in Tel Aviv. "I have no doubt that the church did not do everything it could have to save people. ... His (Pius XII's) silence cost of millions of human lives."

In recent years, bishops in several European countries have apologized on behalf of their churches for not having done enough to fight the Nazis, and there were expectations that John Paul would use the document to apologize for the Catholic church as an institution.

In a preface, the pope, who has made improving relations with Jews a cornerstone of his papacy, expressed hope that the document "will indeed help to heal the wounds of past misunderstandings and injustices."

The document is titled "We Remember: A Reflection on the Shoah (Holocaust)."

"(It) asks our Jewish friends to hear us with an open heart," said Cardinal Edward Cassidy, whose Commission for Religious Relations with the Jews produced the work.

But many Jews had hoped to hear more, especially after the 10-year wait.

"I'm disappointed in it," Abraham Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League, said in New York. "If this had been the beginning of a historical process of dealing with the issue, it's one thing, but this is the conclusion."

In one of its principal points, the document said: We deeply regret the errors and failures of those sons and daughters of the church."

'We cannot know how many Christians in countries occupied or ruled by the Nazi powers or their allies were horrified at the disappearance of their Jewish neighbors and yet were not strong enough to raise their voices in protest," the document said.

Without naming names, it took to task "governments of some Western countries of Christian tradition, including some in North and South America" for being "more than hesitant to open their borders to the persecuted Jews."

The document is "more than an apology. We feel we need to repent ... for those members of our church who failed" to do enough, Cassidy said.

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-rity adviser, told reporters at a White House briefing, I think the president is going to make clear that the window to take advantage of this opportunity now is a relatively short one, and that they've really got to put their full efforts behind the resumption of the talks that will start back again on Monday.

Also making the rounds on Capitol Hill and expecting to go to the White House on Tuesday were Gary McMichael of the Ulster Democratic Party, which is linked to Northern Ireland's biggest pro-British paramilitary group; and John Hume, leader of the Social Democratic and Labor Party, Sinn Fein's larger and more moderate rival for Catholic votes.

Adams party hasn't rejoined the peace talks that are to convene again March 23 in

Belfast.

■ VIRGINIA

Women succeed at VMI

Associated Press

LEXINGTON

Angela Myers was coated with mud from her close-cropped hair to her combat boots and barely able to see as she reached the crest of a slippery hillside Monday.

Staggering and gulping for air, the Virginia Military Institute freshman, or "rat," squinted at the upperclassmen waiting for her and said in a soft voice to no one in particular: "I made it!"

Myers and 22 other women were the first females to endure the torturous seven-month initiation period at VMI. Six of the women who enrolled in August, ending VMI's 158-year all-male tradition, quit during the year and a seventh woman was suspended for two semesters for striking an upperclassman.

Those who made it lived in spartan barracks under a harsh system of strict discipline designed to test their physical, mental and emotional limits. VMI says the process breaks down incoming cadets and rebuilds them as model citizen soldiers.

They faced a final rite of passage Monday. The day began shortly after midnight with a 15-mile forced march that lasted about four hours.

Then came breakout.

"It's the last hurrah, the last serious test," VMI Superintendent Josiah Bunting said.

The idea was to make members of the first co-ed class reach the top of a 20-foot hillside, which is pure dirt that is hosed down with water so it is impossible to climb alone.

When Miss Myers, a psychology major from Virginia Beach, was stuck in a rut halfway up the hill, a classmate pushed her from behind with his shoulder. Then she returned the favor for the classmate above her, and they made their way like tadpoles emerging from pond mud.

It's a tradition that began in 1981. This year the weather -36 degrees and cloudy — made the climb more difficult. When the exhausted rats reached the summit, their teeth chattering from the cold, they got a hand from the upperclassmen and congratulations for becoming full-fledged cadets.

Yulia Beltikova of Russia needed no words to show her exuberance either, belting out something like a Southern rebel yell with a Russian accent: "Yeaaahoooo!

Although the freshmen's existence will remain forbidding and austere by most college standards, the breakout means their treatment improves.

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Indonesia's economy uncertain

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At a news conference, the new trade minister said he believed monopolies can be good for the economy if they function in "the interest of the people.

The minister, Mohamad Hasan, is a confidant and golfing partner of Suharto and headed a plywood monopoly that was dismantled in line with the IMF bailout. He is one of Indonesia's richest

The new social affairs minister is Siti Hardiyanti Rukmana, Suharto's eldest daughter. A leader of the ruling Golkar party, she is the most politically active of Suharto's six millionaire children, all of whom have built vast business empires under his patronage.

Middle East battles '50-day wind'

CAIRO

Hundreds of passengers were stranded Monday at the crowded Cairo airport by a swirling sandstorm that grounded planes, forced the Suez Canal to close and is blamed for four deaths in the Middle East.

The storm — described as the worst in Lebanon and the most severe in Jordan in 50 years lashed the region with gritty winds, even blowing down a Ferris wheel in Beirut that 15 years of civil war couldn't budge.

The seasonal storm — known as the khamaseen, or 50-day wind - also hit Israel, Syria and Cyprus, reducing visibility to as little as 200 yards.

By Monday night, four airports in Egypt and another in Jordan had reopened. Some passengers at the Cairo airport had been stranded for 24 hours, with Egyptian air-traffic controllers diverting about 30 flights.

The Suez Canal also reopened late Monday, with 41 ships waiting to sail through the passageway. A canal spokesman said the storm had whipped up high waves on the normally placid thorough fare.

British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook arrived in Cairo on Monday, 14 hours behind schedule. His jet was diverted to Cyprus on Sunday night and he could not take off Monday morning because the storm by then had enveloped Cyprus.

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Cohen changes basic training gender policies

Associated Press

WASHINGTON Defense Secretary William Cohen ordered the Army, Navy and Air Force to house male and female trainees in "separate areas, if not separate buildings" to cut down on improper activity. He also demanded tougher physical training.

Cohen said Monday he would not require that men and women undergo separate basic training during their

idea the services had rejected.

But housing — and the process of instilling military values — must be improved, he said. He complained that even though male and female trainees live in separate quarters or on separate floors, doors had been removed at some sites and privacy was inadequate.

"They have not had adequate supervision ... There has been an attitude of a lack of discipline. And so what we

first weeks in the military, an want to do is maintain the tary values" during their first separation during those first weeks of basic training to make sure their focus is on the military aspects and not the social," Cohen said.

Queried about increased separation might teach young men and women to work and fight together, Cohen shot back, "They don't have to sleep together.

The secretary also told the three services to toughen their physical training and put more emphasis on "core miliweeks in the military.

The services must increase the number of female recruiters and female trainers; improve selection processes for trainers and counter any notion that a training assignment would be detrimental to a military career, Cohen said.

The services must also "develop a system of rewards and incentives" to make working as a trainer more of a step to advancement in a military

career, the secretary said.

The Marine Corps separates men and women during basictraining. The secretary lauded the Marines for emphasizing the "transformation" that is supposed to take place in turning a civilian into a military man or woman.

Cohen's directives came in response to the December report by a panel headed by former Sen. Nancy Kassebaum Baker, R-Kan. It had recommended separating men and women in the most elemental units of training, as well as separate housing during both basic and advanced training.

Meanwhile, a draft report by the General Accounting Office criticized the way in which the Kassebaum Baker report was conducted. It said that even though the panel held 300 focus groups and interviews, it did not systematically collect the same information from all groups; document the information gathered; or explain how what was learned from the interviews led to the panel's conclusions.

"Given these limitations, the extent to which the committee's work supports its conclusions and recommendations cannot be determined," the draft report said. It was prepared for Rep. Martin Meehan, D-Mass., and was made available to The Associated Press.

The panel was one of several that investigated training in the wake of the sexual abuse that occurred at the Army's advanced training base at Aberdeen, Md., where drill instructors had preyed on recruits.

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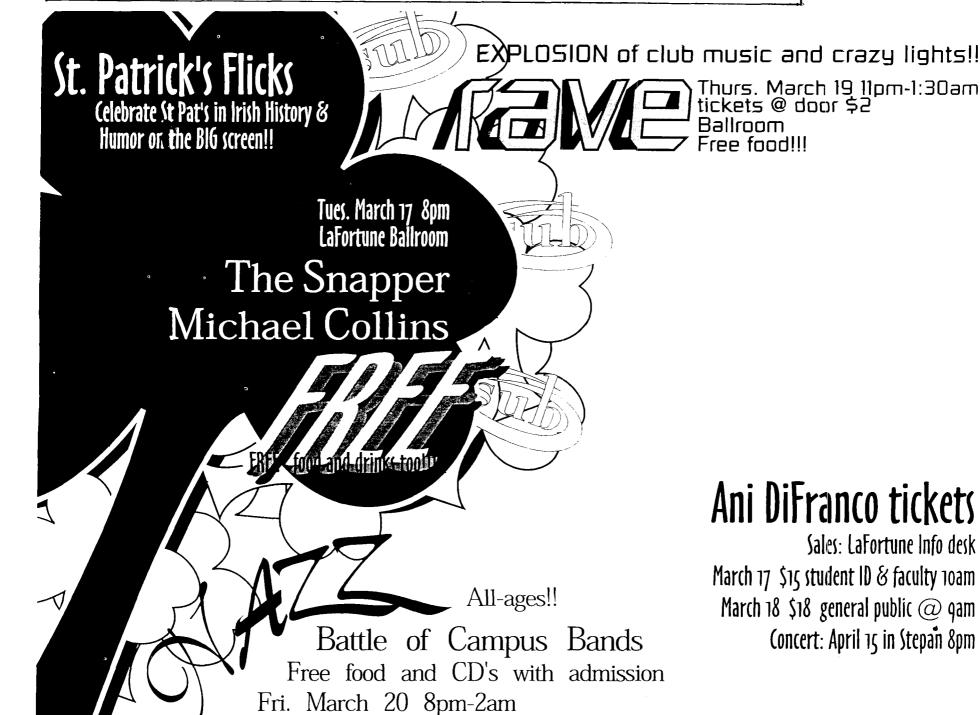
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Baby doctor, author dies at 94

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SAN DIEGO Dr. Benjamin Spock, who wrote the how-to guide for bringing up the baby boom

generation, then was branded the "father of permissiveness" when those youngsters came of age during the turbulent 1960s, has died at 94.



Spock

Spock died Sunday at home in La Jolla of respiratory failure. He had suffered a heart attack, a stroke and several bouts of pneumonia in recent

No one has had a greater impact on child care in America.

His first book, "Common Sense Book of Baby and Child Care," was published in 1946 at the very start of the post-World War II baby boom and became the bible to millions of parents.

In it, Spock encouraged parents to trust and respect themselves and listen to their children. For example, he told them it is better to feed babies when they want to eat instead of adhering to a strict feeding schedule.

His seemingly simple advice was a revelation for many, and "Baby and Child Care," as it was called in later editions, went on to become the biggest-selling book in the United States after the Bible. It has been translated into 39 languages and sold nearly 50

million copies worldwide.

"He was really the first person to talk about listening to children, which is such a catchphrase now," British psychologist Penelope Leach, author of the best-selling "Your Baby and Child," said from her London office.

Arlene Eisenberg, who cowrote the best-selling "What to Expect When You're Expecting," said Spock was the first child-care expert who said to parents: "Trust your instincts. Do what you're comfortable with.

"He really made child care focus more on the needs of children rather than conveniences of parents," she said.

Some physicians criticized Spock's approach in the 1960s as excessively permissive, and critics said he was responsible for a "Spock-marked" generation of hippies.

Spock joined those youths in protests against nuclear technology and the Vietnam War, even leading a march on the Pentagon in 1967. Vice President Spiro Agnew accused him of corrupting the youth of America; Spock claimed only a "mild influence"

He argued, "What is the use of physicians like myself trying to help parents to bring up children healthy and happy, to have them killed in such numbers for a cause that is ignoble?"

In 1968, Spock was convicted in Boston and sentenced to two years in prison for conspiracy to aid, abet and counsel young men to avoid the draft. The verdict was reversed on appeal.

He ran for president in 1972 as a candidate of the Peoples Party, getting more than 75,000 votes.

Accusing Spock of prompting the youth rebellion was absurd, said Todd Gitlin, a New York University professor who wrote "The Sixties, Years of Hope, Days of Rage."

"What is true is that the family patterns were changing, partly but not strictly because of the popularity of his book," Gitlin said.

Dr. Marvin Drellich, professor of psychiatry at New York Medical College, said the radical behavior of youth in that era "didn't emerge from Spock's teachings. It was far more a reflection of the social and political climate."

The big-boned, 6-foot-4 Spock said he never meant that children should be allowed to be uncooperative or impolite. He said his basic philosophy was this: "Respect children because they're human beings and they deserve respect, and they'll grow up to be better people."

Born May 2, 1903, in New Haven, Conn., the oldest of six children, Spock attended Yale University, where he joined the crew team and helped win a gold medal at the 1924 Olympics. He earned his medical degree at Columbia University and studied at the New York Psychoanalytic Institute.

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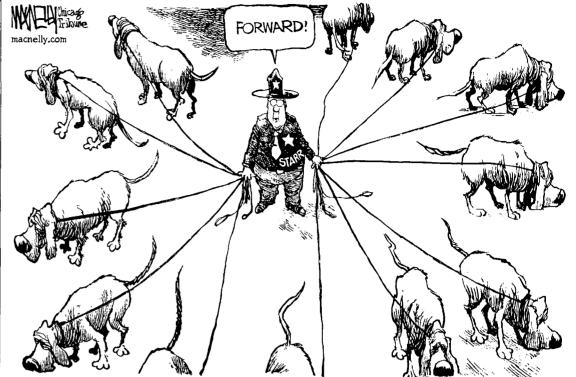
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■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Education Degree A Necessity

After reading a couple letters to the editor in Viewpoint on Mar. 2 from classmates of mine in the Saint Mary's Education Program, I felt compelled to find out what Mr. Spencer Stefko had to say in the Inside Column on Feb. 25 and thus write this letter in reinforcement to defend those of us who have chosen the aspirations of becoming career teachers at a \$25,000-per-year institution.

Four years ago, I chose to come to Notre Dame for many reasons, one of them being that it had a joint education program with Saint Mary's. After graduating from Notre Dame this May, I will be returning next fall to Saint Mary's to finish off my teaching certification with a semester of student-teaching, and through it all, 'It'will only be accumulating more to my debt with another semester of tuition cost in which I will be basically "teaching." I am still perplexed with the notion of "paying to teach," especially when this country is in need of good teachers AND the fact that teachers receive one of the lowest pay for the most output of time and effort. But it is a career that I have desired since I was in high school.

Some may say it isn't worth the exorbitant cost of an ND/SMC education that we pay which yields a low salary, possibly ranging from \$12,000-\$25,000, but I guess one has to literally pay the price to "experience" a ND/SMC education in preparation to become teachers of our future generation. (So if anyone wants to help my cause to save the future of America, you know how to contact me. Any and all donations will be graciously accepted.)

Teaching is both an art and a science. Not just anyone can go through the process of an education training in both teaching and the content area and expect to be "good" teachers. The training and experience is needed as well as the unique personal enthusiasm and skills one has to have to be able to motivate and convey information to students. We've all seen good and bad teachers through our many years in the school system, and if being a teacher is so simple that "classes essential to teaching could all be squeezed into a summer," then why do we still have some teachers who can't "teach?"

Being knowledgeable in your field doesn't necessarily mean you can "teach" anyone. I'm a mathematics major, and for the most part, none of the classes I've taken here in college will (directly) prepare me to teach high school mathematics. In a way, I may be overqualified, but it becomes a challenge when you have to explain concepts to students at their level and background knowledge that they have acquired so they are better able to comprehend. I have so much respect and

give credit to elementary teachers who have to deal with energetic, curious and sometimes stubborn kids day in and day out.

I have had numerous teaching opportunities, tutoring over 400 hours to student-athletes, observing about 100 hours in the high school classroom, and also volunteering many hours in other tutoring programs. With all these experiences, I have learned and continue to learn so much as to what works and doesn't work with students, and yet, I know I am in no way at the level of comfort or confidence to be the kind of teacher I pursue. All of this only adds to my preparation when I will one day be standing by myself in a classroom of my own.

Teaching experience in the classroom is a total must, and even with 13-17 years in the classroom with a viewpoint of a student, it is not enough preparation to handle the everyday demand teachers face with students. Granted, tutoring is not necessarily the same as having the full control of teaching a classroom of students. I think of tutoring as giving the students the simplified short-cut to a better immediate understanding, yet when you are the teacher, you want to give them the long-lasting knowledge of the history and of the who, what, when, where, why, and how fulfillment that they may carry along with their fundamentals skills. Furthermore, as a teacher, you are upholding a professional level of integrity and authority in giving your time and patience to kids of all-abilities ranging from the lowest level to the most advanced level.

It's always easy to say something looks easy to do observing from the outside window, but until you step into a classroom with 25 pairs of eyes staring at you to teach them, to motivate them, to listen to them, to provide them with their needs, etc ... you'll understand what it really takes. And everything you learned in your content area and theories of teaching may make no difference when 25 different personalities are running at you and around you in your mind.

Being a teacher nowadays encompasses so much, especially with the added responsibilities society has put upon us to shape the lives of our youth that some families have abandoned and other social influences have effected. The career of teaching is challenging and consistently changing.

So those who can, do TEACH. And it is the passion of teaching that we have that makes us enter this rewarding profession.

Binh Huynh Senior, St. Edward's Hall March 5, 1998

GLND/SMC Status Quo Unacceptable

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Gays and Lesbians of Notre Dame and St. Mary's College (GLND/SMC), I write to express our disappointment over the recent decision by President Marilou Eldred refusing to grant official recognition to The Alliance at Saint Mary's. President Eldred was presented with a unique opportunity. During her inaugural year she could have done the right thing and made Saint Mary's a better place because of it. Instead, whether motivated by politics or her own personal biases, she chose to maintain the status quo and deny the Saint Mary's community of a vital and necessary student-provided resource within which to openly discuss issues of sexuality.

President Eldred, along with her administrative counterparts at Notre Dame, apparently fail to understand the immense effects of a decision such as this one. Sure, official recognition of The Alliance or a similar student group is important in principle. However, the principle involved is not the only motivating factor in seeking recognition. A student-run group, such as The Alliance or GLND/SMC, can provide a peer support network that is comforting, welcoming and essential for those students dealing with issues of sexuality. No matter how many professional counselors, health care practitioners or clergy are available, none of them can provide the same degree of assistance and comfort that are afforded by friends and fellow students going through the same or similar situations. A decision not to approve a group of gay and lesbian students or a group that will address issues of sexuality sends the message that these students are second-class members of the so-called Notre Dame and Saint Mary's "family.

As part of a still unrecognized organization, we at GLND/SMC have been in the same position The Alliance finds itself in now. The leaders, organizers and members of The Alliance should remain focused and continue their mission of providing their valuable service to the Saint Mary's community. The Alliance can do that with or without recognition. You have our support and the support of a large portion of the Saint Mary's and Notre Dame community. GLND/SMC looks forward to working with you in the coming months.

Karl J. Eichelberger Chair, GLND/SMC Third-Year Law Student

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GARRY TRUDEAU

■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

I remember once I drank 49 Guinnesses straight off and I came home on top of a bus. Right on top of the bus, too, not just the upper deck.'

—Dylan Thomas, as quoted by Peter Walsh in his book *Guinness*.

■ So, WHAT'S MY POINT?

Journalism: A Dying Art, or Good Acting?

Television journalism.

An oxymoron if ever there was one.

Especially when it comes to interviews. Have you seen a TV interview recently?.

The biggest problem with interviews is the "fake" questions that the interviewers ask their subjects in

Nakasha Ahmad

ousness.
During
the
Olympic
coverage
on CBS
this year,
the network
aired a
little segment

about the Nancy Kerrigan and Tonya Harding scandal the night before the ladies' figure skating program. Pseudo-reporter Harry Smith had the lovely job of interviewing and rehashing the whole event with Tonya Harding herself. Near the end of the interview, Smith put on his dramatic face, sighed deeply, and said something to this effect to Harding: "Can you look me in the eye and tell me that you didn't know about the attack on Nancy Kerrigan before it happened?"

I won't leave you in suspense of the answer. Of course she said no.

What kind of a question was that? Did CBS (or Harry Smith) really think that after all the questioning, by both police and the media, all the hoopla surrounding the event, that four years later Tonya Harding would break down and confess to a crime

(that is, if she did it) just because she was intimidated by looking into Harry Smith's eyes?

Give me a break.

This is not the only example of a reporter asking stupid and obvious questions.

In a recent interview with two parents suspected of possibly being involved with their five-month-old baby's disappearance, reporter Debra Roberts flat-out asked them (after all the dramatic preparations, of course) whether they had anything to do with their baby's disappearance.

Of course they said no.

Most reporters seem to think it their duty to ask suspected people the straightforward, obvious, "did you do it" question. Unfortunately, these type of "nobrainer" (no-brainer because nobody will admit to wrongdoing) questions make for better and more dramatic television than they do for better journalism.

First of all, this country operates on the assumption that people are innocent until proven guilty. To ask those people who have only been suspected of a crime and have not been proven guilty is akin to harassment. An interview is not a trial and should not be made to sound like one. These kinds of questions, especially on television, can harm an innocent person's reputation.

On the other hand, if the person is guilty and simply hasn't admitted, they will hardly be stupid enough to admit it just because a nice little television reporter asked them to. Asking the obvious question is a kind of symbolic act — it lets the viewers know that this reporter is doing his or her job and asking the right kind of questions, the tough kinds of questions, while providing a great clip for the commercial advertising the "exclusive interview." We the viewer see the reporter asking the fatal "did you do it?" question, and then are left hanging while a disembodied voice tells us to tune in to find out the real truth.

The real truth, whether innocent or guilty, is always that they didn't do it. This, of course, is the obvious answer to a yes-or-no type of question. The rest of the interview is usually just a rehashing of the story that the audience already knows.

This is not to say that television journalism serves no purpose. In some cases interviews are helpful and by interviewing experts can confirm the veracity of the reported story. Hidden cameras and other such devices are also helpful in simply confirming what the reporters are claiming. However, when reporting crimes, interviewing suspected criminals is rarely edifying to the audience in any way. If anything, the audience makes a decision, not based on what the suspects say, but on what they look like (much like political campaigns). This is a disservice both to the audience and to the interviewee. Good television doesn't necessarily make for good journalism.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Strong Bodies Fight for Warm Letter Jackets'

For weeks now, we've been reading about Bengal Bouts, about how "Strong bodies fight so that weak bodies may be nourished." I firmly believe that anyone who says that this is the true reason for Bengal Bouts is a liar. It may have been the reason the event was first staged, but now the Bouts stand for other things. Bengal bouts is about aggression, glory, and picking up women. (By the way, I know that women now participate in Bengal Bouts. I will grant that it is possible that the women might be more genuine in their motive for participating, but for the sake this discussion, I am concentrating only on the men's side.) Don't get me wrong, I don't' think that any of the goals mentioned above are inherently wrong. I am simply tired of reading about the boxers acting as if they are doing some great, charitable thing. When David Frick stated when he faced a flurry of punches in the second round he found some strength by thinking "about the people in Bangladesh whom [he] was fighting for so that they may be nourished." Give me a break, David. Do you really expect us to believe that? People do Bengal Bouts because they like boxing and the glory that comes with it. If some people in Bangladesh will benefit, then that's just fine also. If the bottom line really was about giving money to charity, wouldn't the champion and runner up boxer forego their letter jackets and send that extra \$100-200 to Bangladesh? I think so. Tell it like it is, folks. Bengal Bouts is "Strong bodies fight for warm letter jackets." I challenge those who participated in Bengal Bouts to prove me wrong. Send back the jackets and donate the money.

> Paul Kessler enior, Zahm Hall March 3, 1998



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Gays Aren't Nazis

[Editor's note: This is in reference to a letter to the editor by Emil J. Kiehne printed on Tuesday, Mar. 5.]

"No one can reasonably expect an institution to approve of things that it opposes ... No one would expect Brandeis ... to recognize a Nazi Student Organization."

I find it hard to understand exactly why a SUPPORT group could ever be equated with Nazism.

Emil, imagine this. Picture yourself on your knees praying to God that this dark desire would go away. Image yourself praying that prayer over and over every day your entire adolescent existence, crying your eyes out to God for a purity which you don't know and have NEVER known.

Such is a day in the life of a struggling homosexual. And

you don't want us to have a support group?

We don't need harsh words quoting laws. We can all quote laws and twist them as we want them, and get nowhere. We need the love of Christ to permeate our existence. I know I have faith to run this race to the finish, but I want to help others who need it. I Cor 15:56 - 57 (written by the same author as Romans) "The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Matt Blancett Festiman, Fisher Hall March 6, 1998 TABLE TALK

Toys for Tots? Only Time Will Tell

Veterans' groups are outraged by the recent disclosure that up to 400,000 U.S. troops may have been exposed to radiation during the Gulf War. A study by the National Gulf War Resource Center reports that U.S. service personnel were at risk from the depleted uranium used to increase the armor-piercing capability of U.S. artillery shells.

David Weiss



Although relatively stable when manufactured into the shells, the uranium oxidizes into a toxic and radioactive

airborne dust when it explodes, coating the shell fragments and the nearby area. Nearly *one million* such shells were fired from aircraft and tanks during brief conflict. Troops were exposed by friendly fire mishaps, during close combat, or in post-combat weapons-recovery and clean-up operations.

While short-term symptoms of uranium exposure include "only" nausea, vomiting, weakness and diarrhea, long term symptoms include damage to the liver, kidney, chromosomes and immune system, as well as cancer and birth defects.

I, too, am dismayed at the seeming reckless abandon with which the military at times treats its own, having already put them in harm's way — as though our troops were at greater risk from the designs of their own superiors back home than from the enemy in the desert.

But what is most striking in these recent news accounts is what *isn't* in them: any word about the Iraqis, soldiers or civilians, for whom exposure to uranium radiation can have been neither infrequent nor short-term.

Enough of the perversely lame excuses about their misfortune being the responsibility of their leader. Look around you. You see students, nurses, plumbers, office workers, electricians, teachers, store clerks, fathers, mothers, children. Now look at Iraq. Look beyond the soldiers, beyond the demonizing rhetoric. You will see, I swear, students, nurses, plumbers, office workers, electricians, teachers, store clerks, fathers, mothers, children.

Now look more closely. According to an early report by the British Atomic Energy Authority, 40 tons of depleted uranium in empty or fragmented shells would result in an increase in cancer deaths in Iraq — of 500,000 persons. Not enemies, persons. But more recent estimates of the amount of depleted uranium actually left behind run as high as 300 or even 700 tons. With a radioactive life measured in *millions* of years.

The birth defects already being noted with increasing frequency echo those seen in the Bikini and Pacific islands after nuclear testing half a century ago. We could have foreseen this.

Iraqi children who come down with cancer because of uranium exposure receive a largely unneeded tutorial in the intricacies and twisted ironies of economic sanctions. For while they are deemed eligible to suffer the effects of radiation, cancer treatments (which themselves contain minute traces of *curative* radiation) are forbidden under the present sanctions. I try to imagine my own children in such a predicament, and I cannot. The horror and the rage overwhelm me.

Reading a news story filed by a British journalist I find myself reduced to silence and shame. Felicity Arbruthnot, touring Iraq after the war, recounts how nearly every Iraqi household has somewhere on a shelf a "black souvenir" of the war, a spent bullet or a bit of missile. They stand as grim reminders to Iraqi families of the days of hell during the Gulf War. Truthfully, they stand as "gifts that keep on giving," continuing to percolate with silent but deadly radiation.

She was particularly struck by a visit to a counseling center set up to help traumatized children after the war. There, on the center's shelves, interspersed with colorful donated toys, stuffed animals, and books, sat dozens of such "black souvenirs." When she inquired about them, the psychotherapist explained, "The children pick them up and bring them in. It is their way of coming to terms with their fear, their way of healing themselves." If only they knew.

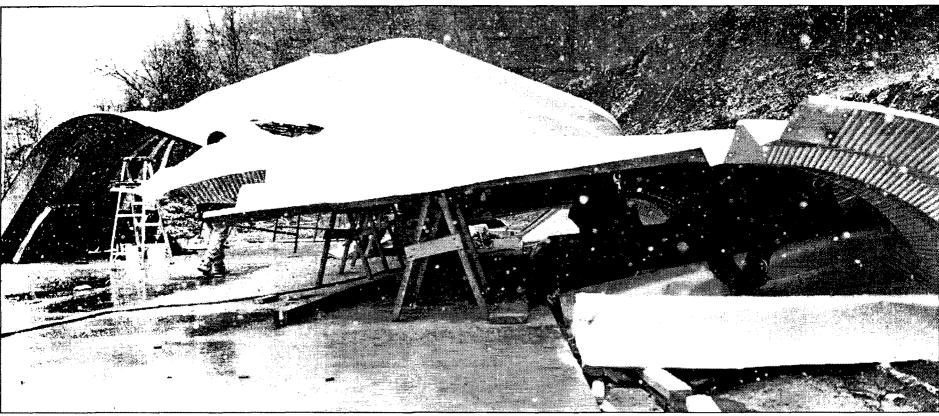
God have mercy on those among us who did know.

David Weiss is a Ph.D. candidate in Christian ethics. His article appears every other Tuesday.

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The mission invested in a 69-foot warehouse, but it collapsed under heavy snow before it could be completed. Some of the students and alumni endured blizzard conditions to help take apart the warehouse; they were back the next day to start putting it back together.

Outreach in Appalachia



Notre Dame alumni Walter Smith reads a story to Jonathan Cole, the son of one the mission employees.

Students, alumni trade break for service

This past spring break, over 200 Notre Dame students and a collection of Notre Dame alumni went to the Appalachian mountains to work on one of 12 different service projects. This the story of the 11 students and eight alumni who went the

McDowell mission in Gary, West Virginia. Gary has been ravaged by the withdraw of the coal industry from the Appalachain region.

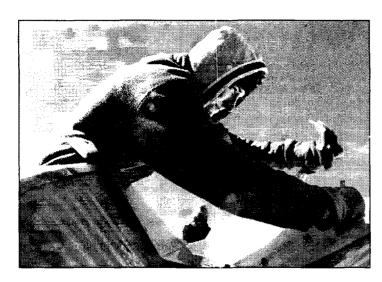
The McDowell mission was establish to serve this impoverished community. During the summer months, the mission

works in the area doing various construction projects for the local people. The Notre Dame students and alumni helped them prepare for the summer by renovating the mission and beginning the reconstruction of their collapsed warehouse.



One evening, the students and alumni treated the town to a spaghetti dinner, prepared here by Peter Cullen and Walter Smith.





Cott Potter
hangs out over
the Appalachian
sky to drive in one
of the warehouse's almost
3,500 bolts.



A fter dismantling the collapsed warehouse, the volunteers went to work putting it back together. The job was quite difficult; only three sections could be placed per day.



Walter and Jonathan also spent time playing house under the crucifix in the chapel.



N otre Dame student Katie Wood and Gary resident Anna Gergely lead the entire community in song after the spaghetti dinner.



Courtenay
Myers and
Katie Wood take
a break from the
20 degree temperatures to
warm their
hands by the
propane heater.

GOLF

Woods endorses Wheaties

Associated Press

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. Tiger Woods, whose face already is on everything from billboards to magazine covers, now will grace American breakfast tables.

Woods on Monday became just the eighth permanent spokesman in the nearly 75year history of Wheaties — the breakfast cereal pitched as the "breakfast of champions."

Wheaties will carry three cereal box covers showing Woods swinging an iron, holding his putter in the air and carrying a trophy.

"This, in a sense, is like being part of a Hall of Fame kind of crowd," said Woods.

Woods was joined at an announcement at The Official All-Star Cafe at Disney's Wide World of Sports complex by past Wheaties pitchmen Walter Payton, Bruce Jenner and Mary Lou Retton. Woods lives in Orlando and is part owner of the restaurant. Woods joins an elite list of legendary American athletes who have been Wheaties' spokes-

They include baseball's Pete Rose; tennis' Chris Evert Lloyd; basketball's Michael Jordan; football's Payton; and former Olympians Bob Richards, Jenner and Retton.

"What's kind of cool is that golf is now considered an athletic sport," Woods said. "I was always called a 'wuss' for playing golf, but I'm here.

While dozens of other athletes and sports teams have appeared on the front of the cereal box, a spokesman's role is more involved and consists of commercials and public appearances.

The association with the cereal generally lasts a lifetime, said Bart Reed, Wheaties' marketing manager. "Anyone who enters the Wheaties' family is always a member," he said.

The details of Woods' contract weren't disclosed. A source told The Associated Press on Friday that Woods will be paid by General Mills through contributions to the Tiger Woods Foundation, which helps minority youth get involved in golf.

Woods, the youngest winner of the Masters Tournament, endorsements since turning pro in August 1996, including deals with Nike, Titleist, American Express and Rolex.

Nicklaus receives redemption

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Jack Nicklaus can play in the U.S. Open, after all. The USGA on Monday gave Nicklaus special exemptions for the next three tournaments through the year 2000.

When Nicklaus was not among those given exemptions by the USGA in January it appeared his streak of consecutive major cham-



pionship would end at 145 after this year's Masters.

Now Nicklaus can extend that streak through the 2001 Masters, if he chooses, pushing it to 157 consecutive major championships.

He has lifetime invitations to

the Masters and the PGA Championship and can play the British Open until he is 65.

This year's U.S. Open is June 18-21 at The Olympic Club in San Francisco. The 1999 Open is at Pinehurst No. 2 in North Carolina, and the 2000 tournament is at Pebble Beach.

'The invitation was a surprise to Jack," Nicklaus spokesman

Scott Tolley said from Golden Bear offices in North Palm Beach, Fla. "He told USGA officials he would call them back this week.'

Tolley said Nicklaus felt the position he was being offered was an important spot for a young golfer and that he wanted to feel certain he was physically able to play before accept-

The U.S. Open is the centerpiece of Nicklaus' season. If he decides to play in the Open it not only means he will likely play all four majors but it also means he will play other tournaments to get ready.

That is likely the decision he will consider over the next few

Scott Simpson, the winner of the 1987 U.S. Open at Olympic who took the Buick Invitational in February for his first PGA Tour victory in five years, was also granted a special exemp-

"I am grateful to the USGA for this invitation and its faith in me as a past champion,' Simpson, 43, said.

Nicklaus has played in every Open since he was a 17-yearold amateur in 1957 and has said he would play as long as he feels competitive.

At Doral two weeks ago, Nicklaus shot rounds of 70, 74, 72 and 77, finishing in 58th place at 5-over-par 293, 15 strokes behind winner Michael Bradley.

■ College Basketball

Boilermakers steam past Rams

Associated Press

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. With Colorado State putting on a shooting clinic from 3point range, Purdue needed someone — anyone — to step up. Mackenzie Curless figured it might as well be her.

The sophomore center scored 12 of her 18 points in the second half Monday as Purdue beat Colorado State 77-63 in the second round of the women's NCAA tourna-

Ukari Figgs and Stephanie White each had 20 for the Boilermakers (22-9), and Michelle Duhart added 10.

Becky Hammon led the Rams with 23 points, 19 of which came in the first half. Katie Cronin, Colorado State's second-leading scorer, finished with 12 after going scoreless in the first half. Jacque Johnson also had 12 for Colorado State (24-6).

With 21 seconds left, rookie Purdue coach Carolyn Peck went down the bench, exchanging high-fives with her players. The Boilermakers play Notre Dame on Saturday in the Midwest Regional in Lubbock, Texas. The Irish defeated top-seeded Texas Tech on Sunday night.

In their only previous meeting this season, Notre Dame beat Purdue 77-71.

Colorado State led by 13 in the first half, thanks to six straight 3-pointers — including three from Hammon. But Purdue ended the first half with a 13-4 run to cut the lead to 38-34 at the break.

And the Boilermakers started the second half just as they ended the first — on a tear. Sparked by Curless, they scored eight unanswered points before Cronin finally hit a 3-pointer, her first basket of the game.

Back-to-back baskets from Curless gave Purdue a 49-45 lead, its largest of the game, with 12:52 left. But Colorado State wasn't done yet. Cronin hit a 3-pointer and then dished off to Hammon for a layup.

Heather Haanen's layup gave the Rams' a 52-49 lead with 10:48 left, but that was it for Colorado State, which couldn't handle Purdue's pressure. The Boilermakers were all over the floor, making shots and then stealing the ball at the other end.

By the time Colorado State scored another field goal, a 3pointer from Johnson with 1:53 left, Purdue led 69-60.

Please see tomorrow's Observer for women's tennis and women's lacrosse coverage.

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J likes to scale walls

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J likes to dance with guys in girl's sweatshirts.

K likes boys that where Polo Sport.

Threeman rocks.

Why were those guys on the road filming us?

I love Celine Dion.

Here are to guys that have limps.

I believe a transaction went down in Wendy's. I think it was against the

Withdrawl from the Tiki is rough. I miss the awesome D.J.

J let's go swimmin' in the cess pool

To the main man in my life, Will Smith. You rock! I don't know what I would do if I couldn't get jiggy. You allowed Spring Break to be the best because nobody stands still for

A salute to two of our favorite schools, Marietta and Ole' Miss.

I am signing off. My creativity is running low.

Your time here at Notre Dame is running short. I haven't seen your face in awhile. Please stop by, I miss you. You are the best even if you don't grace us with your pres-

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Jiggy!

It is three a.m.

That's why they call me big poppa.

Shadypiper we miss you and your glorious rooms, plush towels, hot sandy beaches, cheap phone calls, excellent message service, parking availability, the three sparkling pools and the awesome made ser-

I know that there are at least four girls that miss you.

■ MEN'S LACROSSE

Loyola ruins team's hopes of unbeaten road trip

By TOM STUDEBAKER and DAN LUZIETTI Sports Writers

The break was full of ups and downs for the 11th ranked Notre Dame men's lacrosse team. They ended the week with a record of 3-1 with the only loss handed to them by Loyola this past weekend.

The Irish started the week with a trip to Colorado. They

first faced the Pioneers from Denver University and won by a score of 12-7. Senior captain Jimmy Keenan put Notre Dame on the scoreboard first, scoring only 21 seconds into the game.

The Irish attackers, following Keenan's example, got out to a quick lead thanks to a wellbalanced attack. Junior Chris Dusseau scored twice in the first period, and junior Ben Savage and freshman David

Ulrich added one a piece to give the Irish an early 5-1 lead.

Notre Dame never lost the lead, despite a strong effort from the young Pioneer team. Denver freshman Mike Law had two goals and one assist on the game.

Next up for the Irish was the Air Force Falcons. Notre Dame relied on the strong play of Keenan and Dusseau to soar past the Falcons. Keenan scored a career-high six goals during the contest, while Dusseau tied his career-high by adding four goals.

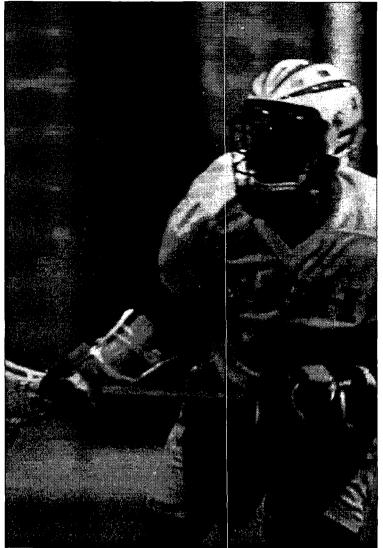
The Irish again took the lead early, scoring five goals in the first period to Air Force's one.

Notre Dame received strong play from senior captain goalie Alex Cade who tallied 10 saves. Ulrich again had a strong contribution adding one goal and three assists.

Although early leads helped the Irish in Colorado, they were not so fortunate in Maryland.

Notre Dame was down 12-2 at half-time against a superior Loyola team. It was an important game for the Irish, as Loyola was ranked just above them at 10. The Greyhounds dominated the game, outshooting the Irish 44-19, had 67 ground balls to 31 for Notre Dame and won 21 face-offs to the Irish six.

Ulrich recorded his second hat-trick of the season and added two assists to pace the Irish for a comeback. Keenan and Savage added two goals a piece along with Dusseau adding one. Loyola proved to



Senior midfielder Jimmy Keenan reached a personal high with six goals against the Falcons.

be too much for Notre Dame as the Irish fell by a score of 16-8.

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■ BASEBALL

Irish soak up three victories

By ALLISON KRILLA Associate Sports Editor

Heavy rains forced the cancellation of the Irish Baseball Classic in San Antonio, Tex., but the weather did little to dampen the spirits of the Notre Dame baseball team.

In four games before the deluge, the Irish went 3-1, dropping their first spring break contest to Southwest Texas State before avenging the loss and tacking on wins against Brigham Young University and Southern Illinois.

"It's always pretty good to get three straight wins," said pitcher Aaron Heilman. "We're starting to come together as a team, and we're going to continue to improve. Hopefully, we'll put together an even longer winning streak.

Errors plagued Notre Dame (9-7) in the opening game against Southwest Texas, contributing to seven unearned runs and handing Alex Shilliday his second loss of the season.

Shilliday followed his careerbest 10 strikeout performance in the Diamond Classic by fanning nine over four and two-thirds innings.

Righthander Brad Lidge led the Irish to an 8-0 victory over Southwest Texas the following day, with a five-hit, seven-strikeout effort in seven innings of work.

Notre Dame relied on a balanced offense and the strength of its pitching staff in the shutout

Freshmen Heilman and Mike Naumann closed out the game, retiring the side in the eighth and ninth, respectively.

Senior shortstop J.J. Brock paced a 16-hit attack by the Irish in their 15-4 victory over BYU.

Brock blasted his third home run of the season, a two-run shot in the seventh that scored Jeff Perconte.

"We're getting more games under our belt, which can only help us," Perconte said. "Our pitching has been good and we've been playing well as a

Sophomore Tim Kalita (1-0) earned the win, tossing six shutout innings and allowing six hits, three walks and five Ks.

In the first and only round of the Irish Baseball Classic, the Irish downed Southern Illinois 4Heilman picked up the team's first save of the year. Coming on with two outs in the eighth and a 4-2 Irish lead, the righty gave up one run, but retired the side in the ninth with a pair of strike-

Brock blasted his fourth homer of the season, a solo shot in the first to knot the score at 1-1, besting his total of three dingers

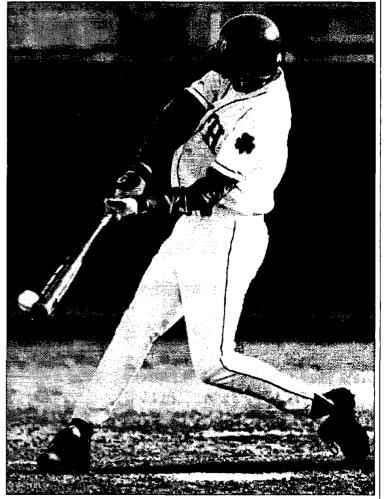
Steve Szczpanski (1-1) allowed two earned runs over five plus innings, with five hits, one walk and one strikeout.

Next up for the Irish are Big East conference opening doubleheaders at Providence and Connecticut this weekend.

'We have a veteran team,' Perconte said. "Most guys on the team have been through the Big East season [last year], and we know what we need to do to win.

"We have a great pitching staff. That's what we need to win in the Big East because we play a bunch of games in one week-

The Irish boast one of the deepest and most talented staffs in recent years, and that depth should carry the team as the conference season commences.



Notre Dame sluggers brought home three out of four wins to up their record to 5-7

■ SOFTBALL

Sluggers slip into deeper slump with 4-6 slide

By BRIAN KESSLER Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women's softball team continued to struggle as they dropped six games over spring break and won only four. The team now stands at 8-13 for the season.

The Irish kicked off the week at the Fresno State Classic where they dropped their first three games. On Friday, March 6, the team lost a heartbreaker, falling to South Carolina 1-0 despite an outstanding pitching performance by Angela Bessolo. The Irish outhit the Gamecocks 5-4, but Notre Dame couldn't seem to get runners into scoring position.

They followed up the loss with a double header on the next day in which the Irish fell victim to Oregon State and Oklahoma State. Bessolo lost her second game in as many days and fell to 1-5 on the sea-

The team did end the classic on a high note as they dominated Western Illinois 7-0. Pitcher Jennifer Sharron recorded the shutout for the Irish.

They then traveled to Los Angeles to take on UCLA in a non-conference game. The Irish couldn't put together back-to-back wins as they fell to the Bruins in a close one, 4-3. Kelly Nichols took the loss for the Irish.

Notre Dame ended the week on a bit of an upswing as they played five-hundred ball, taking three out of six in the Bank of Hawaii Invitational held in Honolulu, Hawaii.

The Irish started off roundrobin play with a 3-1 loss to Tokyo last Thursday, but split a pair of games Friday night. The Irish beat Chattanooga 9-7, but dropped the nightcap to host Hawaii 11-1. Nichols improved to 3-3 with the win over Chattanooga and lowered her ERA to a team best 1.18.

Saturday saw the Irish pick up a pair of victories as they knocked off Loyola Marymount 9-1 and Tulsa 7-1. Freshman Melanie Alkire was brilliant as she pitched a complete game and allowed just one run on three hits for the first win of

Alkire also went 3-4 at the plate with two doubles, three RBI and a run scored. Jenn Giampaolo hit two hits, including a triple, and scored two runs. She leads the team in batting with a .309 average. Amy Laboe and Lisa Tully also scored a pair of runs in the victory.

In the win over Tulsa, freshman Jennifer Sharron pitched her third complete game of the season, allowing just one run on five hits, as she picked up her second win of the week. Alkire again led the Irish to victory with two hits, an RBI and a run scored. Laboe scored another pair of runs in the 7-1

But the Irish, the third-seed in the bracket play, couldn't repeat their performance of the previous night, and Tulsa put together a 4-3 victory. Bessolo took the loss for the Irish, falling to 1-6 on the season despite an impressive 2.06

The team will take on Toledo on Saturday before Big East play gets under way against Rutgers later this month.







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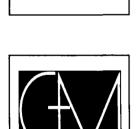
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■ Men's Tennis

Irish make smooth transition to outdoors

By M. SHANNON RYAN Saint Mary's Editor

Beginning their two-month road trip over break, Notre Dame seemed to be set on cruise control, advancing to 9-

After gaining valuable outdoor experience in the Pacific Coast Doubles Tournament in California, the Irish steamrolled Penn, 7-0.

"[The doubles tournament] was a high level of competi-" coach Bob Bayliss said. "We basically made the weekend a transition for outdoor settings.

The Irish were the fourth seed at No. 1 in college competition for the open event in La Jolla, Calif.

The Irish were not in the most conducive situation, arriving at 10 p.m. Thursday and beginning play at 9 a.m. the next morning.

Still, Notre Dame put on a good showing in the tournament that featured college teams, professionals and junior

competitors. Danny Rothschild and Vijay Freeman advanced to the quarterfinals before losing to San Diego State. Brian Patterson and Jakub Pietrowski lost in the second round, as did Ryan Sachire and Matt Horsley.

"The important thing is that we put ourselves into a different situation," Bayliss said. "Playing outside is an extremely hard transition."

Although the modifications seem minor, adjusting to wind and different sounds outdoors takes practice.

"Indoors, you get used to the ball falling exactly where you think it will," Bayliss said. "So footwork tends to be sloppy. Outside the ball keeps moving so they have to keep moving their feet.

The echoes indoors also must be subtracted from outdoor play. Not being able to hear a boom after serves, players often suffer from hurt egos and tend to overhit as a result.

"You don't realize how much [sound] helps indoors," Bayliss "It's an adjustment

In their first outdoor dual match, the Irish had no trouble adjusting to nature as they breezed by Penn. Although both teams were equally disadvantaged on outdoor courts, Notre Dame had the definite

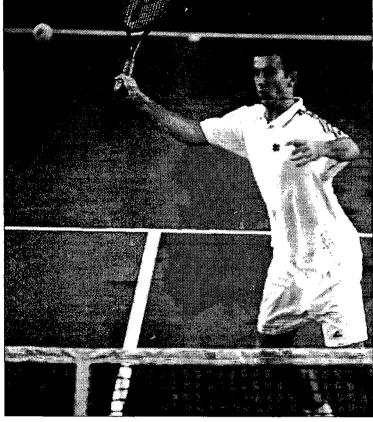
After winning the doubles point with three straight wins, the No. 1 and 2 positions proved strongest as Sachire and Pietrowski quickly came up with two-set wins in singles.

Sachire terminated Marc Fisicaro with ease, 6-2, 6-0, and Pietrowski put on a flawless performance to defeat Mike Klatsky, 6-0, 6-0.

"Ryan continued with his high level of play," Bayliss said. "Jakub's been on something of

Improving his backhand and level of aggressiveness, Pietrowski's self-assurance has boosted along with his win record.

"His confidence has really jumped," Bayliss said. "He's hitting with more authority, and his backhand has started



Senior Jakub Pietrowski proved perfect over break, devouring his Penn opponent 6-0, 6-0.

to become a weapon."

In addition, the rest of the lineup also was able to defend themselves against Penn.

Brian Patterson came back from a first set 4-6 loss to take the next two sets, 6-1, 6-4, against Joey Zupan.

Danny Rothschild continued making impressions as he built on his perfect winning streak,

After being absent on the

courts for the past two matches, Andy Warford put another win under his belt, 7-6, 4-6, 6-

Eric Enloe's match was retired at the No. 5 position with a 6-2, 5-0 lead.

"I was very pleased we took them out early," Bayliss said. "We were the better team. We've had the tougher schedule to date. We had more depth and talent.'

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In an extremely long game, the Irish dropped Saturday night's contest by the slimmest of margins, 2-1.

The teams were deadlocked at one goal apiece at the end of regulation.

Freshman forward Dan Carlson gave the Irish their only goal, which was a shorthanded one in the first peri-

"I had a great chance near the end of the game,' recalled Dhadphale, "but a great save was made.

The teams battled for 19 scoreless overtime minutes before Muckalt ended the madness with his game-winning goal

And so the stage was set for Sunday's dramatic, decisive

This night's goals by Eaton and Dhadphale gave the Irish a 2-0 lead early in the second period.

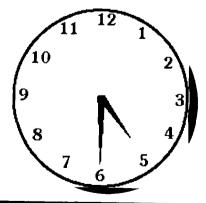
But Michigan struck back with two goals of its own to tie the game just eight minutes later.

Michigan surged ahead in the third period 3-2, but Dolder knotted the game. Michigan's power play proved to be too much for the Irish, and they recorded their third power play goal of the game to earn the 4-3 victory.

"We were using a couple of lines, so we might have gotten tired a bit," Dhadphale said. "But we could have won either Saturday or Sunday's game.

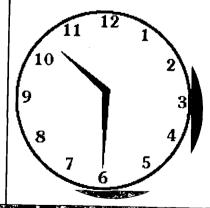
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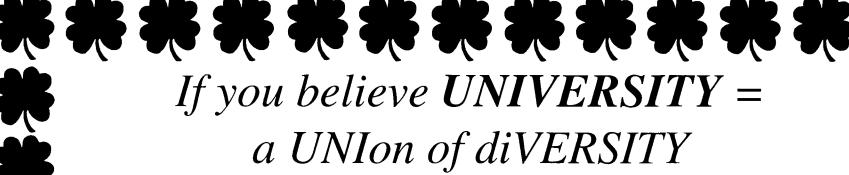
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■ Track and Field

Williams races to all-America status at NCAAs

Sports Writer

Notre Dame qualified two runners for the NCAA indoor track and field championships

last weekend in Indianapolis, one of whom came back an all-American.

Senior captain Williams placed eighth in the 55-meter hurdles in the championships, while sophomore JoAnna Deeter took 15th in the 3000-meter run.

Everyone who finishes in the top eight at nationals receives the title of all-American.

Williams automatically earned the honor by qualifying for the finals.

He placed third in his preliminary heat with a time of 7.34 to make it into the finals. His mark of 7.38 left him in eighth place.

Early in the race, Williams was among the top four but dropped back after one of the hurdles slowed him down. Larry Wade of Texas A & M won the event in 7.11.

"The race went as well as I could possibly have hoped for," Williams said. "This happening this early in the season [indoors] was more than I had planned on. I was really happy about being an all-American.

Williams' qualifying time of 7.26 — a school record which was run at the Big East championships — ranked him 12th of 15 entrants heading into the meet.

A Big East champion in the 55-meter hurdles last week, he ran in the 110-meter hurdles in two NCAA outdoor championships. This was his first indoor championship meet, however.

From a performance standpoint, he ran well," said sprints and hurdles coach John Millar. "Our goal at the start of the year was to get to the finals really at the outdoor championships. This should give him some idea what to

expect at outdoors.'

Deeter had somewhat of an off meet, running 9:50.24 in the 3000-meter run, her slowest time of the season. Distance coach Tim Connelly attributed her lagging time to a lack of experience in this kind of race, which is an event with an unusual amount of pushing and fighting for position.

"She just ran like she was real inexperienced in that type of race," Connelly said. "It was real physical. People were more concerned about place than running fast, and she'd never been in a race like that.'

Although her time was slower than usual, Deeter placed 15th out of 17, the same spot she was seeded going into the meet. Her qualifying time of 9:30.82 represents a school record for Notre Dame.

This was her first time competing at the NCAA track and field championships, despite having been named an all-American in cross country as a freshman.

The NCAA indoor championships brought an end to the a indoor season for the Irish. The track and field outdoor season will kick off March 27-28 with Irish athletes competing in meets at Purdue. Stanford and Alabama.

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"You have to give credit to Notre Dame," Texas Tech head coach Marsh Sharp said about the loss. "They came out with a Final Four mental-

ity and we ran away from it.' The loss also ended a 12game winning streak for the Lady Raiders, and ended a 9-0 run in NCAA tournament home games. Entering the match, the Irish was 0-5 against ranked opponents this season.

Despite the loss, Texas Tech

will still host the Midwest Regionals, which are set to begin this weekend. Notre Dame will head back to Lubbock this weekend to face Purdue in the regional semifinal.

The clash between the Irish and the Boilermakers is set for this Saturday, at a time

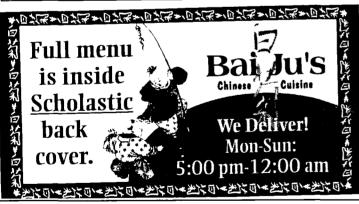


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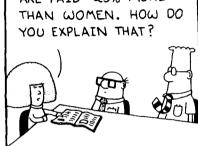
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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44 Shook hands 20 Loss of footing (on)

47 Suffix with boy 48 Prizes for a

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55 Bedevils, in a way

56 Its symbol is two horns

58 Nose (out) 59 Wind, so to speak

60 Kind of eclipse 61 Vintage cars

62 José's hurrays

63 Tiffs

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1 Crock 2 Pub potables

3 It's true 4 Polite refusal, slangily

5 Catherine, for

6 Bantu tribesman 7 Riding

8 Concordat 9 Turns a maxi

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(usually) 13 College in Lewiston, Me.

21 Red Cross workers, briefly 22 "Whatever will I

do?" D U R A E S S O 25 C&W's McEntire
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28 Words before 'about" and "at

29 Rocks ahead

30 Actress Blakley 33 "The People's

Court" judge, now

34 Stew 35 He ran against Taylor, 1848

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38 Bigwig 40 Highlander 41 Speech

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YOUR HOROSCOPE

ARIES—You will entice lovers on the 15th and 16th with your passion for life and your quick wit. You will have a greater desire on the 17th and 18th to get involved in educational affairs, cultural activities and travel.

TAURUS-Don't get angry over trivial matters on the 15th and 16th. You mustn't blame others for your own stubbornness. You can achieve plenty on the 17th and 18th if you put your efforts into working on domestic projects.

GEMINI—Get-rich-quick schemes presented on the 15th and 16th are not likely to bring you the rewards you're expecting. Travel and romance go hand-inhand on the 17th and 18th.

CANCER—Family should take top priority on the 15th and 16th. You can be helpful if you listen to the difficulties your loved ones are experiencing. Mix business with pleasure on the 17th and 18th, socialize with colleagues and clients.

LEO-Friends may need to lean on you on the 15th and 16th. Take the time to invest in yourself on the 17th and 18th. Make the physical and mental changes required in order to raise your self-esteem.

VIRGO-Don't make unrealistic promises on the 15th and 16th. Changes regarding your own selfawareness are evident. Family members may take advantage of you on the 17th and 18th. Don't offer help or ask for it.

LIBRA —Losses are likely

on the 15th and 16th if you get involved in joint financial ventures or if you aren't careful with your belongings. Don't rely on others to give you an honest opinion on the 17th and 18th.

SCORPIO --Keep an open mind on the 15th and 16th. Research before making any commitments. You will get taken on the 17th and 18th if you get involved in joint financial ventures. You must be careful whom you deal with and who you lend things to.

SAGITTARIUS —You will have trouble expressing yourself on the 15th and 16th. Stick to your own projects and avoid making decisions. Evading issues on the 17th and 18th will not save you from disruptions on the home front.

CAPRICORN—Don't gamble on the 15th and 16th, loss is likely. Financial limitations will be depressing and restrict your life style. You may have a secret enemy on the 17th and 18th. Be careful what you say to whom.

AQUARIUS—Travel will bring you knowledge on the 15th and 16th. Discuss all your options with someone you trust on the 17th and 18th before you sign any

PISCES-Your persuasive talent on the 15th and 16th will help convince others to support your efforts. Deal with red tape issues on the 17th and 18th. Handle them as quickly and avoid damaging your reputation in the interim.

OF INTEREST

The 1998 Annual Archbishop Romero Lecture co-sponsored with Latin American/North American Church Concerns (LANACC) and the department of theology will take place today at 8 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies in the auditorium. Ann Peterson will be speaking on progressive Catholicism in El Salvador.

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SPORTS

■ Women's Basketball

Cinderella Irish continue fantasy season

By BILL HART Assistant Sports Editor

Last year, the women's basketball team shocked everyone by advancing to the Final Four and becoming the Cinderella of the NCAA Tournament.

This season, the Irish are proving that the glass slipper may still fit.

A 78-64 win over No. 8 seed Southwest Missouri State in the first round set up a matchup between Notre Dame and top seed Texas Tech, who acted as host for half of the first and second round games in the Midwest region.

The Irish had their work cut out for them, as the sixthranked Lady Raiders were led by Alicia Thompson, who tallied 39 points in Tech's 87-75 first-round victory over Grambling State.

In one of the most shocking upsets of the weekend, however, Notre Dame defeated Texas Tech 74-59 to advance to the Sweet 16.

It was clear that the ninthseeded Irish would have an uphill battle from the start, as freshman Ruth Riley received two fouls less than one minute into the game.

Well, when Riley was on the bench, we put in Ljunior Dianal Braendly," head coach Muffet McGraw said. "She's 6'4", so there really wasn't a real disadvantage in height."

The Irish managed to stay in the game despite losing their leading rebounder and the raging crowd of 8,174 in the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

Despite having a 29-26 disadvantage going into the locker room, McGraw was pleased with how the team played in the first half.

"We felt pretty good about our position," she said. "Even though we hadn't really played well, we were only three points down. We really didn't change our strategy that much in the second half. We had less perimeter shooting, and concentrated more on the inside."

In the second half, the Irish took the lead early but were unable to hold on. For most of the half, the game stayed tight as both teams jockeyed for the

Notre Dame's tenacious defense kept Tech's perimeter shooting in check, as they went 3-for-17 from beyond the arc for the game. In the paint, the Irish swarmed Thompson and Angie Braziel, the two key inside players for Tech. As a team, the Lady Raiders shot just 27 percent from the field in the second

Then, with 10 minutes remaining in the game, Notre Dame went on a 12-0 run to take a 55-44 lead and never looked back.

"They amazed McGraws said about the team's performance. "I'm proud to see our team come out with such poise, to come out and beat a team like Texas Tech."

On the offensive end, Notre Dame was led by Riley, who

scored all 23 of her points in the second half. After picking up her second foul, she did not receive another for the rest of the game.

"It was really frustrating to sit on the bench," Riley said about her thoughts in the first half. "I felt bad to just sit there. I felt like I had to come out the second half and do something for the team.'

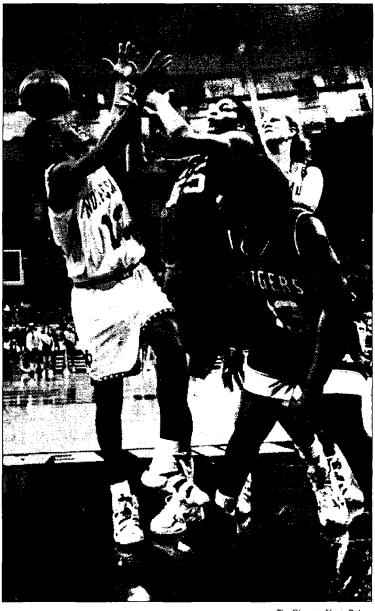
During the first half, the brunt of the Irish momentum was carried by junior Sheila McMillen and freshman Kelley Siemon, with 13 and 10 points respectively. Senior Mollie Peirick had a game-high 11 assists in 34 minutes of action, while junior Diana Braendly posted nine for the Irish.

Thompson, a first team all-America forward, was unable to duplicate her effort in the previous game, scoring 17 points to lead the Raiders. She led two other Tech players in double figures, with Braziel tallying 11 points and Julie Lake scoring 12.

"They really concentrated on the post area because we did well there [Friday],' Thompson remarked. "They knew where to stop us and they did."

With the loss, the Lady Raiders (26-5) became the second top seed in as many days to fail to advance on their home court. On Saturday, Stanford fell to 16th-seed Harvard in the first round of West region action.

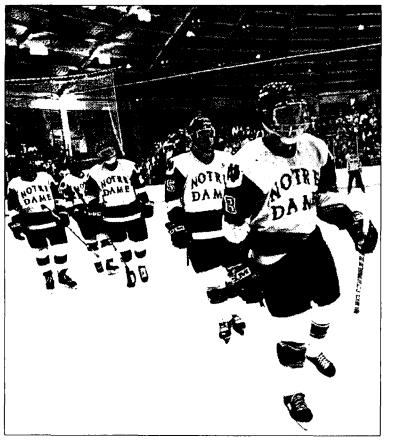
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The Observer/Kevin Dalum

Danielle Green and company hope to build on their win over Texas Tech to satisfy championship dreams.

■ Hockey



The Observer/Kevin Dalum Michigan tripped up the Irish in CCHA playoffs, beating them two

Icers fall short in CCHA semis

By CHARLEY GATES

Sports Writer

The Notre Dame hockey team came within a lucky bounce of advancing to the semifinals of the Central Collegiate Hockey Association playoffs.

The Irish dropped a heartbreaking series to Michigan two games to one. Both losses were by one goal.

"It really could have gone either way," said junior forward Aniket Dhadphale, who notched his 25th goal this season on Sunday afternoon.

But the Irish completed the eighth-best turnaround in CCHA history, improving on last year's 6-20-1 mark by 15 points in the standings.

"It is good to see that we're making progress," Dhadphale

The Irish can point to many other statistics to demonstrate the improvement they have made this season. They averaged 8.5 more shots per game, improved their powerplay percentage 6.2%, and were the least-penalized team in the CCHA, yielding only 4.03 power plays per game.

The Irish also finished with an eight point first period scoring margin, compared with the 13-point deficit of last season.

Notre Dame also was only one of two teams to finish in the top four overall in power play percentage and penalty

"We were a young team this year," Dhadphale said, "and next year we are looking to make even bigger strides."

On Friday night at Yost Ice Arena, the Irish captured the first game of the playoff series with a 4-2 victory.

The Irish jumped out to a 4-0 lead by the end of the second period. Freshman defenseman Mark Eaton, strong candidate for CCHA Rookie of the Year accolades, started the onslaught in the first period with his 11th goal of the season.

Early in the second period,

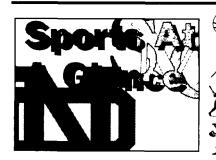
sophomore John Dwyer flicked home a high shot from the slot, pushing the lead to 2-0. Freshman forward Ryan Dolder and sophomore defenseman Nathan Borega closed out the scoring for the

Stellar senior goaltender Matt Eisler turned in a tremendous third period, stopping 15 Wolverine shots, including a penalty shot by CCHA leading scorer Bill

"Eisler was the key all Dhadphale said "My mindset coming into the game was trying not to do too much. This year, I have a great team in front of me. I just wanted to let the team win this game, which they

"This was an enormous win for our young program," head coach Dave Poulin added. "We have been building confidence over the last four weeks. We played very well."

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Fencing at NCAA Championships, at Angela Athletic Facility, March19-21

Track at Wabash College March 21, TBA



Men's tennis advances to 9-2

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■ Williams earns all-American honors