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Saint Mary's names commencement speaker

By KERRY SMITH
News Writer

Paula Madison, president and general manager of KNBC-TV in Los Angeles, will deliver the Commencement address at Saint Mary's graduation ceremony, the College announced in a press release Monday.



Madison

In addition to her duties at KNBC-TV, Madison also serves as the vice president

of diversity for NBC, making the 1974 Vassar College graduate the first African-American woman to become a general manager at a network-owned station in a top-five market.

"She is one of the few women in the position she has," College President Marilou Eldred said. "And as far as we can tell, she holds the highest rank of any minority person in her field."

An active volunteer in the national community, Eldred hopes Madison will be able to deliver a relevant address to this year's graduating class.

"Each year we try to pick someone who is known to be a good speaker who will

deliver a message that is relevant to the seniors," said Eldred. "We try to pick someone who will really provide a challenge to the class."

Madison has a long history of success in the communications field.

She began her career as a newspaper reporter, earning awards including the Ellis Island Medal of Honor and the

National Association of Black Ida B. Wells Journalists'

Award. After moving into the television sphere of communications as vice president and news director at WNBC, an

NBC flagship station in New York, "Crain's New York Business" named Madison one of New York's 100 Top Minority Executives, before moving on to her current position.

Madison has complimented a successful professional

career with a long history of service.

She currently is involved in several volunteer organizations, including the Center for Public Integrity, a non-profit agency based in Washington, D.C.

The process of picking a speaker is always a long one for the Saint Mary's administration.

The College first solicits nominations and suggestions and then the Office of Academic Affairs narrows down and approves a short list of five to ten candidates.

Eldred then makes the final decision depending on a variety of factors including speaker availability and cost.

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Marilou Eldred
Saint Mary's President

BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Board creates focus groups on women's issues, concerns



ALLISON DOHERTY/The Observer

Board members discuss the lack of participation in focus groups designed to highlight women's issues in light of the dialogue concerning the Vagina Monologues. The focus groups hope to attract student attendance and input.

By COLLEEN MCCARTHY
Assistant News Editor

Focus groups designed to ask students what kind of programming they want to see surrounding issues of women's sexuality, health and violence against women have not generated as much participation as the administration hoped for, reported Linda Timm, vice president of student affairs to the Saint Mary's Board of Governance.

"We decided to have these focus groups because of the dialogue that began surrounding the 'Vagina Monologues' and we wanted to continue that dialogue on issues of women's sexuality, health and violence against women. We wanted to get their thoughts, suggestions and ideas," said Timm.

About 345 students were selected randomly from all four classes at Saint Mary's and given an invitation to participate in the groups. As of Monday, of a possible 145 students who could have attended sessions so far, only seven students have attended.

"We wanted to target the broadest context of students we could get and I would like to see a larger number of students attend the remaining sessions," said Timm.

Timm added that noontime sessions are also being held allowing students who did not receive the original invitations to sign up and attend.

Once the information from the sessions is gathered and the final session has been held, Timm, along with a group of five other individuals from the College, including one student, will meet to look over the data. They hope to determine common themes that surfaced repeatedly to determine what direction to take with programming.

"I'm stumped as to how else to get peo-

ple to attend the sessions," said Timm.

After a discussion last week regarding whether the Board would recognize the Notre Dame Student Players as a Saint Mary's club, the Board invited Lindsay Landvogt of the Saint Mary's Thespians Unplugged Club to offer her insights regarding recognition of the Notre Dame theater group.

Board members raised concerns at the last meeting that the Saint Mary's club was approved last fall and that recognizing the Notre Dame club could take away from participants in the Saint Mary's group.

"We are still such a young club and are trying to get our feet planted and it's hard to get people involved," said Landvogt. "I hate to say it, but if Saint Mary's students see there is a similar club at Notre Dame, they might be more likely to join that club instead of ours."

On the other hand, Landvogt said that recognizing the Notre Dame club would provide other opportunities in addition to those offered by Thespians Unplugged.

Thespians Unplugged serves as a club for Saint Mary's students, especially those in the theater department who support performances at Saint Mary's and attend performances together off-campus.

"I can't predict what approving the Notre Dame club would do to our group," said Landvogt.

The Board tabled making a decision on further action until the April 23 Board meeting.

In other news:

♦ The Executive Board of BOG discussed creating a grant system for co-sponsorships because the Board is approached for money so frequently from various

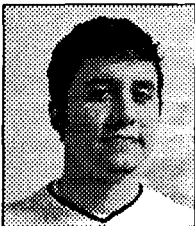
"We decided to have these focus groups because of the dialogue surrounding the 'Vagina Monologues.'"

Linda Timm
vice president of student affairs at Saint Mary's

INSIDE COLUMN

Burrito Revolution

As the recently self-appointed chief connoisseur of campus burrito affairs, I felt obligated to let everyone know what has happened since my article ran in the paper two Fridays ago. My scathing criticism of the Huddle Mart, as well as the protest that ensued, has returned justice to the world. We stormed into the Huddle Friday afternoon, with our signs declaring slogans like "Bring back Little Juan!" and "Why have you taken my soul away?"



Adam Turner

Little Juan is not back on his shelf, as my group of 15 protesters demanded, but in his place was placed our new best friend, "El Monterey: Half Pound Beef and Bean burrito." We obviously took our small, determined force and angrily demanded that justice be returned to the Huddle Mart, and we backed management into a corner, and there was much celebrating as they signed the order form to put El Monterey onto the shelf. This was an unforeseen twist, and not a bad one. One fellow burrito rights activist, John [name withheld for fear of reprisal], declared El Monterey to be responsible for making "The bomb burrito."

Web Administrator

However, there is a point to this. I was just kidding. There was no revolt in the Huddle Mart. I did write a thing about Little Juan burritos, and I was warmly surprised when I saw a new burrito product on the shelf last night where Little Juan used to be. I would like to think that my article might have inspired the Huddle Mart to purchase frozen burritos for the student populace. Which I would find ironic, because I think many students here would vomit at the notion of eating 65percent of your daily fat allowance in one greasy burrito sitting.

What I find somewhat misguided is the Student Farm workers Alliance protest of Taco Bell this past weekend. There is a way to bring about change in the world, and pissing off maybe 16 poor fast food employees is not the best way to evoke change. Granted, the NDSFA did give those who read the article in last Thursday's viewpoint section the option of writing directly to Taco Bell management, which I think is a good way to show your displeasure for a company, if they receive enough letters. Another thing to keep in mind is that it's not like Taco Bell is the only corporation that exploits migrant farm workers. When you walk into the supermarket, do you think that all the produce there was picked by migrant farm workers that make decent wages? Migrants are used to pick produce because employers don't have to pay them substantial wages. Taco Bell isn't concerned with how they get their produce as long as it's cheap and not fully rotten. Taco Bell is concerned with making tacos. Taco Bell needs to learn to be concerned with their produce sources.

The plight of migrant farm workers is truly something to be concerned about. Bringing about a change for them is going to take a little more than spending one Sunday afternoon at Taco Bell making noise and annoying people that just want to get some cheap fast food.

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

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QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"It is good for us to be driven from time to time, to rake up the roots of our activity."

Eva Brann
St. John's College
Professor

"This is my team. I'm the captain, I'm the leader. This is my home town and I was willing to do whatever I could for this team."

Niele Ivey
Irish point guard

"It was kind of creepy at first, but then it became sad. These were people just like us with lives and friends and family."

Brett Perkins
Appalachia seminar
participant

"This has gotta be a once in a lifetime opportunity. There's no way I would miss it. It's great just to be a part of this."

Nick Setta,
on women's national
championship

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Cornell University addresses human traffick-

ITHACA, N.Y. Trafficking human beings is now the third largest source of profits for organized crime, behind drugs and arms trafficking, generating billions of dollars annually.

The former Soviet Union is the largest new source of trafficking for prostitution and the sex industry, with more than 100,000 women and children trafficked each year from that region, according to the U.S. Department of State.

This was the topic of "Trafficking in Human Beings: Russian Organized Crime in Comparative Perspective," one of the lectures given at the conference at Cornell University held in honor of the late George Gibian, the Goldwin Smith Professor of Russian Literature and Comparative

"Women are plundered like the precious metals ... of the former Soviet Union,"

Louise Shelly
director, Transnational Crime and
Corruption Center at American
University

Literature. The talk was presented by Louise Shelley '72, director of the Transnational Crime and Corruption Center at American University.

Shelley called her lecture "a fitting tribute to George," who died in 1999 when he was a member of the faculty in the Departments of Russian Literature and Comparative

Literature. She stated women's ability to obtain property was largely hindered by the rise of organized crime. "Women were physically barred from auction of state property by leaders of organized crime," Shelley said.

Further adding to the impoverishment of women was the loss of the social safety net. After the collapse of the Soviet Union, they lost all their social benefits such as childcare, summer camps and other programs, she said.

"Women had few economic alternatives left," Shelley said. They "retained a sense of responsibility to provide for their families, and they were therefore vulnerable to financial offers from the traffickers."

NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY

Students battle over gender roles

LAS CRUCES, N.M.

The gender of Homecoming King and Queen is an issue once again as the Associated Students of New Mexico State University prepares to hear arguments for and against distinguishing which gender can run for which position. The issue now appears in the form of Bill 106 sponsored by Senators Esteban Rael [Graduate], Heather Johnson [Arts & Sciences] and Matthew Peterson [Arts & Sciences]. Despite being tabled in the Community Affairs Committee, the bill's sponsors plan on addressing the issue at Thursday's Senate meeting. This issue arose in 1999 when Aaron Schubert, a male member of Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals and Friends, ran for Homecoming Queen. Shortly after Schubert's campaign, ASNMSU passed Bill 34, which requires king and queen candidates to be male and female respectively. Rael said it is not an issue of gay rights, but an issue of expression. "If this is meant to target any group of individuals, which I believe the current law does, then that's creating inequality on campus," said Rael.

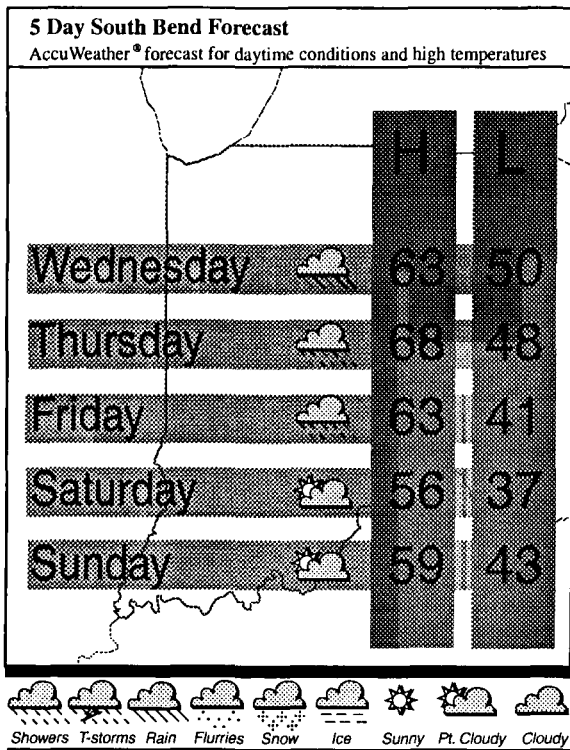
AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

Technology used to peak interest

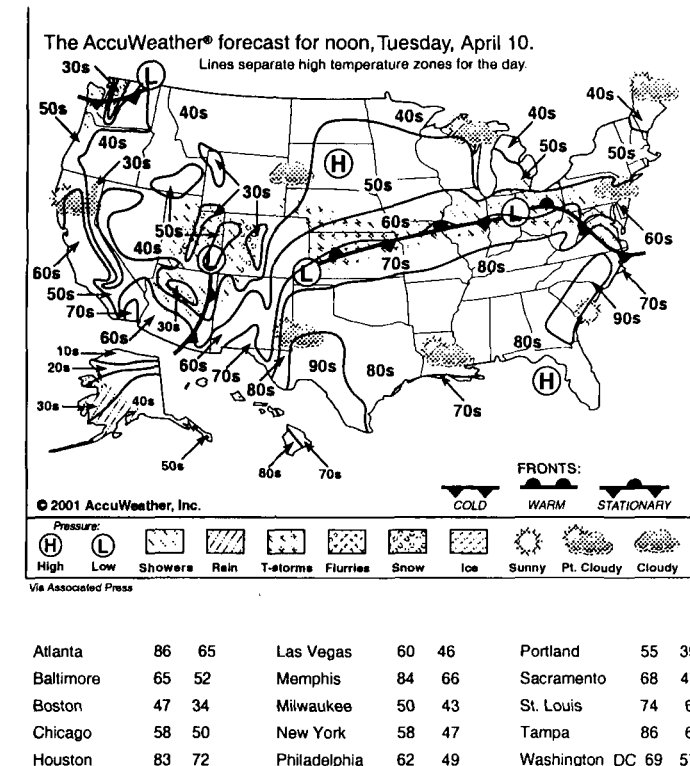
WASHINGTON

An increasing number of universities, including American University, are making use of new computer technology like "bubble" images to show off their campuses to prospective students. Bubble images offer prospective students 360-degree views of campuses and are becoming an important part of many online virtual tours. Virtual tours have been around for several years, but the new bubble images allow students to view many areas that could not be seen in the past through still photos. The images are created by a camera with a fisheye lens that is mounted on a special tripod, which is developed by Internet Pictures or iPix creates the new images. The tripod rotates at 180-degrees and shoots photos from many different angles. Students at AU think the new technology is a good way to give future college students a view of campuses. "I think its a good idea, as long as it gives an accurate depiction of the school," AU junior Lauren Unger said.

LOCAL WEATHER



NATIONAL WEATHER



Oufkir to discuss imprisonment

◆ Daughter speaks on her family's 15-year imprisonment

By MARIBEL MOREY
Assistant News Editor

Malika Oufkir, daughter of General Mohammed Oufkir and author of "Stolen Lives," will make her first visit to the United States Wednesday to facilitate a discussion at Notre Dame's Hesburgh Center.



Oufkir

The discussion, which will be held at 4:15 p.m. in the auditorium of the Hesburgh Center, will center around Oufkir's book *La Prisonniere*.

The 1999 European best seller *La Prisonniere* Oufkir's family 20 year imprisonment.

Oufkir spent 15 years of her life imprisoned in appalling conditions in Morocco after her father attempted to assassinate the king.

Malika Oufkir is the old-

est daughter of Mohammed Oufkir, who was the most powerful man in Morocco next to the king from 1961 until 1972, when he was executed for a failed attempt to overthrow King Hassan II.

"She could have allowed herself to be crushed by her years in prison but, with admirable strength and courage she managed to overcome her fate by being active rather than passive," said Catherine Perry, associate French professor. "She was the keystone to her family's survival — she is very resourceful and creative."

In 1958, at the time of Hassan II's father's reign, five-year-old Oufkir was adopted by the King to serve as a companion for his own daughter, the princess. In her book, "Stolen Lives," Oufkir describes her life in the palace, the King's abuse and her ultimate imprisonment alongside her mother and her younger brothers and sisters for her father's assassination attempt.

While imprisoned, four of her siblings were able to escape by digging a tunnel through the wall. In the four days before their recapture, they were able

to alert the media of their cruel treatment. The family was known to have disappeared, but little else was known at the time.

"Because of an all-consuming fear of the king (Hassan II), no one ever mentioned them during the years of their imprisonment," said Perry. "The Oufkir name was anathema and never spoken, even in private conversations at home."

On Wednesday Oufkir will speak about what it means to be alone, abandoned, without hope, hungry and sick for years.

"I would say that Malika Oufkir has looked death in the face, day after day, and that is something not many people get a chance to do," said Perry.

Also presenting Wednesday will be Susan Slyomovics the Genevieve McMillan-Reba Stewart Professor of the study of women in the developing world and the chair of the department of anthropology at MIT.

Her areas of research and teaching are the expressive culture of the Middle East and North Africa, gender studies and human rights, and the overlap between oral and written literature.

ND library adds rare Middle English books

Special to the Observer

The University of Notre Dame Libraries has acquired an extraordinary Middle English manuscript and added an important Jonathan Swift library to its Irish holdings.

Attributed to circa 1430s England, the rare Middle English manuscript is written in an easy-to-read, semi-cursive gothic script on high-grade vellum.

Consisting of 127 folios and an opening page illuminated with an armorial initial and an elaborate full-page border, the manuscript probably was produced at a Carthusian monastery.

Middle English manuscripts are extremely rare and one such as this very well-preserved and illuminated work, containing two complete Middle English texts, is viewed as extraordinary.

The first text, called "A Myrrour to Devote Peple," survives in this and only one other manuscript, currently located in the Cambridge University Library.

The other major text, called "The Tretise of the Craft of Dying," survives in 13 other manuscripts. A very influential late Medieval work known in Latin as the "Ars moriendi," it discusses the proper way to die by

preparing one's soul for death.

Two folios of Latin orations to the Virgin Mary are located between these two works.

The manuscript served as a devotional manual for the laity and was intended for use by a devout woman. It was made for Elizabeth Chaworth, the wife of John, Fourth Baron Scrope of Marsham, whose coat of arms it contains.

The second acquisition is a collection of books that reproduce the library once owned by Jonathan Swift, the Anglo-Irish author who was the foremost prose satirist in the English language.

The collection is composed of more than 150 rare editions, most printed in the 17th century, and also includes many secondary works on Swift.

The library was compiled by the noted Swift scholar Heinz J. Vinken and cost more than \$100,000.

The collection enhances the Notre Dame Libraries' already strong holdings of early editions by Swift and complements its outstanding collections on George Berkeley and Edward Burke.

Together, these collections place Notre Dame among the leading libraries in the field of 18th-century Irish writers.

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7:00 PM

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Or call 1-5203 (International Studies Office) for an application and program information

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groups, said Michelle Nagle, student body president.

The co-sponsorships will be divided into four categories: service, academic/education, charity and campus programming.

"Having these four categories with a designated range of funding will make our job easier and help without consistency and credibility when it comes to giving co-sponsorships," said Nagle.

The system will not go into place until the fall.

♦ A retreat will be held on Sept. 8 to bring together officers of various campus organizations to try to create more collaboration in scheduling of various events, said Timm.

"We've struggled a lot with having lots of events going on at the same time and trying to get students to attend the events is tough," said Timm.

"If we bring together all of these student organizations, hopefully we can develop some sort of collaborative effort so that the groups can pool their resources of time, people, and financial resources so that the groups can program with each other, not against each other."

Cruz urges Latinos to pursue college degrees

By MYRA McGRUFF
Saint Mary's Editor

In Monday's lecture, "Benefits and importance of education for the Latin community," Miriam Cruz, former Deputy Assistant to President Carter for Hispanic Affairs, outlined a successful career for young Latinos.

Through examples of work she has done over the years, Cruz stressed the need for Latinos to go to college in order to reach success. Cruz, who was born in San Juan, Puerto Rico and attended college in both the United States and Puerto Rico, started working with children in Chicago. She noticed a trend among those kids she helped — they wanted to disassociate themselves from their culture and home life.

"A young man said to me 'I don't like rice and beans,' but times have past. But you know what hasn't changed, a college education can go far," said Cruz.

Giving full emphasis to the benefits of a college education for young Latinos, especially women, Cruz discussed how to bridge the divide between Spanish speaking parents and their children.

Cruz spoke to a concern in the Latino community: that some parents do not see a difference between their children going away and staying at home and working.

Cruz said that for women in the Latino community leaving home only happens once they are married. However, because she sees businesses like Motorola expanding into Latin countries, Spanish and multicultural peoples have an opportunity to thrive in today's economy.

"What do you think [companies] need? Bilingual and multicultural people that understand the needs of the area," Cruz said.

To get Spanish speaking parents to understand the connection between college and success, Cruz provided a solution. The answer rests in community involvement within the realm mentoring.

"We need to have more parents from the community get involved to help parents understand," said Cruz.

With parent involvement from the community Cruz hopes that other mentoring and programming for the young Latino community will flourish.



EVELYN GONZALES/The Observer

Cruz addressed the importance of helping Spanish speaking parents realize the worth of a college education for their children. Cruz suggests parent involvement is the key to success.

McVeigh has last chance to seek stay of execution

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Timothy McVeigh's last chance to ask for a stay of execution will be two hours before he's scheduled to die, when he will be allowed to meet with his lawyers for the last time.

Justice Department officials, speaking on condition of anonymity Monday, described parts of an elaborate process to handle any last-minute legal interruptions of McVeigh's execution, scheduled for May 16 at a federal prison in Terre Haute, Ind.

McVeigh was sentenced to die for the 1995 bombing of the Oklahoma City federal building, killing 168 people.

Visits by family members and attorneys will be curtailed two hours ahead of the execution, officials said. If McVeigh wants his lawyers to ask a judge or the president for a stay, he must do so at that final meeting. Prison officials won't consider a request for a delay by McVeigh after that, officials said.

Prison officials at the execution command center, set up at the Terre Haute prison to coordinate security among state, federal and local law enforce-

ment agencies and handle all procedural matters, will make last-minute phone calls to the White House and check with several courts to see whether McVeigh's lawyers have filed any requests to stop the execution.

Calls will go out to the White House and the courts 45 minutes before the execution; the last ones will be made with 10 minutes to go. Officials overseeing the execution can also be reached in the execution room — up to the moment that the executioner is to administer the lethal injection — if a delay is ordered.

According to an "Execution Protocol" manual written by the U.S. Bureau of Prisons, the U.S. marshal assigned to the execution room "will instruct the Executioner(s) to step away from the execution equipment and will notify the condemned individual and all present that the execution has been stayed or delayed."

McVeigh ordered his attorneys not to file further appeals in January and asked that a date be set for his execution. But he could still seek clemency from the White House or instruct his lawyers to seek a stay.

The government has not exe-

cuted a federal prisoner in 37 years. Procedures for handling federal executions have recently been finalized and will be applied for the first time in the McVeigh execution.

Meanwhile, Attorney General John Ashcroft is poised to

announce whether to allow closed-circuit televisions at the execution so victims and their families can view McVeigh's death.

About 250 people who were injured or lost loved ones in the bombing have told the govern-

ment they want to see the execution. Ashcroft will meet with the families in Oklahoma City Tuesday before announcing a decision on Wednesday. He has indicated a commitment to "meeting the needs of these families."

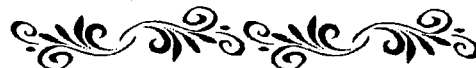


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CORRECTIONS

♦ In Monday's article about the Right to Life Conference, Population Research Institute president Steve Mosher's name was misspelled.

♦ The days and times listed

in yesterday's Observer for the Senior Art Comprehensives were incorrect. The exhibit was held this weekend.

The Observer regrets any errors.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Vietnam Politburo supports leader:

Vietnam's top leader appears to have defeated an effort to remove him from power, a party official said Sunday. Twelve of the 18 members of the powerful Politburo have thrown their support behind Communist Party General Secretary Le Kha Phieu during a three-day meeting of the Central Committee that began Saturday, the official said on condition of anonymity.

Duchess quits job:

Prince Edward's wife has given up her job after being stung by a tabloid reporter, giving fresh courage to those who want to slim down or abolish the monarchy. "The magic I'm afraid has gone. The daylight has come in. We now have to decide how and why we can make constitutional monarchy work," lawmaker Tony Wright told British Broadcasting Corp. radio Monday.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Midwest braces for floods:

Crews worked Monday to raise levees against rising streams in the eastern Dakotas and Minnesota, where flooding already had blocked highways and washed out rural roads. More rain was forecast this week, the National Weather Service said, adding to heavy weekend rain and rapidly melting snow.

Experimental plane crashes:

An experimental plane crashed in Canon City, Colo., shortly after takeoff Sunday, killing the pilot and a passenger. Gary Mayer, regional operations officer with the Federal Aviation Administration in Washington, said investigators would examine the crash Monday. The plane went down soon after leaving the Fremont County airport about 100 miles south of Denver. Mayer could not identify the two people killed. He said the plane was experimental but did not say what made it was. It was not known if anyone else was on board.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Plane makes emergency landing:

A Trans World Express commuter plane carrying 32 people from Lexington, Ky., to St. Louis made an emergency landing Sunday morning at Evansville Regional Airport when one of its two turboprop engines failed. City firefighters and airport safety personnel stood by as the Saab 340 touched down about 10:40 a.m. Oil could be seen dripping from the plane's failed left engine, but the aircraft taxied under its own power to the terminal, said airport assistant manager Gene Olson. The plane will remain at Evansville until repairs are completed, he said.

HAITI



AFP Photo

Pedestrians walk by tires set on fire by supporters of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide. Protesters demanded dialogue between opposition forces and the government.

Aristide supporters block roads

Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE

Supporters of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide blocked traffic with flaming tire barricades Monday, demanding new talks between the government and the opposition.

The protests coincided with a visit Monday from Organization of American States Assistant Secretary-General Luigi Einaudi to try to bring both sides together.

The pro-Aristide demonstrators blocked traffic in at least three neighborhoods in and around Port-Au-Prince, demanding the

reopening of negotiations that were suspended when Aristide was inaugurated on Feb. 7.

Aristide has said he welcomes more talks, but the opposition has rejected offers of joining the government, saying Aristide's victory was illegitimate because of fraudulent elections.

The government did not immediately react to Monday's protests, but it has condemned violence, blaming the opposition for provoking it. Last week, Aristide appealed for a "truce" with the opposition.

Since March 14, when

Aristide supporters disrupted a peaceful opposition demonstration in front of the city's OAS headquarters, political violence has left three dead and scores injured across Haiti.

"Recent tensions are a clear sign that an immediate dialogue among all Haitians is overdue," said Einaudi.

Opposition politician Sauveur Pierre Etienne said he thought Monday's protests launched by Aristide militants were timed to show the OAS that negotiations had to be under Aristide's terms.

The OAS has been

unable in two previous attempts to facilitate a resolution of the crisis, which has divided Haiti's leadership since last year, when the opposition charged that some local and legislative elections were rigged to favor Aristide's Lavalas Family party.

The OAS said 10 Senate races should have gone to runoffs. As a result millions of dollars in international aid to Haiti has been suspended.

The 15-party opposition alliance Convergence boycotted the election that returned Aristide to the presidency in November.

Market Watch April 9

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Up: 1,938	Same: 207	Down: 1,108
Composite Volume:		N/A
AMEX:	871.02	+11.46
NASDAQ:	1,745.71	+25.35
NYSE:	587.69	+4.66
S&P 500:	1,137.59	+9.56

TOP 5 VOLUME LEADERS

COMPANY/SECURITY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	+6.35	+0.87	14.49
INTEL CORP (INTC)	-1.80	-0.43	23.20
NASDAQ 100 INDX (QQQ)	+2.07	+0.75	37.05
SUN MICROSYSTEM (SUNW)	-7.78	-1.10	13.04
MOTOROLA INC (MOT)	+0.00	+0.00	11.50

Diplomats move toward resolution

Associated Press

WASHINGTON, D.C.

American diplomats pressed on Sunday for daily access to a detained U.S. air crew, while China's top military newspaper said Beijing had the right to "thoroughly investigate" the crew members.

China told U.S. diplomats they would be allowed to meet the American crew later Monday, although no details were provided on when. The meeting would be the fourth since the crew was detained after making an emergency landing on Hainan Island after an April 1 col-

lision with a Chinese fighter jet.

The Liberation Army Daily also demanded an end to spy flights near China's coast. The paper's comments added to evidence that China's influential military is pushing for a hard line against Washington and might be obstructing a settlement. The newspaper is published by the military, and its contents are approved by senior commanders.

"China has the right to fully and thoroughly investigate this entire incident, including the American military aircraft and the people in charge of it," the Liberation Army Daily said. "The U.S. government

should ... immediately stop all military surveillance activities off the Chinese coast."

Meanwhile, crew members of the U.S. Navy EP-3E were entering their second week of captivity on Hainan island in the South China Sea.

The EP-3E is believed to have been monitoring military radio, radar and other signals when it collided with one of two Chinese fighter jets sent to track it. The Chinese pilot is missing.

The Chinese permitted U.S. diplomats to meet with eight crew members Sunday, said Condoleezza Rice, the president's national security adviser, on CNN's "Late Edition."

GUATEMALA

Police face uphill battle against skyrocketing crime

Associated Press

QUETZALTENANGO

Seconds after three men with machine guns pulled off a lunchtime robbery at her oil-change shop, Miram Rodas was on the phone to the police.

Five hours later she realized no officers were coming.

"We saw the faces of the criminals and we were ready to describe them. But nobody came," said Rodas, co-owner of Cifuentes Oil. "Until someone dies, the police don't show up."

Many people in Guatemala's second-largest city say Rodas was lucky — at least she didn't get a busy signal.

At the end of March, an unpaid \$13,000 bill led the phone company to switch off four police phone lines, leaving authorities in Quetzaltenango with just one working emergency phone number.

While officials insist the phones have been turned back on, an unpaid electricity bill worth almost twice as much could eventually leave the city's 600 police officers in the dark.

As crime continues to soar in this Central American nation, authorities say they don't have the resources to keep the streets safe.

The state does not keep

reliable crime statistics. But Mutual Support Group, a human rights advocate, says 123 murders in the first three months of the year put Guatemala on the worst pace since the last year of a devastating civil war.

Since the war ended in December 1996, other human rights groups say rape is up 66 percent and instances of armed robbery have nearly doubled.

Quetzaltenango's police commander, Gerson Lopez, blames his force's financial woes on a rule requiring all police spending to be approved in Guatemala City, 125 miles away.

"That slows things down," Lopez said.

"We are negotiating with the electric company. Maybe we can pay half of the bill now and the other half later."

Inside the roach-infested former hospital that serves as the police barracks for this mountainous city of 20,000 people, the florescent lights are kept off during the day to save electricity.

Officers clack out reports on manual typewriters because the station's only computer isn't working.

A carburetor from one of a dozen broken-down police trucks sits in a greasy heap on a bench next to a group of residents waiting to file criminal complaints.

Such problems extend far beyond Quetzaltenango. In Guatemala City last month, the volunteer fire department was left with just two of their eight emergency lines because of unpaid bills and aging phone lines.

Meanwhile, in Sacatepequez, 20 miles outside the Guatemalan capital, police Capt. Francisco Pivaral has recommended that citizens join vigilante groups to combat crime.

Frustration over a lack of policing in rural, largely Indian areas has made Guatemala among the world leaders in mob killings. Since the end of the civil war, vigilante violence has killed 157 people.

"The criminals in Guatemala are better prepared than the police," said Fuastino Sanchez, a spokesman for Guatemala's 18,366-officer national

police force. "Of course we would like to have more resources, but we are doing all we can."

The budget approved for the police force this year was \$10.1 million — \$500,000 less than last year.

Jorge Perez, a spokesman for President Alfonso Portillo, said the budget cut was necessary, given the government's strained finances. He acknowledged there is "no way the police could respond quickly to violence."

All over Guatemala, it is common to see one blue-and-white police pickup carrying up to eight officers armed with machine guns.

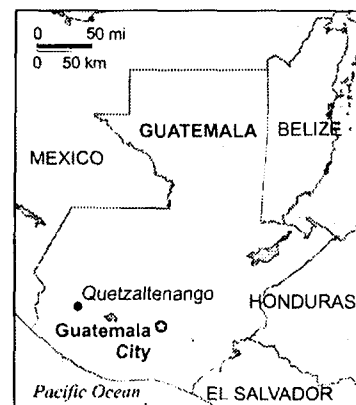
Of the 6,000 trucks the police use for patrolling the streets, only 2,400 are drivable at any given time, Sanchez said.

Floralinda Godinez, a grocer, said she recently had to temporarily close her small shop in a crowded Quetzaltenango market district because police took more than an hour to collect the body of a man killed by a hit-and-run driver.

"The bees and flies were terrible," Godinez said. "And I just had to think that if it takes a long time to come and remove a dead body, the police will have no chance of catching the person that was driving the car."

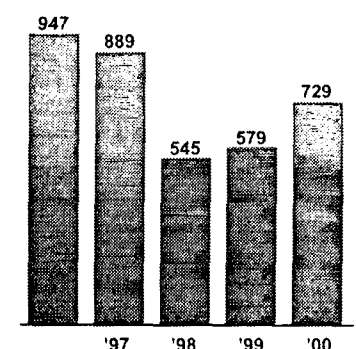
Out of control

The crime rate in Guatemala, a country about the size of Iowa, has grown to such a degree that the police force is having difficulty handling it with its current resources.



Homicides in Guatemala

An estimated 3,812 homicides were reported in Guatemala since the civil war ended in 1996. In the first three months of 2001, there have been 123.



SOURCE: Mutual Support Group

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California reaches deal on power lines, relieving debt

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

In a bid to pull the state's second biggest utility back from the brink of bankruptcy, Gov. Gray Davis announced a deal on Monday for the state to buy power lines from Southern California Edison for \$2.76 billion.

The deal is a key part of the governor's plan to keep the cash-strapped utility solvent. It would give Edison money to reorganize its debts and pay power generators, many of which have not been paid for power since last November.

"These were tough negotiations but they've produced a good, balanced deal," Davis said.

The deal requires Edison to provide power from its generation plants to customers at low rates for 10 years and to drop a lawsuit seeking hikes in consumer rates, Davis said. It still requires approval from the California Public Utilities Commission.

Davis had originally proposed buying parts of the state's transmission grid owned by all three of the state's investor-owned utilities. That plan was dealt a serious blow Friday when Pacific Gas & Electric, the state's largest utility, pulled out of negotiations and filed for bankruptcy protection.

SoCal Edison chairman Steve Frank said the state would benefit more from improving the utility's financial status than from owning the lines.

Frank said the deal for the transmission lines gives the state a hard asset in return for the \$2.76 billion. But he said the real value was helping Edison become a creditworthy buyer of electric power.

The state has been spending \$45 million to \$50 million a day since January to buy power for customers of PG&E and Edison. Wholesale power suppliers have refused to sell electricity to the utilities because their credit is nearly worthless.

Davis said the amount the state offered for the lines was more than twice their estimated value. He said the deal was worth it because Edison had agreed to sell low-cost power.

Under the agreement Monday, Edison will start buying power on its own at the end of 2002. The state will continue buying power for the utility in the meantime.

Harvey Rosenfield of the Foundation for Taxpayer and Consumer Rights said buying the power lines was a way for the state to help Edison without appearing to bail out the utility. He said Davis "misled the public ... by trying to pretend it's a massive buyout rather than bailout."

Republican Assemblyman Dave Cox also criticized the Democratic governor's plan, saying the power lines could require billions of dollars in improvements.

Edison and PG&E say they have lost more than \$13 billion since June because of skyrocketing wholesale power prices. They cannot pass on their costs to customers under the state's 1996 deregulation law.

Edison also was expected to file an update Monday on its financial condition with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Meanwhile, PG&E on Monday asked U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Dennis Montali to issue a temporary restraining order to stop the

California Public Utilities Commission from trying to collect \$8 billion the state says it is owed for buying power on behalf of the utility.

PG&E said the PUC has incorrectly calculated the amount it owes.

"I think they're asking the judge to say they do not have

to comply with orders of the California Public Utilities Commission," said Gary Cohen, an attorney for the PUC.

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Bush faces global warming issues

Associated Press

CAMBRIDGE

Smaller crop yields. Earlier flu seasons. Deadlier and more frequent storms.

In the wake of President Bush's rejection of the Kyoto Protocol on global warming, scientists from 25 countries on Monday forecast a perilous future for the planet if emissions of carbon dioxide and other so-called greenhouse gases continue to rise.

"If we do nothing, we will have a disastrous situation facing us," said David Warrilow, head of research on climate change at Britain's Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions.

Despite "vested interests" that want to play up scientific uncertainties about global warming "there is enough evidence now that it is worth acting," he told delegates at a conference at Cambridge University.

The United States produces more carbon dioxide than any other country, but Warrilow

stopped short of criticizing Bush for turning his back on the historic U.N. accord reached four years ago at Kyoto, Japan.

Other scientists were less forgiving.

"I think we have exactly the wrong president at the moment for this issue ... He's not going to do anything," said Carolyn Dry of the University of Illinois' School of Architecture in Champagne-Urbana, Ill.

The Kyoto treaty calls for countries to agree to legally binding targets for curbing heat-trapping gases, mainly from burning fossil fuels, like oil. Bush said it would place a disproportionate burden on the U.S. economy.

Although the three-day meeting focused on technologies that aim at reversing the apparent trend toward warmer weather, Bush's decision gave it unexpected

urgency.

Some of the dozens of scientists here agreed that efforts to halt global warming would become much tougher without U.S. involvement.

"It's a definite setback," said conference organizer Yuan-Yuan Lee. "We're spending money already to repair the damage caused by extreme weather events."

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Carolyn Dry
scientist, University of Illinois

Let h a l droughts and hurricanes have made global warming "a killing factor," and bacteria and viruses that cause diseases such as influenza are likely to multiply as temperatures rise, said Lee, who helps

run the Global Warming International Center, a research institute based in Woodridge, Ill.

Warrilow said that population growth combined the burning of coal and oil have triggered a rapid increase in the greenhouse gases that contribute to global warming. He noted that temperatures have risen by an average of at least 1.1 degrees Fahrenheit over the last century.

Ginsburg backs fight to end death penalty

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg said Monday she supports a proposed state moratorium on the death penalty, adding that accused murderers with good lawyers "do not get the death penalty." Ginsburg criticized the often "meager" amount of money spent to defend poor people, and said she would be "glad to see" Maryland become the second state after Illinois to pass a moratorium on imposition of the death penalty.

But the effort failed a few hours later when Maryland lawmakers adjourned for the year without voting on the measure.

"I have yet to see a death case among the dozens coming to the Supreme Court on eve-of-execution stay applications in which the defendant was well represented at trial," Ginsburg said in a lecture on the importance of public service law.

"People who are well represented at trial do not get the death penalty," she added later.

Ginsburg has gone on record as saying she would have granted last-minute stays, or delays, in capital cases. The Supreme Court has at least a five-member majority in favor of the death

penalty in general.

The justices have agreed to hear a case next fall testing whether mentally retarded people may be executed.

Speaking at the University of the District of Columbia, Ginsburg also proposed a legal service corps on the model of VISTA public service program that sends mostly young volunteers to help the poor.

"How much healthier to enlist young people in this kind of community service than to sign them up for armed combat," she said.

Ginsburg ducked a question about the Bush v. Gore case that ended ballot recounts in Florida and effectively decided the 2000 election for President Bush, saying she made her point in her written dissent. She was among the four-member minority that supported the continued recounts sought by Democratic candidate Al Gore.

Politically liberal lawyers, professors and politicians made up much of the audience at the public, open-enrollment university. Ginsburg smiled but did not applaud during partisan introductory remarks by B. Michael Rauh, president of the District of Columbia School of Law Foundation.

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Jews mark Passover amidst violence

Associated Press

HEBRON

Amid daily violence, hundreds of Jewish pilgrims from Israel streamed through Hebron to mark Passover at the disputed Tomb of the Patriarchs and show support for the small and beleaguered community of Jewish settlers in the divided West Bank city.

Helmeted Israeli soldiers carrying submachine guns patrolled the streets, perched on rooftops and manned checkpoints as Jews arrived in buses from around the country Monday and toured the city's Jewish enclaves and its museum. The weeklong Passover holiday began Saturday.

Hebron is the only West Bank city divided into Israeli and Palestinian zones. Israeli soldiers protect about 450 Israeli settlers who live in three enclaves in the center of the city, exchanging fire with Palestinian gunmen every day.

The Tomb of the Patriarchs makes the city holy to Christians, Muslims and Jews alike. Strict security considerations dictate a tight prayer schedule for followers of the competing faiths. Jewish pilgrims filed through metal detectors to enter the disputed holy site, where the biblical Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are believed to be buried.

A stone wall divides the fortress-like building over the site into a mosque for Muslims and a synagogue for Jews, mirroring the city's division, which

grows deeper each day.

Hebron has long been a scene of bloodshed. Dozens of Jews were killed here in Arab riots in 1929. Some of the settlers live in buildings owned by Jews until the massacre.

And it was inside the Tomb of the Patriarchs in 1994 that Baruch Goldstein, a Jewish doctor who immigrated from New York City, shot and killed 29 Muslims at prayer.

Two weeks ago a Palestinian gunman firing from a hilltop killed a 10-month-old Jewish girl, and the Israeli army shelled a Palestinian neighborhood in response.

Then Jewish settlers blew up a Palestinian shop and clashed with Palestinians in the streets, cursing soldiers who tried to stop them. "We don't want anyone to think for one minute that we are going to give up on Hebron," said Brian Levin, 46, from the nearby West Bank Jewish settlement of Efrat.

Palestinians in the center of Hebron have been under curfew since the baby was killed. The Tomb of the Patriarchs is open exclusively for Jewish prayer on Passover, as it is set aside for Muslim prayer on Islamic holidays.

Inside the dim, stone building, Jews clutching prayer books rapidly recited prayers

and swayed in front of tan-and-red marble monuments to Isaac and his wife Rebecca. Some raised their arms and sang.

Others lit candles and took photographs of each other. Soldiers and police mingled among the worshippers.

Amotz Gurkevich, 28, came from the West Bank Jewish settlement of Kadoumim to pray in a corner of the building. When he came here a year and

a half ago on Yom Kippur, the Jewish day of atonement, he said he had to fight for a space inside the building.

"During normal times there are so many people here you can't

move. People are really afraid to come," he said. "It's up to us, to the Jews and the state of Israel to be connected to this place."

Judith Zimmerman, 22, came from Jerusalem to pray in front of a one of the building's sun-splashed walls in an open courtyard.

With her eyes closed, she stood silently beneath a wire mesh canopy intended to shield worshippers from stones thrown over the walls by Palestinians. "It's like coming to your roots," she said.

The constant violence gave her second thoughts about coming to visit Hebron.

"It's up to us, to the Jews and the state of Israel to be connected to this place."

Amotz Gurkevich
Jewish pilgrim

SIERRA LEONE

U.N. enters rebel town

♦ U.N. troops patrol rebel-held diamond fields

Associated Press

FREETOWN

U.N. troops entered a rebel-held diamond-mining town for the first time in Sierra Leone's war, patrolling the rebel stronghold without resistance, the U.N. force commander announced Monday.

The deployment asserted U.N. peacekeepers' right of access to one of rebel's key prizes in the 10-year-old conflict: the Tongofield diamond field, one of the West African nation's richest.

U.N. peacekeepers carried out the patrol in the town of Tongofield Saturday but revealed it only Monday.

Force commander Lt. Gen. Daniel Opande, a Kenyan, told The Associated Press that 100 Zambian peacekeepers made "a strong and long-range patrol" to the eastern diamond town.

The U.N. troops were "well-received" by fighters of the Revolutionary United Front and local people, Opande said.

It was the most assertive move yet of weeks back on the move for U.N. peacekeepers in Sierra Leone, deploying cautiously in the one-third to one-half of the country under control of the brutal rebel force.

Peacekeepers now are deploying town by town, mov-

ing slowly and in force. Saturday's patrol met with rebel leaders and local people, returning the same day, Opande said.

"We went there to see for ourselves where we are going to deploy and how many men we would need," the U.N. commander said.

"You will realize that Rome was not built in a day," he said. "This is in preparation for our deployment in those areas."

The same day, U.N. troops from Ghana and Nigeria traveled for the first time to the rebels' headquarters in the east, Kailahun; the northern town of Kambia; "and beyond," Opande said. He didn't elaborate.

Another key diamond-mining town in the eastern region, Kono, has yet to be visited.

Sierra Leone's rebels have killed and maimed tens of thousands in a campaign of terror largely bent on winning and holding diamond mines. Rebels' trademark in the war has been mutilation — hacking off the hands, feet or lips of countless civilians.

The U.N. Security Council voted this month to boost the peacekeeping force in Sierra Leone from 12,000 to 17,500. The deployment already is the world's largest.

A newly appointed political chief for the rebels subsequently announced that rebel commanders wanted to renew peace efforts. Rebels have frequently made such overtures before, only to resume attacks.



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Struggles of Kenyan streetchildren must be noticed

AIDS is not the only story in Africa. There are many more topics that deserve just as much media attention, public awareness and international support. A couple months ago, I wrote a piece about political corruption in Kenya and the murder of Father John Kaiser, an American missionary priest. Indeed, Father John taught me a great deal, and each day he continues to guide and guard me. However, his voice is only one amongst many voices in Kenya that have left me with a reason to teach others about what why we need to help fellow nations in need. The other voices that ring in my ears are those of the little Kenyan streetchildren.

There are an estimated 100 million streetchildren in the world today. While in 1969 there were roughly a few hundred urban child wanderers in Kenya, currently there could be as many as 30,000 streetchildren in the capital city of Nairobi alone. There are both micro- and macro-reasons for this enormous boom of what Americans would identify as homeless children, in Kenya and other African nations.

Certainly, AIDS is one of the largest macro-issues because it is the root of the breakdown in the family which experts say is the largest push factor encouraging children to run to the streets. The extended family, traditionally Africa's only social safety net, has also been pulled apart by overpopulation, urbanization and negative Western social influences. All of these factors combined to form the most difficult to trace and intricately woven web of modernity and tradition, two words that are not antonyms but are treated as such in Western culture.

Journalists write about the soaring numbers of people infected with the HIV virus in Africa but spend so much time reflecting on statistical proof that they are unable to link it to other tragedies, such as streetchildren. When parents and caretakers die because of AIDS, the children are often stranded since the concept of urbanization and modernization has made it difficult to contact extended family members.

Urbanization has also been the cause of kids' attraction to large cities. The condensation of businessmen, Western travelers and big businesses all in one area lure Kenyan children to Nairobi and other cities. The Western values of greater personal independence and single lifestyles rather than village responsibilities have an effect on teens who are at the most impressionable age.

Whatever the cause may be, the consequences of the issue are heartbreaking for those who represent our future. Loving, intelligent and creatively gifted kids are left without the promise of a bright future because they are pulled

away from education. Kids flee to the streets when they cannot afford school fees. Kids also flock the streets when their families need the additional financial support of the small pittance the kids can work for or cannot afford to feed the children enough food. Thus, even if they did not have to pay school fees, they are too needed at home and too hungry to concentrate.

Other effects include juvenile injustice in the form of abuse by police officers and prolonged detention in juvenile jails having the most unsanitary, cramped conditions. Kenyan policemen frequently sweep the streets, collecting and arresting kids who are begging or sleeping in the city. If they are not arresting them, they are bribing or beating them. They are able to get away with it because, in Kenya, "street loitering" is a federal offense, no matter how old you are.

Streetchildren are a problem that differs according to gender. Whereas boys might find themselves in a position of begging or working as parking boys for survival, girls in the same predicament engage in survival prostitution. Girls are therefore harassed by the police in more frightening ways than boys.

Sadly enough, it is the harassment and negative adult reactions, not their hunger, that troubles streetchildren the most. Isolation and distrust cause them the greatest pain. Once, while I was in Kenya, a police officer stopped a streetboy who was walking with me and helping me carry boxes. He immediately assumed the boy was about to steal from me and chased him while swinging a baton. He forbade the boy to go near any white lady, threatening him with arrest, even after I protested and defended him. The kids invariably are accused of lying.

Ironically, as ostracized and rejected as

urban child wanderers are, they collectively form the most solid sense of community of all groups in Kenya. They stand by each other through thick and thin in "three-musketeer" fashion. In contrast to much of the surrounding culture, they do not distribute themselves according to differences or tribal identity. Perhaps that is why it is so difficult to discern the various ages of their many beautiful faces.

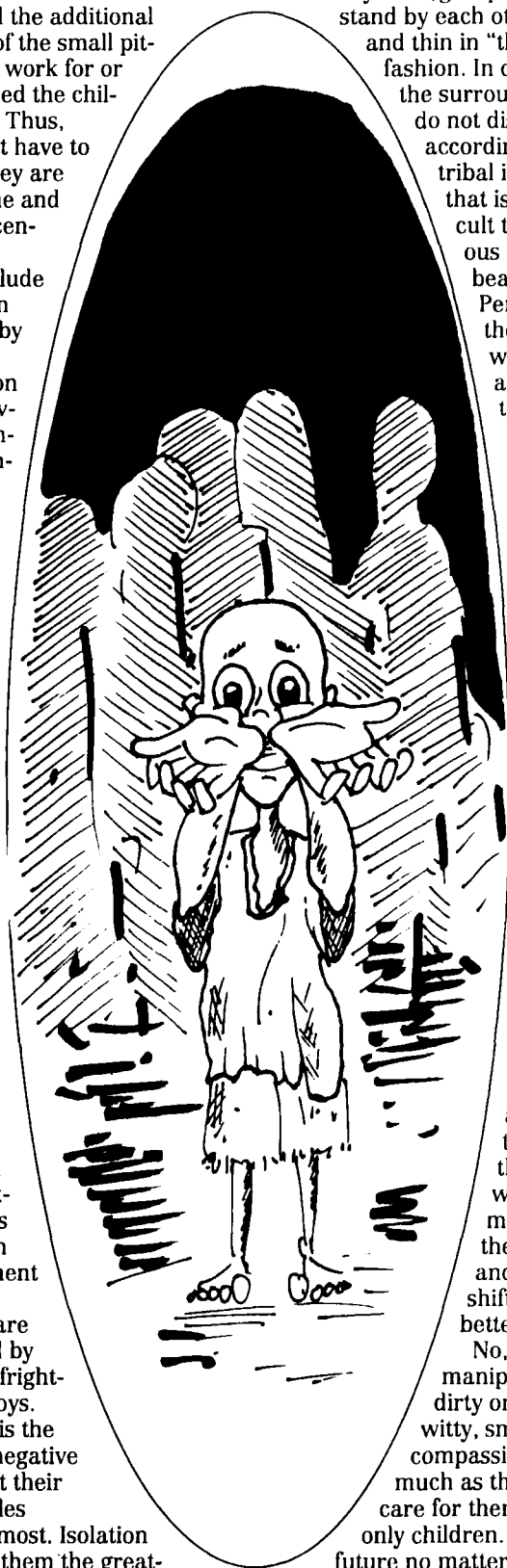
Perhaps that is why they are so warm and welcoming to all who are willing to spend time with them.

This is another true story: When malaria-infected Vincent of the streets became sick, he was near death. Each day he became worse, lying on one of the few paved sidewalks of the town of Kisumu, Kenya, growing colder, hungrier and more emaciated. After collecting enough money through work and petition, his family of fellow streetchildren carried him on their backs to the nearest hospital miles away so that he could visit a doctor. When they returned to their usual hang-out with Vincent and medication in hand, they took turns caring and nursing him in shifts until he became better.

No, they are not manipulative, stupid, dirty or mean. They are witty, smart, strong and compassionate. And as much as they have learned to care for themselves, they are only children. And they are our future no matter where they live.

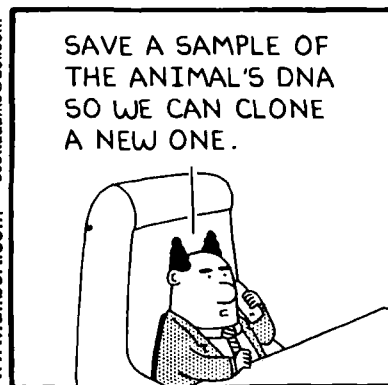
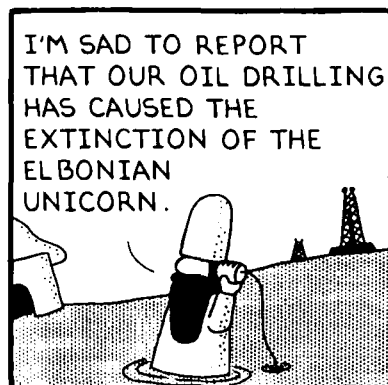
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

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F. Scott Fitzgerald
author

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Law school caught in a downward spiral

The new U.S. News & World Report law school ratings came out last week and, once again, Notre Dame Law took a tumble down the rankings. Regardless of whether you agree with the ranking system, the truth is that employers and prospective students care about where the school stands. In the past few years, the Law School has had deans and prominent professors leaving town faster than a Michigan fan after a blowout loss at Notre Dame Stadium (except they don't have any intention of coming back in two years).

For several reasons, including a staggering 78 percent employment rate at graduation, our ranking has fallen from a top 25 law school to a five-way tie for 27. Some current students have been told by prospective employers that they usually only hire those attending "top-tier" law schools. The implication of such remarks — that these employers no longer consider Notre Dame to be in that category — should serve as a wake-up call to the school in general.

The excuse used most frequently as to our drop is that, at Notre Dame Law School, we are "educating a different kind of lawyer." No one disputes the worthiness of this goal. Nevertheless, the fact that we are a private religious institution does not excuse poor performance in the game all the other law schools play. One could argue otherwise, but don't expect employers to buy it.

The other common excuse is that the majority of law school deans agree that the ranking system does not take into account many variables, including diversity, library resources, *et cetera*. This is true — very few formulas take into account all variables and, admittedly, the process is subjective.

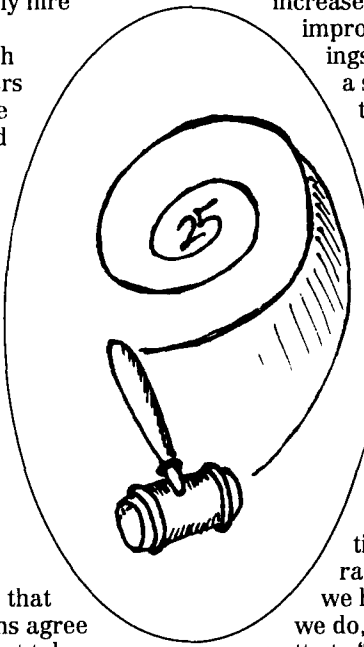
At the same time these very same deans employ standardized tests that largely deter-

mine who will gain admission to their schools. Many people agree that tests such as the SAT and LSAT do not accurately measure the quality of potential students. Nevertheless, that standardized tests and ranking methodologies are not perfect is another poor excuse for not achieving excellence. If admissions and faculty expect us to achieve excellence on subjective admissions tests and mid-term exams, is it too much to ask the school to reciprocate in its performance in the U.S. News rankings?

Some of the blame must fall on the administration and alumni, as our facilities are, at best, decent. Perhaps the Law School could use a multi-million dollar donation or at least renovation. Just look at what the recent donation has done for the MBA school in terms of increased student applications and improvement in the national rankings. To maintain competitiveness, a school must continuously strive to offer amenities similar to or better than its rivals. We don't do this currently; our facilities are outdated and classrooms are uncomfortable and overcrowded.

The good news is that we certainly possess many high-caliber professors, talented students, wonderful alumni and a great general reputation. Furthermore, the administration and faculty know what will be tested on the "rankings exam." We shouldn't hide behind our identity as a reason for a sub-par ranking or ignore the set criteria we have the resources to meet. If we do, we might need to change our motto to "Notre Dame Law School: Educating a different type of unemployed lawyer."

Benjamin Jilek
law student
class of '02
April 9, 2001



Justifying slavery reparations

For the past two years or so, I've been following the often heated and controversial issue of reparations for slavery, and across the nation, most white folks are vehemently against reparations of any sort. Hell, you mention a mere apology for slavery and their shorts get all knotted. I truly believe that there would be another civil war if the U.S. government ever considered this measure. Let me share with you why I'm still waiting on my 80 acres and a mule.

On Jan. 1, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation, freeing the slaves. On that very same day, the Homestead Act of 1862 was enacted. Under this act, the United States Congress literally gave away 160 acres of land per person or family, free. For more than 100 years, more than 2 million white Americans received more than 270 million acres of land and the only stipula-

tion was that they had to "homestead" the land for five years and it would be theirs. Imagine that: 160 acres of land, free. And the settlers didn't even have to be U.S. citizens to qualify, only working on becoming one. This act, the Homestead Act of 1862, was, to my knowledge, never repealed.

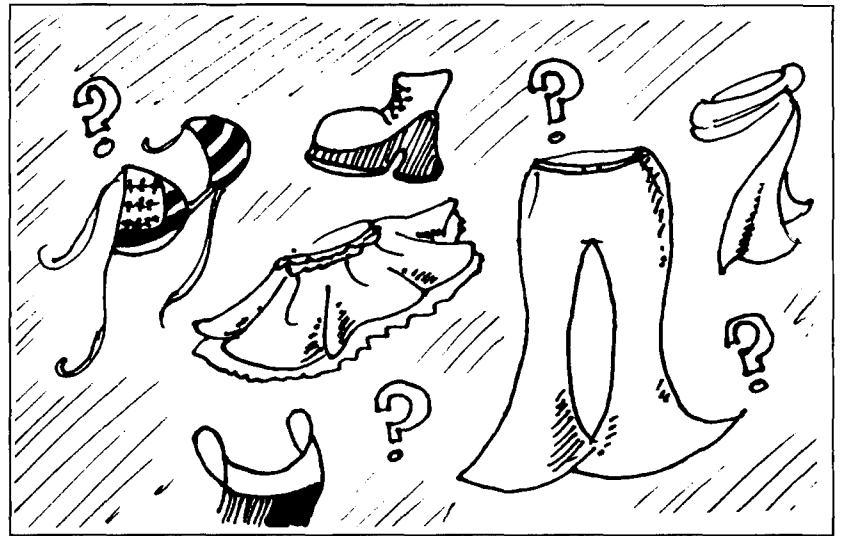
In 1866, another homestead act, possibly known as the Southern Homestead Act, was also enacted by Congress. It stipulated that public lands in the states of Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas and Florida be disposed of according to the stipulations of the Homestead Act of 1862. There was no distinction for race or color. Settlers were to receive no more than 80 acres. This act was part of the Reconstruction Period.

Some ex-slaves did indeed receive a few southern acres, which were eventually returned to the pardoned

Confederates. In 1876, this second homestead act was repealed. America preferred to keep the freed slaves, my ancestors, as sharecroppers for another 100 years. The rest is history.

The United States government could give away 160 acres of land, free, even to noncitizens but could not give 80 acres, as enacted, to a people who provided them 200-plus years of hard, free labor. Instead, they gave my people 100-plus more years of hate, Black Codes, Jim Crow laws, the KKK, lynchings, segregation, oppression, miscegenation, poverty and more hate. I ask you, would black America, no, would America as a whole be a better nation if we'd gotten our acres, as promised? Hell, right now, I'd take an acre and a chick-en.

Pamela A. Hairston
Washington, DC
April 5, 2001



Wearing what's inside

There seems to have been a lot of talk lately on clothes and what they say about people. If you think about it, judging a person by the clothes he or she wears is a lot like the old phrase, "judging a book by its cover." It is what is inside that counts.

But really, I am sure you all know that anyway and none of you would ever dream of assuming that because a woman is wearing tight or revealing clothing it means she wants to hit it all night long in your dorm room.

But I digress. That kind of talk about clothing is not what I want to get into, because things get messy, people start assuming things, and we all know that when you assume something, you make an ass out of you and me — but especially you.

Anyway, clothing is something that I have been thinking about lately, because in looking for a job (which I still do not have) one of the things that I have been warned about is the phrase, "business formal attire." Frankly, this scares me. I don't do suits, I don't do heels, I don't do clothes that inhibit my breathing regularly. On a day-to-day basis, I am in jeans and a T-shirt, or on really great days still in my pajamas, going about my day perfectly happy with myself.

And you are trying to tell me that in just a matter of weeks I have to give all that up? I don't think so. There are many reasons I am an English major, and the fact that I can show up to class in track pants and a baseball cap and still make a valid point about the idea of the American dream in "The Great Gatsby," as well as have my professors take me seriously is high on the list. Really, it goes for any major.

So, does the fact that I do not regularly participate in the fashion show that plagues both Saint Mary's and Notre Dame mean that in essence I am a slacker, and a company should not hire me? Not in the least. Granted, playing dress up is fun every once in a while and it is usually accompanied with a, "Wow, Molly, why are you so dressed up today?" It has never been accompanied with a, "Wow, Molly, that suit and heels made your comments and theories in class today so much smarter!"

I like these companies that I hear about that do not require you to look like you are attending a funeral every day of the week. A friend of mine works out in Phoenix, and his company has the right idea. He can do his computer work in shorts and a T-shirt if he so chooses. They know he is a smart guy, that is why they hired him. They did not hire him because they liked his tie.

I really do not see the point of making myself uncomfortable in clothing. That utterly defeats the ultimate purpose. I think I will propose that all companies make the rule that clothing, while not optional, should at least be option-full.

If you want to come to work all dressed up and ready to rock the work week, great. And if you want to come in your favorite jeans and shirt that you have had since freshman year of high school, that is fine too. As long as you get your work done, what does it matter?

In a perfect world, this would work like a charm. Alas, as we all know this is not a perfect world by far, and people still seem to think that business formal means that the job gets done better and in a more "professional" atmosphere. Translation, in a more "boring" atmosphere.

And in general, this forces us all to spend more than a rational amount of money on clothing, because now, besides that \$300 suit (and that's a cheaper one, too), you have to buy clothes for other times, like the weekends. You know — bars, clubs and other occasions that require the unspoken dress code that we all be perfectly put together, yada, yada, yada. If you think about it, it's pretty ridiculous.

Hopefully, when I find a job, and I wear my suit I bought for the sole reason of getting an interview, they will not even care what I am wearing and hire me because I have the smarts to be a great asset to their company. Hopefully, when I find a job, it will be because of all the work I have put into the last four years, and not because of how neatly pressed I am. And hopefully, when I do find a job, it will be with one of the companies out there that embraces individuality and has an office that is not thriving on navy, gray, black and pinstripes. Because honestly, I don't look good in pinstripes.

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Molly Strzelecki

Growing Up to be a Kid

ALBUM REVIEW

India.Arie emerges as powerful new R&B force

By ARIENNE THOMPSON
Scene Music Critic

Commonly thought to be reserved for white rock artists, like Sheryl Crow, or old blues singers, like B.B. King, the guitar has been an instrument largely ignored by black artists in the genre of modern rhythm and blues and neo-soul. With the exceptions of Brian McKnight, Tony Rich, Raphael Saadiq and a handful of others, the guitar has not traditionally been embraced as a focal instrument in R & B

recording. However, with her debut album *Acoustic Soul*, India.Arie manages to display the potential of the guitar as an essential element of neo-soul.

In the late '90s India.Arie and her band Groovement formed an independent label and released an album with some of her early songs. Soon after, she had a spot on Sarah McLachlan's quietly successful *Lilith Fair* tour in 1998 and was courted by several major labels. Later signing with Motown, India.Arie released *Acoustic Soul* in late March with very little recognition.

Nonetheless, the quirky, simple video for her first single, "Video," has garnered national attention and made her "buzzworthy" on BET and MTV alike. On the track, she sings of being the antithesis of the supermodels and booty-shakers seen with alarming constancy on the same television stations that have generated her early success. Such honesty and self-awareness are what make

Acoustic Soul such a gem among the common.

The album thrives on India.Arie's husky voice and self-conscious lyrics, while successfully incorporating her full range of skills on the guitar. She sings of love, loss, beauty and God with an intensity usually withheld for the more seasoned artist. She fits the bill of the average neo-soul artist, but has a freshness that does not peg her into the realm of triteness.

With songs like "Strength, Courage, & Wisdom" and "Ready For Love," India.Arie showcases her strong voice and song writing skills. The latter is infused with the waning and waxing of a single cello while she makes her most soulful attempt on the record.

Other songs like "Back to the Middle" and "Part of My Life" don't add much to the total composition, but do provide an opportunity for the guitar's presence to be fully recognized and appreciated.

Fortunately, the pleasantly funky "Brown Skin," in which India.Arie claims "Brown skin you know I love your brown skin/ I can't tell where yours begins I can't

tell where mine ends," compensates for any of the album's minor blunders. Her voice low and smooth, India.Arie professes a love for pigmentation and creates the vivid, lush images that great songs are made of. The song is reminiscent of the vibe present on D'Angelo's debut release *Brown Sugar* and proves that India.Arie deserves a position among those artists of neo-classic soul.

Though she lacks the hard funk of Me'Shell NdegeOcello and the quiet soul of Tracy Chapman, India.Arie is well on her way to becoming a champion of her genre. *Acoustic Soul* is a squirt of flavor in the occasionally repetitive field of mushy love songs and shallow thought. India.Arie, it seems, is restricted by nothing: she is lyrically and musically sound, proving her artistic prowess and potential longevity.



With her "husky" voice, soulful lyrics and the ability to seamlessly incorporate guitar into R&B, India.Arie is gaining attention.
Photo courtesy of www.indiaarie.com

Acoustic Soul

India.Arie

Motown Records

Rating



CONCERT REVIEW

The Samples perform perfect mix of old and new

By LISA BRUNO
Scene Music Critic

Sean Kelly, lead singer of the Samples, said the Samples always bring the rain, and the band did just that Thursday night.

As the rain and thunder pounded above Stepan Center, a new hope was felt in the Samples. It was as if the band let out a collective sigh of relief and was finally going at things its way. Having cut ties with its former record label, W.A.R. (What Are Records), the Samples finally has control of its own music. The journey to this place hasn't been an easy one though. The group has been fraught with a number of roadblocks but has always persevered. To say that the Samples is a survivor of the music industry may sound cliché, but it truly is.

Like any band, the Samples struggled to get signed, got signed and then struggled to regain independence. Many

other groups would get lost along the way, losing sight of their goal, but the Samples hasn't, and that showed on Thursday night. The title of the group's new album, *Return to Earth*, couldn't be more appropriate, as the members have come full circle and returned to what they want as a band.

In concert, the Samples revealed a crisp energy and cohesiveness that has to be partially attributed to its independent status. The show opened with the staple tune, "Did You Ever Look So Nice," and followed up with a trickling of new songs from *Return to Earth*.

While there might have been some early reservations about the new songs resonating among fans, Kelly quickly put any doubts to rest as he pointed out that there once was a day when even "Taxi" was new material. The songs definitely held their own, and any reservations were abandoned amidst sea of fans bouncing to "Castle Walls." With

a song like "Lonely Soul," a tribute to Elvis and Judy Garland, the Samples revealed its firm grasp of the elements of a soon-to-be classic. One of these elements is the voice of Kelly, which always seems at some level to have a certain sadness.

Laced in with these rookie songs were the standards, including, "Feel Us Shaking" and "Little Silver Ring." And just to please the crowd a little more, the band added cuts of other favorites in-between the classics. The result was a beautiful balance of old and new. The Samples has been around for awhile and can boast a long list of fan favorites — like "Taxi," "Who Am I" and "Anyone But You." Yet if the band were to play these most requested classics, the concert could go on into the wee hours of the morning. Still, the highlight of Thursday's show was arguably when the band broke one of these favorites out of the archives — the rarely played "Indiana."



Donning a Notre Dame shirt, Sean Kelly and his band, The Samples, thrilled their Stepan Center crowd last Thursday as they jammed through old fan favorites and new material alike.
AMANDA HUGHES/The Observer

In addition to new music and new energy, the Samples has a new website, thesamples.com. The group has the computer strapped tightly down in its tour bus and is very eager to keep fans informed.

The Samples has been playing since 1989, and in today's music business, it would seem this band should have a broader fan base, maybe a couple of videos

and perhaps even an appearance on MTV's "TRL." But it doesn't — and it won't. Its members are musical purists, and fans are lucky to have them. They have maintained a steady focus on what they want, and it is a pure, untarnished desire to make music. In Kelly's words, "Didn't make much sense, but we loved to do our thing."

Set List

April 5, 2001
Stepan Center

Set:

Did You Ever Look So Nice
Wild River
We All Move On
Giants
Indiana
Lonely Soul
Nothing Lasts For Long
Our Time
World Of Machines
Weight Of The World
Feel Us Shaking
Castle Walls
Little Silver Ring
Won't Be Back Again

Tuesday, April 10, 2001

ALBUM REVIEW

OTR reach creative height with Films for Radio

By GREG RUEHLMANN
Scene Music Critic

The road to musical success is rarely easy. The typical band must spend years fostering a fan base, finding the right label, and developing its sound before it can achieve a breakthrough hit — if it ever does. A band that has certainly paid its dues over the last decade is the Cincinnati-based group Over the Rhine. Led by the husband-wife song writing duo of Linford Detweiler (piano, keyboard) and Karin Bergquist (vocals, guitar), the group has endured record label problems and the departure of two band members. But judging from their new release, *Films for Radio*, all of OTR's struggles are finally about to pay off.

Over the Rhine — named after Cincinnati's poorest inner-city neighborhood — got its start in 1989 playing at clubs like Sudsy Malone's, the Queen City's infamous laundromat/ alternative music venue. The band's unique blend of folk, rock, pop and blues propelled it to the forefront of a vibrant Cincinnati music scene with the likes of The Afghan Whigs, The Ass Ponys and Blessid Union of Souls. Eleven years and seven albums later, OTR's hometown popularity and small but devoted national following continue to grow.

Through the years, the group has dealt with its fair share of difficulties. In 1996, it lost its record deal when the label I.R.S. disappeared in the midst of massive industry restructuring. Later that year, two of the band's four founding members left to pursue other opportunities. But Bergquist and Detweiler pressed on. They hired new musicians and continued to record music.

Through their own independent label, they distributed OTR's music, including the original band's final album, the independent classic *Good Dog Bad Dog*. The couple performed on "CBS This Morning" in late 1998 and graced as the host described Over the Rhine as "one of

America's great unsigned bands." Fortunately, that "unsigned" was dropped when Over the Rhine joined Virgin/Backporch records.

Though OTR has aspired to mainstream success in the American music scene, it still remained a well-kept indie rock secret. That is, until now, as the band releases what is easily its most skillful effort to date. *Films For Radio* exhibits the polish of veteran studio musicians and further solidifies Bergquist's and Detweiler's status as master songwriters. Most importantly, *Films For Radio* is a record bursting with beauty, and should translate better to popular radio than any of Over the Rhine's previous works. The album resounds as a triumph for Over the Rhine and a landmark in the group's musical development.

Films for Radio gets off to a great start with the track "The World Can Wait." Don Heffington's pounding percussion and Detweiler's keyboards give the song a mystical quality that sets the perfect tone for the rest of the record. "The World Can Wait" leads into other memorable songs such as "Give Me Strength," "Little Blue River," and "Goodbye."

"Give Me Strength" represents quite a departure for OTR, and has already earned significant airplay on alternative stations across the country. Co-written by Dido, it is a slightly dark, introspective piece, textured with rich electronic rhythms rather than piano and guitar. The refrain is an anthem of determination: "Give me strength to find the road that's lost in me/ Give me time to heal and build myself a dream/ Give me eyes to see the world surrounding me/ Give me strength to be only me."

"Little Blue River" is a classic Over the Rhine number — bluesy and totally intoxicating. Detweiler plays some

Films for Radio

Over The Rhine

Virgin Records

Rating



spectacular piano on this track. The line "Roll me over that little blue river now, church child" will be stuck in music fans' minds for a long time to come. "Little Blue River" is followed by "Goodbye," which sounds like the wistful pop of Over the Rhine's early days. It examines the daily uncertainty of life, ultimately finding a shimmer of hope as Bergquist exclaims, "This is not goodbye."

OTR closes *Films for Radio* with the showstopper "When I Go." The band's lyrics have never sounded so passionate, or so melancholy. Bergquist has one of the world's most beautiful voices, and she uses it to carry this song entirely by herself. She cries out for validation, "I want to know/ Will it make a difference/ When I go?" as Detweiler and guitarist Jack Henderson softly complement her singing. "When I Go" ends the album as strongly as "The World Can Wait" began it.

With *Films for Radio*, Over the Rhine has achieved new heights of creativity. Hopefully, the album will also take the band to new heights of popular success. In a world where mainstream music has gone so stale, the artistry of a band like OTR should be warmly welcomed.

ALBUM REVIEW

Double album showcases DiFranco's diversity

By MAUREEN SMITHE
Scene Music Critic

Often described as a jazz, funk, soul, rock and folk artist, Ani DiFranco continues to defy generalizations. Her newest album, *Revelling/Reckoning*, leaves listeners with this same conundrum — who is Ani DiFranco?

Experimenting with a wide range of guitars, from electric to acoustic, DiFranco successfully reveals her dynamic and unique musical strengths in this special double album. Clearly different and divided, the two discs play off of each other in an attempt to define the many experiences that have made DiFranco the musician she is today.

The first disc in the set, *Revelling*, opens with the bluesy shuffle "Ain't That The Way." Like every other track on this disc, this song demonstrates DiFranco's intellectual and poetic lyric ability: "I gotta beeline double time/ Leave my home sweet home for your honeycomb." The groove heard in "Ain't That The Way" continues through-

out the disc.

Revelling literally reveals the wide span of musical context in which DiFranco develops her music. Ranging from solo acoustic numbers to songs with a strong band back up, this CD is the more jazzy of the two.

In addition to her newly embraced vintage jazz-singer pitches, "What How When Where (Why Who)" features some well placed horns, including a trumpet and a saxophone played by well-known musician Maceo Parker. Vocal support from additional artists blends nicely with this track's overall jazzy feel.

The completely acoustic track, "Harvest," surprises the listener because for once, DiFranco has nothing verbal to say. Her lyrics are so concise and clear and honest throughout the disc's other tracks. However, most Ani DiFranco fans can't argue that her intricate guitar work continues to impress when left without her voice.

The album's second disc, *Reckoning*, is a departure from the jazzy setup she prepares for the listener with *Revelling*. Most

of the songs on *Reckoning* are acoustic and solo, setting a quiet and reflective mood. She makes a real attempt on this disc to reckon with herself and the society that contributed to her own

musical and personal development. Lyrics such as "The first person in your life/ To ever really matter/ Is saying the last thing/ That you want to hear," from "Sick of Me," demonstrate her growing confrontational nature with life.

As always, DiFranco also takes the opportunity to use her fame to make some political commentary. In "Your Next Bold Move" she takes a shot at the problems she sees in America. "Coming of age during the Plague/ Of Reagan and Bush/ Watching capitalism gun down democracy/ It had this funny effect on me/ I guess." Honestly and boldly, she takes the risks necessary to make changes.

This theme is also felt in the social revolution anthem "Subdivision." She makes no apologies for her frustrations. "White people are so scared of black people/ They bulldoze out the country ... And while America gets its heart cut right out of its



Photo courtesy of Righteous Babe Records

Never one to disappoint, indie rock legend Ani DiFranco's newest release, *Revelling/Reckoning*, resonates with the heated passion and quiet self-reflection fans have come to expect from her.

chest/ The Berlin Wall still runs down Main Street." She wants "her country" to rise out of social oppression and conformity. Accompanied by a clarinet, shakers, drums and bass, this song is a fusion of both instruments and ideals.

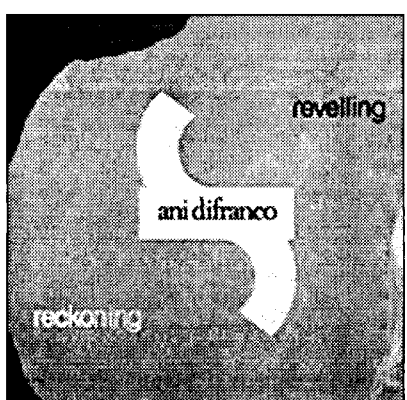
This double album is classic DiFranco. Faithful to her fans and her art, she never strays too far from what she does best.

Revelling/Reckoning

Ani DiFranco

Righteous Babe Records

Rating



MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Hall of Famer dies from stroke

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH

The Family has lost its patriarch.

Hall of Famer Willie Stargell, who led the Pirates to two World Series victories with his tape-measure homers, died of a stroke Monday at age 61.

He had been in failing health for several years with a kidney disorder, according to officials at New Hanover Regional Medical Center in Wilmington, N.C.

The Pirates unveiled a 12-foot bronze statue of the man known as "Pops" on Saturday at PNC Park, where they played their first game Monday only hours after Stargell died.

"Now, every opening day at PNC Park, everybody will know this is Willie Stargell's day," said Chuck Tanner, Stargell's manager from 1977-82. "He's up there, and he knows the Pirates are opening today."

One of the greatest home run hitters ever, in volume and in distance, Stargell hit 475 homers — many of them soaring, majestic shots that rattled a pitcher's confidence. With Stargell batting cleanup for most of his 20-year career, the Pirates won World Series championships and NL pennants in 1971 and 1979 and six NL East titles from 1970-79. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1988.

Stargell was a dynamic leader on the field and a fatherly yet forceful presence off it. The 1979 Pirates were nicknamed "the Family" from the Sister Sledge song, "We Are Family," and Stargell said years later that it wasn't a misnomer.

"We won, we lived and we enjoyed as one," Stargell said. "We molded together dozens of different individuals into one working force. We were products of different races, were raised in different income

brackets, but in the clubhouse and on the field we were one."

He distributed his coveted stars for extra effort to teammates who proudly attached them to their ballcaps.

"We fought for those stars," former teammate Bill Robinson said Monday. "Those were precious. If he forgot to give you one, we'd be at his locker saying, 'Willie, I did this' or 'Willie, I did that.' To get those stars from your leader and captain, that was special."

Tanner agreed that Stargell's personal magnetism was a key ingredient in the clubhouse.

"When you had Willie Stargell on your team, it was like having a diamond ring on your finger," Tanner said.

Big and powerful at 6-foot-4, 225 pounds, with a deep, commanding voice, Stargell intimidated pitchers even before they delivered the ball by pin-wheeling the bat in rhythm with their delivery.

Despite being overshadowed at times by more prolific home run hitters Hank Aaron and Willie Mays, and by the play of his own Hall of Fame teammate, Roberto Clemente, Stargell's sheer power was unrivaled. He hit seven of the 18 homers over the right-field roof at Pittsburgh's Forbes Field from 1909-70 and once held the record for the longest homer in nearly half of the National League parks.

"He didn't just hit pitchers, he took away their dignity," former Dodgers pitcher Don Sutton said.

For nearly 30 years, Stargell was the only player to hit a ball out of Dodger Stadium, and he did it twice. If he hadn't played his first 8 1/2 seasons at cavernous Forbes Field, then the majors' most spacious ballpark, he probably would have hit more than 600 homers.

Stargell's first wife, Dolores, kept detailed statistics on every ball he hit and estimated

he would have had 22 more homers in 1969 if the Pirates had played in Three Rivers Stadium, which opened a year later. Stargell hit 29 homers in 1969.

"Nobody could hit a ball as far as Willie," Tanner said. "In 1979 in Montreal, he hit a ball so far there they painted the seat gold. I went up there the next day and sat in that seat, and everybody on field looked like puppets, that's how far it traveled."

For his first 10 years in the majors, Stargell was content to play in Clemente's shadow, even after he passed Clemente in production. Stargell reluctantly became the Pirates' leader upon Clemente's death in a Dec. 31, 1972, plane crash, saying, "There's a time in a man's life when he has to decide if he's going to be a man."

Stargell wore the mantle of leadership as well as he did an outfielder's glove or a first baseman's mitt as an unappreciated defensive player.

Stargell enjoyed his best season in 1971, with 48 homers and 125 RBIs. However, he was 0-for-14 in the NL playoffs against the Giants and had only one RBI in the Pirates' seven-game World Series victory over favored Baltimore. He left center stage to the 38-year-old Clemente, who, fearful he would never play in another Series, turned the postseason into a personal showcase of his grace, talent and determination. Only 14 months later, Clemente was dead.

In 1979, it was Stargell's turn to transform the World Series into a one-man act for an aging star. At 39, seemingly several years past his prime, and after knee injuries had robbed him of his mobility and some of his strength, Stargell's postseason performance was every bit as haunting and as driven as Clemente's.

NBA

Rumors fly over Jordan's return

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The owner of the Washington Wizards said he has a "gut feeling" that Michael Jordan will return to the NBA next season.

In a story running on the front page of Tuesday's Washington Post, Wizards majority owner Abe Pollin said he believes the odds are that Jordan will play for the Wizards next season. Pollin stressed that he did not know if Jordan has made up his mind yet.

"The odds are that he's going to come back," Pollin said. "I think he's going to decide whether he's going to be able to play at the level that is satisfying to him."

Jordan, a part-owner and president of basketball operations for Washington, has consistently said that he's 99.9 percent sure he'll never play again.

He was unavailable for comment Monday night.

Pollin stressed to the Post that he was simply stating his opinion. "What I said was my gut feeling," Pollin said. "It's his decision. I didn't think he'd come back when I first heard the talk. But when Mario Lemieux came back to the Penguins, it stirred something in Michael."

Lemieux, one of the owners of the Pittsburgh Penguins, returned to the ice in December after retiring at the end of the 1997 season and led the Penguins into the playoffs.

Pollin said he thinks Jordan, who won six NBA titles with the Chicago Bulls,

is going through a self-examination of sorts. Jordan has been working out recently, including practicing with the Wizards.

"He's certainly working at seeing if he feels like he can return," Pollin said. "He's told me when he has something to say about it, he'll tell me."

"We'd welcome him with open arms," said Pollin, whose team's 18-59 record is third worst in the NBA. "It's his decision. It would have to be in his interest to come back and he would not do it unless he could perform at the standard he set for himself."

"But it would be very exciting for everyone."

In order for Jordan to play again under NBA rules, he would have to divest his ownership interest in the Wizards. Although he could find a caretaker to purchase his stake sell it back to him when he stops playing.

"I am working out because I got up to 240 pounds and I'm trying to lose weight," Jordan said last month. "People are taking this stuff way too far, but I can't control what people write or think so I'm not going to address this any more."

Some of the speculation about Jordan's return has been fueled by Jordan's close friend, Charles Barkley, who has said he would like to play with Jordan in Washington next season.

Jordan retired in 1993 after winning three NBA titles and tried to make a career in professional baseball. But he returned for the NBA playoffs in 1995 and played through 1998, win-

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It's that time again - Sophomore managers, you rock - AGAIN! See y'all at practice today, Kronk

OK, intro to fiction writing, you guys all rock too - Bryan with a 'y'

aw hell, everybody rocks. Kronk's in a good mood tonight

LOST: Set of keys with a Gold ND Key Chain and red Swiss Army Knife Call Sam at 4-1981

Kate Dalum - I hope you feel better! -Rach

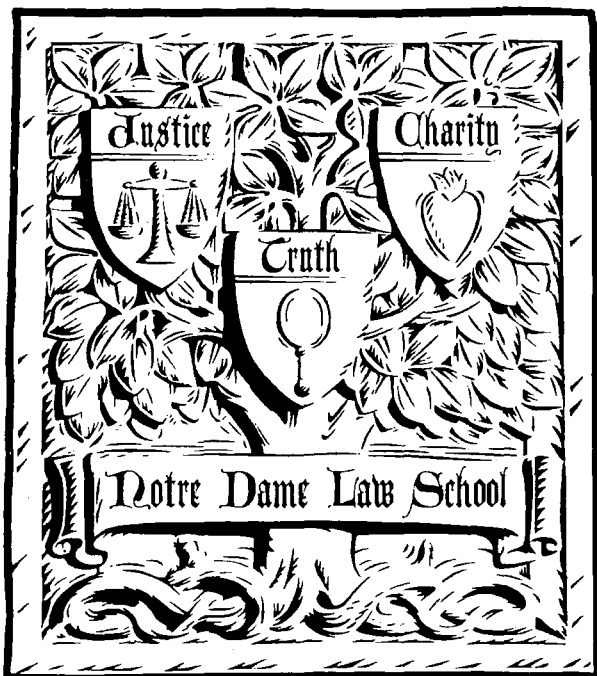
You too Kate Walter! Get better!

Both Kates who are or will be my roommates are sick, how sad!

Happy belated b-day Mike! Hope your day went well :)

Hey Jake R. - do you really read these? If so, I hope you have a good day!

Kris and Lauren - luv you guys and I'm gonna miss you bunches - you too kate



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up a 4-0 lead, but MBA stars made a run to take an 8-6 lead, and Ill Tempered led just 11-9 at the half. It was a seesaw battle from that point on, with no lead ever getting above three points.

The keys to the Ill Tempered win were Jon Pentzien's inside scoring and Tom Slabach's outside shooting during a stretch when his teammates had gone cold.

"It was real tight the whole way, and in the second half Tom Slabach started hitting a couple outside shots," Ill Tempered Sea Bass point guard Matt Yung said. "It was a big defensive battle mostly. They're a very fit team — they had some big guys that can crash the boards. They're the best team we'll play for a few rounds."

It's not usually considered a close game when one team scores three times more than its opponent, but that's what No. 3 seed NDToday.com thought of its 21-7 first-round win over O-DAG!

"They played hard the whole time," said NDToday's Todd Titus. "They were more aggressive than I thought."

NDToday, which lost in the finals a year ago, used a rebounding advantage to advance past a better-than-average first-round opponent. Mike Oesterle led the team in scoring and B.J. Kloska dropped in several long-distance jump shots.

"We were getting the cobwebs out," said Oesterle. "Their guard was pretty good."

Varsity basketball player Meaghan Leahy's team, Team 392, may have lost to Whipple Effect IV Monday, but Leahy said their Bookstore run isn't over yet.

"We got 14 points," Leahy said. "Now we're gonna go win the girls' bracket."

Leahy's Notre Dame teammate Imani Dunbar disputed Leahy's claim, saying, "They're not gonna win."

What was Dunbar's take on who would win Bookstore?

"I don't know," joked Dunbar, who is also playing Bookstore. "Not Meaghan Leahy's team."

One factor working against Team 392 was its lack of experience, with the exception of Leahy.

As Lina Sidrys said, "We haven't played basketball in 10 years."

Bookstore Basketball Results, April 9

BOB def. We've Gotta Get Our Ball in There Somehow, 21-6

Team 22 def. Team 392, 21-14

Hot Curlers def. Team 381, 21-10

The Shining def. Syzygy, 21-5

Team 190 def. Team 275, 21-19

The Topeka Destroyers def. Chaminade, 21-12

Team 396 def. The Old and Injured, forfeit

Ron and the Dirty Needles def. Disgusting

Crack Habit, 21-13

Team 10 def. Shirley Dimple..., 21-10

CollegeBoxes.com def. The Logan Center All-Stars, 21-8

Archie and 4 Other Guys Veronica Knew def.

Baja Beach Club, 21-4

For Us, 3 Seconds Isn't a Violation, It's a Record def.

Team 201, 21-13

Cheg's Flow def. Mulletosis, forfeit

The Camaro Mullets def. NDToday vs. Keyplay.com, 21-10

The Piece Machines def. Digital Insertion, 21-5

Team 180 def. Team 57, 22-20

5 White Boys Who Will Never Dunk def. Team 43, 21-10

Breaking the Plane def. Yeah, Rob, 21-15

Bricklayers Local 956 def. Team 537, 24-22

Team 315 def. Dancing Baritones, 21-3

Skokes/Cbria Kia IV def. Zeus and 4 Other Gods, 21-5

2 Pats and 3 Other Guys def. Team 194, 21-18

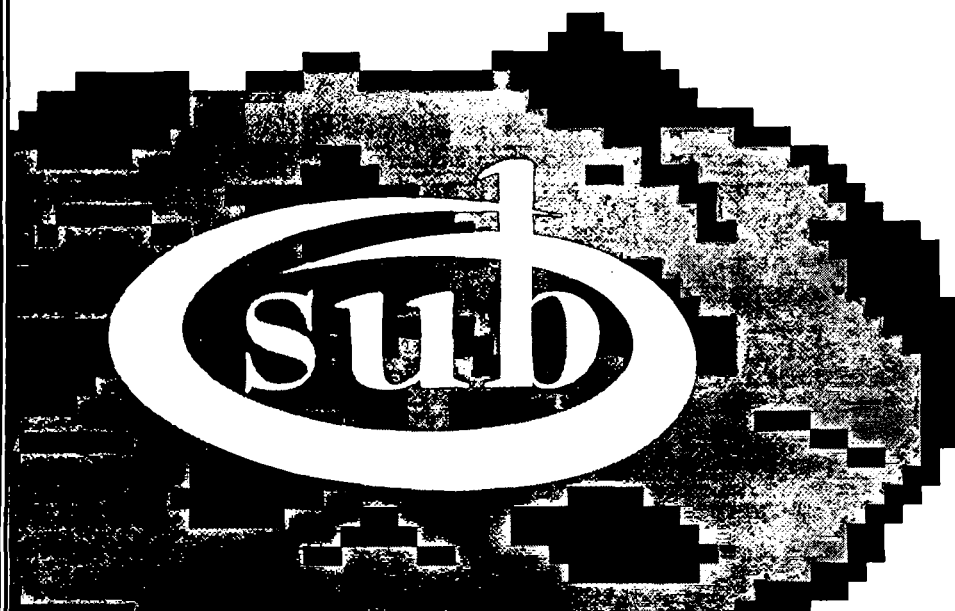
International All-Stars def. David Graves' Neighbors, 21-5

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Tuesday, April 10, 7:00 p.m.

114 Coleman-Morse Center

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Tuesday, April 10, 7:00 p.m.

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The stations program will begin at the Grotto and continue throughout the campus, concluding with Station XIV at the Basilica Adoration of the Cross and opportunity for individual sacrament of penance.

Wednesday, April 11, 10:00 p.m.

Morrissey Hall Chapel

Interfaith Christian Night Prayer

Wednesday, April 11, 6:30 p.m.

Basilica of the Sacred Heart

RCIA Practice for Vigil

Thursday, April 12, 5:00 p.m.

Basilica of the Sacred Heart

RCIA - Mass

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Friday, April 13, 8:00 a.m.

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RCIA Mass

Good Friday

Friday, April 13

Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Good Friday

Morning Prayer - 9:00 a.m.

Passion - 3:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross - 7:15 p.m.

Saturday, April 14, 9:00 a.m.

Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Holy Saturday Morning Prayer

Saturday, April 14, 10:00 a.m.

Lounge, 1st floor, Coleman-Morse Center

RCIA Morning Retreat

Saturday, April 14, 9:00 p.m.

Basilica of the Sacred Heart

RCIA Vigil

Sunday, April 15, 1:30 p.m.

Zahm Hall Chapel

Spanish Mass

Presider: Rev. Tom Bednar, csc

Sunday, April 15

Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Easter Sunday

Presiders:

8:00 a.m. - Rev. Richard S. Bullene, c.s.c.

10:00 a.m. - Rev. Peter D. Rocca, c.s.c.

12:00 noon - Rev. Richard V. Warner, c.s.c.

The development of the New Testament was gradual. The earliest books of the New Testament were probably some of the letters of Paul and date back to the 50's, some 20 years after Jesus' death. The gospels were written significantly later. Most of their development took place between the years 70 and 110. During this same period many other Christian writings also entered into circulation among the various Christian communities. Even as the early Church was beginning to regard some of this Christian literature as scripture, it was not at all certain which of these books were or were not inspired scripture. Like many questions of the early church, this issue could not be decided until after Christianity became legal. The fourth century saw the definition of the Trinity and the natures of Christ (325) before it saw the definition of the New Testament. The canon or list of the New Testament books was not final until 393 at the council of Hippo in North Africa, which was later confirmed by Rome. Interestingly, the inclusion and exclusion of particular books was not a simple matter. Some of the books in the New Testament were not widely regarded as scripture for generations, especially James, Revelation, and the Letter to the Hebrews. At the same time some books did not make the list which were popularly regarded as inspired writings.

Faith FAQs & Catholic Facts

by Father J. Steele, c.s.c.

Why do you say that the Catholic Church gives us the Bible? The Catholic Church often seems to teach things that are not in scripture and Catholics certainly do not know the Bible like many Christians do.

regarded as scripture for generations, especially James, Revelation, and the Letter to the Hebrews. At the same time some books did not make the list which were popularly regarded as inspired writings.

Thus, for the first three and a half centuries there was no Christian Bible to which one could refer with certainty. For the authentic teaching of the apostles, Christians depended on the teachings of the bishops who succeeded the apostles and whose first duty it was (and still is) to transmit faithfully the teachings of Christ which they had received. It is on the authority of this body of bishops which we and all Christians depend whenever we open the Bible. It was their deliberation, inspired by the Holy Spirit, which included some books, excluded others and therefore compiled the scriptures that we have today.

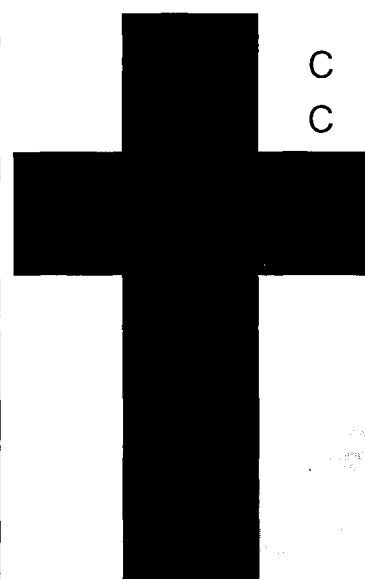
Jesus neither read nor wrote a word of the New Testament. After his death he left us the witness of his disciples and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. To this day, scripture, (along with councils, liturgical practices and other traditions) remains one of the ways that the early church has communicated its faith in Christ across the centuries.

For the authentic teaching of the apostles, Christians depended on the teachings of the bishops who succeeded the apostles and whose first duty it was (and still is) to transmit faithfully the teachings of Christ which they had received.

Ever wonder why we as Catholics do what we do or believe what we believe? Ask Father J. at ministry.1@nd.edu.



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CLUB SPORTS

Gymnasts earn 2nd national championship

Special to The Observer

The men's gymnastics team once again has vaulted to the pinnacle of success, winning the club national championship, a title it also claimed in 1998. The Irish team score of 147.75 narrowly edged runner-up Texas, 146.95.

Defending champion Texas A&M took Bronze with a 145.95 score, just ahead of '99 champion Syracuse in fourth. Mickey McGarry and Jason Miller paced the Irish, with McGarry claiming sixth in the All-Around. McGarry took fifth in floor, sixth in rings, fifth in vault and seventh in parallel bars, while Miller placed sixth in the vault. Pete Asmuth also scored points for the Irish although he did not place. The trophy will be on display at the Rolf's Sports Recreation Center.

The Irish women's team also distinguished itself, with its fourth consecutive top 10 ranking, finishing eighth in the championships. Emily Smith won Gold in the Uneven Bars with a 9.6 performance to highlight the competition. Smith's fifth in the vault and seventh on both floor and balance beam earned her third in the all-around competition. Erin Henry finished 11th in Balance Beam and 17th in the all-around, as the team finished eighth with a 131.6 score. Texas, Texas A&M and Miami of Ohio took the top three spots.

Women's Water Polo

The Notre Dame women's water polo club claimed its second Midwest Championship in three years with a championship game 8-5 victory over rival and defending champion Miami Ohio. After blitzing through the first three rounds with victories over Miami B, 16-2, Bowling Green, 13-6, and Grand Valley, 15-1, the Irish faced a nemesis that had defeated them twice earlier this season — Miami Ohio.

In what coach Brian Coughlin described as "an amazing game and great effort by all," The Irish displayed ability and composure. Trailing the Red Hawks by two goals, the Irish tallied five straight scores. Lauren Kuzniar battled in hole to score four times, including a 4 meter rocket.

Liz Parolin splashed two more into the net, while drawing four ejections. Brigett Alge's tenacious defense in the hole shut down Miami's MVP of a year ago, while Alge also scored twice for the Irish.

Lisa Thomas proved to be among the best goalies in the country, and she received great defensive support from Meg Daday, Sarah Todnem, Margo Klosterman and Meghann Stepan, as these four also helped with assists on the attack.

In four weeks the Irish will compete in the Nationals at Miami of Ohio, against the best teams from California, Florida, Arizona and the rest of the country.

Ultimate Frisbee

For the second week in a row, the women's squad claimed first place, as the Irish won the Great Lakes Invitational. In round robin play, the women defeated Oberlin, 8-6, University of

Chicago, 11-3, Ohio State, 12-5 and Case Western, 11-5, before dropping an 11-10 decision to Ohio U. Despite losing top player Carolyn Scully to injury, the Irish defeated Oberlin in the semifinals, 10-5, and Michigan in the championship, 10-9. Julia Pilipovich was the leading scorer for the Irish, while Monica Kerschner was a standout on defense. The club will return to action in the sectionals in two weeks.

The men's squad again played shorthanded, as four top players were injured and missing from the tournament. Yet the Irish still managed to post a 5-2 record.

Because of strong wind conditions, the club played zone defense, which contributed to the Irish fast start, as they posted wins over Miami Ohio, 13-6, Ohio, 13-8, and Ohio State, 13-12, before dropping the finale on Saturday to Indiana, 13-7. In Sunday's quarterfinals, the Irish defeated Case Western, 13-1, and took the semifinals over Ohio State, 15-9, before falling in the finals to Indiana, 13-11.

Sailing

The Notre Dame Sailing club placed third this weekend at the University of Michigan in the Big 10 Team Racing Regatta. Michigan and Wisconsin finished first and second ahead of the Irish, with Northwestern, Minnesota, and Iowa State placing fourth, fifth and sixth respectively.

Rowing

Fresh off its win in last week's Lubber's Cup over Michigan State and Grand Valley State, the Rowing club traveled to Ypsilanti, Mich. to challenge Michigan and Michigan State. Twenty mile-per-hour quartering tail winds with gusts forced the cancellation of the 3F and Varsity 4-plus races. In the events that were held, it was a clean sweep for Michigan, as the Wolverines won the Freshman 4-plus, Varsity 8, followed by Notre Dame and Michigan State, and in the final race on the long course, wind conditions swamped all but two boats, forcing the course to be shortened to 910 meters. On the short course, Michigan again topped the Irish with the Spartans trailing in the firsts and second Freshman 8 races.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Irish finish 13th at Indiana Invite

Special to The Observer

The University of Notre Dame women's golf team moved up one spot in the standings on Sunday afternoon to finish 13th at the Indiana Invitational with a 54-hole total of 993.

The Irish lowered their score by 20 strokes compared to Saturday's final round of 337 by shooting a 317 total for the day. Notre Dame came into Sunday's final round in 14th place after rounds of 339 and 337 on Saturday.

The Irish finished the tournament 71 strokes behind Michigan State, as the Spartans won the tournament by 11 strokes over Kent State. Michigan State played the 54-hole tourney on the 6,134 yard, par 74 Indiana University Golf Course with rounds of 314, 313 and a one-under par 295 in the

final round for a 922 total. MSU entered the day with just a one stroke lead over Ohio State and Indiana, but was nine strokes better than any other team on Sunday for the win.

Kent State finished second with a 933 total and was followed by Northwestern (939), Ohio State (940) and Indiana (943) to round out the top five teams in the 15-team tournament.

Leading Notre Dame individually was senior Shane Smith, who finished in a tie for 23rd with an 18-over par total of 240. Smith rebounded from an 81-82 opening day to shoot a three-over par 77 in the final round. Her 240 score put her 17 strokes behind Michigan State's Emily Bastel who took medalist honors with a one-over par 223 in the tournament.

Bastel won by two strokes

over Kent State's Martina Gillen and three over teammate Stacy Snider.

Freshman Shannon Byrne turned in the best round of the tournament for Notre Dame, as she fired a two-over 76 in the final round to put her in a tie for 42nd with a 245 total. Byrne shot 82 and 87 for the opening 36 holes of the tourney.

Following Byrne among the Irish golfers was sophomore Terri Taibl, who finished in 62nd place with a 253 score. Senior Danielle Villarosa finished in a tie for 68th, as she shot an 81 in the final round to give her a 54-hole total of 257. Kristin McMurtrie tied for 74th on the weekend with a 266 total on rounds of 91, 87, and 88.

The women's golf team returns to action on Friday, April 14 at the Illinois Invitational in Champaign, Ill.

MEN'S GOLF

Golfers hang onto 13th spot

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame men's golf team closed out the final day of play at the Marshall Invitational with a nine-over par team total of 293 on the way to a 54-hole mark of 880. That put the Irish in 13th place in the 20-team tournament field. The Irish turned in rounds of 298, 289 and 293 to finish 41 strokes behind the record-setting pace of Ohio State as the Buckeyes took the tournament title for the 16th time. OSU turned in a record-low team score of 13-under par 839 on the 6,446-yard, par 71 Guyan Golf and Country Club course.

The Irish, who started the day in 13th, just 10 strokes out of fourth place, were unable to move up in the standings as they finished 10 strokes behind Xavier University who finished fourth with an 870 total.

Ohio State finished 16 strokes in front of second place

Toledo which scored an 855. The Rockets finished two strokes ahead of Miami-Ohio who finished third with a 54-hole total of 857. Xavier was fourth with 870, while Michigan and Kentucky tied for fifth with 871 totals.

Senior Alex Kent turned in Notre Dame's top individual scores, finishing in a tie for 19th with a three over par total of 216. Kent closed the tournament on Saturday with a two-over par 73 to follow up rounds of 72 and 71 on Friday.

The 216 total was eight strokes off the pace set by Ohio State's Mike Austin, whose five-under par total of 208 tied the Marshall Invitational 54-hole record, set in 1998 by Michigan's Michael Harris.

Following Kent among the Irish golfers was freshman

Peter Rivas, who turned in the best 54-hole total of his collegiate career with a seven-over par total of 220. Rivas turned in rounds of 72, 76 and 72 to finish in a tie for 40th overall. Sophomore Kyle Monfort finished in a tie for 53rd with a 10-over par 223 as he turned in rounds of 77, 72 and 74.

Junior Steve Ratay was 59th overall, as he shot a 54-hole total of 225, and senior Pat Schaffler closed out the Irish contingent, scoring with a 64th place tie as he fired rounds of 77, 75 and 74 on the way to a 226 total.

Notre Dame returns to action next weekend, Saturday and Sunday, April 14 and 15, when the Irish travel to Columbus, Ohio to compete in Ohio State's 54-hole Kepler Invitational at the OSU Scarlet Course.

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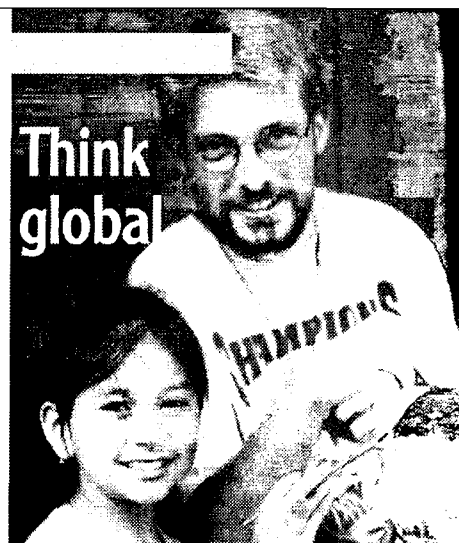
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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish come back to earn 4-3 victory over Baylor

By KATIE HUGHES
Sports Writer

Fighting high winds and weather conditions, the 16th-ranked men's tennis team sent Baylor packing in Texas this weekend, defeating the team 4-3.

The Irish fought their way back from a 2-0 deficit early in the match to claim the win.

"The conditions were far from perfect, but I think our guys did a great job of keeping their poise and fighting hard when there was every reason to fold up and go home," said head coach Bobby Bayliss.

"It was difficult to adjust, and any of them deserve a lot of credit."

The 21st-ranked Irish doubles team of juniors Javier Taborga and Aaron Talarico defeated Baylor's 18th-ranked team of Reiner Neurohor and Mark Williams 9-7 at No. 1 doubles. The No. 32 ranked Baylor Bears defeated Notre Dame's No. 2 doubles teams of freshman Luis Haddock-Morales and Casey Smith 8-6 and also the No. 3 team of senior Matt Daly and sophomore Brian Farrell 8-2.

The Bears opened up their lead as Irish freshman Matt Scott lost 6-1, 6-1 to Cory Ross at No. 6 singles. Defying the momentum of the match, the Irish rallied at No. 1 and 2 singles to tie the match. Junior Casey Smith took control with a decisive victory over Baylor's Neurohor 6-3, 6-4 at No. 1 singles, and 99th-ranked junior Javier Taborga won 6-2 at No. 2.

Baylor moved ahead to 3-2 after Mark Williams beat Irish freshman Luis Haddock-Morales 7-6 (7-0), 6-1 at No. 3 singles. Sophomore Brian Farrell tied the match at 3-3 when he defeated Nathan McGregor 6-2, 7-6 (7-5) at No. 5 singles.

Aaron Talarico trailed Matias Marin 3-6,

4-1 at No. 4 singles before rallying for a 3-6, 6-4, 6-3 win in the match at 3-3.

In Sunday's match against ninth-ranked Southern Methodist University, the Irish kept it close in their third 4-3 loss of the season. SMU swept all three doubles matches, beating the Irish 8-6 at No. 1 and 2 doubles and 8-3 at No. 3.

Smith again had the biggest challenge of the match, playing SMU's 6th ranked senior Genius Chidzikwe in the deciding match. The Mustang's 24th-ranked Jon Wallmark also defeated Javier Taborga at No. 2 singles, 6-3, 7-6, and Brian Farrell lost only his third dual singles match of the year, 6-4, 6-3 to SMU's Johan Brunstrom.

"I was awfully proud of Casey. [Chidzikwe] is one of the best college tennis players in the country. He played in the Davis Cup for Zimbabwe, and was an IPA All-American. His experience really showed," said Bayliss.

The three wins of the day for the Irish again demonstrated their depth in the middle of their lineup. Haddock-Morales defeated Krystian Pfeiffer 3-6, 6-4, 7-5 at No. 3 singles. Aaron Talarico defeated Alexis Rudzinski 6-2, 6-2 at No. 4 singles, and Matt Daly won 6-4, 6-3 over SMU's Lukasz Senszysyn at No. 6.

"Luis [Haddock-Morales] really had a break out match against SMU. Aaron Talarico was solid as could be and has really been a rock all season," said Bayliss. "It was a great weekend for him, too."

The Irish face 18th-ranked Indiana State at home today at 3:30 p.m.

"Indiana State has a solid team, especially at No. 1 and 2 singles. Most are consistent, baseline players. They're a little more rested, but we're a little more seasoned," said Bayliss.

They will not have to travel for a match again until the Big East at the end of the month.

"It's been a tough stretch, and we've played a lot of good teams," said Bayliss. "But you don't have a chance to do well at the end of the year unless you know what's in you."



Bayliss

SOFTBALL

Notre Dame earns sweeps Syracuse in doubleheader

By PETER FRASSO
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame softball team continued its winning ways on Sunday with a doubleheader win over Syracuse by identical scores of 6-0 and 6-0.

Unfortunately, it was a only a Pyrrhic victory as third baseman Andrea Bledsoe suffered a leg injury from a violent collision in the first inning of game two.

Bledsoe and Syracuse second baseman Lindsay Richards collided as Bledsoe attempted to steal second. Both lay on the ground for minutes before being helped off the field.

Notre Dame coach Liz Miller reported that it was a PCL tear, and she will be out two to four weeks.

"Andrea said she'll be back in a week," said Miller. "It's good that she's got that attitude."

Bledsoe was 4-5 with a double and two RBI before being removed from the game due to the injury.

"We've got to have good contribution from those who step in her place," said Miller. "She was playing great before she went down, she had a key double in the first game."

With the two wins, they improved their record to an outstanding 32-3, and 8-0 in the Big East.

Pitching was again the key, as Jen

Sharron and Kristin Schmidt both pitched shutouts for the Irish, extending Notre Dame's consecutive scoreless innings streak to 28. Sharron yielded five hits and struck out nine, while Schmidt flirted with a no-hitter before giving up a bunt hit in the fifth.

She finished with a one hitter, and nine strikeouts.

Notre Dame's team ERA is now 0.98, ranking in the top 15 nationally.

Jenny Kriech showed again why she is a

premier leadoff hitter, going 6-8 with a triple and two RBIs. Lizzy Lemire, leading the charge, was 4-7, including a double and her second homer of the season, with four runs and three RBI.

Jarrah Myers, who leads the team with a .624 slugging percentage, rebounded from an 0-4 first game to go 3-4 with three runs in game two. Andrea Loman, who on Saturday against Connecticut provided all of the offense in the game with a solo home run, had and RBI double.

"We're really getting the job done right now," commented Miller. "We're getting it done offensively, and we're getting the pitching down."

The No. 11 Irish have won seven straight doubleheaders, seemingly headed for a birth in the top 10.

The team tries to stay on a roll Wednesday when it welcomes Bowling Green to town. The first pitch is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. at Ivy Field.

"We're getting it done offensively, and we're getting the pitching down."

Liz Miller
head coach

WOMEN'S TRACK

Graf breaks school record in Belles' meet

By MOLLY MCVOY
Senior Staff Writer

The Belles continued to run like this is their last season at the College Saturday in a MIAA dual meet.

Junior Laura Graf broke the school record in the 400 meter dash with a time of 59.10, shaving nearly three seconds off the old record of 1:02.0 that had been held by Cyndy Short since 1982.

The Belles split the meet, beating Olivet 69-58, while losing to Adrian 86-58. This was the first league meet the Belles competed in, and their record is now 1-1 in the conference.

"We gave Adrian a run for their money," senior co-captain Kara Bergman said. "We generally did a very good job."

Graf finished first in both the 400 meter dash, where she broke the record and the 200-meter dash where she recorded a time of 28.70. Junior Erica Burket also was a two-time winner for Saint Mary's, winning the 100 meter hurdles (16.90) and the triple jump (31'0").

The Belles took both the 400 meter relay with a time of 54.55 and the 1600 meter relay, posting a time of 4:42.70. The 400 meter team consisted of Graf, Burket, freshman Jaclyn

Thompson and freshman Bechy Shepkowski while the 1600M team included Graf, sophomore Whitney Ross, Erin Thayer and freshman Nicole Garcia.

Every team member that competed in Saturday's meet scored for Saint Mary's. Although track is often perceived as an individual sport, the Belles feel that this sort of teamwork is essential for success.

"With the low number of people we have on the team, everyone contributing is especially important," Bergman said.

Saint Mary's will face another dual MIAA league meet on Saturday. They will face Alma and Calvin at Calvin College at noon. Alma has a 1-1 record in the MIAA and Calvin has yet to compete in a league meet this season. Alma and Calvin will face each other at Hope College on Wednesday before facing Saint Mary's. Both Calvin and Alma defeated Saint Mary's in their meetings last season.

"We want to basically do our best Saturday. Calvin is the biggest team in our league and they always are at the top of the league," Bergman said.

"We go back and forth with Alma. I know they lost a lot of really strong seniors last year so there's a good chance we can beat them. However, we have yet to see them in competition."

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Tennis

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that will be facing off against a strong Saint Mary's freshmen attack topped off with three returning players. Jeannie Knish, Kaitlin Cutler and Kris Spriggle will be stepping up again in No. 3, No. 4 and No. 5 singles while Cook takes on No. 2 doubles and sophomore Elisa Ryan wraps up the team at No. 6 singles.

These six women, along with Trisha Jones, who will team up with Ryan at No. 3 doubles, spent Monday's practice getting mentally ready for today's match.

"It was a pretty low key practice just hitting and getting loose," Knish said. "At this point its not so much getting physically prepared but getting mentally prepared so we get the match started on the right foot."

Mental preparation teamed up with home court advantage will play a big role in a Saint Mary's victory. The Belles have played well at home. They are currently undefeated at Saint Mary's, including a victory over Division I Valaparaíso.

"I love playing at home having the home court advantage and a lot of parents come out and it's a relaxing environment," Knish said.

Action will get under way today at 3 p.m. at the tennis courts outside of Angela Athletic facility.

MEN'S LACROSSE

Seniors lead Irish to win over Air Force

By JOE LICANDRO
Sports Writer

Thanks to three goals apiece from seniors Todd Ulrich and Jon Harvey, combined with another strong performance from senior goalie Kirk Howell, the men's lacrosse team easily defeated its Great Western Lacrosse League rivals Air Force Falcons 13 to 2.

With their third straight blowout victory, the seventh-ranked Irish improved to 8-1 on the season with only four games left to play in the regular season.

"For the third straight game, we jumped out to a quick lead," said head coach Kevin Corrigan. "That makes it much easier to control the game and play for a full 60 minutes."

The Irish jumped out to a critical quick start as junior Devin Ryan got the scoring started on a strong drive through the heart of the Air Force defense for a one-on-one chance against Air Force goalie Bill Arnold.

After Ryan capitalized on his opportunity, Steve Bishko, Ulrich and Harvey rounded out the scoring in the first quarter, giving the Irish a 4-0 lead.

Todd Ulrich would add two of the Irish's four total second quarter goals, allowing the Irish to take a substantial 8-0 advantage heading into halftime.

Ulrich has been on a scoring tear over the last two games, netting seven goals in the games, raising his season total to 10.

"I have had some good looks at the net over the last two games," said Ulrich. "Playing at home makes it a

lot easier."

The Irish continued their dominance in the second half, adding five more goals. After some spectacular saves, Irish goalie Kirk Howell would leave the game midway through the third quarter posting a shutout.

"I only had to stop five shots the whole game," said Howell, "Our defense played well again so they made my job a lot easier out there."

Coach Corrigan began pulling his starters in the second half, allowing the younger sophomores and freshmen to gain some valuable experience.

Sophomore backup goalie Nick Antol would pick up where Howell left off, making some incredible saves and allowing Air Force only two goals. Freshmen John Mulfur and Steve Clagget provided the scoring with each netting their first career goals.

"I was really happy with the play of our sophomores and freshmen," said Corrigan. "They work hard in practice just like the juniors and seniors. These last three games, the younger guys have been gaining some experience. I enjoy watching them keep getting better."

With the victory over Air Force, the Irish improved to 3-0 in Great Western Lacrosse League Divisional Play. This was the second of a four game home stand for the Irish.

The Irish next host Army on Saturday at 1p.m., where they look to continue their strong team defense and relentless offensive pressure in hoping to continue to climb up the national rankings before the start of the NCAA tournament.



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The No. 7 Irish men's lacrosse team improves to 8-1 overall with a win over Air Force.

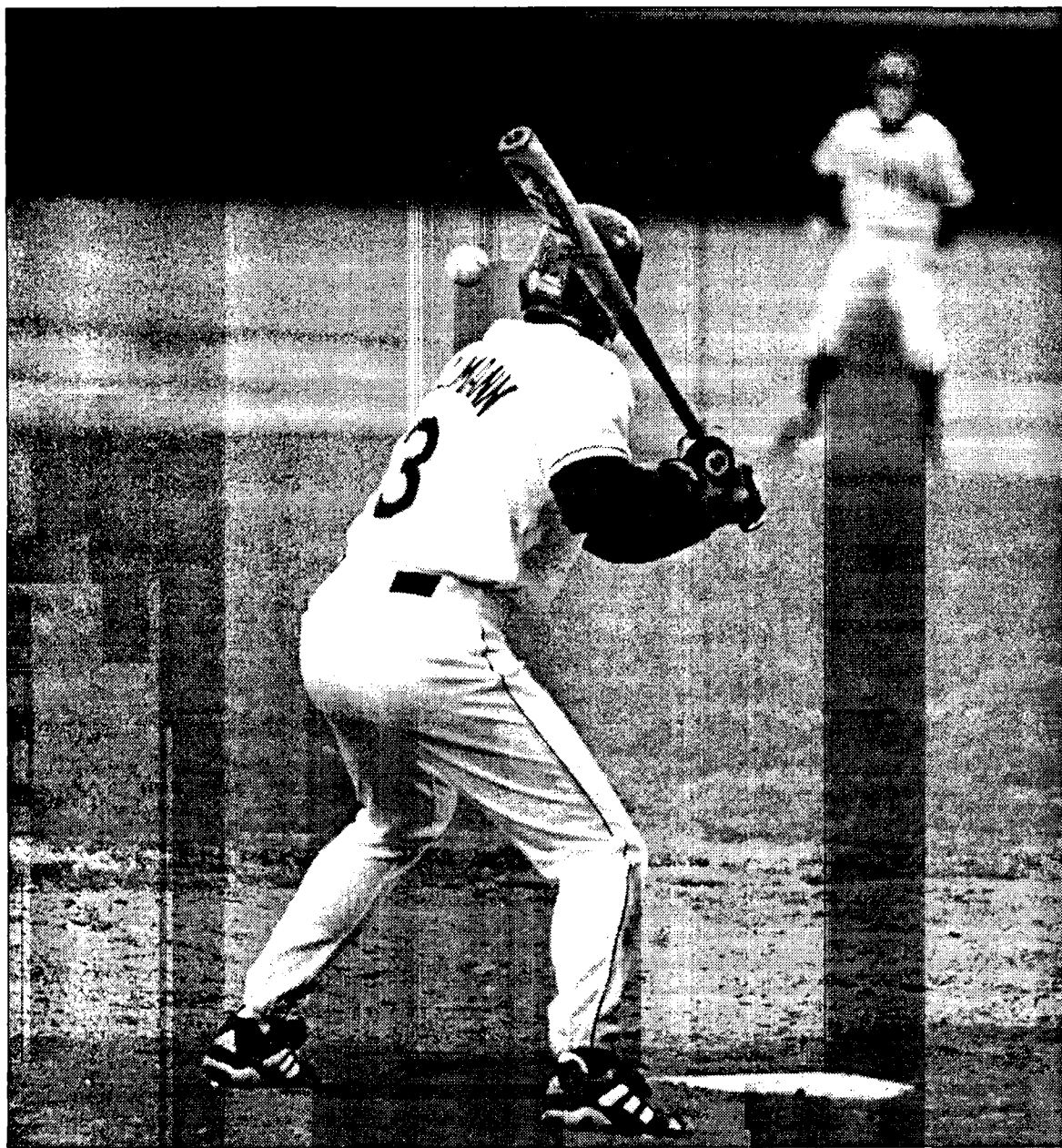
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BASEBALL

Irish show command with Big East sweep of Rutgers



Freshman Steve Sollman, shown above, prepares to swing. Notre Dame improved to 25-5-1 with three wins in a weekend sweep over Rutgers.

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By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

The Irish headed into Piscataway, New Jersey for a crucial three-game series with Big East rival Rutgers last weekend.

Walking away Sunday afternoon with three wins, the Irish completed their first ever sweep of a Notre Dame-Rutgers series, and started on the inside track to the regular season Big East title.

The Irish blew away the Scarlet Knights Saturday, winning the two games of the double-header, 10-2 and 8-2. On Sunday, the team showed great poise mixed with some clutch hitting to pull out an eleven-inning 5-4 victory.

The three wins of the weekend improved Notre Dame's record to 25-5-1. The Irish were rewarded for their great play with their highest ever ranking in the collegiate polls. Notre Dame now holds respective rankings of 4, 6 and 7 in the College Baseball, USA Today/Coaches and Baseball America Polls.

"It was as good of a series as I've ever seen at my tenure at Notre Dame," stated Coach Paul Mainieri. "The overall team effort was great. Everyone got involved to do something to help us win. Pitching, defense, hitting, base running — we did everything well."

The team contributions were evident in the numbers from the series. In the three games, 10 different players got hits while nine contributed RBIs to the team's 23 total runs.

Six different members of the Irish pitching staff put together three more brilliant outings, only allowing eight runs in the series.

In the first game of the double-header, Notre Dame ace Aaron Heilman pitched his fifth complete game of the season, allowing two runs on only three hits.

The right-handed senior improved to 8-0 on the year. The win was also his 18th career Big East victory, moving him into first place all-time in that category.

The game had been knotted at 2-2 until the Irish bats exploded in the sixth inning, bringing eight runs across the plate. The inning began when freshman Steve Sollmann, leading the team in batting with a .426 average, slapped a lead off single. After right fielder Brian Stavisky walked, Kris Billmaier broke open the tie with a two-run single. The RBIs were two of the four in the series for Billmaier, who is batting .324 with runners in scoring position—seventy points above his normal average.

Junior Ken Meyer brought in another run with a hard ground ball that was followed by a double from first baseman Joe Thaman. Center fielder Steve Stanley then brought in Meyer and Thaman with another single.

Appropriately, Sollmann capped off the inning that he started with his third homerun

of the season, pacing the Irish in that category as well.

The Irish carried the momentum of the first game into the nightcap, kicking off the game with five runs in the team's first turn at bat. In this inning, third baseman Andrew Bushey had a bases loaded double that provided three of his five RBIs on the day. Notre Dame added two more runs in the inning on singles by DH Matt Bok and Thaman. Sophomore J.P. Gagne improved to 2-2 on the year with his six-inning performance, and classmate Brandon Vilorio earned the save by pitching three scoreless innings in relief.

In the game Sunday, the Irish demonstrated the poise that will make them a contender this year for the national title, battling back from a 3-0 deficit in the eighth inning to steal a game from Rutgers on their own field.

"Sunday we showed a really great attitude," commented Mainieri. "Our guys never threw in the towel, and they ended up fighting back for the win."

It was not until their last at bat that the Irish would make their move.

It all began with the top of the lineup that has been such a key to igniting the Irish offense this year. The first and second hitters, Stanley and Sollmann, once again put together back-to-back singles. Stavisky then slapped a single to score Stanley. After a double steal, Billmaier brought home Sollmann with a sacrifice fly; however, there were two outs in the inning. One out away from a loss, catcher Paul O'Toole — 0-3 on the day — came through with a great piece of clutch hitting, knocking a single to tie the game.

Notre Dame avoided a scare in the tenth inning when sophomore Matt Laird got out of a one-out bases loaded jam. Laird got Rutgers' left fielder Nick Cerulo to pop out to shallow left and then struck out DH Jeff Majewski.

In the 11th inning, the Irish went on top for good when Sollmann singled to start the inning. Billmaier then came through with another clutch RBI, getting a single that would score Sollmann all the way from first with the help of some errant throws by the Rutgers fielders.

The Irish don't plan on letting these big wins go to their heads, however, as there is much baseball left to play, especially in the Big East.

"We're not looking past anyone on our schedule," said Mainieri. "We have got a lot of tough games this week and a few injuries to deal with. Our guys will just play every game as its own."

Notre Dame has a busy week ahead, facing two non-conference opponents, Cleveland State and Detroit, on Tuesday and Wednesday. Then the Irish return to Big East play with doubleheaders against Georgetown on Thursday and West Virginia on Saturday.

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NFL

Aikman announces retirement

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — As always, Troy Aikman came to Texas Stadium with his game face on.

He brought an inch-thick stack of index cards and enough family and friends to fill a ballroom. Banners from the three Super Bowls he won hung from the hole-in-the-roof visible behind him.

But when it came time to talk about the end of his 12-year career, the usually unflappable quarterback was overcome by emotion.

A few sentences into his nearly 1 1/2-hour retirement news conference Monday, Aikman put down the cards, took a breath and dragged a finger beneath and above his left eye.

"You watch and you think your time will never come," Aikman said slowly. "And my time's come."

Aikman called it a career 33 days after being waived by the Dallas Cowboys.

While he believes he can still be a starting quarterback in the NFL, the right job wasn't out there.

So rather than risk suffering an 11th concussion or taking another hit on his aching back, the 34-year-old Aikman ended his playing career and is preparing to start another as a broadcaster.

"I know it's the right thing for me because of my health, concussions, the back problems I've had," Aikman said. "It took its toll."

Aikman is close to finalizing a deal with Fox to replace Matt Millen as the partner for play-by-play announcer Dick Stockton, an industry source told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity. An announcement could come as early as Tuesday, the source said.

Aikman's life is rapidly changing. He recently moved to California and in late August his wife is due to have their first child. The couple also is raising an 11-year-old daughter from her previous marriage.

"I wanted to play. I just can't do that anymore," Aikman said. "I think when all things are considered it was the right thing for me and my family."

Aikman bit his lip as Cowboys owner Jerry Jones introduced the first player he ever drafted and reminisced about the rise of the team and the quarterback.

Before he turned the microphone over to Aikman, Jones presented a video prepared by NFL Films. It began with home movies from Aikman's youth and featured great moments from his career.

Aikman told about going to the Green Bay Packers' final game in 1988 and rooting for them to win so Dallas would have the top pick in the draft. The Packers won and, before leaving the stadium, Aikman bought a Cowboys cap.

Dallas made Aikman the first pick in 1989 and also drafted Daryl Johnston, Mark Stepnoski and Tony Tolbert.

"One of the most meaningful things in my career was coming in with that group,"

"You watch and you think your time will never come. And my time's come."

**Troy Aikman
Cowboys' player**

Aikman said.

He recalled losing the first 11 games of his career and thanked former teammates and coaches for propping up his confidence during that time. He said that type of character was the hallmark of Dallas' Super Bowl champion teams in 1992, '93 and '95.

"There was no animosity, no selfishness, nobody wanting any more credit than the next guy," he said. "We just wanted to win."

"There have been a lot of teams in this league that have been more talented than those teams were, but they didn't come close to accomplishing what we did because the chemistry of that ballclub and unselfish manner in which we played. You can't beat that combination."

Then, showing the candor that will serve him well in broadcasting, Aikman added: "Maybe over recent years we've lost sight of that. It's become a game that everybody's in it for themselves."

Aikman talked about the things he'll miss, such as the locker room after a big win, and the things he won't, like facing reporters after a big loss.

He also thanked scores of people. He named 18 offensive linemen, about a dozen coaches, including Barry Switzer, and practically every member of the Cowboys' organization, including Jones and his family.

He had trouble talking about specific teammates, especially "The Triplets" — himself, receiver Michael Irvin and running back Emmitt Smith.

"I loved it when they called us that," Aikman said, teary-eyed. "I told Emmitt when I saw him earlier, 'There's nothing I would've loved more than to be on the field when you break Walter Payton's record.'"

Sitting in the second row, Smith draped an arm around Irvin and both bit their lips as they held back their emotions.

"All three of us stepped up," said Smith, who is 1,561 yards behind Payton's career rushing mark. "We all pushed one another."

"He probably was the laid-back one, but he was the stubborn one, too. His stubbornness was really his way of showing that losing was not an option."

Aikman never lost his desire to win, but age and injuries sapped his ability.

He missed five games last year with injuries and was knocked out of three more in the first quarter. He suffered four of his 10 concussions in his last 20 starts.

When Aikman played last season, he lacked his trademark arm strength and accuracy. He had the worst QB rating among NFC starters.

The Cowboys waived him March 7, one day before owing him a \$7 million bonus and seven-year contract extension

A few weeks into being a free agent for the first time, Aikman told agent Leigh Steinberg he was finally ready to considering a job in broadcasting. Networks have been interested in Aikman since he did color commentary on NFL Europe games for Fox two years ago.

Aikman's legacy begins with his three Super Bowl titles. Only Joe Montana and Terry Bradshaw won as many.

His 90 wins in 1990s are the most by any quarterback in any decade. Aikman also won his first seven playoff games and 10 of his first 11, and was the MVP of his first Super Bowl.

Rather than joining Montana, Joe Namath and Johnny Unitas as quarterbacks whose careers ended in seemingly foreign uniforms, Aikman will forever be a Cowboy.

"It's going to be very difficult to view the Dallas Cowboys the same way," Johnston said.

Aikman also joins the list of NFL stars who have retired at least partly because of concussions.

Other notables include Steve Young, who reluctantly quit last summer, and Roger Staubach, who led Dallas to two Super Bowl titles before retiring in March 1980 at age 38.

"I'm looking forward to being a supporter of the Dallas Cowboys," Aikman said. "I want to watch them win another Super Bowl. I know it's going to happen."

NCAA BASKETBALL

Arizona's Wright declares for draft

Associated Press

TUCSON

Michael Wright, a third-team all-American and three-year starter for NCAA runner-up Arizona, is the second Wildcats player in two days to announce he will skip his senior season to enter the NBA draft.

The 6-foot-7, 238-pound power forward's announcement Monday came one day after teammate Richard Jefferson said he would forego his final year of eligibility to go to the NBA.

"I think we are all working toward the goal of being professionals and I think this is my time to go after it with all my energies," Wright said in a statement released by the university.

Until this season, coach Lute Olson had only two players leave school early for the NBA — Brian Williams in 1991 and Mike Bibby in 1997.

Yet to be heard from is sophomore guard Gilbert Arenas, who also is strongly considering leaving for the NBA.

If Arenas goes, that would leave only sophomore point guard Jason Gardner remaining from the starting lineup of the team that lost to Duke in the national championship game.

Center Loren Woods was the only senior among the Wildcats' starters.

In his statement, Wright thanked Olson, assistant coach Jim Rosborough and undergraduate assistant Josh Pastner, who was his road roommate for three years.

"Special thanks to the people of Tucson, who touched me in ways they can ever know," Wright said. "Tucson was a different world for me to adjust to three years ago. Tucson took me into their hearts and I leave Tucson a better person."

Wright, who grew up in Chicago, had nine double-doubles last season and 34 for his college career.

While Wright was an outstanding college player, some NBA scouts wonder if his size makes him too small for power forward and too big and bulky for small forward. Wright had 10 points and 11 rebounds in Arizona's loss to Duke.

He averaged 15.6 points, and a team-leading 7.8 rebounds in 36 games last season.

All five Arizona starters averaged in double figures in scoring last season.

Jefferson, whose NBA stock rose sharply with his strong NCAA tournament run, averaged 11.3 points, 5.4 rebounds and 2.7 assists in 35 games.

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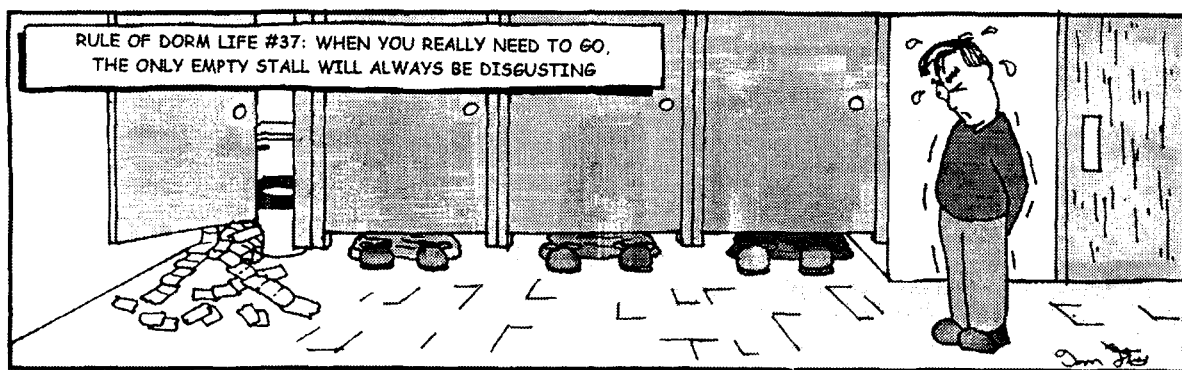
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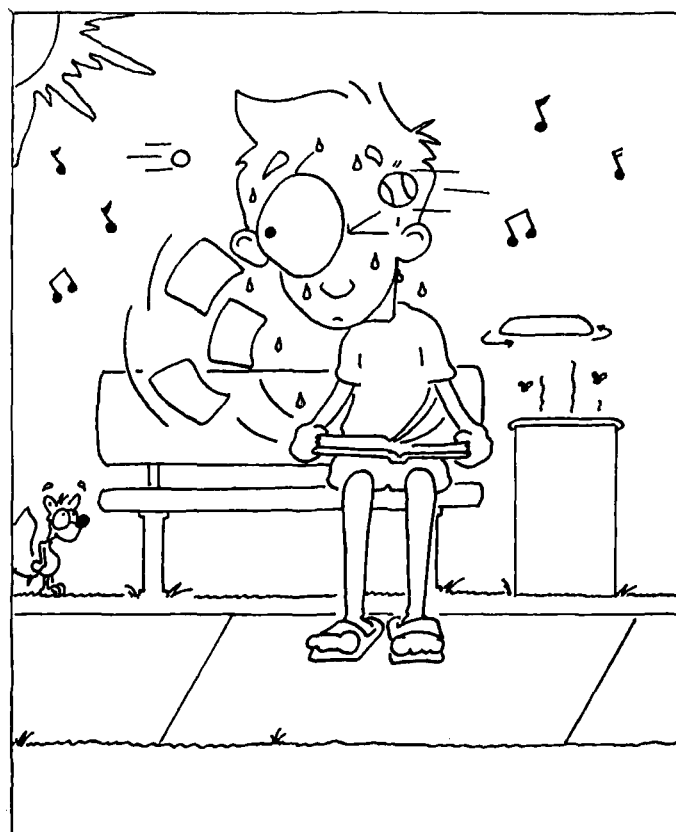
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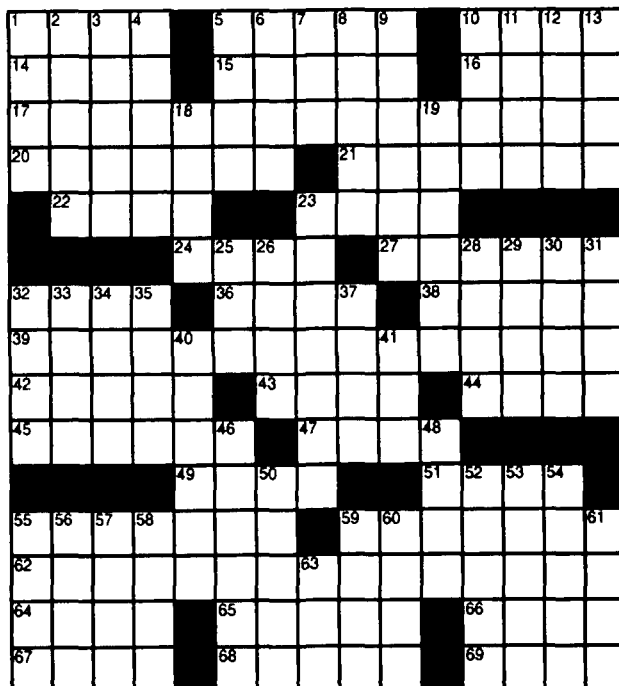
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- ACROSS**
- 1 "A Jug of Wine, a Loaf of Bread — and Thou" poet
 - 5 Fruits by a partridge
 - 10 Kind of palm
 - 14 Noose material
 - 15 1973 #1 Rolling Stones hit
 - 16 "___ the night before ..."
 - 17 The answer is ...
 - 20 Twinkies maker
 - 21 White-haired fellow, maybe
 - 22 Where a brood is raised
 - 23 Visible
 - 24 Berth place
 - 27 Conversation-alist
 - 32 Inquires
 - 36 Whizzes
 - 38 Skater Harding
 - 39 With 62-Across, the question is ... (!)
 - 42 Like "E pluribus unum"
 - 43 Ship of 1492
 - 44 Dumb ___ (stupidheads)
 - 45 Minimovies
 - 47 Items in a 22-Across
 - 49 Elevator man
 - 51 Storybook bear
 - 55 Went down the easy way
 - 59 With ice cream
 - 62 See 39-Across
 - 64 Lee or Musial
 - 65 "___ a Symphony" (1965 hit)
- DOWN**
- 1 Symphony performer: Abbr.
 - 2 Idiot
 - 3 Strike ___ (what models do)
 - 4 Takes five
 - 5 Dog's "dogs"
 - 6 Son of Seth
 - 7 Cabinet Dept.
 - 8 Part of a roof
 - 9 Hush-hush
 - 10 Phaser setting, on "Star Trek"
 - 11 Impressed
 - 12 [I'm shocked! Shocked!]
 - 13 Peak in Greek myth
 - 18 Math groups
 - 19 Covered with wool
 - 23 Homo sapiens, for example
 - 25 Syllables meaning "I forgot the words"
 - 26 Sammy Davis Jr.'s "Yes ___"
 - 28 Lion, for MGM, e.g.
 - 29 Fort ___ (gold site)
 - 30 Fictional Jane
 - 31 They're caught on beaches
 - 66 Like overused gym clothes
 - 67 Cause for a lawsuit
 - 68 Cry of a blamer
 - 69 Dines



Puzzle by Steven Dorfman

- 32 Punch tools
 - 33 Ex-head of Iran
 - 34 The Green Hornet's valet
 - 35 Awaken
 - 37 Participated in a choir
 - 40 Completely
 - 41 "___, you're it!"
 - 46 Attempt to mediate
 - 48 Small fight
 - 50 Gem State
 - 52 Love, in Livorno
 - 53 Lecterns
 - 54 Fix to suit
 - 55 Price
 - 56 Knowing about
 - 57 Leaving a small opening
 - 58 Dispatched
 - 59 21-Across of 6-Down
 - 60 It's plucked
 - 61 Peepers
 - 63 Abbr. after some military names
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Extravagance will be your downfall. Learn to say no to those who are too demanding. Changes may not be to your liking, but if you're patient things will turn out reasonably well. ☺☺☺

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Your strong, dependable nature will bring you popularity. New romantic partners may stroll into your life. Be sure to attend ceremonies that will bring you into contact with old friends. 3 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Help peers meet their deadlines, and you'll have friends when you're in need. Your versatility will enable you to do a vast number of jobs. Don't spread yourself too thin. Pick projects you enjoy. ☺☺☺

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Social events will turn out better than you anticipated. Love is evident. Your changing attitude will attract a different kind of mate. Work on building up your confidence. ☺☺☺☺

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You'll be in a predicament with family members if you've made promises you can't keep. Changes will not

be that easy for you to adjust to. Moderation will be the key. ☺☺

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You'll make new friends if you get out and mingle. People will gravitate to your organized approach to life. You can help bring order to the lives of those you get to know better. 4 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Be careful not to divulge secret information at work. You can make some positive changes to your living arrangements if you are willing to do the work yourself. ☺☺☺

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Social activities should involve large groups of people. You need to meet as many new acquaintances as possible. Your need to experience new avenues will lead you into unusual situations. ☺☺☺

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't be too eager to pay for those you love. Find out if they are worthy of your help. They may not be telling you everything you need to know about the situation. Don't let yourself be taken for granted. ☺☺☺☺

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't point the finger at your mate. It takes two to tango, and lately you've been somewhat neglectful. Question your own motives before you start badgering your partner. ☺☺

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You need to travel to an exotic place or at least be able to dream about it. Try to experience something unique. Visit your local museum. ☺☺☺☺

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Brown Bag It at the Eck!!

NOTRE DAME SOFTBALL

Wed. vs. Bowling Green (2) 3:30 pm

Thurs. vs. Loyola (IL) (2) 4 pm

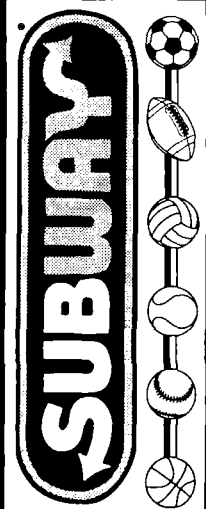
Ivy Field

Notre Dame Tennis

Men - Today vs. Indiana State 3:30 pm

Women - Wed. vs. Purdue 3 pm

Eck Tennis Pavilion



SPORTS

Leading the way
Seniors Todd Ulrich, Jon Harvey
and Kirk Howell led the Irish to
a 13-2 victory over their Great
Western Lacrosse League rival,
the Air Force Falcons.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Belles look to earn wins with mental focus

By KATIE MCVOY
Associate Sports Editor

Today's tennis match doesn't have as much to do with serves and backhands as it does with mental focus and determination. Saint Mary's will be facing off against the Knights of Calvin in a battle that may foretell the results of the MIAA tournament.

"I think this match is going to determine a lot," team captain Annie Knish said. "This will tell us how well we're expected to do at Conference. Albion, Hope and Calvin are our toughest competitors at conference and we've already beaten Hope and Albion so we have one more to go."

The Knights of Calvin represent the last major hurdle for the Belles' aim at finishing first in regular season play in the MIAA. After a solid victory over the Hope Flying Dutch, Saint Mary's will be moving its focus to the Knights.

Last season the Belles tied with the Knights for a second place finish behind the Flying Dutch. Since the start of the season, Calvin

has promised to be tough competition, but a recent loss to Albion may make the Knights less formidable opponents. Saint Mary's topped Albion 6-3 on April 4.

"It gives us a little more confidence, who we've beaten," Knish said. "But we can't go into the match being too cocky. We have to go in there and play our best and make sure we're getting all the points we need."

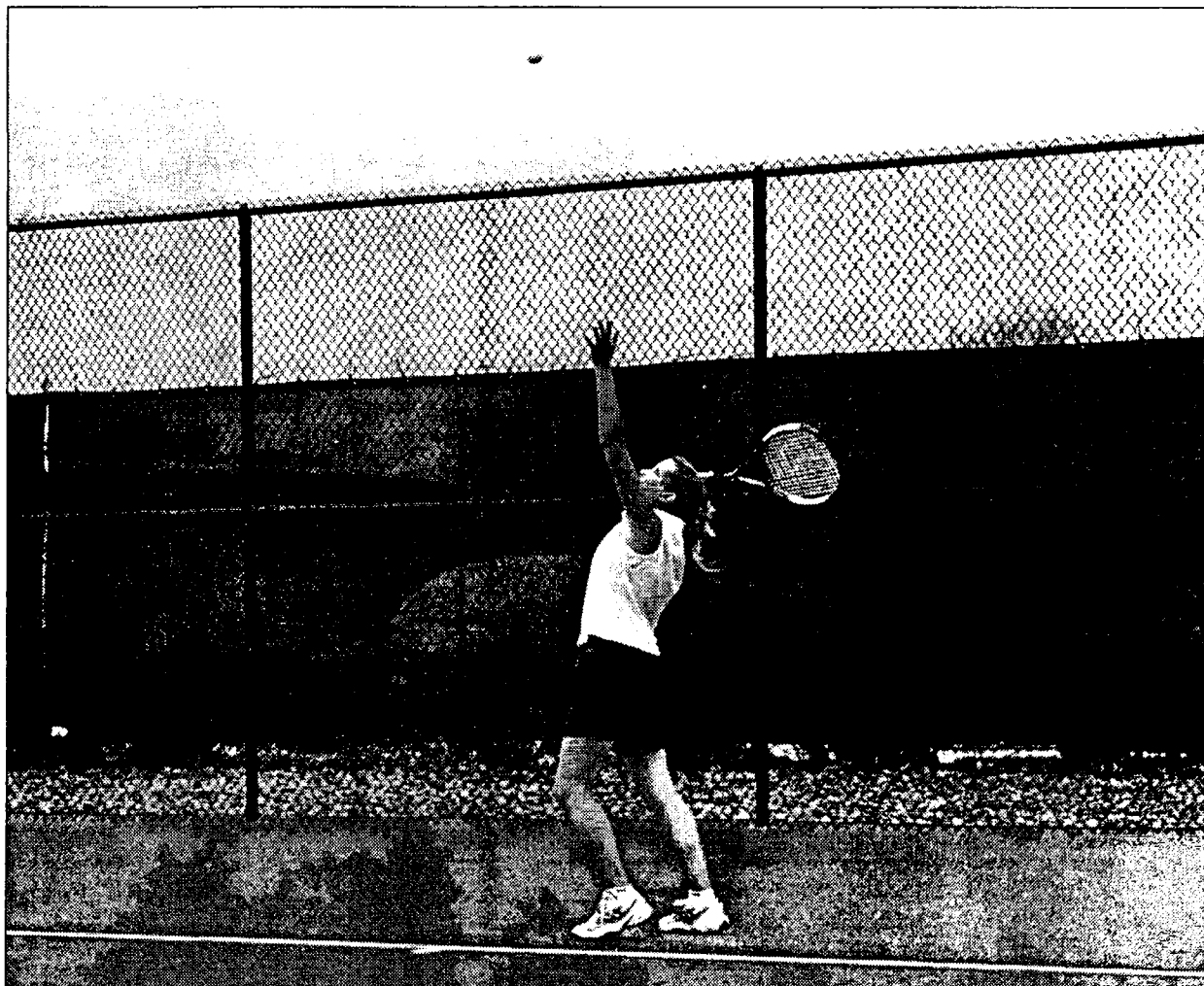
The starting Belles team had a day off on Sunday as the Saint Mary's B team had the opportunity to get some playing time. They will be back on the court today to face off against Calvin after time for mental preparation.

"A day off is important not only to rest physically but to rest mentally as well," Knish said. "Having so many matches is tiring."

Knish will face Calvin's Disselkoe, who hails from South Africa, in No. 1 singles and in No. 1 doubles when Knish teams up with Natalie Cook.

Disselkoe is one of four returning Calvin players

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ALISON DOHERTY/The Observer

A Saint Mary's tennis player serves the ball in a match earlier this season. The Belles will face the Knights of Calvin today in a crucial MIAA game.

BOOKSTORE BASKTEBALL

Brey's BOB finishes with 21-6 first-round victory



BRIAN PUCEVICH/The Observer

Men's basketball head coach Mike Brey guards a player during his team, BOB's 21-6 win.

By BRIAN BURKE and
KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Sports Writers

He's not Allen Iverson, but Monday afternoon former George Washington player and current Notre Dame head basketball coach Mike Brey showed he can still run the floor.

Brey's Bookstore Basketball team, BOB, notched a 21-6 victory over We Gotta Get Our Balls In There Somehow in first round action at Stepan Courts. BOB relied on a balanced effort from Brey and Holy Cross students Rob Rait, James Thurston, Ryan Tucker and Joe Catanzarik for the win. While the students did much of the shooting in the first half, Brey played to the crowd in the role of distributor.

In one such instance, a spectator yelled, "Let's see the ups

coach!" to which Brey responded, "You couldn't fit a clipboard under me!"

After dishing off an assist, Brey exclaimed to the onlookers, "I know my role!"

Brey did finish 2-3 from the field with a 17-foot jump shot and a nice move driving in the lane. Overall, BOB was the quicker of the two teams and capitalized on several points in transition. The team's bigger players dominated down low and owned the boards. After an 11-2 halftime deficit, We Gotta Get Our Balls In There Somehow eventually digressed into a crazy display of wild shots and fancy passes when it became apparent the game was out of reach.

"I'm in as good of shape as some of these 22 year olds," said Brey. "These Holy Cross guys called me up about a month ago and I said 'I definitely want to

play.' I've always seen this spectacle from afar, but it was fun to be a part of it. And so we won, so we're still alive."

Brey occasionally shouted out words of wisdom during play, but mostly brought the ball up and played atop the key. He plans to change his game plan next week.

"I'm just trying to be unselfish, but really what I'm doing is, I'm setting these guys up," Brey said. "First game, you always pass a lot, and then they think 'that was good because Coach gave the ball up, but I'm shooting every time next week, so I've got 'em all set up.'"

In other Bookstore action, the No. 24 seed Ill Tempered Sea Bass survived a first round scare when it prevailed 21-19 over the MBA Stars.

Ill Tempered Sea Bass opened

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SPORTS
AT A
GLANCE



Tennis
vs. Calvin
Today, 3 p.m.



Baseball
vs. Chicago State
Today, 4:05 p.m.



Softball
vs. Bowling Green
Wednesday, 3:30 p.m.



Track and Field
at Missouri Meet
Friday, 9 a.m.



Women's Lacrosse
vs. Duke (New Haven, Conn.)
Friday 4 p.m.