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Spring Visitation draws minorities to campus



Notre Dame students run a welcome table for Spring Visitation in LaFortune on Thursday.

By SHEILA FLYNN
Senior Staff Writer

Nearly 160 students arrived on campus Thursday for this year's Spring Visitation weekend, hosted annually by the University in an attempt to recruit the most qualified and talented minority students in the country.

"It brings students that Notre Dame would normally lose to other schools that I think benefit the campus as a whole," said student coordinator Alex Santana, who oversaw Latino recruitment this year. Santana attended Spring

Visitation himself in 2000 and said the weekend played a compelling role in his choice to leave the Los Angeles area and attend Notre Dame.

"If I wasn't flown out to visit the campus, I would've been one of those students that would've ended up just staying in California," Santana said. "That's the type of student that Spring Visitation really tries to target — [the student] that otherwise would not visit the

campus and would end up going to an in-state school."

This year, the University flew in 156 students for Spring Visitation, said Gil Martinez, the assistant director of admissions who oversees the event.

"There are eight Native Americans, 64 African Americans, 29 Asian Americans and 55 Hispanics," Martinez said.

The purpose of Spring Visitation, he said, is to show those students the campus and the real Notre Dame experience — a decisive opportunity they would most likely not

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Author discusses autism

Presentation marked conclusion of Disability Awareness Week

By STEPHANIE YAHN
News Writer

Patricia Stacey, author of "The Boy who Loved Windows: Opening the Heart and Mind of a Child Threatened with Autism," offered insight into the challenges she faces as a mother raising an autistic son. The Thursday evening event marked the conclusion of Disability Awareness Week at Notre Dame.

Stacey read several excerpts from her book, an account of how her family's life changed forever, when their youngest child Walker was diagnosed with autism, at the early age of six months.

Following a traumatic birth, Walker's parents were immediately aware that their son was different. As the first months

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IRAQ: ONE YEAR LATER

War dominates campaign



President Bush greets a crowd during a campaign rally in Orlando on March 20. Election 2004 has already been and will continue to be strongly influenced by the politics of the Iraq

Editor's Note: This is the fifth part in a five-part series examining issues in the Iraq War.

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Editor

Rarely does a presidential election turn contentious

before Labor Day — not to mention before Memorial Day — but with the Iraq War still fresh in voters' minds, both the George W. Bush and John Kerry campaigns have already begun to escalate their claims about what has occurred in the broken country and what should happen next.

Bush standing firm

Eight months before Americans go to the polls, and on the first anniversary of the United States' declaration of war on Iraq, the Bush administration's stance remains essentially the same as it was

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Students host peace conference

By ANDREW THAGARD
Associate News Editor

The annual Kroc Institute-sponsored Student Peace Conference, which organizers say will be the biggest and best attended in the event's ten-year history, kicks off this afternoon at the Hesburgh Center.

The two day event — completely organized and run by undergraduate students — draws national and international participants to campus for lectures, roundtable discussions and workshops aimed at promoting a more just society.

"I'm just elated about this," said Nadia Stefko, a senior English major who is co-chairing the conference along with sophomore Monica Jacir and a committee of 25 students. "It's going to be a great group of people. It's [awesome] to see them all get together and talk about something they're passionate about."

The conference opens with dinner at Greenfields Café in the Hesburgh Center, followed by a keynote address by Mariclaire Acosta, an internationally renowned human rights activist from Mexico.

"She's done some phenomenal work with human rights in Mexico," Stefko said. "We thought she'd be ideal in terms of the mix of personal stories and scholarly [approach]."

The conference continues Saturday with five sessions in which participants can choose between moderated discussions and debates focusing on war and peace, reconciliation, social justice and updates on service projects carried out

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Donation makes SMC building reality



An artist's rendering of the proposed Saint Mary's academic building that will replace Madeleva Hall.

By ANGELA SAOUD
Saint Mary's Editor

Plans are in the works to build a new \$15 million academic building at Saint Mary's, thanks to the generosity of one alumna and her parents.

Jennifer Mathile Prikkel, a 1995 graduate and member of the board of trustees, pledged \$3 million for the new academic building. Her

parents Clayton and MaryAnn Mathile, former owners of Iams Company, have agreed to match up to \$3 million in additional funds to be raised by Saint Mary's.

"The faculty are thrilled with the generosity of one young alumna," said Vice President and Dean of Faculty Patrick White. "She is a profound example to all

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INSIDE COLUMN

How proud?

One of my favorite South Bend establishments, The Linebacker, closes down each night with the song "Proud to be an American."

It's something I assume the bar chose as a show of support for U.S. troops serving in Iraq. But regardless of my support for the men and women in the Armed Forces, regardless of my utmost grief for the victims of terrorism, it's something that bothers me every time 3 a.m. rolls around at the 'Backer.

To me, this song epitomizes the unquestioning, so-called "patriotism" that seems to be all too popular these days.

This week, people around the world have remembered the one-year anniversary of the U.S.-led war in Iraq. While I no doubt appreciate the opportunities this nation affords me, I find it difficult to pronounce my nationality with pride at such a somber time.

"Proud." It's such a strong term, with many connotations: pleased, satisfied, honored, even arrogant ...

I am not pleased to be an American when our government flouts international law and just war principles.

I am not satisfied with my country when it abandons the responsibilities it has elsewhere — namely, Afghanistan — in favor of its own war of choice in Iraq.

I am not honored to be an American when our leaders hubristically espouse unilateralism.

I am not arrogant about my nationality when I discover how many other countries detest mine.

While studying abroad in London last year, the disgust the world had for our country hit home when three men, who recognized me as an American, followed me on the street. They shoved a newspaper bearing photographs of the devastation in Iraq at me, taunting, "Why are you doing this?"

I certainly wasn't proud to be an American then. Embarrassed, ashamed, angry — but not proud.

Sure, I could console myself all I wanted by thinking this was the government's fault. But as long as I failed to and demand changes, then it was my fault as well.

I worry that, post-Sept. 11, Americans assume that protesting or criticizing the government is somehow unpatriotic. Quite the contrary, I believe holding our government to higher standards through protest and criticism is one of the most patriotic things we can do. Patriotism is a call to action, not blind loyalty.

When I think of true patriots, I think of the founding fathers, women's suffragists, civil rights activists, war protesters — all those who improved our country by demanding change.

Indeed, we should celebrate our freedoms and mourn the loss of our troops abroad. But it is equally our duty to criticize government policy.

The Backer's last song ends with a variation on George W. Bush's most beloved phrase: "God bless the U.S.A."

Until, however, we begin to adopt policies to the tune of "God bless the whole world," I cannot be fully proud to be an American.

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Lauren Beck
Associate Viewpoint Editor

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WOULD YOU RATHER DATE AN ENGINEER OR AN ATHLETE?



Nick Setta
Senior Off-campus

"An athlete, because I could teach her to hold my footballs."



Beth Doyle
Senior Off-campus

"Both an athlete and an engineer. I like to date two boys at once."



Brita Hellige
Senior Off-campus

"For sure a pole-vaulter."



Mary Dubon
Sophomore Welsh Family

"I'm all for interhall O'Neill athletes."



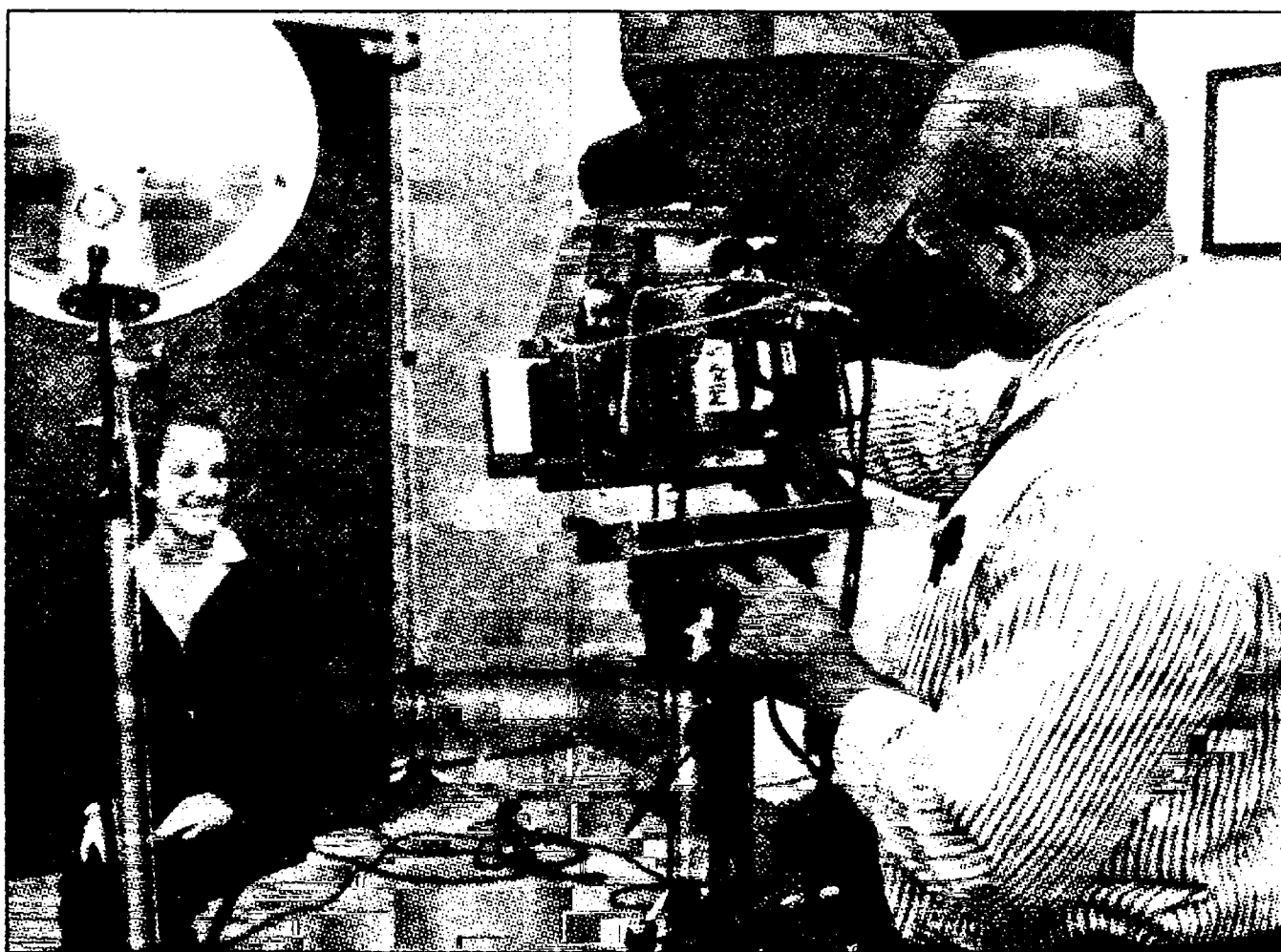
Megan Horner
Senior Off-campus

"Either one that I pick makes me look like a jerk."



Pete Dubon
Senior Off-campus

"I prefer engineers over athletes."



DAVE ROONEY/The Observer

Notre Dame junior Molly Savage smiles for the camera on Wednesday. Savage posed for a photo for the senior section of the 2005 yearbook, which Lauren Studios is planning throughout the week.

OFFBEAT

Woman asks state to return bribe money

HARTFORD, Conn. — When Rebecca Messier asked for her money back, she drew snickers from the courtroom crowd. The cash she requested was \$8,500 from a failed bribe to a prosecutor that got her and her husband arrested.

Messier appeared in Hartford Superior Court on Thursday to argue that she is entitled to the money she gave a bagman for a crooked prosecutor six years ago.

The bagman was to give the money to the prosecutor, who was to argue for the early release from prison of

Messier's husband, convicted child molester Joseph Messier.

• The Messiers got in trouble because the prosecutor wasn't on the take, and the bagman was an undercover investigator with the chief state's attorney's office.

"Chicken Soup" poet accused of harassment

McDONOUGH, Ga. — A Henry County woman who contributed two poems to the popular "Chicken Soup for the Soul" books series was arrested after leaving a less-than-heartwarming impression on her neighbors.

Jill Grubb-Travoss, 51, was

charged with disturbing the peace and obstructing an officer early Monday morning.

Some residents of her subdivision said Travoss drunkenly harassed them after a volatile Homeowners Association meeting, where she had lost an election to the board.

One neighbor called police claiming Travoss was intoxicated and would not leave his yard, and another resident said Travoss called her five times within 15 minutes, according to police reports.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Latin Expressions 2004, a showcase of diversity and talent, will take place tonight at 7 p.m. at the Saint Mary's O'Laughlin Auditorium. Free transportation to the auditorium will be provided from Library Circle starting at 6 p.m. The event is sponsored by LaAlianza.

The Human Rights International Film Festival will present the film "Welcome to Hadassah Hospital" tonight at 7 p.m. The film takes a close up look at the people who work and stay in this Jerusalem Hospital. A discussion will follow.

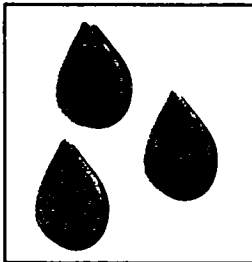
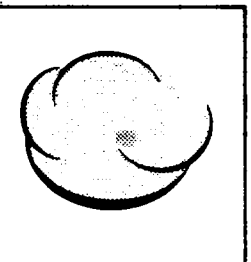
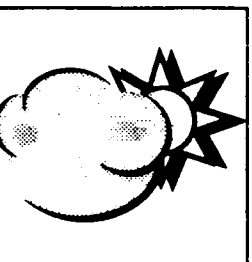
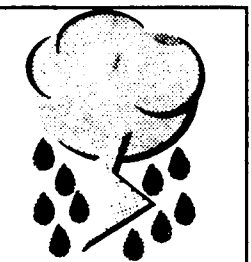
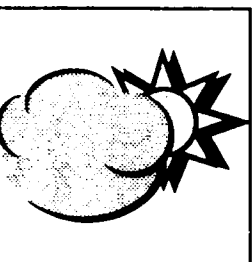
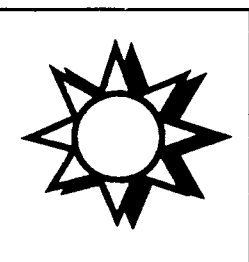
A Night on Broadway: The 2004 Pemco Musical Review will take place tonight at 7:30 p.m. The event is directed by Shawna Monson and Cheryl Turski and features musical director Tom Mucchetti. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$6 for the general public and can be purchased at the LaFortune box office.

The Clayton Miller Blues Band will perform tonight at 10 p.m. at Legends.

ND Opera will perform a fully staged production of Gian-Carlo Menotti's opera "The Consul" tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall. The opera features Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students and will be performed in English.

Enjoy **night club dancing** at Legends tonight. The fun starts at midnight and continues until 4 a.m.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.

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Panel discusses blacks in education

By KATIE LAIRD
News Writer

Members of the Erskine Peters Fellowship Symposium met Thursday night in the Eck Visitors' Center to discuss the role of blacks in higher education and the nature of the relationship to bridge a stronger connection between black academia and the community surrounding it.

The discussion consisted of seven panelists from a variety of fields and universities. Participants from Notre Dame included Richard Pierce, assistant professor of history and associate director of African and African-American studies, Rhonda Brown, director of the Office of Institutional Equality and Donald Pope-Davis, professor of psychology and associate vice president.

Also included were the 2003-04 Erskine Peters Fellows, Jessica Wormley of Fordham University, Brandi Brimmer of the University of California at Los Angeles, Sherwin Bryant of Ohio State University, Paul Minifie of the University of Texas, Austin and Dorian Warren of Yale University.

Mindful that only 6.1 percent of blacks making up the faculty at universities nationwide, panel members discussed how to build bridges between the field of learning and the community that many black live.

"We have to form a connection between what we do in the

academy and what we do in the community," Pope-Davis said.

Panelists discussed personal experiences and hardships that they faced to climb the academic ladder due to their race and other personal obstacles.

Wormley gave advice for high school students on graduate life.

"Read broadly ... reading broadly is the key," she said.

Brown said that children of color need to also be aware of the other important things in life besides studying and academics.

"These are things we have to do better. Be clear on who you are ... know yourself and know your value. When you question worth, you lose the game," Brown said.

Pope-Davis urged the engagement of both students and faculty into the community, and discussed the importance of mentoring. Blacks need to have mentors and role models that they can turn to for advice, assistance and guidance, she said.

"It is very natural for students of color to seek out faculty of color," Pope-Davis said. "This is more than a professional commitment, it's a personal commitment."

Panelists also discussed the extra burden that is placed on

black faculty members to reach certain goals and perform a certain amount of service and research in order to reach tenure or full-time professor.

"African-American students want to be taken seriously, to be engaged, to be motivated in some way," Bryant said, adding that mentors have helped them to make those type of connections.

Wormley also emphasized the importance of black representation in faculties.

"I have never had a black teacher or a black professor ... I would have liked to see myself represented. I think black students need black mentors because there are issues that are really relevant," Wormley said.

The discussion was also opened up for the audience, in which two professors voiced their experiences and opinions.

Paulinus Odozor, a theology professor at Notre Dame from Nigeria, explained that professors sometimes concentrate too much on publishing books and journals when in reality they should be aiding students.

"The greatest commitment you can make is in human beings ... push aside whatever

you're doing. That is the greatest book you can write," Odozor said.

Johnnie Griffin, Ph.D., a Sociology professor at Indiana University in South Bend, said that she hears certain themes over and over again from students, whether they be black or not. These themes include the attitude that "college is not for everybody."

"We talk as though this is a black problem," Griffin said. "This is a people problem. There is something universal."

With Notre Dame's desire to commit to diversity, Pope-Davis said that it can be very difficult.

"When institutions talk about diversifying, they don't always get it. They invite you to the table without knowing what you like to eat ... it's not ignorance, it's just they don't have experience," Pope-Davis said. "We are all engaged in a process of renewal ... I think this is a good place to have this kind of dialogue."

The Erskine Peters Dissertation Year Fellowship was established in 1999 to enable outstanding black doctoral candidates in the humanities, social sciences and theological disciplines to experience life at Notre Dame while devoting their full energies to the completion of their dissertations.

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Expert to lecture on industry

Special to The Observer

Michael O'Sullivan, senior vice president for development for FPL Energy, LLC, will present a public lecture at 12:50 p.m. Monday in the DeBartolo Hall auditorium at Notre Dame.

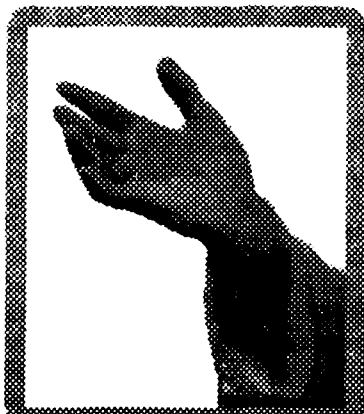
His talk, "Engineering Careers and the Energy Industry," is the second installment in the 2003-04 Distinguished Engineering Lecture Series presented by Notre Dame's College of Engineering.

During his lecture, O'Sullivan will address the importance of energy in a global economy; wind energy, one of the most exciting developments in power generation today; and the benefits of engineering education.

O'Sullivan, who was appointed to his current position in July 2001, is responsible for FPL Energy's business development and asset acquisition activities. He previously held management positions at Commonwealth Edison, NRG Energy and AES Corporation.

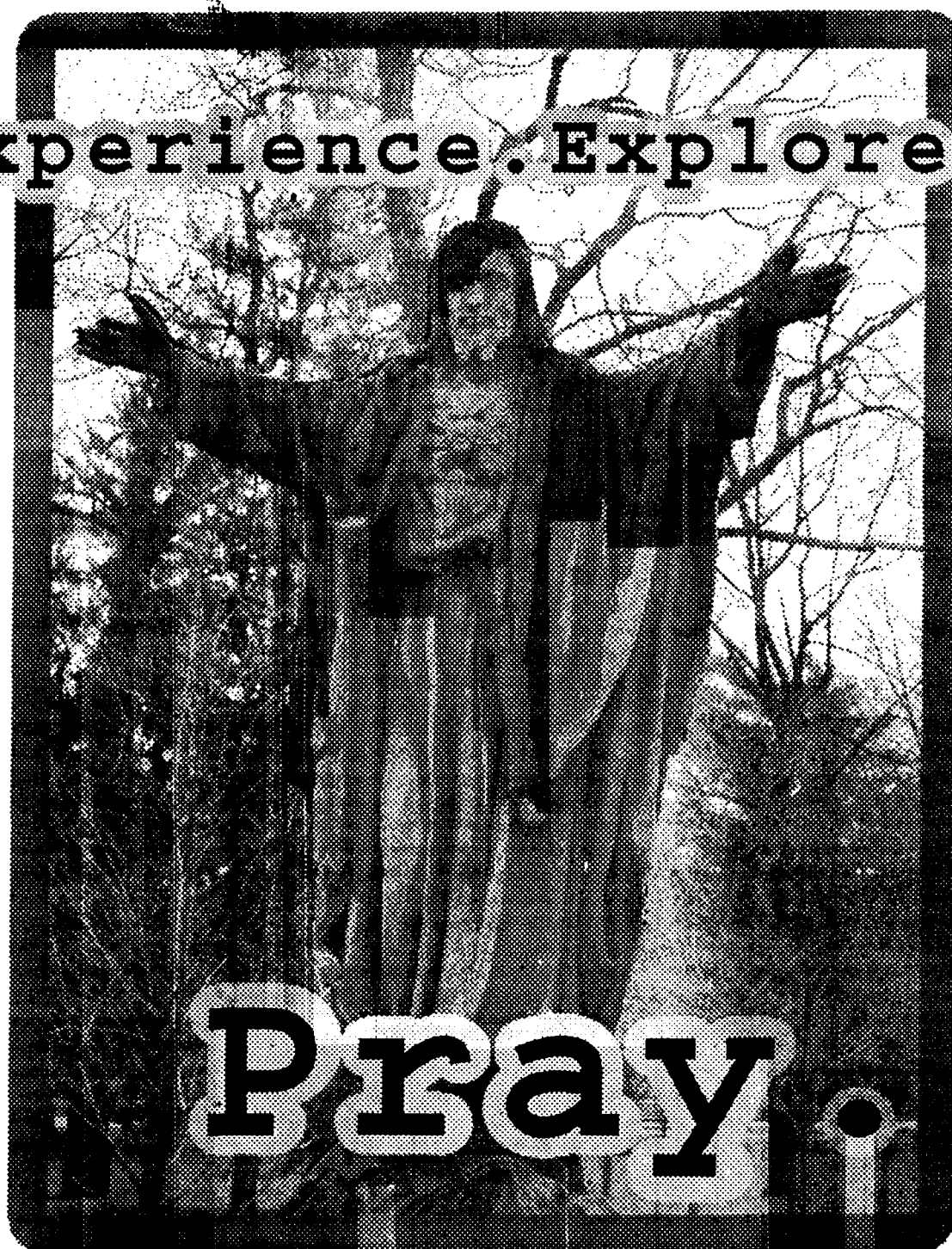
O'Sullivan earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Notre Dame in 1982 and a master's of business administration degree from the University of Chicago in 1987. He is a registered professional engineer.

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WHW names Snow 'woman of the year'

By LISA GALLAGHER
News Writer

The second annual Women Honoring Women dinner, held in Stapleton Lounge at Saint Mary's College Wednesday, announced chemistry professor Joanne Snow as "woman of the year."

Fourteen women were nominated to receive the 2004 Women Honoring Women award. Nomination forms were completed by members of the student body who responded to a letter requesting nominations of women meeting the Women Honoring Women Award description, according to Sarah Brown, student body vice president.

"The original fourteen nominations were carefully reviewed by the Women Honoring Women planning committee and three [contenders] were chosen to be presented to the Student Academic Council as this year's nominees," Brown said.

Mary Pat Nolan, director of admissions; Joanne Snow, math professor; and Dorothy Feigl,

chemistry professor, were announced last week as the final three nominees.

The women were chosen based on how well they met the mission statement of the award, which recognizes women who encourage students to grow intellectually, spiritually and personally.

According to Jackie Zins, who was on this year's planning committee, the three women were chosen based on the number of nominations by students and how they best represent the mission statement of the award. SAC then selected Snow.

"I can tell you that I am extremely grateful to belong to a community where students take the time to write good nominations," she said. "I appreciate and cherish the different members of the community. I am also grateful that the students have invited me into their intellectual lives as well as their hearts and their entire lives."

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SMC students submit advanced W

By CLAIRE VALLEY
News Writer

By now, most Saint Mary's upperclassmen have turned in their advanced W submissions. The advanced W is the second part of the writing proficiency needed to graduate from Saint Mary's.

Unlike larger institutions, Saint Mary's can provide the labor intensive individual attention and feedback because of its size, said Mary Connolly, Mathematics Department chair.

The advanced W process for chemistry majors begins in the spring of junior year. With the help of an advisor, the student chooses a topic with one major reference.

"During the summer there is the option of doing research," said Deborah McCarthy, chair of the Chemistry Department. "In the fall of senior year, she can keep the same topic or change for the research paper she will write. The paper, which is submitted at the end of the semester, can either be a literature or lab research paper."

In mathematics, the advanced W consists of three papers.

"Sophomore year, in math courses, expository papers are written," said Connolly. "They are then submitted to a writing committee where specific feedback is given. The student chooses one paper to polish and submit to her portfolio."

Junior year, the same process is executed except with an analytic paper. In the student's senior year, a 20-30 page formal paper is submitted as a result of independent research for her senior composition.

A Business major must demonstrate her writing proficiency through three papers to receive her advanced W. These papers are reviewed by the student's academic advisor and a professor.

By submitting these papers, a student demonstrates that she can communicate with precision and style, said Jill Vihtelic, chair of the Business Administration and Economics Department.

"The advanced W at Saint

Mary's College is a step above the senior comprehensive," said junior communications major Kara Flynn. "It is a fantastic way to improve your knowledge of your major through intense writing and understanding. Although some say it is tedious, it is the final step before you are handed the diploma."

"It is critical that you learn how to write in the discipline you plan on working in."

Mary Connolly
department chair

Other Saint Mary's students, however, said that they believe the project should be deemphasized.

"The advanced W should be one paper instead of three, and your graduation shouldn't depend on papers," said junior Linney Markin.

Despite complaints voiced about the advanced W, many professors say it is a positive exercise.

"It is critical that you learn how to write in the discipline you plan on working in," said Connolly.

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Peace

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within the South Bend community.

The events are predominately led by graduate and undergraduate students from Notre Dame but also include presenters from other colleges and universities. Participants will have the opportunity to hear a presentation by Elvia

Alvarado, a peasant leader in Honduras, focusing on human rights issues and land reform struggles. Conference organizers collaborated with the Progressive Student Alliance, Peace Coalition, Institute for Latino Studies and Kellogg Institute, among other sponsors, to make Alvarado's visit to campus possible.

"She does a lot of work with human rights and land reform," Stefko said. "Her speech will be in Spanish ...

but there will be a translator there."

The conference concludes Saturday at the Grotto with a vigil against hate crimes. Afterward, those interested will have an opportunity to take salsa dance lessons back at the Hesburgh Center.

The conference has been daunting to organize and publicize, particularly for undergraduate students, said sophomore Mary Beth Welch, a member of the event's publici-

ty committee. Nevertheless, organizers said that they are confident the event will increase awareness of important issues among the Notre Dame community and beyond.

"I hope this will [happen] in a spirit of scholarly activism. Everyone coming here is interested in peacemaking and peace building," Stefko said. "The world is sitting around debating [these issues] ... We'll be making these decisions in 20 years. We wanted to talk

about what the world will be like when we're in charge."

Registration for the conference will take place this afternoon from noon until 5 p.m. in the atrium of the Hesburgh Center, though Notre Dame students are free to attend any of the events without formally registering, Stefko said. Over 100 people have registered for the event thus far.

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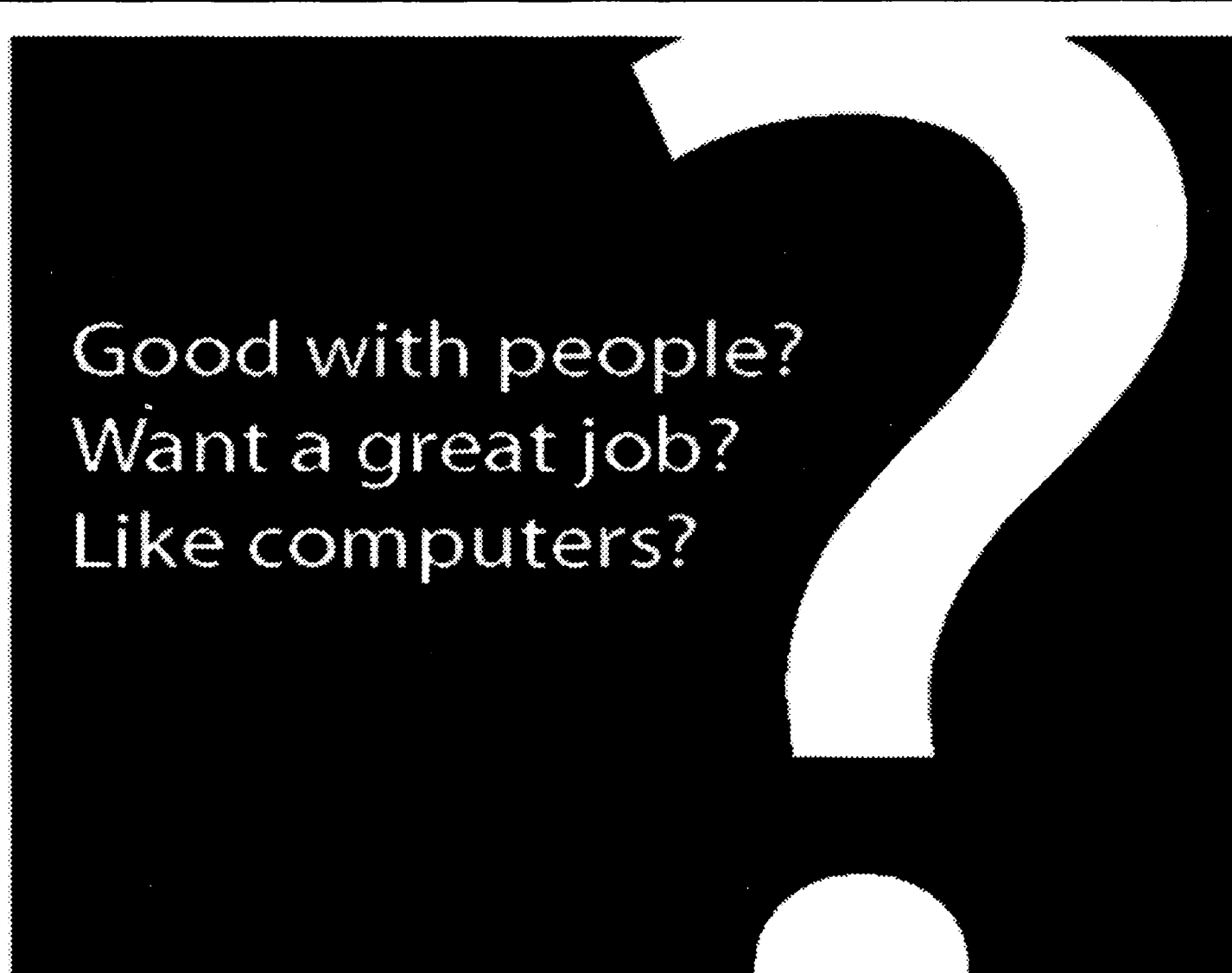
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Hamas assassination condemned

UNITED NATIONS — The United States vetoed a U.N. Security Council resolution Thursday condemning Israel's assassination of a Hamas leader, calling the measure "one-sided" and saying it ignored the group's bloody record of terrorism.

The United States had demanded that the resolution on the death of Ahmed Yassin include a mention of attacks by Hamas and other militant groups. Algeria, the resolution's sponsor, had resisted identifying the groups by name or citing specific attacks.

"This Security Council does nothing to contribute to a peaceful settlement when it condemns one party's actions and turns a blind eye to everything else occurring in the region," U.S. Ambassador John Negroponte said before the vote that came after days of bitter debate.

S. Africa to be asylum for Aristide

BASSETTERRE, St. Kitts — Ousted Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide will take permanent asylum in South Africa but not until it holds general elections next month, Jamaican officials said Thursday.

But a spokesman for Aristide said it was too soon to say for sure where he would go.

"Mr. Aristide is still in consultation. A final decision has not been made," Huntley Medley said by telephone from Jamaica. "The discussions are continuing with several places and people."

The Jamaican officials said on condition of anonymity that South African President Thabo Mbeki's government believes the delay is necessary.

NATIONAL NEWS

Jackson trial jury selection begins

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. — Dozens of prospective grand jurors arrived at an assembly room Thursday so court officials could begin selecting a panel to hear evidence in the child molestation case against Michael Jackson.

Court officials struggled to maintain secrecy about the grand jury's activities, which are usually confidential. Several reporters and news crews arrived hours before prospective grand jurors.

An order issued by Superior Court Judge Clifford Anderson on Wednesday barred news crews from photographing or speaking to prospective grand jurors and members of the final panel.

Madonna's label sues Time Warner

LOS ANGELES — Madonna's Maverick Records label sued Warner Music Group and Time Warner Inc. for breach of contract on Thursday, accusing the record company and its former parent of mismanagement and improper accounting that cost the singer and her partners millions of dollars.

The lawsuit, filed in Los Angeles Superior Court, is the latest chapter in a long-running dispute between Madonna and Warner over Maverick, a joint venture the singer and record company launched in 1992.

LOCAL NEWS

Drug promotion investigated

INDIANAPOLIS — Eli Lilly and Co., already under federal investigation for the way it promoted an osteoporosis drug, said Thursday it faces a new federal probe of its marketing practices.

The Indianapolis-based company said it believes the new probe also likely focuses on the osteoporosis drug Evista, as well as Lilly's current top-seller, the antipsychotic drug Zyprexa, and its former blockbuster antidepressant Prozac.

Fetus rights bill passes in Senate

Proponents call legislation a precedent for future abortion rights cases

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate voted Thursday to make it a separate crime to harm a fetus during commission of a violent federal crime, a victory for those seeking to expand the legal rights of the unborn.

The 61-38 vote on the Unborn Victims of Violence Act sends the legislation, after a five-year battle in Congress, to President Bush for his signature. The White House said in a statement that it "strongly supports protection for unborn children." The House passed the bill last month.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., said the bill was "powerful because this act is about simple humanity, about simple reality."

But abortion rights lawmakers contended that giving a fetus, from the point of conception, the same legal rights as its mother sets a precedent that could be used in future legal challenges to abortion rights.

It was the second big win for social conservatives, who last year pushed through protections for the unborn with enactment of the so-called partial birth abortion ban. That ban is now tied up in the courts.

The Senate cleared the way for passage with a 50-49 vote to defeat an amendment, backed by opponents of the bill, that would have increased penalties for harm to a pregnant woman but did not attempt to define when human life begins.

Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., President Bush's opponent this fall, interrupted his campaign schedule to vote yes on the amendment. He voted no on final passage.

The bill states that an assailant who attacks a pregnant woman while committing a violent federal



President George W. Bush signs the Partial Birth Abortion Bill in November 2003. Bush has promised similar approval for the Unborn Victims of Violence Act.

crime can be prosecuted for separate offenses against both the woman and her unborn child. The legislation defines an "unborn child" as a child in utero, which it says "means a member of the species homo sapiens, at any stage of development, who is carried in the womb."

"This bill recognizes that there are two victims," said Sen. Mike DeWine, R-Ohio, a chief sponsor. Americans, he said, "intuitively know that there is a victim besides the mother."

The key obstacle was an amendment by Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., that would have imposed

the same tougher penalties for attacks on pregnant women as outlined in the DeWine bill but made no attempt to define the beginning of life.

Feinstein said that by defining when life begins, the bill was "the first step in removing a woman's right to choice, particularly in the early months of a pregnancy before viability." She said it could also chill embryonic stem cell research.

The Senate also defeated an amendment by Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., that would require employers to give unpaid leave, and states to pay unemployment benefits, to women when they or fami-

ly members are victims of domestic or sexual violence.

Supporters of the bill have named it after Laci Peterson and her unborn child, Conner, victims in the highly publicized murder case in California. California, one of 29 states with an unborn victim's law, is trying Peterson's husband, Scott, on double murder charges.

Laci Peterson's stepfather, Ron Grantski, said at a Capitol Hill news conference that he and Laci's mother had received several hundred thousand sympathy cards and "they all mourned our loss of Laci and Conner — not Laci and the fetus."

EGYPT

Likely al-Qaida tape urges Pakistani coup

Associated Press

CAIRO, Egypt — A tape purportedly recorded by Ayman al-Zawahri, the No. 2 figure in the al-Qaida terror group, called Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf a "traitor" Thursday and urged people to overthrow his government.

The pan-Arab satellite channel Al-Jazeera broadcast a seven-minute excerpt from a tape it received Thursday. Its authenticity could not immediately be verified, but the speaker sounded like al-Zawahri and made references to the Islamic holy book, the Quran, which is known to be al-Zawahri's style.

The speaker also called for a military uprising in Pakistan.

"Musharraf seeks to stab the Islamic resistance in Afghanistan in the back," the speaker said.

"Every Muslim in Pakistan should work hard to get rid of this client government, which will continue to submit to America until it destroys Pakistan."

Pakistani Foreign Ministry spokesman Masood Khan said the government has no immediate comment on the purported al-Zawahri tape. When an al-Zawahri tape released in September called for Musharraf's overthrow, the government said it would not be deterred

in its pursuit of terrorists.

In Washington, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said he heard news reports about the tape and said if it was authentic, the speaker "is clearly an individual who is very high-ranking and is capable of, and has in the past killed innocent men, women and children. And so one has to recognize that."

The tape comes as Pakistani troops are in the second week of a campaign along the Afghan border in South Waziristan, a longtime hiding place and stronghold of Islamic militants from al-Qaida, Afghanistan's Taliban and their Pakistani supporters.

Iraq

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one year ago. The president has repeatedly insisted that the Iraq War represented a significant step in the war on terror, and his speeches have consistently sought links between the Saddam Hussein government and the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks — a period when Bush's approval ratings soared.

"That's their strong point, that's their best hope for beating Kerry," said Jack Colwell, professor of American Studies at Notre Dame and political columnist for the South Bend Tribune.

Colwell said that since current polls reveal skepticism about Bush's record on the economy and other domestic issues, the best strategy for the incumbent is to remind voters of the "decisive leader" they saw in the 9/11 aftermath.

"People rallied behind the president in a time of crisis," Colwell said, adding that Republicans are not only trying to push the war on terror as their party's area of strength, but also as Democrats' chief weakness. And with a candidate whose policies and identity are not yet ingrained in voters' minds, the race is on to define John Kerry.

Defining Kerry

"When you actually ask voters what makes Kerry more 'electable,' they can't really tell you why," said Louis Ayala, assistant professor of political science at Notre Dame.

While the Democratic primaries made it apparent that the Massachusetts senator would be better competition for Bush than

would John Edwards or Howard Dean, Kerry still lacks a clear-cut stance.

"Kerry is in a tough spot, because criticism of sitting president isn't enough," Ayala said, adding that he must develop a specific and hard-hitting policy of his own in order to succeed.

"[President George W.] Bush is insinuating that Kerry doesn't have a policy," Ayala said. "Bush has a coherent policy, but Kerry's got to define his ... He can't hem and haw."

A difficult challenge, said political science professor Peri Arnold, since American entanglement in Iraq has been so nuanced, and voter support so uneven.

"He's got to find a perspective for critiquing the administration while supporting an American effort — it's politically very tricky," Arnold said. "If nothing else, even for a strident critic of the war, it's like saying you break it you buy it."

"We bought Iraq. We broke it. Now we've got to put it back together."

Arnold stressed that while Bush's rhetoric has been plain in support of the war — "we get a lot of black and white, good and evil language from the president," he said — Kerry's criticism of it will call for a more intricate analysis.

Vulnerabilities in Bush campaign

Arnold pointed to three areas of vulnerability in the Bush administration's handling of Iraq that the Kerry campaign has begun to target, especially the initial justification of the war on the grounds that Iraq possessed weapons of mass destruction and displayed definite links to al-Qaeda and other terrorist groups.

The absence of concrete proof in both of these aspects, Arnold said, was problematic before Kerry's name even appeared on the national radar.

"It's a major question of credibility and accountability," he said. "With all these controversies put in context of campaign, you get a whirlwind of charges — and a very strong reason for the administration to defend itself and find a compelling rationale to explain what is being done."

That defense has been straightforward and will continue to be through November, said Dave Campbell, assistant professor of political science.

"It will essentially be what we've already seen — Bush will be adamant that it was the right thing to do," he said.

Campbell said that since the Iraq War is not widely unpopular — pointing out that "the average American is still saying he's in favor of it" — Kerry will have to rely on his foreign affairs background to convince the public that he could have fought it with more United Nations input and support.

Arnold agreed that perceived unilateralism on the part of the Bush administration could be another area in which Kerry will try to distance himself from existing policies. If Kerry is able to convince voters that America rushed into a preemptive, individualistic war, Arnold said, the Iraq conflict could be extended into a larger criticism of Bush's

military and security record.

"There has been a huge expenditure of wealth and soldiers," he said, then identified a critical distinction that voters will have to make before they go to the polls.

"Is the Iraq war a major step in war on terror or is it a distraction?"

The answer may become clearer, Ayala said, after the new Iraqi government's official transition to power takes place in June.

A Challenging Transition

Ayala said that any slipup — or worse, violence correlated with the shift — will face heightened media scrutiny.

"Everything comes down to June," he said. "The press is going to have its ears perked up."

Campbell, however, downplayed the significance of the turnover, saying that "there will still be a lot of hand-holding on the part of the United States."

Arnold agreed, and added that while attempts at a democratic government and stable political process will be vital steps for the region, the United States' duty to protect and assist Iraq will not lessen.

"A pre-constitutional arrangement ... doesn't make Iraq a more governable place, it just gives the Iraqis a shot at it," Arnold said, citing a "badly degraded infrastructure" as a result of decades of government under deposed dictator Saddam Hussein.

"On a basic level, we're still

stuck — and if we try to leave, I think that would be the height of irresponsibility."

The transition will also come during a time when voter interest in elections traditionally wanes before spiking again around Labor Day.

As recent television ads have demonstrated, however, this campaign has become heated early — and ugly fast.

Arnold said that Bush's \$150 million in campaign finances to spend before September will mostly be directed toward painting a negative picture of John Kerry, a practice he believes will grate on voter interest.

"I think it's a bad situation for the electorate to ramp up eight months before the election," he said. "My real fear is that this would turn voters off."

Campbell expressed similar concerns about voter exhaustion, but said he didn't think either party had the momentum to sustain such a tense exchange throughout the summer — unless, he added, unforeseen circumstances throw voters for a loop.

"If the body bags accumulate, the war's popularity will drop," he said.

As long as most voters do not harbor hostility about Iraq, Bush will continue to emphasize his commander in chief role, and Kerry will continue to walk the fine line between precise evaluation and all-out opposition, Campbell said.

"Kerry has a much more complicated position," he said. "If he's too critical he becomes another Howard Dean."

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Autism

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went by, they found themselves questioning their son's perpetual cold, his discomfort breathing and the Excema covering his body. Even more so, they questioned his inability to look at people, to connect emotionally with his parents, or his older sister Elizabeth. They wondered why their baby wouldn't cry when he felt pain. Why would he recoil when a rattle was put in his hand?

By four months old, Stacey noticed Walker seemed more interested in windows, than the people around him.

"He searched the windows obsessively, compulsively," she said. "What was it about those windows?"

While he experienced boundless joy and energy over a squeaking bath toy, at four and a half months, he continually slipped deeper and deeper from those around him.

"A veil had fallen," said Stacey. "[Walker] seemed to be suffering some disturbance of the soul."

While many parents of autistic children notice similar symptoms, over the years, autism has experienced an expanding definition in the medical world. It is a disorder attributed to genetics, but also the possible influence of toxins and chemicals in the environment and has seemed to involve an increasing number of diagnoses in recent years with an evasive sense of what it really entails.

Stacey's family was able to find a significant amount of help especially from doctors and some forward thinking therapists, including Dawn

Smith, an educator, when trying to understand the biological disorder that their son suffered from. Smith told the Staceys about an intervention program developed by Dr. Stanley Greenspan, commonly known as the "floortime method," which was to change their life in a drastic way.

They took their five-month-old son from their home in North Hampton, Mass. to Bethesda, Md., to visit a doctor who would give them hope that they could be proactive in helping improve their son's condition. Greenspan taught them the "floortime method,"

instructing them on their arrival to "get down on the floor."

He invited them in their three-hour appointment to challenge Walker, to inspire him without telling him what to do, as they played with him on the oriental rug of Greenspan's office.

Up until that point, Walker had been listless, withdrawn, failing to respond to his parents, make choices or express emotion. In that initial session, they found a joyousness in engaging with him, which they had been unable to find before. Following the meeting, they

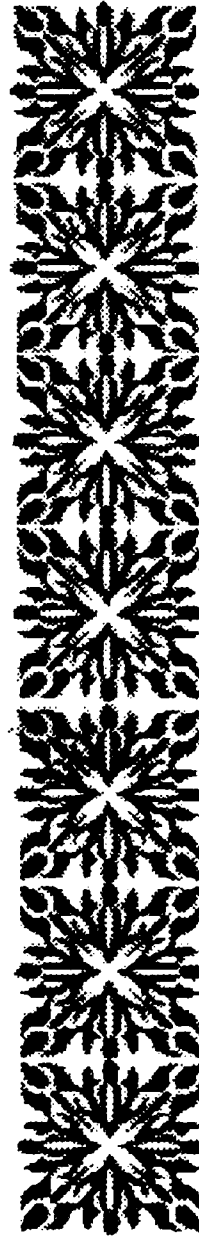
were told that in order to increase Walker's chances of living a more normal life, they would need to spend 20 minutes to a half hour 10 times each day, in playtime and interaction with him, a rigorous commitment for both Walker and his family. However, they were willing to do whatever it took, she said.

Within just a month's time, Walker was communicating more effectively, and the Staceys were seeing that their son was changing so much, and so quickly. It was not an easy road to travel, and it involved an incredible amount of sacri-

fice and devotion of time, love and energy. However, with the help of student volunteers, therapists, tutors, community, family and friends Walker was able to advance in development, physically, mentally and emotionally.

Today, he is a seven year old, in the first grade and as his mother says "is functioning wonderfully." He has recently tested in the 97th percentile of standardized testing, and is developing friendships at school.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 30
4pm: Professor Michael Nwanze, Howard University, Department of Political Science, speaks about africa. Debartolo 119
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The Schedule continues through Friday, April 2. For the complete schedule, see Wednesday's OBSERVER, the ISSA Web site: www.nd.edu/~issa, or phone: 631-3825



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10-YEAR NOTE	+0.67	+0.25	37.14
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EXECUTIVE FRAUD

Olis sentenced to 24-plus years

Dynegy executive's punishment dwarfs those of former Enron executives

Associated Press

HOUSTON — A former Dynegy executive was sentenced to more than 24 years in prison Thursday in an accounting-fraud case that fell under tough new federal rules aimed at cracking down on corporate corruption.

Jamie Olis, a former senior director of tax planning for the energy company, is obliged to serve nearly all of his sentence of 24 years and four months because there is no parole in the federal system. He is 38, and would be behind bars until he is 62.

U.S. District Judge Sim Lake said the punishment "reflects Congress' intent" that white-collar criminals deserve harsh prison sentences.

"I take no pleasure in sentencing you to 292 months," he said. "Sometimes good people commit bad acts, and that's what happened in this case."

The punishment easily surpassed sentences in more prominent fraud cases, and dwarfed those of some Enron Corp. executives who have pleaded guilty in that company's accounting scandal. Olis took the chance of a trial and was convicted.

Federal probation authorities maintained that Olis' actions in illegally disguising company debt in 2001 eventually resulted in more than \$500 million in Dynegy stock losses, and they had asked for 24 to 30 years in prison.

The maximum possible sentence was 35 years for one count each of conspiracy, securities fraud, mail fraud and three counts of wire fraud.

"Sometimes good people commit bad acts, and that's what happened in this case."

Sim Lake
U.S. District Judge

The courtroom was packed with Olis supporters wearing yellow ribbons. Among them were his wife Monica and the couple's 6-month-old daughter. Many, including Olis himself, quietly wept after Lake announced his decision.

"I want to thank all of our longtime supporters," Olis said after Lake gave him a chance to address the court. "It means a lot

to us."

Olis' attorneys contended that the government cannot possibly pinpoint stock losses caused by revelations of a 2001 deal that wrongly boosted cash flow because Dynegy, like other energy companies, was besieged by months of bad news in the aftermath of Enron's collapse in December 2001.

"All you can do as a citizen is put your faith in the justice system, and that's what Jamie did," lawyer David Gerger said when asked if his client should have reached a plea deal.

Olis was charged in June

alongside two co-conspirators, his former boss, Gene Shannon Foster, and a former company accountant, Helen Christine Sharkey. Foster and Sharkey each pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy in August, and Foster testified against Olis in his November trial.

Foster and Sharkey each face up to five years in prison, but both are cooperating with prosecutors and probably will receive lesser sentences. Olis declined to cut a deal, choosing to face a jury that returned with a guilty verdict after less than two hours of deliberations.



Former Dynegy Inc. executive Jamie Olis leaves the federal courthouse with his wife Monica and baby daughter after his sentencing hearing in Houston.

IN BRIEF

Judge refuses mistrial in Tyco case

NEW YORK — Jurors in the Tyco International corruption trial told the judge Thursday that deliberations have "turned poisonous" and threatened the outcome of the five-month trial. He refused to call a mistrial and gave them the night to cool off.

One or more jurors "does not have an open mind," they said in one of three notes sent to Supreme Court Justice Michael Obus. "The disagreement is so intense that it has resulted in very bad acrimony. Perhaps this jury cannot continue. What shall we do?"

"The atmosphere in the jury room has turned poisonous," the jurors said.

HP sues Gateway for infringement

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Hewlett-Packard Co. filed a patent infringement lawsuit Thursday against Gateway Inc., alleging its rival refused to pay licensing fees on six HP patented designs.

Alleged culprits included laptop hinges, keyboards that require passwords — even the cursor that points to icons on a computer's video display.

According to HP attorneys who filed in San Diego federal court, Poway, Calif.-based Gateway paid licensing fees from 1994 to 1999 to Compaq Computer Corp., which HP acquired in 2001. After the first licensing agreement expired in 1999, HP attorneys say, Gateway kept using patented designs but did not pay for them.

Disney member defends Eisner

LOS ANGELES — A Walt Disney Co. board member defended the company's performance Thursday and said the board has confidence in current management, led by chief executive Michael Eisner.

"Disney's board continues to believe we have the right leadership for the company," Judith Estrin told a gathering of the Council of Institutional Investors in Washington, D.C. that was Webcast.

Roy Disney, who has criticized Eisner's pay, among other issues, was to address the Council Friday morning.

STOCK EXCHANGE

Accountability attracts applicants

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The New York Stock Exchange has received more than 100 nominations for seats on its board of directors as part of the exchange's program to broaden its leadership and increase accountability, the exchange said Thursday.

NYSE spokesman Raymond Pellechia said about 100 submissions were received by Wednesday, the last day the exchange accepted them. Some submissions were expected to have more than one individual nominee

named within, he added.

Nominations were accepted from both NYSE members and, in a first for the exchange, anyone holding shares in a NYSE-traded stock, effectively broadening the nomination process to most of the public.

While the NYSE was not naming those nominated, two nominees have already been announced. The California Public Employees Retirement System announced it had nominated former Securities and Exchange Commission chairman Arthur Levitt, and New York state comptroller Alan Hevesi said he nomi-

nated North Carolina treasurer Richard Moore.

The NYSE changed its board nomination procedures in the wake of the salary scandal that ousted former chairman and chief executive Dick Grasso in October. The board, at that time, had approved a \$187.5 million payment package for Grasso, leading many critics to question the independence of the board.

The nominations have been forwarded to the current board's nominating and governance committee, which will present recommendations to the full board of directors at a meeting April 1.

Building

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alumnae as to how they can affect their own institution."

Prior to Prikkel's pledge, the college had already raised \$7.5 million for the facility through a \$2 million grant from Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership, a large donation from an anonymous donor and through a variety of other sources. The grand total of \$16.5 million would not only cover construction costs, but would also leave a \$1.5 million endowment for future expenses the building may have.

"Saint Mary's faculty and students deserve a state-of-the-art facility in which to teach and learn," said Prikkel, in a written statement to the College. "Saint Mary's professors changed my life by challenging me to be my best intellectually and spiritually. I can't think of a better way to express my gratitude than by helping to create an environment that meets their modern-day needs."

The proposal calls for an 82,000 square foot building — 12,000 square feet bigger than the current academic building — Madaleva Hall. It will house many mid-size and small classrooms, conference rooms and office space.

"A lot of powerful teaching on this campus goes on outside the classroom, and we wanted to give everyone places to facilitate that learning," said White. "Some of the most important learning takes place after a class when a few students continue a topic with a professor. We wanted to have offices and classrooms together so we can have seamless learning, instead of having to make a student follow a professor back to his or her office, which might be across campus."

Many current offices on campus will reside in the building upon its completion including CWIL, the Center for

Spirituality and the Center for Academic Innovation.

The building will include wireless technology and additional laboratory space for various disciplines in order to allow for changing educational needs.

"The new building will house classrooms with what we call collaboratories, where computers are integrated right into the classroom," said White. "We need to be able to adapt to the growing and changing technological advancements on this campus, and this building will allow for that."

Before Prikkel's donation, the college had discussed renovations to Madaleva Hall, but felt bringing technology into the building would make any renovation too costly. At this time, the college does not have concrete plans for what will happen to Madaleva, which has served as the main academic building since 1968.

"We have many ideas for Madaleva, but the issue is not yet resolved," said White. "We're thinking about using parts of it, possibly keeping Carroll auditorium, but nothing has been decided yet."

With the construction of the on-campus apartments coming to a close and the building of the state of the art student center, which is scheduled to be completed in February 2005, White said he hopes to start the construction on the academic building next year. However, building will not begin until 100 percent of the project costs are committed through contributions.

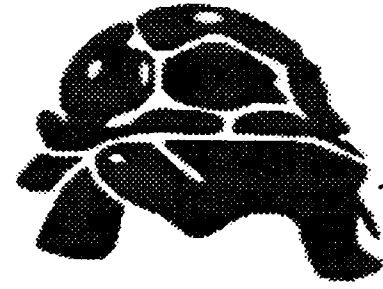
Saint Mary's has hired MPA Architects to assist with the design of the new building.

White said he is excited for the new building and for the future of Saint Mary's.

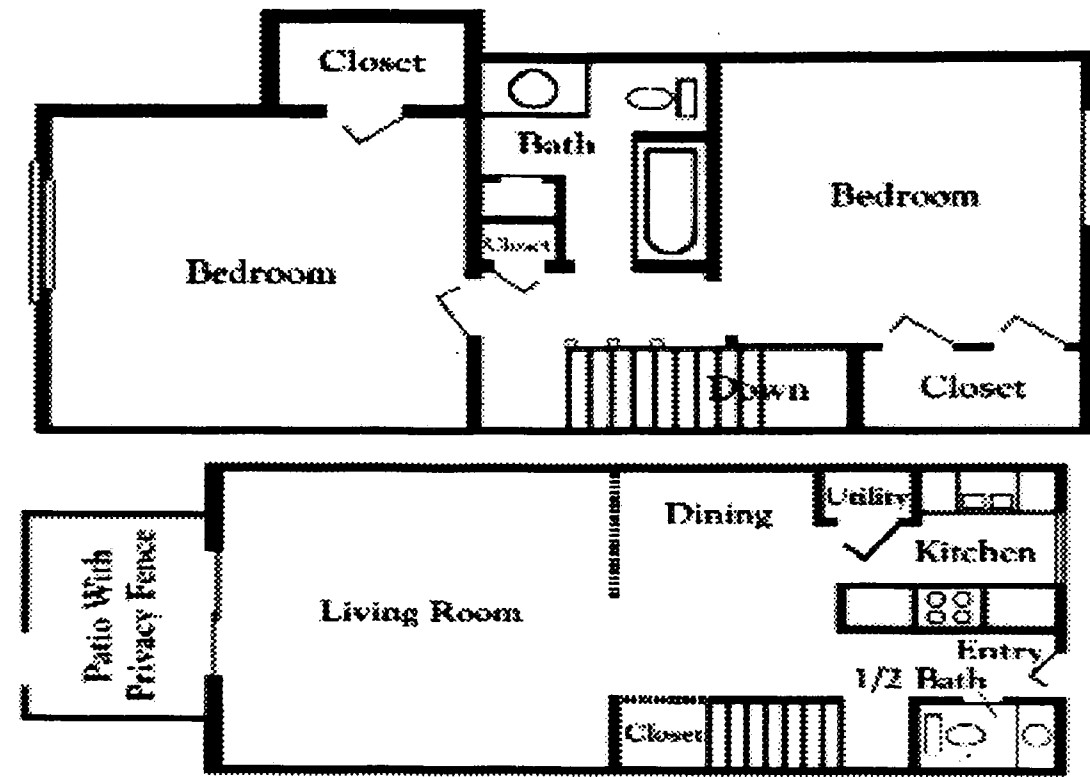
"At Saint Mary's, we want to continue to attract a vibrant, rich and excellent student body," said White. "In order to do that, we need to have good facilities, and thanks to Prikkel, now we will."

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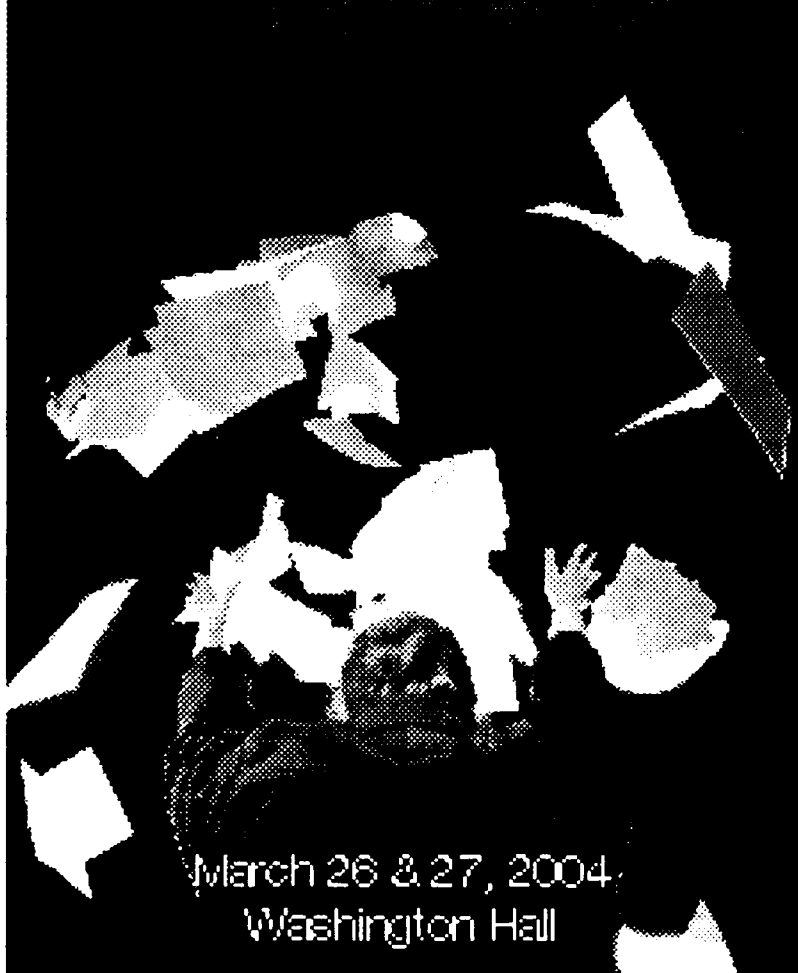
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Visitation

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have had without the University-organized weekend. Real student interaction and a physical introduction to the school are "critical" Martinez said.

The high school seniors are paired with current students — some minority and some white — who have been instructed to "be honest about their experience at Notre Dame" and "talk to them about not only the great things about it but also things that they find difficult," Martinez said.

Throughout the weekend, the prospective students will

live in dorms with their hosts, attend classes, eat in the dining halls, meet faculty and take part in a variety of special events designed to introduce them to all aspects of the University. In addition to educational and logistical forums or meetings about topics such as financial aid and academic life, the prospective students will also enjoy cultural events such as Latin Expressions and the BCAC Fashion Show.

Such a concentration of cultural events on Spring Visitation weekend, however, has occasionally been criticized, and student coordinator Arienne Thompson said students sometimes complain of "deceptive diversity."

"We've had problems with

some prospective and current students saying that," Thompson said. "Clearly, the demography of the people that we invite for Spring Visitation is not totally reflective [of the majority of the student body]."

Thompson said, adding, however that the authentic experience of everyday life provided by the weekend gives students a good glimpse of what the reality is.

"If you go to the dining hall or go to class with your host or anything, it's not possible for you to be deceived," Thompson said.

Santana agreed.

"The white students on campus don't disappear for three days," he said.

He said that Notre Dame,

very often, is different from the prospective students' home communities, with differences ranging from demographics to the weather. And when the high school seniors come for Spring Visitation, he said, hosts and organizers "give them the real deal."

"There're some great pluses, and there are some negatives that may affect some more than others," Santana said. "It's up to each individual person to assess whether or not they can handle it. Notre Dame's not for everyone."

And those students who do decide that Notre Dame is for them usually end up staying, Thompson said.

"We have great retention rates," she said. "People make

friends for a lifetime through Spring Visitation."

Organizers said the weekend is mutually beneficial for students and the University, showing targeted students that Notre Dame is the best institution for them while helping to facilitate increased diversity on campus.

"I'm making Notre Dame a better place by recruiting these bright young individuals, but I really do feel that, for a lot of these kids, I'm showing them a better way," Santana said. "A lot of them would have a better chance at success in life coming to Notre Dame."

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Beauty queen's ex held liable for topless photos

Associated Press

LUMBERTON, N.C. — A jury Thursday found a former beauty queen's ex-boyfriend liable for the e-mail he sent about topless photos that forced the Miss North Carolina to give up her crown.

Jurors in a case involving Toshi Welch's anonymous e-mail, sent a month after Rebekah Revels won the state pageant, interfered with Revels' contract with the Miss America Organization.

They found that Welch did not intentionally inflict emotional distress on Revels. She also had accused Welch of invasion of privacy, but the judge threw out that claim.

"This is a very happy day for me," Revels said after the verdict. "I'm just elated right now."

Welch and his attorney, John Regan, declined to comment.

The Robeson County Superior Court jury, which deliberated less than two hours before reaching a verdict, was to return Friday to begin deliberating damages.

Revels wants compensatory damages for lost income and punitive damages, and claims the scandal cost her \$20,000 to \$30,000 in appearance fees.

In a July 2002 e-mail to the

Miss America Organization, Welch wrote: "Would you want to be represented by someone with a past? Nude pictures of Miss America bring in big bucks these days."

Revels' attorney argued that Welch acted out of vengeance, but Welch testified Thursday that he sent the e-mail out of a desire to reveal the truth.

"In my mind, they were just very good questions," Welch said.

Shortly after the e-mail was sent, state pageant officials asked Revels to resign or be terminated.

In testimony Wednesday, the 25-year-old Revels denied she violated the morals clauses in her contract with the Miss North Carolina pageant, which prohibits immodest and immoral behavior.

Revels has denied posing for photos, saying Welch snapped one picture while she was dressing in her dormitory room when the two were a couple in college. She said she did not realize until later he had taken a second photo of her topless at his family's house.

In October 2002, Welch turned over a computer disk that contained images of Revels to her lawyer, who retains custody of the disk.

Graduate Student Union's 3rd Annual

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Who: Graduate Students and their families
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11:00	Stress Management/Relaxation Training - Dr. Leonard Hickman	11:45	Warm Up & Stretching	11:00	ND Fire Department - Chief Antonucci Crafts, Coloring
11:30	Aikido Demo - Wendy Arons	12:00	Run/Walk Around Lake	11:00 to 1:00	Kenns Ballrooms & Magic
12:30	Eurogym Demo - Alexandra Imre	12:30	Volleyball - Ping Pong -	11:30	ND Police/Security Officer
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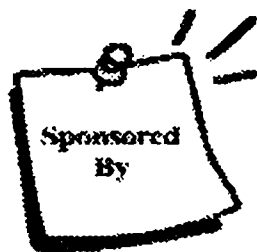


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IVORY COAST

Rebels withdraw from government

Associated Press

ABIDJAN — Rebels and the main opposition party pulled out of Ivory Coast's power-sharing government Thursday after 25 people died in deadly clashes between security forces and opposition supporters, who marched in defiance of a government ban.

The street skirmishes were the bloodiest to hit this West African nation's commercial capital since a failed September 2002 coup bid split the country in two.

Among the dead were two police and 12 civilians killed by protesters armed with machetes, Abidjan Police Chief Yapo Kouassi told reporters. Security forces struggling to maintain order shot dead several others, he said, giving no details.

Amid the violence, Air France suspended flights to the country, and the French Foreign Ministry called on all parties to show restraint. There are about 4,000 French soldiers in the Ivory Coast.

The events dealt a serious blow to the January 2003 peace deal brokered by France that established a power-sharing government.

"We have suspended our participation in the government to protest against today's killings," rebel spokesman Alain Lobognon said.

Rebel forces in the north were put "on alert," he added without elaborating.

Baongo Cisse, spokesman for the main opposition Rally of the Republicans, said his party also would suspend its participation to protest the violence.

The opposition Democratic Party of Ivory Coast pulled out of the government March 4, saying

President Laurent Gbagbo was not fully implementing the accord. The same complaints were behind Thursday's march.

The United Nations is preparing to deploy 6,240 U.N. peacekeepers early next month to back about 4,000 French and 1,400 West African troops already deployed.

Opposition militants gathered early in Abidjan's outlying, poorer suburbs and planned to converge on the city center's barricaded Plateau district, where the presidential palace is guarded with tanks and armored cars. They never got close.

Security forces fired tear gas to disperse them. Then, according to witnesses, paramilitary police opened fire with assault rifles, killing several in the crowd.

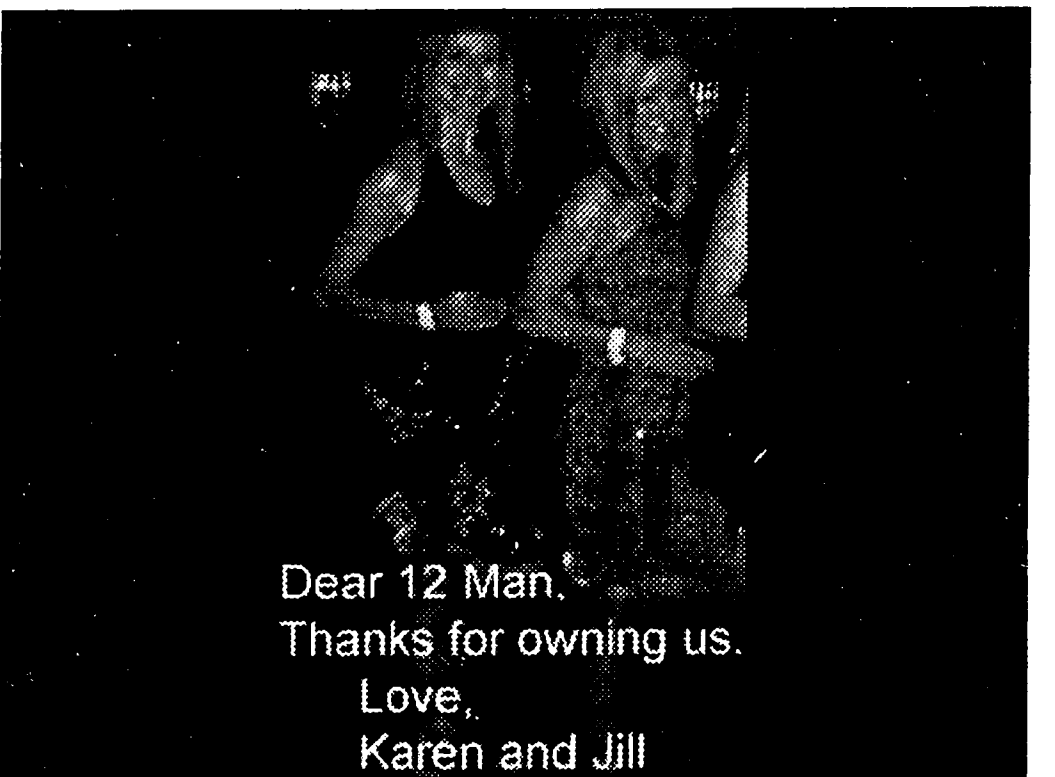
As tires were set ablaze in the streets, two fighter jets and several helicopter gunships flew overhead.

Much of the violence subsided by dusk, and one opposition spokesman, Djedje Mady of the Democratic Party of Ivory Coast, urged protesters to go home.

"Faced with the barbarity of the soldiers, I have asked our militants to withdraw and to keep themselves safe," Mady said. "We are asking them to go back home."

Most streets were deserted — except for patrolling security forces. The government declared Thursday a public holiday and ordered all schools closed.

Thousands of rebel supporters launched anti-Gbagbo demonstrations in the rebel-held towns of Bouake, Korhogo and Buna, said French army spokesman Lt. Col. Bruno Misset. Protesters also took to the streets in the capital, Yamoussoukro, Kouassi said.



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Encourage all prospects to visit

Ranked eighth on the U.S. News & World Report's list of "dream schools," Notre Dame clearly attracts its share of national attention from prospective students. But unlike other schools, Notre Dame does not market specific days for prospect visits during the spring semester. However, there are two notable exceptions where prospects are invited to participate in a programmed visit.

One of these exceptions, Spring Visitation, is this weekend — signaling the arrival of nearly 160 prospects — and the Notre Dame community and administration should use this well-planned event as an example of what it could offer for other prospects.

Spring Visitation stands out for its organization. The University provides a structured itinerary that ensures invited students can attend classes, eat in the dining halls, live in the dorms with a host, talk with current students and ask the administration questions or concerns they may have. A special visit planned for prospective engineering majors, held each February, shows a similar effort in extending a well-organized and specifically geared welcome.

After Spring Visitation is over, however, the number of student visitors dwindles back to the usual trickle. Prospects who wish to stay on campus must be very proactive, as the scheduling burden falls on families instead of the University — a practice that discourages many from taking this initiative. And for those who do, the visits they experience are very individualized. One

night with an assigned student host is not the equivalent of a carefully planned weekend offering a family aspect to many prospects at once.

Clearly, the University cannot afford to facilitate a weekend as elaborate as Spring Visitation for every admitted student. However, a simple and financially feasible solution does exist. The attraction of Spring Visitation is in its community emphasis, and by selecting several weekends during the spring semester to market heavily to all admitted students, the University can count on higher attendance that will merit better organization and therefore better-informed admitted students.

Signature Notre Dame events such as Bengal Bouts, Bookstore Basketball and the Fisher Regatta provide ideal opportunities for such weekends to be held. These events represent the unique community that Notre Dame has to offer — and by designating them as target weekends for prospects, the University's collective welcome will not have to stop at Spring Visitation. By following its own example, this organized welcome could be extended to all admitted students. The University would not be required to invest as much time or funding in these weekends as it does for Spring Visitation. However, these weekends would show prospects, as they decide whether to attend the University, not only what classes and social life are like but also what the Notre Dame family is all about.

The Observer Editorial

Confusion on the home front

Notre Dame's policies on homosexual issues are a paradigm of incoherence. Our leaders act sincerely in what they see as the best interest of Notre Dame and its students. But in their pursuit of political correctness, they have misled students, especially those with homosexual inclinations, and they have acquiesced in the exploitation of Notre Dame by activist movements hostile to the Catholic Church.

Charles Rice

Right or
Wrong?

Ex Corde Ecclesiae, the 1990 Apostolic Constitution on Catholic Universities requires that the "essential characteristics" of "every Catholic university" must include: "Fidelity to the Christian message as it comes to us through the Church." That message on the homosexual issues is clear:

1. Persons with "homosexual tendencies ... must be accepted with respect, compassion and sensitivity. Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided." Catechism, No. 2358.

2. Homosexual acts are "intrinsically disordered. They are contrary to the natural law. They close the sexual act to the gift of life." "Scripture ... presents [them] as acts of grave depravity." No. 2357.

3. The homosexual inclination is not a sin. But, as an inclination toward an objectively disordered act, the inclination is itself "objectively disordered." No. 2358.

Notre Dame refuses to recognize student groups which approve homosexual acts. It refuses on the ground that such acts are prohibited by "official Church teaching." The University, however, refuses to acknowledge that the inclination toward such acts is disordered. But

how can an inclination toward a disordered act be itself anything but disordered? And if an inclination is not disordered why may it not be acted upon? This is important because our leaders wrongly imply that the prohibition of homosexual acts is not rooted in the natural law and the law of God but rather that it is an arbitrary edict of an insensitive Church.

This misdirection is compounded by the University's readiness to combat other disordered inclinations. Students inclined to eating disorders, smoking and excessive drinking are the object of elaborate programs to control those inclinations. Smokers, especially, have achieved the status of virtual pariahs. Not for them the welcoming solicitude extended to students inclined toward sodomy rather than tobacco.

To alumni, donors and the public our leaders present an image of fidelity in their refusal to recognize student groups condoning homosexual acts. To the students, however, they offer cognitive confusion. If they are so adamant about refusing to approve homosexual acts, why have they allowed, for three years, University sponsorship of *The Vagina Monologues*, a play which commends the lesbian exploitation of a teenager by an adult as a "salvation" for the victim? And why did our leaders allow University sponsorship of the Queer Film Festival which exalted homosexual and transgendered lifestyles so as to hijack the reputation of Notre Dame in support of a politicized agenda hostile to the Catholic Church? Only a

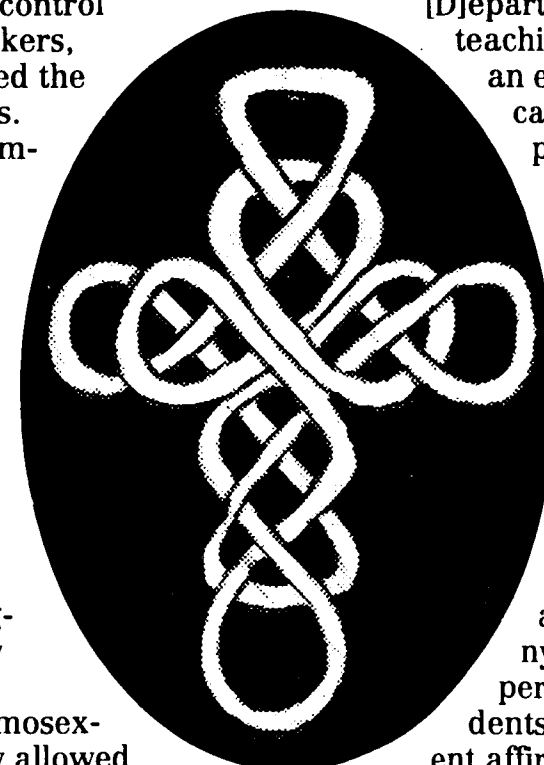
liberal academic could imagine that those events were neutral academic exercises.

Despite their denial of formal recognition to activist homosexual groups, our leaders convey by their actions the message that the legitimacy of the active homosexual lifestyle is at least an open question. While that message accords with political correctness, the de facto official religion of Notre Dame, it poorly serves the members of the University community. The Letter on the Pastoral Care of Homosexual Persons, issued with the approval of John Paul II, states:

"[D]eparture from the Church's teaching or silence about it, in an effort to provide pastoral care, is neither caring nor pastoral. Only what is true can ultimately be pastoral. The neglect of the Church's position prevents homosexual men and women from receiving the care they need and deserve." The teaching of the Church in this area, rooted in the natural law as well as Scripture, is a hopeful and constructive testimony to the dignity of the person. Notre Dame students are entitled to a coherent affirmation by our leaders of the fullness of that teaching. Here, as in other areas, they are shortchanged.

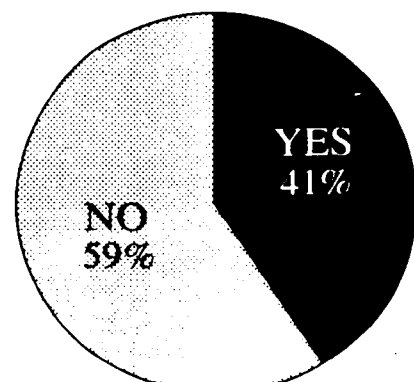
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OBSERVER POLL

Should the United States withdraw from Iraq by the June 30 deadline?



*Poll appears courtesy of www.ndsmcobserver.com and is based on 162 responses.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It is error alone which needs the support of government. Truth can stand by itself."

Thomas Jefferson
president



Watching the three-ring campaign circus

While surfing through my cable channels, I happened upon an Animal Planet program featuring magicians with animals. It was educational to watch how these masters of illusion utilize the natural characteristics of their animals. For example, one magician took advantage of a pigeon's sensitivity to the spotlight to make it appear that the bird kept turning away from him as though to ignore his conversation.

Gary Caruso

Capitol Comments

This year's unprecedented early presidential television attack advertisements between the two apparent party nominees could have been politics as usual if the commission investigating the Sept. 11 attacks had not met this week. Since the nonpartisan commission's findings could weaken or discredit the president's strongest public perception, namely his handling and credibility regarding terror, the White House began an orchestrated effort to discredit its primary critic, former terror expert Richard Clarke. The White House attack dogs' performance this week would make President Bush's act, "The Amazing W," a hit on the Vegas strip.

It is ironic that the Bush 2000 campaign portrayed Al Gore as a person who would say anything to get elected. It seems that for almost four years the Bush team has flip-flopped more than they are trying now to portray Senator John Kerry's record. One can easily say that the Bush team's parsing of words surpasses any definition of "is" that President Clinton made famous.

The Amazing W's act is one based on slight of hand, sometimes showing its attack dogs like the press secretary, communications director and chief of staff who all criticized Clarke this week. At other times it lets its principals disappear, like its refusal to allow National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice to publicly testify before the commission although in a single day she certainly made herself available to all the news networks to publicly refute Clarke's claims.

The current White House is desperate to refute Clarke's claim that Clinton had no higher priority than Al Qaeda while Bush thought Al Qaeda important but not urgent. In an effort instead to discredit Clarke's credibility, the vicious White House attack sneaks and cheats with the truth.

The White House press secretary publicly refuted that just a week after Sept. 11 Bush authorized a plan to invade Iraq. A day later the White House chief of staff reverses that assertion by confirming that they did have such a plan. The White House also claimed that since Clarke lost his cabinet-level status under Bush and did not receive a promotion at the Homeland Security Department, he was disgruntled. Then, the White House released Clarke's resignation letter of Jan. 2003, in which they point that he did not write one disparaging word. A true professional serving the president, and in his case serving three Republican presidents and one Democratic president, only writes a classy, positive let-

ter.

Most importantly, the White House contends that Clarke's book and sworn testimony before the Sept. 11 commission contradicted his comments to reporters. The White House even went to the unusual step of lifting its restriction on a terror briefing that Clarke once gave to reporters "on background." When a background briefing is given, reporters can quote a "White House advisor" or "senior administration official." It is unprecedented for the White House to now publicly reveal Clarke's name, a similar tactic to the illegal leak of the CIA officer's name whose husband opposed the notion that Iraq bought nuclear materials from Africa. In fact, if a reporter had revealed Clarke's name as the background speaker, it would have been considered a breach of professional ethics.

Clarke defends himself against the White House attack machine by saying that as a Special Assistant to the President, he was asked to make a case to the press regarding the Clinton and Bush policies and timelines. Clarke contends that he was asked to highlight the positives of the Bush policies and minimize the negatives. As a background source, he would never have personally used that information publicly, nor expected the White House to break the rules of journalistic ethics.

It is not unusual for an incoming administration to suspect everyone from the preceding staff, especially when the new president is of another political party. When Bill Clinton entered office, retail vendors who sold items like shirts and coffee cups were dismissed as "Republicans" even though some had become vendors during Jimmy Carter's term. It is understandable and forgiving for the current Bush team, many of whom served under the first Bush presidency, to suspect holdover employees. The problem is that Clarke originally was a Reagan and Bush employee. It speaks volumes on how the current White House staff suspected anything affiliated with Clinton ranging from staff to serious Middle East policies to terror threats.

It is good that Clarke's book and testimony surfaced now in the election cycle. It gives the voting public time to digest whether or not the conquest of Iraq was a distraction on the terror war. It gives all of us time to evaluate the Amazing W's parsing of his words leading up to the invasion of Iraq ... the "grave and gathering threat," the "direct threat," the "immediate" not "imminent" threat or the possible "mushroom cloud."

The Amazing W may have already released the attack hounds against Clarke and Kerry, but Americans will remember how Bush scared the hell out of us last year during his "march to war," Bush's own account for the economy's slow recovery. The big top is crowded. The three rings are active. Let the circus begin.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Define and address the issue at hand

The recent debate on homosexuality and its place at this University would have made me physically ill if anything substantial had actually been said thus far. Instead, I find myself merely annoyed at the arrogance, rhetoric and avoidance that have characterized these letters thus far. Everybody thinks they know the answers, but nobody really wants to talk about the question that drives the whole affair.

Let's look first to the "facts" both sides throw around. What, exactly, is being discussed? Nobody wants to say. Is it homosexuality, homosexual individuals, accepting them, supporting them, changing them, blah blah nobody wants to take a stand on that. People will dance around the issue of tolerance and acceptance and speak euphemistically of "the homosexual act." It's sex, people. You can disagree with it, but you can still say it. Sex. If it's not sexual activity, but sexual orientation, say that. But either way, it ties to sex or the potentiality of sex. Any other euphemisms and fancy terms just dance around the issue and make everyone involved look childish. This is an important topic, we can call things what they are — or should be able to.

Now, we're told people have to understand that this is a Catholic institution, and that Catholics are going to disagree on this topic even when they're wrong. If they didn't believe the Catholic doctrines were correct, they wouldn't be Catholic, and likewise if the school didn't enforce Catholic policies, it wouldn't be either. But let's be serious here. The problem here is sex. The Catholic Church can't even fathom the idea that unmarried heterosexuals could, would or should have sex. You think they're going to let homosexual sex slide? After all, homo-

sexuality is strictly concerned with sex and isn't a lens through which people of any particular sexual orientation view their entire lives, so there'd be no other benefit, right? Right? Why are you looking at me like that?

The Catholic Church is consistently intolerant of sex for everyone outside of procreative purposes. This comes from the quaint old philosophical idea, inherited from our old Greek friends Plato and Aristotle, that every thing and action has an end and that using it for something else is a perversion of the natural order of things and, extrapolated to a religious level, sinful. Of course this conveniently puts homosexuals in a sexual Catch-22. There's a humorous side-note owing to the origin of this perspective, but I'll leave it to the well-read and intelligent minds of the Notre Dame community to figure it out.

The point is that some people here are saying the Catholic Church is wrong. They're saying that the will of God has been arrogantly assumed by human beings and that the will of the Church just might not be God's will after all. It's fine to say the Catholic Church is right, but that doesn't justify your argument. You're going to have to make more reasoned, intelligent and referenced arguments. Tell us why the Pope says this or that. Tell us why Saint Paul introduced this heretofore-unmentioned edict back in Corinthians. Hopefully, they'll be countered by similarly intelligent ones from the other side. I think we're mature enough to discuss this openly, without veiling what it is we support or object to.

Peter Scott
junior
Carroll Hall
March 25



Examine your faith first

Despite the belief of many on this campus, the Catholic Church has made many significant mistakes in the past. I mean, selling indulgences? Give me a break. Now while I realize this situation is not quite the same, I'd like those in the Notre Dame community to take a look at themselves and their faith before condemning a group of people.

No one is asking you to become a homosexual. No one is even asking that you agree with the idea of homosexuality. A tolerance for everyone is all that is being asked for. Why is it that there is such contempt for this group of "sinners" and not for other groups of "sinners?" I thought the Catholic Church preached acceptance? I guess not when it involves something with which you aren't comfortable. No one seems to have a problem with the equally "sinful" and hedonistic practice of drinking to drunkenness every weekend, yet there is no movement to attack this group. For the record, I have no problem whatsoever with either practice. Perhaps if we were all more in touch with our own sexuality — no matter what it may be — we will become more accepting of others'.

Before immediately lashing back against something that may make you uncomfortable, take a moment to really examine your faith. If you are indeed a true Catholic, take a moment to see if you are acting as one.

Jack O'Brien
junior
O'Neill Hall
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New stars shine in the Pasqu Musical Company Musica

'A Night on Broadway' brings veteran performers and



By MARIA SMITH
Scene Editor

If you went to see West Side Story in February, you already know it's worth coming to see some of the show's stars from the Pasquerilla East Musical Company take the stage again this weekend in their yearly musical review entitled "A Night on Broadway." Natalie Martinez is as adorable and Jenny Radelet is as magnetic in the Revue as they were on the stage of Washington Hall. Matt Curtain and KC Kenney have just as much character.

But the best thing about the Revue is its variety of acts and talents. Singers and dancers who haven't performed in a lead role on campus shine in individual performances of Broadway show tunes.

Some of the Company's newest members steal the spotlight this year in their musical theatre debuts.

Keough resident assistant Luke Slonkosky is confident and charming performing "Sixteen Going on Seventeen" with junior Katie Welch in his first vocal performance onstage.

Slonkosky has been excited about the chance to sing onstage, practicing his number in his spare time — including in the car while driving to and from Ohio — to get ready for the show despite a busy schedule.

"I've always loved watching musical theatre.... Some of the cast members encouraged me to audition," Slonkosky said. "I'm surprised how much more confidence it takes to sing than act [on stage]."

Sophomore Eric Buell is quirky and entertaining in his slightly ironic performance of "King Herod's Song" from Jesus Christ Superstar.

"I think it's wonderfully heretical," Buell said. "I hope to rattle some theological cages."

Junior Dave Moisan chose a striking number for his debut, performing a slightly raucous rendition of "Matchmaker" from Fiddler on the Roof in drag with senior Tim Gibeau.

Moisan is used to performing with the campus band currently known as For the Love, but wanted to try a different genre of creativity.

"I wanted to do something in the show and I didn't want to do anything serious," Moisan said. "And I'm used to wearing dresses, so I thought I would be more comfortable like that."

The two singers did not meet until the night before auditions, when

Gibeau heard his fellow performer propose the idea and jumped on the bandwagon.

"I did a big depressing number last year about my father who gambled away all the family's money and left us," Gibeau said. "So I wanted to do something more fun."

The show is also a great way for freshmen to continue to perform past high school and find a crowd.

Kate VanDamme, the only Saint Mary's College student in the show, read about PEMCO in The Observer following a fall performance and decided to try out. VanDamme is a strong addition to the girls' group number "My Strongest Suit" and to the tap dance trio of "Go Into Your Dance"

from 42nd Street.

"It's been wonderful, mainly because of the people," VanDamme said.

Freshman Allison Giovinnazzo, a strong singer who has been dancing as long as she can remember, played a small part in West Side Story but shines as a soloist in the Revue.

"I've definitely been able to learn a lot from the upperclassmen," Giovinnazzo said. "It's like a lot of big brothers and big sisters."

Students chose and prepared their own musical numbers before auditions for the show in late February.

Directors Shawna Monson and Cheryl Turski chose about half the acts for the final performance.

The show is divided into sections by subject, and the cast ties it all together with movie quotes from such favorites as The Wedding Singer, Finding Nemo and When Harry Met Sally.

"The show has gone amazingly," Monson said. "That is because of the people in the show working so hard on their individual acts."

"They get ready themselves. We just take them up to the next level."

Whether they're old hands or new performers, the singers, dancers and actors in "A Night on Broadway" are talented, full of life and full of character. Most importantly, the show is fun for the cast, crew and audience alike.

Perhaps cast member Joe Garlock says it best when he quotes George from My Best Friend's Wedding mid-show.

"Maybe there won't be marriage, maybe there won't be sex. But by

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Allison Giovinnazzo
cast member

"They get ready themselves. We just take them up to the next level."

Shawna Monson
director



Above, Joe Garlock and company sing "All I Care About." Left, Dave Moisan and Tim Gibeau dress as women and perform a song from "Fiddler on the Roof."

Below, a group of students show off their talent singing "Skid Row" from "Little Shop of Horrors."

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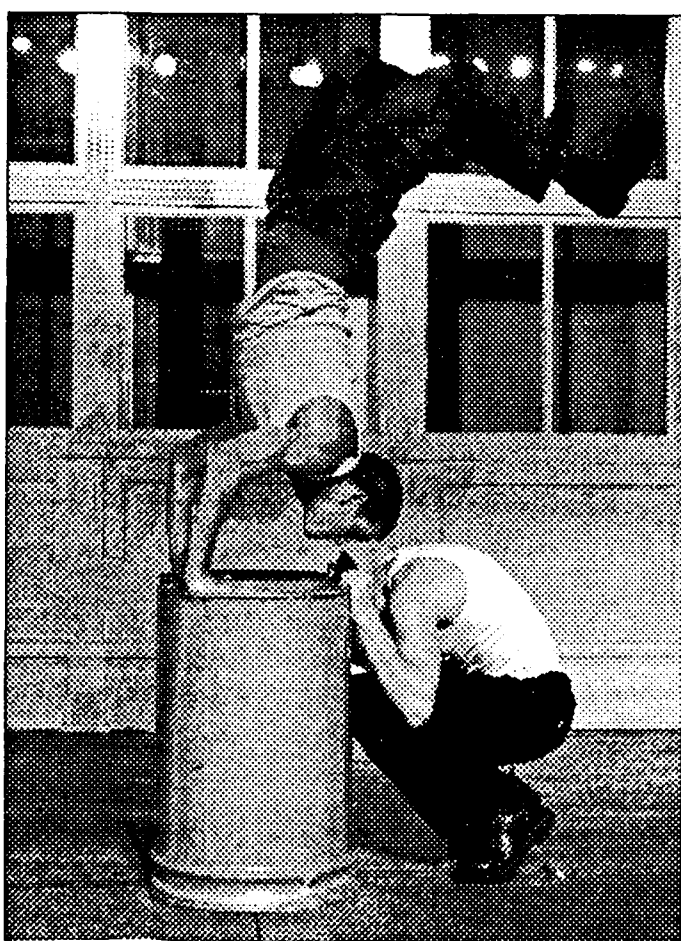
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new talent to the stage



Above, KC Kenney and Natalie Martinez sing "Follow Your Heart." Right, Dave Moisan demonstrates his athletic ability in "Clean-Up Crew." Below, Natalie Martinez leads group in "My Strongest Suit."

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Latin Expressions promises diverse show with over 100 student performers

By MEEG CONROY
Scene Writer

Although La Alianza, the Latino group of Notre Dame, can't control the weather, it can heat up your weekend with Sabrosura: Latin Expressions. Latin Expressions has been 'spicing' up Notre Dame and Saint Mary's since its 'colder' premiere in 1990. However this year, as the title suggests, will be exceptionally tasty, or a 'Sabrosura.'

In its 15th year, Latin Expressions will bring together talents, ideas and creativity of over 100 students. This year is special because Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students will perform all of the acts. In previous years, outside performers had filled open spaces.

This year's executive director is April Garcia.

"We have about a dozen acts that showcase freshmen through seniors, Latino and non-Latino students, and a wide range of artistic expression."

April Garcia
executive director

The show's performances will include poetry, dancing, singing, artwork, bands and even a political act.

As Latin Expressions has gained acclaim and support through the University, the audition standards have also risen. This year the executive board found themselves turning students away.

"There were a lot of quality acts, but we just couldn't fit them all because of time," Garcia said.

As a result, a very unique, and diverse group of students was selected to represent the artistic and Latino diversity on campus.

Guests will enjoy Latin expressions from 'Station One,' Troop ND, the Irish Dance team and various other groups. Some of the shows' highlights include Ballet Folklorico, Sazón, a spoken word piece and a Flamenco act.

Ballet Folklorico will perform two pieces. The first comes from the state of Jalisco, and is all female. In the second piece, six couples will perform a traditional wedding dance from the state of Vera Cruz. This dance is a symbolic representation of unity. Dancers will gracefully tie a ribbon with their feet, imitating the bond tied through marriage. Another dance act, although quite different, is Sazón. Sazón is composed of four females who will perform a medley of Latino dance styles. This act is the first of its kind in the show's history, and is sure to please guests.

Melody Gonzalez's act, a spoken word piece, may bring back the tone of the show from its first run in 1990. Her piece is a poetic commentary on the tomato wages of Taco Bell. Although not the typical act in Latin Expressions, it will still offer an impor-

tant perspective of Latino culture and issues. Gonzalez's piece will reveal some economic and political issues of Latino culture, helping to emphasize the show's overall presentation of Latino culture.

There is one act returning after a few years absence. Gabby Obregon will perform a traditional Flamenco dance. Although Latin Expressions has offered Flamenco dance before, this will be the first time in many years.

"Until now we just haven't had anyone with the experience," Garcia said.

Obregon has been practicing Flamenco dance for many years and will display her talents in a solo act.

Introducing all of these acts will be returning emcee favorites Alex Santana, Jesus Bravo and Nicole Orozco. All three are very familiar with the acts and layout of the show. Their comedic and comfortable approach will help audience members join in the celebratory atmosphere of Latino culture.

Latin Expressions hasn't always been as festive an event as it is today. In its first year, Latino groups on campus organized the show. Funds for the show were put towards a scholarship for a Latino student to attend Notre Dame. Acts were performed in the Hesburgh Auditorium, and had a 'political' quality.

"Most of the acts were poetry and skits, yet with an angry undertone," Garcia said. "Instead of a celebratory mood, a more harsh and political tone presided."

The event sought more to profess political and social concerns of Latino culture rather than share its rich diversity.

In years following the 1990 debut, many changes were made to the event. After a few years at Hesburgh, the show moved to Stepan center. This was done to support the growing demand for audience and performance space. While at Stepan, many of the shows were composed of "outside" acts. Latino performers and musicians from surrounding areas would come in to showcase their talents. Although some students participated in the acts, a majority was comprised of alternative sources.

In its 15th year, Latin Expressions finds itself at St. Mary's O'Laughlin Auditorium. The new location allows for bigger audiences and a more formal atmosphere.

Garcia hopes the show will expand viewer's ideas of Latino culture.

"A lot of people only have one view of Latino culture they're comfortable with," Garcia said. "It's important to expand upon this view and get a better understanding of the culture's diversity."

Tickets for Friday's 7 p.m. performance will be sold for five dollars at the O'Laughlin Auditorium.

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'The Consul' brings unique musical experience to Notre Dame

Opera provides students opportunity to test out techniques learned in the fall

By JON RETARTHA
Scene Writer

The sounds of death, love, and politics fill Washington Hall this weekend as the ND Opera presents Menotti's "The Consul." The story (sung in English) focuses around the Sorel family. John, his wife Magda, his mother, and the couple's infant son all live together in a small apartment and John regularly takes part in secret meetings against the government.

One night, the meeting is raided and John is wounded. Magda and John's mother become very upset, and hide John when the secret police come to interrogate Magda. She keeps quiet, but when John emerges from hiding, he decides that he must seek refuge outside the country in order to protect his family. The family shares a tearful parting and John warns Magda to watch for news of him from the local glasscutter. John also tells Magda to go to the local consulate to gain visas to leave the country.

Magda travels to the consulate's office, but the waiting room is full of people experiencing problems with gaining visas. Some do not have proper identification, others do not have the correct forms filled out, and others like Magda cannot wait months for a visa when they need to leave the country as soon as possible.

Magda asks the secretary to see the consulate personally, but the secretary refuses repeatedly.

Magda returns home to her mother in law and son, who is now very ill. Magda has nightmares about her husband and ill son, but finally receives some news from the glasscutter. John is waiting in the mountains for them to leave the country. Again, Magda goes to the consulate, to beg for a visa. What follows is a race against time to save a family and to escape the authorities.

The ND Opera was started in 1991 as a way for students to learn opera techniques and then perform in front of an audience. In the fall semester, the students learn about opera and the methods by which opera is performed. In the spring, they put together a full production that puts to use the skills the students have learned.



plot, while delivering the notes perfectly. He draws very near to actually overpowering the other people he is on stage with, but this helps the other actors to be the best they can be to keep up.

Rebecca Paul plays Magda, John's wife. She has a beautiful voice, and perhaps has the toughest role to play because of the extreme emotions and pain she must deliver. Paul does an excellent job and blends with Appleby very well.

Krysta Dennis plays John's mother, and while she may not have the most powerful voice in the ensemble, she delivers her lines clearly enough so that the audience understands them.

Stephen Lancaster plays the secret police representative. His delivery is perhaps the most articulate of the ensemble. He takes his time with his delivery and puts a great amount of thought and effort

into each line.

While the cast does an excellent job in their own individual performances, the ensemble really shines in their combined deliveries. The performance of John, Magda, and John's mother before John leaves is incredibly powerful as the three sing together in rounds. Another similarly impressive performance belongs to the people waiting in the consulate's office.

The set design is very plain with white walls, an armchair, crib, and shelf for the apartment, and a desk and chairs for the consulate. The period for the costumes is somewhere in the mid 1950s, with trench coats, suits, and fedoras for the men. Magda and her mother wear middle class clothing befitting homemakers of the decade.

"The Consul" is a very entertaining and unique musical experience. It would certainly provide a fun evening for those who are long time opera fans, and for first time viewers. The English lyrics are for the most part very understandable, and it is not hard at all to keep up with the action. It provides an excellent introduction into the world of opera.

"The Consul" plays at Washington Hall Friday and Saturday at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$5 for students and senior citizens, and \$10 for general public. Tickets are available at the LaFortune Box Office.

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Two women sit at the busy consulate office. The office is one of two settings in "The Consul."

John Riley-Schofield from Yorkshire, England directs this year's production. He has performed at the Huddersfield School of Music, along with the Royal Academy of Music in London. He has also been involved with productions with the English National Opera and the Netherlands Opera. Along with teaching, he is an accomplished opera singer, classical singer, and pianist.

John Apeitos conducts "The Consul." A native Australian, he has conducted the National Radio Symphony of Athens, Greece, as well as other productions in Italy, Australia, and the Czech Republic.

Paul Appleby plays John Sorel, the fugitive freedom fighter. His voice is incredibly powerful, and it carries extremely well over the orchestra. He also does an excellent job of displaying the emotion needed to further the



Magda pleads for a visa at the consulate office so she can be with her husband who has taken refuge outside of the country.

NBA

Blake, Hughes lead Wizards to victory over L.A.

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A strong first half by Larry Hughes and two spurts of instant offense by rookie guard Steve Blake were too much for the Clippers to overcome.

Hughes scored 24 of his 30 points before halftime, and Blake had seven of his 17 points in the final 4:42 as the Washington Wizards ended a five-game road losing streak with a 103-94 victory over Los Angeles on Thursday night.

Hughes, playing his third game since coming off the injured list, shot 11-for-20 and tied a career high with 12 rebounds to help the Wizards win for the third time in 13 games. It's the second straight season that they've swept the Clippers.

"We know how well we can play when we're healthy," Hughes said. "It has just been hard for us to play consistently. It was good for us to come out and play with the intensity we showed tonight, and I feel we can play with anybody in the league when we are at full strength."

Jerry Stackhouse had 20 points for the Wizards. Leading scorer Gilbert Arenas, who sat out Tuesday's loss at Utah after playing 22 scoreless minutes with a sprained right ankle at Miami, returned to the lineup and missed his first six shots before finishing with 11 points in 33 minutes.

Corey Maggette scored 25 points and Elton Brand had 18 for the Clippers, who matched their longest losing streak of the season with their sixth straight defeat. Quentin Richardson sat out for the fourth time in five games because of back spasms, and Matt Barnes was scratched because of the flu.

Heat 105, Magic 90

ORLANDO, Fla.— The Miami Heat won their season-best sixth straight game by running past the Orlando Magic.

Eddie Jones scored 17 of his 28 points in the third quarter, and Lamar Odom had 20 points and 14 rebounds for his 33rd double-double. Dwyane Wade added 24 points and seven assists.

Miami shot 48.8 percent, with 54 points in the paint and 31 on fast breaks. The Heat also made 20 of 21 free throws.

Jones started 1-for-7 from the

floor, but finished with a 10-for-15 burst. Wade was 8-for-10 and Odom was 8-of-11.

Over the second and third quarters, the Heat put the game out of reach by scoring 60 points while shooting 54 percent (22-for-41). The lead reached 23 points late in the third quarter, although Orlando cut the deficit to 12 in garbage time.

Miami, in sweeping its intrastate rival for the first time, topped 100 points in all four games. Against the rest of the league, the Heat has only 13 100-point games, and two were in overtime.

For the Magic, losers of six straight and six of eight at home, reserve Drew Gooden had 23 points and seven rebounds.

Lakers 115, Kings 91

LOS ANGELES — The Lakers turned what had been billed as a Western Conference showdown into a blowout.

Kobe Bryant scored 36 points after spending most of the day in a Colorado courtroom, and Shaquille O'Neal had 17 points, 16 rebounds and six assists as the Lakers beat the Sacramento Kings.

The Lakers used a 25-1 first-quarter run to take command, and a 17-1 third-quarter spurt in handing the Kings their most lopsided loss of the season.

The Lakers (48-23) have won six straight games and 10 of 12 to move within 2 1/2 games of the conference-leading Kings (51-21), who lost for the fifth time in eight games.

The Lakers also moved within a half-game of Minnesota (49-23), and can overtake the Timberwolves when the teams meet Friday night.

The Lakers had beaten their previous five opponents by a total of 20 points, and all but one of those wins came over teams who won't make the playoffs.

They were much, much better in this game, shooting 51.6 percent to Sacramento's 41 percent and outrebounding the Kings 55-33.

Gary Payton scored 20 points, Slava Medvedenko came off the bench to get 15 points and eight rebounds, and Karl Malone added 11 points and seven rebounds for the Lakers.

Bryant also had six rebounds and six assists.

Peja Stojakovic had 20 points and eight rebounds and Chris Webber added 18 points for the

Kings.

Mike Bibby, who scored 31 points in a 103-101 victory over the Lakers last month, had 12 points and six assists. He shot 4-of-16.

Bryant arrived at Staples Center an hour before tipoff after attending a pretrial hearing in Eagle County court on his sexual assault charge. He will return Thursday for another appearance.

Bryant made a 12-foot left-handed bank shot leading to a three-point play during the third-quarter run that extended the Lakers' lead to 86-56.

By that time, the Lakers' big four of Bryant, O'Neal, Malone and Payton, playing together for just the 28th time this season, had reached double figures, as had Medvedenko.

Spurs 84, Pistons 75

SAN ANTONIO — The San Antonio Spurs didn't look like one of the NBA's top defensive teams in the first half. They certainly did when it counted.

The Spurs limited the Detroit Pistons to only six baskets in the fourth quarter and took full advantage of Ben Wallace's late-game ejection to pull away for a win.

Manu Ginobili scored 14 of his 17 points in the second half for the Spurs, who pulled within two games of Midwest Division leader Minnesota with 10 games remaining for both teams.

Ginobili said he wasn't really concentrating in the first half when he missed all three of his shots.

"So after halftime I felt that I needed to step up and produce more," he said. "We have 10 more games and of course we want to win the division and be in the best position."

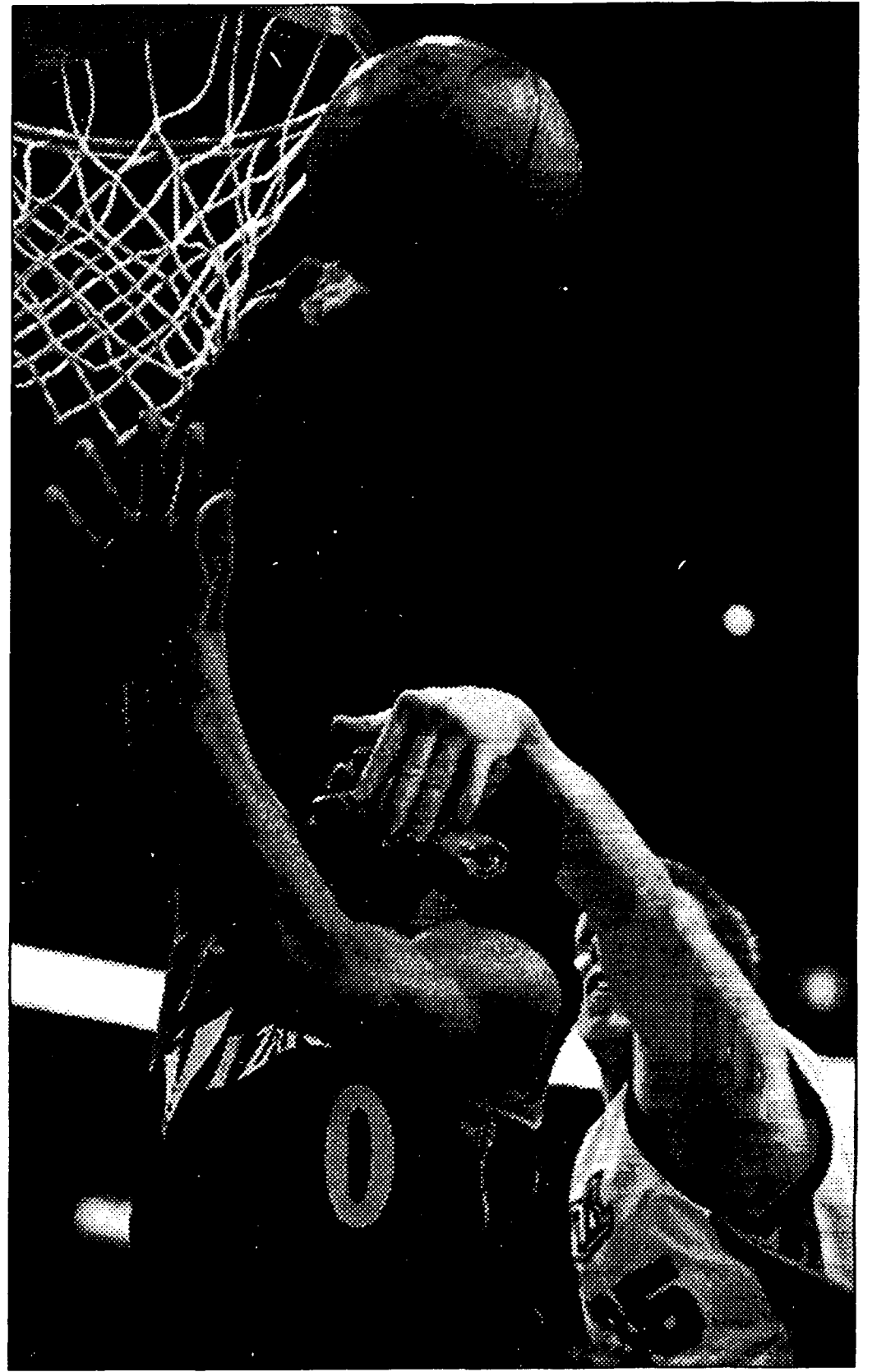
San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said playing the Pistons was tough, given that he learned how to coach from Detroit's Larry Brown.

"It's like playing ourselves," said Popovich, who was an assistant in San Antonio under Brown for three-plus seasons. "We do a lot of the same things. We like the same kind of players."

Pacers 103, Mavericks 99

INDIANAPOLIS — Some might have seen Jermaine O'Neal's absence as a tough break for the Indiana Pacers. Reggie Miller saw it as an opportunity.

"Everybody has to raise the level of their intensity, especially with the big guy out," Miller



Gilbert Arenas of the Wizards is fouled by the Clippers' Chris Kaman during the first quarter of Thursday's game. The Wizards won 103-94.

said, referring to O'Neal, who was out with a bruised left knee. "We've had depth all year and this is a chance to show everyone all these great, young, talented players on this team. This game was a good indication of that."

It sure was.

Ron Artest had 20 points, eight steals and eight rebounds to lead six Pacers in double figures in their win over the Dallas Mavericks.

Al Harrington had 17 points and eight rebounds, Austin Croshere scored 16 and Jeff Foster added 12 points and 12 rebounds for the Pacers.

Just as important, Indiana was able to keep its composure while the Mavericks came

unglued in the second half to improve to 3-0 in games without O'Neal this season.

O'Neal, the team's leading scorer and rebounder, said he expects to miss at least two games, but he hopes to be back for Sunday's game against Miami.

Dallas was missing a star of its own. Michael Finley, the team's second-leading scorer, did not dress because of a strained right calf.

The Pacers used their superior depth to their advantage, getting solid contributions from Croshere and Harrington to fill O'Neal's void.

"Everybody thought without Jermaine we were going to lose," Harrington said.

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Men's Tennis Top 25

	team	record	avg.
1	Illinois	16-0	85.00
2	Baylor	15-2	69.06
3	Southern California	12-2	67.63
4	Mississippi	14-1	65.96
5	UCLA	12-6	61.97
6	Rice	17-0	61.00
7	VA Commonwealth	17-2	58.85
8	Duke	12-5	58.18
9	Stanford	9-3	56.15
10	Florida	9-4	55.18
11	Texas Christian	13-2	48.07
12	Georgia	9-3	45.00
13	Louisiana State	10-2	44.14
14	Virginia	15-1	43.73
15	Harvard	9-3	41.53
16	Kentucky	11-4	39.66
17	Vanderbilt	9-6	36.09
18	Ohio State	11-2	35.89
19	North Carolina	15-2	33.64
20	Texas A&M	13-6	32.81
21	Tennessee	9-4	32.12
22	Washington	10-5	31.27
23	Pepperdine	12-6	28.81
24	Arizona	10-6	28.20
25	Florida State	10-6	27.21

Women's Tennis Top 25

	team	record	avg.
1	Stanford	14-0	80.60
2	Florida	13-0	75.40
3	Duke	10-1	72.16
4	Georgia	14-1	68.24
5	Vanderbilt	15-0	61.89
6	Northwestern	11-3	61.67
7	Washington	14-2	59.43
8	Southern California	12-3	58.87
9	North Carolina	13-5	58.07
10	UCLA	10-5	55.76
11	Texas	11-2	49.26
12	California	12-3	48.16
13	Fresno State	12-2	47.22
14	Brigham Young	12-4	38.91
15	Miami	11-2	37.76
16	Texas A&M	11-6	37.15
17	Oklahoma	12-1	37.14
18	Kentucky	13-7	36.44
19	Michigan	10-1	35.89
20	Clemson	13-3	34.91
21	Iulane	14-1	33.96
22	Alabama	9-5	33.71
23	NOTRE DAME	8-4	32.46
24	Harvard	7-6	30.67
25	Louisiana State	9-6	28.65

NCAA Softball Top 20

	team	record	points
1	UCLA (20)	13-0	508
2	Arizona	16-0	471
3	California	13-0	469
4	Washington	11-2	430
5	Oklahoma	12-2-1	394
6	Georgia	9-2	383
7	Stanford	11-2	374
8	Louisiana-Lafayette	11-1	347
9	Alabama	9-3	344
10	Florida State	12-1	309
11	Tennessee	13-2	295
12	Michigan	8-2	286
13	LSU	10-3	225
14	Nebraska	6-4	190
15	Fresno State	5-2	186
16	Texas	8-4	168
17	Oregon	8-4	146
18	Oregon State	14-6	145
19	Pacific	12-2	132
20	South Carolina	3-6	113

MEN'S NCAA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



Saint Joseph's Jameer Nelson dribbles up court as Wake Forest's Trent Strickland defends during the first half of their NCAA men's basketball championship regional game. Saint Joseph's defeated Wake Forest 84-80.

Saint Joe's defeats Wake Forest 84-80

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD — Jameer Nelson, Delonte West and Saint Joseph's put on quite an eye-popping performance for Billy Packer.

With their No. 1 nemesis watching from the front row and their fans chanting his name in the final minute, the Hawks showed they were a worthy No. 1 seed.

Nelson and West each scored 24 points Thursday night, keying an 84-80 victory over Wake Forest in the semifinals of the East Rutherford Regional.

The celebration almost came too early, though. Trailing 76-68, Wake Forest whittled its deficit down to 82-80 with 11.9 seconds left.

But then Nelson escaped a double-team trap in the corner and passed to West, who was fouled.

West made both free throws, and the Hawk mascot began flapping in earnest.

The only thing left to do for coach Phil Martelli was walk across the court and shake hands with Packer.

The CBS analyst and Wake Forest alum, having said the Hawks did not deserve a top seed, smiled broadly.

Connecticut 73, Vanderbilt 53

Ben Gordon lost his footing climbing the steps to the stage for a postgame interview and banged his knee. That's

about the only thing that went wrong for Connecticut.

Connecticut hit from outside, pounded the ball inside and just plain dominated Vanderbilt most of the night.

Now the Huskies are a win from becoming the Final Four team they were expected to be.

Gordon had 20 points, nine rebounds and five assists and Connecticut beat the cold-shooting Commodores in the semifinals of the Phoenix Regional.

The second-seeded Huskies (30-6) advanced to Saturday's regional final against Alabama.

"A team has to beat us," Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun said. "I don't want to lose."

Rashad Anderson had 15 points and Emeka Okafor added 12 points and 11 boards for the Huskies, who staved off a 16-3 second-half spurt by Vanderbilt that cut the lead to 52-45 on Corey Smith's jumper with 12:07 to play.

Anderson then sank a 3-pointer on his first shot of the half to start an 8-0 run that put Connecticut up 60-45 with 8:35 left. The Commodores (23-10), outrebounded 41-17, never got closer than 13 again.

Oklahoma State 63, Pittsburgh 51

Solving one of the nation's most rugged defenses got Oklahoma State to the regional final and kept alive hopes for longtime coach Eddie

Sutton's first national title.

Oklahoma State took Pittsburgh's pushes, shoves and banging for 33 minutes, then delivered a knockout blow with a late 17-5 run that carried the Cowboys to a win.

"We played loose, got a chance to run and we capitalized on that," Cowboys guard Janavor Weatherspoon said. "We like to get up and down, and in the second half we got opportunities. That was the difference."

Oklahoma State (30-3) will face Saint Joseph's on Saturday in the East Rutherford Regional for the right to go to San Antonio for the Final Four.

It will be the sixth regional final for the 68-year-old Sutton. He has been to the Final Four twice, but he has never gotten to the championship game.

This one would be special. Just two years ago, two players and eight other people associated with the program died in a plane crash in Colorado.

After being held to 30 percent shooting from the field in the first half, Oklahoma State hit 16-of-25 shots in the final 20 minutes against the Panthers' aggressive man-to-man defense.

The Panthers were the second-toughest team in the country to score against this season, allowing 56.2 points per game.

Alabama 80, Syracuse 71

Sit down Syracuse. Join top-seeded Stanford on the sidelines.

The Tide is on some kind of roll!

Alabama, a No. 8 seed, beat the defending national champions in the Phoenix Regional semifinals, five days after stunning Stanford.

Kennedy Winston and Earnest Shelton put Alabama (20-12) ahead from the outside in the first half, then Chuck Davis got rough inside in the second and the Crimson Tide is in an NCAA regional final for the first time in the school's history.

Next up Saturday is a matchup against No. 2 seed Connecticut.

Shelton scored 22 points and Winston 19 for Alabama, but the difference maker was Davis, who scored 17 of his 19 in the second half as the Tide pulled away.

The Crimson Tide sank 11 of 12 free throws over the final 8:10 and were 19-of-23 at the line overall.

Gerry McNamara scored 20 of his 24 in the second half, but Hakim Warrick managed just four in the last 20 minutes after a 15-point first half.

Syracuse (23-8), a No. 5 seed, was out to prove it could get back to the Final Four without superstar Carmelo Anthony, who left for the NBA after helping coach Jim Boeheim earn his first national title.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

No. 21 Irish travel south to face two top ACC teams

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

This weekend will be anything but a cakewalk for the No. 21 Irish as they face No. 33 Wake Forest and No. 9 North Carolina.

Wake Forest (8-7) upset North Carolina 4-3 Wednesday to end its three-match losing streak. The Tar Heels (13-5) claimed the doubles point, but dropped four of the six singles matches for the loss.

"Wake Forest was really beat up last year because of injuries," Irish coach Jay Louderback said. "They lost a lot of close matches and had a tough schedule. They have better depth this year."

North Carolina is prepared for a quick win after Wednesday's loss, Louderback said.

"They're after everyone at every position; they won't

overlook anyone. After losing to Wake [Forest], they'll be in a bad mood," Louderback said.

Wake Forest brings a tough lineup to Saturday's match. Several team members have returned after nursing injuries in previous meets. In addition, Wake Forest brings the No. 22 player in singles, Karin Coetzee, and the No. 40 doubles team of Coetzee and Aimee Smith to the match. Coetzee won her match Wednesday 6-2, 6-2 against North Carolina's Lee Bairos, while the duo of Coetzee and Smith lost 8-6.

North Carolina's young team includes No. 29 singles Aniela Mojzis and the No. 23 doubles team of Mojzis and Kendall Cline. Wake Forest's Ashlee Davis defeated Mojzis 6-1, 6-0. Mojzis had an earlier win in doubles against Wake Forest's Coetzee and Smith 8-6.

Last weekend the Irish col-

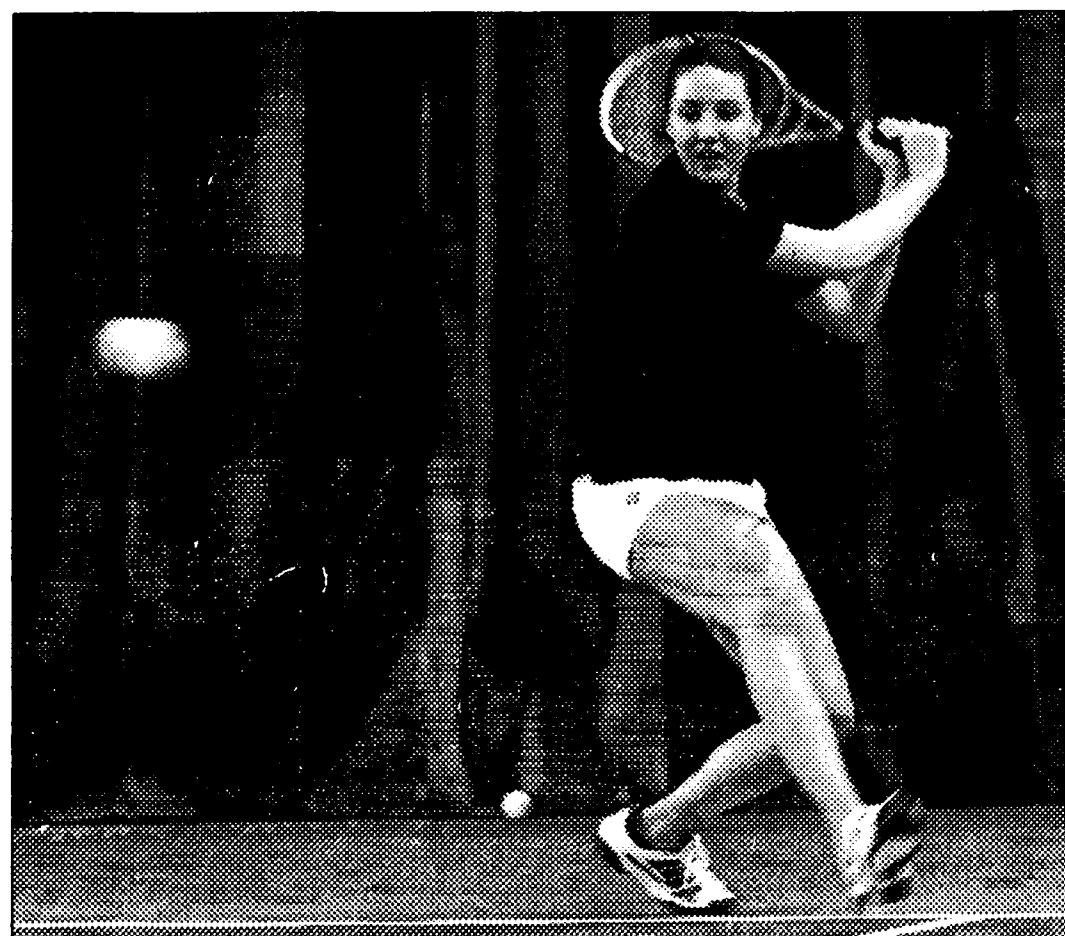
lected a win against No. 47 Iowa 6-1, securing the doubles point and nearly sweeping singles with four wins. They look to garner their ninth and 10th wins of the season after this weekend's matches.

"If we compete hard, we'll have a shot," Louderback said. "They'd better be ready. We're coming."

Playing on outdoor courts will be the team's greatest challenge this weekend. Since spring break, the team has only played outdoors once. Weather plays an integral role in outdoor competitions, as the sun and wind factor into the ball's speed and direction, Louderback said.

The Irish hit the courts at Wake Forest on Saturday at 1 p.m. and at North Carolina on Sunday at 1 p.m.

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Alicia Salas, playing a match against Wisconsin in February, is ranked in the nation's top 15 singles players.

MEN'S TENNIS

Irish travel to Ball State for match on Sunday

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

As the weather improves, so have the Irish.

After moving to 11-7 with a win over Michigan Tuesday, the No. 36 Irish look to establish a winning streak as they travel to Ball State Sunday.

Notre Dame is 4-2 since the beginning of March. A win this weekend could begin a win streak similar to the four-game stint the Irish went on in mid-February.

Ball State is 5-10, winning none of their ten matches against ranked opponents. They are picked to finish second in the Mid-American conference in a tight race with Western Michigan.

"We feel we have a reasonably good chance to beat them," coach Bobby Bayliss said. "[Our team is] guardedly optimistic. We know they're scrappy. The Northwestern [coaching staff] warned me that they could be trouble."

The match is scheduled for the outdoor courts, a first for the Irish in the regular dual-match season. Bayliss has used the spring weather to help transi-

tion the Irish from playing indoors.

"If we get outside tomorrow, it will help us," he said. "I actually hope we play outside because we need the outdoor play to prepare for [upcoming matches at] Florida State and Virginia Tech."

The Irish beat the Wolverines 5-2 on Tuesday in a match that was closer than the score indicated, despite the illness of three top players battling illnesses and the difficulty of a Big Ten opponent.

However, the health of the team should not be a concern this weekend.

"I expect everyone to be at 100 percent," Bayliss said. Matthew Scott, Luis Haddock and Ryan Keckley practiced Thursday and are expected to be at full strength by the Sunday match.

After the trip to Michigan, the Irish spent two practices honing each player's personal techniques.

"We've been focusing on some of the things that have shown up in matches that we really need to stress individually," Bayliss said.

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Belles to play in Northern Kentucky Invitational

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's hopes to capture a fifth-place finish this weekend at Northern Kentucky's Invitational.

Teams from Division I, Division II and Division III are included in the 18 schools competing in the Invitational. Coach Mark Hamilton said the Belles look forward to the meet, describing it as an

opportunity to compete against deeper teams.

"Some of the teams we'll be competing head-to-head with, and other teams we'll be playing just for pride," Hamilton said. "We're looking to shoot 320 each day, and we'll see where that score falls amongst the fray."

Hamilton said the team looks forward to facing stiffer competition.

"We're like amateurs playing pro's, but the amateurs

still have a really good chance," Hamilton said, referring to the large, talented Division I and II teams the Belles are set to meet.

Included in the tournament are seven teams the Belles have faced in previous meets, five of which they have defeated. This weekend's

invitational should be approached like a chess match, Hamilton said, with the Belles aiming to stay one step ahead of the game.

"We're like amateurs playing pros, but the amateurs still have a really good chance."

Mark Hamilton
coach

Mentally, this will require Saint Mary's to remain focused on the course and calm in pressured situations.

"We're a couple of players short, so we'll need the underclassmen to step up this weekend, especially if things get tight," Hamilton said.

Hamilton expects the most of the pressure to come from DePauw.

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ROWING

Solid Irish crew will face highly-ranked opponents

By CHRISTINE ARMSTRONG
Senior Staff Writer

This Saturday the Irish face another Top-20 team when they take on No. 2 Michigan and Clemson in Ann Arbor. The Wolverines, who took second place in the 2003 NCAA varsity eight race, will provide stiff competition, but the rowers hope to build off of their solid Spring Break performances against No. 8 Michigan State, No. 13 Tennessee and No. 18 Duke.

During the 2002-2003 season, the Irish had a difficult schedule, which concluded with a frustrating two-point loss to nationally ranked Syracuse in the Big East title race. This year's competition promises to be equally difficult, as the Irish will face at least one Top-20 team each weekend. The Irish are not discouraged, though, and with returnees such as team captains Natalie Ladine and Katie Welsh, Alice Bartek — who holds the Notre Dame 2,000-meter erg score record — and Danielle Protasewich, the team is working to improve each

week.

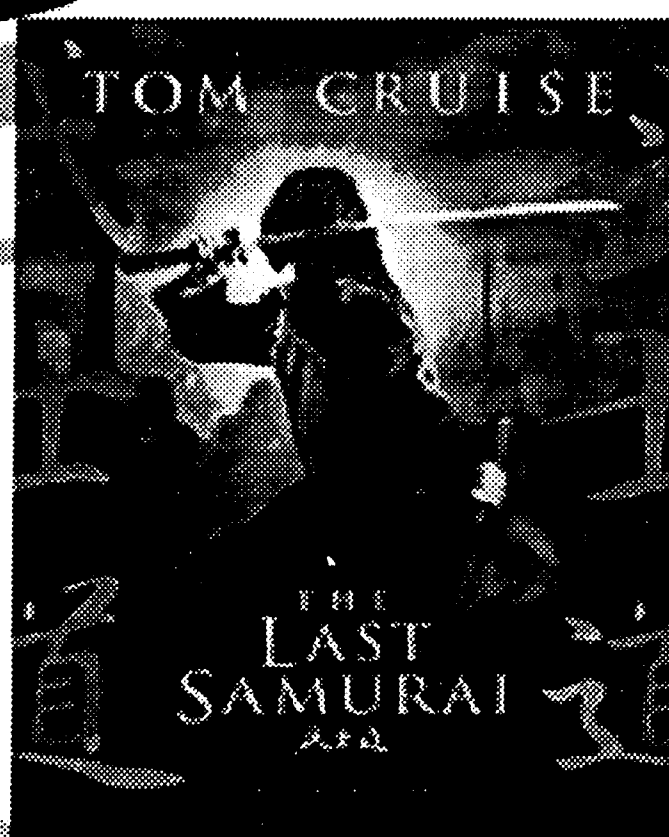
"Challenging ourselves all season will hopefully put us in a good position as we go into Central Regionals, our most crucial race of the year," said Welsh. "Our ultimate goal is to earn a team bid to the NCAA championships, and as invitations are extended only to the top twelve teams, it is essential that we face some of the best competition throughout the season."

Notre Dame's performances on March 13-14 demonstrated that the team is ready to take on the best. The Irish held their own, winning six of their last 15 races against the Spartans and Lady Vols Saturday. The team garnered a varsity four victory and two novice wins over the Blue Devils the following day.

"Last week's competitions gave us a much better idea of where we stand as a team," Welsh said. "Competing made us more aware of our strengths and weaknesses, as well as those of some of our biggest competitors."

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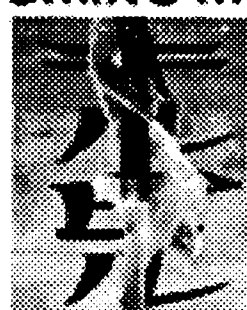


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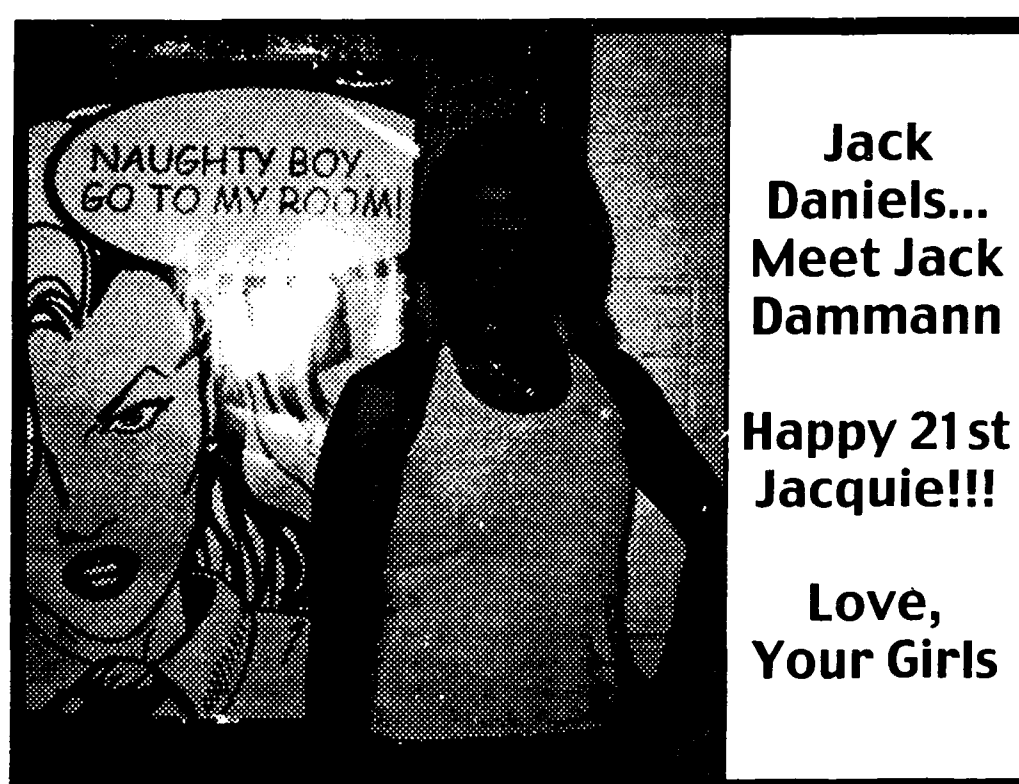
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Belles to open home schedule with Alma

Struggling team hopes to end a six-game losing streak with a win over tough Alma

By STEVE COYER
Sports Writer

After a tough stretch of games on the road, the Belles will begin league play at home Saturday.

Saint Mary's (5-8) has lost six straight games and will get little rest as they meet defending MIAA champions Alma College in a doubleheader.

Alma (18-2) has been dominant with seven shutout victories so far, and the team looks to be on course for another league championship. Against a strong team like Alma, the Belles realize they cannot fall behind early in the game as has happened previously this season.

"We don't want to play catch-up anymore," coach Anna Welsh said. "Once we begin to start playing aggressively from inning one, then we will be a much more successful team."

In a doubleheader last year against Alma, the Belles were shutout in both games losing 8-0 and 9-0. In each game, Saint Mary's fell behind in the first inning and failed to get

anything going on offense. The Belles had two hits the entire doubleheader.

This season Saint Mary's has more experience against Alma and will look towards returning starters Libby Wilhelmy, Erin Sullivan, Jackie Zurcher and Marnie Walsh.

While the Belles have nearly every starter returning from last year, Alma likewise has their key players back this season. Alma boasts three

players from last year's All MIAA-first team, including Erin Carson — who received the league MVP award.

Despite the challenge posed by Alma, Saint Mary's feels confident they can play competitively provided they start the game strong.

"In order to reach our goals on the season we are going to make adjustments to help us get prepared to have a better start in the first inning," Welsh said.

Saint Mary's will play at home this Saturday at 1 p.m.

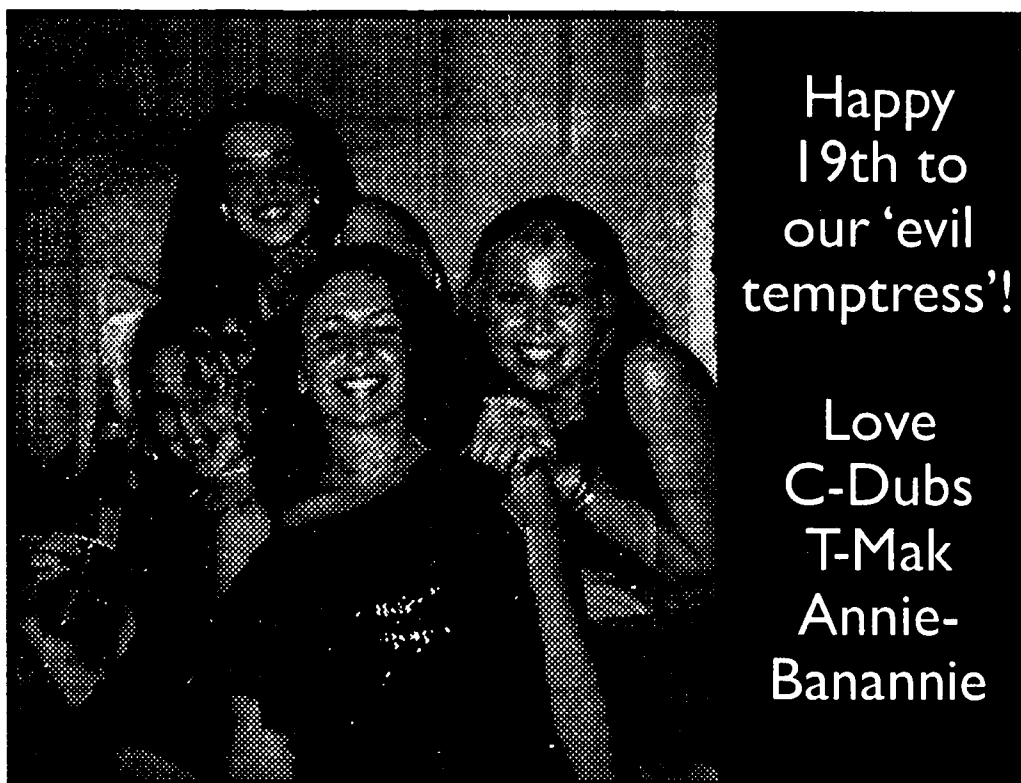
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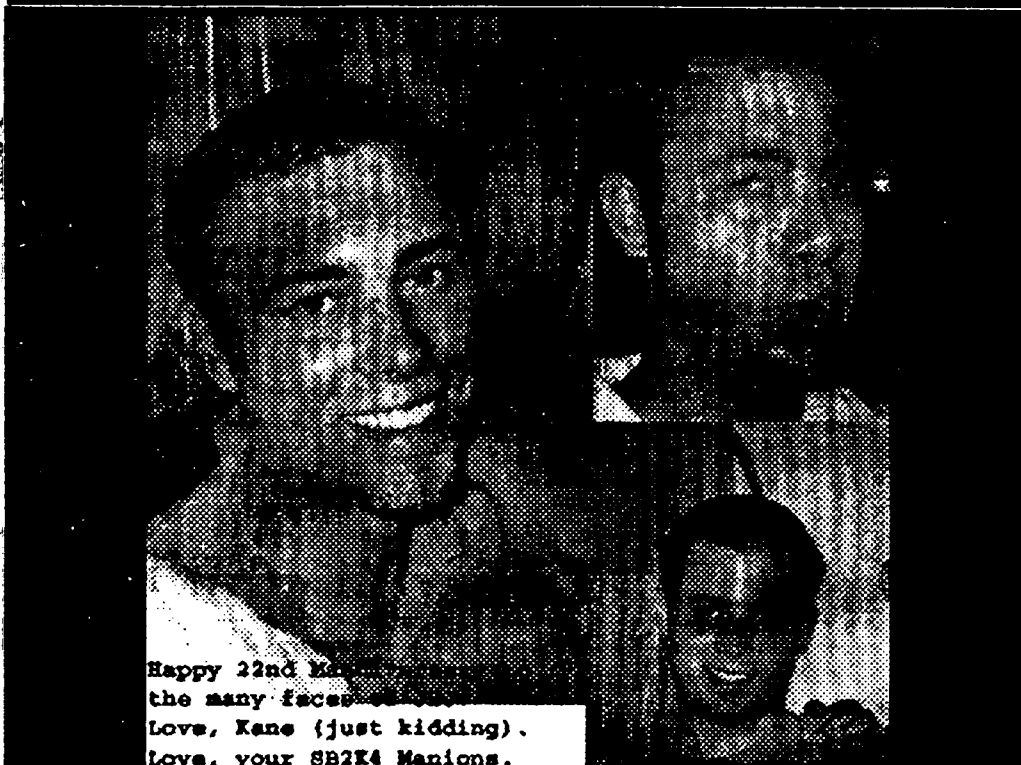
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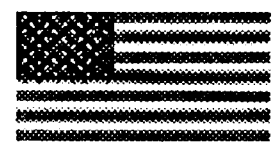
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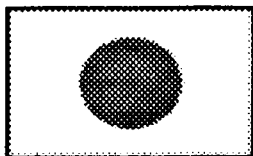
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praise for its resilience finally crumbled.

"We," the Irish coach smiled half-heartedly after his team lost 65-61, "rode these guys hard."

How else can you explain what happened in the final minute of Notre Dame's season-ending loss? You know, where the Irish pulled to within two with 48.8 seconds left but placed the game in the hands of their defense by deciding not to foul? And when Oregon's all-everything guard Luke Jackson started driving toward the basket with 18 seconds left, it was easy to start wondering if Brey made the right call by trusting his defense.

But Jackson's layup rolled off the rim, and Torrian Jones gave the Irish new life by quickly grabbing the rebound — then just as quickly kicked them back into the grave by throwing the pass out of bounds.

But the Irish weren't done yet. Jackson went to the line needing to make two free-throws to clinch the game. The first one swished

through the net. The second one caromed off the rim, past Colin Falls' outstretched hands and right back into Jackson's hands.

The Irish season was finally dead. There could be no more late comebacks, no more second-chance tournaments; just time for jerseys to be pulled over heads (like Chris Thomas did), staring at the ceiling (like Jordan Cornette did), or sitting stone-faced on the bench (like Tom Timmermans did).

It was hard to tell what stunned them more — that Notre Dame's season was over, or that the Irish were out of chances.

"The NIT set it up for us to go to the Final Four. To lose," said Thomas as his voice trailed off.

The lack of depth finally caught up to the Irish. When Torin Francis played his last

minutes of the year in a win against Connecticut, the Irish were stuck with only seven players the rest of the way. And if one was off, the Irish were in deep trouble.

Few could have expected that the player who sparked so much of the Irish success — Thomas — played the final games of the year with knees so bad he went days without being able to practice.

Fewer could have imagined that Rick Cornett would emerge to replace Francis in the low post, giving the Irish hope of winning their first NIT title.

Brey loved to say throughout the season that the Irish had been read their last rites time after time. But no matter how resilient the Irish may have been, the priest always stood by to read them again.

So when a controversial charge call against Thomas went in Oregon's favor, and when Oregon went 8-for-10 from the field in a crucial second-half explosion, the Irish couldn't help but wonder if

their time was finally up.

"You get to ride a wave of a game, and you look for signs," Brey said.

"Those weren't great signs. Those were tough. We just couldn't bounce back. We had

all those opportunities."

In the end, Notre Dame's lack of depth along the bench finally caught up with them. And in a game that seemed to be a microcosm of Notre Dame's season, the Irish rallied from a nine-point deficit, only to lose so much energy trying to come back that they could never take the lead.

So the Irish trudged off their court for the final time this year, left to ponder what could have been.

"We didn't have that extra level to push it to," Thomas said. "Maybe some extra rest would have helped that."

"Now, we get a lot of rest."

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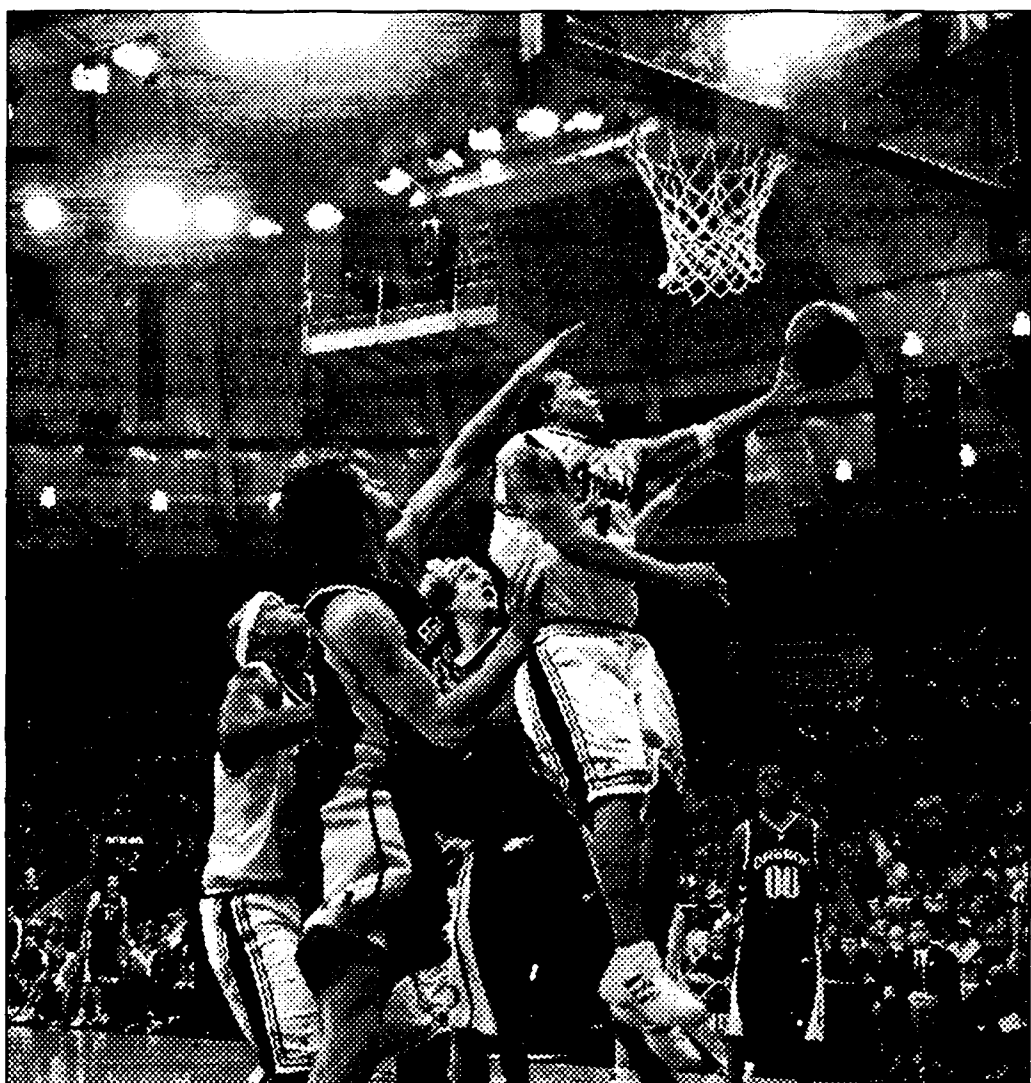
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straight to open that nine-point lead. The Irish rallied by preventing a Ducks field goal for 8 minutes, 43 seconds eliminating that 58-49 Oregon lead to tie the game at 59.

Then the Irish had two opportunities to get over the hump, but they couldn't convert.

Brey decided not to foul down 63-61 with 48.9 seconds remaining. The Irish forced Oregon's Luke Jackson to miss, and Torrian Jones grabbed the rebound and tried to get the ball to Chris Thomas.

But Jones threw it out of bounds.

"I was trying to get him the ball. He was coming to get open. There was some miscommunication," Jones said. "He thought he was getting held, but it was just carelessness with the ball. I should

have held on to the ball a little longer and make sure he was open before I passed it."

Jones fouled Jackson, who made the first free throw and missed the second.

But Oregon grabbed the rebound and iced the game — and Notre Dame's season — by making an additional free throw.

"We kind of folded there at the end," Thomas said. "We had our chances, but if I would have taken a couple less crazy shots, maybe that would have made up for the points."

Besides ending Notre Dame's season, the loss also kept the Irish from getting 20 wins for the first time since the 1998-99 campaign.

"It would have been nice to get that 20th win so we could have four in a row, but it's unfortunate," Thomas said.

"I think that would have been a really great achievement for our team to get that 20th win for what we've been through," he said.

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Thomas announces he will return next year

By ANDREW SOUKUP
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He made his decision nearly six weeks ago, but Chris Thomas didn't want many people to know about it.

So the junior point guard who flirted with the NBA Draft as a sophomore waited until the eve of Notre Dame's final game of the season to tell the media that he decided to return to Notre Dame for his senior season.

"My teammates knew, my coach knew. I just wanted to get it out so people would quit asking me if I was coming back or not," Thomas said after Notre Dame's season-ending 65-61 loss to Oregon Wednesday. "I knew a long time ago and I didn't want to do some formal thing."

It was widely speculated that Thomas, who had been plagued by knee problems for most of the year, would return for his senior season. And NBA rules prohibit players from declaring for the draft to test their status and then withdrawing more than once.

Brey said he thought Thomas

wanted to help make an NCAA Tournament run next year as a major figure of a team that would include Chris Quinn, Torin Francis, Jordan Cornette and Dennis Latimore. And the chance to chase down Austin Carr and Adrian Dantley, who are first and second on Notre Dame's list of career scorers, was intriguing, but something Notre Dame's eighth most prolific scorer dismissed.

"He said, 'I don't know if I'm going to score that much, because we have all those big guys,'" Brey said. "That says a lot about the kid we have coming back."

Brey said Thomas will most likely have his knee examined, and the Irish coach didn't rule out the possibility of off-season surgery.

"I think he's made three great decisions," Brey said. "He made a great decision last year to explore. I thought he made a great decision to come back when the information wasn't favorable. And I thought he made a great decision this year."

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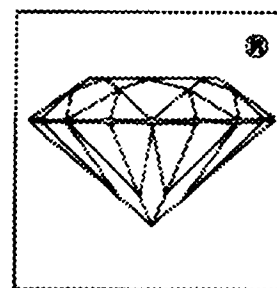
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By CHRIS FEDERICO
Senior Staff Writer

Now it's really time for the Irish to don the targets.

This weekend No. 6 Notre Dame (14-3) travels to Morgantown, W. V., to kick off Big East Conference play and take on West Virginia (8-10).

As perennial conference front-runners and favorites to win the Big East title in 2004 as selected by the conference coaches, the Irish often present opponents a chance to make a big statement in the league.

Irish coach Paul Mainieri welcomes the early season expectations and the challenges his squad will likely receive in making a title run.

"I hope everybody is shooting at us, to be honest," Mainieri

said. "That's the plan. The plan this year is to go out and win this thing."

The Irish will get a real test to open the conference schedule this weekend with the ever-dangerous Mountaineers. Last year, West Virginia came into South Bend in early May and took two of three games. The Mountaineers proceeded to finish the Big East regular season 18-6 and claim second place in the standings — one spot ahead of the Irish who finished third with a 16-7 conference record.

"There are going to be some

good teams we'll have to beat this year, starting with [West Virginia] this weekend," Mainieri said. "It doesn't take a long memory to remember them coming in here and beating us in two out of three last year."

"I think we have a team that can challenge for the title, but these Big East schools are never going to hand it to us."

Paul Mainieri
Irish coach

The Irish got some revenge in the conference tournament, as they smacked the Mountaineers in the first round on their way to the Big East Tournament title.

But Mainieri wants to be sure his players remember what hap-

pened in their first meeting with West Virginia, as he is aware that any conference squad would love to upset the Irish in a big weekend series.

"I think we have a team that can challenge for the title, but these Big East schools are never going to hand it to us," he said. "They have a little disdain for us, and they're going to give it everything they've got. ... We know we're going to have a battle this week, and we're looking forward to it."

First, the Irish skipper is hoping his team can break out of the offensive struggles that have plagued them of late. Notre Dame started to get back on the right path Wednesday with a 16-6 win over Detroit, but problems still exist. Senior tri-captain Steve Sollmann is only batting .227 thus far, and power-hitting

first baseman Matt Edwards enters the weekend series with West Virginia mired in an 0-for-16 slump over the last four games.

"A couple of the guys are really struggling," Mainieri said. "Steve Sollmann and Matt Edwards — those are our guys, and our offense is going to go as they go. Both of them have not been swinging the bats the way I know they are capable of."

But Mainieri still has the utmost confidence in the abilities of his big hitters and believes they will turn it around very soon.

"But I'm not concerned at all about [the offensive struggles]. Everybody goes through these things," he said.

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Champs

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half of the rookie saber duo was not nearly as dynamic. Angela Vincent, who posted the most wins at saber during the regular season, struggled most of the day. She mustered only five wins and lost all six of her bouts against Ohio State, Penn State and Penn.

Vincent, though, was the only

Irish fencer to have a sub-par performance. The Irish received the usual sparkling efforts from seasoned veterans Alicja Kryczalo and Kerry Walton. Kryczalo, in search of her third NCAA foil title in as many years, matched Providenza's 13-1 mark, tying for the best among all weapons.

Walton made many of her bouts exciting as three of them went into the one minute, sudden-death overtime. But she calmly won all three bouts,

appearing to regain the winning form that earned her the 2002 epee championship. She finished right behind Providenza and Kryczalo with a 12-2 mark.

Kryczalo and fellow foilist Andrea Ament — dubbed the "A-Team" — fenced in one of the more intense pairings of the day, facing off against the talented Thompson twins of Ohio State, Hanna and Metta. The twins gave the A-Team all it could handle. Kryczalo and Metta fenced in an epic duel that went into over-

time tied at four. Kryczalo had numerous off-target touches before finally connecting for the touch and the win.

Ament won the next bout against Hanna (5-2) before subsequently losing to her sister by a 5-3 margin. Kryczalo then faced Hanna, scored the first touch and opened the floodgates as she scored four more in twenty seconds to secure a 5-2 victory.

"With Andrea, I think we had similar strategies [against Hanna]," Kryczalo said. "We did-

n't attack so much because she is a very good defender."

From a team standpoint, Bednarski feels the women needed to open up a much bigger lead today before the short-handed men's team begins its half of the competition on Saturday.

"If the lead maintains like this, it will be very hard to get to the top," he said. "[The object of Friday] is to build up the lead."

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62 Lab offering?

63 Sign in the dark

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3 Ancient Greek state

4 Where pins are made

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6 Bird whose male hatches the eggs

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28 Passed illegally, maybe

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish duck out of NIT

Oregon's Luke Jackson seals Notre Dame's fate with late free throws

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

Watching Oregon shoot better on 3-pointers than from the free throw line may surprise some people, but not Irish coach Mike Brey.

Brey knew coming into the game the Ducks were deadly from behind the arc, so their 10-of-20 performance Thursday night wasn't unexpected.

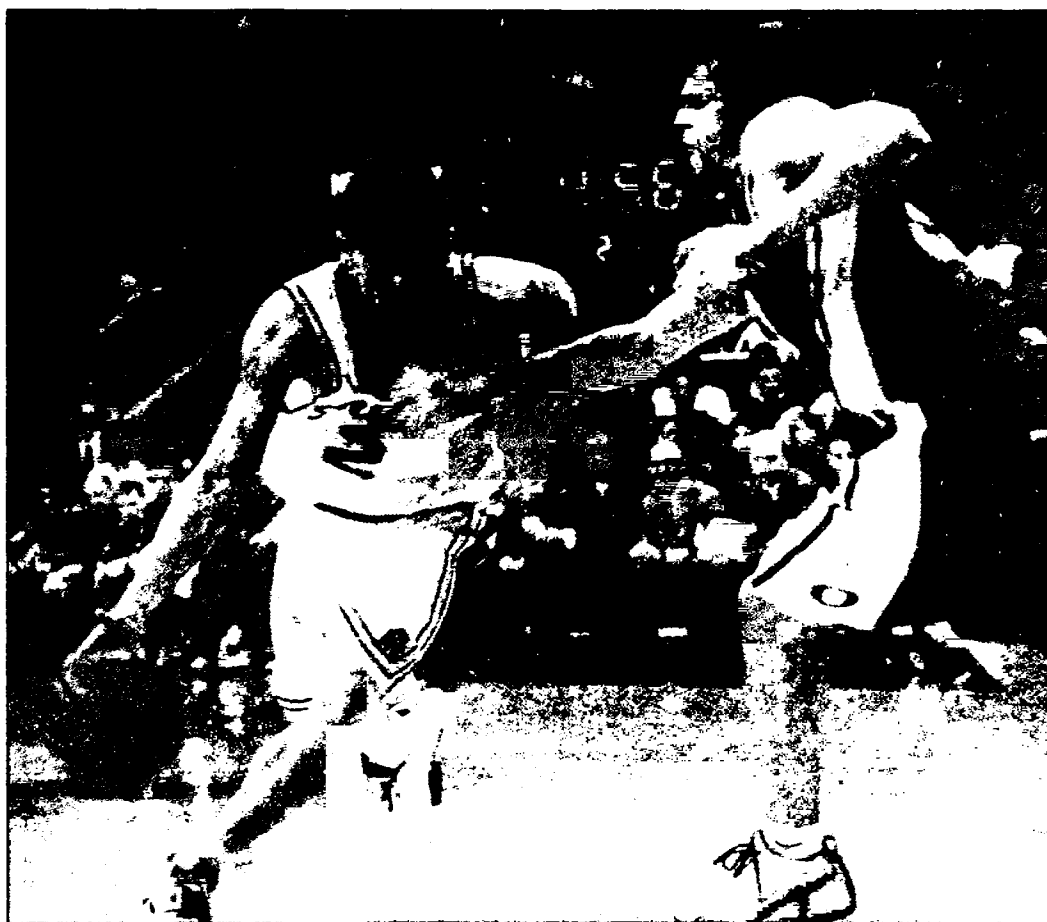
The Irish couldn't overcome that long distance shooting and lost 65-61 in the third round of the National Invitation Tournament.

"They really made some big 3-point shots," Brey said. "A big concern was guarding the 3-point line. [Oregon] making 10 of them was too much to absorb. It's not a fluke. They are a great offensive team and got in a rhythm to get us down nine."

Oregon broke the game open making 5-of-7 3-pointers in one stretch, including three

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Chris Quinn drives past Oregon star Luke Jackson Thursday in a 65-61 Irish loss. Notre Dame ended its season with 19 wins.

Final comeback unsuccessful as Notre Dame season ends

When the fuel tank is on empty, the car can only run on fumes for so long.

And Thursday night, the Irish finally sputtered to a halt against an Oregon team that was too deep and too hot for Notre Dame to compete with.

But it shouldn't surprise anyone who has been following the Irish all year that Notre Dame came up short. They came close in losses to Kentucky and Pittsburgh, only to see furious comebacks fall short. They came close to making the NCAA Tournament, only to have a late loss to Providence pop their bubble. And against Oregon, the Irish once again came close — rallying from a nine-point second-half deficit — before falling short.

The team that Irish coach Mike Brey loved to



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FOOTBALL

Baker waits months and chooses Purdue

Indianapolis player renegs on verbal commitment to ND

By PAT LEONARD
Associate Sports Editor

After deliberating for almost two months, Ryan Baker of Bishop Chatard High School in Indianapolis chose the Purdue Boilermakers over Notre Dame Tuesday night.

The 6-4, 235 pound tight end/defensive end verbally committed to the Irish on Jan. 25 but did not appear on the official list of signees on national signing day, sparking inquiries of coach Tyrone Willingham.

Willingham did not comment specifically on Baker's situation, though he mentioned there was one player who still had not made a definite decision.

Baker's father, Jerry, said Thursday night that his son felt "really conflicted."

"He made a verbal commitment to Notre Dame, and when it came time to make the deci-

sion and the national letter of intent came, he didn't honor his commitment," he said.

Baker took an unusual amount of time to make the decision, though the commitment of defensive end Ronald Talley and the presence of defensive ends Justin Tuck and Victor Abiamiri on the field for the Irish next season could have something to do with Baker's choice to head to West Lafayette, Ind.

Baker's father said his son withstood a "long and tedious struggle" in making his decision. He also said Notre Dame did all it could in recruiting Ryan.

"Notre Dame did an excellent job," he said. "I consider it an honor that Notre Dame would recruit my son. They have a lot of great people there, and they have an incredible coaching staff."

Notre Dame recruited a class of seventeen players this winter. In Baker, Purdue gains a USA Today second team All-American.

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FENCING

Women fencers take lead

Irish look to expand lead before men begin competition Sunday

By MATT MOONEY
Sports Writer

As etiquette is a big part of fencing, it is appropriate that the NCAA Championships begin with the ladies first.

The top-ranked Notre Dame women took to the strip on Thursday as they opened the defense of their national title in the Gosman Center at Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass.

After the first four of seven round-robin rotations, the Irish are at the top of the team standings with 63 victories. Ohio State is right on their heels and only four points behind. Penn State lurks at third with 48 and Pennsylvania is fourth with 43 points. Perennial contender St. John's, whose strength lies in its men's team, is biding its time with 25 points in eighth place.

Though the Irish have only a narrow 63-59 lead, Thursday was an intense day of competition in which the women competed against the best teams in attendance. The formidable lineup included No. 2 Ohio State, No.



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Aaron Adjemian fences in an early season match. The Irish lead the field at the NCAA championships after the first day.

3 Penn State and fourth-ranked Penn in all three weapons.

"The harder part is over with now," said saber Valerie Providenza.

Level of difficulty proved not to be an issue for Providenza. Participating in her first national championships, she blazed her way to a 13-1 record on the day. Her wins were by no means easy victories, as numerous times she faced the deciding point with a 4-3 deficit. But she showed poise and persevered to three 5-4

wins. Her only loss came at the hands of Penn State's Sophia Hiss.

Head coach Janusz Bednarski was impressed.

"She was very good," he said. "She had some problems at the beginning where she was very nervous. But bout by bout when she gets the confidence she started fencing extremely well."

The Irish needed Providenza to have a big day because the other

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

SMC SOFTBALL

Alma at Saint Mary's

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The Belles open their home schedule.

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SMC GOLF

Northern Kentucky Invitational

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The Belles will face stiff competition.

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ROWING

Notre Dame races Saturday

The Irish travel to Ann Arbor to face No. 2 Michigan and Clemson.

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BASEBALL

Notre Dame at West Virginia

Saturday-Sunday

The Irish open Big East play against the Mountaineers.

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HOCKEY

NCAA Championships

The Irish travel to the NCAA championships to face defending champion Minnesota.

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WOMEN'S BBALL

Irish in Sweet 16

The team faces Penn State on Saturday in the Sweet 16.

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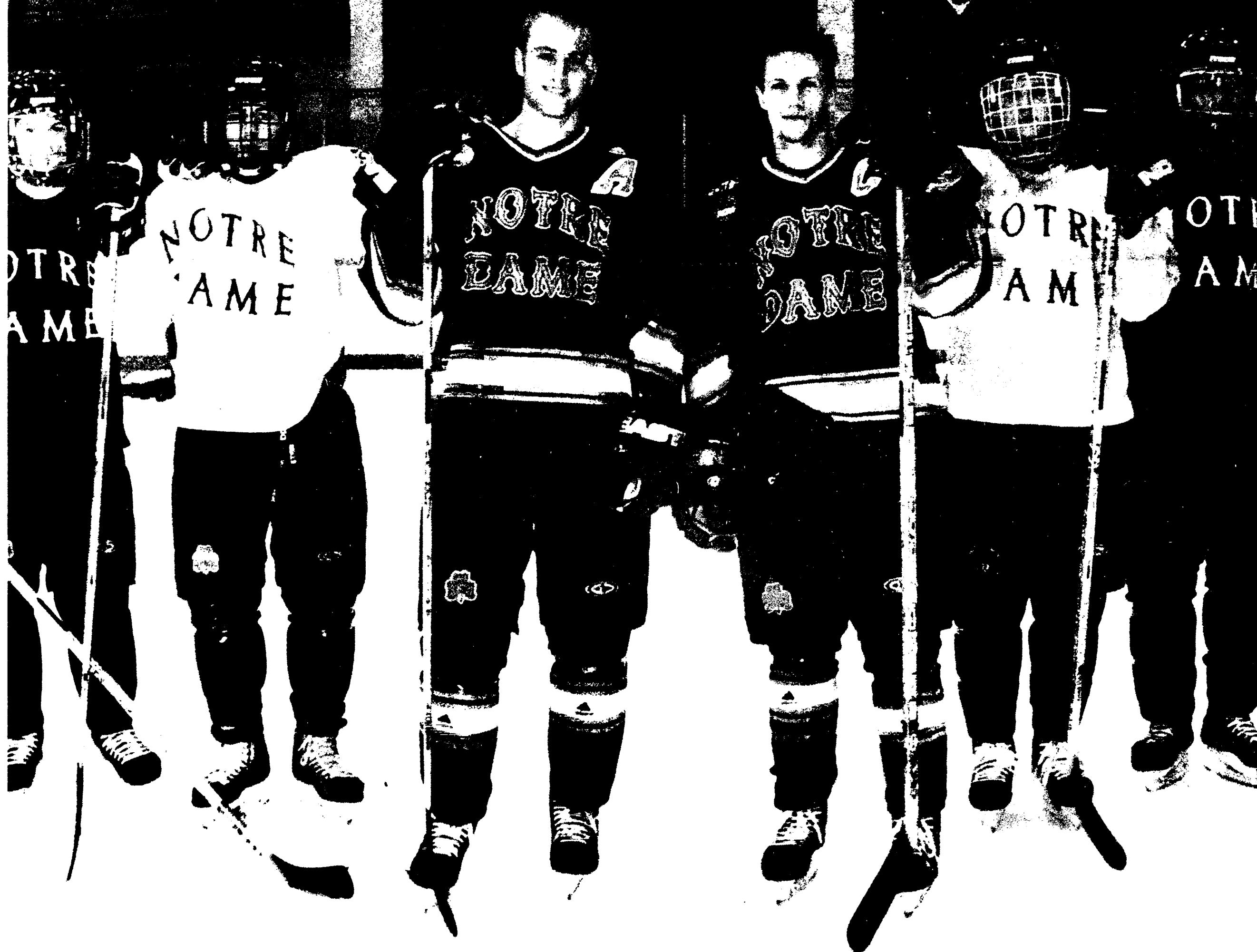
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Rob Globke and Aaron Gill
lead the Irish in their first
NCAA Tournament appearance

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Irish prepare to face defending-champion Minnesota

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

Talk about your baptisms by fire.

No. 4 seed Notre Dame (20-14-4) will face No. 1 seed Minnesota (26-13-3) in the first round of the NCAA Midwest Regional Saturday at noon in Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids, Mich.

The Golden Gophers are two-time defending national champions and are making their NCAA-leading 28th appearance in the tournament.

This is Notre Dame's first appearance.

"What better way to start," Irish coach Dave Poulin said.

"What better way to earn your first berth than by playing the two-time defending national champion? I talked a lot to [Irish baseball] coach [Paul] Manieri about the first

time they went to the College World Series and how they had to go through Florida State, who was No. 1 at the time, to get to that point.

"He talked a lot about the respect they earned doing [it] that way, so as I see it there's no better way to go right into this thing. We'd have to get through Minnesota at some point, so why not just do it here in the first game."

Notre Dame earned its first NCAA tournament bid by virtue of a difficult non-conference schedule that included wins over then-No. 1 Boston College, then-No. 3 Maine and then-No. 4 Wisconsin — Maine and

Boston College are No. 1 seeds in other regionals this year. Poulin sees nothing different in his team's next opponent.

"When we are conscious of it, and we play on the defensive side and play smart, we can really play with anybody in the country," he said. "I think we've definitely proven that this year."

This weekend's matchup is a reunion for two former Notre Dame teammates. Poulin and Minnesota coach Don Lucia were teammates on the Irish from 1978-81, playing under head coach Lefty Smith.

Poulin, a forward, scored 196 points in his 135-game career and Lucia, a defenseman, scored 30 points in 124 games.

"It's pretty neat for Lefty Smith to have two former players coaching against each other in the NCAA's," Poulin said. "Donny and I have kept in

touch over the years and obviously he's done a wonderful job in Minnesota."

Notre Dame's last game was a 6-5 loss in overtime to Ohio State March 18 in the first round of the CCHA's Super Six Championship.

Senior forwards Aaron Gill and Rob Globke each had four-point nights in the loss, with Gill scoring three goals and one assist and Globke chipping in one goal and three assists.

"I think they have been and will be the leaders of this tournament," Poulin said. "We need other people obviously to help out, but those two wanted to be and have



TIM KACMAR/The Observer

Neil Komadoski, right, and Mike Walsh celebrate Walsh's game-winning goal in Notre Dame's 1-0 win over Boston College Oct. 24. The Irish face Minnesota in the NCAA tournament Saturday.

been the leaders for us all season.

"Obviously we fell a little short, but now we have a new goal ahead of us."

Minnesota is coming off the Western Collegiate Hockey Association championship, defeating Minnesota-Duluth 7-4 in the semifinals and North Dakota 5-4 in the championship game.

Lucia's roster is laden with talent. Minnesota boasts two of the best players in college hockey in forward Thomas

Vanek and defenseman Keith Ballard, who are both nominees for this year's Hobey Baker award.

The Golden Gophers have five players with 30 or more points, with Vanek and forward Troy Riddle leading the team with 48 points each. Vanek also leads the team with 24 goals.

Minnesota is led in net by freshman Kellen Briggs, who has a 2.63 goals-against average and a .895 save percentage while compiling a 24-

10-3 record. Briggs has four shutouts this season.

The winner of Saturday's game will go on to face the winner of the game between No. 2 seed Minnesota-Duluth and No. 3 seed Michigan State.

That game will be played at 1 p.m. Sunday. The winner of that game then advances to the Frozen Four in Boston April 8-10.

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	COACHING	OFFENSE	DEFENSE	SPECIAL TEAMS	GOALTENDING	INTANGIBLES
NOTRE DAME	Dave Poulin has done a fantastic job of coaching the Irish to a competitive level in the CCHA. His teams have made it to the Super Six three of the past four years, and this is their first NCAA appearance.	Notre Dame's offense this season has come primarily from senior forwards Rob Globke and Aaron Gill. Sophomore Mike Walsh and freshman Jason Paige have contributed as well, but the Irish are prone to dry spells.	The Irish are built on defense. They were the CCHA's leader during the regular season in goals against average, and have shown an ability to shut down offensively-talented teams several times this season.	Notre Dame's penalty killing this year was some of the best in the nation. Despite a hiccup against Ohio State in the Super Six where the Irish allowed three power-play goals, the team still has the ability to stop their opponent's power play.	The Irish have two of the best goalies in the country in Morgan Cey and David Brown. They have already come up huge in earlier upsets of ranked teams this year, and they'll more than likely have to make some great saves against Minnesota.	This is the first time in the history of Notre Dame hockey that the Irish have advanced to the NCAA's. This year's seniors are hungry to show that the Irish belong in the same league as the Minnesotas of the world.
MINNESOTA	Don Lucia has coached the Golden Gophers to two consecutive national championships. Before coming to Minnesota, he helped to rebuild the Colorado College program.	The Golden Gophers have 16 players with 10 points or more. Thomas Vanek is a Hobey Baker finalist, and there are very few teams in the country that boast the amount of depth that Minnesota has.	The Golden Gophers have a Hobey Baker candidate in Keith Ballard, but they're not quite as focused on defense as the Irish are. They allowed 2.9 goals per game to their opponents, compared to Notre Dame's 2.5 goals allowed per game.	Minnesota has one of the best power plays in the nation, connecting at a rate of 26.2 percent. Vanek and the rest of the Golden Gophers make a living scoring goals on the man-advantage. Their killing rate of 85.0 percent is average.	The Golden Gophers start freshman Kellen Briggs in net, and it is his job to allow fewer goals than the Golden Gophers score. Whether it's a 2-1 win or a 6-5 win, Briggs is able to just do enough to help Minnesota win.	Minnesota is the two-time defending national champion, and they're used to the different kind of hockey needed to win at this time of the year. Lucia will have the Golden Gophers focused, and they won't be looking past the Irish.
ANALYSIS	Even though Poulin is a very good coach, it's hard to compete with Lucia and his multiple championships. He's been down this road before, and Poulin has not.	This one isn't even close. Minnesota has four talented offensive lines that they can throw at the Irish. Vanek might just be the best player that Notre Dame has seen so far this season.	If the Irish are able to play their best defensive game, they can pull off the upset. Notre Dame has three seniors on defense and experience is key come playoff time, when goals are hard to come by. Plus, the Irish give up fewer goals per game than Minnesota.	This matchup might be the key to the game. Notre Dame will need to stay disciplined and take as few penalties as possible. Minnesota's power play is too good, if given the chance. It's Notre Dame's job not to give the Golden Gophers that chance.	Notre Dame wins this battle easily. Briggs is not a great goalie, but with the offense he has helping him, he doesn't have to be. Either Cey or Brown has the ability to steal a game, and goaltending is always key at this time of year.	The Irish have the "nothing to lose" mentality on their side, while Minnesota has to deal with the pressure of trying to three-peat. When it's all said and done, though, the Golden Gophers' experience in the NCAA's gives them the edge here.

Lords of the rink

Irish senior forwards Rob Globke and Aaron Gill pace the Notre Dame offense and provide veteran leadership

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

The date was Oct. 7, 2000. Notre Dame was playing its opening game against the University of Minnesota, in the Hall of Fame Classic at the brand-new Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul, Minn.

Aaron Gill and Rob Globke were two young freshman forwards on that team, whose first experience of Notre Dame hockey was to see their team fall to the Golden Gophers by a score of 7-3.

Fast forward four years, where Gill and Globke are senior leaders on this year's Irish and have a chance to do something that no Notre Dame has ever done — win an NCAA tournament game. It just so happens that opponent is the very same Minnesota Golden Gophers.

"I think it will be pretty neat to go up against Minnesota," Globke said. "It would be good to end their season after they gave us that loss the first time."

The No. 4 seed Irish travel to Grand Rapids, Mich., Saturday to face the No. 1 seed Golden Gophers in the first round of the NCAA Midwest Regional. Minnesota is the two-time defending national champion and currently has a 15-game postseason winning streak.

It's unlikely those numbers scare either Globke or Gill, who have no desire to end their Irish hockey careers in the same way they started.

The captain

The captain is supposed to be the team's leader, both on and off the ice. He's supposed to help the team through the

hard times, and to be the guy everyone looks at to inspire the team when they're down.

Nowhere was that more obvious for Gill than in the CCHA Super Six game against Ohio State March 18. Although Notre Dame lost that game, 6-5 in overtime, it certainly wasn't because of any lack of hustle from Gill.

Gill scored a hat trick, just the second of his career, and also notched an assist on a four-point night for the Irish.

"You definitely have to be playing well at this time of the year," Gill said. "Going into the tournament, you're not going to see much scoring. This time of the year you go into every game thinking that it could be your last game and I think that's the approach we want to have."

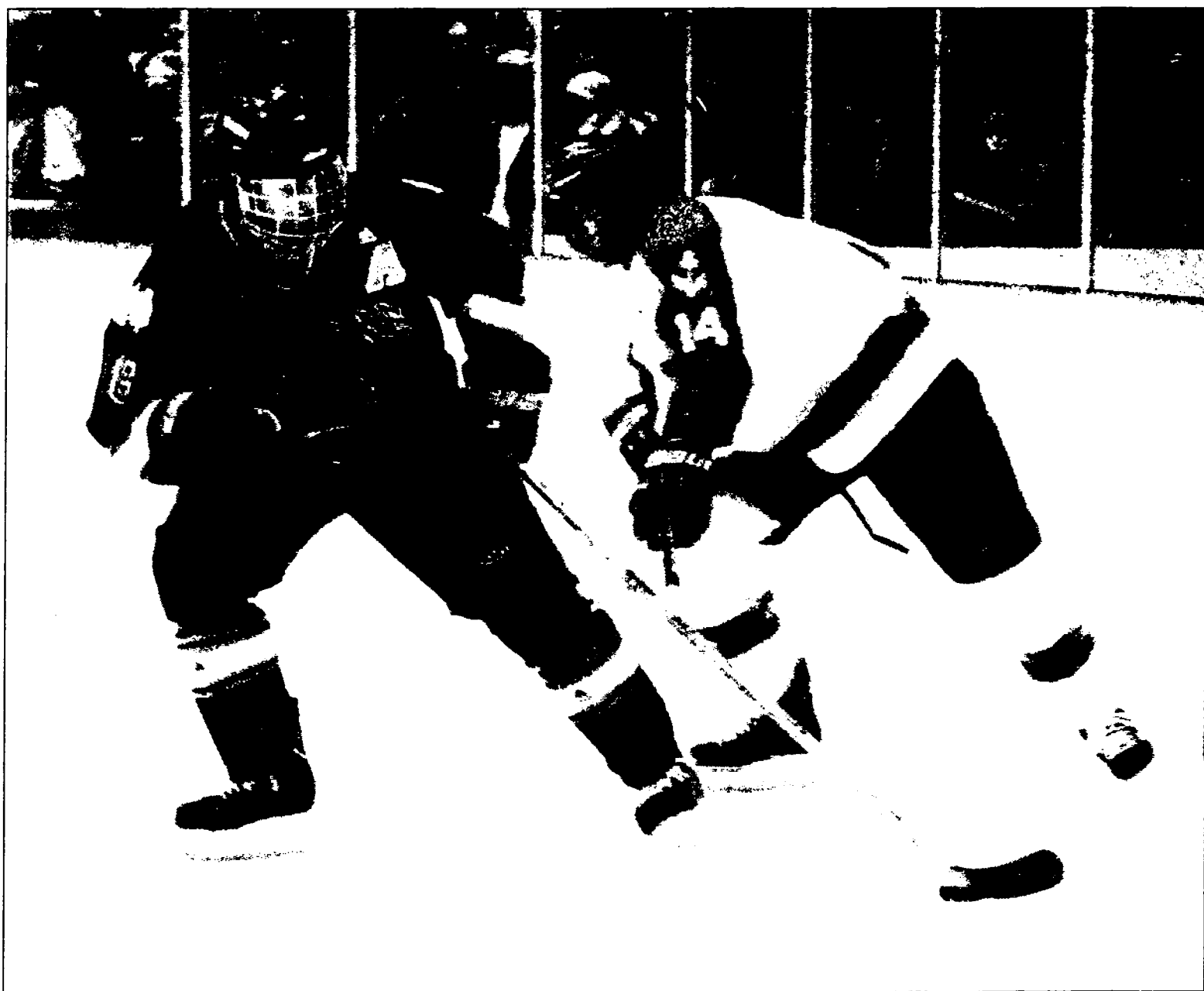
"You just want to go out there and give everything you have anytime you get that chance."

It's not very often that the Rochester, Minn., native doesn't give everything he has on the ice. Irish coach Dave Poulin uses Gill in nearly all situations, even-strength, shorthanded and on the power play.

Poulin doesn't worry about playing Gill too often, because the forward is ranked second on the team in plus-minus with a plus-14.

"Our team's strength is defense, and that's including the forwards as well," Poulin said. "We need everyone on the ice to do their part if we're going to be successful."

Gill has been doing his part on the ice for a long time. He began playing hockey with the Rochester Youth Hockey Program when he was just five years old, and went on to



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Rob Globke protects the puck from a Lake Superior State defenseman in Notre Dame's 5-3 win over the Lakers Nov. 21. Globke leads the team in goals this season.

become a star with the United State Hockey League's Rochester Mustangs for three seasons before coming to Notre Dame.

"Part of me wanting to come here was the school and the great traditions at Notre Dame," he said. "The other part was wanting to come to a younger hockey club and really help to build a program."

"One of my goals has always been to try and help the team achieve something that they hadn't done before and we finally did this year, which is great especially me and the other seniors."

As a freshman, Gill stepped in and was able to contribute to the Irish offense instantly. He ended up tied for third on that team in scoring along with Globke and current senior defenseman Brett Lebda.

Both Gill and Globke earned

honorable-mention CCHA honors as a result of their performance in the 1999-2000 season.

Gill continued to be a model of consistency in his sophomore through junior years, providing a scoring punch while also being a responsible player both on and off the ice. Those qualities impressed Poulin, who named Gill the team's captain for this season.

"I just try to help the guys achieve what we want to achieve," Gill said of his captain's duties. "Sometimes we get tired mentally and hopefully I can help push some of those guys through those hard times."

"We've always said that whatever we have to give, it's worth it in the end, and I think this is the proof here going to the NCAA's."

The superstar

Whereas Gill is asked to help the team in all aspects of the game, Globke's role is less broad. That's not to say Globke is allowed to just shirk his defensive responsibilities, but at the same time he's not asked to be the team's best all-around player.

"I think pretty much offense, in any shape or form, is my main role with the team," Globke said matter-of-factly.

Every team needs a player like Globke, especially a championship-caliber team. He is the kind of offensive presence that can take over a game and really provide a spark when the team needs one.

Globke is the kind of player who can score goals like the one he scored against Western Michigan on March 14, to send the Irish to the CCHA's second round against Ohio State. With the score 4-3 in favor of Notre Dame, Globke picked up a free puck and skated down the left side toward Western Michigan goalie Eric Marvin.

With one defender to beat, Globke made just a simple little hesitation move, that allowed him to quickly slide the puck over to the right side

with his stick and whip it past both Marvin and the Bronco defender who was covering him. It was a simple move, yet a remarkable offensive play.

Globke has made a living of making the remarkable plays, and he has done so numerous times this season as well, leading the team in both scoring with 39 points and in goals with 19. He has seemed to especially rise to the occasion at clutch times this season, scoring a team-high five game-winning goals.

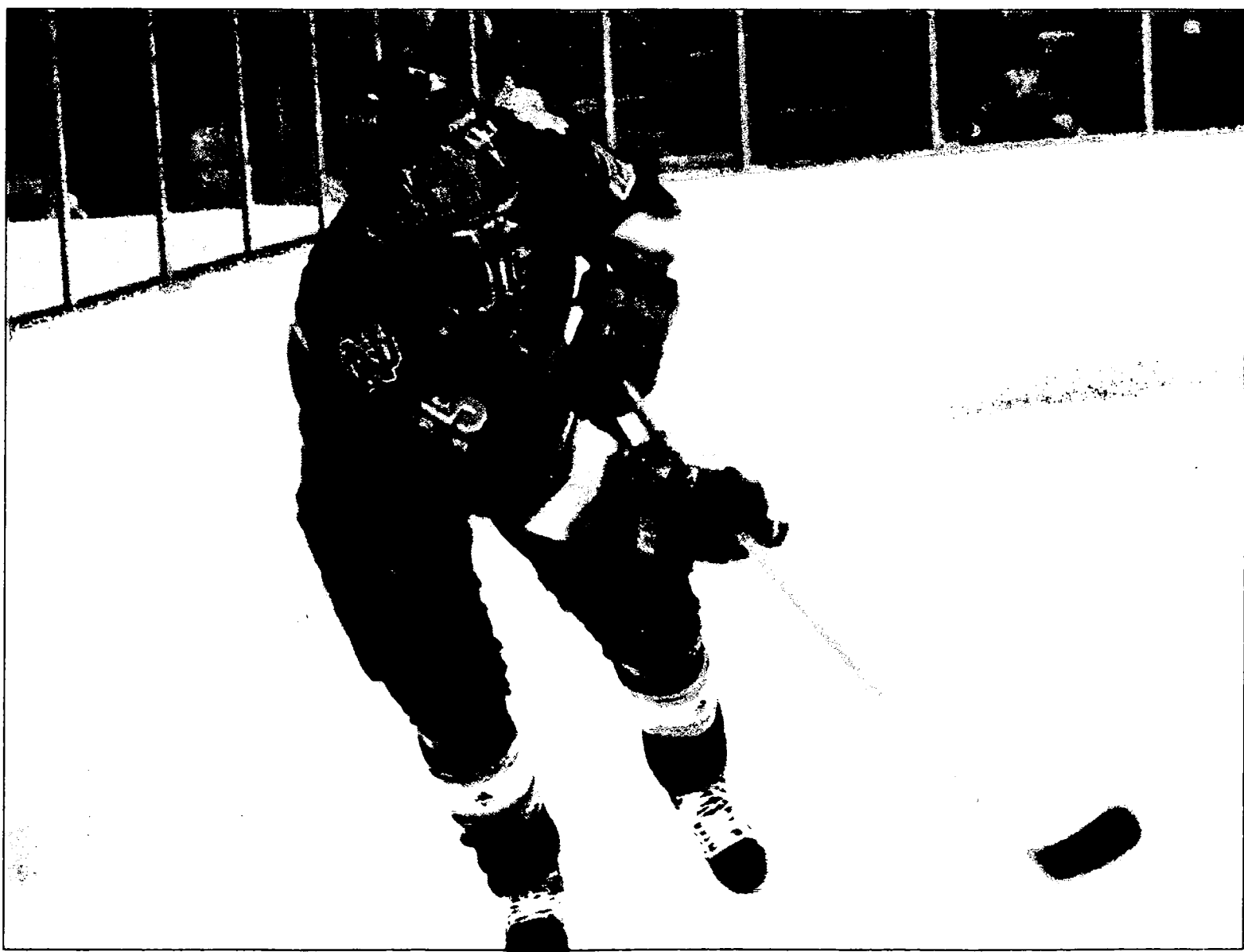
Those skills allowed Globke to achieve a piece of Irish history, becoming Notre Dame's highest-ever draft pick when he was selected by the Florida Panthers in the second round of the 2002 NHL Entry League Draft.

"It was awesome being able to go up there and get that [Florida] jersey on the podium," Globke said of his draft-day experience. "Of all the great players that have come from here, to be the highest drafted player ever is really just a great honor."

Globke's trip to Notre Dame followed a familiar course, as the West Bloomfield, Mich., native made a name for himself on the U.S. Under-18 National Team. The Irish have used the U.S. National Team as a pipeline in recent years, and Globke is one of eight players currently on the Notre Dame roster who came through the U.S. National Team program.

"There's more to life than just hockey, and this place has so much to offer besides athletics, so that was one big draw," said Globke of his decision to attend Notre Dame. "I also knew the coaches before I actually came here so I felt really comfortable around them and felt that it was a real good fit for me here."

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Senior captain Aaron Gill looks to pass the puck against Alaska Fairbanks in Notre Dame's 3-2 win over the Nanooks Jan. 30. Gill is currently second on the Irish in scoring with 36 points.

Irish have proven naysayers wrong all season

If you've ever seen the movie "Major League II," then you know about Randy Quaid's minor uncredited role as a heckler named Johnny in the stands. No matter what the Cleveland Indians do on the field, Johnny is convinced that they will eventually blow it later in the season.



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"We just won the pennant," an excited Indians fan screams. "Who cares," Johnny says, "They'll just blow it in the playoffs."

No matter what the Indians do, it's never enough for Johnny, who seems to enjoy heckling his team more than cheering for them. So what if Johnny were a Notre Dame hockey fan this season?

"So we beat Western Ontario in a meaningless exhibition game," Johnny says. "So what? Let's see this team beat No. 15 Ohio State on the road in front of a crowd of screaming Buckeye fans."

The Irish did just that, upsetting Ohio State in its home opener on Oct. 10 by a score of 5-2, giving Rory Walsh his first win as a Notre Dame goalie. Unfortunately, the Irish then lost their next game to the Buckeyes by a

score of 3-1.

"Ha, I told you so," Johnny says. "This team does nothing but choke. Just watch when they play Boston College. Then you'll see just how far these Irish have to go to play with the big boys."

Notre Dame not only showed they can compete with the big boys, but they showed they can win against them as well, knocking off then-No. 1 Boston College 1-0 in the Golden Eagles' home opener. Goalie David Brown made 27 saves in the win.

"So what," Johnny says after that game. "Boston College had a few key players injured, and the Irish aren't going to get that kind of goaltending in every big game. Wait until they play Maine over the Christmas break. Then you'll see. They've got the best goalies in the country in Jim Howard and Frank Doyle; there's no way the Irish can win that one."

The Irish showed that they've got a pretty good pair of goalies themselves, using Morgan Cey in net as Notre Dame collected a 1-0 win over Maine on Dec. 28 at the Everblades College Hockey Classic in Estero, Fla.

"Fine, I guess even a blind squirrel finds a couple of acorns," Johnny says. "But just wait until they go on the road to Wisconsin later this January. The Badgers have one of the toughest environments in the whole country to play in at the Kohl Center in

Madison. The Fighting Irish will be the Crying Irish when it's all over there."

Against then-No. 4 Wisconsin, Notre Dame came away with a 2-2 tie and a 3-1 win. At this point, Johnny's getting a little frustrated.

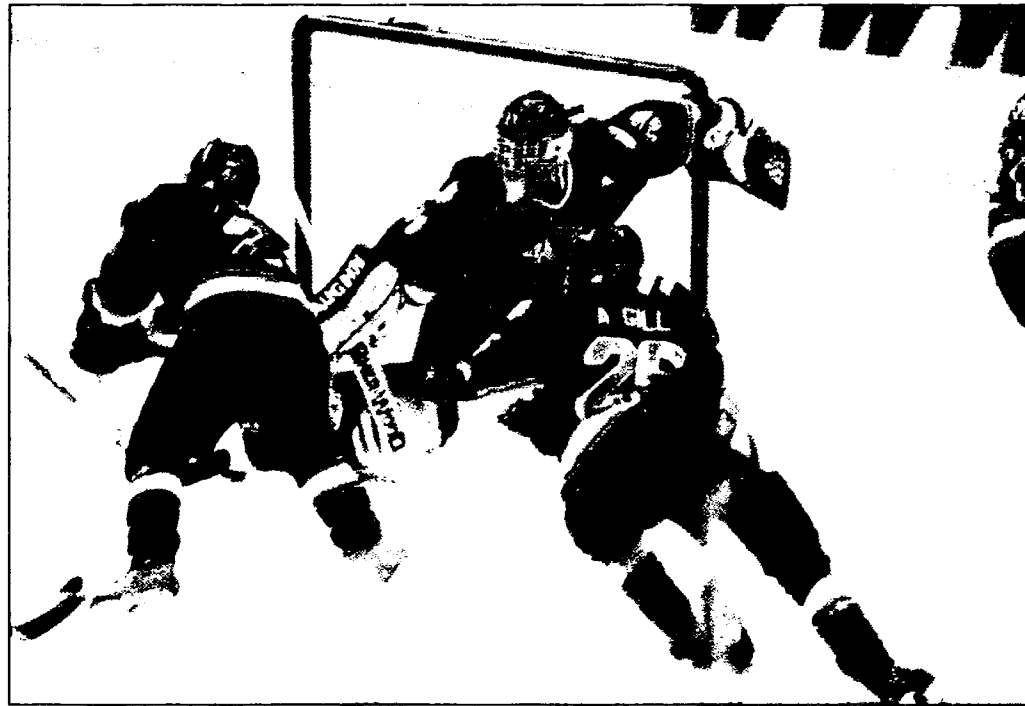
"Ha," he says. "It was a meaningless non-conference game for Wisconsin. They just didn't want to get any players hurt for the Western Collegiate Hockey Association season. Just wait until Notre Dame's last home series against Michigan. Those Wolverines will show the Irish how CCHA hockey is played!"

After all, Michigan was ranked No. 4 in the nation at the time, and was fighting with Miami of Ohio for that coveted first-place position in the CCHA. It would make sense to believe that the Irish would be lucky to come away with a tie against the mighty Wolverines that weekend of Feb. 27 and 28.

The result? — Friday, Notre Dame 4, Michigan 1; Saturday, Notre Dame 5, Michigan 2.

"Yeah, well Michigan was just looking ahead to Michigan State, their big in-state rival," Johnny says. "And besides, Michigan beats Notre Dame at everything, so I guess they figured they'd be nice and let the Irish have a few games on the ice. Just wait until the CCHA Super Six — they'll lose like they always do!"

Unfortunately, Johnny was right for once, as Notre Dame lost 6-5 in overtime against



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David Brown makes a kick save against then-No. 1 Boston College in Notre Dame's 1-0 victory Oct. 24.

eventual CCHA champion Ohio State. The Irish controlled the flow of the game and had two separate two-goal leads, but simply were unable to hold off the charging Buckeyes.

"Ha," Johnny says, in a rather good mood. "That overtime goal probably cost the Irish their chance at the NCAA's. Too bad, guess they'll just have to get their golfing equipment ready. And there's always next year."

What Johnny didn't realize, though, is that all those times he was wrong earlier in the season allowed Notre Dame to just squeak into the NCAA tournament bracket, earning a chance to take on No. 1 seed and two-time defending national champion Minnesota

this Saturday in Grand Rapids, Mich.

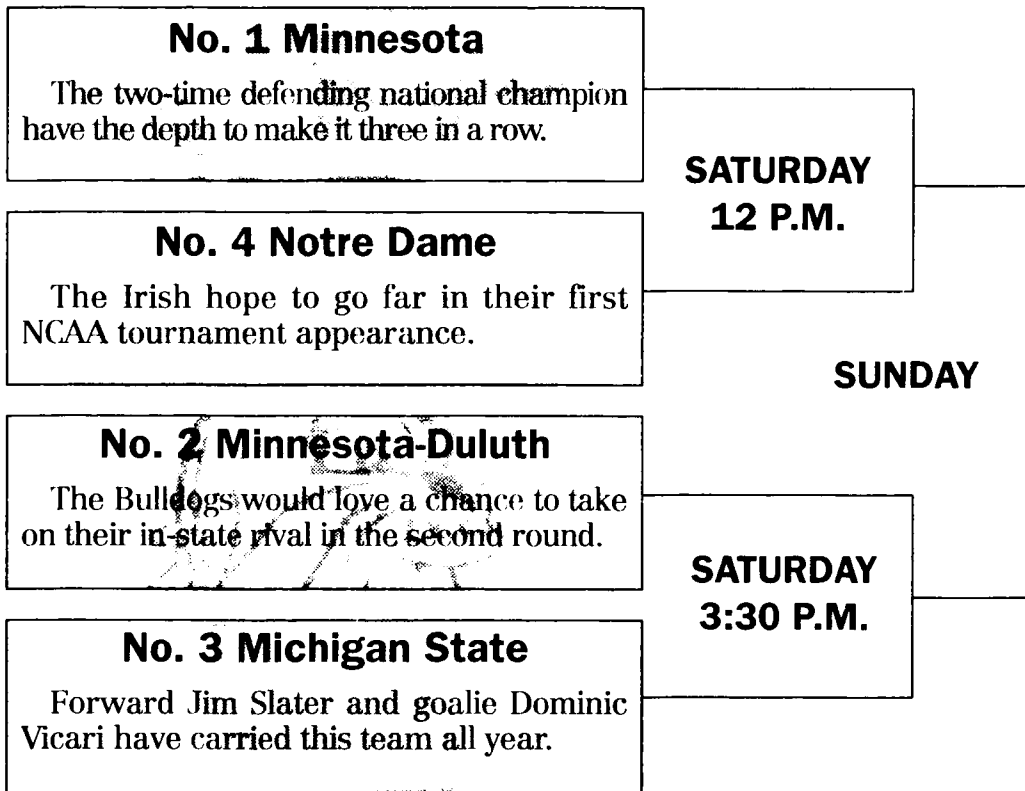
"Ha, you see," Johnny says. "Minnesota's the class of college hockey. Notre Dame's the little kid from whom bullies like Minnesota take lunch money. This one will be a blowout. I guarantee it. And believe me, even if they do get past the Golden Gophers, there's no way these Irish could ever win a national championship. No chance at all!"

To be continued ... Saturday.

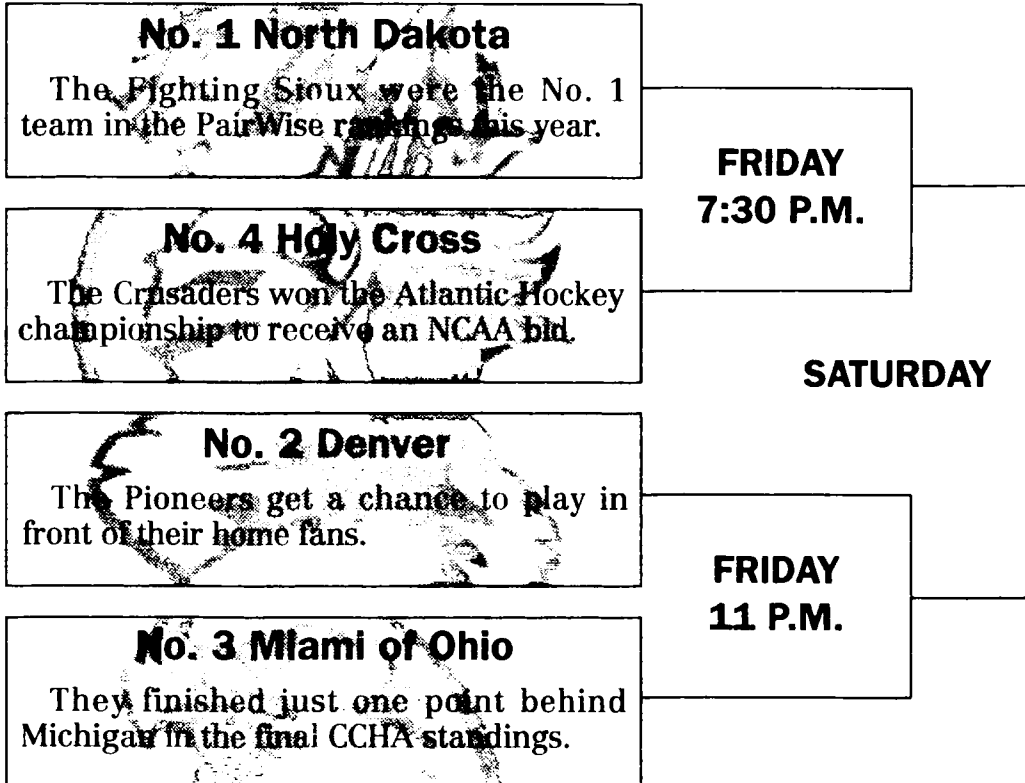
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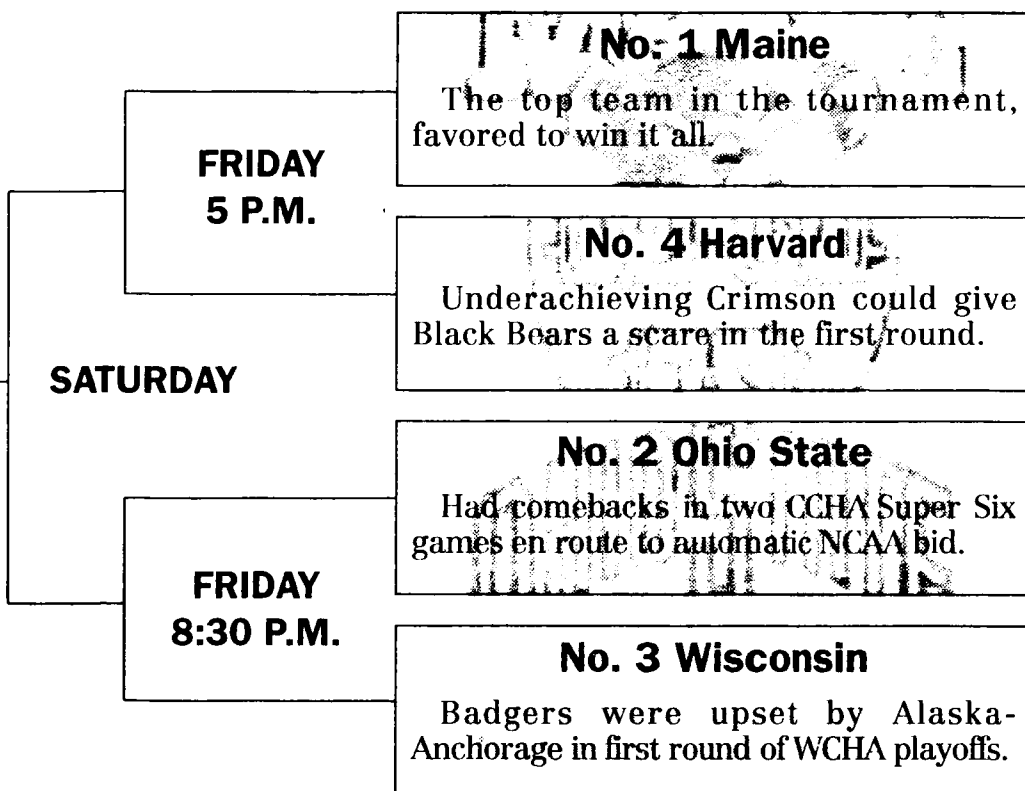
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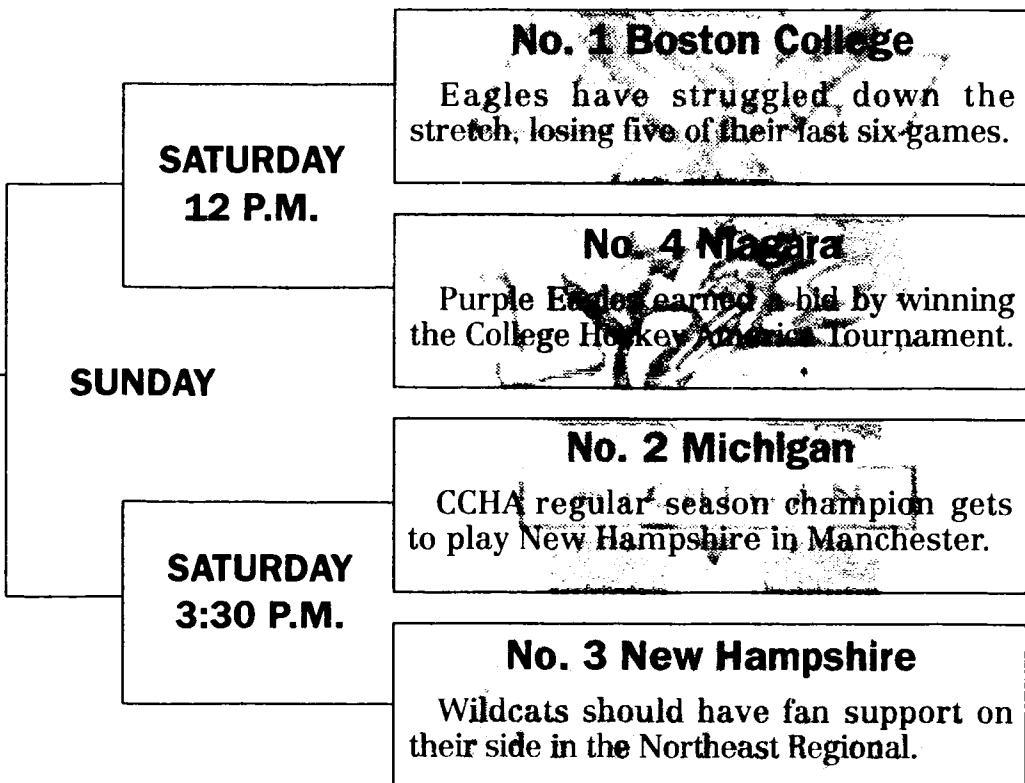
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They only have one chance to make it to the Sweet Sixteen. The Irish are now in New Orleans for the Final Four. The game is being telecast on ESPN.

Penn State poses numerous challenges for Irish

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

In Penn State's second-round game against No. 8 seed Virginia Tech, Nittany Lion All-American Kelly Mazzante struggled, going just 4-of-16 from the field for nine points.

So All-American and two-time Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year Tanisha Wright and guard Jess Strom picked up the slack, combining for 45 points in the team's 61-48 victory.

That game showed what kind of challenges Notre Dame faces tomorrow when it faces No. 1 seed Penn State for a chance to advance to the Elite Eight. The Nittany Lions have a core of talented players, so stopping just one or two is not enough to beat them.

"That's the thing, you can't just key on [Mazzante], even though she's averaging 20 points a game," Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw said. "All four of their starters are capable of having a big night, so you can't just concentrate on one player."

Besides being an All-American, Mazzante is the back-to-back Big Ten player of the year and is the conference's all-time leading scorer. She leads the team in scoring and is second in minutes played.

Wright and Strom both have more than 130 assists on the season and average in double figures in scoring to complement Mazzante. Jess Brungo adds 9.9 points a game for the Nittany Lions. Penn State will play just six players throughout the game, not going deep into the bench.

Notre Dame needs to continue playing aggressive on both ends of the floor to have any success Saturday.

"You have to be aggressive, especially at this time of year because the referees are letting the players decide the game," McGraw said. "So it's going to be a little more physical, so I think the team that comes out with more aggressiveness is going to get the momentum quicker and things are going to go their way a little be easier."

"Whatever our game plan is, we've really got to attack the basket."

The Irish have been led all season and postseason by Associated Press All-

American honorable mention Jacqueline Batteast. Batteast scorched Notre Dame's second-round opponent Middle Tennessee State for a career-high 27 points in the Irish 59-46 win. She will be looked upon to be a huge contributor against Penn State, but McGraw knows Batteast will need help from others.

"I was really happy with the overtime against [first-round opponent] Southwest [Missouri State] because everybody contributed, and that's what we want," McGraw said. "We can't rely on Jackie to do it all, we need her to do it all. We need everyone to contribute."

Besides Batteast, one of Notre Dame's biggest contributors has been forward Courtney LaVere. LaVere scored 11 points, including four in overtime, in the Irish win against Southwest Missouri State. She has also become an increasingly impressive defender, blocking three shots and swiping two steals against Middle Tennessee State.

"She's really, really developed into a great defender and she is now an intimidating presence in the lane," McGraw said, "and that is so important for our defense, especially when we're in the zone. People don't feel like they can come in there and get off an easy shot."

"She's really had a marked improvement in her defense."

Notre Dame also got solid bench contributions from Jeneka Joyce and Crystal Erwin against the Blue Raiders. Joyce knocked down 3-of-4 3-pointers, while Erwin scored six points in 25 minutes.

Even though her team will be underdogs for the first time this tournament, McGraw said the Irish are excited and ready for the challenges that await them in Hartford.

"We kind of feel like this is where we expected to be. We're getting down to business and ready to go," McGraw said. "I don't think you saw a lot of celebrating after the [Middle Tennessee State] game. Last year after Kansas State we were so excited. We felt like we over-achieved to get there as an 11 seed. As the five seed, we figure this is where we expected to be. Now let's see if we can get one step further."



MICHELLE OTTO/The Observer
Jacqueline Batteast dribbles against Middle Tennessee State Tuesday night. Batteast and the Irish face a tough Penn State team tomorrow afternoon.

	COACHING	STYLE OF PLAY	POST PLAYERS	PERIMETER PLAYERS	BENCH	INTANGIBLES
NOTRE DAME	McGraw has now taken six of her last eight teams to the Sweet 16 and has reached the Final Four twice, including in 2001 when the Irish won the title. She knows how to push her team to the next level.	Notre Dame relies on defense to stay in games and beat opponents. The Irish used an effective 2-3 zone last game and totally shut down MTSU. Batteast continues to be the main source of offense.	The Irish feed the ball to Batteast and LaVere for much of their low-post scoring. Erwin and her ability to log solid minutes and produce could be the key here. The interior defense continues to improve each game.	Duffy and Severe have run the offense well in the tourney, while Joyce found her stroke last game. Duffy may need to give the Irish more offense. Severe should continue to drive to the hoop and look for the open teammates in the paint.	Erwin played 25 minutes last game and Flecky got into the mix as well. McGraw knows beating Penn State will take a team effort and she needs all eight of her regulars ready.	Notre Dame has stunk all year away from the Joyce Center. They play entirely worse on the road and if that doesn't change Saturday, it could be a long day for the Irish.
PENN STATE	Portland is in her 24th season as Penn State coach and is one of just seven coaches to win over 600 games in her career. She has led her team to six conference championships and 20 tournament appearances.	The Nittany Lions score a lot and don't allow a lot of points. They have one of the best defenders in the country in Wright and one of the best offensive threats in Mazzante. They play well on both ends of the court and will pose problems for the Irish.	Penn State doesn't use its post as much as its perimeter, but the Nittany Lions are still strong inside. Brungo is the leader inside, and even though she's technically a guard, Wright will make her presence felt.	Mazzante is ridiculously good and she can take over any game. Add Wright and Strom and it's easy to see why Penn State has been so good this year. All three average in double figures for their team.	Penn State only plays six girls consistently. Those six just happen to be really, really good. The Nittany Lions have still succeeded using that limited rotation all season.	Penn State blew out Virginia Tech on the road last game and are eager to be in a more neutral environment. They are confident and playing very good basketball right now.
ANALYSIS	McGraw has the championship ring and Portland has the wins. These are two of the top coaches in the nation and they will have their teams prepared for Saturday.	Penn State has too many weapons and they play a tough defense. The Irish must rely on their best defensive players to contain and Batteast can't be the only scorer again.	The Irish need LaVere to not only score but continue her impressive defense, while Batteast must score and rebound like she has all season. Penn State will counter with Wright and Brungo — both of whom could make Notre Dame's night long.	Notre Dame needs big games from all its guards. Duffy and Joyce need to score. Hernandez must play great defense and Severe needs to create when the offense stalls to struggle. It's unlikely Mazzante will have two bad games in a row.	The Irish must utilize its depth to win. They will need big contributions from Erwin and Joyce to stay in the game. If Notre Dame can hang around, they might be able to wear down Penn State.	The Irish may be playing well of late, but the road has been their worst. They can't afford to lose to Penn State. And the Nittany Lions don't need intangibles when they have two All-Americans on the roster.

Stepping up

Jacqueline Batteast and Megan Duffy have lead the way for Notre Dame en route to its second straight Sweet 16.

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Sports Editor

The dynamic duo, the tag team, the 1-2 punch, call them Thelma and Louise; it doesn't matter what you call Jacqueline Batteast and Megan Duffy, when they're playing well, the Irish are tough to beat. Batteast is a dominating force on the offensive end, and Duffy runs the show.

The two have led the Irish to the Sweet 16 for the second straight season, and have emerged as leaders on a team that returned all its starters from last year.

"Jackie and I work well together," Duffy said. "She leads so much by example, and it's my job to be loud. We have become leaders, even though we're not seniors, but we do it by our play."

Batteast and Duffy have lead loudly through their play this year. When Batteast gets the ball, she has the confidence to do whatever she wants with it, and when Duffy handles the ball, there are very few that can take it away. With the dominating offensive presence of Batteast and the savvy court presence of Duffy, the Irish have found themselves two unique players.

Handling the pressure

Batteast wanted to get out of South Bend. When the Washington High School product was being recruited, the one thing that she wanted was to go away from home. But when her parents thought otherwise, Batteast reconsidered and chose the Irish.

"They were really pushing me to go to Notre Dame during the recruiting process," Batteast said. "I was really adamant about going away, but I decided that I really liked having my family around, so I decided to stay here."

For the Irish and Batteast, the decision, made without an official visit to campus, seems to be the right one so far.

When she came in as a freshman, Batteast was named the U.S. Basketball Writers' Association National Freshman of the Year. She was immediately deemed Notre Dame's go-to player, and she was counted on to score. Quite a surprise for someone who thought they

wouldn't play very much, especially after she scored just two points in her debut.

"It was shocking. I didn't expect to have as big of a role as I did," Batteast said. "I was a freshman, they had just won the National Championship. I thought I'd come in, play a couple minutes, get a couple points."

But Batteast quickly turned into Notre Dame's newfound star. She averaged 27 minutes a game, and scored 13.8 points and grabbed 7.8 rebounds per game. Batteast was named second team All-Big East and she was named honorable mention All-American by WBCA/Kodak. By the end of the season, she was touted as the best freshman in the country.

This led to high expectations sophomore year, and Batteast struggled.

"Sophomore year there was so much pressure," she said. "I was on everybody's scouting reports. Everyone knew about me so there were so many defenses."

This led to Batteast taking what could be considered a step back. Though still a great player, she struggled to continue to become the player everyone knew she could be. Batteast was named second team All-Big East, but her scoring average was steady at 13.9 points per game, and she was frustrated with her season.

"The pressures of trying to win were overwhelming at times," Batteast said. "I think I hit the wall last year."

Batteast struggled the most in the NCAA Tournament, when she went 6-for-43 from the field in three games, good for just 13 points. But the Irish still went to the Sweet 16 as a No. 11 seed, upsetting Arizona and Kansas State before losing to Purdue. This was a turning point for Batteast, who realized that she didn't have to do it all for her team to win.

"Last year we got to the Sweet 16 without me being a big offensive power," Batteast said. "I saw that my teammates were able to help and I didn't have to do everything and that took a lot of pressure off me."

So the season ended as somewhat of a disappointment for Batteast, and she had to focus on her junior season.

And what a different season it has been.

Batteast has been unstoppable in games this season, something that she has always been capable of. But this year, she has been consistently outstanding. For Batteast, it is simply her mindset that has helped improve her averages to 15.4 points per game and 8.8 rebounds per game.

"I came in with confidence this year and I knew that was one of the things I was lacking last year," Batteast said.

With her confidence, Batteast has led the Irish over then-No. 4 Connecticut posting 23 points while missing just three shots. This week, she scored 27 points against Middle Tennessee State, taking the game over when the Irish were struggling.

"I can just let the game come to me," Batteast said.

Batteast was named Associated Press honorable mention All-American, and while she didn't let the pressure get to her in this year's tournament, she didn't forget last year either. "Last year was in the back of my head," Batteast said. "I was a little nervous. I didn't want to do like I did last year. I just came in and I was relaxed, and it speaks for itself."

Making a point

Unlike Batteast, when Duffy arrived at Notre Dame, there was no other place she wanted to be.

"Notre Dame has always been my dream school," Duffy said. "It was always in the back of my mind that I wanted to go to school here — really before basketball came in."

So when Irish coach Muffet McGraw called Duffy at the beginning of her junior year, she didn't hesitate in accepting the offer.

"I figured it would be my best offer close to home," the Dayton, Ohio native said.

After accepting, Duffy had a stellar junior season, being named honorable mention All-American by Street & Smith and USA Today at Chaminade-Julienne High School. When senior year came around, her team was ranked No. 1 in the country, and expectations were high for Duffy and her teammates.

Then it happened. Thirteen games into her senior year, Duffy tore her ACL and was forced to have reconstructive surgery, effectively ending her season and her high school career.

"The first few days, I thought my whole world had crashed in," Duffy said.

But a prompt call from McGraw and the realization that she would be okay motivated Duffy to work hard to come back strong.

After she was finally cleared by her doctors at home, Duffy came to Notre Dame only to find out that their doctors said she needed more rehabilitation. Finally, after six months, she was ready to play again.

"It took a lot longer than I thought to heal," Duffy said.

But Duffy was ready to go for her freshman season, and the highly-touted newcomer seemed poised to make an impact.

As a true freshman, Duffy saw significant playing time, averaging 23 minutes per contest. However, she only managed three points and 2.2 assists per



MICHELLE OTTO/The Observer

Jacqueline Batteast drives against Middle Tennessee State in the second round of the NCAA Tournament Tuesday night.

game, numbers that didn't reflect her true talent. Sparks of potential were seen throughout the season, but consistent play was lacking from the freshman who seemed to still be recovering from her knee injury.

"It was almost like freshman year was a nightmare," Duffy said. "I wasn't playing like myself. I just didn't have the freshman year that I was supposed to have and that I expected myself to have."

But the Irish were still able to manage a Sweet 16 appearance, behind the play of Duffy, who stepped up come tournament time. When they lost to Purdue, Duffy decided it was time for her to start over for sophomore year.

"I went back to square one and worked hard to get back [to where I was in high school]," Duffy said.

She spent last summer in the Joyce Center, taking shot after shot. Duffy said she took at least 1,000 shots every day. She played pickup at Rolfs Recreation Center to supplement team workouts and conditioning. This led McGraw to give Duffy the arduous task of running the point for the Irish last summer.

"She gave me the green light to run this team, and to lead this team," Duffy said. "It's always been my role in every team I played on. It was pretty much my team [this summer]."

Now Duffy is reaping rewards for her hard work. In her sophomore season, she was named the Big East's Most Improved Player. She is averaging 9.2 points and 3.9 assists per game, and is shooting 40.7 percent from beyond the arc in 33.5 minutes per contest.

But Duffy's play goes beyond the stats sheet. She is one of the toughest players on the Irish squad.

"That's always how I have been able to survive [by hustling]," Duffy said. "I'm not the most athletic kid you've ever seen, so I have to be able to get on the floor, get loose balls."

But for Duffy, this season was-

n't about improving; it was about finding her game after she tore her ACL.

"Everything happens for a reason," Duffy said. "I knew that something good was going to come out of it, and obviously I didn't expect that kind of award. It's a nice award to get."

And now Duffy can play in the Sweet 16 without celebrating every single win in the Tournament.

"It's funny, because all last year when we won those two games, all it was was celebrating," Duffy said. "This year, it's more like we're expected to be here."

Teaming up

Batteast and Duffy have become the 1-2 punch that Notre Dame has been looking for all year. They credit it to their friendship.

"She's probably my best friend on the team, which makes it easier when we're on the court too, just knowing where we are," Duffy said. "It's fun to play with her."

But sometimes even Duffy is awed by her buddy.

"She's unbelievable," Duffy said. "I catch myself sometimes just watching her. It just seems so easy for her out there." And for Batteast, she is just glad that she has someone else on the court to count on.

"It makes it a lot easier for me to have somebody else to go to to score," Batteast said. "It has really helped with taking the pressure off."

But if you watch this tandem on the court together, it's hard to guess that they are good friends.

"You wouldn't tell just from looking us at practice that we're friends," Batteast said. "But off the court, it's different."

But no matter what, this pair had something to prove, and they've done that so far this season.



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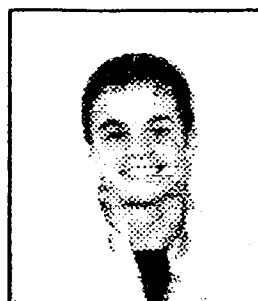
Megan Duffy looks to drive against Boston College Jan. 31. Duffy has stepped up this season to lead the Irish.

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Irish hit the road again for one last chance

Notre Dame enters entirely new territory this weekend.

Gone are the friendly confines of the Joyce Center and a boisterous home crowd. Say good-bye to playing smaller conference foes like Southwest Missouri State and Middle Tennessee State. Adios to being the favorite in any game.



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Sports Writer

A funny thing happens when you advance in the NCAA Tournament — the competition gets tougher.

A lot tougher. Notre Dame will experience this transition first hand when they battle No. 1 seed Penn State at noon Saturday in Hartford. If the Irish win, they'll likely face No. 2 seed Connecticut in the Huskies' backyard on Monday.

Just how good is Notre Dame? The nation will see this weekend.

This is a team that went 7-3 against top-25 opponents in the regular season, including beating five straight at one point. A team that knocked off then-No. 4 Connecticut by 15 points in January. And a team that is 14-4 in its last 18 games.

But it's also a team that lost to lowly Georgetown, went 5-9 on the road and lost its first game

in the Big East tournament.

You don't have to be clever to know that Notre Dame must play its best basketball of the season this weekend to advance to the Final Four in New Orleans. They have to figure out how to beat teams away from the Joyce Center. They need more people than All-American honorable mention Jacqueline Batteast to contribute on the offensive end. And they must continue to play suffocating defense.

The Irish have been impressive in the tournament so far. They defeated a pesky and determined Southwest Missouri State team in overtime, before handling defeating Middle Tennessee State in the second round.

But those teams aren't even close to the same caliber as the Nittany Lions or Huskies.

Penn State is 27-5 this season and has a veteran group of talented players that won 20 of their last 22 games. The Nittany Lions are the Big Ten champs and have all-time conference scoring leader Kelly Mazzante. And all five of Penn State's losses were against stiff competition.

It's safe to say Penn State will give Notre Dame many more problems than Sun Belt conference champion Middle Tennessee State did in the second round.

Perhaps the greatest advantage Notre Dame has heading into its next game is the tough schedule it played this year. Irish coach Muffet McGraw has

said all season that facing difficult competition in the non-conference and conference schedule was meant to prepare the team for March. So playing an outstanding team like Penn State shouldn't put the Irish into shock because they've faced teams with this much talent before.

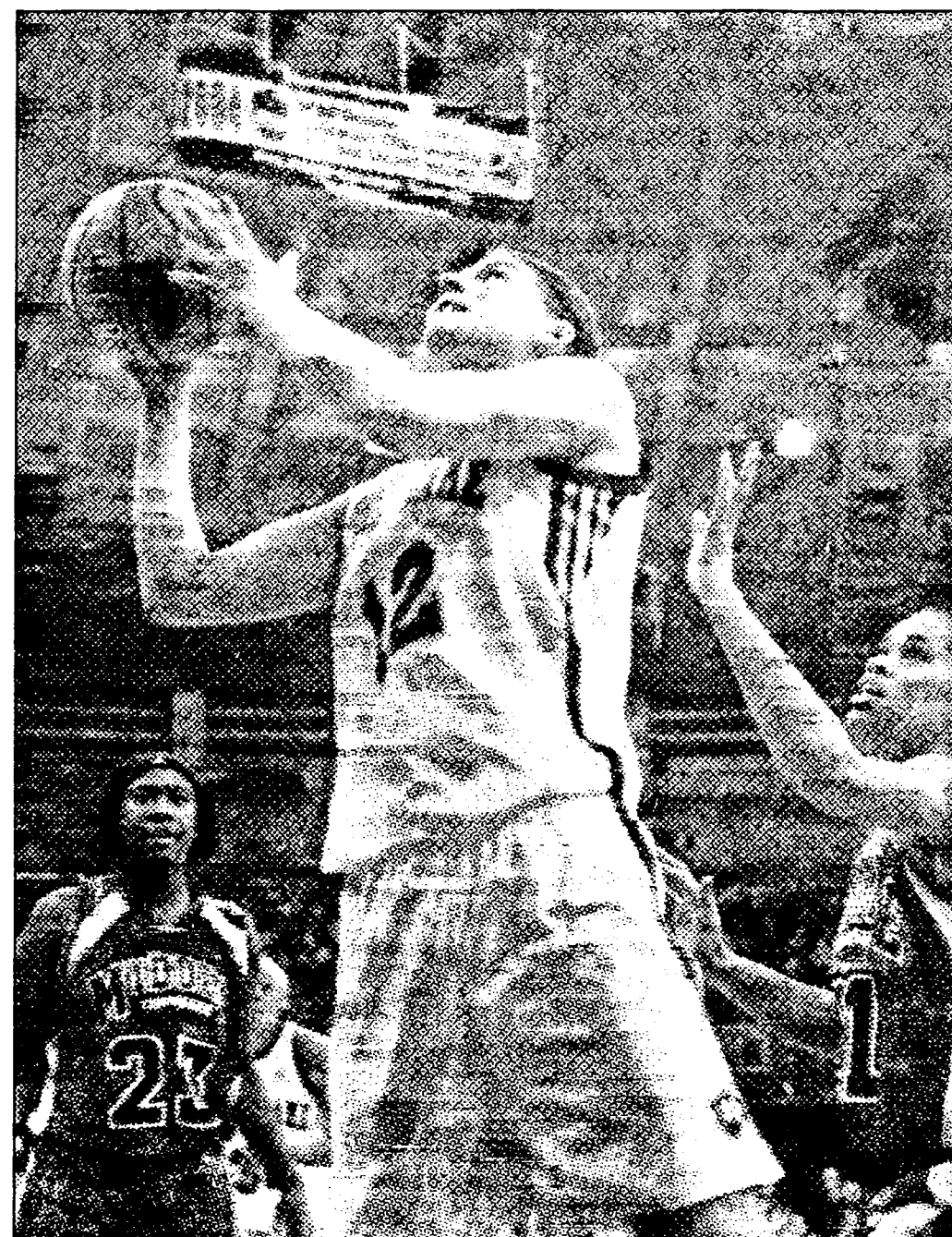
Confidence is the other advantage the Irish have. After losing to Rutgers in the Big East tourney, Notre Dame has picked up its intensity in the last two games and is playing its best basketball of the season. The team is as confident as ever, and is getting contributions from just about everyone.

They'll need to keep that confidence level high for Penn State, who will present as many, if not more, challenges than any game thus far this season.

A year ago, Notre Dame surprised the country by knocking off No. 6 seed Arizona and No. 3 Kansas State en route to a Sweet 16 berth. They faced No. 2 seed Purdue in that game and were outmatched, losing by double digits.

But this season has been different. After a slow 7-6 start, the Irish turned the season around by finishing the regular season 19-10 and earning a No. 5 seed in the tournament. The team isn't content just reaching the Sweet 16 — they want to advance.

Notre Dame gets that chance tomorrow. A very dangerous Penn State team waits, with an array of ability and experience.



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Teresa Borton goes up for a shot against Middle Tennessee State Tuesday night in the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

But Notre Dame has shown all season it can beat teams with Penn State's talent level.

Now it's the time the Irish prove it again.

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THE SWEET SIXTEEN

EAST REGIONAL

No. 1 Penn State
Penn State advances after a tough game against No. 8 seed Virginia Tech.

No. 5 Notre Dame
The Irish go on the road after hosting the first two rounds at home.

No. 11 UC Santa Barbara
The Gauchos upset Colorado and Houston behind 6-foot-8 Lindsay Taylor.

No. 2 Connecticut
Connecticut has yet to play on the road in the tournament, and remains in Hartford.

SATURDAY
12 P.M.

MONDAY

SATURDAY
2:30 P.M.

MIDEAST REGIONAL

No. 1 Duke
The Blue Devils return to make a run at their third consecutive Final Four.

No. 5 Louisiana Tech
After losing in last year's Sweet 16, the Lady Techsters are looking to advance.

No. 9 Boston College
Boston College is heading for its first ever trip to the Final Four.

No. 7 Minnesota
Lindsay Whalen has returned from a broken hand to give the Gophers a boost.

SUNDAY
12 P.M.

TUESDAY

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2:30 P.M.

MIDWEST REGIONAL

No. 1 Tennessee
The Lady Vols have had no trouble thus far in the tournament.

No. 4 Baylor
Baylor dominated inside against Florida to reach the Sweet 16.

No. 6 Stanford
The Cardinal survived against Oklahoma with tough second half defense.

No. 2 Vanderbilt
After starting the season as a bubble team, the Commodores have come on strong.

SUNDAY
9:30 P.M.

TUESDAY

SUNDAY
7 P.M.

WEST REGIONAL

No. 1 Texas
Texas knocked off Michigan State to get here behind Jamie Carey's five 3s.

No. 4 LSU
The Lady Tigers knocked off their first two opponents by double digits.

No. 3 Georgia
Head coach Andy Landrum has been to five Final Fours with the Lady Bulldogs.

No. 2 Purdue
Purdue convincingly beat away Villanova to earn a Sweet 16 berth.

SUNDAY
9 P.M.

TUESDAY

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11:30 P.M.

