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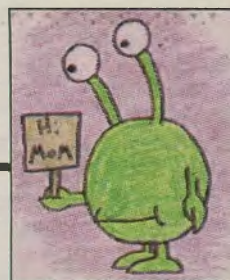
■ Brian "The Nutty Irishman" Gaffney defends his 175-lb. title tonight at the 68th annual Bengal Bouts. see *Special Section*

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Eldred denies Alliance club status

By ALLISON KOENIG
Saint Mary's News Editor

After six months of deliberation, Saint Mary's College president Marilou Eldred has decided to "deny the request of The Alliance to be a chartered club."

In a four-page letter addressed to the entire Saint Mary's community today, Eldred thoroughly explained her reasoning to withhold recognition of the group, who was seeking a College-sanctioned student outlet to address all issues of sexuality.

In her announcement, Eldred restated the five central goals of The Alliance, and addressed how various campus departments are currently involved in achieving similar objectives.

She ultimately concluded that "in associating [The Alliance's] goals with only one group, the unintended result could be the identification of these goals with only one segment of the College community."

Eldred outlined four steps that she will take to further explore the issues, each of which focus almost entirely on the Committee on Relationships. The committee was originally formed by College president William Hickey as an initial vehicle for discussion on contemporary issues for women.

The first step maintains that the Committee on Relationships will not only remain active but also become a standing committee of the College, answering directly to the president.

Secondly, Eldred has instructed the



'THE GROUP'S COURAGE IN RAISING THE ISSUE OF SEXUALITY ... [HAS] SET A HIGH STANDARD FOR CONTINUING EXPLORATION OF THESE TOPICS.'

MARILOU ELDRED
PRESIDENT OF SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE

'I'M APPREHENSIVE BECAUSE MY GOAL IS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF STUDENTS. I DO NOT FEEL COMFORTABLE RIGHT NOW SAYING THAT THOSE NEEDS ARE BEING MET.'

NIKKI MILOS
SAINT MARY'S STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT



The five purposes outlined by The Alliance and Eldred's summary of the College's current efforts in those areas are quoted from the letter below.

Goal 1: "To provide a safe environment for those dealing with issues around sexuality, whether it be coming to terms with one's own sexuality or that of a friend or family member. This means providing them with a physical space that is safe and also a welcoming and warm atmosphere in which to hold discussions on sexuality."

Eldred: By its nature and mission, the College is a place where all members of the community are welcome and where dialogue about matters related to sexuality can be discussed within the parameters of a community of scholars and believers.

In particular, the staff of Campus Ministry is a pastoral presence on campus open to all students who wish to engage in dialogue surrounding issues of sexuality. The Counseling and Career Development staff is a resource for students to discuss and explore topics of sexuality. The staff of Health Services continues to expand their library of educational offerings and topics regarding women's health and sexuality.

Goal 2: "To educate the larger campus community on issues surrounding sexuality. These are not limited to only issues surrounding homosexuality, but rather to those issues and questions that arise from prevalent discussions or events, however they should manifest themselves."

Eldred: The Health Service regularly distributes educational flyers to all members of the campus community on issues relevant to women's health and sexuality; i.e., sexually transmitted diseases.

In December, Patricia Livingston, counselor and nationally-known speaker, presented two open forum sessions on Relationships and intimacy: Understanding and Embracing our

Committee on Relationships to "further consider its charge, committee composition, and financial needs in order to respond to the five purposes stated in The Alliance constitution."

Eldred's third action involves a request for a report from the Committee on Relationships regarding her second instruction: The committee's charge, composition and financial status.

The final step to be taken in the "College-wide common journey" will be to review the committee's work annually to confirm that all aspects of campus life are addressed.

Yesterday, Eldred released her decision to the Committee on Relationships and a few other select leaders within the College.

Junior Kelly Curtis, a member of

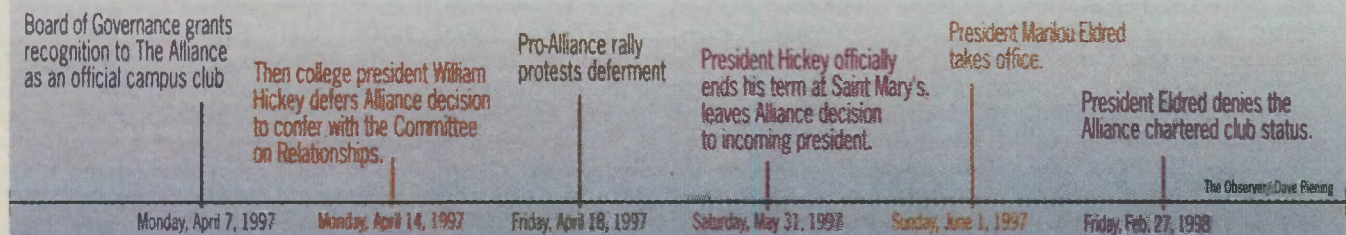
the committee and also of The Alliance, acknowledged the difficulty of making the decision.

"I understand the constraints that the president is working under, by nature of her position," she said. "However, I have reservations about the lack of peer support in the president's alternative."

"I respect the president's decision, and I recognize that it was a difficult decision," said student body vice president Lori McKeough. "I have a great deal of respect for all the avenues she used to get to know people's points of view."

McKeough voiced some concern Eldred's future plans stated in the letter. "This is a step in the right

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Dowty publishes book on Israeli development

By SEAN SMITH
Assistant News Editor

The examination of the formation and development of Israel is the subject of the new book "The Jewish State: A century Later," by Alan Dowty, professor of government and international studies at Notre Dame.

"I was asked some years ago to write an evaluation of the state of democracy in Israel, but found that in doing this I had to



Dowty

take a broad historical and social perspective," Dowty said. "The project took on a life of its own, in a way, and grew into a book that takes on the whole history of Zionism and the whole range of problems facing modern Israel."

In the book, Dowty concludes that the success of Jewish politics is represented in its capacity for power-sharing.

His demonstration of this capacity reveals the strengths and weaknesses of Israeli democracy in responding to the challenges of communal divisions, religious contention, non-Jewish minorities, and

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Outlined against a blue-grey sky ...



The Notre Dame groundskeepers take advantage of the spring-like weather to trim trees outside Nieuwland. The warm weather, however, won't last past the weekend.

The Observer/Kevin Dalum
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■ INSIDE COLUMN

The Meaning of Friendship

Throughout life many people enter in and out of our lives. A saying I learned in grade school from my Girl Scout troop said "we make new friends but keep the old; one is silver while the other's gold."

I find this statement to be very true. Yesterday, I was reminded of the true meaning of friendship when I went to observe a third grade class in a South Bend elementary school. Within ten minutes of my arrival, I noticed girls wearing matching outfits, or sporting their "best-friends" fashion jewelry. The symbolism in these children took me back to the memories of my early childhood. My girlfriends and I used to plan identical outfits and go everywhere together. After all, we knew every secret the other possessed. As a junior in college, the definition of the word friendship has kept the same definition, but has taken on some new twists. From an older perspective, friends have definitely earned their place in my heart, and true friendships can stand the trials we face throughout life. It is in a true friendship that we are able to see past the speed bumps we encounter and realize the substance that has brought us together as people is much more important than the setbacks that occur in our daily lives.

In order to be formed, friendship needs to be experienced.

Without going the extra mile or reaching out to other individuals, many relationships would not have been formed.

I believe that it extends to a much deeper level; one that surpasses any materialistic or superficial means.

A true friend to me is someone that loves and accepts you simply for being the person you are; physically, spiritually and emotionally. A true friend is someone who knows all about you and still loves you. Furthermore, a true friend is someone who you can simply enjoy the beauty and comfort of silence with.

In a society such as ours, it can be difficult to find a true friend. While many men and women get caught up in the world of fashion, some tend to forget what it really takes to be a "good" friend. I am not saying that all friendships in our society are materialistic. However, it is apparent that many choose their friends based on what, rather than who, they actually are.

This year, I have been blessed to have found a wonderful group of friends who I know will be a part of my life for many years. This is true despite the fact that this semester, between seven classes and various activities, I have not been able to spend as much time with them as I'd like, and I feel as if we have been growing apart.

Majoring in education, observing at the elementary schools and working for the newspaper has not allowed me much extra time. In those moments I can spare, I enjoy spending time with them. These girls have definitely proven themselves wonderful friends, and I know that we will always have each other.

We share many memories, pictures, laughs and embarrassing moments, and never would I think about trading them in for any other replacements.

College is only four short years of our lives. We need to make the most of them. It is up to us to pick and choose our friends with wisdom and to make the most of the time we have here at SMC-ND.

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

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Outside the Dome

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D.A. releases findings in student death investigation

BATON ROUGE, LA.

The East Baton Rouge Parish District Attorney announced the results of the ongoing investigation into the death of Benjamin Wynne at a press conference Wednesday. Wynne died August 25 after a fraternity initiation event.

District Attorney Doug Moreau is charging H.B.M. Corporation, the parent company of Murphy's Bar, with 86 counts of unlawful sales to persons under 21.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon as a corporation will be charged with 86 counts of unlawful purchase of alcoholic beverages on behalf of persons under 21, Moreau said.

If found guilty on these counts, the maximum fine for H.B.M. Corp. is \$100 and/or six months in prison per charge and \$500 and/or 30 days in prison per charge for the SAE chapter, according to Moreau.

However, after evaluating the



results of the investigation, the DA's office concluded that "[Wynne's death] was his [own] responsibility."

The investigation will remain open in the event other evidence surfaces, but it will not be in the same active status, Moreau said.

"Our goal in this case is to gather as many facts as are possible and find the truth of what happened without prejudging what the results will be," Moreau said. "The judgments should

be a natural conclusion flowing from the information received."

Moreau appointed Prem Burns, chief of the special investigative division, to the head the investigation into Wynne's death.

Burns concluded the tragedy was "an individual series of choices that basically resulted in [Wynne's] death."

Moreau received the case from LSUPD and conducted approximately 12 interviews with witnesses who had not previously been interviewed, he said.

He then reinterviewed some witnesses, totaling over 200 interviews, to determine two factors: whether a crime was committed and, if so, who was responsible, he said.

The two factors had to be thoroughly investigated because the intoxication levels of the witnesses were high and it made fact gathering difficult, Moreau said.

■ POMONA COLLEGE

Two students die when tree collapses

CLAREMONT, Calif.

Sophomores Brian Cressner and Peter Kurahashi were killed Monday night when a eucalyptus tree, its roots loosened by recent rains, fell on their car while it was at a stop sign on the corner of Fourth Street and College Avenue. Visiting music professor Heinz Blankenburg was also injured in the accident. The students were driving through heavy rain from their dorm to a 7:00 p.m. class in Crookshank Hall. As they waited to turn north onto College Avenue, the tree fell south across Kurahashi's Isuzu Trooper and hit the hood of Blankenburg's Lincoln Mark VII, which was parked on Fourth Street facing east. According to Dean of Students Ann Quinley, Blankenburg "was trapped there for about an hour. They got him out with very minor injuries. And then, it was two hours before they were able to clear away the underbrush [from Kurahashi's car] and then they had to cut the log. Sometime, I guess around 8:00, we began to be reasonably convinced that the students were not alive."

■ UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

99 year-old former president dies

ANN ARBOR, Mich.

Former university President Harlan Hatcher, who oversaw Michigan's largest period of expansion during his 16 years in office, died Wednesday at age 99. "We would like him to be remembered as a man of courage, vision and keen intellect," Anne Hatcher Berenberg, Hatcher's daughter said yesterday, speaking on behalf of the family. "We remember him as a loving husband and father who nurtured the best in his family," Hatcher said. "We remember him as loving, warm ... with an optimistic outlook." University President Lee Bollinger said Hatcher will be remembered for leading the University during a time of immense physical growth. "President Hatcher had a noble bearing, a noble mind and a level of human courtesy unknown in our time," Bollinger said in a written statement. "He presided over the University during one of its formative stages. His name will always be mentioned in the same breath as Michigan."

■ UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Students required to own computers

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.

Along with paper and pens, students will need another tool when they come to the university in the fall of 1999 — a computer. Over the past year, the university's Council of Undergraduate Deans has discussed a proposal to make sure all students own or have access to a computer. In the coming months, talks will intensify as the deans try to put finishing touches on the policy. But with concerns ranging from students' varying computer needs to the financial burdens of buying a machine, the proposal is still in the formative stages. Don Riley, who heads the university's Office of Information Technology, said the proposal was launched to raise education standards and options for all students. Illustrating a proficient knowledge of computers will be vitally important as graduates hit the job market, he added. Discussion of the issue at the university mirrors a national trend of schools mandating their students to possess computers.

■ STANFORD UNIVERSITY

Report criticizes lack of female hiring

STANFORD, Calif.

A group of Stanford faculty members calling themselves the Women's Coalition for Gender Equity yesterday released a report sharply criticizing Stanford for its record in hiring and tenuring women faculty. The report — a preliminary version that will be released in final form in March — calls on the University to pursue more actively its efforts to increase the percentage of tenured faculty who are female. In 1993, the last time a comprehensive report on trends in faculty was produced, only 13.3 percent of tenured faculty were women, placing Stanford far behind most comparable schools. Drawing from tenure trends at the School of Humanities and Sciences and the School of Medicine, the report charges the university with hiring women for jobs that are not tenure-line and with failing to tenure those women whose positions make them eligible.

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Notre Dame subway alum Herb Juliano dies at 75

Observer Staff Report

Herb Juliano, one of Notre Dame's most active subway alumni, passed away in his sleep Tuesday. He was 75.

In almost 50 years as a resident of Notre Dame and South Bend, Juliano was curator of the University's International Sports and Games Research Collection, a sportscaster on WNDU-Ch. 16, founder of a campus group for students considering religious vocations, and author of a book, "Notre Dame Odyssey: A Journey through Sports and Spirituality on the Notre Dame Campus."

Shortly after his birth in Philadelphia, he and his family moved to Hammonton, N.J. A veteran of World War II, he tried out with the Philadelphia Athletics baseball team in 1946 and three years later coached the Hammonton Little League

team to a World Series title.

A year later, Juliano moved to Notre Dame to train as a postulate for the Brothers of the Holy Cross. Although he never joined the order, he said in "Notre Dame Odyssey" that he fell in love with the University.

"Even in the short time I had been on campus, I sensed that this was a special place where one could find happiness in a dedicated life," Juliano wrote in the foreword of the book, which was published in 1993.

At Notre Dame, Juliano worked with the late Joe Boland in the operation of the Irish Football Network, then the national voice of Notre Dame football. Later a sportscaster, he said one of his greatest thrills was covering the Irish's victory over Alabama in the Sugar Bowl to win the 1973 national title.

He sat on the U.S. Olympic

Committee from 1977 to 1984 and also served as a research assistant in Notre Dame's sports information department, from which he retired in the mid-1980s.

But retirement did not slow him down. In 1990, he founded Students Encouraging Religious Vocations, a group for students who were considering religious life.

"Our hope [about SERV] is that we can provide the environment, programs and experiences in which students can freely discern the path they need to take in following the Lord," Juliano told The Observer in 1992.

Juliano took the organization to the national level in 1993, establishing the National Legion of SERV. Dioceses and high schools in such cities as San Diego and Parkersburg, W.Va., started chapters.

"He sought out ways to do the Lord's work and to continue his life's habit of helping everyone he came in contact with," said John Shafer, a friend.

Juliano left the sports information department to establish an association of Notre Dame subway alumni, but the organization's use of the University's trademarks prompted school officials to file a lawsuit in 1985.

Juliano was also a member of the Sacred Heart parish.

"He loved to read scripture for the Masses [at the Basilica] and play the organ," Shafer said. "He was known for years to be found every evening at 6:45 p.m. reciting the rosary at the Grotto on campus."

At the time of his death, he lived in St. Paul's Retirement Community in South Bend.

Of Notre Dame, Juliano once said. "I am fortunate, indeed, that my life has taken me deep into the realm of spirited and



Herb Juliano, shown here as a sportscaster for WNDU-Ch. 16 in the early 1970s, died Tuesday. He was 75.

spiritual Notre Dame life. I could never repay this University of Notre Dame and the people who work, study and minister here for all that they have given me: a reason for living, a meaningful life, a sense of accomplishment."

Friends may call at McGann Funeral Home, 2313 Edison

Road, from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday. A funeral Mass will be held at 9:30 a.m. Monday in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

He will be buried in Cedar Grove Cemetery on the campus. Memorial contributions may be sent to the St. Lawrence Seminary, 301 Church St., Mount Calvary, Wis., 53057.

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direction by acknowledging that students have questions about sexuality; however, I'm still concerned that students will not be receiving the peer acceptance that is a necessity."

Student body president Nikki Milos was also struggling with the ramifications of Eldred's announcement.

"I'm apprehensive [about the decision] because my goal is to meet the needs of students," she said. "I do not feel comfortable right now saying that those needs are being met."

Student body president-elect Sarah Siefert, a member of the Board of Governance committee that researched The Alliance's proposal almost one year ago and then recommended the group be officially recognized, expressed both respect for Eldred and frustration in the outcome of her efforts.

"I respect the fact that President Eldred took great care in coming to the decision, but I'm very disappointed in it," Siefert said. "I don't feel her solution has met the needs of students."

McKeough feels that the Committee on Relationships will function as resourceful campus programmers, but questions their effectiveness with individual students struggling with issues of sexuality.

"The committee will bring in lots of credible speakers, but the committee is definitely lacking a student space," she said.

Milos concurred. "My major concern at this point is the student voice," she said. "I want

students to have an avenue to go and discuss sexual orientation with their peers."

Milos feels that the committee's current structure does not encourage or facilitate that kind of student-to-student support.

"Peer education is a vital component of sexual education, therefore, I beseech this committee to remember that although the programming they do is beneficial, peer-to-peer education is vital to successfully address this issue," she stated.

Members of the committee, who were appointed by both Hickey and Eldred, include students Kelly Righton, Liz Wisnewski, Kelly Curtis and sophomore Kimmi Martin.

Other members include Sister Rose Anne Schultz, vice president for mission, Schultz' assistant Sister Bettina Ferraro, vice president of student affairs Linda Timm, director of campus ministry Judy Fean, director of health service Judy Kenney, director of residence life Suzie Orr, associate professor of psychology Joseph Miller and assistant professor of chemistry and physics, Sister Kathleen Antol.

Outspoken student reactions are expected to surface as early as today and extend through next week, as news of Eldred's decision was already spreading last night.

Members of the senior class were alerted last night by postings in bathrooms which solicited written responses to be submitted to Eldred. Alliance activists gathered for several hours last night to reportedly plan a physical protest of Eldred's announcement, according to a representative of the group.

It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood ...



Notre Dame students take advantage of the warm weather and relax on the quad.

The Observer/Meg Kroener

Letter

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Sexuality.

For the last three years, programming around AIDS education has been presented to help students and others learn more about this deadly disease which can be transmitted through sexual contact. Each fall for the past two years, a training session covering the issue of homosexuality has been presented to [resident assistants]. The program has involved faculty and staff from several departments on campus.

Goal 3: "To create an open forum in which students freely and critically study the rich heritage of the Catholic tradition, raising the questions nec-

essary to develop a mature religious life. This goal becomes important when attempting to resolve the struggle between sexuality and faith."

Eldred: A student government-sponsored open forum was held in November with the purpose of surfacing issues and questions from students regarding sexuality and the Saint Mary's woman. A survey of topic ideas was developed and distributed to those attending the Patricia Livingston presentations. From this list, three topics have been identified for development and presentation over the next several months. They are: "Intimacy: Physical, Spiritual, and Emotional," "What the Church Does and Does Not Teach About Sexuality," and "Women's Friendships."

Goal 4: "To cultivate a community life which responds to the needs of women in a way that is dedicated to personal and social growth."

Eldred: The College continues to promote a Christian community dedicated to the personal and social growth of its students as well as a community which responds to the needs of women through intellectual inquiry, liturgical prayer and social action.

Goal 5: "To foster an appreciation of differences and acceptance of diversity."

Eldred: The Office of Multicultural Affairs has been relocated to the Division of Student Affairs and has refocused goals and objectives toward programming geared specifically to students, faculty and staff of various cultures.

"Let's face it, being a head coach for the first time there's a lot of experiences that you have not experienced before."

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Jury rejects lawsuit against Oprah

AMARILLO, Texas

Oprah Winfrey beat Big Beef to cheers and champagne in the heart of Texas cattle country Thursday. "Free speech not only lives. It rocks!" the talk show host proclaimed outside the courthouse to a crowd of townspeople after a jury rejected an \$11 million lawsuit brought against her by a group of Texas cattlemen. The cattlemen blamed a collapse in prices on a 1996 "Oprah Winfrey Show" that they said falsely warned American beef could spread mad-cow disease to people. The cattlemen's lawyer said the jurors clearly were swayed by Ms. Winfrey's star power. He said the cattlemen will appeal.



Winfrey

Two bombs strike in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan

A bomb ripped through a passenger train in eastern Punjab province, killing three people and injuring 19 others, the state-run news agency reported Friday. Moments later a second bomb exploded in a nearby bazaar, injuring seven people. No one immediately claimed responsibility for either of the explosions, which happened late Thursday in Faisalabad, about 180 miles southeast of the federal capital of Islamabad. Police called the explosions "acts of terrorism", but refused to speculate on whether they were linked. The train was en route to the southern port city of Karachi when the bomb exploded in an economy coach. The roof blew off the coach and flying debris immediately killed three people, including two women, the Associated Press of Pakistan reported.

Guerillas kill Israeli soldiers

MARJAYOUN, Lebanon

Shiite Muslim guerrillas armed with armor-piercing missiles and mortars attacked an Israeli outpost in southern Lebanon on Thursday, killing three soldiers and wounding two others, security officials said. The security officials said Israeli artillery guns retaliated by bombarding suspected guerrilla hideouts. There was no immediate word on casualties from the Israeli shelling. A Hezbollah statement issued in Beirut claimed responsibility for the attack, saying "direct hits were scored," setting the targeted post ablaze. The attack is likely to escalate tensions in the region, the last active Arab-Israeli war front.

Solar eclipse occurs in Caribbean

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WILLEMSTAD, Curacao

Confused roosters crowed and mothers thrust children under their beds during a solar eclipse of the sun that plunged much of Venezuela, Colombia and the Caribbean in deep twilight Thursday, inspiring awe and not a little fear.

Thousands of cruise ship tourists, Carnival revelers and astronomers gathered to behold the Western Hemisphere's last total solar eclipse of the century.

At Venezuela's Plaza Bolivar in downtown Caracas, New Age devotees formed a circle, closed their eyes and opened their palms in worship.

Families enjoying the spectacle on the Dutch island of Curacao spread picnic fare on a windswept plain dotted by 15-foot cacti and slow-running iguanas.

But in some places, the phenomenon caused panic. In Haiti, parents thrust children under their beds and youngsters raced to get home for fear of being struck blind — an exaggeration of the damage that can be done to unprotected eyes.

Confused roosters crowed as if it were dawn in Valledupar, a state capital in Colombia surrounded by ranchland. Nocturnal animals awoke while birds retreated to their nests, thinking it was bedtime.

"It's a mystery. Who knows what will happen? Who knows whether the sun will return?" Osman Jordan said as he arranged rows of apples, bananas and onions on a wooden stand at the pier of Willemstad, capital of Curacao.

Radio hosts spent the day trying to alleviate fears of a phenomenon this island won't experience for another 600 years.

Around the Caribbean, government officials spent weeks educating the public. Some distributed special glasses for safe viewing.

One campaign in Haiti caused a



AFP Photo

A Haiti resident covers his head with a cardboard box while walking through empty streets during a total eclipse of the sun. The eclipse was most visible near the equator.

panic that forced schools and shops to close. A mayor warned people's eyes would burst if they looked at the sun.

A new rumor ran through Port-au-Prince Thursday morning: Under the cover of darkness, right-wing activists would return ousted dictator Jean-Claude Duvalier.

"There's a lot of people who fear this eclipse," said Zaira Busby, 24, of the Curacao government's Solar Eclipse Committee. "But to me this is great. It's a once in a lifetime experience."

Dozens of families, scientists and amateur astronomers converged on the island's Westpunt, where the darkness lasted more than three minutes.

In a total solar eclipse, the moon blocks all but the sun's corona, its flaring outer envelope, casting the earth into deep twilight through which the stars and planets shine.

Many areas experienced a partial eclipse, from Ecuador to Puerto Rico to parts of the southeastern United States.

People set up picnic tables, vendors sold souvenir T-shirts, and astronomers fidgeted with dozens of

sophisticated and not-so-sophisticated cameras and telescopes as the sky began to darken and take the edge off the tropical heat.

Some star-chasing cruise liners offered running commentary on the event. Scientists Alan Hale and Tom Bopp of Hale-Bopp comet fame were on the Star Clipper, a four-masted sailing ship based in Antigua.

Steve Micciche and Ann Donegan of Denver labored in the heat to build a sophisticated telescope from 800 pounds of equipment carted in freight boxes. They hoped to sell eclipse pictures to universities.

After a career spent studying and photographing eclipses, Roy Bishop, 58, of Avonport, Nova Scotia, prepared to simply enjoy one. An editor and past president of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, his sole equipment Thursday was a handmade viewing lens.

"This time I just want to see it," Bishop said. "This is just an emotional experience today. On the scale of one to 10 of celestial events, this is a 10."

Cops indicted in beating of immigrant

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK

Five white police officers were indicted Thursday on federal civil rights charges in the case of a Haitian immigrant who was allegedly beaten and sodomized at a stationhouse with a stick.

Four of the officers already faced state charges in the alleged attack last August on 31-year-old Abner Louima, who spent two months in a hospital after his bladder and colon were ruptured. But the Brooklyn district attorney said he will drop the state charges next week.

The fifth officer, Michael Bellomo, is accused of helping in a coverup. The indictment also charges that officers assaulted and falsely arrested another Haitian immigrant, Patrick Antoine, the same night.

"I believe that my suffering will not have been in vain if it deters other acts of police brutality," Louima said at a news conference. "The indictments announced today are the first serious steps in that direction."

The attack on Louima, who is black, became a rallying cry for those who contend the New York Police Department is abusive, particularly to minorities. It prompted protest marches and became an issue in Mayor Rudolph Giuliani's re-election campaign.

The federal civil rights charges carry heavier penalties than state charges of beating and sexually assaulting Louima. Also, federal rules generally make it easier to introduce evidence.

For example, the two officers accused of violating

Louima's civil rights by sexually abusing him could get life in prison, rather than a maximum of 25 years if convicted under state law of aggravated sexual abuse.

Officers Justin Volpe, Charles Schwarz, Thomas Wiese and Thomas Bruder were charged with conspiracy. They are accused of assaulting Louima in a police car after his arrest outside a nightclub Aug. 9. Later that night, in a stationhouse bathroom, Volpe and Schwarz allegedly attacked Louima, kicking him and shoving a stick into his rectum and mouth while his hands were cuffed behind his back. Louima and Antoine had been arrested on assault and other charges, which were eventually dropped.

All five officers pleaded innocent at an arraignment in U.S. District Court in Brooklyn. They were released on \$100,000 bonds and Judge Eugene Nickerson scheduled a status conference for April 3.

Brooklyn District Attorney Charles Hynes said he is happily turning the prosecution over to the U.S. Attorney's office.

Police Commissioner Howard Safir said the federal charges "serve to demonstrate that the New York City Police Department cannot tolerate any misconduct by any of its members."

Bellomo's attorney, George Cerrone, said his client, an 11-year police veteran and supervisor the night of the incident, acted as "a professional."

"He called the shots that night. There was no cover-up. This is the government second-guessing some decisions made in a fast-moving, riot situation," Cerrone said.

Kornberg also accused Hynes, a Democrat who is running for governor, of being afraid to prosecute police while running a campaign.

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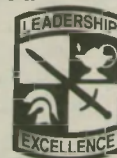
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Azouley: Race hard to define with check box

By COLLEEN McCARTHY
News Writer

Skin color does not necessarily correspond to the race of one's kin, according to Katya Gibel Azouley, an assistant professor of anthropology at Grinnell College, in her lecture last night at Saint Mary's College.

"The question of skin color and kin is an interesting one but one that is given very little attention," Azouley said.

When taking her 10-year-old daughter to a hospital for testing, Azouley, who is the daughter of a Jamaican father and a Jewish mother, was asked to check a box for the corresponding race of her daughter. The list gave four choices, one of which was black. This is where the dilemma for Azouley occurred.

"The list said to check one box and I chose black. However, there was nothing to adequately define what [my daughter's] race was," Azouley said. "The question of naming is an important one because it imposes boundaries on a community."

Azouley went on to address the issue of racial identity. She said that many people do not realize that they have fractions of other races in their genes because of the behavior of their ancestors.

She then gave an example of a woman from Louisiana who con-

sidered herself to be white. When the woman went to apply for a passport in 1983, she checked the box marked Caucasian. However, the state of Louisiana disagreed.

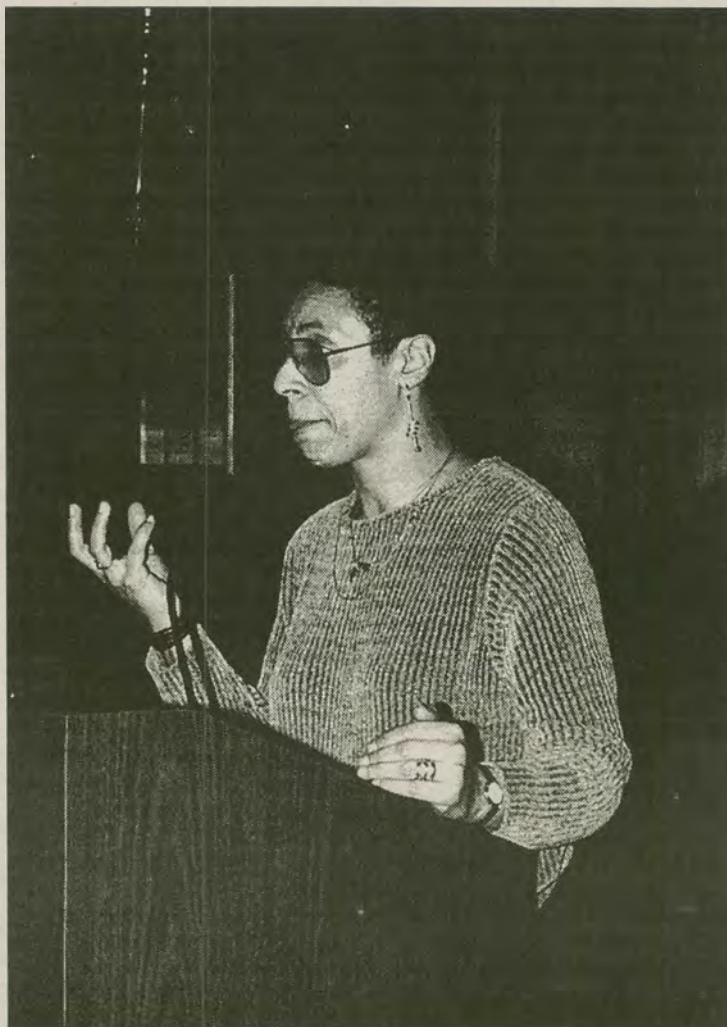
"They said to her, 'You are a Negro,' and took her to court where they proved that in 1770 she had an ancestor who impregnated a black slave woman. Therefore, this woman was 1/32 black," Azouley said.

The discussion then turned to whether multiracial should be listed as a category on the next U.S. census.

"I think the question of the category comes about as there has come a generation that does not want to be categorized," Azouley said. "We have the emergence of a different group of people."

Azouley then questioned whether all categories should be dismantled but said, "The U.S. census does what it is supposed to do. It is meant to create order. It has always been used to identify groups of people in order to distribute resources."

She went on to say that checking a census category does not become a question of an individual's choice but that it becomes political. This is not because the government opposes the idea of plurality but because the question of race affects would affect distribution of resources.



The Observer/Manuela Hernandez
Katya Gibel Azouley spoke last night at Saint Mary's College on the difficulties of defining one's race by checking a box on a census.

SMC to hold 'Jeopardy'

By SHANA'E TATE
News Writer

Posing the question "How much do you know about your school?" Saint Mary's College will hold its first ever "Jeopardy" on March 18 in Haggar Parlor.

The Board of Governance (BOG) and Nikki Milos, Saint Mary's student body president, organized this event in collaboration with Mary DePauw, director of Counseling and Career Development.

The stated goal of this activity is to educate and inform students about the history of Saint Mary's. Many students knew information about Saint Mary's when applying for admission; BOG hopes to test the students' knowledge and expand on it.

"What do Saint Mary's students know about Saint Mary's and the history behind it?" asked Janet Horvath, head of Saint Mary's College Jeopardy program. "We hope to encourage students to come show how much they do know about Saint Mary's and cheer on their fellow students."

The Board of Governance wants students to participate and show their school spirit.

"We want this to be both fun and educational," Horvath said.

This event is a follow-up idea after the forum entitled "Breaking Saint Mary's Stereotypes" held earlier this month. That event was also sponsored by the Board of Governance.

Some of the Sisters of the Holy Cross will be present at the activity to act as judges and as spectators. Teams will be made up of students, faculty and administrators, and the winning entrants will receive prizes.

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accommodations with the Palestinians.

"This is an important and fascinating study by one of this country's leading specialists on Israel," said Mark Tessler, director of the Center for International Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

"I became interested in the Middle East because I went to Jerusalem immediately after finishing my degree, and ended up staying there for 12 years," Dowty said. "Since I was already involved in the study of international relations, it would have been hard to avoid being drawn into issues of the Arab-Israeli conflict."

"After a few years in Israel, I realized one day that most of my publications dealt with Middle Eastern issues in one way or another," said Dowty.

"After I came to Notre Dame [in 1975] it seemed logical to focus on the part of the Middle East that I knew best, so I began looking more closely at Israeli society and politics."

Dowty's book also offers insight into the current Middle Eastern crisis with Iraq.

"One of the themes of the book is the preoccupation with security that marks Israeli political culture, given the background of most Israelis as refugees or the children of refugees, and the legacy of Jewish history," said Dowty. "I discuss the 'gevalt syndrome,' or doomsday mentality, at length. The recent scare connected with possible Iraqi attacks on Israel exemplifies this almost perfectly."

Dowty stated that the changes Israel has undergone in the past 50 years are extensive, and that there is a good chance for peace in the area in the next 50 years.

"The changes have of course been enormous," Dowty said. "From a society dominated by a

secular socialist elite, it has been totally transformed by a resurgence of traditionalism on one hand, and rampant modernization on the other.

"I expect that in the next 50 years there will be some synthesis of these competing forces, creating a state that is Jewish but also part of the modern world," he continued. "I also hope and expect that it will coexist with a Palestinian state, created from the West Bank and Gaza, and live in reasonably normal relations with other states in the region."

A specialist in Middle Eastern affairs, Dowty has been a member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1975 and is a fellow of the University's Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies. He is the author of "Middle East Crisis" and "Closed Boundaries: The Contemporary Assault on Freedom of Movement."

Dowty holds doctoral and master's degrees from the University of Chicago.

SMC hosts Hypatia Day

Special to The Observer

Saint Mary's College is hosting the eighth annual Hypatia Day tomorrow, a celebration of mathematics and sciences for seventh grade girls showing talent those disciplines.

Named after Hypatia (370-415 A.D.), the first female mathematician and scientist recorded in history, the day involves interaction with the Saint Mary's community, a keynote speech, a campus tour, lunch and hands-on experience in the laboratories.

In addition, professional women in the fields of mathematics and science will lead discussions in the afternoon to conclude the day's activities.

Hypatia Day is designed to

encourage junior high school-age girls to pursue higher level studies in math and science. Activities are led by Saint Mary's mathematics, biology, chemistry and nursing students.

All middle and junior high schools from five Indiana counties were invited to nominate seventh grade girls who score in the top five percent in national tests and who show promise and interest in science, mathematics or medicine as a potential future career. More than 100 girls from 25 private and public schools will attend the event with their parents.

Co-sponsored by the Bayer Corporation, the event will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

■ CORRECTION

In yesterday's Student Senate article, a statement by the student government parliamentarian Tim Keller about the legalistic nature of du Lac and a "student bill of rights" was mistakenly attributed to former Carroll Hall senator Dan Nesbitt.

The Observer regrets the error.



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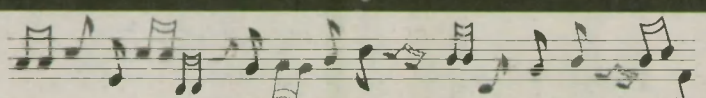
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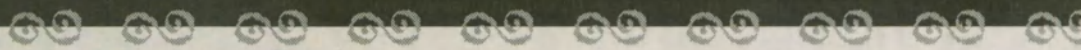
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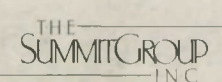
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U.S. air safety improves in '97

Associated Press

WASHINGTON, D.C. United States airlines experienced one of their safest years ever in 1997, just a year after one of the deadliest on record.

The National Transportation Safety Board said three people died in accidents involving major American carriers last year. Only two were passengers.

By comparison, there were 342 deaths on major American air carriers in 1996.

The nation's smaller air carriers recorded 46 fatalities last year, up from 14 in 1996. There were 40 deaths on air taxis, down from 63 a year earlier. And private planes recorded 646 fatalities in 1997, up slightly from 631 a year earlier.

The drop in deaths on major carriers came despite an increase in the total number of accidents to 42, up 10. That

rise was at least partly a result of a change in definition resulting in more aircraft being classified as major carriers.

The total of three deaths — two passengers — is the best since 1993 when there was just one airline fatality and that was not a passenger.

Last year's two passenger deaths were a Continental Airlines passenger who fell through an open catering door while boarding the flight and a woman killed when a United Airlines flight encountered sharp turbulence. The third death was a Delta Air Lines ground crew member who was run over by a plane's nose-wheel.

The year before, 230 people died in the explosion of TWA flight 800 leaving New York and 110 were killed when a ValuJet plunged into the Florida Everglades.

The safety board noted that,

statistically, figures from year to year are hard to compare because of the change in classification last year. Effective in March 1997 all planes with 10 or more seats came under the stricter regulations of major airlines. Previously that classification had covered larger planes of 31 seats or more.

There were five fatal accidents involving smaller carriers last year, the worst on Jan. 9 when 29 people died in a Comair crash at Monroe, Mich. If that crash had occurred after March it would have fallen into the large airline category.

Other smaller airline fatalities in 1997 included eight killed Nov. 8 in a Hageland Aviation Services crash in Barrow, Alaska; five deaths on another Hageland flight April 10 in Wainwright, Alaska; and two deaths on an Air Sunshine crash Feb. 8 in the Virgin Islands.

Convention bans Texas church for gay support

Associated Press

DALLAS, TEX.

The Baptist General Convention of Texas on Tuesday expelled an Austin church that actively supports practicing homosexuals and has a gay deacon.

The convention's 180-member executive board supported a motion to disassociate itself from the

University Baptist Church.

Last month, convention officials learned that the church's web site mentions its affiliation with the convention.

"We cannot approve of churches endorsing homosexual practice as biblically legitimate," said Tulsa pastor Charles Davenport, head of the committee that drafted the motion.

The church has had a tenuous relationship with the convention since

it ordained an openly gay deacon, Hans Venable, in 1994. The church sponsors and invites homosexuals to participate in Open Circle, a ministry for gays and lesbians.

Executive board members insisted their vote was not a condemnation of the

church's acceptance of homosexuals into its ministry and congregation.

"We commend the church for their ministry, and we feel that churches should minister [to homosexuals]," Davenport said. "But ministering to is different than an affirmation of, and we interpret [the church's activities] to be an affirmation of."

University Baptist Pastor Larry Bethune said he doesn't understand the distinction.

"I don't feel very commended as a church for our ministry to gays

and lesbians today," Bethune said after the vote. "The convention has an odd way of showing it."

The moderate-controlled Texas convention and more conservative Southern Baptist Convention have long butted heads. Russell Dilday, president of the Texas group, denied that the vote was designed to placate conservative members threatening to break away.

The Austin church has a long history of feuds with Baptist organizations.

In 1948, it was disavowed by the Austin Baptist Convention when it allowed blacks to sit in the same pews with whites. In the early '70s, the church was criticized for ordaining women as deacons.

Bethune said he believes the congregation will likely respect the wishes of the Texas convention in removing any reference to the group from their web site and literature.

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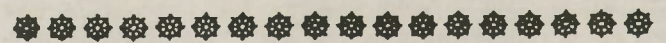
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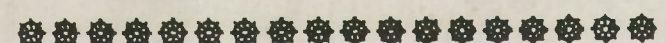
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■ CAPITOL COMMENTS

Making the Grade at Notre Dame During Lent

With the beginning of Lent, most practicing Catholics are preparing for Easter by focusing on spiritual disciplines and reflections of faith. It is a time to grade our lives and to attempt to improve the

Gary Caruso



quality of our existence. Consequently, it is the perfect time to reflect on the good deeds that have pleased us and those events that may have disappointed us.

At this time last year, this column contained a criticism of the choices listed on the annual national alumni board ballot. Of the 16 candidates last year, all were white males and four were from the class of 1969. This year, the balance of class representation and diversity of the candidates — ethnicity, gender and career representation — is the epitome of careful thought and consideration. The alumni office and current national board selection committee deserve a perfect score and an "A-plus."

The Notre Dame Magazine, evolving under new editorial leadership, simultaneously pleases and disappoints, rating a low "B" grade. The positive side of the magazine is its content which tends to be more thought-provoking and challenges the reader with elements of controversy — single pregnant women and the campus policy regarding gay students. However, excluding the autumn photo spread showing the campus, the overall layout and design tend to be a bit too cute and chaotic. The magazine should also periodically print its requirements for accepting articles and solicit from its readers, like television talk shows solicit from their viewers, "Has your mother kicked you out of the house but lets your

brother or sister remain while doing exactly what you did? Then call us ..."

The Notre Dame athletic department earns an overall flat "C" grade. First, while not increasing the ticket prices of football tickets last year (hooray), the department still hides behind the generic "Ticket Committee" signature (who's he?) on correspondence announcing bad news (boo). It should either list the committee members on the stationary or have one person responsible for signing such letters. Secondly, moving student sections at basketball games to avoid camera coverage and eliminating introductions because the infantile student body yells "sucks" at the opponents are desperate measures to preserve the university's precious "holier than thou" public relations reputation.

Notre Dame's financial departments, collectively, are on the verge of an "A" grade, but are currently earning an "incomplete." The unbelievable return of over 50 percent for the endowment in the last four years is partly due to the fantastic rise in the stock market ... which all of us liberals know is due to a Democrat in the White House. However, with the new ambitious fundraising drive currently under way, a final grade can only be determined after the finances are administered. In the past, too many times have the public relations aspect of these types of drives focused on scholarships and other direct aid while the final results have not adequately satisfied those goals.

The Notre Dame security department, tackling an onslaught of additional traffic at football games and massive construction on campus, deserves a hard-earned "A-plus" this year. Their responsibilities dramatically increased overnight, and they have risen to the challenge. Differences some may have with policy matters come from university administrators, not top police officials.

Finally, the overall Notre Dame administration (the top policy makers who traditionally dwell in the Dome offices)

needs to be graded on three categories — student life, student policy and university image. Collectively, the three unfortunately average a mediocre "C" grade.

Student life hovers between a low "B" and a high "C" grade. While many work hard to interact with students and oversee student programs, the fact remains that the university's phobia against coeducational housing and alcohol use dramatically reduces the quality of student life. It is easier to push those issues off-campus in South Bend or with semester programs abroad than to devise innovative answers.

Student policy itself barely squeaks by with a "D" grade. The willy-nilly approach to student organizational recognition is one fiasco that is still playing out on campus. It appears that as long as a group is not controversial with Church teaching, it can use facilities and enjoy support on an ad hoc basis. In an effort to maintain a public relations image consistent with the conservative, hard-core element of the Catholic Church, policy makers remain resistant to many changes.

The image of Notre Dame is a good solid "B" grade among moderate Catholics and a solid "A" grade among conservative Catholics. Unfortunately, it slips only to a "C" grade with the rest of American society. U.S. News and World Report consistently shows that Notre Dame's ranking from deans and chancellors of other institutions is the lowest among the top 25, consequently holding ND closer to the bottom than to the top ten. Only ND's recent burst in endowment size has kept the university on solid ground in the rankings.

The national image problem in part stems from the "holier than thou" impression ND gives by making it's academic standards higher for athletes and for its unique football television contract. While the student body is among the most intelligent in the country, the academic community does not regard ND as highly as it may deserve. Some attribute

binge drinking on campus as a result of the pressures ND places on its students in an effort to overcome such academic slights.

More disturbing to alumni is the feeling that they are slowly being excluded from the university unless they can maintain a high profile through high finances. Many of the alumni who once lived, breathed and died Notre Dame everything, now ignore and actually dislike many aspects of what the University has become. Some of those feelings may stem from rapid expansion and growth of the physical facilities on campus. However, much more has to do with the lack of diplomacy from campus policy-makers when addressing alumni — case in point, the ambiguous "Ticket Committee" signature.

Everyone wants to feel special, and alumni are no exception. While some demand babying, most need to feel like they had some input or were treated on a personal basis. As long as policy-makers continue to avoid tact and diplomacy in favor of a "this is the way it is" approach, alienation will thrive.

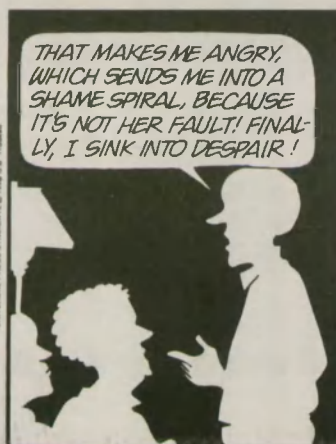
Lent can be a time of great cleansing and self-examination. It is a time to reflect and try to improve oneself. While many attempt to do the very best they can, sometimes constructive criticism can offer eye-opening revelations.

It would be wonderful for every aspect of Notre Dame's operations to receive an "A" grade. The goal of everyone affiliated with the university is perfection. However, for those who believe that "A" grades abound on campus, Lent has arrived just in time. Hopefully, a year from now, the university's GPA can improve to qualify for the Dean's List.

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■ DOONESBURY

GARRY TRUDEAU



■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

"A woman without a man is like a fish without a bicycle."

—Anonymous

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Does Money Cause Athletes' Behavior?

As a Pointcast U-Wire subscriber, I am usually very impressed with the quality of the editorial writing that it features. The majority of the columns are well-written, witty, well-developed, and informative. The articles are written about thought-provoking topics, and take a stance on an issue either to persuade or expose and enlighten readers to their views. Unfortunately, this is not the case with your article "Overpaid Athletes Behave Like Children" (Feb. 25).

I felt that the topic was trite and the author's conclusion and stance served to restate the obvious, commonplace, non-intellectual opinion. Moreover, as I read, I got the impression that the author wasn't overly informed or enlightened about the issue she was writing about, but merely regurgitating what she had heard without thinking. It was almost as if she stood on a table in the dining hall, and announced to the room that she believed that the food wasn't very good.

Athletes and actors are overpaid, I agree. A few Team USA hockey players, who happened to be professionals (just like the members of six other teams, including the gold medal win-

ning Czechs), acted immaturity in smashing up a hotel room. Mike Tyson bit a man's ear off. Latrell Sprewell choked his coach.

All the aforementioned are rich, true, but is it the money that makes them act like children? I prefer to say that rich people are no more inclined to act like kids than the rest of society. Rich athletes are no more mature than poor athletes, or the average college student for example. If you recall correctly, an Austrian snowboarder, not a millionaire, smashed up his hotel, as well. Damage is a regular occurrence at the same college parties that the author may or may not attend. What I'm saying is that athletes are just a microcosm of all people in the same age cohort. Their financial stability is unimportant.

And about their finances ... "Professors, probably the most educated people in America, don't make squat for passing their knowledge onto us."

How many professors have you had that are bad at what they do? I have boring, uninspired, and unintelligent teachers for many of my classes. Granted, those are the exceptions, but most of my teachers aren't anything to

write home about either. At least in sports, if someone isn't any good, they lose their jobs, with one exception — Danny Ferry. Only on occasion does a student have the privilege to meet a gifted professor, one with an astounding genius. Most profs are just good students who decided that they would rather spend the rest of their life in a classroom than in an office.

Professional ball players, conversely, are not just good players who like to play. They are gifted with extraordinary athletic ability, and only the true athletic geniuses can partake. If those "most educated people" used their knowledge to start a corporation, I think you'd find their salaries comparable to an NBA player (average salary of a CEO of Fortune 500 company: \$33 million).

Like I said, I agree that athletes are overpaid and sometimes act immature; I just feel that it is more beneficial to analyze something from the non-popular perspective, rather than just restating popular opinion.

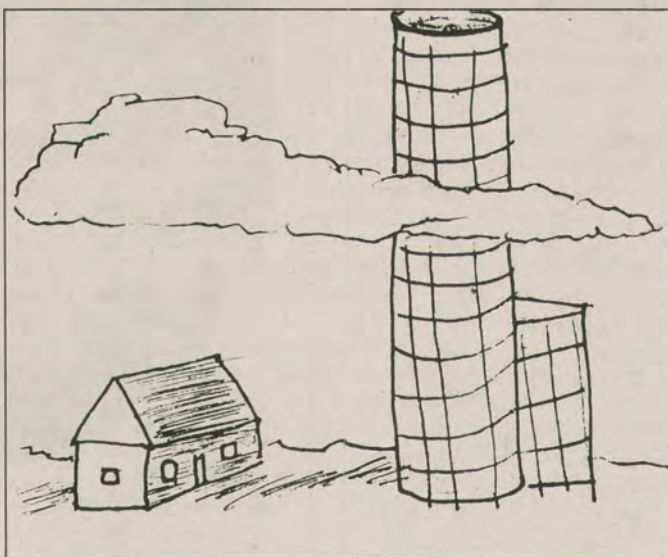
Jeff Catalano
Miami University
February 26, 1998

Humanism is Part of Building Design

Like many of us in the School of Architecture, I applaud the news that a student team under Professors Chang and Amico have achieved recognition in the world of engineering for a design to stabilize skyscrapers against movement due to winds (The Observer, Wednesday Feb. 25). Special praise goes to Professor Chang for his original concept, which no doubt will have its practical applications.

However, in the interest of academic dialogue, I would like to point out that the high-rise building is increasingly under fire as responsible for much of the urban blight that has afflicted cities around the world. By concentrating huge numbers of people in a single location within the city, skyscrapers demand vast parking areas, consume absurd amounts of energy and are enormously expensive to maintain. Countless neighborhoods have been devastated by the fascination with the tall building, including our familiar South Bend. Once a vibrant urban setting with a healthy mix of commercial, civic and residential functions, South Bend has been transformed into a wilderness of oppressive towers and asphalt fields. The ND skyscraper team's achievement is certainly of great engineering importance, but serves to further a bad architectural idea with serious social and environmental consequences.

I should also point out that this is not the first time that ND architecture students have achieved international recognition within the current, traditionally-oriented curriculum. An unusual number of student projects have been honored recently by being exhibited in international exhibitions in the context of major professional conferences. I cite the 1995 'Urban Renaissance' exhibit in Bologna, Italy, and the 'Art of Building Cities' exhibition in Chicago, and this year's 'The Other Modern' symposium in London. Numerous international publications have featured (and are preparing to feature)



ND student projects designed according to principles of traditional architecture and urbanism.

It is important to maintain the high levels of academic achievement within the school. At the same time our efforts must concentrate as much as possible on the development of a humane and sustainable vision for the cities and communities of the future.

Richard Economakis
Assistant Professor, School of Architecture
February 26, 1998

The Pill's Abortifacient Function

I take issue with Bridget Thomas' clarification of the contraceptive functioning of the pill. Ms. Thomas fails to address fully Helen Reilly's concern that because the pill alters the uterine lining, it can (and sometimes does) cause the destruction of fertilized eggs. One of the functions of the pill is to act as an abortifacient.

Using the Physicians' Desk Reference, I researched several different brands of the pill. The Clinical Pharmacology section, which describes how the drug prevents pregnancy, was similar, if not identical, for each brand I checked. According to the *Ortho-Novum* entry, "although the primary mechanism of this action is inhibition of ovulation, other alterations include changes in the cervical mucus, which increase the difficulty of sperm entry into the uterus, and the endometrium (which reduce the likelihood of implantation)" (*Physicians' Desk Reference* 1998, p. 2034).

While Ms. Thomas is correct that the pill's primary function is to prevent ovulation, sometimes ovulation occurs. And, although the changes in cervical mucus increase the difficulty of sperm entry into the uterus, sometimes sperm entry occurs. Therefore, sometimes the sperm fertilizes the egg resulting in a human life. Furthermore, because the pill also alters the uterine lining, it reduces the likelihood that this human life will implant. Sometimes all of these functions fail since there is a "failure rate" of 1 out of 1,000 women who will become pregnant despite perfect use of the pill (*Physicians' Desk Reference* 1998, pg. 2034).

While the primary effect of the pill is to suppress ovulation, Ms. Reilly is correct if she means that the pill can cause the destruction of an already fertilized egg. The destruction is the failure of the egg to implant due to a hostile uterus caused by the pill.

One can argue that this also happens to women who do not take the pill. While this is true, it does not address fully Helen Reilly's point. Though a woman's uterus may be naturally hostile to implantation, thus causing a miscarriage, the miscarriage is not the result of an intentional act by the woman.

For a woman who has a choice of whether or not to take the pill, the fact that the pill can prevent a fertilized egg from implanting may be of serious moral relevance to her. Unfortunately, medical professionals do not inform patients of this secondary effect either due to ignorance, negligence, or outright malice.

As a Catholic, I believe that any artificial contraception is inherently immoral because it destroys self-giving in the marital act. So for me, the above explanation is purely academic. However, those married couples of other faiths who don't share my belief would likely be interested in knowing the abortifacient function of the pill, and not just the primary one.

David J. LaSota
Third-Year Law Student
February 26, 1998

Generalizations of ND Students Degrading Exaggeration

This is written in response to Mr. Daniel Matejek's attack on the "normal" Notre Dame students. For those of you that did not have the extreme privilege of reading Mr. Matejek's piece of work, he basically characterizes "most normal" ND students as "confused and hypocritical," as well as "very lost and like it like that."

Well, I found these accusations to be pretty bold ... as well as grossly over exaggerated. College is a time of change, regardless of where you attend. During college, most people use the time to change their perspectives on themselves, as well as the world that surrounds them. Inherent in this process is some confusion, as one figures out the direction in which to take his/her life. But, Mr. Matejek, you imply that this is unique to the normal Notre Dame student, which could not be farther from the truth.

In addition, Mr. Matejek, your article possesses an implied degradation of the average Notre Dame student. This may be a product of not only your unreasonably high expectations when enrolling here, but probably your sheer ignorance. Sorry, Mr. Matejek, but you have not even lived here for an entire year, and therefore have no basis to make generalizations about the students here.

In my four years, I have found the students at Notre Dame to be outstanding people. In general, they have dynamic and interesting personalities, are very caring for their fellow human beings, serious about learning (to some extent ... we all have lapses), and form a unique family-type atmosphere. Perhaps Mr. Matejek would like examples. Well, I know a good number of seniors who could go out into the work force and make a great deal of money.

Instead, they are applying for the ACE program or another form of service because that's what they WANT to do. I look to how everyone has rallied together as a family in the aftermath of Justin Brumbaugh's death, including not only Justins' friends but also those who never had the opportunity to meet him. I look at one of my roommates, who will disregard studying for his own present exam to take the time to tutor another individual in a class that he had in the past. I look at times when I've been up until almost 6 a.m. on a Saturday night discussing politics, race relations, and the educational system with my fellow doormates in order to hear their different and insightful perspectives. At the same, I also see students who can have fun with their friends whether going to a movie, making jokes, or going to senior bar to hang out.

Your article, Mr. Matejek, makes Notre Dame students sound like some sort of self-centered, malicious individuals. This kind of implication makes me sick. Don't take it personally, but you're too new to Notre Dame to start making accusations of the general student population. Instead of criticizing the other 7,600 of us undergraduates, I suggest you find a different avenue to channel your efforts in attempting to feel content here at Notre Dame. Give your fellow students a chance ... it doesn't happen overnight, or necessarily in your first year, but eventually you'll find the happy medium, Mr. Matejek.

Remember one thing ... you don't change Notre Dame ... it changes you.

Michael Quadrini
Senior, Keenan Hall
February 20, 1998

Cures for the Com

Notre Dame and Saint Mary's host a variety of events this week

Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats swing into action

By TIM BORGEN
Accent Writer

SUB sources have confirmed that this Friday night, a troupe of high-flying humans will enter Stepan Center and promptly proceed to blow



Photos courtesy of the Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats.

Notre Dame students' minds through the sublime aerial spinning of their bodies. This team of professional mind-blowers has been code named the Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats, but in

actuality, that also happens to be their real name.

Conducting their 26th world circuit this year, the group incorporates balancing, juggling, dance, comedy, and magic — often simultaneously. The discipline is rooted in Oriental philosophy, dancing and tradition. For more than 27 centuries, Chinese acrobats have been performing to the amazement of Chinese audiences, and now our wonderful modern world of open economic and cultural exchange allows us to truly become a part of history by attending.

No one will insure these people. Life insurance agencies laugh them in the face. What they do may result in serious injury or death. But there is method to their madness. These seasoned professionals have gone through extensive auditions to be a part of the group. Those who were cut either died or were rendered incapable.

The Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats have won

the National Association of Campus Activities Entertainer of the Year award seven out of

the last 10 years. They have

appeared at the Kennedy Center

for the Performing Arts,

Germany's Elspe festival,

the Brooklyn Academy of

Music, Caesar's Palace,

and the Seattle

Children's Festival.

Upon inspection of

the troupe's pass-

ports, one would

find the stamps of

no less than 65

countries. Florida's

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visitors have given

the acrobats Best

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Whether you are into

theater, dance, music,

or just an interested stu-

dent, pencil the Dragons

into your schedule tonight.

The show starts at 7 p.m. in

Stepan Center and tickets cost \$3.



Laugh it Up with Humor Artists

By KRISTI KLITSCH
Accent Editor

This weekend a new comedic outlet will be offered on campus.

It's not the Keenan Revue or Mr. Stanford, but it promises to be just as funny; or maybe more.

The Humor Artists, a student-run organization that focuses on "sketch comedy," is performing Saturday night at 8 p.m. in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium.

Denis Hurley, king of HA, described the event as a combination of musical parodies, stand-up comedy, skits on campus and national life and movie parodies. The show will last about an hour and is free to the public.

"It's like Saturday Night Live, except funnier," Hurley said. He compared the group to "The State," a Harvard-originated comedy group that used to have a show on MTV.

Humor Artists originated in the spring of 1995, when then-graduate student Mark Marino addressed the need for a comedy group.

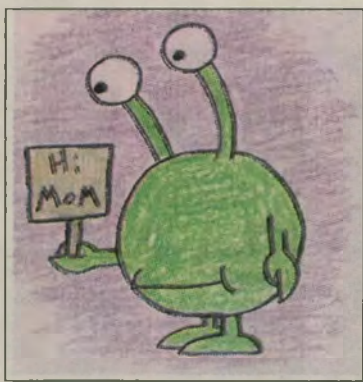
Hurley clarified the distinction between HA and the other campus comedy group Irish Accent.

"The difference is that Irish Accent is an improv group. We are primarily a pre-prepared skit group that offers free entertainment. There is no other group like it."

Some of the skits in this year's show include a football game between the dining hall ladies and members of the Notre Dame football team; an interview with Jim Colletto and a James Bond film.

Hurley describes the show as "good, usually clean fun."

It centers on "poking fun at campus happening, and abstract scenarios,"



"Bugeye" (HA mascot)

Hurley said.

Humor Artists has had trouble with membership in the past, although this year the club has 10 members from all classes. Nine different dorms are represented in the group from both Saint Mary's and Notre Dame's campuses.

The group usually offers one show each semester, although Saturday's show is the first show this year. In addition, HA will perform an improvisational show on April 28. The theme of the show will be a mystery, in which the HA actors take on the roles of the suspects. This show focuses on audience interaction in order to solve the mystery.

Last year's improvisational show centered around the murder of Kathie Lee Gifford on a cruise line.

"We're a strongly supported campus comedy group that just provides humorous escapes for students," Hurley said. "We really want some recognition and for people to attend our shows."



Members of Notre Dame's Humor Artists practice for their annual show, to be held this Saturday at 8 p.m. in Hesburgh Library auditorium.

The Observer/Kevin Dalum

BENGAL BOUTS

"STRONG BODIES FIGHT, THAT WEAK BODIES MAY BE NOURISHED."

IN THE SPOTLIGHT...

Jack Mooney: The Man behind the Legend

By DAN LUZIETTI
and TOM STUDEBAKER
Sports Writers

If there is a backbone to the Notre Dame Bengal Bouts, it is Jack Mooney.

Mooney was born in South Bend in 1912 and has been around boxing and Bengal Boutsers all his life.

"Right now I am 50, 60, 70, 80, no, 85 years old, and I have been out here at Notre Dame with the Bengal Bouts for 52 years helping out," Mooney said. "I have been a referee, a judge, a trainer, a water-boy, and anything they ever needed."

Though Mooney played sandlot football in grade school, he soon took to the sport of boxing which was tremendously popular in the 1920's. He and his friends would put on a boxing match behind the old Studebaker factory.

"At noon, when the people came out, we would put on a boxing match and come away with about 15 cents apiece for three rounds," Mooney recalls.

He participated in his first boxing match at the old South Bend YMCA at the age of 13. Four years later, Mooney won the first of his two consecutive 147-pound titles of the Golden Gloves Boxing championships of South Bend. In his attempt to three-peat, Mooney fondly recalls, "I was beat by a farmer from Granger, Indiana ... and he became a millionaire."

Mooney also traveled to the 1929 National Golden Gloves tournament in Chicago. Participants would box twice in one night for two nights, with a championship bout coming with only one days rest. He won the first two bouts but came up short in his third fight.

In 1930, Mooney came home and worked in the Studebaker factory where he would continue working for over 30 years. He helped manufacture a car called the "Rockne," named after a close personal friend and Notre Dame football legend.

"When I was a kid, I used to sell papers. Every time I walked by Union Station, Rockne would buy a paper from me. He would give me 50 cents for a three cent paper. That was the biggest thrill that I ever got," Mooney remembers.

Rockne always showed Mooney respect. To this day, Mooney is trying to thank him for his kindness. He regularly goes to Rockne's grave to trim the grass and place a few flowers.

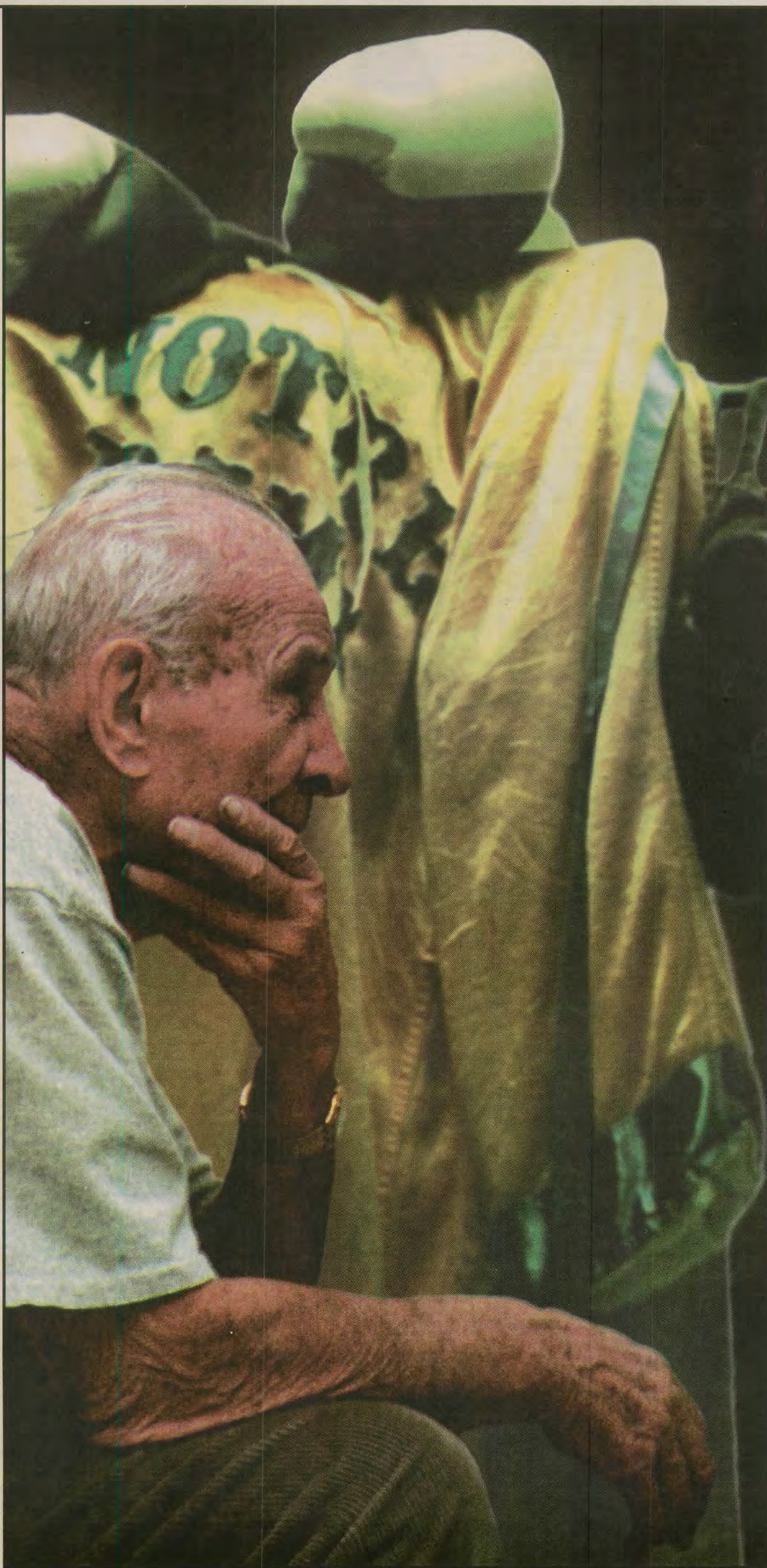
While working for Studebaker, Mooney was a member of the famous Studebaker boxing team. It was boxing on this team that produced one of his favorite memories.

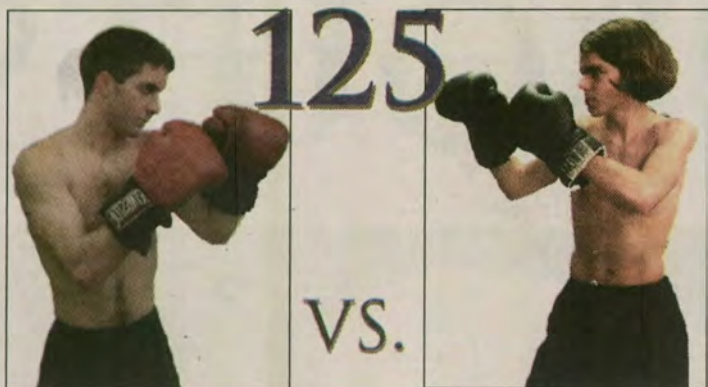
"In about 1931, I fought in the Studebaker tournament championship. I had to fight three different guys, and guess what, I won the championship of Studebaker and I was declared as a hero," Mooney recollects. "Life Magazine took my picture and gave me 50 bucks. They put my picture in the magazine advertising Studebaker cars."

In 1938, at the age of 26, Mooney became a professional boxer. On two different occasions, Mooney was on the same fight card as a young Joe Louis and a young Tony Zale.

After about five years as a professional boxer, Mooney hung up his gloves to become an assistant to the Notre Dame Bengal Bouts program. For more than 50 years, Mooney has been somewhere between a best friend, father or grandfather to each of the 100 or so Bengal Boutsers who participate in the Notre Dame boxing tournament annually.

Mooney has taught thousands of kids the art of boxing. He instructs young men on how to handle both physical and mental problems they





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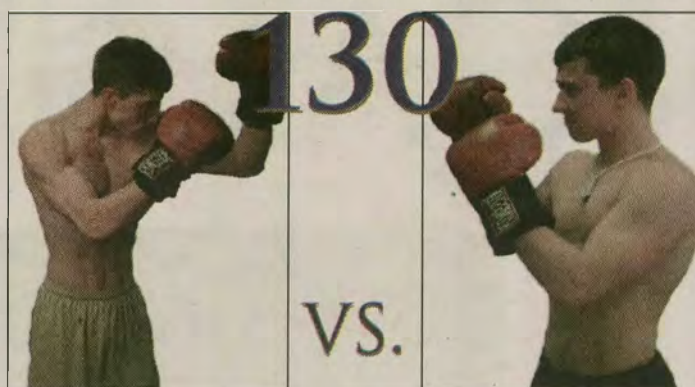
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Peacock won his first fight in four years against Pat O'Shaughnessy in the semifinals, but don't expect him to expect to be complacent.

He's a southpaw, which should give Frick some problems, but Frick hung in there for three rounds with a feisty Brian Rigney, only to walk away with a unanimous decision. Peacock is more of an up-and-under type fighter, while Frick goes for the straight-on power approach.

This is Peacock's last fight in the Bouts, so he might win the heart department, but intensity will most often counteract sentiment, and Frick is an intense fighter.

-Betsy Baker



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Leatherby is definitely one of the premiere freshmen in this year's bouts, but Seerveld clearly has the experience edge.

Although Seerveld approaches the fights with quite a bit of levity (e.g. his nickname "the Prancing Pixie"), don't let him fool you.

He is a composed and patient fighter with experience in the finals who won't let the overzealous attack that freshmen tend to bring draw him in.

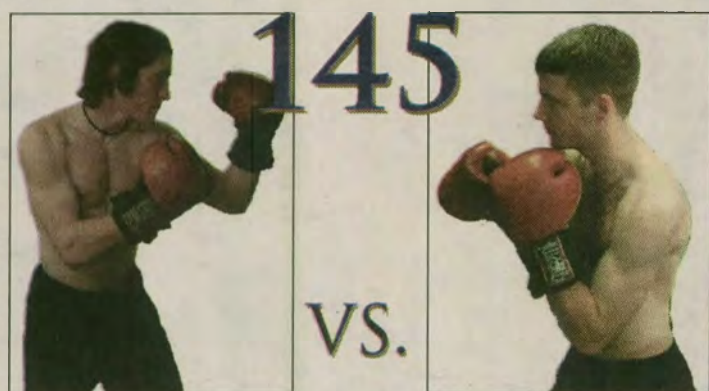
Still, Leatherby is athletic and, more importantly, resilient. He won't let the antics of the upperclassman intimidate him.

-Betsy Baker



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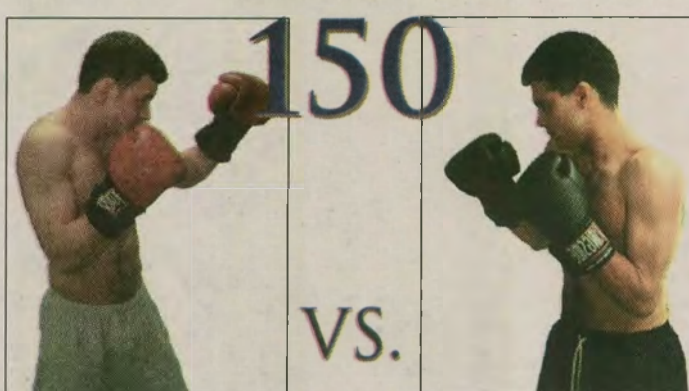
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After receiving a bye in the first round, Mellin rolled past dangerous David Bann. Only a sophomore, Mellin does not have a lot of ring experience but makes up for it with his athleticism and savvy.

Murphy might just be the most improved fighter in the tournament. A year ago, he was embarrassed in the first round. This year, he has rolled into the finals, knocking off Rick Johnson and Dennis Joyce along the way.

Both fighters are aggressive and are not afraid to brawl. Murphy has a strong jab and a clear cut height advantage. However, Mellin's power inside and relentless pursuit should prove to be the difference.

-Mike Day



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With two of the most aggressive fighters in Bengal Bouts squaring off, this one promises to be one of the highlight events of the night. After being stunned in last year's finals by Ted Pegano, Kelly is out for redemption.

Molina, like his brother, is ultra quick and will shower Kelly with a barrage of body shots. He tends to be wild at times, but that style of fighting has helped him reach the finals.

Expect both fighters to come out with reckless abandon and try to gain the support of the crowd. Kelly's discipline makes him the obvious favorite, but that was also the case a year ago.

-Mike Day



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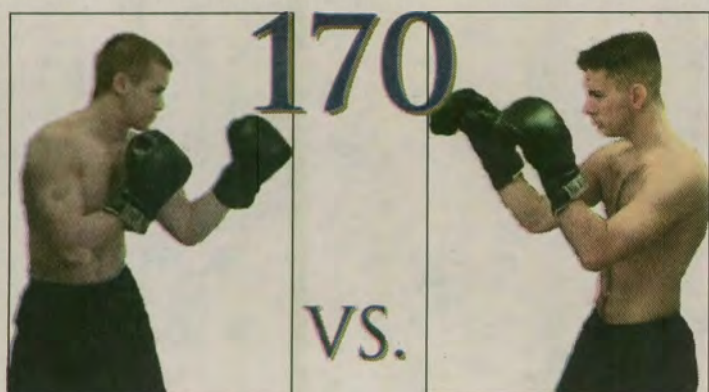
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The junior annihilated round, Cardona final match ultimate "defense"

If LaDuke intimidates would look old-fashioned



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INJURY SIDELINES RANS BEFORE TITLE FIGHT

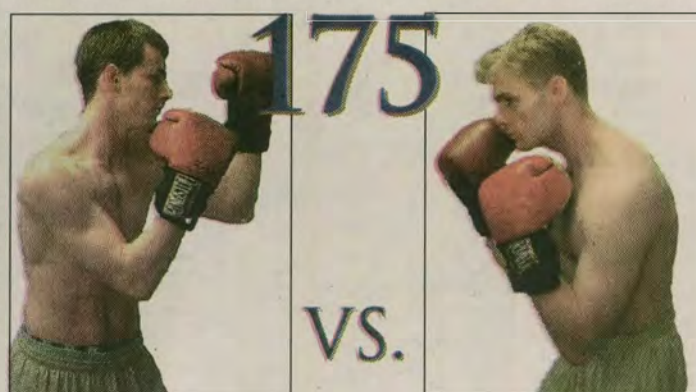
This one was supposed to be one of the most anticipated fights of these Bouts.

Rans a two-time captain and two-time finalist had a slow start in his first round but picked up strength in the semis. The captain looked ready to pounce on a championship title

Beznoska a two-time finalist lost out to Pat Maciariello last year. He appeared hungry in the first round, devouring his two opponents with each fight ending being called early.

Unfortunately, this matchup will not occur. Rans suffered injuries to both hands and will not be able to step in the ring for his final Bengal Bouts appearance.

-Kathleen Lopez



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Dobranski faces the challenge of all challenges on Friday. He will try to unseat two-time champion Brian Gaffney, who also happens to be the hottest fighter in the tournament.

Dobranski's strengths are his power and his ability to take a hit. Those strengths will be tested against the relentless Gaffney. In two fights, Gaffney has recorded two technical knockouts. In last year's finals, he embarrassed former champion Mike Debiase, taking him out in less than three minutes.

Dobranski cannot be intimidated, or it's over before it started. Gaffney just has to be Gaffney, and the rest will take care of itself.

-Mike Day



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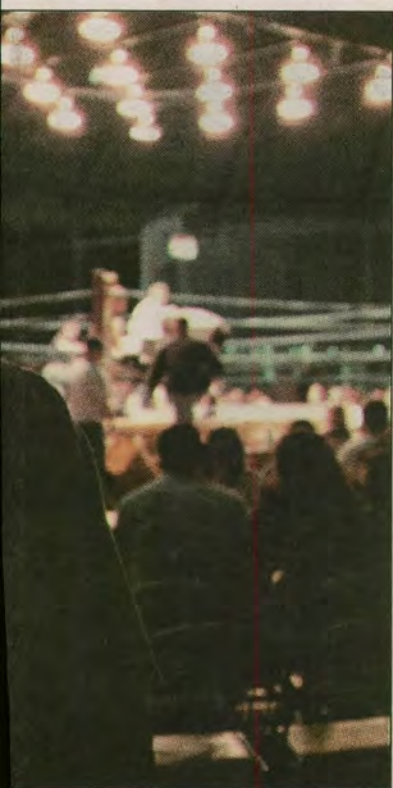
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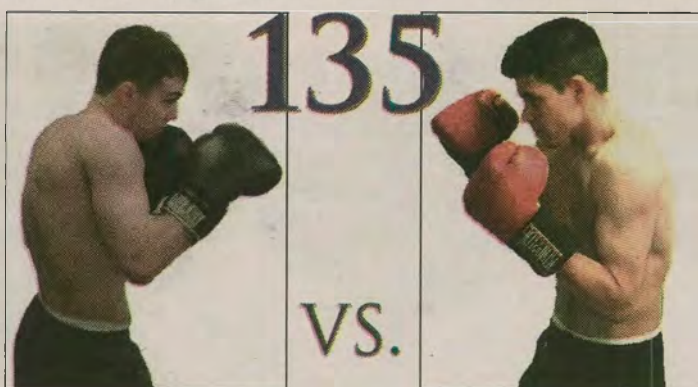
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nic J. "Nappy" Napolitano



TOM
WILL

LUCAS
MOLINA

PICKS

M. DAY:
Will

B. BAKER:
Molina

K. LOPEZ:
Molina

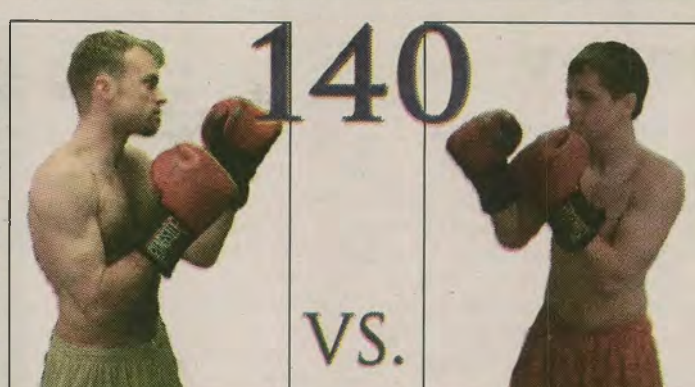
A. KRILLA:
Molina

This is clearly the spotlight battle in this year's Bouts. Will and Molina are two of the most well-trained and fundamentally sound boxers in the program, which is ironic because they espouse completely different fighting styles.

Will uses the more intelligent, patient approach, while Molina goes for sheer speed and power. Will is a two-time champion as a junior so he knows what it takes to win, especially against Molina, who he beat last year for the title.

Still, this is it for the senior Molina. As long as he maintains his composure and does not let Will dictate the fight, this one will be a matter of a few punches.

-Betsy Baker



SEAN
SHARPE

MICHAEL
MAGUIRE

PICKS

M. DAY:
Maguire

B. BAKER:
Sharpe

K. LOPEZ:
Maguire

A. KRILLA:
Sharpe

Both Sharpe and Maguire squeezed through the ropes in their semifinal victories as they both won on split decisions.

Sharpe has the size and experience advantage in the 140-pound final, but Maguire defeated a linky Tom Cronley in the semis, whose reach could knock out the ringside judges.

Sharpe is a captain which is a testament to his ability, but Maguire is no rookie, losing on split decisions in the semifinals two years in a row, last year to Lucas Molina.

Sharpe was not in top form in the semis, while Maguire appeared to be. This one could go either way and will probably be a question of endurance.

-Betsy Baker

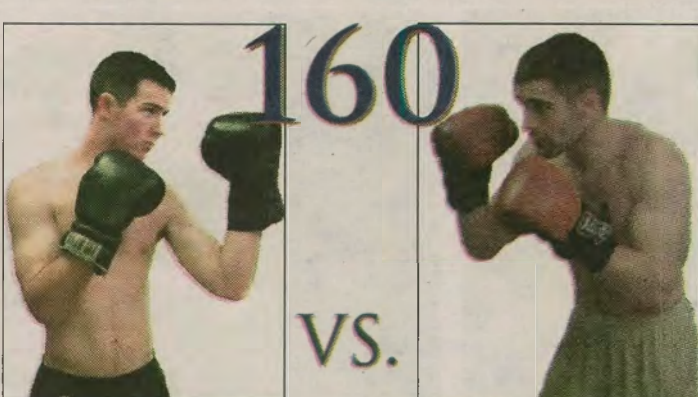


ADRIAN
CARDONA

er vs. finesse. Technician vs. LaDuke, a junior captain, bare- ed his semifinal bout with Tim however, he has the experience e and is used to fighting the big

y is still out on Cardona. After ng Brendan Reilly in the first rdonna was exposed in his semi- th with David Wiltse. He is the streetfighter, and the term has yet to enter his vocabulary. ke is patient and avoids being d, it's his fight to lose. Cardona re nothing more than a good, ned brawl.

-Mike Day



CHIP
FARRELL

TOM
BIOLCHINI

PICKS

M. DAY:
Farrell

B. BAKER:
Farrell

K. LOPEZ:
Farrell

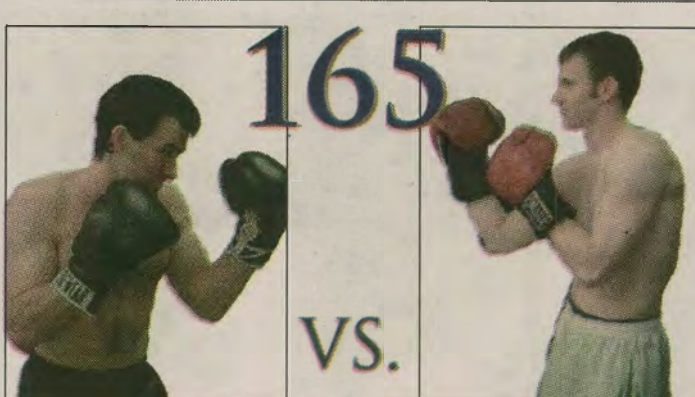
A. KRILLA:
Biolchini

Watch for this fight to be a technical one. Farrell will be coached by his father from the corner. In the other corner will be Biolchini's brothers — this fight might come down to the coaching.

Farrell relies heavily on his jab and he likes to control the ring. Biolchini has numerous weapons to throw at Farrell. This will be a steady struggle for three rounds, so look for the strongest to prevail. Endurance is the key to success in this fight.

Biolchini wants nothing more than to join his father and brothers as a champion. Farrell is seeking his second title in his fourth trip to the finals.

-Kathleen Lopez



RICH
MOLLOY

JIM
SUR

PICKS

M. DAY:
Molloy

B. BAKER:
Molloy

K. LOPEZ:
Molloy

A. KRILLA:
Molloy

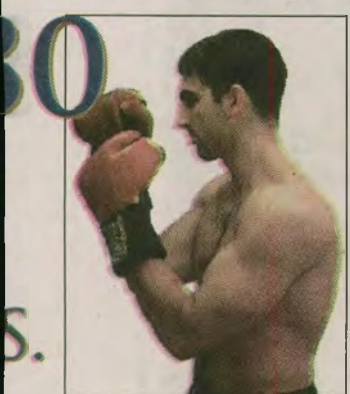
Molloy has yet to be tested in his first two fights. His solid performance in the semifinals bodes well for him.

Sur looked solid in his first fight but he advanced to the finals by default. These couple days of rest could give him the edge.

Molloy wants his first title and this could be his turn to shine. On the other hand, Sur makes his first appearance in the finals in his senior year.

Look for Molloy's patience and ring control to give him the slight edge. Sur definitely has the height and reach advantage in this match.

-Kathleen Lopez



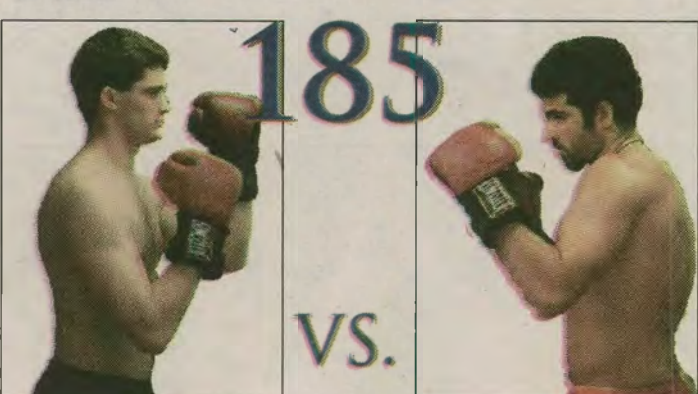
DAN
PRINCE

ek and Prince have been equal- ve thus far in the tournament, so a tough call. Based on experi- anchek is the clear favorite. He g puncher and likes to take care nent early.

er better conditioned and relies defense than his counterpart. he does possess the power it successful in this division.

ek must come out and take a If it comes down to points later he could be in trouble. Prince's d conditioning could play a fac- provided he can withstand s power early.

-Mike Day



DAVE
BUTZ

ANDREW
HEBERT

PICKS

M. DAY:
Hebert

B. BAKER:
Butz

K. LOPEZ:
Hebert

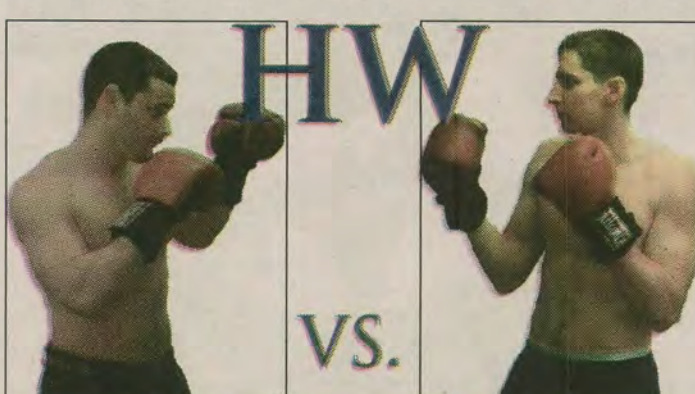
A. KRILLA:
Hebert

Despite their aggressive tendencies, Butz and Hebert are two of the most technically sound fighters in Bengal Bouts. Butz's experience and powerful right hand make him dangerous. He has yet to be challenged in this year's fights.

Hebert emerged from nowhere last year and has picked up right where he left off. He is extremely aggressive, yet his defense is difficult to crack. Opponents tend to be intimidated by his vicious demeanor.

This fight should go down to the wire and points could matter in a close fight. Butz's experience and technical skills could prove to be the difference.

-Mike Day



DAVE
MONAHAN

PETER
RYAN

PICKS

M. DAY:
Monahan

B. BAKER:
Monahan

K. LOPEZ:
Monahan

A. KRILLA:
Ryan

If this matchup came down to experience, Ryan wouldn't have a chance. After all, the freshman has just two fights to his name and is one of just three freshmen to make it this far in the tournament. Ryan has relied on his endurance and tenacity to catch opponents by surprise.

As his previous fights have shown, Monahan is a bruiser who will not back down from a challenge. His power and explosiveness are unmatched but conditioning could be a problem if this one goes three rounds.

Ryan won't be able to catch Monahan by surprise, but Monahan will most likely have to go the distance to walk away victorious.

-Mike Day

Mooney

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might encounter later in life.

"Boxing is great — that is why I am down here. I like to teach these boys how to handle themselves," Mooney explains.

"That way, if someone wants to get tough with them, they know how to put up their dukes and do a little fighting."

Mooney gives his all to the competitors and finds it very important to guide them in any way possible. He understands how important a role model can be — a lesson he learned from Rockne.

Who better to attest to Mooney's importance than some of this year's Bengal Bouts captains.

"Every day before practice, Jack always has a word of encouragement for us," said senior captain Lucas Molina. "Part of having Jack down here keeps the Knute Rockne spirit alive. He was one of the originals."

"Jack is the main man down here," junior captain Brian Gaffney said. "If you are having a bad day, you come down here

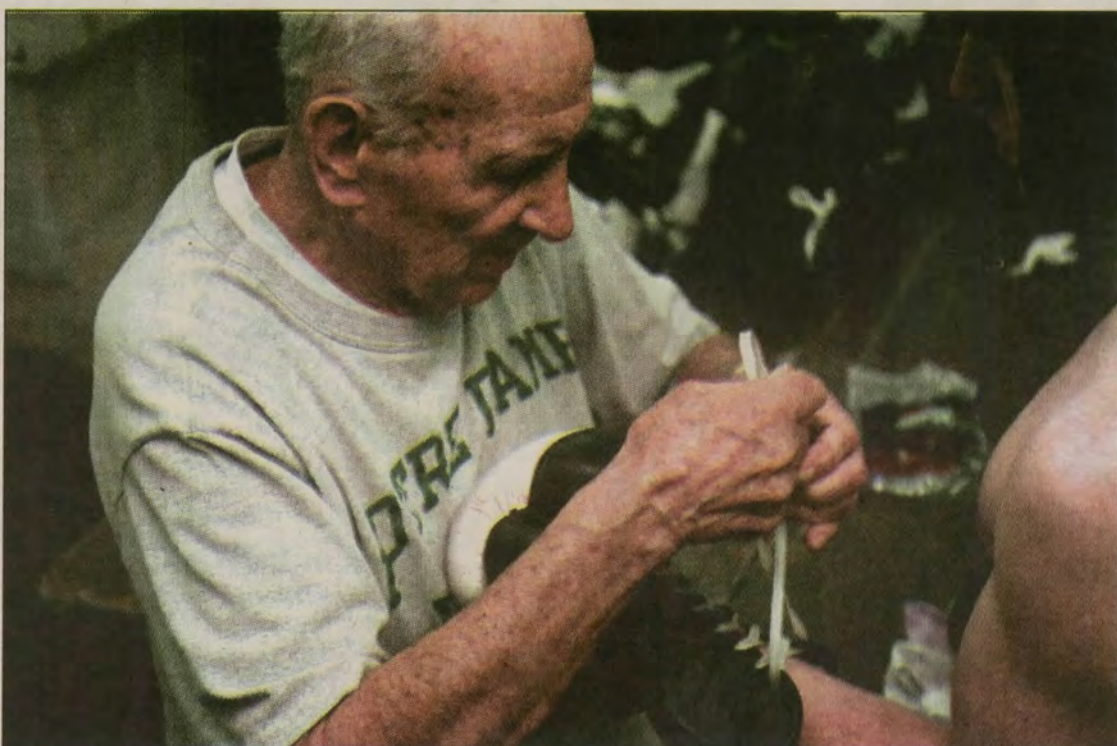
and talk with Jack for 10 minutes, and you will leave in a better mood. It is like hanging out with your granddad every day."

"He is a great guy to have around," senior captain Sean Sharpe said. "Jack is a landmark of Bengal Bouts. He is always here to tie up our gloves or just time us on the bag. Anything we need, he is down here for us."

Mooney has been with the Bengal Bouts since the beginning. He knows the importance of the money they raise, and the good that it does in Bangladesh. Over the 50 years, he has witnessed the growth of the Bouts and the increasing prominence that it has on campus.

"Right now, we are doing much more with Bengal Bouts than we did 50 years ago," Mooney says. "We are getting more money to send to the little kids in Bangladesh. Every little bit counts, and the last couple of years we have done very well."

For his dedication and hard work for over 50 years, Jack Mooney has been named the 1998 Bengal Bouts Award winner. The Bengal Bouts Award was instituted 50 years ago and has been presented annually on the night of the finals. The



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During his 52 years in the Bengal Bouts program, Jack Mooney has had the opportunity to guide the lives of students both in and outside of the boxing ring.

inscription on the first award, given in 1948, recognized Bishop Bernie Shield of Chicago, founder of the National CYO Athletic Program as an individual who "contributed the

most to the youth of America by example and competitive spirit."

This award is just a small token of appreciation for all that Mooney is responsible for. He

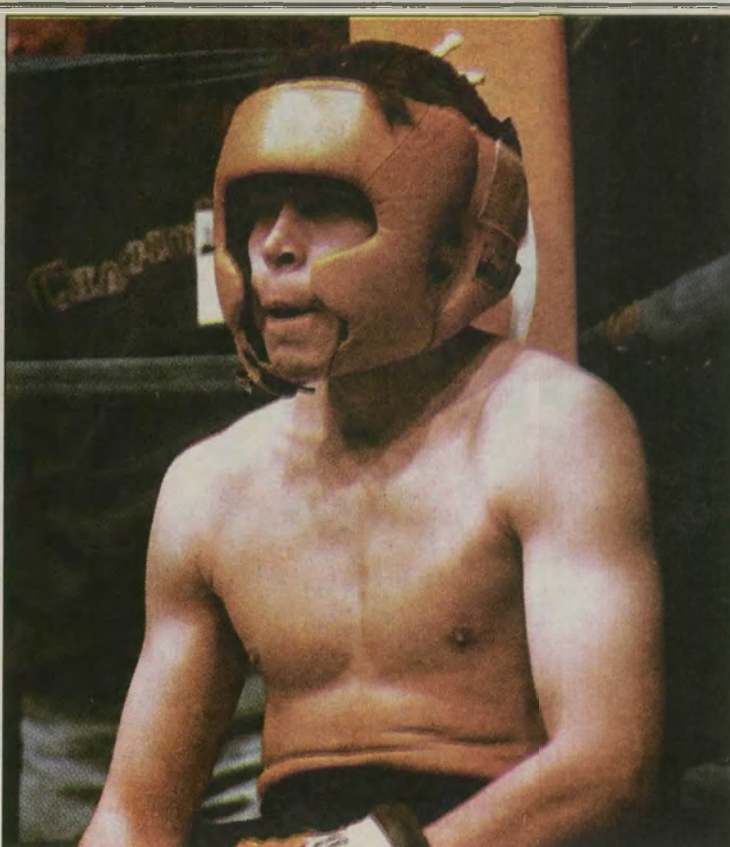
has been invaluable to the Bengal Bouts program for so many years and has touched so many lives, that one can only hope his contributions will go on for years to come.



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Captain Mike LaDuke will have his hands full with talented newcomer Adrian Cardona on Friday.

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Senior captain Lucas Molina will attempt to avenge last year's loss to Tom Will in the rematch Friday.



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Sophomore J.R. Mellin, shown here throwing a punch in his semifinal match with David Bann, will take on Dave Murphy in the finals.



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Senior Dave Butz had no problem disposing of Andrew Riederer (left) in his semifinal match. On Friday, the heavyweight will take on freshman Peter Ryan in the finals.

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FROM STUDENT TO PLAYWRIGHT: HICKS' 'SEALOVE, MANAGER' ARRIVES AT NOTRE DAME



The Observer/Kevin Dalum

Washington Hall served as the stage for "Sealove, Manager," a musical written by Sander Hicks, last night.

Above: Sander Hicks (left) and Shannon Collins (right) engage in conversation as characters Joe Joe and Mom in last night's production.

Below: Daniel Pairdo entertains the audience with vocals as Gary.

By KRISTI KLITSCH
Accent Editor

At the age of 27, Sander Hicks owns a publishing company, has numerous books in print and writes, produces and directs off-Broadway musicals.

The Virginia native is the writer, producer and director of, and actor in, the rock n' roll musical "Sealove, Manager," which opened last night at Washington Hall. The play will also run tonight and tomorrow at 7:30 p.m.

Although "Sealove, Manager" is the first of his plays to be featured across the country, writing and music are not new to Hicks.

Hicks attended James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va., for two years, where he actively engaged in writing short stories. He became dissatisfied with the political and patriotic atmosphere at JMU during the Gulf War, and decided to transfer to the New School for Social Research in New York City.

"JMU became very patriotic," he said. "It was ridiculing and alienating protesters."

Yet his change of location eventually resulted in a change of life.

At New School he studied under Suzan-Lori Parks, who wrote the script "Girl 6" for Spike Lee.

"She was a great form of support," Hicks said, admitting that she was a catalyst in his interest in theater.

While at New School, Hicks wrote for

the school paper, independently wrote fiction and worked at the 12th Street Kinko's Copy Center in downtown New York City. In addition, he wrote the script for "Cash Cow," a play about a man who works in a copy center.

Although his job at Kinko's supported him financially, it also provided the backdrop for the creation of Soft Skull Publishing Company, owned by Hicks.

"I would use the machines at Kinko's to make my manuscripts look

was published by Soft Skull.

"Soft Skull now has on-line publishing and has become a multi-media company," he said.

In addition to writing plays and short stories, Hicks also writes songs.

"The summer between JMU and New School I spent in Washington, D.C.; it was my last summer in D.C. I started writing songs in the shed behind

my house. I was angry about work, love ..."

In 1993, his punk band "Subterfuge" traveled across the United States on tour.

Yet through the songs and short stories, a brilliant playwright and producer was born.

After reading Hicks' script for "Sealove, Manager," Parks recommended Hicks for entry in New Dramatists, a non-profit organization that develops young playwrights.

Entry into the society was really "a shot in the arm to my play-writing," Hicks said.

After admittance, New Dramatists sent Hicks to a two-week writer's retreat in upstate New York, a location with "pristine weather," he said.

"I began thinking about the suburbs and their relation to D.C. My thoughts wandered to my own life, and about mowing the grass in D.C."

These thoughts proved to be the backdrop for his play "Sealove, Manager."

"The first song of the play is called 'Death to the Grass,' and it stemmed from the idea of mowing the grass in D.C.," he said.

The character Sealove in the play is semi-autobiographical to Hicks himself. Sealove is an estranged 25-year old who returns to the suburbs of D.C., after being fired from his job on Wall Street, to mow the grass and deal with his mother and younger brother. Sealove is dissatisfied with life and wants to be inspired to do something else.

"The play is about the suburbs and the middle class. It's about growth and love," Hicks said.

In the play, Hicks fills the role of Sealove's younger brother Joe Joe. In one part, Joe Joe takes on the persona of a dog, in order to avoid the conflict around him.

"It's not the easiest role to play," Hicks said. "Joe Joe is a combination of Sealove's religious past and his straight-edged past."

Yet, after writing the play, Hicks had to produce it and attract an audience.

"I just did it," he said. "After being in a punk-rock band, you know you can do anything."

The first major production of "Sealove, Manager" was last summer at the Ohio

Theater. The play was part of a three-day festival directed by Richard Eoin Nash-Siedlecki. Danny O'Brien, a Notre Dame junior who is abroad this semester, played the part of Joe Joe in that production.

After this weekend, Hicks and his

cast will travel to Chicago; Three Oaks, Mich.; Harrisonburg, Va.; and Washington, D.C. "Generally I think that the play has been a success," Hicks said.

Parker Kindred, the drummer in "White Collar Crime," the rock band in "Sealove, Manager," described Hicks as "radical but inspirational."

"He gets his ideas of standards of new America to people who forget through his plays, music and poems. He really perceives the world as it comes."

"Working with Sander has been quite wonderful," said Nicholas Colt, the piano player for "Sealove, Manager."

"Sealove, Manager" is sponsored by the Notre Dame Student Players, a campus group that sponsors non-departmental plays.

"It's a great rock n' roll play directly off Broadway," said Andrew Reuland, a member of the NDSP.

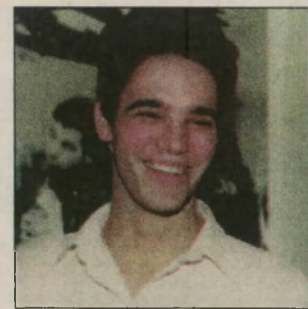
"We really hope that a lot of people come to see the play," he stated.



good," he admitted.

Soft Skull started as a small scale operation using the equipment at Kinko's, but now it has 23 titles in print, including books by Lee Ranaldo, the lead guitarist for music group Sonic Youth. One of Hick's own books, a novel called "Foam,"

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SANDER HICKS

■ NHL

Gretzky, Rangers down Maple Leafs

Associated Press

TORONTO
Wayne Gretzky had three assists as New York defeated the Toronto Maple Leafs 5-2 Thursday night in John Muckler's coaching debut with the Rangers.

Muckler, who replaced the fired Colin Campbell during the Olympic break, watched his new team score more than three goals for the first time in 14 games.

Gretzky, who played for Muckler at Edmonton, notched the 140th three-assist game of his career. His last three-assist effort came against the Maple Leafs on Jan. 12.

Niklas Sundstrom scored twice and Alexei Kovalev, Pat LaFontaine and Adam Graves also scored for the Rangers, who were playing their first game after the Olympic break. Fredrik Modin, who scored 30 seconds apart in the second period, had both goals for Toronto.

Sundstrom scored the only goal of the first period on the power play and Kovalev put the Rangers up 2-0 late in the second with another power-play goal.

But Modin scored his 12th and 13th goals of the season at 19:06 and 19:36 of the second to tie the game. Sundstrom scored his second of the game at 3:58 of the third and LaFontaine added the insurance goal, his first at even strength in 22 games, at 5:01.

Sundstrom also recorded his first goal in 10 games. The Ranger win spoiled another outstanding outing for Modin, who now has 10 goals in his last 12 games.

While Modin was doing his part, his teammates failed to

generate an offense, despite the fact they had 10 power-play opportunities, including a 5-on-3 for 45 seconds in the second period.

The win elevated the Rangers' record to 18-24-16 for ninth place in the Eastern Conference while the Maple Leafs dropped to 19-30-8 and remained in 11th in the Western Conference.

Kings 7, Blackhawks 4

Glen Murray scored twice in a four-goal first period to lead the Los Angeles Kings to a 7-4 victory over the Chicago Blackhawks on Thursday night.

Josef Stumpel also scored twice for the Kings, while Sandy Moger, Yanic Perreault and Sean O'Donnell had one goal apiece.

Eric Daze, Tony Amonte, Jean-Yves Leroux and Ethan Moreau scored for the Blackhawks, who surrendered more than four goals at home for the first time this season.

The Kings extended their unbeaten streak to five games (4-0-1) while sweeping their four-game series with the Blackhawks. Chicago has lost three games in a row and five of its last six.

Jeff Hackett started in goal for the Blackhawks, playing their first game since the NHL's Olympic break. He was replaced by Andrei Trefilov at 14:13 of the first period after allowing three goals on the Kings' first 10 shots.

Los Angeles scored the game's first four goals during a 12:03 span and held a 4-1 lead after one period.

The Kings, who had played a 1-1 tie in Detroit on Wednesday night, outshot the Blackhawks 13-3 in the first period.

Murray opened the scoring with a turnaround shot from

the slot during a power play at 3:26. He scored again at 9:08 after a blocked shot bounded onto his stick.

Moger poked in a loose rebound at 14:13 to make it 3-0 and chase Hackett. With Trefilov in the Blackhawks' net, Stumpel extended the Kings' lead to 4-0 at 15:39 when he curled through the left circle and fired low.

The Blackhawks, who allowed four goals in a period at home for the first time this season, finally broke through on Daze's power-play deflection at 19:32. The goal snapped a Chicago scoreless span against Los Angeles of 154:12.

Perreault's power-play goal at 2:14 of the second period gave the Kings a 5-1 lead. However, Amonte scored at 9:22 and Leroux converted a rebound at 18:36 against Los Angeles goalie Frederic Chabot to make it 5-3 after 40 minutes.

In the third period, O'Donnell and Stumpel scored for the Kings, while Moreau scored for Chicago.

Avalanche 3, Coyotes 0

Patrick Roy stopped 27 shots for his 40th career shutout as the Colorado Avalanche completed a back-to-back sweep of the Phoenix Coyotes with a 3-0 victory Thursday night.

Roy, 17-1-2 with three shutouts lifetime against the Coyotes, was aided by Colorado's penalty-killing unit. Phoenix was 0 for 9 on its power play.

Adam Foote scored his first goal in 50 games and Eric Lacroix and Adam Deadmarsh added third-period goals for the Avalanche, who are 9-1-1 in the last 11 meetings with the Coyotes and have won five straight. The Avalanche beat

Phoenix 4-2 Wednesday night.

Josef Marha assisted on the 14th goal of the season for Lacroix and the 16th for Deadmarsh.

The Avalanche, 1 for 8 on the power play, have had at least one power-play goal in 13 of the last 15 games. The Avalanche are unbeaten in 34 of 37 games that they have produced a power-play goal (22-3-12).

Nikolai Khabibulin, 1-8-1 lifetime against Colorado, stopped 32 of 35 shots. The Coyotes are winless in their last five games (0-4-1).

The Avalanche led 1-0 after two periods when Foote and Peter Forsberg executed a two-man rush at 8:24 to beat Khabibulin. Foote carried the puck through center ice and sent a return pass from Forsberg between Khabibulin's pads for his second goal of the season and first since Oct. 22.

Phoenix wasted four power plays in the period, putting only one shot on goal.

Lacroix tipped in a shot by Marha at 2:17 of the third period. Deadmarsh sent a hard shot through the pads of Khabibulin at 4:36.

Defenses and penalty-killing units prevailed in a scoreless first period where Colorado's best scoring chances came while shorthanded. Khabibulin had to make saves on Forsberg, Deadmarsh and Valeri Kamensky while Phoenix was on its two first-period power plays.

The Coyotes killed three Avalanche power plays in the first, one a 5-on-3 advantage. Cliff Ronning nearly trickled a puck through Roy's pads early in the period and Roy later smothered Keith Tkachuk on a 2-on-1.

■ SMC BASKETBALL

Belles host Aurora University

By AGNES BILL
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's basketball team has experienced quite a few ups and downs this season. Tonight at 7 p.m., the Belles are hoping to end the year on a high note at home against Aurora University.

Starting out the season with a win and a loss at the Kalamazoo tournament, the Belles struggled into January where they were winless. After the unsuccessful streak, the 8-17 Belles are anxious for their last game to be a good one.

"Our record does not reflect our hard work and determination," senior Darcy Nikes said. "There were probably only four games this whole season we deserved to lose. The rest of the games were toss-ups and they could have gone either way."

After being defeated Tuesday night at Sienna Heights, the Belles can only finish one shy of their desired record if they can beat 12-11 Aurora.

According to Charlotte Albrecht, the Belles are disappointed they fell short of their goal. According to Albrecht, although their record is better than last season's, they should not be satisfied.

Although disappointment fills the air, the Belles still want to finish strong.

"We are as prepared as we can be, and compared to the competition we are going to win by scoring a lot and playing an up tempo ball game," said head coach David Roeder.

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doh!

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beautiful first night, mackenzie!!!

kristi--you are a lifesaver, dedicated hard worker rock my world kind of

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oh, i see how it is.

hey matt--the mississippi's mighty, but it starts in minnesota. at a place that you could walk across with 5 steps down. i thought that might help you find it.

hey 253 (well, i guess there's only 2 of you,) but you're pretty jiggy yourselves. can i dance in the window again? will you take an action shot cp??

okay, i am running out of things to say.

because i don't want to work, i want to bang on the drum all day. with my roommates. cp and lp.

but they won't have dance parties with me

shoot!

kk--
next year, when we are living in the same plice, when will i get to crash on your couch??? oh no!!!

hey angela!!! one week until spring break. yeahoooo!!! so, when are you going to learn to drive my car?? that's a loooooong ride down there. we'll have to have a dance party the whole way.

oh no...the end is in sight...won't y'all be glad to have me back home on thursday nights???

because you miss me.

a lot.

i'm in here. awake. come in and make lots and lots of noise.

i think i'll join the flower of the month club

yeah.

■ WOMEN'S TENNIS

Dasso, Hall lead Irish tennis

Notre Dame look to rebound against Syracuse, Kansas

By TIM CASEY
Sports Writer

The women's tennis team looks to rebound after suffering their first two dual match losses of the year last weekend.

The Irish may have lost their first two matches, but Coach Jay Louderback was nonetheless pleased with his team.

"Both of our losses last weekend were by scores of 5-4," said Louderback. "Against Vanderbilt there were even a few times where we even had match points to win but could not capitalize and in our match with Mississippi we split the singles before losing two close pro sets in doubles. This year it seems that there is more parity than ever in college tennis. Every point is crucial and all the top teams have good chances to beat each other."

Junior Jennifer Hall and freshman Michelle Dasso, the

top two players on the team, fared well for the 7-2 Irish. First singles player Hall posted a 3-0 singles record on the weekend, including her second victory over the third ranked player in the country, Mississippi's Agnes Muzamel. Dasso also went 3-0 with a win over Mississippi's Ivona Mihailova.

Today, the Irish play host to fellow Big East conference school, Syracuse. Syracuse is led by senior Nicole Strnadova. Strnadova is coming back from an injury suffered last year but is having a good senior season.

"It will be good to play a Big East school before our tournament in April. They are only one of two Big East teams, along with Boston College that we play all season," Louderback said.

The University of Minnesota comes to Notre Dame on Saturday morning for a match.

Minnesota defeated Syracuse earlier in the year by an impressive 7-0 margin and is currently one of the top teams in the Midwest.

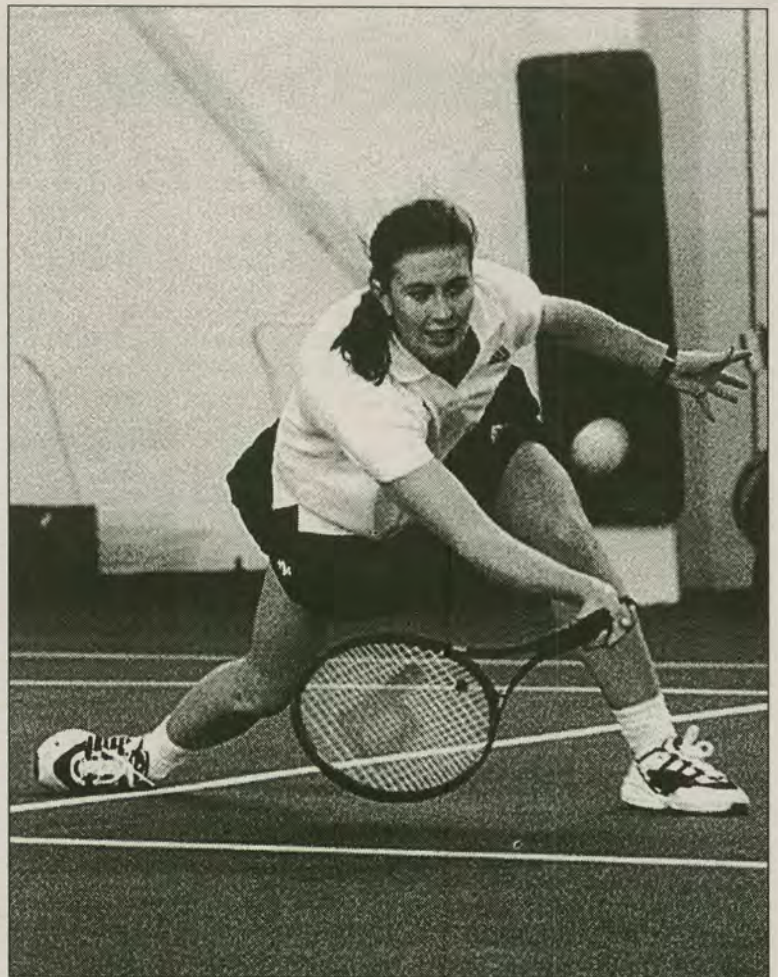
"Minnesota is a deep team,"

Louderback said. "They have been ranked in the top five in the Midwest for the whole year. Most of their players are similar so their bottom of the lineup is strong. Nora Savska is their number one player and has some national experience. I'm eager to play them because we have a chance of facing them again in the Midwest NCAA's qualifying."

On Sunday, the Irish compete against Kansas, which features one of the top players in the country, Kylie Hunt. Hunt is recovering from a knee injury which forced her to miss last year's spring season. The fifth-year senior was the runner-up in the 1996 NCAA singles tournament.

Kansas is solid throughout their lineup from one to six singles and Hunt is one of the most talented players in the country. And she seems to have regained her form after missing last year; earlier this year she beat Duke's No. 1 player.

"It shows you what kind of competitor she is after not playing for so long," Louderback said.



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Captain Kelley Olson will lead the Irish women's tennis team this weekend.

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■ FENCING

Teamwork crucial for fencers

Determination leads Irish to championships

By ANTHONY BIANCO
Sports Writer

It takes a lot to be a champion.

For any athlete, it requires a great deal of focus, determination, and practice. For the Irish fencing team, this has spelled itself out all season. The long practices, the endless list of teams on the Irish schedule and their determination to be the best have culminated to this point in the season.

The upcoming schedule now reads "championships," and that is what is on every Irish fencer's mind. The time is now for the team to cash in its chips in the quest to the champions.

This weekend the Midwest Team Championships will provide the Notre Dame fencers with the first possible opportunity to do this. With the individual qualifier tournament next weekend, and the NCAA Individual Championships just around the corner, the team knows the value that this last team event carries with it.

"It's the last team event of

the year," said junior epeeist Nicole Mustilli. "It's going to be less stressful than the upcoming tournaments, but it will be a good preparation no matter what."

That preparation does not specifically focus on fencing. For this squad, teamwork is just as important, even as they enter the individual tournaments.

"In the qualifiers [next weekend], the idea of the team effort is still there," commented Mustilli.

Knowing that the team will have to compete against each other — in some cases even fencing each other — next week is anything but phasing this focus on teamwork. The intensity could not be stronger for this team, even as each member fights to be one of the two Irish fencers to represent their squad at the NCAA Championships. But this competition has not hurt the team. Instead, they will rely on it to fence their way to a team championship.

"We won't lose our focus on teamwork, we're too tight of a team to do that," said senior foilist John Tejada. "Our main goal is to win the championship. We'll be happy if we go first, second, and third in each

event, even if that means that one of us won't qualify for the NCAAs."

But before that happens, the team will face one last test as they battle for the final collective win of the season this weekend. Though the teams they face will not be of the same caliber as some of the top-ranked East-Coast teams they have faced, this last team tournament is just as important.

"We still have to do our best. Here's an opportunity to work out the kinks and get us familiar with the people we'll fence next weekend," said senior epeeist Carl Jackson.

Added Tejada, "We have to keep the same game plan throughout. We can't sleep on any of these teams this weekend."

"No matter what we'll face in the future, beating the teams this weekend is our primary goal right now."

Winning has been the team's goal all season. And they are looking to continue that in the upcoming tournaments. All of the team's efforts all season are in hopes that they can place a 'W' by each of the remaining tournaments, including the NCAA Championships.



The Observer/Jeff Hsu

The Notre Dame fencing team will compete in its final team event of the year this weekend at the Midwest Team Championships.

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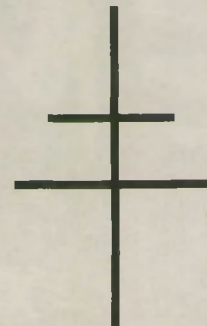
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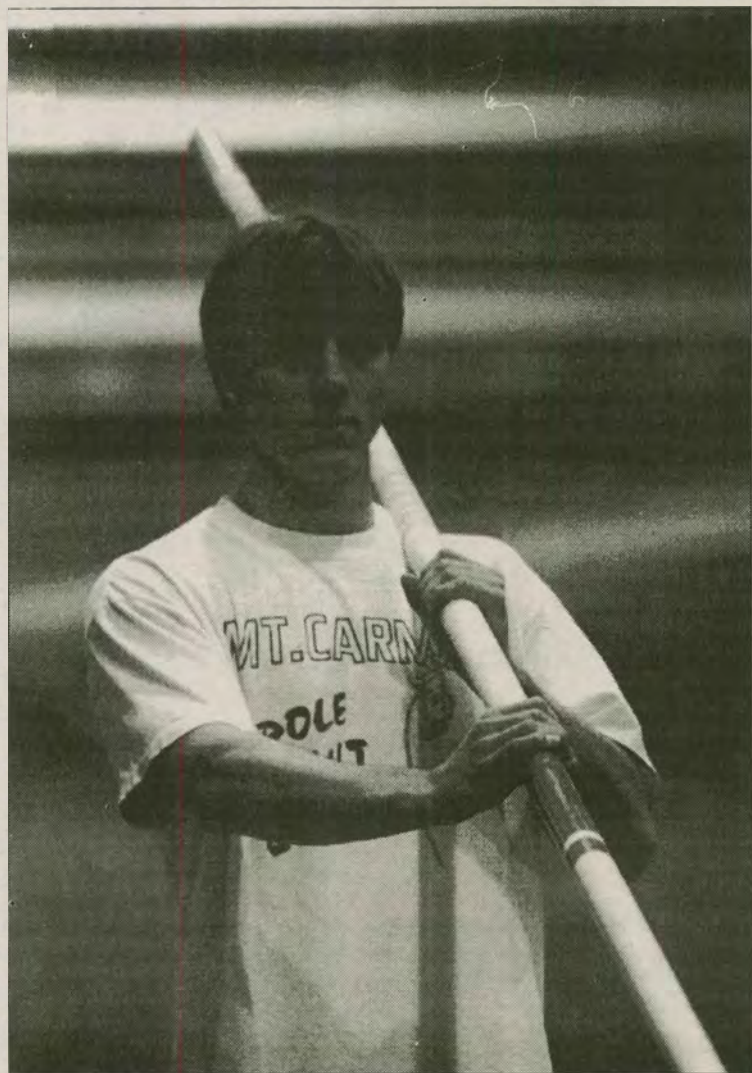
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■ TRACK AND FIELD



The Observer/Kevin Dalum
Notre Dame junior Mike Brown, with his outdoor best of 17-1/4, is the first Irish pole vaulter to clear 17 feet.

Brown's technique breaks records

By KATHLEEN LOPEZ
Assistant Sports Editor

To achieve what junior Mike Brown has in the past two-and-a-half years, a person must have focus. To shatter school records and personal bests at the rate which Brown has, he must maintain focus, especially in the sport of pole vaulting.

Last weekend, the soft-spoken Brown claimed his second-straight Big East title with the second highest vault in Notre Dame history at 17-1 1/2.

In January, Brown beat the provisional qualifying standard for the NCAA championship by 4 1/2 inches. Yet, he fell just 4 1/2 inches short of the automatic qualifying standard at the Red Simmons Invitational.

The sport of pole vaulting is a precarious one in which the vaulter puts all his weight on a single pole to propel himself over a bar at least 15 feet in the air. Brown has almost perfected the technique, yet he maintains there is always room for improvement.

"When you run down the runway, you have a certain step and you have to hit your marks," Brown said about the pole vault. "On the runway a few feet before you reach the

mat, you visualize yourself beginning your plant, which means moving your arms forward and up over your head. At the same time the pole drops into the box and on your last step you have to be in the right position; otherwise it becomes dangerous."

At the Red Simmons Invitational, he shattered the 16-year-old school record by 9 1/4 inches. His vault of 17-6 beat the previous mark set by Paul Doyle at 16-8 3/4, a record which has stood since 1982.

Prior to his spectacular showing, his previous best was 16-23/4 set at both the 1996 and 1997 Big East championships.

He started pole vaulting as a freshman at Torrey Pines High School, in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., only after his dream of playing soccer was cut short when he did not make the high school team.

"When you start out pole vaulting you don't start out immediately going for heights," Brown said. "You do the very simple drills and you learn those, and those drills only require walking and getting inches off the ground. As you become more comfortable, the drills become more difficult and gradually go up in

height."

One of Brown's most memorable moments occurred when he captured the California state championship his senior year with a vault of 16-4. That same year he qualified for the 1995 USA track and field junior nationals and finished fifth.

"It was a lot of fun and that is why I keep with it now," Brown said. "I never went out with the expectation of being here. I wanted to play soccer. I played soccer all my life. Then I went out for wrestling and I went out for track because my brother ran track."

Brown's high school performance caught the eyes of numerous colleges and universities throughout the country. In addition to Notre Dame, Texas, UCLA and Berkeley recruited him.

"I was not looking at colleges simply based on track," Brown said. "I took my trip here I met the team, I met the people and it just felt very comfortable. Notre Dame has a very good reputation academically. It was a small school and it was away from home. I was looking to go away from home."

Brown has had tremendous success in the past two and a half years. He won the Big East indoor and outdoor pole vault titles, with jumps of 16-2 3/4 indoors and 16-4 3/4 outdoors. Last year, he finished no lower than fifth in 13 indoor and outdoor competitions. His outdoor best came at the ICAAAA championships with a vault of 17-1/4 and became the first person from Notre Dame to clear 17 feet.

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the Irish enter the tournament on one of their most outstanding wins of the season, a 71-64 victory over No. 2 seed Rutgers.

Before defeating the Scarlet Knights, the Irish had gone 0-7 after trailing at halftime. The team was down 33-28 going into the locker room before they went on a 9-0 run to start the half. The team then hit 21 of 27 free throws in the second half to put the game away.

"I thought this was the biggest win of the season," head coach Muffet McGraw said. "It was a game we absolutely had to have, and it was a challenge for us to step up."

Even though the game was intended to put the team's seniors on center stage, it was freshman Ruth Riley who put on a show on Tuesday night. The 6-foot-5 center tallied her

ninth double-double of the season with 23 points and 12 rebounds. Ivey, along with junior Sheila McMillen, scored 15 and 16 points respectively.

"We thought coming into the game that Ruth would be a factor because she didn't play much during the game at Rutgers, so we had hoped that would be an advantage we would have coming in," McGraw said about Riley's performance.

The two teams faced off two times earlier this season, both with lopsided results in favor of the Irish. In the most recent contest on Feb. 12, Riley and junior Danielle Green each scored 13 to lead the Irish, while McMillen tallied eleven points.

"I think the key for us is to play as a team," Siemon said. "We have to be mentally prepared, use our strength, and take advantage of the other team's mistakes. But we have to play as a team, because that's what we've done throughout the season."

M. B-ball

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that we had that kind of balance," said Notre Dame head coach John MacLeod. "The great thing was that we had a bunch of people step up around Garritty."

The Friars have stumbled to an 11-15 overall record, including a mediocre 6-11 mark in Big East play. After last year's run in which it reached the Elite Eight of the NCAA tournament, Providence has fallen on hard times.

Forward Jamel Thomas has

emerged as one of the league's top players, averaging 17.9 points and 6.7 rebounds per game. Thomas has, however, had little support around him, meaning the Friars have been punchless on offense for much of the season.

"We've had flashes where we have been a solid team, but we haven't been able to maintain any consistency," said Friars head coach Pete Gillen.

"It's been kind of a rebuilding season for us, but that doesn't mean we're not going to make any noise over the rest of the season," he said.

The Irish just hope that noise doesn't come on Saturday.

Hockey

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the Spartans creamed the Irish. The next night in the Spartans' rink, the Irish trounced them. If Notre Dame plays like they are capable, they can create a lot of momentum heading into the postseason.

Sophomore John Dwyer has made it clear that Notre Dame isn't afraid of anyone. "We will play anyone in the first round," he said. "We don't have any favorites. What we do want to is to come into the post-season

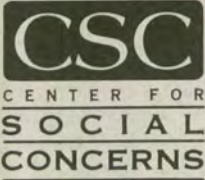
having finished the regular season strongly."

For the Irish to win, they will have to rejuvenate their power play. The Irish's power play has been very strong this season, ranking as high as third in the league for most of the season thanks to the plethora of goal-scorers who show up to the rink every night.


Junior Aniket Dhadphale topped the 20-goal plateau weeks ago, and sophomore center Ben Simon leads the team in assists and eclipsed his goal total from last year before Christmas. Junior forward Brian Urlick has proven himself

to be a clutch scorer and leads the team in game-winning goals.

Perhaps more important than scoring is preventing the score, and for this the Irish faithful turn to senior star goaltender Matt Eisler. He has had a storied career as an Irish net-miner and is a big reason why Notre Dame has won more games this season than ever before in Poulin's reign. But the true key to preventing goals comes from the five men in front of Eisler. The entire team is focusing on marking opponents in front of the net and playing better team defense.



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■ WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Expectations high for Irish women's lacrosse team

By KEVIN AMERIKS

Sports Writer

Any new season brings with it a certain aura of excitement and optimism for the experience that lies ahead. This is especially the case for the budding women's lacrosse program, which embarks on its second season as a varsity sport with a weekend tournament on Duke's campus in Durham, N.C.

Though this year's schedule dwarfs last year's in both scale and difficulty, the Irish are eager for the many challenges they'll encounter this spring, including matches with Stanford, Vanderbilt, Harvard, Davidson, and Duke twice.

The return of 12 monogram winners and eight starters, together with the addition of a talented freshman class including four former high school all-Americans, has left head coach Tracy Coyne joyous about the strong direction the program has taken so quickly.

But there is more work to do, and coach Coyne, the perennial motivator, has set an important focus for the team.

"We're not in a position to overlook anyone on our schedule and we must go into all our games well prepared," she said.

Nevertheless, she has set high goals for the program she was hired to launch from infancy.

We want a national championship-caliber contender as quickly as possible," she said.

Though lacking in experience, this year's squad is comprised of quality leadership, talent, depth, and enthusiasm. Together, these qualities have raised the expectations for the '98 team to build

on the success of their inaugural campaign, which ended with a respectable 5-4 record.

Headlining the list of Irish returnees are fifth-year senior Mara Grace (attack/midfield), senior Eileen Regan (midfield), and junior Kelly Callahan (attack). Last year, the trifecta amassed 52 goals and 16 assists for 68 points on a team which finished eighth nationally in scoring offense, averaging 13.56 goals per game.

Serving as tri-captains this year, Grace, Regan, and Callahan will be called upon for their intensity and leadership qualities as well as their versatility and offensive prowess.

"Our captains are good leaders and are committed and dedicated to motivating all the players on our team," Coyne said. "They have taken on the responsibility of instilling into everyone on the team a strong work ethic that will enable us to take that next step."

Regan served as a captain last year and was voted as the team MVP after starting all nine games and scoring 20 goals and two assists. She is respected for her all-around skills and is the sparkplug for Notre Dame's transition game.

Callahan is the top returning scorer from last year's squad and was the second-leading scorer overall a year ago with 18 goals and a team-leading 11 assists for 29 points. Her good moves, athleticism, and field vision on the attack will continue to instill fear in the opposition.

Junior Stephanie Fox will also be a key goal-scorer for the Irish attack this year. Last year, she proved to be a threat from any-

where on the field, finishing third in the Irish scoring column with 18 goals and 8 assists for 26 points, while starting only seven of the nine games the team played.

Lael O'Shaughnessy, the first woman lacrosse player ever to sign a national letter of intent to attend Notre Dame, is but one talented freshman at an impact position who is poised to earn a starting position in the Irish lineup. A three-sport athlete at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School in Alexandria, Va., she was a high school all-American her junior and senior seasons in lacrosse and helped lead her team to a 19-1 record and No. 1 ranking nationally her senior year. The team hopes to get the most out of her potential as a fine passer and "big game" competitor.

Junior Jessica Grom is the leading defensive midfielder. Speedy and strong, she will be assigned to shut down the opponent's top attack player.

The Irish midfield should also benefit from the individual improvement of Margaret Cholis and Meg Bowman. Their hard work and dedication in the off-season will likely be rewarded with increased playing time for the two of them.

Perhaps the most intriguing newcomer on the women's team is senior midfielder Holly Manthei. She is as much a newcomer to the sport of lacrosse as she is to the varsity team. Still, she brings to the team the valuable experience of starting on a national championship team. As the only four-time all-America in the history of the women's soccer program, her athletic skills needn't be questioned.



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Coach Tracy Coyne will look to tri-captains Mara Grace, Eileen Regan, and Kelly Callahan to lead the women's lacrosse team this season.

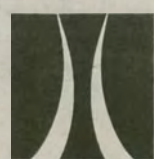
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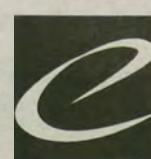
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■ JOCK STRIP

Caray's enthusiasm changed game for fans

A little over a week ago, the sports world lost a man whose legacy in the game of baseball will not soon be forgotten.

John Coppolella
Sports Writer

Harry Caray, best known for his broadcasts of Chicago White Sox and Cubs games, passed on early last week. With his death, baseball lost more than another announcer; it lost another part of its luster, which is now fading faster than the Detroit Pistons.

Caray was an individual who personified what the game used to mean. He made baseball a game played for fun, not for multi-million dollar contracts, revenue sharing and luxury boxes. He had a special relationship not only with White Sox or Cubs fans, but with every listener and every fan. For Caray, a perfect day wasn't a win or a loss, but a beer, a hot dog and three hours of enjoying the national pastime.

When his team would win — which was not very often for the Cubs — Caray would explode with ecstasy into the microphone and scream "Cubs Win! Cubs Win! Cubs Win!"

His energy wasn't an attempt to energize the fans, but rather his own exuberance. Above all else, Caray was honest. When Cubs players would make a great play, he would sing their praises. When they would make errors or swing at bad pitches, he would let the fans know about it, regardless of how it reflected on his team.

Caray was a fan, first and foremost, and this was what made him so special as a broadcaster. He put on a show designed not for the die-hard baseball fan, but for the fan who might be watching his or her first or last game.

Caray made sure that everyone was on his wavelength and was able to see the game through his glasses, which, if you have ever seen a picture of Caray, speak volumes about the man.

I am not from Chicago and am not a

fan of the White Sox or the Cubs, but I am a big fan of Caray's. Growing up, I would always look for Cubs games on WGN because their games were the most entertaining. Although the Cubs themselves are one of the least entertaining teams, Caray made their games entertaining with his enthusiasm.

The cheap advertisement plugs, his randomness ("I'd like to wish a happy 99th birthday to Evelyn Szablewski from Moorhead, Minnesota, a Cubs fan for the past 57 years") and the way he pronounced foreign names were all part of a Harry Caray telecast. Even if it was Cubs-Expos at Olympic Stadium in mid-July with both teams about as far out of the playoffs as ND basketball is out of the NCAA tournament, the games were always worth watching.

Last spring, I was able to make the pilgrimage to Wrigley Field and catch a Cubs game while visiting a friend in Chicago. We went to the game, sat with the bleacher bums in left field, got beer spilled all over, and experienced Caray leading the seventh-inning stretch. When he cried out, "Lemme hear you," and began to "sing" the seventh-inning stretch, the whole stadium joined him in unison and everyone was a Cubs' fan for 45 seconds. It was the greatest ballgame I have ever attended.

Caray's funeral is today at the Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago. As the Windy City buries him, they will not be crying for Caray or his family, but for the loss they have suffered.

Chicago has lost Caray and his special talent for transcending the game and bringing us all back to a time when we were eight-year-old children in little league or at the ballpark, entranced by the lights and the show that was the game. When people cry over Caray's death, they will be crying not just for the man, but for the game of baseball.

■ MEN'S TENNIS

Badgers threaten Irish

By SHANNON RYAN
Sports Writer

When a team's greatest problem is that it has too many qualified players, things are pretty good.

After solid performances by three netters, Notre Dame's men's tennis team is having trouble choosing the bottom of the line-up. Eric Enloe, Andy Warford and Matt Horsley are all possible starters for Saturday's match at home against Wisconsin.

"Any two of the three will be playing this weekend," coach Bob Bayliss said. "I was hoping [yesterday] I'd be able to tell [who would start]. I had them practice against each other. It was still pretty equal."

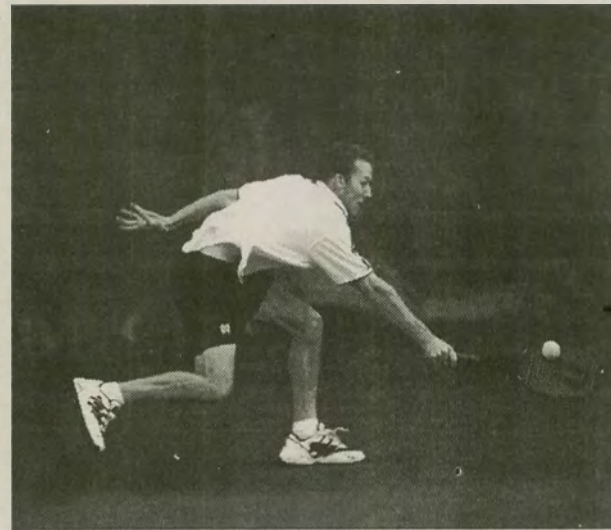
But there's not much time to decide. The deadline is set for Saturday at 1 p.m. when the Irish take on the 3-1 Badgers.

After advancing to 6-2 in last weekend's win against Purdue, the Irish are want to keep things rolling against Wisconsin, who lost its only match against the Boilermakers.

The No. 23 Irish have only lost once this decade to Wisconsin, but with the Badger's addition of Mark Loughrin, tradition may swing the other way.

Loughrin, who will play at No. 1, is a junior transfer from the University of Texas where he played No. 2. Loughrin's accomplishments include a ranking as high as fourth nationally in the 18-and-under competition.

"He's a scrappy player, and competitive," Bayliss



The Notre Dame men's tennis team will host Wisconsin this Saturday.

said. "He's very athletic and likes to come to the net."

Despite the strength down the line-up, Loughrin may serve as a pain in the neck to No. 1 Irish player Ryan Sachire. Or, worsen the pain.

Sachire, who has come up with several vital wins this season, was unable to practice yesterday due to a pulled neck muscle, but is hopeful for the weekend.

Irish No. 2 player Jakub Pietrowski, who has struggled as the sore spot for the Irish, will need to pull through if Sachire is a no-show. Pietrowski will battle Wisconsin's David Chang's huge forehand in the quest for his second win on the season.

"Chang will miss some shots, but he will hit the big ones," Bayliss said. "Jakub will need to keep the ball deep and play a consistent game."

Team captain Danny

Rothschild has defined consistency this season, going 8-0 on the year. The team will rely on Rothschild's at his usual No. 4 position, while pulling for Brian Patterson to continue his powerful improvements at the No. 3 spot.

As their home-stand nears its end, the Irish need to gain off the home court in every sense in their next-to-last game at the Eck Pavilion.

"It's a definite advantage," Bayliss said. "[Wisconsin's] courts are a lot faster. I hope it will be a factor."

If Sachire's aches are cured and the bottom-heavy line-up lives up to its talk, the Irish will most likely come out with its fourth consecutive win.

"[Wisconsin's] one of the teams I've thought could challenge us," Bayliss said. "But if we're healthy, I think we might be the slight favorite."

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■ TRACK AND FIELD

Tracksters ready for final indoor meet at home

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame track and field team will take a fairly relaxed approach into this weekend's Alex Wilson Invitational, after the stress and rigor of the Big East championships last week.

This will be Notre Dame's final home indoor meet of the season, and therefore the final chance for the seniors to run on the Mevo Track in Loftus Sports Center. It will be held tonight and tomorrow, with most finals in running events taking place between 12:45 and 3:30 p.m.

Head coach Joe Piane said that virtually every school that wanted to send athletes to the meet was permitted to. The meet will focus on the individuals, as most schools are only sending a few of their top athletes to compete, rather than the entire team.

Since most of the people competing from schools other than Notre Dame are among the top individuals on their team, the competition

will be stiff.

"It will be a good meet, and our kids will be challenged," said Piane. "For some of our athletes, we need for them to be sharper so we can take them to a meet next week and get them qualified (for the NCAA championships). To develop sharpness, they might run different distances than usual."

After last week's meet, it appears that the Fighting Irish have qualified for the NCAA championships in seven events — Errol Williams in the 55-meter hurdles, Bobby Brown in the 400-meter dash, Jason Rexing in the mile, Marshaun West in the long jump, Mike Brown in the pole vault, and JoAnna Deeter in the 3,000 and 5,000-meter runs. This meet and next weekend's are the last chances to qualify for nationals.

Williams has reached the automatic qualifying time, while the others have met provisional standards, which means their qualifications depend on how well other

athletes do. Williams' time of 7.26 last weekend is a new school record and ranks him as the seventh-fastest hurdler in the nation. Rexing also was named athlete of the meet last week after two individual victories.

The men placed second at the Big East, and the women ninth. Although they had hoped to finish slightly higher, Piane said that all the athletes really stepped up their efforts and competed well.

Williams, Brown, and several runners who competed in events at the Big East Invitational, such as Deeter and distance runner Alison Klemmer, will sit out this meet to rest.

"I know a lot of people had their heart in the last meet, so we're just trying to run the best that we can," said senior all-American Danny Payton, who will compete in the 400-meter dash tomorrow.

"We will be giving a lot of people an opportunity to compete because it's a home meet," said field events coach Scott Winsor.



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Junior pole vaulter Mike Brown will lead the Irish at this weekend's invitational.



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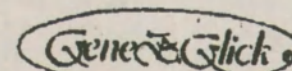
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Life in the Fast Lane



In their spare time: *The Notre Dame club bowling team practices nine hours a week to perfect their technique.*

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The Irish bowling team hosted their first annual Blue and Gold tournament last weekend at Beacon Bowl.

Notre Dame bowlers will sponsor second 'Rock and Bowl'

By TIM CASEY
Sports Writer

Bowling is usually seen as a leisure activity which people participate in on a social level. For some students, however, at Notre Dame, bowling is a competitive sport for which they spend nine hours a week to perfect their craft.

Senior Jason Jansen founded the bowling club two years ago. The team now consists of 12 men and seven women. The men's team is in its second full season, while the women started a year ago. The men and women compete in the same tournaments but in separate divisions.

The season starts in September, with tournaments running from October through March. Practices are three hours a day, three days a week at nearby Beacon Bowl in South Bend. In all, the Irish all compete in eleven tournaments during the school year.

Notre Dame hosted their first annual Blue and Gold tournament three weeks ago at Beacon Bowl. A highlight of the tournament was senior Jil Llewelyn winning the women's title.

Sophomore team member Ann Deitch was excited with the tournament's success. "The tournament was very successful, especially for it being our first year. Jil

bowled very well as did everyone else who competed. Hopefully next year we can double the number of participating schools," said Deitch.

The team will be sponsoring their second "Rock and Bowl" night at the Beacon Bowl in April. The first "Rock and Bowl," held earlier in the year, was very successful and featured unlimited bowling set to a background of music.

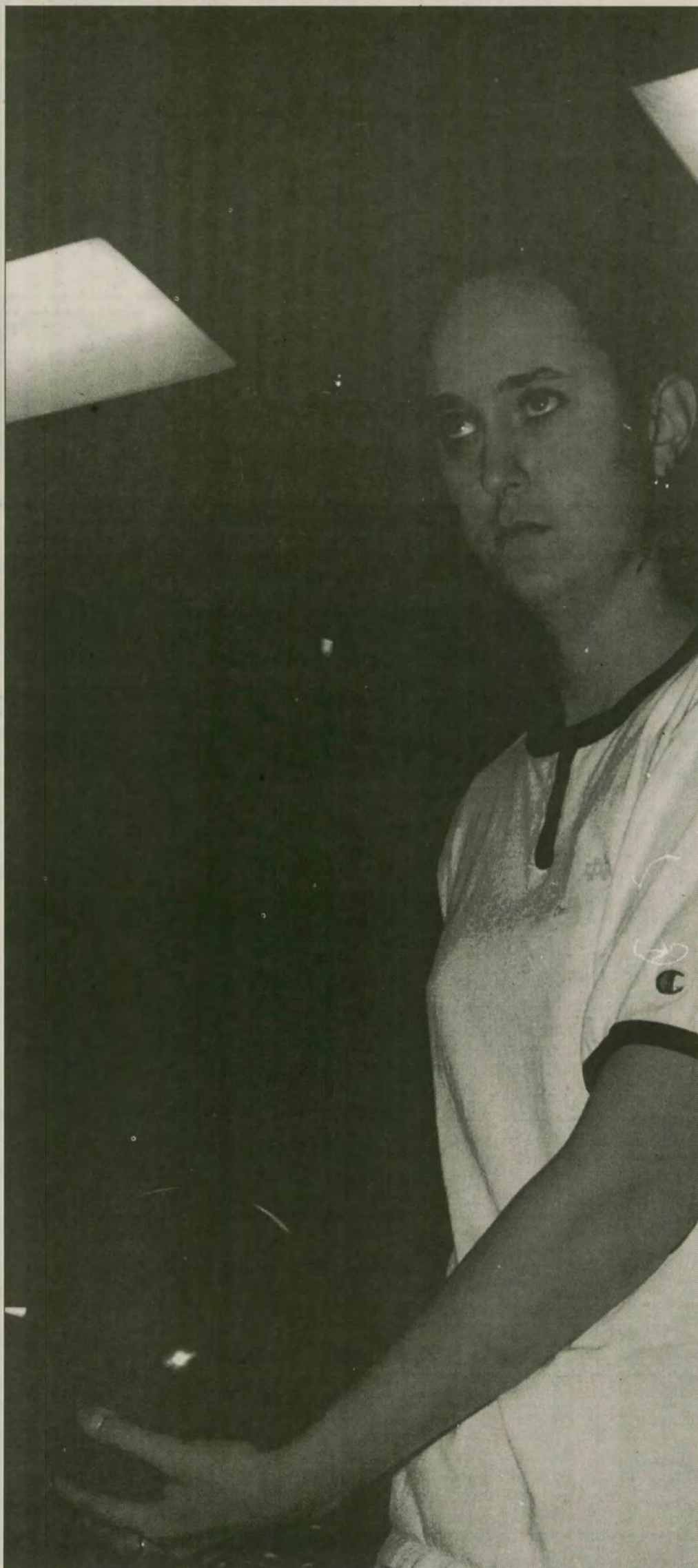
The Irish travel to the University of Illinois in Urbana, Ill. this weekend to compete in Illinois' tournament. The first weekend of spring break, they travel to Columbus, Ohio to compete against another midwest school.

The club is led by president Eric Baker and vice president Shawn Kearney. Deitch serves as the club's secretary, while Adam Niesen is the treasurer.

South Bend resident and Notre Dame alum Ray Szajko serves as the team's coach. Szajko is currently a professional bowler and volunteers his time to help the program out.

"Ray Szajko is instrumental in our development as bowlers. He is an experienced bowler who has a lot of knowledge to offer us," Deitch said.

Anyone who is interested in bowling is encouraged to join the club team.



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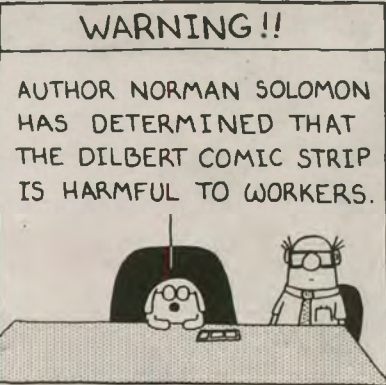
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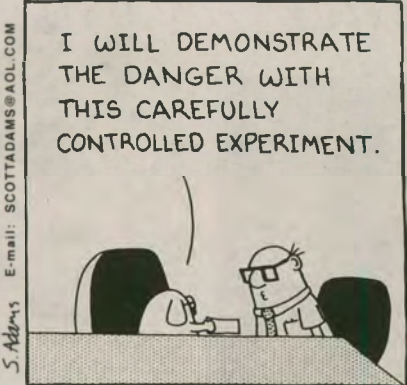
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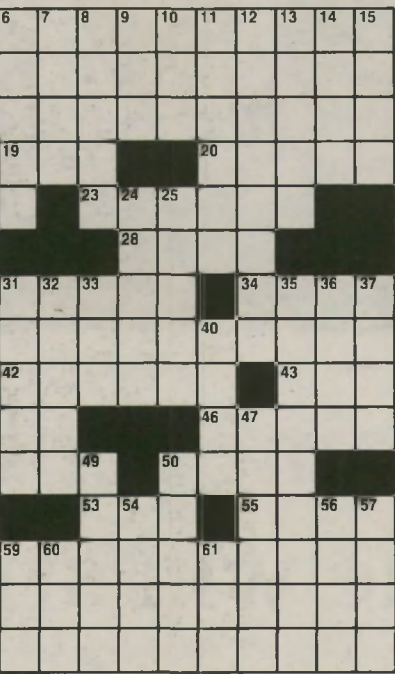
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- 17 John Hancock's place
- 18 Take orders, in a way
- 19 Random one
- 20 Jimmy
- 21 Certain league: Abbr.
- 23 Alarmist?
- 26 Bara contemporary
- 28 N. Car. neighbor
- 29 What a patrol car might get, for short



DOWN

- 30 Bad looks
- 34 Suffix with corrupt
- 38 Shakes hands
- 41 Saab model
- 42 Fly over the Equator
- 43 Casting requirement?
- 44 Pasternak lady
- 46 1974 Hoffman movie
- 48 Japanese mat
- 50 "— It Romantic?"
- 51 Praying figure
- 53 Lot
- 55 Old fool
- 58 Three of a kind?
- 62 Bushel or inch, e.g.
- 63 Splurged
- 1 Have — (freak out)
- 2 It parallels the radius
- 3 Singles spot
- 4 1987 Beatty flop
- 5 Monosaccharide
- 6 "Myra Breckinridge" author
- 7 Screen symbol
- 8 Letch
- 9 Final: Abbr.
- 10 One of the brothers of Warner Bros.
- 11 Soup server
- 12 Kind of reaction
- 13 "As — and breathe!"
- 14 Sandy tract
- 15 Trick ending
- 22 Mrs. Addams, to Gomez
- 24 Milestone
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- 27 Sport played to three points
- 31 Aquarium acquisition
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- 39 Strainer
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- 47 House
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- 49 Ethnic prefix
- 50 The Dow, e.g.
- 51 Mayberry sot
- 52 Cakewalk
- 54 Treater's words
- 56 Bobby and others
- 57 Prized Pacific salmon
- 59 El —
- 60 State that borders Colo.
- 61 One's lot

Answers to any three clues in this puzzle are available by touch-tone phone: 1-900-420-5656 (75¢ per minute). Annual subscriptions are available for the best of Sunday crosswords from the last 50 years: 1-888-7-ACROSS.

Aries: Spend your energy in pursuit of fun and romance. Relationships enter a playful stage today. Your sense of humor runs toward the creative end of the spectrum.

Taurus: The time has come to clean house and to make sure that a mess of this size never happens again. The way you live is a picture of your pride and humility. Your personal affect is influenced by your family dynamic.

Gemini: Style counts for a lot today. You appreciate the message but are repulsed by the messenger. Keep your eyes open for your lucky number today: 432.

Cancer: Your generosity to yourself extends into the lives of others today. Remember that buying a friend cheapens the friendship, no matter how much you pay. Go with your impulse instead of your agenda.

Leo: The Moon has come to visit Leo's house, bringing you the gift of yourself. Flaunt who you are. Do exactly what you want to do. You are guaranteed success in all pursuits today.

Virgo: Today you are faced with the consequences of a mistake you made. At the moment, you have no real choice but to stand there and be scolded. Your opportunity to try making everything right will come soon enough.

Libra: Be supportive of others today. As a community resource, you may get more than your share of people coming to you for help. At the moment, you are comfortable in this role. In the future, you'll be owed many favors.

Scorpio: Your professional life promises a new set of frustrations. The best approach for today is the subtle attack. Staying with the program might be the best problem solving tool of all.

Sagittarius: Do not let someone else's offensive behavior spoil your good mood. The Leo Moon makes you resilient and socially immune to idiots. Your mission today is too important to be diverted by petty conflict.

Capricorn: Joint ventures are not favored today. Others are much less inclined to share than you would prefer them to be. Avoid all tempting invitations and spend the day working alone.

Aquarius: Compromise is the only way out of a fierce struggle today. Each party loses something so that all might gain. A relationship is enriched if it survives this difficult moment.

Pisces: The time has come to dive into your longstanding mess and organize it. Not everyone can navigate a filing system based on your personal intuition. Translate into conventional logic if you want others to understand.

■ Of Interest

The Channel Volunteer Program will be recruiting today from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. at the Center for Social Concerns. Channel, based in Seattle, WA, provides ministry training for 1 to 2 year placements in parish ministry, education, social services and business. The program is based in Seattle, WA.

A piano recital by graduate student Ayako Toda will be presented Sunday afternoon, March 1 at 2 p.m. in the Annenberg Auditorium at the Snite Museum of Art. The program will include works by J.S. Bach, Mozart, and Fauré. The recital is free and open to the public. Please call 1-6201 for more information.

Candidates for the Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship must submit all their application materials to Mr. Jay Simkins by April 1. Additional application forms are available directly from him, in 102-B O'Shaughnessy Hall. Candidates will be advised by the Rotary of Roseland of their interview date and time shortly after April 8th.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



Kelley Siemon and the women's basketball team will face St. John's. The Observer/Joe Stark

Conference tourney begins

By BILL HART
Sports Writer

Once again, it's that time of year for women's basketball fans. It's conference tournament time, when the record slates are wiped clear and the run for postseason contention begins.

While the Fighting Irish women's basketball team already has a strong case for selection in the NCAA's, advancing far in the Big East tournament which is set to open tomorrow at Rutgers University, will help make their case a little stronger.

The top three seeds in the

tournament are given first round byes, while the remaining seeds battle it out in five separate contests on Saturday. Notre Dame, after obtaining a fifth seed with a 12-6 conference record, will face off against 12th seed St. John's at 2 p.m.

The Red Storm heads into the tournament on a three-game losing streak, and have lost nine of their last eleven contests. After suffering a 86-50 loss to Connecticut, St. John's headed home to drop a 63-55 decision to West Virginia. On Tuesday, they closed out their season with a 64-49 defeat at Boston College. Junior guard

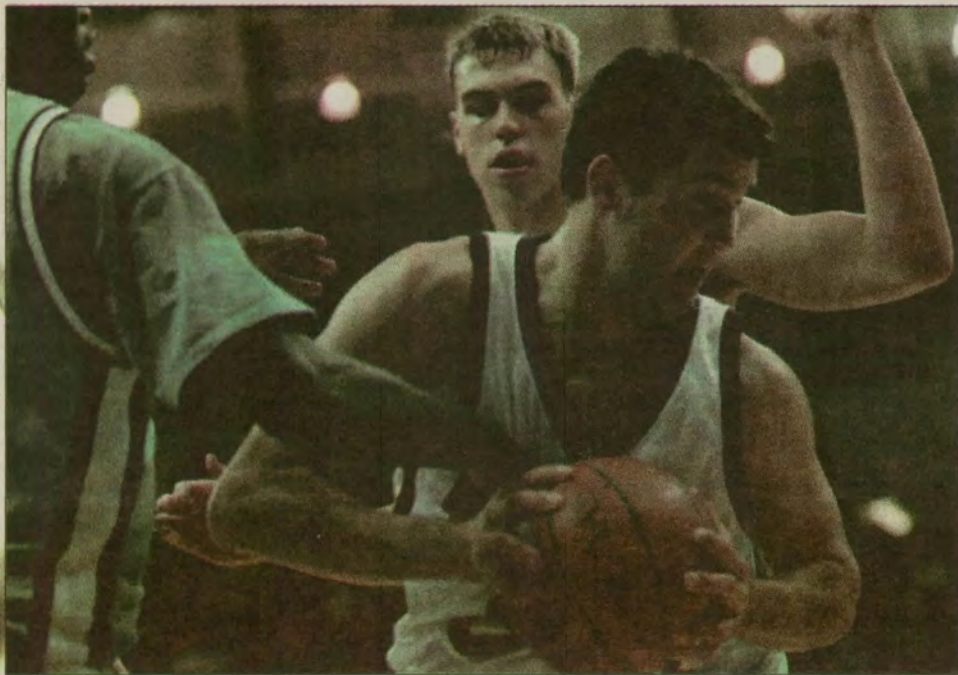
Ebony Dickinson scored 11 points against the Huskies and had 13 points and 11 boards against the Mountaineers. Junior forward Adrijana Bedalov had a team-high 14 points against the Mountaineers.

"They have two guards that penetrate well, and can shoot from outside," freshman forward Kelley Siemon said about the Red Storm. "It's going to be hard to beat them three times, but I think we're going to be ready this time to shut them down."

On the other end of the court,

see W.B-BALL/ page 18

Men's Basketball vs. Providence



Derek Manner broke his shooting slump at the home finale against Georgetown. The Observer/Kevin Dalum

Notre Dame looks to continue win streak

By MIKE DAY
Sports Editor

Something to build on — that's all the Notre Dame basketball team was looking for when it hosted Georgetown in its home finale.

Now that they have that something, courtesy of a 79-69 victory over Georgetown on Wednesday, the Irish are looking to build from there.

"It was a huge win for us and hopefully we can get some confidence going to the last game," said center Phil Hickey following the victory. "With a little bit of confidence, hopefully it can extend our season."

The Irish will find out exactly where that confidence takes them when they travel to Providence on Saturday for the regular season finale.

"It's the time of year where you want to go into the post-season on a high note," said Irish forward Pat Garrity.

"That means we need to build on what we did in the Georgetown game."

If Notre Dame hopes to take a two-game win streak into the Big East tournament, scheduled to begin on March 4, it will need to match the all-around effort it displayed against the Hoyas.

In the victory, Garrity tallied his usual 24 points, but it was the contributions of his teammates that enabled Notre Dame to win for just the second time in its last seven opportunities.

Point guard Martin Ingelsby poured in 15 points, while shooting guard Antoni Wyche and center Phil Hickey registered 13 apiece as the Irish posted four players in double figures.

Even forward Derek Manner got into the act against Georgetown, breaking an 0-14 shooting slump by hitting on 3-of-4 attempts for six points in 22 minutes.

"That was the first time in quite awhile

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HOCKEY



Before beginning postseason play, the Irish must face North Michigan and Michigan. The Observer/Kevin Dalum

Icers prepare for playoffs

By CHARLEY GATES
Sports Writer

Two weeks from tonight, the Fighting Irish will play in the post-season of the Central Collegiate Hockey Association for the first time in head coach Dave Poulin's three-year tenure at Notre Dame.

The Irish (15-16-4 overall, 10-13-4 CCHA) assured themselves at least an eighth-place finish in the eleven-team league and a spot in the postseason with a 4-3 win last Friday night against Northern Michigan.

Before they get there, the Irish have a difficult road ahead of them. They will play two games this weekend against North Michigan and one game next weekend against Michigan. "Our goal is to build momentum for the playoffs," stated senior captain Steve Noble. "We would like to get on a roll before the playoffs, because a hot team is difficult to beat."

Northern Michigan sits in fourth-place, seven points ahead of the Irish. Michigan sits in second-place, 15 points ahead of the Irish.

How will the Irish be able to create momentum with such tough opponents looming on their schedule?

The CCHA is extremely competitive, and on any given night it is any team's hockey game. Earlier in the season the No. 1 Michigan State Spartans and the Irish played two back-to-back games. On Friday night at the Joyce Center,

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Sports At A Glance



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Mike Brown leads Irish pole vaulters

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Fencers compete in last team event

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