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Members of the University community gathered at the Grotto to hold a vigil for Conor Murphy, a Notre Dame student who was diagnosed with leukemia Friday.

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Vigil held for cancer-stricken student

By KATE STEER
 Assistant News Editor

To say that the past week has been a rough one would be an understatement for Notre Dame sophomore Conor Murphy.

Murphy was diagnosed with leukemia last Friday. After his diagnosis, he returned home from Washington, D.C., where he has been studying, to Cleveland, Ohio, where he will begin

chemotherapy today at University Hospital.

Murphy's doctors have narrowed his condition to one of two types of leukemia: acute myeloid and acute lymphocytic.

"Since [his diagnosis], we've all been praying for him," said sophomore Steve Napleton, a close friend of Murphy. "He's in good spirits. I don't think there's any doubt in his mind that he's going to overcome this."

Most people who know Murphy

describe him as ambitious, someone who works hard and plays hard. A government major, he is the only sophomore to be spending in the semester in Washington, D.C.

"He's one of those people who always gives everything his all," said Napleton. "He's very involved in various organizations. He takes studying seriously, but also takes spending time with friends and having a good time seriously as

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Gramick challenges Vatican rules

By ERIN PIROUTEK
 Assistant News Editor

Sister Jeannine Gramick hopes that the Vatican's decision to limit her ministry to gays and lesbians will invoke dialogue about areas of disagreement within the Church. Her Thursday lecture "What if Catholics Disagree" explained her points of disagreement with the Vatican and encouraged discussion first in small groups then by the entire audience.

In July 1999, The Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith, a body to safeguard church teaching, ordered Gramick and Father Robert Nugent to permanently end their pastoral work to gays and lesbians and their parents.

This specifically forbids activities such as leading retreats and workshops; however, they are still free to speak and write.

"It's been a limiting of my ministry, not a silencing," said Gramick.

The seeds of Gramick's ministry developed in 1969 at the University of Pennsylvania where Gramick was pursuing her masters.

"I became very good friends with a young man who was gay," said Gramick. The man had abandoned a religious community because he felt that being gay was incompatible with being religious.

"He said the Catholic Church didn't want him," said Gramick. She explained that as a sister, she wanted to show him that the Catholic Church did indeed want him.

Her order assigned her to gay and lesbian ministry. Gramick was involved in counseling, educational programs, workshops and retreats.

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STUDENT SENATE

Group votes to disclose student body election results

By LAURA ROMPF
 Assistant News Editor

In a 17-7 vote, the Senate opted to open the results envelope from the run-off election for 2000-2001 student body president and vice president.

Tallies revealed the Brian O'Donoghue/Brooke Norton ticket won 56.3 percent of the vote, and the Hunt Hanover/John Micek ticket received 41.3 percent. Norton was glad to see the results favored her ticket.

"I'm really glad everyone in the student body has been given the opportunity to see the run-off results," vice president-elect Norton said.

"We're really happy to find out

"There is student opinion that the Senate is full of sneakiness and illegitimacy, we should end this."

David Zachary
 Alumni Hall senator

that the student body is behind us as president and vice president," she added.

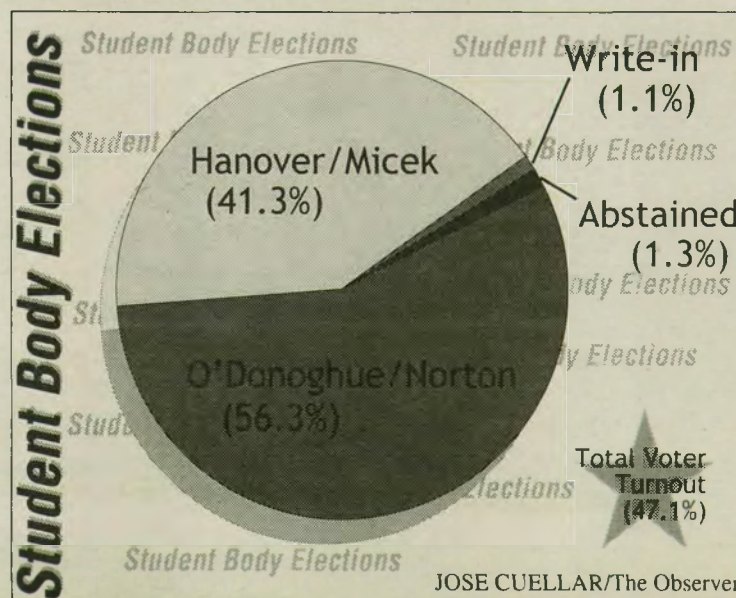
Before the envelope was opened by current student body vice president Michael Palumbo, there was debate on the relevance of seeing the null and void results. Because numbers had been leaked last week, senators

did not want students to assume that senate members knew the results and were simply hiding the totals.

"I don't want this issue hanging over our head," said Phil Dittmar, Fisher Hall senator. "I think we should open it and move on. Students think we are hiding the results from them. My opinion is we should open it."

Others agreed. "I agree with Phil," said Patrick O'Donnell, Carroll Hall senator. "We all know that the run-off was invalid and doesn't matter, but still we should release the numbers. It is part of the public record, and it should

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INSIDE COLUMN

Throwing the game

What part of "Don't throw things on the court" don't you understand?

Do you have so little respect for Coach Matt Doherty and the Irish seniors that you needed to take the game out of their hands?

But the most important question is: Why would you ever throw something onto the court?

When Jimmy Dillon, Skylard Owens and Todd Palmer walked off the court for the last time in their Irish careers, they should have saluted the students for their support.

Instead, they, like the rest of the team, walked off in disgust.

Can anyone blame them?

Dillon had left everything on the court. He picked up his fifth foul diving on the floor for a loose ball. His hustle and heart should have played a pivotal role in the game. Instead, a fan in the stands decided the Irish fate.

For the first time in years, the Notre Dame student body is a vocal presence at basketball games. Unfortunately, it has been known more for its stupidity and not for its cheering.

Thanks to the action of three fans who threw trash on the court, the media will once again blast the Notre Dame student body. Sports columnists around the area will call the Irish students "classless" or "immature."

In front of a national television audience, Notre Dame fans looked like a bunch of children.

"Maybe they shouldn't throw balls into the stands any more," Doherty said after the game. "It's too tempting to have a ball in your hands and not to throw it."

It's too tempting for a 6-year-old not to throw a ball. A college student should have enough self-control to refrain from throwing things.

All three people who threw items should hang their heads in shame. The first item tossed on the court was met with a warning directly from Doherty.

For some reason, two fans felt that warning did not apply to them.

The second thrower was lucky. Martin Ingelsby threw the foam ball tossed from the stands off the court before a ref saw it.

But the last item to fall from the stands was the most inexcusable and stupid event of the year for Irish fans.

Because some fan felt the need to ignore a direct request from Doherty, the game was taken out of the players' hands and put into a water bottle.

If the Irish find themselves NIT-bound, don't blame the ref who called the technical.

Blame the guy who threw the water bottle.

Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim said after the game that his team would have won the game with or without the technical.

Many Irish fans would love to be able to settle that question. But thanks to a fan who felt that he was bigger than the team, that question will never be answered.

For Dillon, Owens, Palmer and every senior in the student section, that student threw away much more than a basketball game; he threw away a proud ending to their home career.

"It's unfortunate that it had to come down to that," Dillon said. "But that's basketball. That's basketball?"

No. Basketball is played on the court by the players, not some guy in the stands.

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



Mike Connolly

associate sports editor

THIS WEEK AT NOTRE DAME/SAINT MARY'S

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
♦ Student Services Week: Karaoke at dining halls from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	♦ Strong Women in Film Series: "A League of their Own" 9:30 p.m., LaFortune, free admission	♦ Performance: "Boston Brass," 8 p.m., Washington Hall, tickets available at LaFortune	♦ Lecture: "With New Eyes We See: Oscar Romero," 7p.m., Le Mans Hall, Saint Mary's
♦ NAACP Relationship Forum: "Two Wrongs Don't Make a Right, But it Makes 'it Even" at LaFortune Ballroom, 7 p.m.	♦ Performance: "Chicago Samba School - Popular Brazilian Music," 8 p.m., Reckers, South Dining Hall	♦ Event: "Boston Brass Master Class," 1 p.m., Washington Hall	♦ Event: "La vie revee des anges," (The Dreamlife of Angels) 2 p.m., Annenberg Auditorium, Snite Museum

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

U of Texas researchers find new cancer test

AUSTIN, Texas
University of Texas researchers have developed a more efficient method of detecting cervical cancer that could give doctors a faster interpretation of their patients' gynecological health.

Rebecca Richards-Kortum, a professor of electrical and computer engineering at the UT Department of Biomedical Engineering, and Michele Follen, a professor of gynecologic oncology at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, created a fiber-optic probe that shines light on the cervix and displays what it detects on a computer screen.

The probe, which has been in development for 10 years, will provide instantaneous results, unlike the current method of examination, the pap smear. Pap smears, which detect abnormalities in the cervix, require a

nurse to use a small brush to swab the lining of the uterus to collect tissue for examination under a microscope. Although the procedure takes only a few minutes, samples must be analyzed in a lab, and results take between seven and 10 days to arrive.

The new device will also be a pain-free replacement to colposcopy, a method that involves scraping the uterine lining when abnormal cells are found during an examination.

Richards-Kortum said the device has the potential for diagnosing other

forms of cancer as well.
"The technology will have broad applications to other organ sites, such as the oral cavity and lung," she said.
The probe is currently undergoing a \$8.9 million, three-year trial financed by the National Institutes of Health in which 1,800 women in Houston and Vancouver, British Columbia, will participate.

The American Cancer Society estimates cervical cancer will cause 4,600 deaths this year and that more than 12,000 women will be diagnosed with the disease in 2000.

Risk factors include certain sexual behaviors, immune system suppressing diseases such as HIV and AIDS, smoking and failure to receive regular pap smears. Cervical cancer is nearly 100 percent preventable if detected early, according to the American Cancer Society.

Two students arrested for drugs

MADISON, Wis.
Two University of Wisconsin-Madison students were arrested Monday for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of narcotics with intent to deliver. Police later estimated the street value of the seized narcotics, mainly marijuana and Psilocybin mushrooms, at nearly \$65,000. The Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force responded to a call and obtained a search warrant for the apartment. Chris Lambrou and Michael Goot, both UW-Madison juniors, were arrested Monday after tenants told authorities of an odor coming from the apartment. A statement from the task force said they seized 7.5 pounds of "Dank Nugget" marijuana and 2,000 grams of Psilocybin Mushrooms as well as \$2,915 in cash and numerous pieces of drug paraphernalia from the apartment. Lt. Bill Housley of the Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force said the bust was one of the largest in the history of Dane County. "This sort of thing doesn't occur often," Housley said. "We got a pretty good quantity this time. This has been one of the biggest."

Yale withdraws from FLA after rally

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.
In one of the largest anti-sweatshop demonstrations to date, about 300 to 400 Yale University students rallied Tuesday to demand that their administration withdraw from the Fair Labor Association (FLA) and join the Workers Rights Consortium (WRC). Both the FLA and the WRC are organizations designed to monitor overseas sweatshops, but activists said clothing manufacturers have too great an influence on the FLA. "We think the FLA is a sham," said Yale senior Amanda E. Bell, one of the organizers of Tuesday's rally. "We think it's a public relations play by corporations. We would like to see Yale take a moral stand [by withdrawing]." Harvard Attorney Allan A. Ryan Jr., the administrator most responsible for sweatshop policy, said he supported the Yale students' right to rally, but that the action would not affect Harvard's support of the FLA. "I'm glad to see the first amendment exercised in New Haven," he said. "This clearly is a matter of concern to students, administrators, universities, everyone. If they can get students together for a rally, then more power to them."

LOCAL WEATHER

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Chicago	44	27	New York	44	32	Tampa	80	56
Houston	75	61	Philadelphia	62	33	Wash DC	52	33

Grant allows ND prof to research disease in Haiti

♦ Streit devoted to examining diseases affecting the poor

By MARIBEL MOREY
News Writer

For years, Father Thomas Streit has devoted time to researching diseases affecting the poor.

Streit, a Notre Dame biology professor, has now taken his research to Haiti, where he is researching Lymphatic Filariasis. Filariasis, a disease that causes elephantiasis, affects many in the island nation.

"Filariasis, a mosquito-transmitted scourge that affects 120 million people throughout the tropics, is considered one of a handful of diseases that can be eliminated if only countries like Haiti can find the will and resources to address the problem properly," said Streit, who is currently leading the research.

An enormous enlargement of

the infected area characterizes elephantiasis. Such areas could be any part of the body, including the male sexual organ. Bodily deformities, malnutrition, and lack of knowledge and resources for prevention plagues Haitian's dealing with elephantiasis.

Aggressive in supporting research for the diseases of the poor, Streit wrote a proposal to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and received a positive response.

Visiting Notre Dame for only a few days, Father Streit spoke of the \$5.2 million grant he received from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and his commitment to lymphatic filariasis (elephantiasis) research in Haiti.

Streit also collaborated with the Center for Disease Control, a government agency devoted to the control and prevention of disease.

"In collaboration with Haitian government, the U.S. Agency for International Development and Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the World Health

Organization, Notre Dame and others, plans are being made for the elimination of this disease from Haiti and the other 72 endemic countries during the next 20 years," said Streit.

"The main goal and focus is prevention. We are trying to stop it from going to the next generation," said Streit.

As a researcher and Holy Cross priest, Streit has shared his faith with the Haitians. "The country is troubled in many ways, but the people are wonderful. The strength with the family and faith is prevalent — blessed are the poor," Streit said.

Streit has been living on and off in Haiti and researching elephantiasis there since 1993. This mission in Haiti, however, is temporary. Ultimately, the Haitian government will take most of the responsibilities, while Notre Dame and the Center for Disease Control are currently providing the infrastructure by training the Haitians on disease control and prevention. Notre Dame and the CDC provide the tech-

nical and teaching expertise to the natives. In the past year, the center in Haiti has received trained from the Dominican Republic and Brazil. Streit hopes the center will serve as a resource not just for Haiti but also for the infected countries in the region.

Streit said there is a distinct difference between public health and acute care. Streit believes that he can save a lot more lives by researching control and prevention, rather than treating people's everyday acute needs. Streit is also very excited to see Notre Dame students get involved in the prevention of elephantiasis

in Haiti.

The Student International Business Council is aiming to market, manufacture, and distribute bednets in Haiti as a tool to fight vector-borne tropical diseases such as filarial elephantiasis, malaria, and dengue fever.

Bednets would provide coverage for each person to protect them from the mosquitoes carrying lymphatic filariasis, the disease that causes elephantiasis.

This project is seen as yet another preventive measure for the disease in Haiti. The proposal from the Council still has to go through the Notre Dame administration.

"If there's a community of people dedicated, you can turn an idea into action," said Stephanie Rosenthal, SIBC Director of Marketing.

Streit welcomes any student interested in helping in Haiti during any break. This experience will "expose you to a different culture, government, and ecology," said Streit. "After spending time in Haiti, you come back as an activist for the poor and protecting the environment."

The only research party involved in this issue, Notre Dame interests in Haiti extend to dengue hemeragic fever, a virus by mosquito that can kill people.

Additional research possibilities include in Haiti intestinal parasites, bacterial infection of the stomach and malnutrition.

Streit has been fascinated by tropical diseases since high school, and is happy to be fulfilling his dream by mixing social service and sacramental service. When asked if he is scared of contracting a disease in Haiti, Streit stressed that knowledge is a great thing.

"Lack of knowledge and poverty are huge contributors in Haiti," said Streit.

"The main goal and focus is prevention. We are trying to stop it [Filariasis] from going to the next generation."

Father Thomas Streit
professor

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Gramick

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In 1977 Gramick and Nugent co-founded "New Ways Ministry" in Ranier, Md., to reach out to gay and lesbian Catholics.

The Vatican began its investigation into Gramick and Nugent's ministry in 1982. Some Catholics, including James Cardinal Hickey, archbishop of the Diocese of Washington, disagreed with aspects of their ministry.

"These voices made their way to the Vatican," she said. First the Vatican requested a report from Gramick's provincial. Gramick quoted from the report, which said, "We think it would be counterproductive to dimin-

ish this ministry in any way."

Gramick and Nugent resigned as leaders of "New Ways Ministry" in 1984 but they continued to hold workshops and retreats about homosexuality across the nation.

The Vatican requested another report in 1985, and again the local report said that no action was necessary.

Then, in 1988, the Vatican appointed its own commission, which spent years in investigations and hearings, and released the decision to ban Gramick and Nugent's ministry in July 1999.

Church leaders wanted Gramick to publicly affirm her support for the Church's position on homosexuality.

"Public ministers have a duty to know what the Church teaches and to articulate it very clearly," said Gramick.

Public ministers are not required to articulate their individual beliefs. Gramick refused to answer an audience member's question, "Do you accept the Church's teaching on homosexuality?" just as she had refused to answer the same question from the Vatican.

"I choose not to make my conscience public," Gramick said.

The Church position is that people are called to follow their conscience, even when it doesn't agree with the Church.

"Now, we don't preach that a lot. That's why I say it [conscience] is one of the best kept secrets in the Catholic Church," Gramick said.

A disagreement based on conscience, however, must be seriously considered.

"It's a very strongly held personal conviction of truth or what

is right," said Gramick. She explained that it requires prayer, serious consideration of official Church position, reading scriptures and consulting with holy people — both priests and lay people.

In the end though, one thing matters.

"A conscience decision is between you and God," said Gramick.

After much prayer and reflection, Gramick reached a decision.

"I still believed that God was calling me to minister to lesbians and gays," she said.

Gramick disagreed not only with the decision to limit her ministry, but also with the Vatican's process.

"That's hardly speed in the procedure," Gramick said of the 17-year ordeal.

She also cited the principle that to the degree possible matters should be handled on the local level, rather than by higher authorities. Those on the local level most intimately know the facts of a situation.

"We will feel much more invested in our Church," said Gramick noting the benefits of decentralization.

By disregarding the local reports, the Vatican did not adhere to this principle, Gramick said.

Gramick has a masters in math from Notre Dame and a doctorate in teaching from the University of Pennsylvania. The lecture was sponsored by the Progressive Students Alliance, College Democrats, the University Counseling Center, Call to Action, GALA and OUTreachND.

Senate

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be made public.

"Public disclosure is an important issue," said Cimarron Gilson, Sorin Hall senator. "If some know the results, the student body has the right to know."

"There is student opinion that the senate is full of sneakiness and illegitimacy, we should end this. I am in favor of opening it," said Alumni senator David Zachary.

Overall, Dittmar summarized the comments by saying that students are losing faith in student government and showing the results could help give student government legitimacy again.

"I have had many students ask me [what the results were]. Students want to know. There is a lack of trust and we need to restore this trust," he said.

Despite most senators wanting to open the envelope, some disagreed.

"I have reservations about opening the results at this time," said off-campus senator Pat Foy. "Kelly [Folks] and Becky [Demko] are not here and we shouldn't do this behind their back. There is no final deadline for appeals and we all know there is potential for another appeal. If we open that we could possibly have to choose between what is in the envelope and what we think is right."

Some senators thought opening the envelope after April 1 — when no more appeals can be filed — would be optimal. Still others believed that since the results were null and void, they should never be opened.

Right before the final vote, Palumbo urged the senators to follow their duty. "We do have a duty as senators."

Because this is a public document, we should let the public know the information. It is our document now, not the Judicial Council's."

In the end, 17 out of 24 senators chose to see the results.

Dan Peate, campaign manager for the Hanover/Micek campaign, thought seeing the totals accomplished nothing.

"I am proud of Hunt and John for walking away from this," Peate said. "I wish everyone else would have followed their lead."

However, O'Donoghue was glad to see the results.

"We're happy with the results as they turned out," president-elect O'Donoghue said. "We're grateful to those students who supported us through all this and we're not going to let them down."

In other Senate news:

♦ Kerry Doolin, manager of ND Video spoke to the Senate about undergoing research into changing the store into something new.

"Right now we are searching for the most feasible option which students will use the most," Doolin said.

The two current options are a tanning salon or a knick-knack store.

♦ SUB presented its nominations for its executive board of next year: Becky Hagelin as board manager, Elizabeth Efta as director of programming, Katie Leicht as director of operation, Dave Clark as director of creativity and Candis Wilikinson as chief controller. Katie Reicher, the student body treasure for the 2000-2001 year, presented the nominations for the new assistant treasures: Jennifer Wolfe, Katie Heidler and Christina DeFlippo.

♦ The Senate unanimously passed a resolution requesting additional student member on the First Year of Studies Advisory Committee.

Murphy

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well."

After his freshman year, Murphy spent the summer in Belfast, Northern Ireland, working under a member of the Northern Ireland Assembly. Friends

say that he has been "trying to take the bull by the horns," since he arrived at Notre Dame.

Zahm Hall sponsored a Vigil of Hope for Murphy Wednesday. The vigil ended with Mass at the Grotto.

"More people showed up and helped to celebrate Mass with us than we ever expected," said Napleton. "Not only that, but our goal was to have at least one person there during the entire 24 hours, and at all times there were at least three or four, so there was just a fantastic turnout."

One of the most important aspects of

the vigil service was that during Mass, Murphy was praying along with the readings that had been sent to him.

"Truly I think it was a great example of the Notre Dame community getting together and supporting one of its members," Napleton said.

At the vigil, people were able to write words of encouragement and support to Murphy in a journal that will be sent to him in the near future.

Father Jim Lies, the rector of Zahm Hall said the event has brought the campus together.

"Conor's circumstances have brought us even closer together and reminded us of what's really important," said Lies. "Folks from all over campus have expressed their regards and prayed with us. It has been a great boost for Conor."

Lies asked for continued prayers for Murphy and his family. The journal with words of encouragement which was available at the Grotto during the vigil will now be placed outside Lies' room at 132 Zahm Hall, for the next few days before being sent to Murphy.

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Father Jim Lies
Zahm Hall rector



Student Leadership Awards

The Student Activities Office is looking for nominees for the 14th Annual Student Leadership Awards!

If you wish to nominate a student please submit the following information to the Student Activities Office, 315 LaFortune Student Center, by March 8, 2000:

The name of person doing the nominating & their relationship to the nominee.

The name and year in school of the nominee.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Young killer lived among guns, drugs

MOUNT MORRIS TOWNSHIP, Mich.

The 6-year-old boy who killed a first-grade classmate used a stolen gun he apparently discovered loaded and lying around in a bedroom at the "flop house" where he was living, investigators said Wednesday. Authorities focused on possible criminal charges against any adults who gave the boy access to the .32-caliber pistol he used to shoot 6-year-old Kayla Rolland on Tuesday morning, a day after the two apparently had scuffled on the playground at Buell Elementary School. The boy is too young to understand what he was doing, and probably won't be charged, the prosecutor said. After the shooting, the boy put the gun in his desk and went to the school office, Superintendent Ira Rutherford said. After police questioned him, Police Chief Eric King said, he "sat there drawing pictures."

Nigeria president urges unity

ABA, Nigeria

Amid reports of new clashes that killed 200 people, Nigeria's president on Wednesday decried religious violence that has wracked his country, mourning that Nigerians have lost their "sense of moral outrage." A police official in the southeastern town of Aba said at least 200 people were killed Monday in revenge attacks following rioting and clashes between Christians and Muslims in the northern city of Kaduna that killed more than 300. The latest bloodshed occurred when residents of Aba, nearly all of them Christians of the Ibo ethnic group, attacked Muslim Hausas after the bodies of Ibos killed in Kaduna were returned home, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. His account could not be independently confirmed.

Israel raises Syria peace hurdle

JERUSALEM

Israel's parliament gave preliminary approval Wednesday to a bill that could doom an Israel-Syria peace accord or even bring down Prime Minister Ehud Barak's coalition government. The measure, which raises the percentage of votes needed to win approval of any peace deal in a national referendum to a nearly unattainable amount, could limit Barak's bargaining ability or lead Syria to conclude there's no point in negotiating further. In a 60-53 vote, lawmakers gave preliminary approval to the Likud opposition bill, which would require an absolute majority of eligible voters in a referendum to approve a peace deal with Syria.

URUGUAY



The new president of Uruguay Jorge Batlle greets former president Julio Maria Sanguinetti in Montevideo. Batlle succeeds Sanguinetti.

AFP Photo

President Jorge Batlle sworn in

Associated Press

MONTEVIDEO

Jorge Batlle was sworn in Wednesday as president of Uruguay, promising cost-cutting and other austerity measures to fight the economic slump bedeviling this small South American country.

Batlle (pronounced BA-shay), a 72-year-old lawyer, took the oath of office at a ceremony attended by a half-dozen South American leaders, as supporters of his Colorado Party held

flag-waving celebrations in the streets.

"The year ahead is going to be a difficult one ... there are challenges we will meet with success," Batlle said in his inaugural address.

He said he would maintain strict monetary and fiscal policies while whittling away at a budget deficit, cutting bureaucracy and holding inflation to single digits. He also repeated pledges to cut \$300 million in public spending.

"Above all, government must reduce expenses,"

Batlle stressed.

The economy is trying to rebound from a slump that saw the unemployment rate top 10 percent. Batlle also wants to stimulate foreign investment and boost Uruguayan exports.

Batlle takes office in troubling times for this country on South America's Atlantic seaboard. Sandwiched between giants Argentina and Brazil, this country was whipsawed in the late 1990s by economic crises affecting its neighbors.

Batlle, the son of a for-

mer president, won the presidency on his fifth attempt. He succeeded Julio Sanguinetti, a fellow veteran of the long-governing Colorado Party, for a five-year term.

Attending the ceremony were Presidents Hugo Banzer of Bolivia, Fernando Henrique Cardoso of Brazil, Fernando De la Rúa of Argentina, Luis Gonzalez Macchi of Paraguay, Hugo Chavez of Venezuela and president-elect Ricardo Lagos of Chile.

Pennsylvania gunman kills 2, surrenders

Associated Press

WILKINSBURG

A gunman who reportedly flew into a rage over a broken door went on a rampage Wednesday, shooting a maintenance worker at his apartment and customers at two fast-food restaurants before surrendering to police during a hostage standoff. Two people were killed and three critically wounded.

Ronald Taylor, 39, of Wilksburg, was arrested in an office building after he kept police at bay for about two hours, holding

four or five people in wheelchairs hostage at a senior hospice center. During the standoff, more than three-dozen children from a third-floor day-care center in the building were evacuated, along with other workers.

Taylor, who was not immediately charged, was to be arraigned Wednesday night.

Police refused to comment on a motive, but a worker at Taylor's apartment building said the suspected gunman was angry that workers had not repaired his broken apartment door fast

enough.

"He said, 'You're all white trash, racist pigs,'" maintenance worker John DeWitt told The Associated Press.

DeWitt said he left to work on another apartment but later saw one of his colleagues carrying another maintenance worker, who had been shot. DeWitt said he saw Taylor, who is black, walking toward the restaurants.

The shooting spree began about 11:15 a.m. in this working-class suburb about nine miles east of downtown Pittsburgh.

Police, responding to a call at the man's home, followed him to the restaurants and chased him into the office building.

Four people were shot at the Burger King and McDonald's restaurants in the borough of about 21,000 people.

Wilksburg police Chief Gerald Brewer said two people were dead and three were in critical condition in Pittsburgh area hospitals. At least two of the victims were shot in the head, said doctors at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center-Presbyterian.

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ND alumni, Nixon's doctor dies

Special to The Observer

Dr. John Lungren, former president of the Notre Dame Alumni Association and long-time personal physician for President Richard Nixon died Monday of heart failure at Long Beach Memorial Hospital Medical Center in California. He was 83.

A 1938 graduate of Notre Dame with a bachelor's degree in chemistry, Lungren was a member of the Alumni Association's board of directors from 1966-1972 and its president in 1972-73, at which time he also served on the University's Board of Trustees. Lungren was a Notre Dame benefactor and all seven of his children attended either the University or Saint Mary's. He received the Award of the Year from the Notre Dame Club of Los Angeles in 1971.

Lungren earned his medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1942 and, after taking further training at Los Angeles County Hospital, served in the Army during World War II. He was an infantry battalion surgeon during the Normandy invasion in 1944 and was awarded four battle stars and a Purple Heart.

Lungren joined Long Beach Memorial Medical Center in 1946 and stayed there until his retirement in 1987. He specialized in internal medicine and cardiology and served as the center's chief of staff from 1968-71.

He was President Nixon's personal physician from 1952-80

and is credited with helping save his life in 1974. Soon after resigning the presidency, Nixon experienced pain in his left leg caused by phlebitis he had developed years earlier. As the condition worsened, Lungren repeatedly advised Nixon to enter a hospital for treatment. After initially resisting, Nixon finally relented and days later a piece of a blood clot that formed in the left leg broke off and traveled through the bloodstream to damage his right lung. Dr. Eldon Hickman performed emergency surgery on the president to save his life.

Lungren is survived by his wife, Lorain; three sons, John, Daniel, a former U.S. congressman and attorney general of California, and Brian; four daughters, Christine, Loretta, Patricia and Elizabeth; and 16 grandchildren.

A rosary for Lungren will be prayed at 7 p.m. today at Saint Barnabas Catholic Church in Long Beach, and a funeral Mass will be celebrated there at 10 a.m. Friday.

Women discuss hardships

♦ South Bend women speak of challenges of raising children, finding jobs

By NICOLE HADDAD
News Writer

Students were given the opportunity Wednesday afternoon to listen as two women described their personal challenges in raising children and earning a living in the South Bend community.

Guest speakers Yvonne Hudson and Dawn Chapla both focused on the importance of making the right decisions as young women.

Describing her life before coming to the Center for the Homeless in South Bend, Hudson stated she was a single mother of five girls and addicted to drugs.

"With no help and no job, I found myself wandering aimlessly," she said.

After undergoing a house

fire and losing everything — including her children to the government, Hudson came out of her denial and stepped into the Center for the Homeless. She attributes the Center for helping her find out many things about herself.

"Life had brought me so many hardships. My mom was gay, and there were many other things where I just needed acceptance," Hudson continued. "My oldest daughter, 15, was pregnant and ran away."

After leaving the Center, however, Hudson was informed of her new position working at WNDU radio station. But even with this new job, Hudson still found that she still encountered struggles everyday. "I had to learn to keep away from certain people, places and things — it's like bowling, just knock down the pins."

Hudson still interacts with the Center. Through speeches and activities, Hudson says that she will never forget where she came from.

Dawn Chapla shared her experiences about her

younger daughter Brandy who learned the difficulty of raising children as a single mother.

"Brandy was very bright, but had a poor self-image," Chapla said, "and this affected her whole life and the choices she made."

Chapla also shared her experience working at United Way, where she interacts with unions of the community and representatives from the welfare reform panel.

"Seeing more women working in the community, I am also seeing more domestic violence," Chapla said. "There are issues in the home of control and jealousy — and this leads the children to be more at risk."

In speaking of welfare programs, Chapla said the reform has helped many people get back to work "but they are still poor." She said she believes the jobs available today "simply do not offer livable wages with the benefits."

Chapla said the most important thing for people to look at are the issues that help the community.

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Gore, Bradley abandon hard-line debate tactics

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

Bill Bradley and Al Gore agreed on more than they disputed Wednesday night, abandoning hard-line tactics in a mild debate often aimed at the Republicans — almost as though the Democratic contest already was settled.

Bradley insisted that it was not, that he still expects to take off against Gore in the Super Tuesday primaries in which 15 states select Democratic delegates next week.

Gore said he took nothing for granted. "I do think that the elections this coming Tuesday will likely be decisive for the nomination," he said in a CNN post-debate interview. He leads the public opinion polls in all the upcoming states, and the debate was Bradley's finale in California, most critical of the Tuesday primary states.

"Clearly, I have to win several," Bradley told CNN. He said he will campaign now in New York and New England.

His tone in his 10th debate with Gore recalled that of their first, in New Hampshire more than three months ago, when he shunned confrontation,

before the lines hardened and the face-to-face sessions turned angry.

"People tell me that I was too tough in the last debate," Bradley said after this one. "It's all in the eye of the beholder."

He said he had been determined to correct Gore misrepresentations. But he added:

"Tonight's debate set a tone for the kind of presidency I'd like to have."

He did contend that the administration's failure to take "action about six months ago" and release oil reserves had led to current soaring prices at the gas pump.

Gore replied that the use of the strategic petroleum reserve to increase supplies and ease prices is not off the table. But first, he said, there should be quiet diplomatic pressure to get more OPEC oil flowing.

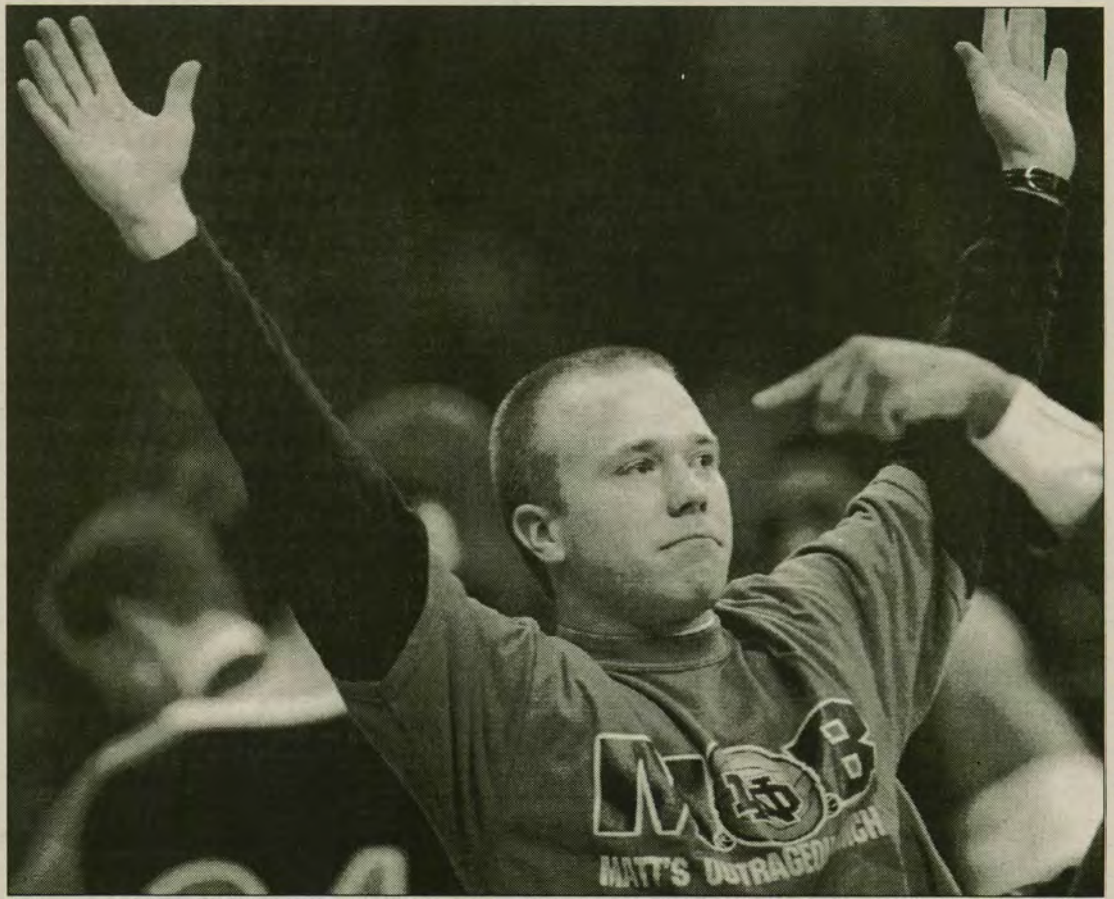
Nothing to compare with earlier debates, in which the former New Jersey senator had accused Gore of lying about his own record, and about Bradley's proposals, notably on health care. That issue, a point of bitter dispute before, came up only briefly in this debate.

There was one flareup when Bradley accused Gore, as he had before, of voting in favor of preserving a tax exemption for then-segregated Bob Jones University in South Carolina. Gov. George Bush has been under constant criticism for speaking there last month. Gore said the vote involved racial quotas, and he opposes them.



Bradley

Half-Court Glory



JOHN DAILY/The Observer

Mike Shepherd, a sophomore from Dillon Hall, celebrates after making a half-court shot at Wednesday night's basketball game. He won a semester's worth of books for the shot.

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CAMPUS MINISTRY

Calendar of Events

Freshmen Retreat #28

Friday-Saturday, March 3-4, St. Joe Hall

RCIA Retreat

Saturday, March 4, Moreau Seminary

Confirmation Afternoon of Recollection

Sunday, March 5, 2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.,
McKenna Hall, CCE

Rejoice! Mass and Black History Month Reflection

Sunday, March 5, 4:00 p.m., Sorin Hall Chapel
Presider: Rev. Bill Wack, csc

Freshmen Retreat #29 (April 7-8) Sign-Up

Monday, March 6 through Monday April 3
103 Hesburgh Library
Targeted Dorms: Carroll, Cavanaugh, Dillon, Farley,
Fisher, Pangborn, Morrissey, Stanford, Welsh Family

Ash Wednesday Liturgies

Wednesday, March 8, 11:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m.,
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Feast of St. Patrick's Mass

Friday, March 17, 5:15 p.m.,
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Feast of St. Joseph Mass

Monday, March 20, 5:15 p.m.,
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Confirmation - Session #10:

The Church in the Third Millennium

The Church in history - The American Catholic

Experience - Ecumenism - Vatican II

Tuesday, March 21, 7:00-8:30 p.m.,
Siegfried Hall Chapel

Marriage Preparation Retreat

Friday-Saturday, March 24-25, 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm,
Fatima Retreat Center

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Weekend Presiders

at Sacred Heart Basilica

Saturday, March 4 Mass

5:00 p.m.

Rev. Edward A. Malloy, C.S.C.

Rev. Mark L. Poorman, C.S.C. (homilist)

Sunday, February 6 Mass

10:00 am

Most Rev. Joseph R. Crowley

11:45 a.m.

Most Rev. Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C.

What Really Matters?

There are few events in our lives that cause us as much pause as being confronted by our own mortality. We are rarely forced to consider what our lives, as they are, mean; nor are we often compelled to consider how much we actually mean to each other. We, on this campus, recently received the kind of news that ought to cause us pause, and that ought to compel us to

consider what's important, what really matters to us. One of our number, Conor Murphy, a sophomore from Zahm Hall who has been studying on the Washington semester, was diagnosed with leukemia this past Friday. On Saturday he was flown from Washington to his home in Cleveland where he has since entered the hospital for more tests and treatment.

There is a degree, obviously, to which this is about Conor, about our concern for him and an unabashed appeal to all of you for prayers for him. But my reflections here are as much about us, and about the introspection and self-reflection that has been prompted by the news of Conor's impending battle; an introspection that is not only personal, but communal. I am struck by how Conor's news has redirected and reoriented the conversations and questions of so many. I am surprised by the depth of the conversation that is taking place in the wake of the news; and I am deeply moved by the intensity of our prayer in these days.

On the night he learned of the leukemia, I spoke with Conor on the phone and he asked me to go to the grotto and to light a candle for him. His words were reminiscent of Tom Dooley's in his letter to Fr. Hesburgh of so many years ago. Conor said that while he knows that his prayers are heard from his hospital bed, it would mean so much more to be at the grotto. But what struck me most about our conversation was Conor's suggestion, even as he was grappling with his own problems, that he was concerned about how he would tell his closest friends. Finally, we decided that it would be best to bring as many of them together as we could and inform them all at once via speaker phone. While it was a very painful thing to be there, it was at the same time, a rare privilege. After Conor had shared the news of his leukemia each of the guys went around and spoke their words of encouragement and support. Before we hung up we gathered in a circle, joined hands and offered a prayer of support and healing for Conor.

It was an important moment in the lives of each of the men present and, I trust, in Conor's life as well. For his friends, and for all of us who know and love Conor, the events of these past few days have caused us to reevaluate our priorities. It has become, perhaps, painfully clear, that all that really matters and the only things that will ever give us any consolation or joy are our relationships. And that while we may legitimately pursue other things, like wealth and fame and success, none of them will mean anything unless we have intimates in our lives with whom to share them. Conor's circumstances have reminded us of that fact, and have caused us to speak the truth of our lives with more clarity and conviction. I am impressed by how much more often I have heard the word "love" used in speaking of their mutual affections, especially for Conor, in the wake of his illness.

We are very proud of our brotherhood in Zahm Hall, as you undoubtedly all too well know; and more generally, we as a community speak of our membership in the Notre Dame Family. That "brotherhood" and that "family" have taken on new meaning for many in these days. It may be Conor's gift to us that we are more attentive to one another, that we know more than ever our need for one another, and finally, that we love one another even if we rarely speak the words.

It's clear that if we've learned anything it's that our relationships are all that really matter. And perhaps we know, now more than ever, our need for the ultimate relationship, of that with our God. Conor knows it; his family and friends know it; it's time that we all knew it. We need God. We need to attend to our respective relationships with Jesus Christ if we are to make any sense of these days, if we are to see in it the paschal mystery being played out before our very eyes.

I visited Conor in Cleveland on Monday and I am quite certain that he would not want us feeling sorry for him. He is remarkably strong and determined and hugely encouraged by the outpouring of love and support from the Notre Dame community. What he would appreciate, I'm sure, is if we would continue to storm the heavens with our prayers, and not only for him and his family, but for each other. That which we are inclined to do anyway in these days, to pray, is our gift to him; that we have been drawn to it with such passion in light of Conor's predicament is his gift to us. In the end, please God, may it prove the means by which each and all of us deepen in relationship with our God, and with one another.

-Jim Lies, C.S.C.

CONSIDERATIONS...

Albright rules out Czech post

Associated Press

WASHINGTON Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said Wednesday she would not seek the presidency of her native Czech Republic.

Some Czechs have been speaking of her as a possible successor to President Vaclav Havel, who must retire in 2002.

But Albright, at a House Appropriations subcommittee hearing, said: "Let me make clear. I am not a candidate and will not be a candidate

"Let me make clear. I am not a candidate and will not be a candidate for the Czech presidency."

Madeleine Albright
secretary of state

for the Czech presidency."

Her spokesman, James Rubin, had said Sunday that she was "certainly flattered" by suggestions she seek the presidency but that she has dismissed it without serious

consideration.

Albright, 62, was born in what was then Czechoslovakia.

She plans to be in the Czech Republic for three days beginning Sunday. Her visit coincides with the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the birth of national hero Tomas Masaryk, who served as the first president of the Czechoslovak Republic after the collapse of Austria-Hungary in 1918.

Albright's term as secretary of state is due to expire when President Clinton leaves office next January.

Diallo verdict causes boycott

Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y.

Several minority lawmakers unhappy with the Amadou Diallo verdict said they will boycott Monday's session of the state Legislature to protest the lack of movement of bills to combat police brutality.

Organizers called on black and Hispanic lawmakers to instead gather in front of the Bronx building where the West African immigrant was killed by four white New York City policemen in February 1999. The officers were all acquitted last week.

Among the bills which have not passed the Legislature in recent years are those to require New York City police officers to establish residence

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Larry Seabrook
New York state senator

in the city and to limit the number of rounds policemen can have in their guns.

"Those are the type of things that we felt should have come out of the Legislature and perhaps saved this individual's life," said state Sen. Larry Seabrook.

Seabrook said he expected most of the 30 members of the state Legislature's Black and Puerto Rican Caucus to attend, as well as sympathetic white state legislators. He

said supporters are also urging parents in the Bronx to have their children skip school and attend the demonstration.

"This is not a black or Latino issue," Seabrook said. "This is people of good will and this is about justice."

Also Wednesday, the White House called Diallo's shooting death a tragedy for his family, but stopped short of commenting on the acquittals.

"Given the fact that the Department of Justice is currently reviewing it, there is not a whole lot more that the president feels appropriate to say," White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said.

Amnesty International also urged Police Commissioner Howard Safir on Wednesday to thoroughly investigate the fatal shooting.

Panel to subpoena ex-CIA official

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The Senate Intelligence Committee voted Wednesday to subpoena former CIA general counsel Michael O'Neil after he refused to voluntarily appear before the panel in its inquiry into former CIA Director John Deutch's home computer security breaches.

The unanimous vote requires O'Neil to appear before the committee next Wednesday.

The panel has planned a closed-door meeting to question O'Neil on whether he withheld information about his former boss from agency investigators and the Justice Department, members said.

Committee Chairman Richard Shelby, R-Ala., said in an interview, "I'm sure he'll assert the Fifth Amendment, but we want him to do it in front of the committee."

O'Neil's attorney, Roger Spaeder, had notified the panel that he advised O'Neil not to appear since the Justice Department was taking a new look at the Deutch computer case.

A key issue in the case is why it took so long for the CIA to react to December 1996 information that Deutch had stored highly classified material on home computers also used to access the Internet.

"On behalf of Mr. O'Neil, I can represent to the committee that if compelled to appear, Mr. O'Neil would decline to testify about all matters under investigation by invoking his constitutional privilege," Spaeder said in a letter to the panel.

O'Neil, who left the agency in October 1997, at first declined to turn over computer storage cards from Deutch's computers and delayed notifying the Justice Department of the matter, according to an unclassified version of an internal CIA

inspector general's report released by the committee last week.

That report found that Deutch, CIA director from May 1995 to December 1996, processed thousands of highly classified documents on unprotected home computers that he and family members used to connect the Internet.

Now a professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Deutch was stripped of most of his security clearances by CIA Director George Tenet last August. As a former deputy defense secretary, Deutch also had Pentagon clearances, but he voluntarily gave them up earlier this month.

Deutch has apologized for his behavior, both in private testimony to the Intelligence Committee and in a brief appearance before reporters last week.

But both the Senate panel and the Justice Department want to know why it took the CIA so long to notify them after discovering in December 1996 that Deutch had mishandled classified material.

The CIA agency did not submit a report to the Justice Department until March 1998 and did not notify congressional oversight panels until June 1998.

The current director, George Tenet, has apologized for the delay but said it wasn't intentional.

According to the CIA inspector general's report, Mr. O'Neil and Nora Slatkin, the CIA's former executive director and now an official with Citigroup, acted in a manner that "had the effect of delaying a prompt investigation of this matter."

Slatkin has agreed to appear before the committee.

The report also suggested that O'Neil had failed to send a "crimes report" to the Justice Department.

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Richard Shelby
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The thing we do "because it is there"

Over winter break my mountaineering partner, Mike, and I summited El Pico de Orizaba, an 18,600 foot dormant volcano in Mexico. Summit day itself was long. We got off to what is called an "alpine start," rising at 1 a.m. and departing from the base camp at 14,000 feet at 1:45 a.m. in order to minimize the time we would have to spend on the softer and therefore

Todd Whitmore

The Common Good

more dangerous afternoon snow and ice. At about 15,500, what had started out as mild nausea became a bent-over stop. We then continued on. Over the next 1,000 feet of altitude gain, I did manage to keep down two fig newtons and a couple swigs of water, but decided that the accompanying discomfort was not worth it and took in no more. I went on a high altitude fast. I realized that I should have acclimatized one more day at base camp, but we were underway now. I was experiencing none of the other indicators of altitude sickness — lassitude, loss of coordination, headache. In fact, once the nausea passed, I felt strong.

We summited at 9 a.m. It was supposed to be the dry season, but we experienced a whiteout on the descent that reduced visibility to 50 feet. Due to the bad weather, in the time that we were on the mountain only one other person summited among the 17 total attempts — a professional guide from the Colorado Mountain School. When we reached base camp, I could drink and, to a certain extent, eat again. I slept 13 hours that night.

Why do such a thing? Why take up an activity where one of the best compliments that can be paid is to say a person "suffers well?" It certainly is not for the Mountain Dew/eXtreme games adrenaline buzz. Mountaineering is too deliberate an activity. Unless someone dies, it rarely makes it on T.V.

At its best, it is also not done for any testosterone-driven display of machismo. There is risk, but it is calculated risk. Chest-thumping is often a prelude to death. Besides, when it comes to Denali (a.k.a. Mt. McKinley), most American men of this sort actually aspire less to climb the mountain than to own the SUV

that goes by its name. Held strictly to their own criteria, they are frauds — more consumer-driven than drawn by the mountain — no matter how much Gore-tex they might wear.

George Mallory, whose body was recently discovered on Everest, gave the most clear and succinct answer to why: "Because it is there." Above all, mountaineers climb because there is an allure, a beckoning. They might make a prudent judgement to turn around on a particular attempt, but they can no longer not climb. The closest analogue I have is my marriage: It is hard for me to imagine life (as indeed life) before knowing Susan, and it is painful even to try to imagine life without her.

St Augustine's two most well-known statements express the Christian "because it is there": "Love God, and do what you will" and "You made us for yourself and our hearts find no peace until they rest in you." It is not incidental that most mountaineering writings are confessionals structured as pilgrimages to Mallory's "there" and back again.

Catholic teaching provides another term for this kind of activity that will at first jar our sensibilities because the word, like many others, has been distorted in contemporary language: leisure. In addition to housing, food and health care, Catholic social teaching includes leisure — as distinct from luxury — under the basic human needs covered by the just wage. In our frenetic culture we often take the term to mean inactivity, but it is best understood as that time and space given over to an activity for its own sake. It is the vocation of avocation, the thing we do simply because it is there.

One of my brothers-in-law rebuilds "woodies" — classic wood-paneled station wagons — in his basement. At a recent family reunion, he recounted for me, with some sadness, the transition from wood to fiberglass to decals as car-makers found that buyers would settle for less. Image, even poorly done image, became everything. He is now working on a 1949 Ford, and he does so as if he is reconstituting truth. And he is.

Though he likes his job and is a very good and loving father, some days he works simply because of the need for family income and drives his children to baseball practice because someone has

to. But he works on the woody because there is nothing quite like the look and feel of the grain. To be vocations, work and family must have an intrinsic draw, but the vocation of avocation, when authentic, responds only to this allure.

It is this intrinsic allure — this for-itselfness — that often gives avocations an eccentric character when viewed from the outside. My brother-in-law rebuilt one woody and then had to disassemble parts of it because in his focus on what he was doing, he neglected to consider how he might get it out of the basement. Friends kindly warned me in my pre-tenure years that I might want to keep my backpack-laden running of the library stairs discreet.

Whatever the eccentricity factor, the for-itselfness of vocational avocations serve an important protective role. Our other vocations, often propelled by their very richness, sometimes over-extend their claims on our lives. Notre Dame itself has performative expectations that often do just that, whether what is in question is the won-loss record of the football coach, the publishing record of a faculty member or the performance of a student in a class where the professor assigns a workload as if the student has no other courses or commitments. Despite ourselves we often seek to turn another's vocation into something we own. Appeals to "tradition" or "the Notre Dame family," even with their authentic meanings, sometimes serve at the same time to mask and thus facilitate this presumption.

Though the purpose in pursuing avocations is intrinsic, they also function as countervailing commitments. As such, they help us to gain perspective on the claims our other vocations make on us. In the case of Notre Dame, such perspective helps both to demythologize what it says about itself and, in turn, to make us attentive to the ways in which, in proper measure, God's grace acts in and through it as well.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I do benefits for all religions — I'd hate to blow the hereafter on a technicality"

Bob Hope
comedian

VIEWPOINT

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Learning about racism

I have been paying enough attention to the editorial pages of the Observer in the last few weeks to notice that we have had a couple of points about racism debated lately. I am a white student from a small town in Oregon that generally lacks diversity, so it may seem that I wouldn't have anything to say on this topic. But I do. (That's what being a columnist is all about.)

Mostly what I have to say is that I don't understand a lot of things about racism. I imagine that there is probably a silent but sizable number of people who are as unsure as I am. It used to be, when I was little, that racism was saying certain words or believing certain false stereotypes or looking down on someone because of their race.

But nowadays, it seems that racism is less men in sheets and pointy hats and more everyday people who don't realize they are doing harm. I am unfortunately, a rather racially uneducated person. While I understand blatant racism, I sometimes do not understand the less obvious forms that racism can take.

Like every other freshman on campus, I went through a diversity workshop during the first month of school. Mine was early in the morning, so I can't say I remember it all that well. But I do remember being told that I could be racist or do something racist and not even know it.

This thought has made me paranoid. I am sometimes so worried about doing something that could be racist that I simply avoid the situation altogether. Once I know someone, I lose the paranoia, because the first impression of appearance fades. When I know someone, I forget about their race, and I don't worry so much about things related to it. But for people I am just meeting, or strangers I have to interact with, I often have nothing to go on but appearance, and my paranoia can cause me problems.

Case in point: Sometimes I work down in Grab 'n' Go. At times, this means that I swipe people's ID cards. Athletes are allowed to get about twice as much food as other people when they eat from Grab 'n' Go. When athletes eat, we have to swipe their card through the special athletic machine before swiping them through the regular machine. The special machine gives the Grab 'n' Go an extra two dollars for the athlete's extra food.

Last semester, I was doing the card swiping when a really big African-American guy came to the desk. The guy was really huge, he had a ton of food in his bag and I was pretty sure that they guy was an athlete. But I also specifically remembered talking about the incorrect stereotype that all African-American guys are athletes at the diversity workshop.

I didn't want to do anything that could seem like I was operating under such a stereotype, so I didn't ask the guy if he was an athlete, and I didn't swipe his card in the special machine. I just let him go by. I know he was an athlete because the regular machine wishes all athletes "good luck" when you swipe their card, and the machine wished him good luck. Because I was so worried about seeming racist, I actually lost the Grab 'n' Go money. This is how paranoid I sometimes am.

I think many people, like myself, are well-intentioned but don't always know what constitutes a racist act. Growing up, it was obvious. But as I have grown up, I have seen that some people are hurt by things that I don't automatically see or understand as racist.

I don't think the problem is even thoughtlessness in most cases. There was a letter to the editor on Friday, February 18, that described a situation caused by ignorance. The writer detailed a situation that happened to a Hispanic friend who had written a paper that the teacher had graded poorly.

After class, the teacher asked the Hispanic friend if English was his first language. (It was.)

The writer told us that this was a case of an ignorant racist act, and I am sure that is true. However, it took me about a week of thinking to finally come to an understanding of why this would be a racist thing to do. It seemed to me like a harmless, though embarrassing, attempt to help a student. I guess that I, too, am ignorant of the etiquette of race relations.

The difficulty of being ignorant in this case is that realizing you are ignorant is not in and of itself enough to solve the problem. Somehow you must learn what it is you do not know.

However, while, I truly want to understand how to not be racist, I simply don't know where to go or how to learn. All I can do is hope that through my very real desire to learn and the various opportunities I experience in my everyday life, I will be able to figure out the answers to my questions.

Marlayna Soenneker's column appears every other Thursday.

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**Marlayna
Soenneker**

*Here We Go
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Taking time out of play to pray

I know that many people have sung the praises of our new basketball coach in recent weeks. Now, I hate to beat a dead horse as often happens with these letters to the editor, but I was recently pleased to see that Coach Doherty comes to play when it really counts. As many of you who read the inside column the other day know, Conor Murphy, a sophomore in my dorm, was recently diagnosed with leukemia.

The members of our dorm decided to hold a 24-hour vigil for Conor at the grotto, with two people being present for each of the 30 minute shifts throughout the day and night. We had a book that we encouraged everyone to write their thoughts in for Conor to help lift his spirits.

Much to my surprise, who was one of the first people to leave a note in that book? Coach Matt

Doherty. How he heard about the vigil I don't know. But the fact that he would take the time out of his busy day to stop by a vigil and leave a note for a student that he doesn't know, shows me that he truly is a representative and a man that this University can be proud to have as one of its own.

To all the rest of you who attended the vigil, I commend you as well, for giving of your time to think of and pray for Conor. And for those of you who didn't attend, whether you know Conor or not, please say a prayer for him tonight. It will only take two minutes of your time, but it could make all the difference in the world.

Patrick Theobald
Junior, Zahm Hall
March 1, 2000

What it means to be W.I.L.D.

We women of Walsh are unhappy. We are unhappy because of the dramatic changes that have been slowly taking over our dorm this past year. We are tired of being referred to as adults yet treated like children. Decisions have been made that directly affect us without our consent or input, so this is our attempt to voice our complaints to a hall staff that continues to turn a deaf ear.

The Wild Woman has been our dorm mascot for a number of years. What most considered to be a fun, harmless, even "silly" representation of Walsh and its residents has turned into a controversial symbol of the authoritarian leadership of the hall staff. Without our knowledge or approval, the staff decided to turn the word "wild" into the acronym "W.I.L.D." which stands for "Wise In Life's Decisions." According to this year's hall staff, if "wild" remained undefined, the connotations of the word would reflect poorly on Walshites. This had never been an issue in prior years, and the fact that it has now become one seems ridiculous and unnecessary.

Returning to campus after Christmas break, we were summoned to a mandatory hall-wide meeting in which, among other pressing issues, we were berated for our supposed apathy towards our dorm activities. Today, our dorm-wide dance was canceled because we

were two people short of the required 90 needed to hold the dance. Although duLac no longer specifies the precise number of participants necessary to hold a dance, and with 88 sets of tickets sold, clearly we could have broken even if not made money by having this dance.

However, the hall staff had arbitrarily set 90 as the minimum number and was unwilling to compromise at 88. Not only was the dance canceled, but there was no room for discussion on this matter. Thus, there are 88 disappointed Walshites this weekend (not to mention numerous men now dateless).

Making wise life decisions is what we've been encouraged to do. And yet, the privilege of making any decisions has not been afforded us this year as Walsh residents. Walsh is one of the smallest dorms on campus, and a turn-out of 88 shows that we are not apathetic towards our dorm life. How apathetic will Walshites become now that our hall staff has yet again used their authority to make decisions we don't agree with? It's not about the acronym; it's not about the dance. It's about the general sense of futility in our efforts to maintain a positive dorm spirit and enjoy our remaining time in Walsh.

Anonymous Wild Women
Walsh Hall
March 1, 2000



Legacy and spirit of the Bouts

As a former president of the ND Boxing Club, I would like to applaud the Bengal Bouts boxers, Observer Sports writers and editors and ND student body for putting together another fantastic event this year.

Judging by the exciting fight coverage from the first two rounds, the participants and fans are truly making this tournament memorable. As I look forward to attending the fights this Friday for the first time since graduation in '97, I can only hope that the turmoil alluded to in the Observer's pre-Bouts coverage has run its course.

There seems to be much concern for the "true meaning" of the Bengal Bouts, and what elements combine to make this tradition a hallmark of the ND experience. I urge all those who are in support of the Bengal Bouts to remember that the coaches and trainers of the Boxing Club are not only the heart, soul and body of the program, they are "Nappy" Napolitano's legacy. Allow me to reiterate, the only ones in the boxing club currently who have even met Nappy, let alone trained under him, are the coaches. It has been through their tireless efforts to maintain Nappy's vision for the Bengal Bouts that provides the student officers freedom to put on an event that seems to improve greatly with each year.

I have known the Bengal Bouts program as a participant, president and now alumnus, and can

not stress enough that I have never encountered a higher caliber of individuals than those who attend, participate in and organize the Notre Dame Bengal Bouts. There are 100-plus boxers in this year's tournament. There will be as many champions this year. That is the spirit of the Bouts.

A recent article alluded to the middle weight divisions and he suggested any victory may be a hollow one for lack of competition. To this absurdity I simply challenge all of you who agree: Go and watch the fights, and if you are still not convinced that this year's Boutsers deserve as much respect as any, I suggest you get in shape over the summer and try the Bouts for yourselves next year.

If you do you will realize that there is not one person involved with the tournament who has anything in mind but the continued success and safety of the Bengal Bouts, it's participants and the Notre Dame student body.

Good luck to all those fighting on Friday, and congratulations to all for another great year of boxing.

John Christoforetti
Class of '97
March 1, 2000

MOVIE REVIEW

Ending of 'Games' ruins all the fun

By JASON HAMMONTREE

Scene Movie Critic

Director John Frankenheimer set the benchmark for political thrillers almost 40 years ago with the classic 1962 film "The Manchurian Candidate." In the years that followed, he dropped from the Hollywood radar until he returned to the big screen with 1998's "Ronin," a film largely panned and notable only for its car chases (which were splendid).

His new action-thriller, "Reindeer Games," like "Ronin," breaks little new ground in the genre but is still enjoyable and stylish, and probably one of the better films of the new year. Keep in mind, though, that January and February are the known dumping grounds for studio films that didn't do well in audience previews, so this isn't saying much.

"Reindeer Games" tells the story of Rudy Duncan (Ben Affleck), a convicted car thief with only three days left in his prison sentence. His cellmate, Nick (James Frain, "Hilary and Jackie"), gets out at the same time, but unlike Rudy, he has a beautiful young woman, Ashley (Charlize Theron), waiting for him. Nick met Ashley through a convict magazine, and the two have fallen in love from six months of writing letters. But Ashley has no idea what Nick looks like.

A jail riot just two days before Rudy and Nick's release occurs and, wouldn't you know it, Nick is killed.

Rudy then decides to impersonate Nick (for the obvious reason of getting together with Ashley) and the new couple is off to enjoy the holidays. Only, someone wants Nick/Rudy more than Ashley: Gabriel (Gary Sinise), Ashley's brother and small time criminal. He needs Nick's help to rob a casino on Christmas Eve where Nick once worked. Of course, Nick isn't really Nick, and so the fun and chaos begins.

To reveal any more of the plot would ruin it, but the rest of the picture is full of twists, characters changing loyalties and lots of surprises to keep the audience guessing. Ultimately, the script gets carried away with making it so unpredictable that, inevitably, the ending is a bit unbelievable. A rather engaging film is spoiled with a disappointing finale.

And for that, the blame must fall to the screenwriter. Writer Ehren Kruger is riding a hot streak. He penned last year's "Arlington Road" and became the anointed follower of Kevin Williamson as the writer of this winter's "Scream 3." Both of those films were good, but also had terrible endings. He seems to like the excessive and both "Arlington Road" and "Scream 3" were arguably illogical. "Reindeer Games" runs into the same problem. It's just too much of a good thing.

In spite of this final flaw, a director of Frankenheimer's background is at



Photo courtesy of Dimension Films

Ben Affleck and Charlize Theron are on the run from a band of criminals in the action thriller "Reindeer Games."

least going to deliver and keep you entertained.

He is helped by his stars, who make the most of their respective roles. Affleck ("Dogma," "Armageddon") plays the hardened convict with great cynicism and grumpy fun. He has lied to Ashley about his identity and so he is acutely aware of the possible deception going on around him. There's an intelligence to his character that is often lacking in thrillers of this kind.

Theron ("Mighty Joe Young," "The Cider House Rules") plays Ashley as a woman just looking for love, until her true intentions are revealed. And Gary Sinise ("Forrest Gump," "Snake Eyes") has devilish fun as the small time crook, who has never actually commit-

ted a robbery before, but still behaves like he is indeed a bad ass.

There was one oddity to the film: the end of February is a weird time to release a film using the Christmas holiday as a central element of the film (especially with the spring-like weather the country's been having). It uses the familiar sights and sounds of Christmas in a very humorous manner, and the audience would have probably appreciated it much more had they been given the chance to see it in the freezing cold of December, with the ambiance of Christmas in full force.

"Reindeer Games" is a bit like Christmas itself: truly pretty good, but a bit overdone.

VIDEO PICK OF THE WEEK

Strange people do strange things in 'Wild At Heart'

By V. VAN BUREN GILES

Scene Movie Critic

"Wild at Heart" is arguably David Lynch's ("Dune" "Lost Highway," "Blue Velvet") best and most highly acclaimed film. This is a story that centers on two young lovers who are adventurous, dangerous and generally "wild at heart."

The main characters are Sailor, played by Nicolas Cage ("Face Off," "Leaving Las Vegas," "8mm"), and his main squeeze Lula, played by Laura Dern ("Jurassic Park," "A Perfect World," "Mask"). Sailor

"Wild At Heart"

Director: David Lynch

Starring: Nicholas Cage, Laura Dern, Diane Ladd, Crispin Glover, Harry Dean Stanton and Willem Dafoe

has jet-black hair, wears a snakeskin jacket and looks and sounds like a '90s version of Elvis. Lula is a tall blonde who dresses rather scantily and has an accent that sounds like it's only a generation removed from poor white trash. The two make a great vision of light and darkness but share the same mentality: Live life fast and hard, die young and leave a good-looking corpse.

Both are perfectly happy with the other, but Lula's mother, played by Diane Ladd, is a complete "nut job" and despises Sailor immensely. She cannot understand the happiness that her daughter experiences with him. She will do anything to keep Sailor from being with her daughter.

The opening scene of the movie shows Sailor defending himself from a guy that Lula's mother

hired to kill him. The mother's anger becomes more furious when, after being incarcerated for many years, Sailor gets out and plans on resuming his relationship with Lula. This time Lula's mother gets help from her gangster buddy, Marcellos Santos, to put a murder contract on Sailor. She also sends her boyfriend, Johnny Farragout, played by Harry Dean Stanton ("Alien"), to track the couple and bring them back in a less deadly manner.

As is characteristic of practically every David Lynch film, an assortment of strange characters pop up at various stages of the couple's adventures. Some of them even have principle roles. Crispin Glover ("The People vs. Larry Flynt") plays the very comedic role of Jingle Dell, who's bizarre habits lead him to believe that aliens from outer space are after him. But the weirdest and most effective supporting role is from Willem Dafoe ("The Last Temptation of Christ") as the demented Bobby Varou, who has an attraction to Lula as well as a mission to kill Sailor.

There are many references to "The Wizard of Oz" scattered throughout the movie: Lula's mother is portrayed as the wicked witch of the west, Sailor gets advice from the good witch of the north, and the couple's car journey is associated with the trip down the yellow brick road.

The film is visually stunning and well acted by all the lead and bit players. Though there are some scenes of extreme sex and violence, these do not take away from the performances or from the story. At the 1990 Cannes Film Festival, "Wild at Heart" won The Golden Palm (the festival's version of Best Picture). People who liked the films "Natural Born Killers" or "Bonnie and Clyde" should check out "Wild at Heart." Most people, however, probably have never seen a film like this.



Photo courtesy of Samuel Goldwyn Company

Laura Dern (left) and Nicolas Cage play an adventurous couple in David Lynch's "Wild at Heart."

MOVIE REVIEW

Quirky 'Wonder Boys' survives on its acting

By JILLIAN DEPAUL
Scene Movie Critic

"Wonder Boys," starring Michael Douglas and it-boy Tobey Maguire, is the long-awaited follow-up to Curtis Hanson's 1997 masterpiece "L.A. Confidential," a widely praised neo-noir film about organized crime in 1950s Los Angeles.

Coincidentally, or not so coincidentally, as the case may be, Hanson's current project is about a professor and writer named Grady Tripp (Michael Douglas). Tripp is struggling to finish his long-awaited second book, a follow up to his best selling first effort. Perhaps Hanson wanted to broaden his horizons by directing a comedy or, more likely, he was attracted to this very personal story. Either way, "Wonder Boys" is a conscious departure for the director, and a very interesting case of art imitating life.

"Wonder Boys" is a quirky movie that tells the story of one wild weekend when everything in Grady Tripp's life, and the lives of several other people, comes crashing down. For starters, his wife leaves him. His mistress, Frances McDormand, who is also the chancellor of the liberal arts college where he teaches, tells him she is pregnant. Not to mention that his editor (Robert Downey Jr.), who's in town for the annual Wordfest (think Sophomore Literary Festival), is trying to get a look at Grady's book, the ending of which, as Grady puts it, "keeps getting further away."

It would not be accurate to say that Grady has writer's block. In fact, he suffers from a case quite the opposite. His

book is 2,611 pages long and is still going strong. To add to this insanity, Grady gets mixed up in the lives of two of his students. One of these students is the mysterious James Leer (Tobey Maguire), who may be homeless and suicidal or a pathological liar, but is definitely a talented writer. The other student is Hannah Green (Katie Holmes), who rents a room from Grady and has a crush on him.

Other storylines include a dead dog, a jacket that was worn by Marilyn Monroe and a crazy James Brown look-alike, whose name may or may not be Vernon.

As this seemingly directionless film barrels on, it acquires new characters and new storylines almost compulsively. As a result, pretty much everything in this movie is underdeveloped. Although this is a detriment to the film because its characters and dialogue are so original, it also manages to keep its audience interested through some pricelessly funny moments and insightful narration by Michael Douglas along the way.

It would be easy to cast this movie off as tangential and spineless, but that would be missing the point. The spine of the movie is all of these tangents. Hanson, who wove together thousands of characters and storylines so brilliantly in "L. A. Confidential," has managed to do it again, almost. The film definitely spirals out of control at certain points, but it succeeds in illustrating the central idea that reflects Socrates' philosophy about life being the journey, not the destination. This is why the film's main character, Tripp, is so aptly named. Does this underlying mes-



Photo courtesy of Paramount Pictures

Michael Douglas plays Grady Tripp, an English professor struggling to finish his novel in the offbeat comedy "Wonder Boys."

sage justify the trite ending, which wraps up all the loose ends far too easily? Maybe. If you haven't written this film off before the final thought, you will probably buy that too.

Despite the fact that the characters never reach their fullest potential, "Wonder Boys" is well-acted. It is always refreshing when Michael Douglas ("Wall Street," "A Perfect Murder") takes a break from playing sexual deviants and murderous business tycoons to portray a character with some heart and emotion.

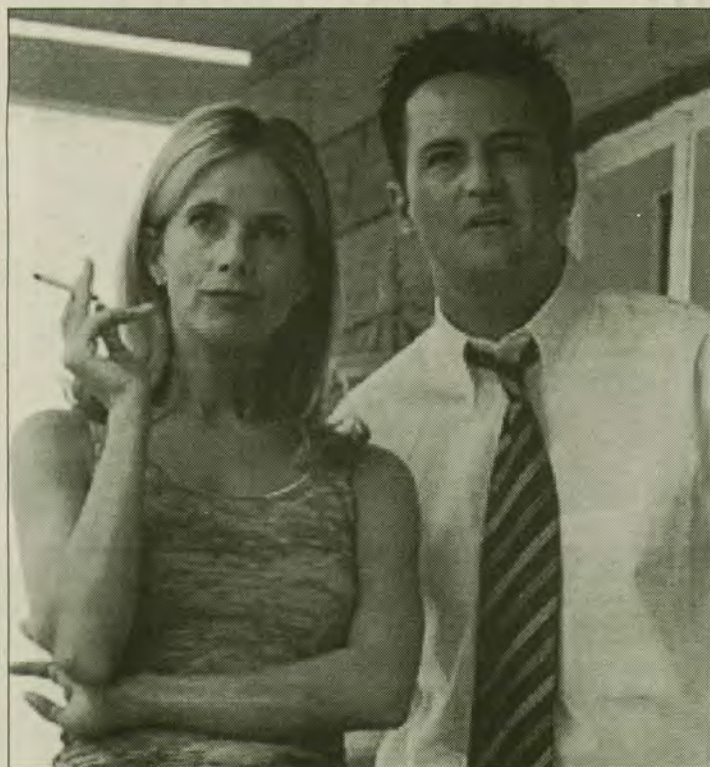
His co-star, Tobey Maguire, has definitely got that troubled, soft-spoken teenager thing down pat. There is something intriguing about his deliberate speech and

pensive cadence, as seen in films like "The Cider House Rules" and "The Ice Storm."

One of the most enjoyable things about "Wonder Boys" is its literary frame of mind. It is a film about a writer who sees the world as a piece of fiction. Grady finds truth and meaning in literature but has trouble translating that truth into reality, which is why his personal life is in shambles. The structure of this film purposely reflects the dilemma of his overdue book. The longer it gets, the further it gets away from the truth, which is actually quite simple.

"Wonder Boys" is an offbeat film, original and creatively comic. What a long, strange "Tripp" it's been.

BOX OFFICE



Rosanna Arquette and Matthew Perry play a newlywed couple who begin to suspect their new next door neighbor (Bruce Willis) may be an assassin in the black comedy "The Whole Nine Yards." Despite a low earnings weekend, the film maintained its top spot over the children's comedy "Snow Day."

Photo courtesy of Warner Bros. Pictures

TOP TEN Weekend of Feb. 25-27

	Movie Title	Weekend Sales	Total Sales
1.	The Whole Nine Yards	\$ 9.6 million	\$ 28.4 million
2.	Snow Day	\$ 8.3 million	\$ 43.1 million
3.	Reindeer Games	\$ 8.1 million	\$ 8.1 million
4.	Hanging Up	\$ 7.4 million	\$ 26.1 million
5.	Pitch Black	\$ 7.1 million	\$ 22.9 million
6.	The Tigger Movie	\$ 6.3 million	\$ 30.6 million
7.	Wonder Boys	\$ 5.8 million	\$ 5.8 million
8.	Scream 3	\$ 5.1 million	\$ 78.1 million
9.	American Beauty	\$ 4.6 million	\$ 87.5 million
10.	The Cider House Rules	\$ 4.1 million	\$ 31.9 million

Source: Yahoo!

MOVIE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"If there isn't a movie about it, it's not worth knowing, is it?"

Alan Rickman as Metatron in "Dogma"

NHL

Luck helps Sabres skate to 3-3 tie with Rangers

Associated Press

Curtis Brown's fluke goal late in the third period completed a third-period rally for Buffalo as the Sabres and New York Rangers played to a 3-3 tie Wednesday night.

With 3:11 left in regulation and New York's John MacLean off for high-sticking, Brown sent a shot from the left boards that Mike Richter deflected with his stick off the leg of teammate Eric Lacroix and into the net for Brown's 16th goal.

The Sabres, who have the league's worst power play, were 1-for-4 with the man advantage.

The Rangers were ahead 3-1 starting the final period before Michael Peca's 17th goal got Buffalo within one.

Neither team could score during a frenetic overtime that saw Dominik Hasek make two sprawling saves.

Jan Hlavac scored twice in a three-minute span of the second period for the Rangers, who tallied all three goals within 4:59.

New York, with 65 points, wasted a chance to increase their lead over the Sabres to three points in the race for the Eastern Conference playoffs.

Both teams have 17 games remaining.

Hasek was 4-0-3 after missing 40 games with a groin injury, but is 1-2-1 including a loss and tie to New York since.

Before Friday's home defeat, Hasek was 7-0-3 with five shutouts in his last 10 starts against the Rangers.

Richter made 34 saves for New York and robbed Vladimir Tsyplakov with 44 seconds left in regulation. The Rangers were outshot by Buffalo 37-31.

It again was the Rangers' Czech Republic line of Hlavac, Petr Nedved and Radek Dvorak that victimized countryman Hasek.

On Friday, Nedved had his third hat trick of the season in the Rangers' 6-3 win, and this time he set up Hlavac twice within 2:27.

With the game tied at 1, Nedved started a 2-on-1 after forcing a turnover by Brian Holinger at the New York blue line.

He skated in with Hlavac and fed a cross-ice pass into the left circle. Hlavac's high shot beat Hasek at 13:01.

Then Nedved pressured defenseman Alexei Zhitnik into making a terrible pass from behind the net that went right to Dvorak in the right circle. Dvorak quickly passed to Hlavac for a one-timer that made it 3-1.

The Czechmates line has 37 goals and 45 assists in 27 games since being formed on Jan. 5. Hlavac, second to teammate Mike York among rookies with 17 goals, has accounted for 13 goals and 11 assists.

Peca, who also had a hat trick Friday, made it 3-2 at 7:31 of the third.

Buffalo took a 1-0 lead in the first, a period in which the Sabres outworked the Rangers at both ends of the ice.

Vaclav Varada made a perfect pass through the goal mouth to Tsyplakov, who tapped in his eighth goal from the left side of the net at 4:53.

Adam Graves scored his 19th goal at 10:29 during a power play to tie it and start the second-period onslaught.

Flames 8, Penguins 2

Valeri Bure had two goals and two assists and Martin St. Louis added a pair of goals as the Calgary Flames enjoyed their biggest outburst of the season in a victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins.

The Flames opened a 2-0 lead seven minutes into the game, and Bure scored his 32nd and 33rd goals of the year during a five-goal third period.

The Flames moved within one point of Colorado and San Jose in the Western Conference playoff race.

The Avalanche and Sharks are tied for seventh place in the battle for the final two playoff spots.

Andreas Johansson, Robyn

Regehr, Marc Savard, and Clarke Wilm also scored for Calgary, which is 4-1-1 in its last six games.

Johansson added three assists.

Jarome Iginla had an assist on Savard's goal to extend his point-scoring streak to 14 games, tying him with Los Angeles Kings' Luc Robitaille for the longest current streak.

Scoring both goals for Pittsburgh was Alexei Kovalev, who reached the 20-goal plateau.

The Penguins are now winless in their last six (0-4-2) and are 1-6-3 this season without Jaromir Jagr, who is out at least two more weeks with a thigh injury.

St. Louis gave Calgary a 3-1 lead just 17 seconds into the second period, putting Jason Wiemer's centering pass behind Jean-Sebastien Aubin for his first goal in 35 games.

Johansson also snapped an 18-game drought when he opened the scoring 1:02 into the first period.

Back-up goalie Peter Skudra came on in relief 2:26 into the third period and surrendered Calgary's three final goals.

Coyotes 7, Hurricanes 5

Jeremy Roenick scored his team's final two goals, one short-handed and the other into an empty net to clinch the victory with 21 seconds to play, as the Phoenix Coyotes came home from a winless four-game road trip to hold off the Carolina Hurricanes.

Dallas Drake had a goal and two assists for the Coyotes, who had leads of 3-0 and 6-1 before Carolina scored four times in the third period after Phoenix goalie Sean Burke left with a groin pull and was replaced by Bob Essensa.

Trevor Letowski and Greg Adams each added a goal and assist for the Coyotes.

Paul Coffey and Sean Hill had a goal and an assist apiece for Carolina.

The Hurricanes cut the lead to 6-5 on Robert Kron's ninth goal of the season at 16:33 and had the pressure on the rest of the way but couldn't

tie it.

Carolina pulled its goalie in the final seconds and Roenick punched in his 30th goal of the season to clinch it.

Roenick and Gary Roberts got into a brief fight after the last goal and both finished the game in the penalty box.

It was a short, miserable night for Carolina goalkeeper Arturs Irbe, who was pulled in favor of Mark Fitzpatrick after giving up his third goal 13:21 into the game.

The Coyotes, who managed just six goals in their 0-3-1 trip to the East, led 1-0 just 3:53 into the game on Adams' 14th goal of the season.

The Coyotes, who beat Carolina at home for the first time since the franchise moved to Phoenix in 1996, then scored twice in a 25-second span.

Letowski's shot deflected off the stick of Hogue into the net for Hogue's first goal of the season at 12:56 and Phoenix led 2-0.

An instant later, Carolina's Steve Halko couldn't control the puck, and it went right to Letowski, who scored his 13th goal of the season and Irbe's night was over.

Carolina's scored when Ron Francis flipped the puck past goalie Sean Burke in front of the net to cut the lead to 3-1 at 14:00.

Phoenix scored three times in the last 8:39 of the second period.

Adams had a slick assist when he deflected teammate Teppo Numinen's pass with his skates to Drake, who knocked it in from close range for his 11th goal this season and put Phoenix up 4-1 at 12:12 of the second.

Mike Sullivan's goal at 14:31 of the second made it 5-1, then Roenick nailed a slapshot from the top of the right circle for a short-handed goal that put the Coyotes up 6-1 with nine seconds left in the second period. It was Phoenix's 13th short-handed goal, most in the NHL.

Martin Gelinas scored just 35 seconds into the third period, then Coffey added a goal at 5:16 to cut the lead to 6-3.

Hill's power-play goal at 11:05 made it 6-4.

Canadiens 4, Blackhawks 1

Shayne Corson, Patrick Poulin and Saku Koivu scored first-period goals and the Montreal Canadiens went on to a victory over the Chicago Blackhawks.

Martin Rucinsky scored in the third period for the Canadiens, who ended a two-game losing streak.

Jeff Hackett made 23 saves and Benoit Brunet had two assists for Montreal, 8-2-0 in its last 10 games.

Steve Sullivan scored the Blackhawks' lone goal.

During the game, the Canadiens traded defenseman Vladimir Malakhov to the New Jersey Devils for defensemen Sheldon Souray and Joshua DeWolf and a second-round draft pick in 2001.

Chicago center Doug Gilmour left the game during the second period, reportedly because of an impending trade. However, a team official said Gilmour was ill.

The Canadiens took a 3-0 lead in the first period on power-play, shorthanded and even-strength goals.

Corson made it 1-0 during a power-play at 9:49 when he swept the puck past Jocelyn Thibault from the side of the net.

While Montreal was down a man, Poulin extended it to 2-0 with 6:36 left when he picked off Michael Nylander's blind breakout pass and cruised in alone down the slot.

Koivu gave the Canadiens a 3-0 advantage with 1:45 left. He slipped the behind the Blackhawks defense at center ice, took a headman pass from Benoit Brunet and raced in.

Sullivan cut it to 3-1 with 5:45 left in the second period by completing a 2-on-1 with Nylander. Sullivan's shot from a sharp angle bounded in off Hackett's pad.

Rucinsky was credited with a power-play goal at 5:04 the third when Trevor Linden's rebound attempt apparently deflected in off him.

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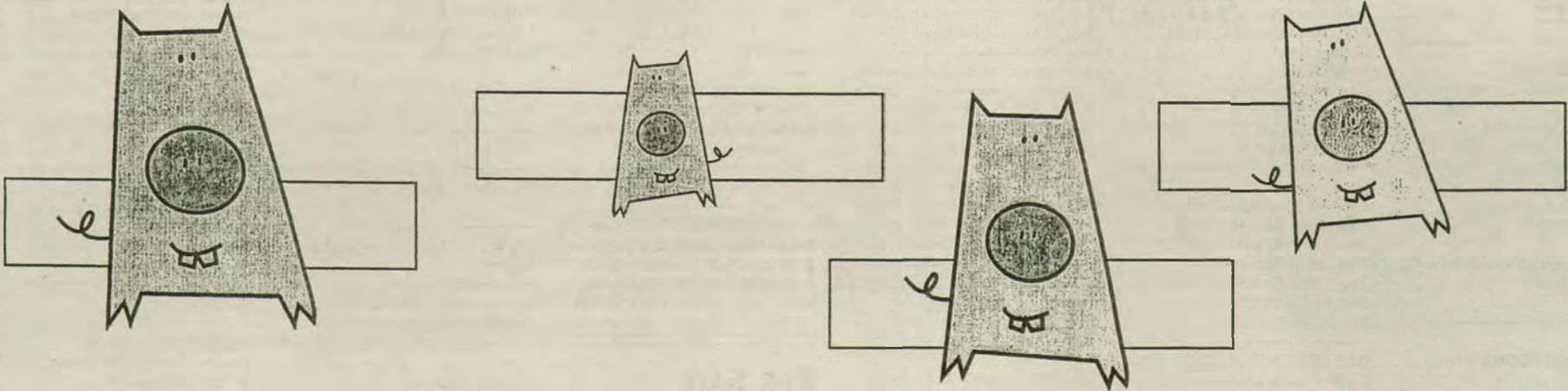
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MEN'S NCAA BASKETBALL

Battier leads Duke to solid victory over Clemson

Associated Press

Chris Carrawell has lived with Duke's high expectations for years so he wasn't going to let teammate Shane Battier or the fourth-ranked Blue Devils settle for just a career night.

Despite Battier's career-high seven 3-pointers and Duke's 19th straight Atlantic Coast Conference road victory, Carrawell wanted more after the 92-78 win over Clemson on Wednesday night.

"How many did he have? Seven?" Carrawell asked. "I told him he should have had 12. He choked."

"The always loquacious Chris Carrawell, everybody," answered Battier, who had 26 points.

In the past month, the Blue Devils (23-4, 14-1) lost at home to Maryland and St. John's. They were without key reserve Mike Dunleavy, who returned from his home in Oregon to Durham, N.C. on Wednesday to

continue recovery from mononucleosis. And the Tigers (10-18, 4-11) are playing better than their record.

"We've had to live with the expectations for a long time now," said Carrawell, who scored 19 points. "For us to accomplish all we want, we have to handle them. This was part of it. This gets us ready for the weekend."

That's when North Carolina comes to Cameron Indoor Stadium, where Duke hasn't been its dominating self.

"We're not the Duke team that we were a few weeks ago," coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "But we're still fighting like crazy. If we can keep getting better while Dunleavy's gone, maybe when he comes back we'll be a better basketball team."

If Battier, a junior, and Carrawell, a senior, play like they did at Littlejohn Coliseum, Krzyzewski might not worry so much.

Battier seven 3-point-

ers broke his career best by one and Carrawell clamped down on ACC leading scorer Will Solomon as the Blue Devils recovered from Saturday's one-point home loss to No. 18 St. John's.

Battier was almost perfect from long range in the first half, going 6-of-7, and sent Duke to its eighth straight victory over Clemson.

Solomon, the league's top scorer at 20.6 points a game, had 26 points, but Carrawell harassed him throughout and he was 10-of-26 from the field.

The Blue Devils have been so dominant the past four seasons — with four consecutive ACC titles — that any slip has some wondering what's wrong. It happened Feb. 9, when Maryland ended their 31-game ACC win-

ning streak. And it happened again this week as the Red Storm became just the third nonconference team in 130 games to win at Cameron Indoor Stadium.

Battier's 3-point barrage quickly shut down Clemson's hopes of ending Duke's ACC road winning streak.

"When someone starts making shots like that, they get in a zone," said Solomon, someone who should know.

Battier's baskets almost all came at crucial moments.

He hit two straight during a personal 8-0 run as Duke moved ahead 16-9. He had two more during a 9-4 run that put the Blue Devils up 27-17. His last, off a crisp inbound pass from Carrawell, closed an 11-0 spurt that sent Duke to a 38-22 lead.



Jason Williams of Duke takes a jumper over the Clemson defense. Williams had 16 points for Duke.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Jarvis commits to Irish for fall season

Special to The Observer

Brian Jarvis, a forward/midfielder from Pomona, Calif., has become the seventh high school senior to sign a national letter of intent to play soccer at Notre Dame in the fall of 2000.

The 6-foot-1, 195-pound senior was a two-year starter at Damien High where he twice earned all-Sierra league honors. Last season, Damien advanced to the finals of the CIF Division I playoffs after winning the Sierra League championship and winning both the El Rancho and Montclair tournament titles.

In addition, Jarvis played for the Corona Eagles since May of 1997. In 1999, he led the Eagles to the tournament championship at the Las Vegas Invitational and helped his squad advance to the quarter-finals of the National Cup in

California. In 1998, his team advanced to the quarterfinals of the Dallas Cup and won three tournament crowns.

"Brian's athleticism is his strongest asset," Notre Dame assistant coach Chris Apple says. "He adds great speed, strength and power to our incoming freshman class. His versatility allows him to play in several different positions on the field. Brian instinctively finds the back of the net. His ability to be a target and a goal scorer will give us added balance on offense."

"He adds great speed, strength and power to our incoming freshman class."

Chris Apple
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Jarvis will join midfielder Filippo Chillemi; midfielder/defender Justin Detter; defender Greg Martin; forward/midfielder Devin Prescod; midfielder Kevin Richards; and midfielder Chad Riley who signed national letters of intent in February.

MEN'S NCAA BASKETBALL

Harris carries Volunteers to win

Associated Press

Tony Harris scored 18 of his 23 points in the second half to lead No. 11 Tennessee to a 73-66 victory over Arkansas on Wednesday night.

The win gave Tennessee a school-record 23 victories, breaking a mark set in 1976-77, and moved it into a tie with Kentucky for second place in the Southeastern Conference's East Division.

The Volunteers (23-5, 11-4) struggled for most of the game against the Razorbacks (14-14, 6-9) and SEC freshman scoring leader Joe Johnson, who finished with 21 points.

Tennessee had to score the last eight points of the half, keyed by two 3-pointers by Jon Higgins, to take a 28-27 half-time lead.

C.J. Black, Tennessee's career block shot leader, denied Blake Eddins in one of his four blocks for the game

and followed with two free throws to put the Vols ahead 51-49.

Johnson tied the game at 55-55 with two free throws on a team technical called after a Tennessee fan hurled an orange onto the court.

But Vincent Yarbrough, hit a 3-pointer to put Tennessee ahead 58-55 with 5:22 to play.

The Vols never trailed again as Harris scored eight of Tennessee's final 15 points and built their largest lead of the game at the end.

No. 6 Ohio State, 79

Penn State 73

Michael Redd had 22 points and George Reese added 16, including eight over the final five minutes, as No. 6 Ohio State beat Penn State to move into first place in the Big Ten.

The Buckeyes (21-5, 12-3) are alone at the top — at least for a day. Michigan State can join them by beating Minnesota

on Thursday. Ohio State can assure itself of a share of the conference championship for the first time in eight years by beating Minnesota on Saturday.

Redd came into the game averaging 26.4 points against the Lions, and he had his usual big night. But Reese had the clutch points when Penn State rallied from a 14-point deficit in the final minutes.

Jon Crispin had 14 points, and he sparked the Lions' comeback, hitting consecutive 3-pointers to pull Penn State within 65-61 with 5:31 to play. But after a timeout, Reese drove in for a layup, then hit a 15-footer to make it 69-61.

Stephens made three foul shots and Joe Crispin scored on a fast break to pull Penn State within three points, then Reese scored on a putback. Joe Crispin hit a fallaway jumper, but Reese hit a jumper from the top of the key.

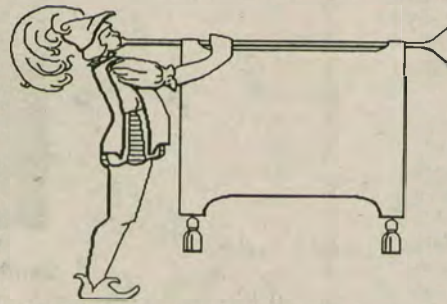
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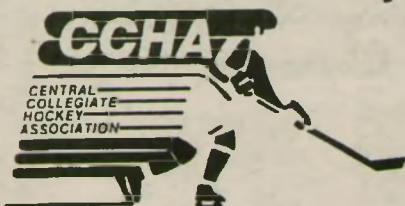
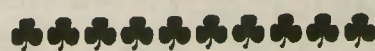
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BASEBALL

Senior Cavey named co-Big East pitcher of the week

Special to the Observer

Notre Dame senior righthander Scott Cavey from Omaha, Nebraska, has been named co-Big East Conference pitcher of the week in the first awards of the 2000 season, after allowing just one hit in six innings of a 6-0 win over Air Force on Feb. 24.

Cavey — who shared the award with Rutgers junior righthander Jim Wilson — turned in a 78-pitch outing that included six strikeouts

and eight groundouts, with one hit and one walk allowed during his 20 batters faced (the game was seven innings and opened the Service Academies Classic, at USA Baseball Stadium in Millington, Tenn.). The lanky righthander retired the final 10 batters he faced, after yielding a two-out double to leadoff hitter Brian LaBasco in the third inning.

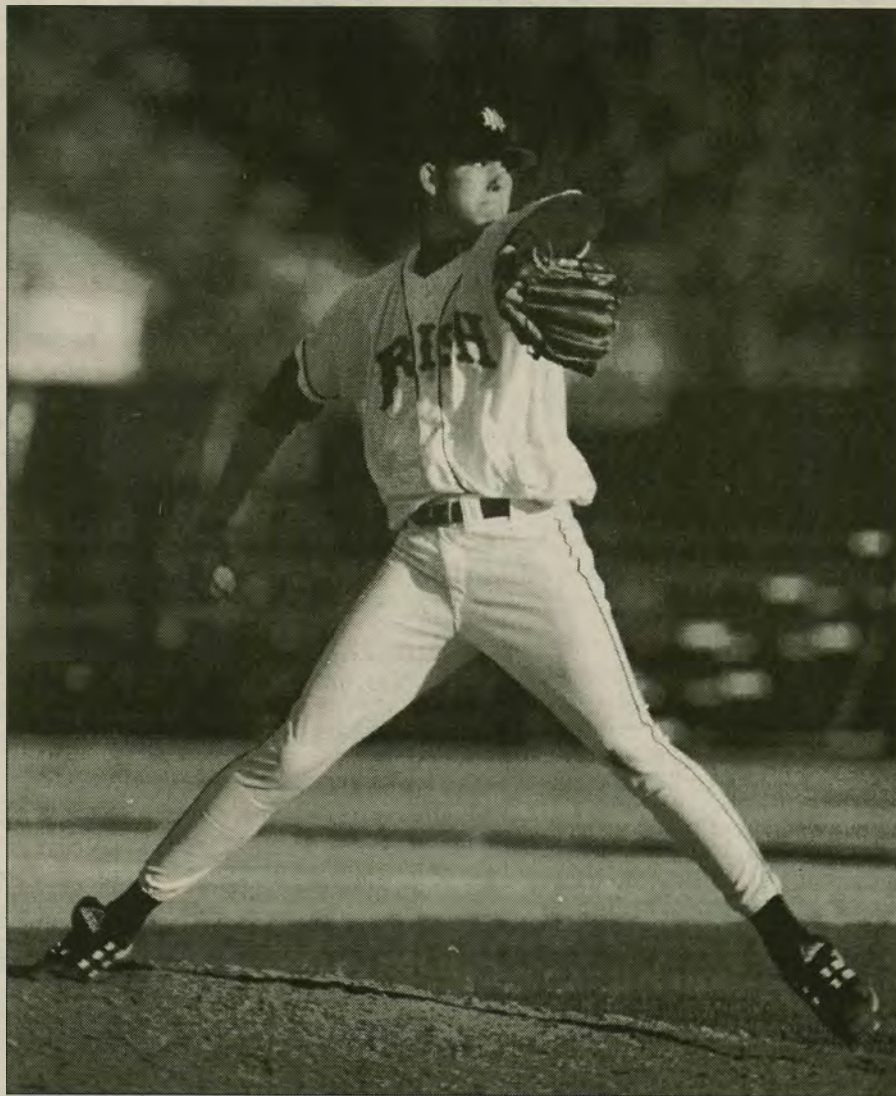
Air Force's best scoring chance came in the second inning, when cleanup hitter

Jeremy Goldsberry drew a full-count walk before moving up on a pair of groundouts. But Cavey struck out Ryan Carville to end the inning.

LaBasco could have managed a triple on his two-out hit in the third inning, but he stumbled prior to touching the first-base bag. Cavey then struck out Brendan Shannon on four pitches and the Falcons managed no more baserunners the rest of the way.

Cavey boosted his career record to 10-1, with a 3.64 career ERA, 83 strikeouts and 20 walks in 101 and one-third innings pitched. He has averaged just 1.78 walks per nine innings during his career, with a 4.15 career strikeout-to-walk ratio.

Cavey's last 11 appearances include a 7-0 record, a 2.49 ERA, 44 strikeouts and just five walks in 54.1 innings. During that span, he owns an 8.8 strike-to-walk ratio and has averaged just 0.83 walks per nine innings.



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Senior pitcher Scott Cavey was named co-Big East pitcher of the week. Cavey has a career ERA of 3.64 and a career record of 10-1.

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I want to make a lot of money. That way I can buy too many expensive cars, wear lots of jewelry and bribe the cops just like Sebastian Janikowski did.

If I have a lot of money, then I can behave any way that I want like Dennis Rodman. Go ahead, fine me a \$13,500 in five games this season; I make \$12,195 per game. I'll make it back in just over a game.

Plus, Rodman doesn't even have to go to practice or do anything but show up for the games.

My coach always tells me to practice like I want to play, but I think he's full of it.



Brian Churney

On the Hot Corner

Dennis doesn't have to, why do I?

Sometimes I just want to choke my coach, like Latrell Sprewell. Things worked out pretty well for him. Now he's on a better team and everyone loves him. He's the American dream. I didn't see any shoe contracts before he choked him. That would feel good. Next time the coach makes me run, maybe I'll choke him.

All of the pro athletes get away with anything they want. I want to get away with everything too. No one ever gets pros in trouble, unless they do something really bad like commit murder. Even then, they can usually hire Johnny Cochran to get them off.

They can beat their girlfriends like Lawrence Phillips or drink too much like Steve Howe. They can do drugs like Leon Lett or get prostitutes like Eugene Robinson. If they want to they can do both like Daryl Strawberry and Michael Irvin.

The best thing is that even when they do get in trouble, they get lots of chances. How many has Daryl had? And everyone just feels sorry for the athletes if they get caught.

They get some great discounts at department stores because everyone recognizes them, especially at Dillard's. I hear that's where some of the best athletes hang out. You have to be good for that

though. For most athletes, that's just stealing. For a good athlete, it's a gift from God.

And talk about being popular. Pro athletes get all of the girls. They have lots of kids too; kids that people want them to take care of. I wish I were a pro star's kid. Then he could send me \$1,000 per month in child support from his million-dollar check. Everyone would call him a good dad and I'd agree. I could brag to everyone that my dad was Shawn Kemp.

I'd love to see him maybe once a year, but athletes are busy, he probably wouldn't have time for me. Oh well.

People say that sports have too much violence, but I don't think so. Some of my favorite stuff is the fighting. Marty McSorley is so cool. Did you see the way he jacked up that guy? Sometimes I think the only thing that's interesting about hockey is the fighting and the violence.

Or how about when the baseball players brawl? They

get suspended sometimes, but the cops stay out of it.

People shouldn't criticize them so much. They have a tough job and have to release their tension somehow. It's only natural to want to fight.

Being an athlete has a lot of hard things too though, like watching what you say. I learned in class about the first amendment stating that I can say whatever I want no matter the ignorance, stupidity or meanness of it.

But for athletes, that doesn't apply. I mean look at John Rucker and Reggie White. Well, at least John Rucker, nothing really happened to Reggie. He's the most hated man in sports and for good reason. What he did was wrong. He should've gone and snorted cocaine instead. At least then, fans would be sad instead of mad.

Athletes can't bet either. But I wouldn't do that. I know how bad that is. Look at Pete Rose. He bet and they won't let him ever come back to baseball. I

agree. Baseball can't risk ruining its reputation by letting a gambler back in. They should just stick to people that throw firecrackers at little kids like Vince Coleman or wife-beaters like Wil Cordero or even players that play hard all the time and appreciate the fans like Albert Belle.

Despite all of these tough things though, I want to grow up just like those guys. That way, kids like me now can try to be like me when I grow up. But I don't think I should have to be a role model. I want them to want to be like me, but not to BE like me.

Sincerely,
Your everyday kid

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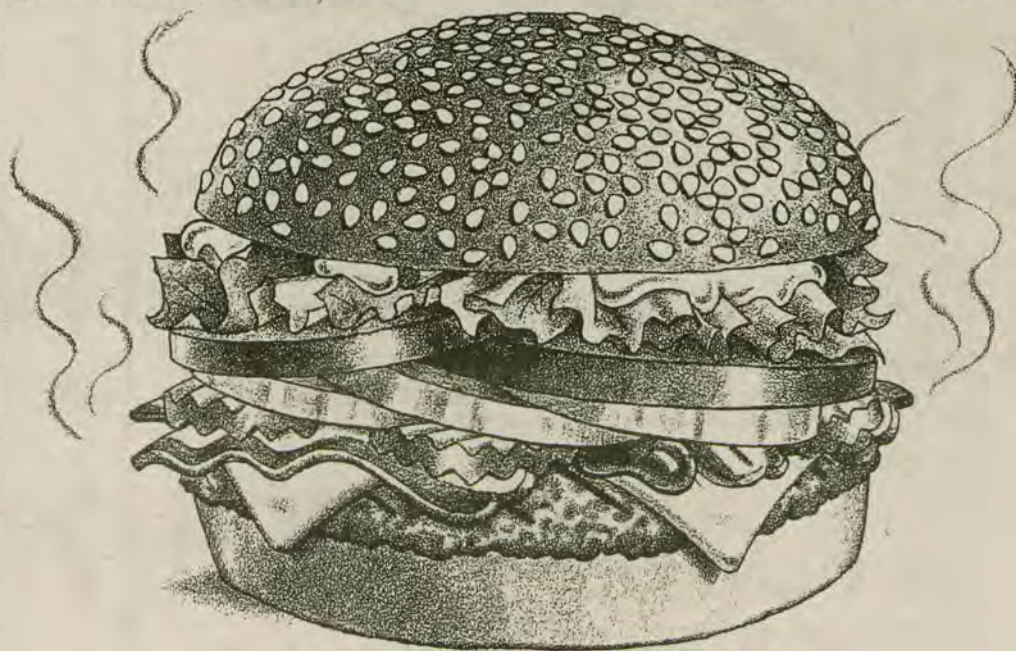
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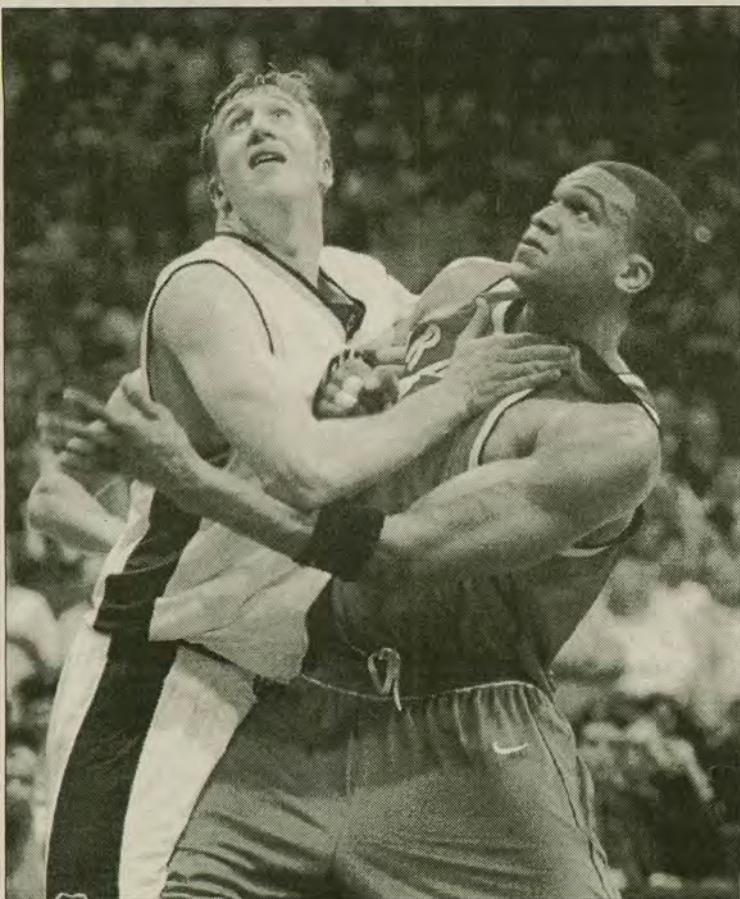


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Troy Murphy battles for control in Wednesday night's game against Syracuse. Murphy finished the game with 20 points.

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Insight

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kept on coming back and making shots."

Every time Thomas or game-high scorer Ryan Blackwell nailed a basket, the Irish answered, whether with an NBA-length 3-pointer by Dillon, a rebound tip-in by sophomore forward David Graves or a 3-pointer by freshman Mike Monsereze.

"You've got to come out with your head high," Graves said. "A 16-point margin against a team like that, that's arguably the best team in the Big East, arguably the best team in the country. It's a credit to us that we came back, but we just dug ourselves too big of a hole."

But in the end, Notre Dame's sixth man — the student body — helped Syracuse stave off the Notre Dame attack.

After an intentional foul was called on Graves with 8.8 seconds remaining, a Notre Dame student threw an empty plastic bottle onto the court, resulting in a technical foul against Notre Dame. A two-point Irish deficit quickly turned into five, and Troy Murphy's 3-pointer with

0.7 seconds remaining was not enough to pull the Irish over the hump.

"It's part of the game," Graves said. "We've been in a lot of close games. Some plays have gone our way; some plays haven't. You can't blame it on the fans. The fans are the reason why we are in the position that we are. They've been great all year."

Notre Dame's decision to fight to the finish is one that has been made throughout the year.

Back in November, Notre Dame let ranked opponent Indiana leap out to a 17-0 advantage, then battled back to send the game to overtime.

Against conference foe West Virginia on Feb. 2, Notre Dame turned things around from a 51-40 deficit to the second half to win 79-65.

In the Irish home victory over the Connecticut Huskies, the Irish trailed by as many as nine before bringing their "A" game to the floor.

Perhaps the Irish are pleased with their ability to come back, but they also realize that early runs are difficult to return from.

"We've just got to be ready to play two halves," Dillon said. "We've got to be ready for 40 minutes, not 20."

Notre Dame's refusal to go down for the count is a season-long affair. Predicted to crowd around the bottom of the Big East, Notre Dame opened its season with an upset victory over returning Final Four team Ohio State.

After winning the first four games of their season, Notre Dame dropped four straight against quality opponents - Arizona, Maryland, Indiana and Vanderbilt. A week later, it suffered one of its most crushing

defeats of the season, a 16-point loss against a mediocre Miami (Ohio) team. Sitting at 4-5 on the year, naysayers again began to discount the Irish.

They responded with a seven-game winning streak, capped off by a 75-70 road win over the defending national champion Connecticut Huskies.

Whenever it seemed the Irish were ready to fold, they surprised someone with a win. Nearly ruled out of NCAA contention after falling on the road at Pittsburgh and Villanova, Notre Dame earned two-point victories over both Connecticut and Seton Hall.

Only this time, they don't have time to recover.

"This team has a lot of character," Graves said. "We're not going to quit."

Only a Saturday match against the Georgetown Hoyas and the Big East tournament remain as chances to convince the NCAA tournament selection committee that they deserve a trip.

"You talk about your backs being to the wall," Doherty said. "Our backs are through the wall right now."

The Irish have proven their critics wrong before. They would like nothing more than to do so one more time by winning the Big East tourney to head to March Madness for the first time in 10 years.

Don't count the Irish out just yet. They could be the Cinderella team of the 2000 tourney.

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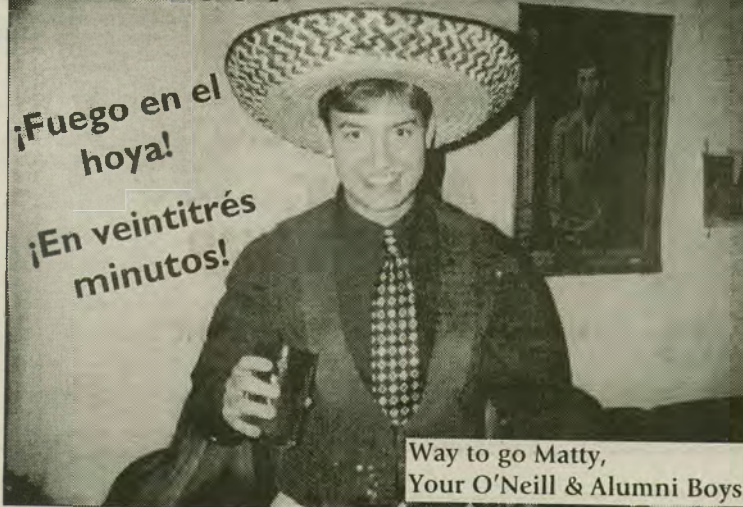
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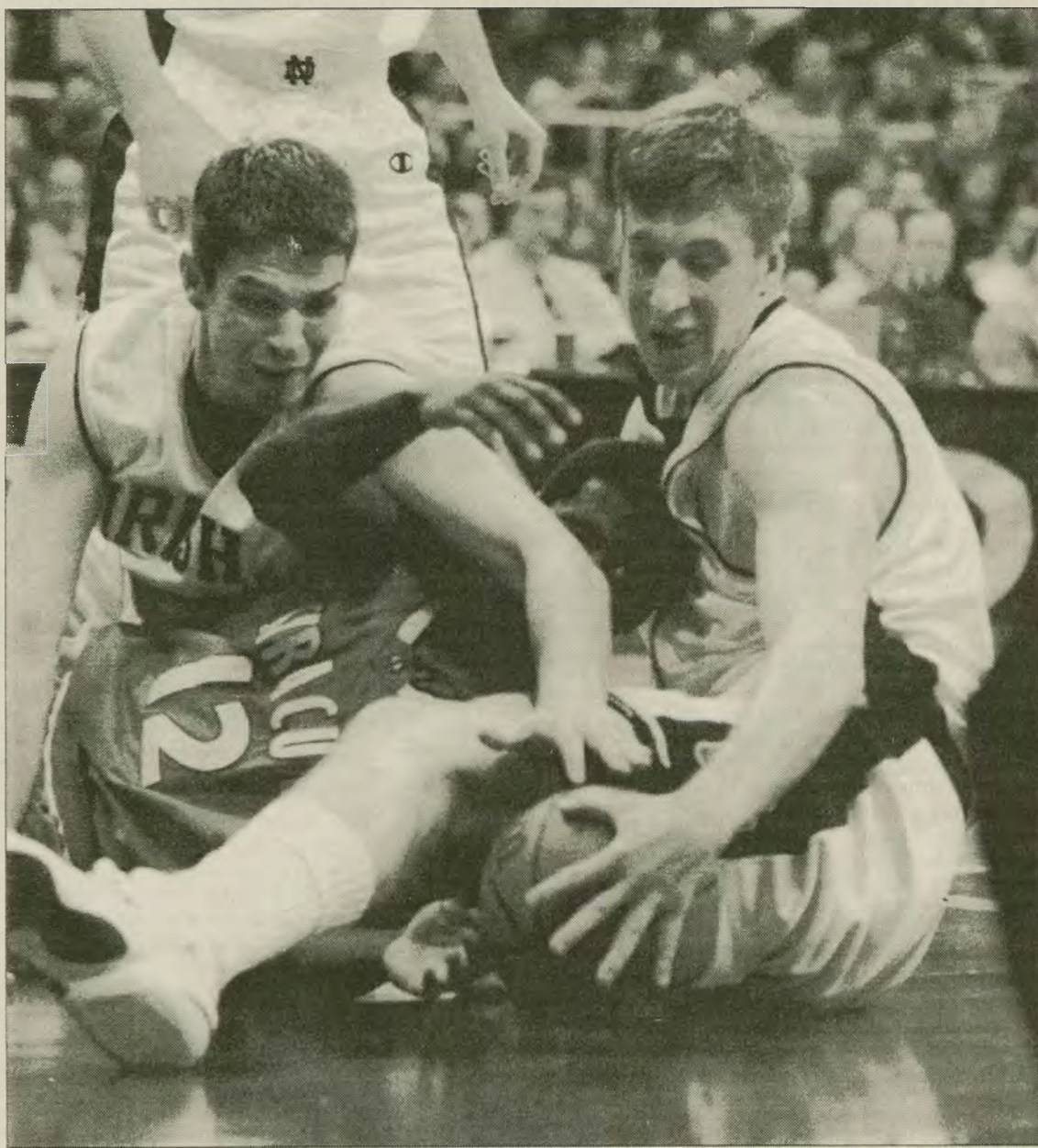
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Jere Macura (left), Allen Griffin (12) and Troy Murphy scramble for a loose ball in Wednesday's game.

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the Irish.

"It shouldn't have come down to that," senior point guard Jimmy Dillon said. "We got down by 14 and dug ourselves a hole. Yeah it's a pivotal point in the game and we wish it didn't happen."

The Irish wish the first half didn't happen either. Syracuse made five of its first six 3-pointers and jumped out to an early double digit lead. Preston Shumpert, who killed the Irish in the teams' first meeting, made all four of his shots including three 3-pointers.

Ryan Blackwell was also unstoppable, putting up 15 points in the first half.

"They are a tough team to play zone against," Doherty said. "They have a lot of interchangeable people that are tough to match up against. Shumpert was just ridiculous in the first half."

I think he is getting me back for not recruiting him at Kansas. I challenged their manhood at halftime and they showed their character. They didn't quit."

Notre Dame, playing man-to-man defense and going with a smaller lineup in the second half, mounted a charge and cut the lead to one with 2:50, but Jason Hart's five points down the stretch

and the closing sequence slammed the door on Notre Dame's hope for the upset.

"Our kids showed great character and didn't quit," Doherty said. "We beat them by 12 points in the second half, but two [losses] is a trend, but we just made it a third. We need to right this ship quickly."

Blackwell finished with a game-high 24 points for the Orangemen, who clinched at least a tie for the Big East regular season crown. Etan Thomas finished with 15 points and 16 rebounds, while Hart added 16 points and six assists.

The Orangemen shot 51 percent for the game and outrebounded the Irish, 33-27. Syracuse outscored Notre Dame, 40-20 in the paint.

Murphy scored 20 points and grabbed six boards in a losing effort for the Irish. Freshman Jere Macura came off the bench to score 12 points in 21 minutes of play and Graves added nine points and six rebounds. Notre Dame connected on 12-of-21 shots (57 percent) from behind the arc.

Irish captains Skylard Owens and Todd Palmer got the start on senior night. Owens scored Notre Dame's first basket and Palmer later added a 3-pointer.

Notre Dame travels to the nation's capital Saturday to take on Georgetown in the regular-season finale.

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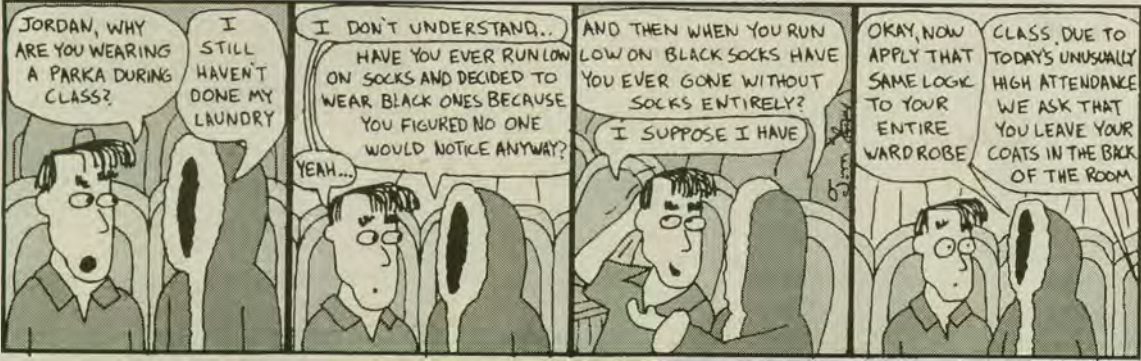
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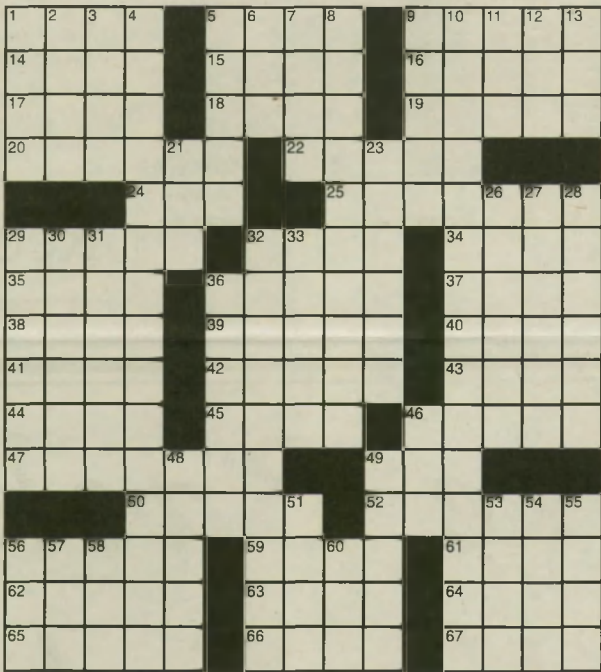
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 - 18 Svelte
 - 19 Where the action is
 - 20 Eastern flycatcher
 - 22 Debaters' need
 - 24 Big ___, Calif.
 - 25 Seven, e.g.
 - 29 Some protests
 - 32 An itemized deduction
 - 34 Same, by the Seine
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 - 56 Neighbor of Curaçao
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 - 62 Gardner created him
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 - 64 Hawkeyes' home
 - 65 Influences
 - 66 It may be stuck out
 - 67 Confesses, with "up"
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- 32 Bottomless pit?
- 33 Prefix with line or mine
- 36 Coins
- 46 Anguish
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- 49 Manhattan, for one
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Pitching Honors
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Notre Dame drops heart-breaker to Syracuse

◆ **Technical foul seals Irish fate; comeback falls short**

By BRIAN KESSLER
 Sports Editor

Head coach Matt Doherty got on the microphone and warned the fans not to throw anything on the court.

Two fans decided not to listen. And when a water bottle hit the court in the closing seconds of the game, Notre Dame was assessed a technical foul that sealed its fate.

"It was the third time something hit the floor and I was on the mic after the first one," Doherty said following Wednesday's 73-71 loss to No. 9 Syracuse at the Joyce Center. "The officials never warned us, but I guess I warned us. It was a tough time to make that call, but we shouldn't have been in that position."

The Irish, however, had the Orangemen just where they wanted them. After trailing by 14 at the break and by as many as 16 in the second half, Notre Dame was down just two points with 44 seconds left in the game and in position to win or send it to overtime. But an intentional foul on David Graves and the ensuing technical on the crowd led to the Irish's demise.

Ryan Blackwell made 2-of-4 foul shots and Syracuse took possession of the ball with 8.8 seconds and a four-point lead. Damone Brown was fouled and made 1-of-2 foul shots to push the lead to five. Troy Murphy then drained a desperation 3, but time had all but run out on

Syracuse 73
 Notre Dame 71



Freshman Jere Macura shoots over Syracuse's Tony Bland and Etan Thomas in Wednesday's 73-71 loss. Macura finished with 12 points.

◆ **Irish refuse to throw in towel after 16-point deficit**

Down 16 points against the No. 9 team in the nation, a lot of teams would have thrown in the towel.

But the Notre Dame men's basketball team made a different decision. It chose to fight to the finish with a gritty second-half effort that brought it within two points of Big East leader Syracuse.

"Our guys competed and hung in there against a very good basketball team," Notre Dame head coach Matt Doherty said. "We put ourselves in that position [down 16 points], and we can't do that."

Syracuse's senior center Etan Thomas slam dunked to open the second half, which put his team up 47-31. At that point, senior point guard Jimmy Dillon, playing for the final time on his home court, started off an Irish comeback with a 3-pointer.

"That just shows the character of the team," Dillon said. "Coach jumped on us a little bit."

Playing tenaciously throughout the second half, the Irish inched their way back into contention. Pre-season All-American Troy Murphy scored 12 second-half points, and freshman Jere Macura scored all 12 of his points in the second period.

"I don't think I've ever seen anyone make tougher 3s than they made in the second half," Syracuse head coach Jim Boeheim said. "They were in a big hole. They're a young team, and they just



Kathleen O'Brien

Irish Insight

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Solid doubles play leads Irish to victory over Wildcats

Special to the Observer

The 15th-ranked Notre Dame women's tennis team used a scrambled, but effective, doubles lineup to beat 12th-ranked Northwestern 6-3 on Wednesday at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

After the teams split the six singles matches, the Irish raced to 8-2 wins at the No. 1 and No. 3 doubles to clinch their sixth consecutive victory over the Wildcats. Notre Dame improves to 8-4 with the win and will face 33rd-ranked Ohio State on Thursday in Toledo,

Ohio. Northwestern falls to 9-2 with the loss.

An injury to Irish junior Kimberly Guy forced the breakup of Notre Dame's 16th- and 17th-ranked doubles teams. Junior All-American Michelle Dasso, who is ranked 17th in doubles with sophomore Becky Varnum, teamed at No. 1 doubles with freshman Katie Cunha. Cunha is normally Guy's partner and make up the 16th-ranked team in the country. Varnum and sophomore Nina Vaughan paired together for just the third time ever and rolled to an 8-2 win over Jennifer Lutgert and

Leigh Weinraub at No. 3 doubles to give the Irish a 4-3 lead. Cunha and Dasso — playing together for the first time — beat 51st-ranked Colleen Cheng and Katherine Nasser 8-2 at No. 1 doubles to clinch the win. Notre Dame's usual No. 3 doubles team of sophomore Lindsey Green and Kelly Zalinski won 8-5 over Lia Jackson and Marine Piriou at No. 2.

After falling behind 3-2, Notre Dame salvaged a split of the singles when Dasso outlasted Nasser 6-3, 4-6, 7-6 (9-7) at No. 1 singles in a match that last nearly three hours. Nasser led

4-2 in a seesaw third set before Dasso converted on her seventh break point of the game to trail just 3-4. She then held serve and broke serve again for 5-4 but Nasser broke back with Dasso serving for the match at 5-4. After both players won service games to send the set into a tiebreaker, Dasso built a 5-3 lead. Nasser rallied for 5-5 and saved match points at 5-6 and 6-7 before Dasso converted on her third match point to tie the match after singles.

The Irish had taken an early lead in singles when Varnum beat Shannon Duffy 6-1, 6-2 at

No. 2 singles. Cheng tied the match with a 7-6 (10-8), 6-2 win over Zalinski at No. 3 singles. Cunha — playing in just her second dual match in 2000 in replace of Guy — won the final five games of the match to beat Lutgert 6-4, 6-4 at No. 6 singles, after Lutgert had handed Cunha two of her three losses in the 1999 fall season. Piriou held off Green 6-4, 2-6, 6-3 at No. 5 singles to tie the match once again at 2-2. Jackson then beat Vaughan 6-3, 7-6 (7-4) at No. 4 singles to give the Wildcats a 3-2 lead before Dasso beat Nasser at No. 1 singles.

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