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Meningitis strikes Ireland program student

By NELLIE WILLIAMS
 News Writer

When Julia Fletcher left for the Saint Mary's Ireland program in September, she was not expecting what was to come five months later.

After struggling with a bout of mononucleosis, Fletcher woke up Feb. 23 tired, with a fever and sick to her stomach. She thought she just had the flu. Less than twenty-four hours later, she was admitted into intensive care in the hospital for having type C meningitis.

After attending some morning classes, Fletcher went back to her room and slept the rest of the day. Later that night, she had an extremely high temperature and couldn't move her legs much. She also noticed big bruises and spots appearing on her body, but just thought she had bumped into something earlier. When the counselor of the Ireland Program came over to see her, she called the doctor right away.

"I just thought it was the flu — even when the doctor came that night," Fletcher said.

Fletcher was so weak she couldn't get out of bed. The doctor gave Fletcher two shots of penicillin

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Mendoza donates \$35 million to ND

♦ Gift for College of Business marks record donation

By ANNE MARIE MATTINGLY
 News Editor

The single largest monetary gift in Notre Dame history will be directed to the College of Business, Notre Dame Public Relations announced Tuesday.

The gift, in the amount of \$35 million, was donated by 1973 Notre Dame alumnus Tom Mendoza and his wife Kathy as part of the University's "Generations" fundraising campaign, bringing the effort's totals to over \$900 million.

"Tom and Kathy Mendoza have our deepest gratitude, and we are delighted by their magnificent generosity," said University president Father Edward Malloy in a press release Tuesday.



Mendoza

Carolyn Woo, dean of the College of Business, said the gift was unexpected.

"It is a surprise for the College of Business," she said. "The credit should really go to Father Bill Beauchamp and the development office."

The funds will be used to better the quality of business education at Notre Dame, said Woo.

"It will not be used for bricks and mortar," she said. "It will be used for building excellence."

Woo outlined a three-fold vision for the gift. The first area will include efforts to improve the faculty through retention, recruiting, and support, said Woo, who noted that faculty are a source of excellence. The College will also focus on program support, including curriculum development, new course offerings and new learning experiences as well as technology infrastructure for business education.

Woo said that the University has not yet made any decisions on the specifics of how it will budget the dollars and cents.

"We have not determined the procedure [for deciding how to spend the money], but it will be a process of conversations and planning that

will lead us to an action plan and stewardship with respect to this gift," she said.

The University will rename the College of Business to the Mendoza College of Business to honor the family, though Woo said the date for the official implementation of the new name has not yet been decided.

"It's just a matter of going through the logistics and the paperwork, but there is no question that we are committed to that name," she said.

Tom Mendoza expressed his happiness to be able to increase the quality of education at Notre Dame's business college in a press release Tuesday.

"Kathy and I are delighted to be in a position to support Notre Dame with this contribution," he said. "We are convinced that the University is committed to making the Mendoza College of Business a world-class college. We are both looking forward to working together with Dean Woo and the rest of the college's faculty and staff to help them meet their goals."

To that end, Kathy Mendoza will

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STUDENT SENATE

Group says actions of police 'inexcusable'

By LAURA ROMPF
 Assistant News Editor

Citing the same sentiments as the administration, the student senate passed an open letter last night concerning the Roseland Denny's incident where two students were arrested, possibly for racist reasons.

"We stand by our students just as the administration has stood by our students. It is unbelievable that this has happened in this day and age," said Keough senator and President-elect Brian O'Donoghue. "This can not be tolerated, accepted or ignored. This shows the group that the student body stands behind them for justice."

The letter, which can be sent to numerous involved parties, states: "The officers' actions were without justification. We, the Student Senate, as representatives of the entire student body, find the actions of these officers both reprehensible and inexcusable."

Also discussed at Wednesday's meeting was the cancellation of the Sophomore Sibs weekend. Zahm hall senator Ryan Becker discussed several issues which

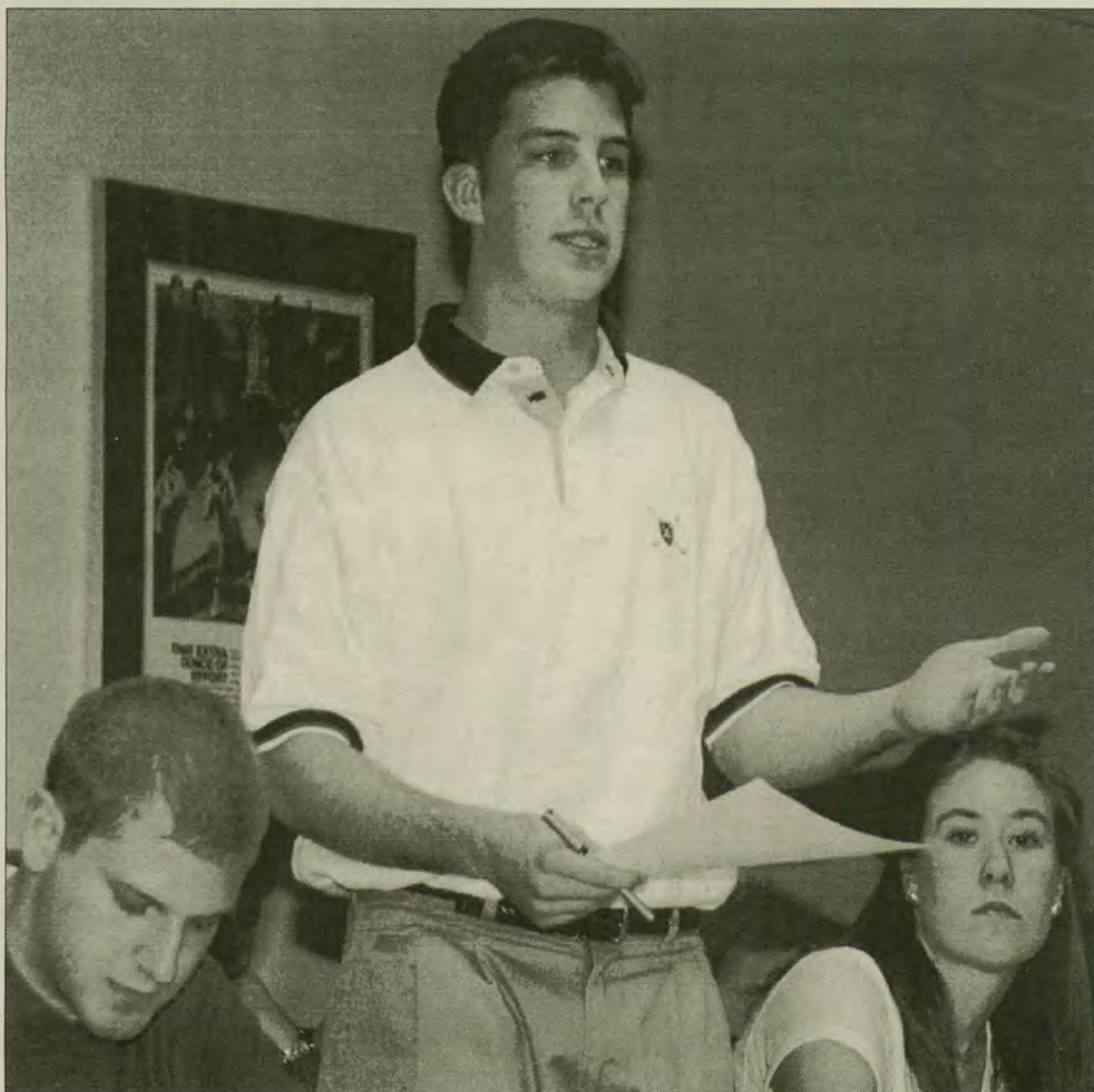
were raised by the Sophomore Class Council including no clear official reasons for the cancellation and lack of communication between Student Activities, the Class Council, and the students themselves. Student Activities said reasons for cancellation included low attendance and high expenses due to Notre Dame's geographically diverse population. The main concern, however, was hall staff's dissatisfaction and worries with the weekend. After sophomores submitted a new proposal hoping to remedy these problems, student activities still said no to the weekend.

"Joe Cassidy chose seven rectors to look at the new proposal and the rectors did not respond with enthusiasm to have the weekend," Becker said.

After all the research, Becker concluded that the situation was unfortunate due to poor communication and similar actions are trying to be prevented in the future.

"I feel student activities did nothing wrong intentionally. There was simply poor timing and that they did the best they could. I believe they gave the pro-

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PETER RICHARDSON/The Observer

Zahm hall senator Ryan Becker discussed the cancellation of Sophomore Sibs weekend at Wednesday's meeting. The group also passed a letter supporting the Notre Dame students involved in the Denny's incident and the administration's actions in handling the incident.

INSIDE COLUMN

Walking on sunshine

I am from Arizona – a warm, sunny place, where cold is never discussed – where cold is considered evil. I was the kid who froze from air-conditioning, the kid who turned ice-cold from summer water balloon fights. So, when I told everyone in my hometown of my plans of going to college in Indiana, they laughed.

Kelly Hager

They laughed, and laughed. They laughed for a long time, and many of them continue to laugh, but now, they are smiling and laughing for another reason – disbelief.

Copy Editor

Unknown to many people at college, I suffer from a disease called Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy – a disease that has restricted me to wearing braces, and a disease that is very difficult to cure.

In unfamiliar territory, I am afraid to share – but need to. Some things need to be shared, and this is one of them. So here it is, my grand epiphany.

Remember the huge blizzard? The one which led to the merciful cancellation of some early morning classes? That was my birthday, and the blizzard was my birthday wish.

My celebration was simple – a brownie and a match. After celebrating, I emerged from the dining hall nineteen and ready to make my first Indiana snowman. It was cold.

In freezing temperatures and blinding snow, a friend and I trekked across campus hand in hand. Him face down cursing the snow, and me, mouth wide open catching flakes on my tongue and laughing as others tickled my nose. It was quite the sight. And then, it hit me.

I, Kelly Hager, was at Notre Dame. Not only at Notre Dame, but also in the snow, facing what most said I wouldn't be able to tolerate. I had conquered the last major feat in my first year away from home; I had survived the snow. Immediately I was filled with many emotions, from happiness to a grand sense of accomplishment.

Instead of taking the shuttle home, I walked by way of the Grotto. I was the only one outside, perhaps because it was snowing like crazy. But there I was, so happy to be there, and so happy to be able to experience it all.

The path was newly dusted; there were no car tracks, or tread marks. Just a single set of footprints – mine. I stopped countless times along that road to think and appreciate. While walking a favorite poem came into my head: "Two roads diverged in a wood, and I, I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference." (Robert Frost)

I smiled; there was my inspiration. And there I was, ready to brave not only the snow, but also any other hand I was dealt. 'Cause I knew if I could handle Indiana weather, I could handle anything.

By the time I reached home, it was midnight. It had been an awesome birthday.

I don't know how or why I ended up where I am or in the predicament that I find myself fighting, but I do know one thing – I wouldn't exchange my life for anything and I am not holding back. Sure, I would love to be totally healthy, to be able to run fifty miles non-stop in some exotic marathon, but I know what I can and am able to do, and I am using those gifts to the best of my ability.

I have to agree with Walt Disney when he said, "It's kind of fun to do the impossible." It has been a blast.

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THIS WEEK AT NOTRE DAME/SAINT MARY'S

Thursday

◆ Concert: Glee Club

Concert, free, 8 p.m.,

Washington Hall

◆ Lecture: "Change and

Conflict in Catholic Sexual Ethics," 7:30 p.m.,

Hesburgh Center

Auditorium

Friday

◆ Concert: Glee Club

Concert, free, 8 p.m.,

Washington Hall

◆ Lecture: "The Role of

Business in Overcoming Poverty," Peter and Linda

Biehl, 4 p.m., Jordan

Auditorium

Saturday

◆ Workshop: "Expanding

Your Horizons in Science

and Mathematics," 8 a.m.

to 2 p.m., DeBato Hall

◆ Event: "Dancespring

2000," Southold Dance

Theater, 2 p.m., O'Laughlin

Auditorium, Saint Mary's.

Sunday

◆ Concert: U.S. Continental

Army Band Woodwind

Quintet, free, 3 p.m., Notre

Dame Band Building.

◆ Event: Family Workshop,

"Happy Houses, Beautiful

Beginnings," The Snite.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Duke finds cheaper alternative cardiac drug

DURHAM, N.C.

Sometimes, creating a drug that can save heart patients' lives is not enough; researchers also have to make it affordable. A newly tested drug trade – named Integrilin promises to do both.

Dr. James Tchong, a cardiologist at the Duke Clinical Research Institute, led nationwide clinical trials of the drug – also known as eptifibatide – and presented the findings at the annual scientific meeting of the American College of Cardiology.

Integrilin, similar to a currently available but expensive drug, was shown to cut by 40 percent the number of heart attacks, post-procedure complications and emergency surgeries within 48 hours of a coronary intervention.

To prevent clotting after doctors



open partially clogged arteries, doctors now intravenously give patients abciximab, also called Reopro. The drug blocks a specific platelet-to-platelet interaction receptor and thus prevents blood from clotting.

Integrilin, the new medicine, performs the same function as Reopro at nearly a quarter of the cost – Integrilin costs about \$400 com-

pared to \$1,500 for Reopro.

Blocked arteries are a very common ailment among heart patients. In such cases, the blockage interferes with the blood flow and causes heart pain, also called an angina. In a procedure called coronary angioplasty, doctors remove such blockage by inserting a tube into the body and passing it to the heart.

Such coronary interventions are alternatives to surgery and are used only when the number of blocked arteries is fairly low. A catheter and a balloon are used to press the blockage flat and a stent of medical-grade stainless steel is implanted to prop the artery open, restoring bloodflow. Around 600,000 coronary angioplasty procedures are performed in the United States each year – of these, more than 95 percent use stents.

Napster reinstated for trial period

BLOOMINGTON, Ind.

Indiana University announced Tuesday they will unblock access to www.Napster.com servers for a two week trial period beginning Saturday. According to a press release, a new method will lower network traffic which will permit the playing and downloading of music as well as other multimedia files. Napster Inc. and IU worked jointly to find a solution to the congestion problem in order to allow Napster to be reinstated. "Students can use Napster like before and the practical result of what is going to be done is that if students are looking for a particular music file then it will look as close to IU as possible to find the file," said Mark Bruhn, information technology policy officer for University Information Technology Services. "If a file cannot be found within the universities network then it will go outside (the network), but it will look there first." Bruhn said he expects Napster.com to make use of this method, especially since it will help to lower the amount of space it originally took up, which caused it to be filtered.

Drug offenders lose financial aid

BATON ROUGE, La.

Students using drugs may find themselves high on life and short on federal aid when section 484 of the Higher Education Act goes into effect July 1, 2000, but several groups are working to get this section of the act repealed. The Higher Education Act covers all types of student aid, including Pell grants, Stafford loans, federal work-study programs, Perkins loans and other forms of federal financial aid. Section 484 allows the government to deny or delay financial aid to any student convicted of a drug offense, said Kris Lotlikar, national director of Students for Sensible Drug Policy. Financial aid is need-based, and this section of the act is unfair because it discriminates against students from low-income families and does not punish students who can afford to pay their way through college, Lotlikar said. Biased drug laws also cause the act to discriminate against minorities, Lotlikar said. "It's pretty obvious who this law will be affecting, and that's people of color," Lotlikar said. "We feel that education should be used as a key tool to fight drugs, not something to hold over their heads."

LOCAL WEATHER

5 Day South Bend Forecast

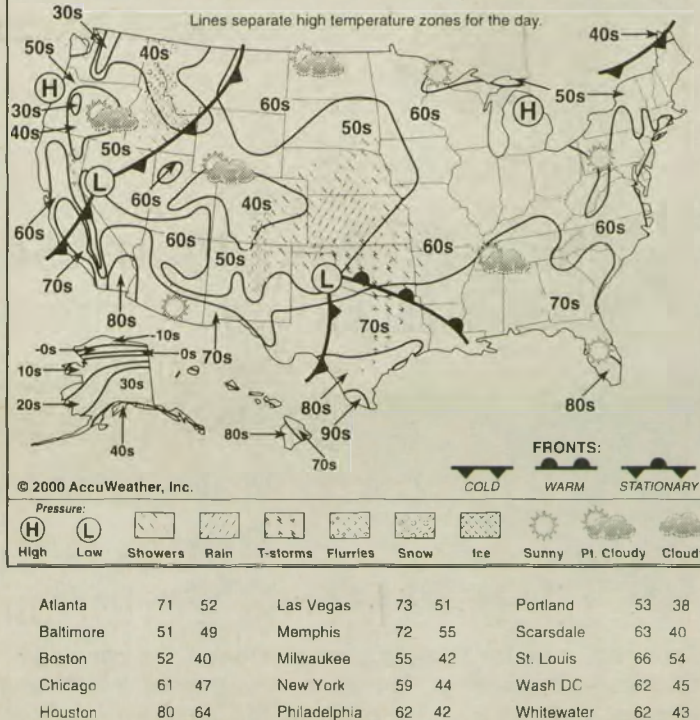
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Saturday		62	44
Sunday		58	38
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NATIONAL WEATHER

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Thursday, March 23.



Spring break a mix of learning and fun for biology class

By KATIE McVOY
News Writer

For 15 Saint Mary's women, spring break was full of fish, culture, friends and education.

A marine biology class, accompanied by Platt and his wife, spent the week in Jamaica learning about the culture and the marine life that lives in the waters surrounding its coasts. The trip gave the women a hands-on experience of what they have spent the semester studying.

"The real focus was for the students to be able to observe first-hand the marine life they have been looking at this semester," said Dr. Thomas Platt, who teaches the marine biology course. "They looked at rocky shore habitats and explored zonation, distribution of organisms, and related that to wave action and tide cycles."

The group left Monday and spent the week near the town of Ocho Rio. Each day the women went snorkeling and collected samples of algae, snails, and other marine creatures. They then identified their finds and classified each one accordingly. At the end of the week, the women had a comprehensive quiz on the

specimens they found.

"I learned a lot about the habitats," junior biology major Chris Diana said. "I learned about what kinds of specimens the coral reefs could support."

The women also learned about the effects of humans and natural cycles on the coral reefs that surround Jamaica,

both of which have seriously damaged the reef in recent years.

Hurricane Allen in 1980 destroyed a major coral species and the long-spined Black Sea urchin was almost totally eliminated by an epidemic in the early 1980's.

"It's important to see what effect these have on the human population of the island, such as effects on the nutrition of a third world country, as well as the effects on the reef," Platt said. "The women could look at these systems and really appreciate the

impact of both man and nature."

In addition to snorkeling, the women also enjoyed other activities in the surrounding waters of Jamaica. One evening was spent taking a night walk in the shallow waters. The students also went octopus hunting, Diana catching an octopus.

The women also took a trip to explore a mangrove swamp. Platt described the complex ecosystem as one that is very important in terms of stabilizing the seashore and producing new land. Very few mangrove swamps still exist due to deforestation of the mangrove trees.

"The swamp is a very messy place," Platt said. "The students were tremendous in taking on the challenge of exploring it."

Along with learning about marine life, the women spent time learning about Jamaican culture.

"I'm glad we didn't stay in a

hotel," sophomore Lauren O'Neil said. "We had the chance to interact with the people of Jamaica and I really enjoyed that."

The women did not spend the entire week learning, however. They had some time for fun activities that were just for themselves. The women visited Dunn River Falls, a 600-foot waterfall they could climb, stand under, and jump off of into the surrounding waters. The women also heard a lecture one night about Jamaican history and culture. They learned about the Jamaican language, Patois, and even went to mass at a Jamaican church.

"It was loud and there was a lot of clapping," O'Neil said. "It was very different than mass here."

The women also spent one day exploring a local Jamaican market. The staff of the Hofstra University sent the students on a scavenger hunt to find various native products. The scavenger hunt encouraged the women to speak to the people of Jamaica, as well as learn

about some of their customs and beliefs associated with the articles they were looking for.

"It was a good experience for the students to talk to the Jamaican folks," Platt said. "It provided good, concrete interaction."

"I learned a lot about Jamaican culture itself," Diana said. "I learned about the history of Jamaica and also, how to integrate our culture with theirs so that we could interact with them. It was a great experience."

This is the first year the marine biology class has been offered as a semester elective at Saint Mary's. Platt offered the course as a two-week sum-

mer course in 1992, but found the semester class more effective. He hopes to offer the class every other year.

"I learned about the history of Jamaica and also, how to integrate our culture with theirs so that we could interact with them."

Chris Diana
Saint Mary's student

"It was a lot of fun," O'Neil said. "We're all science majors, so it wasn't just the tourism. It was the science that made it fun."

Panel discusses issue of debt relief for developing nations

By NICOLE HADDAD
News Writer

In celebration of Intercultural Studies week, the Intercultural Studies Program

at Saint Mary's offered students an opportunity to learn more about the state of debt in third world countries through a panel discussion directed by Mark Belanger, professor of political science. The issues

discussed centered on why overseas loans the U.S. makes should concern citizens and people of faith.

Belanger began by addressing the danger in focusing in on the debt process. It is neces-

sary to first define what developing countries are, which he explained as countries who are immaturity developed and less industrialized.

"This has been a problem for the United States for a long time, at least since World War II," Belanger said, "and the problem has not gotten essentially better."

Belanger discussed ways the International Monetary Fund (IMF) organization deals with helping countries with payment problems to get loans until the exports are paid off.

"The IMF tends to have visible representation of the national community," Belanger said. "It is a symbol of the people and a representation of understanding the production of development."

According to Belanger, debt helps in the understanding of third world development and is a logical extension. "The principle wisdom is bringing capital to third world countries and building a western style economy," Belanger said. "Bringing in technology will lead to an increase in economic growth," he said.

Belanger said one pervasive problem in third world countries is the level of borrowing does not allow countries to keep up with the growing gap between the rich and poor. He explained that there are two aspects of this problem. One is that the free market philosophy can be a "medicine."

"This solution will solve the problems of the third world, however it hasn't economically worked because it pulls people to cities, leading to massive urbanization," Belanger said.

"The second aspect of the problem is that the state will be held accountable. Citizens have a sense of their own political agency and can make their own changes," Belanger said.

Belanger emphasized that breaking the chain of debt in developing countries involves working with the people in order to understand what the problems are. "These are high tech answers," said Belanger.

Ways of working with the poor are first, to realize that the concept of development doesn't change and second, encouraging global exchange.

Katie Poynter, junior philosophy major, discussed her experiences as an intern in Uganda last semester. "The problem I encountered was that children in school don't have parents with an education," she said, "there is no support system."

Right now Uganda is looking for funding to aid the development of educational facilities. "Developmental money comes from the outside and influences how programs take shape," Poynter said.

"I feel that education is ongoing and makes parents see that they have a role," she said.

Poynter commented on what she discovered in Uganda made her realize what many people take for granted in the U.S. "I never realized that there are homeless shelters and social services everywhere," she said. "There are none in these third world countries because the government does not have the money."

"You see people with extreme disabilities and there's no where for them to go," Poynter said.

Maureen Capillo, junior English writing major and justice education minor, discussed the social movement, and how the IMF is trying to reform the problem in the widening gap between the rich and poor. "Humans rights groups are trying to fix them and they realize it's a lot bigger than simply fixing a sweatshop," Capillo said.

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immediately.

"[The penicillin] is what keep her alive," says Fletcher's mother, Mary Claire Suddendorf. "She came 20 to 30 minutes of dying."

When hearing that her daughter had been hospitalized and put on a respiratory breathing system, Suddendorf panicked.

"We just couldn't get there fast enough," Suddendorf said. "We were just hoping she would still be there when we got there."

Fletcher was put on medications and monitored very closely. She left the hospital two weeks later.

Carolyn Langley, director of the Saint Mary's Ireland program, was very proud of how everyone handled the situation in Ireland.

"Everyone was so very calm and sane," she said. "They were wonderful caregivers."

Everyone who had come into close contact with Fletcher immediately received prophylactic preventative antibiotics.

Although the cause of meningitis is not known, college students have a greater potential risk of contacting it.

According to the American College Health Association, "meningitis is an inflammation of the linings of the brain and spinal cord caused by either viruses or bacteria." Meningitis symptoms are very similar to the flu: fever, severe sudden headache, etc. A rash can also erupt on the arms and legs or bruises may appear sporadically

on the victim.

Dormitory living, smoking, and alcohol consumption adds to students' risk. Meningitis is transmitted through the air in the form of respiratory secretion droplets or with direct contact of an infected person. However, the bacteria usually do not live outside the body for more than a few minutes.

"Five to eleven percent of the general population carries meningococcal bacteria in the nose and throat in a harmless state," (American College Health Association).

Although the annual incidence of the virus in the United States is only about 1.5 cases per 100,000 persons comprising all age groups, it is still a devastating illness when it hits. An immunization against the meningococcal disease is available at most health services. The immunization approximately lasts up to three years. Director of Saint Mary's Health Services, Judy Kenney, recommends the vaccine.

"It mimics the flu and then it's such a switch when you realize it's meningitis," Kenney said. "I recommend it for everyone. If you can prevent it, why not?" she said.

Fletcher, who is now back home in Michigan, is recuperating from some minor hearing loss, muscle weakness, and sores.

"I had to basically relearn how to walk. I lost a lot of muscle mass," Fletcher said.

Her mother feels it could have been a lot worse. Fletcher is concentrating on finishing her classes at home.

"I'm doing really great," she said. "It's quite a miracle."

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The College of Business, founded in 1921, was recently ranked among the nation's top 20 best MBA programs in terms of return for the investment by Forbes Magazine, while Business Week has rated the College's business ethics curriculum as the best in the nation. The college is Notre Dame's second largest with 1,800 undergraduates, 780 graduate students and 130 faculty. It includes the departments of accountancy, finance and business economics, management and marketing as well as a number of concentrations and six centers for scholarly research and teaching.

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serve on the advisory council of the College.

Tom and Kathy Mendoza have both worked in the computer industry for more than 20 years and are both currently employed by the Sunnyvale, Calif.-based Network Appliance (NetApp), the leading provider of network attached data access and management solutions. The company was listed as the fourth fastest growing by Fortune magazine in 1999 and is a member of both S&P

Rosca condemns mail-order brides

By DOROTHY CARDER
News Writer

Advocating the awareness of the trafficking of women and children, particularly in Asian countries, was the focus of the lecture given by Nonotchka Rosca.

Rosca, founder of the Gabriella network, which works to raise awareness about the trafficking of women and children, spoke about the continuing and growing amount of women and children being used as "sex slaves" and as mail-ordered brides — a fad that is becoming particularly popular in the United States.

"It is harder to open a cigarette store than it is to open a mail-order bride agency," Rosca said.

Many women, 20 million around the world to be exact, 90 percent who are women of

color, are used to promote this industry. They are forced to prostitute, though they are told they will work in restaurants in countries like Thailand.

The issue is not only occurring in foreign nations, but the mail-ordered bride agencies are what is more prominent in

the United States, said Rosca.

Rosca said there is nothing being done to stop it,

no legal action being taken and no political observation of the state the women are forced to believe is right and good for them. The women are wanting to cross into America and

obtain their green card, and the men realize this, taking advantage of their vulnerability in that stage, beating them, torturing them and degrading them as sexual slaves.

"The amazing thing is that this is legal in the United States," Rosca said.

Something must be done to make the world acknowledge what governments are doing for the sole sake of "paying off their debts" Rosca said.

"When thinking of prostitution, you have to let go of what you used to think about it," said Rosca.

Rosca said there is something people can do to fight the problem. She suggested wearing a purple rose in support of opposition to the trafficking of women and children.

"It is harder to open a cigarette store than it is to open a mail-order bride agency."

Nonotchka Rosca
founder of Gabriella network

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positional consideration. It is a shame it didn't work out because the proposal was great," Becker said.

A new committee is being formed to determine a new signature event for the sophomore class with the hopes of starting it next year.

In other senate news:

♦ Senate unanimously passed a statement issuing "The Michael J. Palumbo Award" which will honor a member of the Student Union each year.

"He is the epitome of a leader for me," said Matt Kloser, Keenan Hall senator. "He puts everything he can into his job, and there is no one who deserves this more."

Palumbo was left nearly speechless. "To all the senators a profound thanks for the award that I hope I am worthy of. I feel I don't deserve this but I appreciate the thought and sentiment of this award that was named on my behalf. This is beyond comprehension," he said.

♦ Senate passed a Charitable Donations Bylaw so that the student activities fee is used correctly with in student organiza-

tions.

"Our main purpose is to make sure that the money from fees at the beginning of the year allocated to student activities is spent on the students rather than on someone else," said Katy Fallon, a representative from Executive Cabinet.

♦ Senate unanimously approved the nominations for judicial council president, vice president of elections, and co-vice presidents of advocacy.

Tony Wagner will be President, John Batters VP of elections, and Angela Galui, Amanda Dovidio, and Nicholeen DePersis will be co-vice presidents of advocacy.

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Deadline for applications
is Monday, March 27.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Glickman declares Florida counties disaster area

HOMESTEAD, Fla.

U.S. Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman declared an agricultural disaster area Wednesday in four Florida counties where an incurable citrus disease is ravaging groves that once provided nearly all of the nation's limes. "This loss is just as devastating as a drought," Glickman said at a grove that was bulldozed because it was infected with citrus canker. South Florida lime growers have lost more than half of their \$20 million-a-year crop, and officials fear the citrus canker could threaten more of the state's \$8 billion citrus industry if it spreads north into Florida's orange, grapefruit and other citrus groves.

Prisoner loses rosary case

BOSTON

A murderer failed to show his religious rights were violated by prison guards who seized his rosary beads out of concern the beads might be a sign of gang activity, the state's highest court ruled Wednesday. The Supreme Judicial Court ruled that Peter Kane, who had white and black beads on his rosary, had been offered an all-black set of beads at a prison worship service. "The plaintiff offers no reason why he could not use the black rosary beads that were offered to him at each religious service," the court said of Kane, who is a Roman Catholic. Kane's black-and-white rosary was confiscated during a shakedown of his cell at the state prison in Shirley in July 1997. He had used the beads since a prison chaplain gave them to him in 1995. Prison officials said they had to ban multicolored beads because they were concerned that such beads could be used by gang members to identify each other.

Cocaine, heroin prices fall

WASHINGTON

The prices of cocaine and heroin have fallen to record lows and the drugs remain widely available, federal officials say, while insisting that progress is being made against drug use in the United States. In remarks prepared for presentation Thursday before a House Appropriations subcommittee, White House drug control policy director Barry McCaffrey cites declines in youth drug use and drug-related crime during the past year. But he also notes that heroin has become more popular among young people and says methamphetamines have a "serious potential nationally to become the next 'crack' cocaine epidemic." While use of cocaine itself has stabilized, it continues to be readily available in nearly all metropolitan areas.

ISRAEL



Palestinian girls wear mock chains and hold up posters of Pope John Paul II in the Daheisha Refugee Camp in the West Bank on Wednesday, during the pontiff's landmark visit to the squalid camp on the edge of Bethlehem. Violent clashes between Palestinian youths and Palestinian security forces erupted right after the Pope departed.

Palestinians clash after Pope's visit

Associated Press

WEST BANK

Hundreds of young Palestinians hurled stones at baton-wielding Palestinian police shortly after Pope John Paul II left this shanty town today — a grim reminder of the violence still troubling the Holy Land.

The clash, a sign of growing dissatisfaction with Yasser Arafat's autocratic rule, spoiled the Palestinian leader's festive day in the

spotlight as a statesman-like host of the pontiff. It also came on a day when John Paul made several generous gestures read by the Palestinians as an endorsement of their statehood aspirations.

The violence erupted around nightfall, less than an hour after the pope left the Dheisheh refugee camp, a cluster of shacks that is home to about 10,000 Palestinians. Witnesses said police trying to push back curious

onlookers beat several of them with clubs. In response, an angry crowd hurled stones at police officers. Some officers hurled stones back.

The clash died down briefly, and the streets of the refugee camp were littered with rocks.

But then, in an expression of anger, some Palestinians tried to smash the blue police barricades that had been set up for crowd control during the pope's visit.

Hundreds of camp residents gathered for a protest march through the streets of Dheisheh. Demonstrators and policemen menacingly fired shots in the air.

Abdel Rahman Ahmar, a leader of a radical PLO faction, said the camp's anger was directed both against Arafat's oppressive rule and against the Israeli-Palestinian peace accords, from which he said refugees have reaped no benefits.

Sharpton begins ten-day sentence

Associated Press

MAYS LANDING, N.J.

Casting himself as a modern day Martin Luther King, the Rev. Al Sharpton surrendered today to begin a 10-day jail term for leading a demonstration last summer against police treatment of minorities.

Sharpton, 45, rallied with about 600 supporters in a parking lot next to the Atlantic County jail before marching a short distance and surrendering to authorities.

He walked arm in arm with Martin Luther King III

as well as the victims of a 1998 New Jersey Turnpike shooting as he headed toward the chain-link fence of the Atlantic County Justice Facility. He was also accompanied by his wife and two daughters.

"This comes out of a long tradition of the movement started by Dr. King, which is why his son is here," Sharpton said. He added that the people responsible for racial profiling in New Jersey haven't served a day in jail, but that he was being jailed for protesting it.

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere," said King, quoting

his father. "If my father were alive, he would be right here next to Rev. Sharpton."

Sharpton was convicted in November on two counts of obstructing traffic at the protest. He and 75 others were arrested after backing up traffic headed into the casino capital on the busy Fourth of July weekend.

The Atlantic County jail is no Hilton: It's overcrowded, some inmates sleep on mattresses on the floor and many are violent offenders.

"We'll treat him like we treat every other inmate," said County Executive Dennis Levinson. "This is a

guy who's all about equal treatment for everyone, right? Well, he'll get the same treatment as everyone else."

Sharpton will get an orange jail uniform, a cup, a spoon and toilet paper. Built for 470 inmates, the jail now holds about 970. Up at 7 a.m., inmates are allowed twice-a-day recreation opportunities and visitors three days a week.

Richard Mulvihill, Atlantic County's public safety director, wouldn't say what Sharpton's accommodations will consist of, saying only that he'll get no special consideration.

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Job/internship fair aims to help Arts and Letters students

By KATE NAGENGAST
News Writer

With a new facility, a new director and a new outreach program, the Career Center is excited and willing to help Arts and Letters students in a variety of new ways — including the first Arts and Letters Job/Internship Fair being held Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in LaFortune.

"We've had a stereotype that [The Career Center] is only for business and engineering students," said Lee Svete. Svete has been the director of the Career Center since coming to Notre Dame from Colgate University last July.

"So what we set out to do was to draw some organizations to campus that have never been here before, and that would want to hire arts and letters students," Svete added.

"We started to make some phone calls and found very quickly that the reputation of Notre Dame was that of a great liberal arts school ... so I felt we

could do more for arts and letters students."

The center decided on a spring job fair because many employers who are interested in arts and letters students are "just-in-time recruiters." Many hiring companies also wait until late spring to hire employees because they are unsure of their hiring needs until immediately before the positions should be filled.

"There is this whole wave of social service organizations, government agencies, and fashion merchandise, broadcast journalism, education, law, and the list goes on ... that don't even start hiring until March, April or May. While we operate on semesters ... many of these employers who want to hire arts and letters students don't operate that way," said Svete.

Although hosting a fair like this is challenging for many reasons, The Career Center is optimistic about the success of this event with over 100 employers in over 20 different industries planning to attend.

"This has been one of the most exciting and explosive job markets we have seen in a long time," said Olivia Williams, Assistant Director of Career and Placement Services. "For us, it is phenomenal to have this many employers represented at an arts and letters job fair held in the spring. We've got companies we don't even have any place to put," Williams stated.

For many years, The Career

Center hosted a career fair for arts and letters students, but its purpose was to provide students with information, not employment. This job and internship fair marks The Center's first attempt at aggressively gathering companies from a variety of industries who have an immediate need for arts and letters students. Each company represented at the fair will either send a representative or have a resume drop box.

"Traditionally, arts and letters students have not felt that career centers really addressed their needs," said Williams. "They would look at the list of companies that come and find that they are generally business related. While we don't have a lot of control over who comes to our campus recruiting, [especially since many businesses interested in arts and letters students] ... may have a smaller pool of recruiters because in those industries there may not be as many jobs available," she added.

Svete agreed, "We have to be aggressive and go to them. [Through the resume drop boxes] some great employers will look at our students' resumes because we've reached out to them."

The Career Center invites not only arts and letters upperclassmen, but students from other colleges within the University, underclassmen, and students from other area colleges as well.

"We are seeing a lot of companies start earlier with internships to identify students as potential future employees. It used to be just juniors, but now they are increasingly looking at freshmen and sophomores," said Williams. "The earlier the students start in this process the

greater their chances of success will be."

However, the process does not have to be a complicated one. "If this is a student's first time, [the fair is] informal enough that he or she can approach the representatives, some of whom are alumni, and make the personal contact, pick up a business card and follow-up later in writing. If a student knows that they have a particular interest, do some research and ask intelligent questions at the fair to show the representative what he/she knows," said Svete.

This first annual fair will be sponsored by larger corporations like ABC News Nightline, Bloomberg Financial Markets, Buck Consultants, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Journal and Courier (Garnett), Pfizer-Steele Pharmaceuticals, Meijer, Anderson Consulting, Botta Trading, Easter Seals - Wisconsin, E S P N, Kaplan Educational Services, Profound Systems, and Cox Automation System, so that smaller businesses will not have to pay a participation fee. The sponsors also provided for the raffle of a 19-inch color TV.

As the variety of industries present at Friday's fair shows, without being trained in a specific skill like accounting or architecture, arts and letters students have a variety of options for employment; however, this often leads to confusion. "Part of the challenge is to

help arts and letters students find themselves, where they want to go and what they want to do," said Svete. "I think the best way to figure that out is to participate, do internships early, to get into the world of work and find their skills."

"[But] the challenge is three-fold: the first being to bring the companies to campus, the second to engage the arts and letters students to start thinking about the process. I think the third thing that's going to happen is that these employers are going to recognize the talent that is here and want to return."

However, The Career Center is not only reaching out to business on behalf of arts and letters students but to the arts and letters students themselves. The Center now offers evening hours, on-call times for walk-in appointments at convenient

locations like O'Shaughnessy and LaFortune, a new counselor specifically focused on advising arts and letters students, a computing center, an updated career library, the "Go Irish" web site for recruiting,

interviewing and scheduling, and an outreach program focused on cooperative efforts with hall rectors and college deans to inform students of their services.

"The [Center's] outreach this year has just been tremendous, but the in-pouring and receptiveness of the students has been even more magnificent," said Williams.

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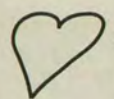
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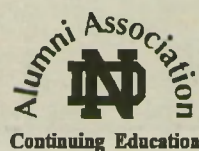
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Kaeser: acupuncture useful for animals, humans

By KATE STEER
Associate News Editor

In a culture increasingly dominated by science and Western medicine, local veterinarian Terry Kaeser is an unusual practitioner. A certified veterinary acupuncturist, Kaeser practices acupuncture on many of his patients in lieu of drugs such as stimulants, depressives or anesthetics. "Acupuncture is just another modality of medicine. Acupuncture, being an Asian art, is over 2000 years old," said Kaeser. "[It] It's a way of trying to balance

nature, or the chi or energy source."

Most people immediately associate needles with acupuncture, and associate the use of needles with pain. However, the needles used for acupuncture are quite different than those used for medical purposes.

"Acupuncture uses a tapered-point needle, so it separates tissue — it pushes tissue away. A hypodermic needle actually takes a core of tissue out, and cuts through tissue," Kaeser said.

Acupuncture is used in veterinary medicine and on

humans for treatment for problems from allergies to neurological disorders regarding seizures. Kaeser uses it primarily for skeletal problems such as hip dysplasia or slipped spinal disks.

"Acupuncture is not directly related to the area where you put the points. Oftentimes you treat hip problems in the feet area or in the upper spine," he said.

Kaeser, who has been practicing acupuncture since 1976, equates it to Western techniques.

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Terry Kaeser
veterinarian

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'prescriptions' that we can use if one doesn't work."

Treatment varies, according to Kaeser. In his own practice, Kaeser evaluates his patients after two or three sessions. If success is limited, a different 'prescription' might be tried.

Kaeser demonstrated the procedure on a volunteering German shepherd, Nanook, Wednesday as part of a series of presentations by the University's pre-veterinary club.

The club's next presenter will be Kristi Bush, a veterinarian specializing in touch therapy. The presentation will be at

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Report: Web journalism threatens Chinese government

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The Internet, which is helping to fuel the U.S. economy and President Clinton's desire to increase trade with China, apparently has also become a threat to the Chinese government's policies of suppressing press freedoms, a new report says.

China's ministry of state security now has an entire department devoted to tracking dissidents and their writings online, according to "Attacks on the Press in 1999," an annual report by the Committee to Protect Journalists.

The report details the number of killings, imprisonments and other forms of harassment of journalists around the world.

The report found that by the end of 1999, China and

Turkey had imprisoned more journalists than any other countries, with both holding 18 journalists behind bars.

Among the jailed in China was software entrepreneur Lin Hai, who was convicted of "inciting the subversion of state power" and sentenced to two years in prison for providing the e-mail addresses of 30,000 Chinese citizens to a U.S.-based online magazine that supports democratic reform in China.

"That was really a very striking phenomenon this year. In the cases in China, many of them were using the Internet to get their work out," said Ann Cooper, executive director of CPJ, a New York-based group that defends press freedoms around the world.

"What we're now seeing is the beginnings of crackdowns on this."

However, noted committee

researcher Kavita Menon, "It remains to be seen how effectively the Chinese government can actually control it and police it because of course the Internet is so vast."

The Clinton administration, meanwhile, is trying to convince Congress that permanent normal trade relations with China would eventually lead to a betterment of human rights there.

According to the report, 34 journalists died in the line of duty in various countries last year. Sierra Leone, a small West African country roughly the size of Indiana, was the deadliest assignment of 1999, with 10 journalists losing their lives there, the

report says.

The committee suspects the deaths of an additional 18 journalists in various nations were linked to their reportage, but the committee's investigators are still working to substantiate those connections.

The report suggests that many countries are using other means to repress the media, as well, "including such subtler tactics as squeezing them finan-

cially through fines and punitive taxation."

The vice chairman of the committee, Terry Anderson, former Middle East correspondent for The Associated Press, said kidnappings are another

weapon used against the media.

"It seems that this kind of thing is increasing," said Anderson, who was held hostage in Lebanon for seven years.

"In the last few years, it's become clear that government and antigovernment groups both are trying to directly influence news conference by attacking journalists."

After Sierra Leone, the most dangerous place to report the news was in Yugoslavia, where six journalists died. Colombia also was risky, with five reporters killed on the job.

The report documents a wide range of other types of attacks against journalists, including hundreds who were fined or assaulted, and a total of 87 who were being held behind bars for their work by the close of 1999.

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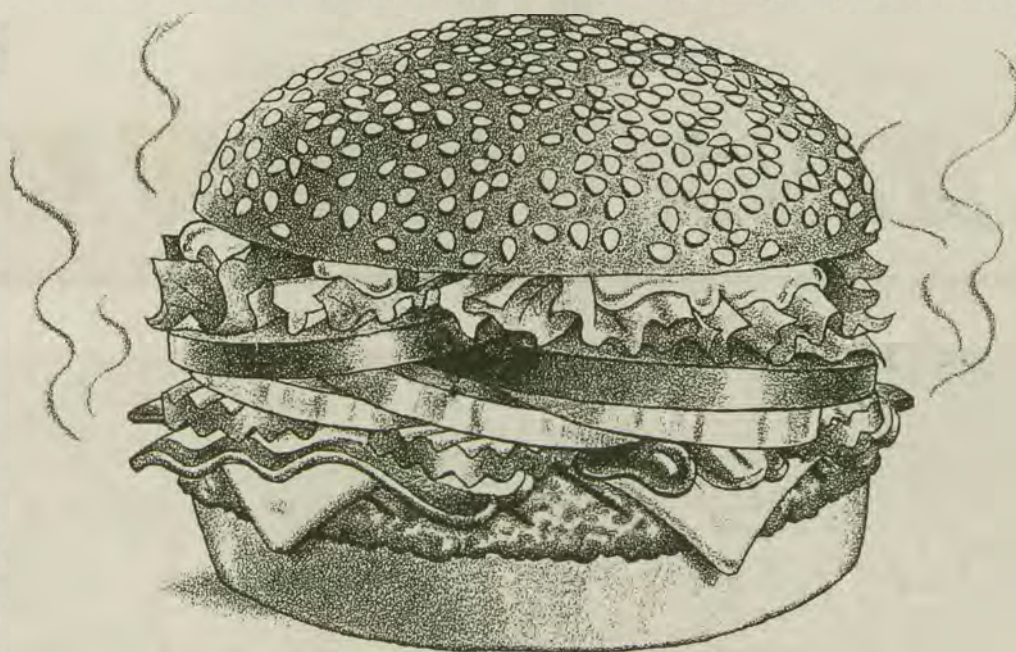
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Lawsuit awards women \$508 M

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Some 1,100 women who were denied jobs with the federal agency that disseminates U.S. government news and information overseas won \$508 million from the government Wednesday in the largest-ever settlement of a federal sex discrimination case.

The agreement, which still requires approval from a federal judge, comes 23 years after the first woman, the then-29-year-old Carolee Brady Hartman, accused the now-defunct U.S. Information Agency and its broadcast branch, the Voice of America, of turning her down for a job as a writer because of her gender.

"I went for a job interview and the man who was interviewing me told me that he was not going to hire me because I was a woman," said Brady, today a 52-year-old divorced social worker living in San Francisco. "At the time, I just didn't know how to respond. Now, I have a way of responding, and this is the victory that we all celebrate today. It is a delicious victory."

Lawsuit Specifics

1,100 women denied jobs by a U.S. federal agency will receive \$450,000 apiece before taxes in the settlement.

In addition to the \$508 million that must be paid to the women — approximately \$450,000 apiece before taxes — the federal government must also give them nearly \$23 million in back pay and interest and pay their attorneys' fees. Those fees will be at least \$12 million, because the lawyers intend to bill the government for approximately 90,000 hours of work over the 23 years.

"The message has to be sent to the United States government, to employers in this country and to employers around the world: The cost of discrimination is high. If you compound that with delay, the cost of discrimination is enormous," said Bruce Fredrickson, the women's lead attorney.

The Justice Department said that although there have been larger settlements involving other forms of discrimination, this was the largest federal sex discrimination case since the Civil Rights Act was signed into law in 1964.

In the end, after many years of insisting on trying each individual case in the courts, even though the suit had been certified as a class-action case, government lawyers decided to settle to save money; they had already lost 46 of the 48 cases that had gone to trial, with each woman winning about \$500,000. Those 46 will also share in Wednesday's settlement.

"We took into account the prior court decisions of the trial and appellate courts ..., the results of the individual class members' hearings that had been conducted to date, as well as our independent projections of the likely results of the remaining hearings in the absence of a settlement," said Wilma Lewis, U.S. attorney of the District of Columbia.

The government had been dealt a series of legal blows over the years. In 1984, the U.S. District Court here found the government guilty of sex discrimination. Since then, the government filed and lost two appeals and was denied a hearing by the Supreme Court.

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Carolee Brady Hartman
plaintiff

INDIA

President pushes India on environment

Associated Press

AGRA

President Clinton marveled at the wonders of the Taj Mahal on Wednesday but lamented that pollution has blemished the gleaming white marble walls of India's treasured monument in a way that wars, invasions and natural disasters could not.

He urged India, one of the world's poorest nations, not to sacrifice the environment for the sake of economic growth. "Give us a chance to work with your scientists to prove you can achieve even greater economic growth and make the environment cleaner," the president said.

The president toured the Taj Mahal after addressing the Parliament in New Delhi, urging India to forgo nuclear weapons and resume a dialogue with Pakistan despite bitter tensions.

"You don't make peace with your friends," Clinton said. "Engagement with adversaries is not the same thing as endorsement." Legislators



Clinton

slapped their desks in applause at much of the president's speech but listened in silence as he urged nuclear restraint and contact with Islamabad.

"In a nuclear standoff, there is nothing more dangerous than believing there is no danger," Clinton said.

He said the United States and former Soviet Union, despite safeguards and regular communication, "came far too close to nuclear war."

But even before the president spoke, India's government had rejected his call to sign a nuclear test ban treaty and otherwise restrain its nuclear program.

And afterward, Foreign Ministry spokesman Raminder Singh Jassal said this was not the time for talks with Pakistan.

"How can we have a dialogue with Pakistan when massacres are taking place with cross-border terrorism?" he asked, referring to the killing of 40 people in disputed Kashmir by gunmen whom India calls Pakistan-backed militants.

Pakistan "must stop cross-border terrorism and cease hostile propaganda against us," Jassal said.

The address to members of Parliament concluded Clinton's two days of official business in New Delhi.

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Elian relatives fight Court ruling

♦ Family hopes to keep Cuban boy in United States

Associated Press

MIAMI — Attorneys for Elian Gonzalez's great-uncle said Wednesday they would go to the Supreme Court if necessary to keep the 6-year-old boy in the United States, while Cuban-American groups met to discuss the tactics they would use if the boy is sent back to the communist island.

"This an extraordinary case that could reach the highest levels of our court system," said attorney Kendall Coffey. "I've never seen a more compelling or dramatic story in my life."

For now, the legal team is focusing on the next step. The attorneys filed a notice of appeal with the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta on Tuesday, hours after U.S. District Judge Michael Moore dismissed the Miami family's lawsuit and affirmed the government's decision to send Elian to his father in Cuba.

"Elian has been saying over and over again that he doesn't see why he has to go back," said the boy's cousin, Georgina Cid Cruz. "I don't think sending him back is in his best interest. We want his father to be here. We love our family in Cuba and for us it's tearing us apart."

Elian has been at the center

of an international custody dispute and a power struggle among his relatives since he was found clinging to an inner tube off Florida on Nov. 25. His mother and 10 others drowned when their boat capsized during an attempt to reach the United States.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service has ordered the boy to be reunited with his father in Cuba, but his relatives in Miami have sued to prevent that, saying he deserves the opportunity to live in America that his mother sought for him.

The leaders of 17 Cuban-American groups — which have often protested the government's decision to send Elian home — met Wednesday in Miami to discuss measures they would take if the boy is returned.

"Should a decision come where something happens, that the people don't like, let's demonstrate so that our message can get to Washington," said Ramon Saul Sanchez of the Democracy Movement.

After Moore's ruling Tuesday, Attorney General Janet Reno said she would consult with other Justice Department officials on how to

reunite Elian with his father in a prompt and orderly way. But she did not set any deadline.

Justice officials have made clear that they want to avoid any steps that would traumatize the boy or provoke a confrontation with Miami's large Cuban exile community.

In South Africa on Wednesday, Cuba's foreign minister said Elian was being manipulated by forces that think only "about revenge against Cuba" and "dream of a war between Cuba and the United States." The minister, Felipe Perez Roque, would not elaborate, but it was clear he was speaking about the Cuban community in South Florida.

Greg Craig, the attorney for Elian's father, said on NBC's "Today" that the most humane action the Miami relatives could take would be to drop their appeal.

He said the father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez, would come to the United

States immediately to pick up Elian, but only if he were certain the boy would leave with him.

The Miami family's appeal focuses on a provision of U.S. asylum law that says any alien has a right to apply for asylum. "Any alien also means Elian Gonzalez," Coffey said.

"I don't think sending him back is in his best interest. We want his father to be here. We love our family in Cuba and for us it's tearing us apart."

Georgina Cid Cruz
cousin

Hostages say they drugged assailant

Associated Press

BALTIMORE

After four days as hostages, a couple managed to escape suspected killer Joseph Palczynski by putting a sedative in his iced tea, then slipping out of an apartment window as he dozed.

Police stormed the small apartment Tuesday night to rescue the couple's 12-year-old son, then shot Palczynski to death when he was startled awake and made a "furtive gesture." Police said he had three guns within reach.

"He put us on an emotional roller coaster.

We would think that he was ready to give in, but then he would say, 'I'm going to die here or I'll escape,'"

hostage Andy McCord told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

"We're pretty exhausted. We just thank God we're alive."

It was a dramatic ending not only to the ordeal of the three hostages, but also to a three-week spree of violence by Palczynski.

He was arrested March 4 for allegedly beating his ex-girlfriend, Tracy Whitehead. After

getting out on bail, he kidnapped Whitehead and killed three people who tried to help her, police said. Whitehead escaped on March 8, but Palczynski killed a woman and shot a child in the face while trying to steal a car, police said.

The 31-year-old unemployed electrician eluded police for almost two weeks, allegedly fleeing to Virginia and then forcing a man to drive him back to Baltimore at gunpoint.

On Friday night, Palczynski forced his way into the apartment of Whitehead's mother, Lynn Whitehead, and held her hostage along with McCord —

her boyfriend — and their 12-year-old son, Bradley McCord, in the suburb of Dundalk.

McCord said he and Bradley barricaded themselves in a bedroom while Palczynski shot about 50 rounds

through the door. They escaped injury, however, and endured 100 tense hours with Palczynski in the apartment.

Palczynski — who spent nearly all of his adult life in prison, mental institutions or on probation — called himself "Colonel Palczynski" and went through sudden, wild mood swings.

"He put us on an emotional roller coaster. We would think that he was ready to give in, but then he would say, 'I'm going to die here or I'll escape.'"

Andy McCord
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Court rules student fees are no violation

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

State-run schools can subsidize campus groups with money collected from mandatory student activities fees without violating the rights of students who find some of those groups objectionable, the Supreme Court ruled Wednesday.

The justices unanimously upheld the University of Wisconsin's student-fee system after finding the school does not pick and choose which student groups to fund based on the views they espouse.

"The First Amendment permits a public university to charge its students an activity fee used to fund a program to facilitate extracurricular student speech if the program is viewpoint neutral," Justice Anthony Kennedy wrote for the court.

The amendment protects free-speech rights, and the mandatory fees had been challenged by students who said their rights were violated by forcing them to contribute to groups they oppose.

Had the justices ruled the other way, public colleges and universities across America would have had to stop giving money to controversial student groups or figure out some way to give partial refunds to those students who wanted them.

Liberal groups praised the ruling.

"College and university campuses have a long tradition of providing a forum where many voices can be heard," said Ralph Neas of People for the American

Way.

But conservative groups said the decision shortchanged some students.

"The court accorded little value to a student's right," said Liberty Counsel's Matthew Staver. "This decision takes away the rights of the objectors."

The court previously had allowed members of labor unions and bar associations to opt out of paying mandatory dues that might subsidize political advocacy. But Wednesday's ruling drew a distinction by emphasizing what Kennedy called "the important and substantial purposes of the university, which seeks to facilitate a wide range of speech."

The court had split 5-4 when ruling five years ago that public universities and colleges cannot create a "public forum" for students by supplying subsidies and then refuse to fund some groups because of their viewpoints.

The 1995 decision, involving a campus religious group at the University of Virginia, divided the court along its ideological fault line. That gap was not in evidence Wednesday, surprising liberal and conservative advocates alike.

When Wisconsin's student-fees system was challenged in 1996, about \$15 of the \$166.75 that students paid in fees each semester was earmarked for distribution to campus groups by the student government. For a school with some 38,000 students, that created a total fund each semester of about \$570,000.

Senate ends Social Security limits

◆ Decision allows benefits to be collected without regard to income

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

By a 100-0 vote, the Senate joined the House in agreeing Wednesday to let Social Security recipients collect their full

benefits no matter what they earn. President Clinton has promised to sign the bill.

That was welcome news for Lewis Bowers, 65, of Columbia, Md., and about 800,000 other people who remain on the job through their late 60s.

Bowers said he got a nasty surprise when his tax preparer told him he had to reimburse the government a big portion of last year's Social Security benefits because he had continued to work construction and earned more than \$17,000.

"It was a rude awakening," said Bowers, who was visiting the Capitol on Wednesday. "A lot of people my age are going to be happy tonight," he said after the Senate vote.

The House passed an almost identical version by a 422-0 vote three weeks ago. It will have to vote on it

again, most likely next week, congressional aides say, because the Senate made a technical change to assure that workers age 64 are not penalized.

"I look forward to opening a new era of opportunity for older Americans by signing this measure into law," President Clinton said in a statement from India, where he was visiting the Taj Mahal.

The change would be made retroactive to Dec. 31, 1999, effectively boosting the income of 800,000 workers 65 through 69 by thousands of dollars before election day next November.

Under current law, those workers now must return \$1 of Social Security benefits for every \$3 they earn above \$17,000. Until Congress raised the ceiling before the 1996 election, new beneficiaries could earn only \$11,250 a year before losing some of their benefits.

For folks like Clarence Plante, 68, a Wal-Mart employee from Manassas Va., those extra dollars that will stay in his household are sorely needed.

"This was a penalty that really hurt," Plante said. "Today, it's not a luxury to work after 65." Many seniors

are raising their grandchildren, and after bills are paid, "nothing is left over," he said.

Lawmakers in both parties called the earnings limit a Depression era relic intended to push seniors out of the workplace to make room for younger workers.

With a current unemployment rate of only 4.1 percent, penalizing able-bodied seniors for continuing to work is the last thing the government should be doing, said Sen. Spencer Abraham, R-Mich.

"We need the workers," Abraham said. "It would be ridiculous at a time when we

have these [employment] needs to drive people from the work force."

Sen. Bob Kerrey, D-Neb., who is not seeking re-election, sounded the only discord in two days of debate.

While supporting the bill, Kerrey said he was troubled that more extensive Social Security reform wasn't being pursued.

Experts warn that without an increase in the current 12.4 percent Social Security tax or a decrease in benefits, the fund will start paying out more money than it receives in 2017, shortly after the post-World War II baby boomers begin retiring en masse.

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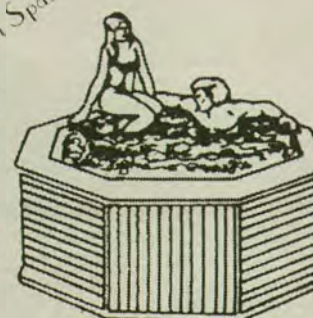
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McCain shows GOP support in return to Capitol Hill

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Juggling party loyalty with political independence, Sen. John McCain promised House Republicans on Wednesday he will campaign vigorously for them, then prodded former GOP rival George W. Bush to support federal regulation of tobacco.



McCain

"I hope the governor will take that position," he said in an Associated Press interview.

Bush, who defeated McCain to lock up the Republican presidential nomination, has declined to say whether he favors federal regulation.

In the interview in his Senate office, McCain said he intends to board his campaign bus, the Straight Talk Express, one more time, and ride it this summer from the Capitol to his party's national convention in Philadelphia.

He said he underwent a "10-to-12 hour period of depression" the night of Super Tuesday when he realized his campaign was over. He lay awake for hours, he said, not because he lost, but because

"the ride was over." He said he was proud of the reform-based campaign he ran, conceded some mistakes but defended one of his most controversial acts, a speech strongly criticizing Pat Robertson and Jerry Falwell in the days before the Virginia primary.

The speech "needed to be given," he said. "It would not have been fair for me to have won the primary and then" made the comments, which many Republicans say triggered a backlash among cultural conservatives that cost McCain dearly at the polls.

McCain has been grudging in his praise of Bush since returning to Washington this week, although he has frequently said he will support the nominee of his party.

"I respect the verdict of the voters," he said. "I respect Governor Bush, but I have to say in the interests of straight talk I would not have run the campaign he ran under any circumstances."

After Bush lost the New Hampshire primary, he sharply attacked McCain in the weeks that followed, relying on surrogates in South Carolina and elsewhere as well as his own campaign television commercials.

McCain, with his campaign over, has sought to re-enter the Senate this week as a loyal Republican committed to main-

taining the GOP majority. At the same time, he has repeated his determination to press the "reform agenda" that helped fuel his rise in the presidential race and frequently brought him into conflict with his own party.

On tobacco, McCain said he will support an effort to pass legislation this year giving the Food and Drug Administration jurisdiction. The Supreme Court ruled on Tuesday the agency currently lacks such power, a 5-4 opinion that renewed interest in the legislation.

"I believe we could pass a bill that would give the FDA the authority," he said. He added, though, that when I see the huge influence of the tobacco companies — the

Republican Party took \$7 million from the tobacco companies — then obviously I'm concerned."

McCain's comments put him at odds with Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, who opposes expanding the FDA's authority,

and also served as a challenge to Bush.

The Texas governor side-stepped the question of FDA jurisdiction in a statement issued on Tuesday, and again on Wednesday. "He believes that Congress should pass tough laws to keep tobacco out of the hands of kids similar to strict anti-teen smoking laws he advocated and signed in Texas," it said.

If McCain was parting company with his party on one issue, he signaled his loyalty on another. In a closed-door meeting with House Republicans, he promised to campaign for GOP candidates without imposing conditions such as support for his key issue of campaign finance legislation.

"There may be Republican candidates that I campaign for who may not totally agree with me on some issues of reform. Those are far better people for me to deal with

than Democrats on a broad variety of issues because at least I share the same philosophy with these Republican candidates."

John McCain
U.S. Senator (R-Ariz.)

Even as McCain met with Republicans, Democrats sought to exploit the issue. Rep. Patrick Kennedy, D-R.I., who chairs his party's campaign committee, said McCain has put himself in an awkward position of supporting lawmakers who oppose his bill. "House Republicans are controlled by the wealthy special interests — and not even the Straight Talk Express can get them back on track," Kennedy said.

McCain was warmly received by the House rank and file — a contrast to the derision that many Republican have heaped on his call for a ban on campaign "soft money." According to several Republicans, one lawmaker who faces a tough race, Rep. Brian Bilbray, publicly asked McCain to campaign on his behalf in his district in California.

Rep. Jim Rogan, another Californian who faces a strong challenge, urged McCain to join the GOP ticket as vice presidential running mate this fall, these Republicans added.

In comments to fellow lawmakers, McCain demurred about joining the ticket.

In the interview, he dismissed the idea.

Asked whether he might ever run again for the White House, he said he doubted it.

"You never rule anything out in life, except the vice presidency," he laughed.

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Dispelling most small town myths

I come from a small town. Most people immediately think of things like gigantic belt buckles, country music and large pickup trucks when they think of small towns. After my brother's freshman year at college, his fraternity buddies wrote in his personal summary for their annual, "After hearing about the wonders of MIT, Richard sadly left his goat-herding duties in Oregon behind and traveled to big town Boston." We small town folks get a bad rap.

But, despite the rumors, there really are some people out there, like me, who come from small towns and yet don't own a belt buckle or a large truck and who even hate country music. (Note: my family does not now nor have we ever owned goats, sheep or any other herdable creatures.)

My small town is called St. Helens, Ore., and it's about thirty miles north of Portland. We have two grocery stores, three video stores and one movie theatre with one screen. This movie theatre is probably the last place on earth where you can get still three tickets to a show, a huge bucket of popcorn and two sodas for \$15.

My town has about 10,000 people, so I figure that if you add up the Notre Dame student population, the faculty, the administration, the grounds keepers and the food service people, this place is probably about as big as my home town. And you see some of the same things I like about my hometown here on campus. For example, going to Mass at the Basilica is always interesting for me because I am just as likely to see a student I work with as a professor I have in

the pew next to me. But there are a few uniquely small town things that I really miss.

My town is small enough that I actually live next door to my high school English teacher and across the street from my best friend. My window looks into my English teacher's garage. I used to drive by her house late at night on my way home when we had turned in a big project or paper that day in school, and if the lights were on, I would think to myself "Good! You stay up as late grading it as I stayed up doing it!"

Another thing about small towns is the fact that you sometimes have the same teacher for several years in a row. We only had one band teacher in the whole town, so I started with him in fifth grade and ended with him as a senior. You can really get close to a teacher in eight years. My parents are divorced, and my mom used to live on his way home, so every week or two, he would drop me off at her house after school and pick me up the next morning.

That's an example of the kind of caring that only results from years of knowing someone.

Probably the nicest thing about small towns is the trust. I went to ACE Hardware to get a key copied for my car last year. The lady made the key, handed me the copy and the original, and told me to go try the key on the door to see if it worked, and then come back in and pay. I could easily have taken off with my new key, but, of course, I didn't.

So, you say, that's just a key. Small loss

if I hadn't brought it back. My best small town story is from my father. The mouse for our computer was not working, so he took it in to the computer store in town (we only have one of those) and asked the guy what to do. The man said he needed a new mouse, and set about finding him one.

When he found it, my dad asked what he owed the guy. The guy told my dad to take it home and see if it worked with our computer, and if it did, to come back and pay. Now tell me that is not small town trust and honesty! (My father did, of course, go back and pay.)

True, there are downsides to small town life. The guys in my town have invented a sport that may be new to everyone else on earth called "mudding." In this sport, you take your car or, preferably, truck and go to a big muddy hill, where you proceed to four-wheel in the mud until it gets dark or you get stuck. Usually the latter. And I must admit that I did once meet a guy with a belt buckle larger than my hand.

But despite the boredom and backwardness that can sometimes come with small towns, the peace, friendliness and trust are soothing to the soul.

Marlayna is a freshman Psychology major. Her column appears every other Thursday.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Truly celebrating the eucharist

In response to Thomas Cooney's letter on Mar. 21 responding to Salvadora Hernandez's critique of the Basilica's policy of reserving large sections of seats for people at certain regularly scheduled masses:

In my view, Ms. Hernandez's letter reflected an authentic, and quite traditional, appreciation for the communitarian meaning of "liturgy," "eucharist" and "church," rather than an "ultra-touchy and whiny attitude," as Mr. Cooney puts it.

The liturgy is the "work of the people" giving praise and thanksgiving to God. It is the work of all the people, together. The community celebrating the eucharist, doing so as the church, shares one baptism, one profession of faith and one Christ. To paraphrase one theologian, the eucharist is a festival of

fellowship and love, a participation in the passover from sin to grace. It is not a graduation ceremony or a "fundraiser-thank you," even though we rightfully celebrate the generosity of people within it. It is not about "space-management."

The introduction of rank and privilege into this reality — together with ushers to enforce this rank and privilege — is simply incompatible with the nature of the mass itself. With a block of 250 people given a place of privilege in the middle of the Basilica, one can easily see why Ms. Hernandez felt shoved aside, and why it did not "fit" with what she, and everybody else, was doing there. Who was discourteous to whom? And more importantly, who was acting out a sense of the meaning of the mystery of the celebration and who wasn't?

Mr. Cooney argues that the 5 p.m. mass in question is analogous to a wedding mass. It is worth pointing out, though, that a wedding is normally not held at a regularly scheduled mass time, and is a bit more personal. When my wife and I got married, our parents sat in the first row and everyone else just filled in. I've been to a lot of weddings, but I've never seen a huge chunk of space set aside in the manner described by Cooney and Hernandez. The Basilica needs to think this through.

James Ball
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March 22, 2000

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"A man travels the world over in search of what he needs and returns home to find it."

George Moore
playwright

NBA

Sprewell leads Knicks to trouncing of Bulls 78-67

Associated Press

Latrell Sprewell scored 21 points and New York produced its best defensive effort of the season in a 78-67 victory over the Chicago Bulls on Wednesday.

The victory snapped a two-game losing streak for New York and was the eighth consecutive loss for the Bulls, who have dropped 16 of their 17.

The 67 points were the fewest surrendered by the Knicks this season.

New York led 61-55 entering the fourth quarter, but Sprewell and Larry Johnson each scored four points in an 8-0 run that put the Knicks in control at 69-55.

Chicago, which made just one field goal in the first 11 minutes of the fourth period, was never able to cut the Knicks lead to less than nine the rest of the way.

The Bulls missed their first 12 shots and fell behind 9-0. But the Bulls hung in and trailed by 10, at 49-39, on a short jumper by Elton Brand late in the half.

Patrick Ewing and Charlie Ward answered with baskets for the Knicks, but Chicago closed to 47-41 at the half on Chris Carr's jumper two seconds before the buzzer.

Ewing added 12 points and Allan Houston had 11 for the Knicks, while Brand led Chicago with 22 points and 13 rebounds.

Timberwolves 109, Celtics 106

Anthony Peeler's 3-point basket with two-tenths of a second left and Kevin Garnett's career-high 40 points gave the Minnesota Timberwolves a 109-106 win over the Boston Celtics on Wednesday night.

Paul Pierce had tied the game at 106 with a 3-pointer with 6.7 seconds remaining.

Terrell Brandon then drib-

bled the ball up court and passed to Peeler, who shot from the left corner as a stumbling Pierce ran toward him.

Boston's only hope was slim — tap the inbounds pass in for a 3-pointer.

It disappeared when Garnett tipped the ball away from Antoine Walker.

It was a tough defeat for the Celtics, who had won seven of their previous nine games to move 1 1/2 games behind Orlando for the final Eastern Conference playoff spot.

It also ended their five-game home winning streak.

Malik Sealy added 24 points, including two free throws that ended a five-point run and gave Minnesota a 106-103 lead with 18 seconds to go.

He made all 13 of his free throws. Peeler scored 16.

76ers 106 Raptors 93

Allen Iverson scored 44 points, including 31 in the second half, and Tyrone Hill added 20 points and 12 rebounds as the Philadelphia 76ers defeated the Toronto Raptors 106-93 Wednesday night in a preview of a potential first-round series in the Eastern Conference playoffs.

Vince Carter overcame a tough first half to score 26 points.

Tracy McGrady added 20 for Toronto, which lost its second straight game after winning 11 of 12.

It was the fourth straight victory for the 76ers, who pulled into a tie with Toronto for the fourth spot in the conference at 39-28.

Magic 103 Hawks 90

Darrell Armstrong poured in 27 points and dished out 10 assists and John Amaechi added 16 points, to lead the Orlando Magic to a 103-90 win over the Atlanta Hawks at the O-Rena.

Orlando won its second straight contest to remain in sole possession of the eighth playoff spot in the Eastern

Conference, while the Hawks fell for the fifth time in six games.

Atlanta was led by its bench, as Dion Glover, Chris Crawford and Lorenzen Wright had 18 apiece in the losing cause.

Orlando jumped out to an early 28-18 advantage after a 13-4 spurt, capped by two Armstrong free throws with 2:33 left in the first stanza.

The Magic held a 32-22 advantage after one courtesy of eight Monty Williams points.

Atlanta slowly chipped away at the Magic's lead during the second quarter, pulling the game even, 55-55, at the intermission on a Glover bucket. G

Wright led the charge for Atlanta with 12 first-half points, while Amaechi netted 14 for the Magic.

Spurs 103 Clippers 78

Tim Duncan scored 30 points in his best game since returning from an injury, and the San Antonio Spurs rebounded from an embarrassing loss to Dallas with a 103-78 victory over the Los Angeles Clippers on Wednesday night.

Samaki Walker came off the bench to tie his season high with 18 points for the Spurs, who blew a 22-point to Dallas in Tuesday night's 97-96 loss.

Spurs forward Sean Elliott scored six points in 19 minutes, marking his best production in his five games since returning from a kidney transplant.

Duncan had an easy time handling Los Angeles defenders Keith Closs and Michael Olowokandi.

Duncan, who missed for games from Feb. 25-March 4 with an abdominal injury, hit 12-of-20 shots and also grabbed 11 rebounds.

The Clippers took a 16-9 lead and held the advantage midway through the second quarter.

But the Spurs, keyed by

Walker, went on a 20-8 run to close the half and lead 53-42.

The Clippers played without leading scorer Maurice Taylor, who missed the game with a sprained left ankle.

Derek Anderson led the Clippers with 17 points, while Olowokandi added 14 points and six rebounds.

Suns 114 Kings 93

An ankle injury to Jason Kidd tempered the Phoenix Suns' 114-93 victory over the Sacramento Kings on Wednesday night.

The All-Star guard injured his left ankle with .2 seconds left in the first half while racing the clock to take a shot.

Suns officials were uncertain of the extent of the injury, and said Kidd was taken for an MRI.

Cliff Robinson scored a game-high 26 points for the Suns, who remained 1 1/2 games ahead of the San Antonio Spurs for fourth place in the Western Conference.

The Spurs beat the Los Angeles Clippers 103-78 earlier Wednesday.

Reserve Rodney Rogers had 18 points and Randy Livingston, subbing for Kidd, added 17 for Phoenix.

Chris Webber, who battled foul trouble much of the game, scored 16 points to lead Sacramento.

Vlade Divac and Jason Williams each had 14 for the Kings, who saw their three-game winning streak snapped.

The Suns hit 16 of 24 shots to outscore the Kings 38-22 en route to an 88-74 lead after three quarters.

Everything reversed in the second quarter as Phoenix, which shot 70 percent in the first period (14-of-20), missed nine of its first 12 field-goal attempts.

The Suns went 5:42 without a field goal and committed 11 of their 18 first-half turnovers.

Pistons 104, Trail Blazers 95

Grant Hill took over the fourth quarter for a second straight night, scoring 14 of his 24 points in the period Wednesday night as the Detroit Pistons rallied to beat the Portland Trail Blazers 104-95.

Jerry Stackhouse added 23 points and Terry Mills had 14 of his 16 in the second half on 4-of-5 3-point shooting for the Pistons, who have won three straight road games after losing their previous 11.

Rasheed Wallace and Steve Smith each scored 20 for the Blazers, who led by as many as 14 in the second quarter and 11 late in the third before the Pistons started hitting shots from all over the floor.

Backup Jerome Williams added 13 rebounds for the Pistons, who shot 58 percent in the second half.

Lakers 119 Warriors 96

Shaquille O'Neal scored 14 of his 22 points in the first eight minutes Wednesday night as the Los Angeles Lakers took command early in rolling to a 119-96 victory over the Golden State Warriors.

The win was the fourth straight and 23rd in 24 games for the Lakers, whose 57-12 record is the NBA's best. The Warriors have lost three in a row and 13 of their last 15.

O'Neal left the game for good with 39 seconds left in the third quarter and the Lakers leading 95-70.

Adonal Foyle and Bill Curley tried to guard O'Neal without success, and Foyle picked up his fifth foul early in the third period.

Kobe Bryant added 18 points and Glen Rice had 17 for the Lakers. Rice also sat out the fourth quarter.

O'Neal, who watched the entire second period from the bench, scored six points in the first 4:10 of the third quarter to spark a 17-3 run, putting the Lakers ahead 82-48.

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Lewis Crush—will you be asked?

Yes, the withdrawal is beginning. But then, I have to get Grab ono Go every day so I keep seeing the office.

JM—Sorry I cannot be there to be among the mad. But lol! be mad in spirit. Wait, that sounds bad. Anyway, it might be too late.

SR—I miss you. Leave it to my first night holding down the fort and weove got 36 pages. And I bet youore at Sr. Bar! :)

Yay. SMCers at CJs tonight. Itos time to celebrate a week of hard work. Dnot miss it.

All I have to say is I want to go to bed. Now. I want my bed now.

These scary o's will be haunting me for years to come. I hate them.

Isn't it Friday yet??

MOVIE REVIEW

Julia Roberts shines as 'Erin Brockovich'

By CASEY K. MCKLUSKEY
Scene Movie Critic

Julia Roberts is back on the screen in one of her most impressive roles yet, playing the title role in the movie "Erin Brockovich."

This movie is based on the real life story of Erin Brockovich, a woman full of spitfire who would do anything to put food on the table for her three young children. Unfortunately, because of her lack of education, most employers feel Brockovich is not qualified for the jobs that she applies for. This does not stop Brockovich, though. When she is down to her last pennies in the bank, she walks into her lawyer's office and demands a job, refusing to leave until she is given one.

Her crass attitude, truck-driver vocabulary, and unique wardrobe raise quite a few eyebrows in the small firm, but these qualities, along with her hard-work, energy, and compassion, endear her to the firm's head lawyer, Ed Masry, played brilliantly by Albert Finney.

While working on one of the firm's new real estate cases, Brockovich cannot figure out why there are medical records in with the real estate information. Upon further investigation, she learns that a national utility company has been knowingly poisoning the groundwater in a small town. This company has been turning its back on the community and pretending to help the small town while

watching dozens of people fall ill to a variety of diseases. The result is a true David and Goliath class action suit that attempts to bring at least monetary compensation to the victims.

For the first time in her life, Erin is respected as a professional at her job, but the job is keeping her away from her family and the first man (Aaron Eckhart) who ever respected her for being a mother.

Director Steven Soderbergh does a masterful job with the characters he is working with. He does not portray Brockovich as a perfect saint. She is a complex character with both endearing qualities and personal flaws.

Roberts takes this character and portrays her with such honesty and charisma that it brings the film to a higher level. This is one of Roberts' best performances yet. The movie hinges on her. She succeeds in keeping the audience interested in this one case where a

movie like "A Civil Action" failed. Brockovich is the type of character that charms an audience because of her sharp-tongued wit and hometown girl compassion. She says things that most people only dream of saying - or think to say about a half hour too late.

If Roberts had not delivered in this role, the whole film would have fallen apart. Not only does Roberts deliver, she is able to elevate other actors in the film as well. Albert Finney is wonderful as Masry, the old ornery lawyer who needs someone like Brockovich to kick him in the rear every once in awhile. He is able to return the favor to Brockovich too. The chemistry



Albert Finney co-stars with Julia Roberts in Steven Soderbergh's new film "Erin Brockovich."

between these two shines through on the screen as they banter back and forth with each other. They both seem to be exactly what the other needs.

Aaron Eckhart plays George, a street smart Harley-lover who moves next door. Brockovich, who has been divorced twice, does not exactly trust men anymore. George seems too good to be true, but he proves to be the man Brockovich has been looking for. He loves the kids as if they were his own and respects what Brockovich is trying to do. Their relationship adds

an extra depth to the film that makes it more enjoyable.

Although this film may seem to have more appeal to women, do not write it off as only a chick flick. Erin Brockovich may be someone that many women may admire, but she is the type of person anyone can cheer for.

In these last weeks before the Oscars, few new movies come out and even fewer are worth the cost of a ticket or the time of the movie. "Erin Brockovich" is a film that is worth it.

MOVIE REVIEW

De Palma's 'Mission' too friendly for its own good

By V. VAN BUREN GILES
Scene Movie Critic

"Mission to Mars" is a great children's film. That must be said first because usually when people hear the name Brian De Palma they think of violent gangster films like "Scarface" and "The Untouchables." But those expecting to see a gruesome, bloody, futuristic space voyage are in for a rude awakening.

"Mission to Mars" is very friendly and innocent to the point of it being a cheesy science fiction flick. It's about a closely knit group of astronauts who are preparing a trip to Mars. It is a "popcorn" flick to say the least and one often wonders if these shiny, happy people exist in real life.

The characters are introduced at a family picnic on the eve of the launch, sharing in each others' joys and fears about the mission. Gary Sinise ("Snake Eyes," "Ransom") plays an astronaut who has been saddened by the recent loss of his wife and has trouble readjusting to his NASA duties. Tim Robbins ("The Shawshank Redemption," "Jacob's Ladder") plays

Sinise's friend and co-worker who will stick his neck out to get his friend back in the controller's seat of a mission. Don Cheadle ("Boogie Nights," "Out of Sight") is the third member of the space-bound trio. His role as space captain for the mission takes a horrifying turn, resulting in the strange deaths of his fellow astronauts. He is the only surviving member of the original team and it is

now up to Sinise and Robbins to come rescue their buddy from the horrors of the red planet.

Cheadle's character discovers intelligent life on the desolate planet when an enormous face is revealed on the desert floor by a monstrous tornado that claimed the

other astronauts' lives. This giant twister makes for some superb special effects as does the giant face, which is discovered to be an alien artifact.

The film has some very childlike and warm qualities to it. Each character has a special, loving glow about them as well as a strong sense of duty to the mission. Some of the dialogue is hilarious - it resembles the weak humor and melodrama from early



Gary Sinise and Tim Robbins play astronauts sent to investigate the planet of Mars in Brian De Palma's sci-fi action-adventure "Mission to Mars."

Star Trek television episodes.

It is not difficult to notice strong similarities to Stanley Kubrick's legendary, sci-fi classic "2001: A Space Odyssey."

"Mission to Mars" is a mix of fantasy and family that leaves the audience with feelings like those provided by

Hallmark greeting cards and the 80's song "We are the World."

Check it out for a new look at future space exploration. But definitely go for the laugh of seeing Gary Sinise with blonde highlights and what looks to be eyeliner and mascara that he sports in every scene.

OSCAR WATCH

And the loser is ... almost everyone

With four losers for every winner, the biggest Oscar party is a party for losers

By JASON HAMMONTREE
Scene Movie Critic

With the Academy Awards only days away and the stolen Oscar statuettes finally recovered, the nominees for this year's event can begin work on the hardest and most important part of the evening: the loser's smile. With four losers for every winner, most actors must work hard to perfect that gritty grin that is displayed upon hearing another person called to the podium. A grin that says, "Oh yes, you are such a deserving winner," while underneath that teathy, locked-jaw smile, the expletives and comments about the winner's outfit can be unleashed. It is a smile so absolutely fake, and yet so necessary, to avoid being caught on television with a death stare as one's name is not called.

Some of the nominees and winners seem obvious; others leave us shaking our heads. In this wonderfully spiteful spirit, Scene thought it would be fun to take a look at the losers of the past few years, (and those not even nominated), in another important movie category: "Best Oscar Snubs."

We'll begin with the 1997 awards, the so-called Year of the Independent Film. That year critics and film pundits pontificated about the death of the studio picture and the lack of vision and creativity to be found there, for the truly great features were in the low-budget independent films. This hubbub started when the best picture nominees for that year were announced, and "Jerry McGuire" stood as the only big-budget studio film nominated (the other four: "Fargo," "Secrets & Lies," "Shine" and "The English Patient").

The Academy had rewarded the smaller films and the wonderful performances in them; and we were introduced to actors like Emily Watson, William H. Macy and Edward Norton, and directors like Anthony Minghella, whose "The English Patient" swept the big awards. For once, it seemed that the Academy had gotten it right. The deserving were nominated, and the deserving won. But no "Best Snub" winners is little fun, so let's move on.

If 1997 was the year of the small fea-



Phot Courtesy of Warner Bros. Pictures

Jim Carrey failed to earn an Academy Award nomination for his performance in the Andy Kaufman bio-pic "Man on the Moon," despite critical praise and a Golden Globe win. Carrey is one of many who have been "snubbed" by Oscar over the years.

ture, 1998 was the Year of "Titanic," in all its big-studio, big-budget glory. It's hard to remember other films from that year — were any other films even nominated? But though "Titanic" received a whopping 13 nominations, winning 11, there was also one "Best Snub" for the film. Mr. Leonardo DiCaprio was not nominated for best actor. Lest you think this kid is some acting slouch, remember that he was nominated in 1993 for a terrific performance in "What's Eating Gilbert Grape." And so, while everyone and their brother got to go on stage for "Titanic," Leo sat at home, watching the show on television. (Although, don't worry Leo. None of the performances from that movie won an Oscar.)

1999 was an exciting year, which saw "Shakespeare in Love," "Saving Private Ryan" and "Life is Beautiful" duke it out for the year's best, and an awards show

that was not without some exciting snubs and controversy. The first "Best Snub" occurred with the early favorite "Saving Private Ryan" failing to win best picture. Now, "Shakespeare in Love" was a deserving film, but there was a feeling that the Oscar had been bought because of Miramax's strong push for the film. The amount that they spent promoting "Shakespeare" (especially to the Academy voters) made many feel that the integrity of the awards had been compromised. This sort of thing arose again this year during the Golden Globes, when Sharon Stone, wanting a nomination for her work in "The Muse," sent gold watches to members of the Foreign Press, who vote for those awards. The watches were eventually returned.

Other "Best Snubs" for last year included the movie "Rushmore," especially the failure to nominate Bill Murray for best

supporting actor. His performance was a particular favorite of the critics that year. Another picture that many felt was unfairly left out was "Out of Sight," the George Clooney-Jennifer Lopez dark comedy, which had won the New York Film Critics Best Picture Award.

But the most interesting snub of that year was Jim Carrey's performance in "The Truman Show." He won a Golden Globe for the movie, yet did not get a best actor nomination. That scenario repeated itself this year, with Carrey again winning the Golden Globe for his performance as comedian Andy Kaufman in "Man on the Moon." But again, come Oscar time, both Carrey and the film go empty handed.

Two "Best Snubs" in a row: Way to go Jim! What makes Carrey's snubs so provocative (and entertaining) is not that he was necessarily deserving of the nominations, but that he refuses to "grin and bear it." He has spoken openly many times on how he "was robbed."

Which brings us to this year's Oscar race. We can only talk about the "Best Snub" nominees right now, of course. We'll have to wait until Monday to cry foul over the winners. But already there has been much talk on the films that were left out of the show. Entertainment Weekly called 1999 the best year of film ever, with so many wildly inventive films made. Many then were disappointed when films such as "Being John Malkovich," "Election," "Three Kings" and "Fight Club" received few, if any, nominations. Other snubs include "The Talented Mr. Ripley," Minghella's first since "The English Patient," which only got one "big" nomination (Jude Law for best supporting actor). And, "The Hurricane" received only one nod (Denzel Washington for best actor). That film was hurt by questions over the film's bending of the truth, and it wiped out virtually all its support.

And so, the snubbing continues.

Enjoy the broadcast Sunday night. And when the winners are called, watch the losers use their pearly whites to try and draw attention away from their beady little eyes. And if that doesn't work, they can always be like Carrey and claim they were snubbed. Good luck and may the "Best Snub" go to the sorest loser.

BOX OFFICE



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TOP TEN

Weekend of March 17-19

Movie Title	Weekend Sales	Total Sales
1. Erin Brockovich	\$ 21.8 million	\$ 21.8 million
2. Mission to Mars	\$ 11.4 million	\$ 40.6 million
3. Final Destination	\$ 10.1 million	\$ 10.1 million
4. My Dog Skip	\$ 5.3 million	\$ 21.6 million
5. The Ninth Gate	\$ 3.5 million	\$ 12.5 million
6. The Whole Nine Yards	\$ 3.2 million	\$ 51.1 million
7. American Beauty	\$ 3.2 million	\$ 103.1 million
8. The Cider House Rules	\$ 2.5 million	\$ 56.4 million
9. Snow Day	\$ 2.2 million	\$ 56.4 million
10. The Tigger Movie	\$ 1.8 million	\$ 41.6 million

Source: Yahoo!

VIEWPOINT

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Memories of a true friend

Throughout my three years at Saint Mary's College, I have encountered some of the most amazing and remarkable women that I will ever have the chance to know. These women have proven to be faithful friends, voices of reason and comfort in times of sorrow. It is in this spirit that I can call myself truly blessed to have known and loved Kristi Morris — not only did she meet all of the aforementioned criteria, but she far exceeded it.

Kristi truly was the epitome of the ideal woman: she gracefully walked the fine line between wildness and groundedness. I will never fully understand how she managed to maintain such a complex paradoxical existence, but I will forever be in awe of every aspect of her life.

Not only was Kristi stunning on a physical level, her beauty was offset by the depth of her faith and her honest concern for those around her. Few of us have the capacity to love as Kristi did, nor do we have the perseverance to keep fighting in the face of adversity. With her knowledge in social work and her understanding of the human psyche, Kristi was a resource for me in my dealing with high school students.

I am currently student teaching at a local high school, and one group of students had driven me to the point of complete frustration the last time that Kristi and I spoke. She gave me a kiss on the forehead and told me, "Ellen, teaching is what you've always wanted to do in life. Don't you dare let one group of kids take that right away from you." She assured me, as she walked out the door, that she would be praying for me in my time of need. It is with great hope, amidst this time of sorrow, that I know that my prayers will now be personally answered.

There is no doubt that heaven has brought one of it's own back home in the passing of Kristi Morris, and I consider myself incredibly blessed and my life enriched for the time that we were allowed to borrow with this angel here on earth. Kristi will be forever missed by those who knew and loved her, but her memory will undoubtedly serve as inspiration to anyone who hears the story of her remarkable life. Kristi, we love and miss you, but we wait in anticipation for the day that we may join you in your new life. I can never thank you enough just for letting me bask in the radiance that was your earthly life. I am forever in debt to you, Angel.

Ellen Anderson
Senior
Off-Campus
March 21, 2000

What's on your mind?
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Conflicting with Catholic teachings

In recent weeks the PSA (Progressive Student Alliance) has been urging the University Task Force on Anti-Sweatshop Initiatives and President Malloy to accept two proposals or demands. The first is to join the Workers' Rights Consortium; the second is to withdraw from the Fair Labor Association.

Todd David
Whitmore

*The Common
Good*

A March 7th letter signed by nine members of the PSA invoked "Catholic Social Teaching" to put the message in no uncertain terms. "If the University of Notre Dame does not leave the FLA and join the WRC by March 27, 2000, we will take this as a message that the University prefers to protect the interests of its corporate funders rather than following Catholic Social Teaching by acting in solidarity with the working poor." Other PSA documents and statements refer to Catholic social teaching in a similar way.

This invocation of Catholic social teaching — both the fact of it and the manner in which it is done — raises a number of points for reflection. My own sense is that there is a fair amount of affinity between the general aims of the PSA and the concerns of Catholic social teaching. Both seek to address the needs of the poor. The official church statement that comes to mind when I think of the PSA at its best comes from the introduction to the 1971 Synod of Bishops' "Justice in the World": "Action on behalf of justice and participation in the transformation of the world fully appear to us as a constitutive dimension of the preaching of the Gospel, or, in other words, of the Church's mission for the redemption of the human race and its liberation from every oppressive situation."

If we take the statements by the PSA as they are written, however, there are some difficulties when we move from general affinities with Catholic teaching to specific claims. The first is that some of the PSA statements appear to view corporations and the market economy within which they function to be intrinsically evil. I know that this is the view of a significant number of persons who are active in and supportive of the development of the Workers' Rights Consortium. The above-quoted PSA letter also refers to "the corporate-contaminated FLA." While Catholic social teaching may be drawn upon to condemn the practices of particular corporations, it does not condemn the market economy itself as fundamentally evil. Important here is the distinction, made clearest in John Paul II's "Laborem exercens" and "Centesimus annus" between the free economy — a market economy with moral and juridical limits — and capitalism — an economy where the market logic overruns all other considerations. For the Pope, this is a distinction with a difference; for many persons backing the WRC, it is a distinction without a difference. The PSA is at best unclear on the matter.

What is clear is the implication in the PSA's statement that any policy proposal that does not match up verbatim with it own is necessarily at odds with Catholic social teaching. This is the second difficulty in their claim of representing that teaching. Absent here is the distinction, central in Church teaching,

between general principles and specific applications. Paragraphs 8 through 12 of the American Catholic bishops' "The Challenge of Peace" are apropos here. "At times we reassert universally binding moral principles ... at other times we apply moral principles to specific cases. When making applications of these principles we realize — and we wish our readers to recognize — that prudential judgments are involved based on specific circumstances which can change or which can be interpreted differently by people of good will." This does not mean that all judgments are equal or that none are out of bounds, only that the application of principles to specific circumstances is not as univocal as the PSA letter implies.

The bishops' reference to "people of good will" points to the third difficulty with the PSA statement. The suggestion that the Task Force and President Malloy, if they do not support the PSA's specific policy proposal, necessarily "prefer to protect the interests of corporate funders" over the obligation to protect the well-being of the working poor is a charge of bad will.

I am on the Task Force. By now my columns have made clear that I do not "prefer to protect the interests of corporate funders." To say that I — or any other member of the Task Force or President Malloy — are such corporate lackeys simply because we support remaining in the FLA would be like the countercharge that if Aaron Kreider and the PSA disagree with our specific proposals then they are necessarily radical wannabes trying to keep up with the Wisconsin and the Penns. Both depictions are inaccurate and unfair.

The fourth difficulty is that the PSA proposal focuses more on who Notre Dame associates with than the substance of the recommendations of the Task Force — thus far unanimously supported in the Task Force and adopted by President Malloy. Concerns about association are important, particularly when the act or entity associated with is intrinsically evil, as it is, for instance, in debates on Catholic health agencies in relation to abortion. Perhaps the PSA's accent on disassociation with the FLA does arise out of a conviction that corporations are intrinsically evil.

If we focus on the substance of the proposals, what is illuminated is the degree of agreement between the Task Force recommendations and the concerns of the PSA. In fact, a recent South Bend Tribune

article on Mr. Kreider and the PSA cites them as claiming significant credit for the Task Force's recommendations. If we focus on the question of association, it is not clear that Catholic social teaching cashes out the way the PSA wants it to. Many persons who are active in developing the WRC are Marxist, communist, and atheist. Mr. Kreider describes himself as a Marxist. There are many more condemnations in Catholic teaching of these latter sets of belief as fundamentally evil than there are of the market economy as such.

Paul VI, who is sympathetic with much that socialism attempts to achieve for workers, writes in "Octogesima adveniens," that "the Christian who wishes to live his faith in a political activity which he thinks of as service cannot without contradicting himself adhere to ideological systems which radically or substantially go against his faith and his concept of man. He cannot adhere to the Marxist ideology, to its atheistic materialism." We can debate the meaning of "Marxism" and whether it necessarily involves atheistic materialism, but the point is clear: the question of association cuts both ways.

The final difficulty with the PSA's invocation of Catholic social teaching is that it remains on that level. There is no argument from concepts to proposals, no citation of texts (not even selective and tendentious proof-texting). There is only reference to "Catholic Social Teaching" and no more.

This raises the question of whether the PSA is serious about the teaching or rather is using it simply because the phrase "Catholic Social Teaching" has rhetorical leverage in the present context. The PSA should either draw deeply and fairly from the sources (there are texts that would back much of what the PSA supports) or drop any pretext — if it is that — of commitment to the tradition.

If I at any point think that the response of the university to the issue of sweatshops is at odds with Catholic teaching, I will say so, and so will the other members of the Task Force. That is why we were formed as a Task Force by President Malloy in the first place: to re-examine and correct where necessary the existing code of conduct for our licensees in light of Catholic teaching and other insights. If I do feel compelled to speak, I will do so through argument, drawing from the texts and with as much fairness as I am capable of manifesting.

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.



CAMPUS MINISTRY

Calendar of Events

Senior Retreat #2 (Mar. 31 - Apr. 1) Sign-Up

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Monday, March 6 through Monday, April 3
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Marriage Preparation Retreat

Friday-Saturday, March 24-25
Fatima Retreat Center

Retreat for Ministries at the Basilica

Saturday, March 25, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Basilica of the Sacred Heart
Meet at Earth Sciences for snacks at 9:30 a.m.
10:00 - 12:30 at the Basilica

Campus Bible Study

Tuesday, March 28, 7:00 p.m.
Badin Hall Chapel

Graduate Student Bible Study Group

Wednesday, March 29, 8:00 p.m.
Wilson Commons

Interfaith Christian Night Prayer

Wednesday, March 29, 10:00-10:30 p.m.
Walsh Hall Chapel

Third Sunday of Lent

Weekend Presiders

Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Saturday, March 25 Mass

5:00 p.m.
Rev. John A. Herman, C.S.C.

Sunday, March 26 Mass

10:00 a.m.
Rev. Gary S. Chamberland, C.S.C.
11:45 a.m.
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Scripture Readings for This Coming Sunday

1st Reading Ex 20: 1-17
2nd Reading 1 Cor 1: 22-25
Gospel Jn 2: 13-25

WHAT'S THE FUTURE OF THIS RELATIONSHIP?

Chris Etzel & Jim Lies, C.S.C.

They were both seniors. They had dated for almost two years. Graduation was looming in their future. They both were interviewing for jobs. They felt that this relationship was special; they were serious about each other. But they just weren't sure what the next step was. Should they look for jobs in the same city or should they test the relationship with some distance? Should they get engaged now or should they work for a year or two first and establish some career goals? We all know them, or "couples" just like them.

Well this particular pair came into the Campus Ministry Office one day hoping for some information. Perhaps we had a compatibility test they might take to see if they were truly meant for each other. Did we have any articles they might read? Did we have any advice on what they should do?

They caught us off guard. This was a new twist. Though we had offered programs for engaged couples for many years, we had not really thought about this category of couple; what should we call them? "Serious but not yet committed?" "Pre-engaged?" We were greatly impressed that a couple would so seriously question their future as to come to our office for advice. Yet a program for the engaged would not be appropriate for this couple. They were still exploring their relationship - the decision was not yet made; and the decision might eventually be to not continue the relationship. What could we do for couples like these?

After much discussion we focused on some of the issues and questions facing couples in significant relationships:

- How can we determine if we're really ready for marriage?
- Should we try to find jobs or graduate schools that are in the same city?
- How will a long distance relationship affect us?
- How can you express your true feelings without pressuring for commitment?
- How will the demands of career/graduate school affect our relationship?
- How might differences in our families of origin affect our relationship?
- How can we communicate better?

After identifying the issues we put together a program and called it "What's the Future of this Relationship?" It includes some presentations on the stages of relationships and decision-making. While we were able to avoid "compatibility tests", we did include a marriage expectations quiz. There is time for answering questions and a lot of time for discussing answers with your partner. There is a discussion period for questions. There is a folder of articles for additional information and reflection.

What most couples seemed to enjoy about the program was the time and the opportunity to discuss their relationship, especially areas or topics they hadn't considered before.

If you are in a significant relationship and are asking the kinds of questions listed above we encourage you to attend the program this semester.

"What's the Future of this Relationship?" will take place Sunday, April 9, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Registration papers can be obtained in both Campus Ministry Offices (Library Concourse and Badin Hall). The registration deadline is Thursday, April 6. Unfortunately, space is limited to 25 couples. There is no cost for the program. If you have any questions, please call Chris Etzel, Sylvia or John Dillon at 631-5242.

CONSIDERATIONS...



Jordan plans to leave endorsements

Associated Press

Michael Jordan, always the scene stealer, is looking for more work behind the scenes.

The former Chicago Bulls superstar who made numerous appearances in commercials for Nike shoes, Hanes underwear, Wheaties cereal and McDonald's burgers was quoted in a Chicago newspaper on Wednesday as saying he was "getting totally out of the endorsement aspect of things" when his current contracts expire.

His agent said he wanted to develop himself as more of an investor and businessman.

"I told the endorsement companies to go ahead and use the commercials I've

done," Jordan told the Chicago Sun-Times. "But they understand from conversations we've had where my life is headed. They have to gradually work their way into other campaigns."

David Falk, his agent, said Jordan intends to honor his existing contracts, which could include additional commercial work in the years ahead.

In addition, Falk said Jordan may appear in ads for businesses he owns like the online sporting goods startup MVP.com that he formed with John Elway and Wayne Gretzky.

Falk said Jordan didn't want to do "the traditional kind of product endorsements that he has done."

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NCAA

Gonzaga prepares for NCAA

Associated Press

Gonzaga coach Mark Few says the better his team does in the NCAA tournament, the harder it is for the Bulldogs to schedule big-name teams during the regular season.

The 10th-seeded Bulldogs, in their third NCAA tournament, have again made an impression by toppling Louisville and St. John's.

Odds makers in Las Vegas favor the Bulldogs as a point over No. 6 seed Purdue in the West Regional semifinal. The Boilermakers have been to the tournament 16 times and the round of 16 four times under coach Gene Keady.

"Scheduling is probably harder than recruiting at Gonzaga," Few said.

"We don't get to play Purdue on our home floor, we never get to play Louisville on our home floor, or St. John's on our home floor. For us to play those games, we have to go on the road."

Maybe the odds makers — and the other big-time programs — have taken into account that Gonzaga has reached the regional semifinals for the second straight year and is 5-1 in the tournament in the span.

At any rate, those statistics have made it harder for the Bulldogs to schedule attractive

opponents at home. Plus, they play in the relatively unknown West Coast Conference, which includes the likes of Pepperdine, Santa Clara and St. Mary's.

It's a Catch 22 for Few.

If his team continues to advance in the tournament, it can look forward to another year of being avoided by the marquee programs.

"The Zags are still looking for games next year," he said. "I doubt that's going to change."

Purdue's Greg McQuay is turning his concern for his younger brother's illness into inspiration.

Former Boilermaker Gary McQuay is in the hospital battling acute leukemia.

But that hasn't stopped the two from supporting each other on the court.

Gary phoned Greg from the hospital and gave him some words of encouragement before the Boilermakers took on Oklahoma in the second round last week.

Greg responded with his best game of the year, 16 points and five rebounds, in Purdue's 66-62 victory. Greg, who has averaged 8.1 points per game as a senior center this year, credited his performance to his brother.

"He's working hard to get better in the hospital to fight

his illness, and I think I should work hard on the court," Greg McQuay said.

Greg McQuay wears his brother's No. 5 on his shoes and his fingers. Gary faces at least two more weeks in the hospital.

"I wanted to dedicate the (Oklahoma) game to him," Greg McQuay said. "I put that there to let him know he was there in my memories and he was there with me in spirit. He even shed a tear when we won. He's going to keep me stronger and hopefully he will get stronger."

Wisconsin coach Dick Bennett has a method for dealing with the high altitude in Albuquerque. Substitute quickly and often.

"When we see a guy looking really beat, we will sub. That's kind of how we did in Salt Lake City," Bennett said on the eve of Wisconsin's game against LSU.

The Pit, home court of the University of New Mexico, is more than a mile above sea level. But that doesn't discourage Bennett, who depends on his team's depth to win games.

"We have managed to substitute and change lineups," Bennett said. "Everyone gets quality minutes, and everyone ... gets a consistent number of shots."

Olajuwon benched for three weeks

Associated Press

Doctors told Hakeem Olajuwon to stop playing for up to three weeks because of ongoing breathing problems.

"He is still having problems so we asked him to take some time off," Dr. James Muntz said Wednesday after examining the Houston Rockets star center. "We told him he would probably be out two to three weeks and that's getting toward the end of the season."

The NBA regular season ends April 19.

Olajuwon, 37, was diagnosed March 1 with a disease that restricts the flow of air through his bronchial passages during heavy exercise, causing spasms in his lungs. He has been taking medicine for the condition.

The breathing problem has limited Olajuwon's playing time — he has played as much as half a game only once since the diagnosis. He is averaging 24 minutes a game for the season, 13.4 below his career average.

"If he was not playing basketball, he would not even know he has this condition,"

Muntz, Houston's team doctor, said. "If he were working at the bank or the news station, he would never know it. If he were jogging with me, he would never know it."

Olajuwon missed seven weeks earlier in the season to recover from hernia surgery.

Olajuwon, the NBA's all-time leader in blocked shots and the Rockets' leader in virtually every offensive category, has said next season would be the last of his career. It also is the last of his contract, which is due to pay him \$16.5 million for 2000-01.

The Rockets are mired in an eight-game losing streak and is guaranteed to finish with a losing record for the first time since a 29-53 mark in 1983-84. Olajuwon joined the team the next season as the league's No. 1 draft pick out of the University of Houston.

Houston, which Olajuwon led to NBA titles in 1994 and 1995, will miss the playoffs for the first time since 1992.

Olajuwon's career averages were 23.6 points and 11.8 rebounds heading into the current campaign.

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NFL

Replay debate resurfaces in NFL

♦ Teams to vote on continuation of replay system

Associated Press

The NFL's annual instant replay debate is ready to start again. After the first season with replay since 1991, the league's competition committee has voted 6-1 to recommend use of the same system in 2000.

It will be voted on by all 31 teams at the league owners' meetings next week in Palm Beach, Fla., with 24 votes needed for approval. Replay votes have been a staple of these meetings for the past 15 years. It was voted in for the 1986 season and voted out after 1991, primarily because of delays it caused. It was reinstated for last season after a series of controversial calls in 1998 with a coaches' challenge system. It wasn't always a critical

success last year. Several teams always seemed to lose their challenges, notably Tampa Bay, which also had a crucial catch overturned by replay in the final minute of its 11-6 loss to St. Louis in the NFC championship game. That makes it a question mark again this year. "It's always a close call," Joe Browne, the NFL's chief spokesman, said in a conference call Wednesday. "Some clubs spoke up against it during the season. The calm of the offseason may have calmed them down some."

The only negative vote on the competition committee came from Mike Brown, president of the Cincinnati Bengals, one of three teams to vote against replay last season.

Bob Ferguson, general manager of the Arizona Cardinals, voted for replay, even though Arizona owner Bill Bidwill was another of last season's three "no" votes.

So did the committee's co-chair, Rich McKay of the Bucs, who had expressed some reservations during the season.

One change that needs no vote stems from that controversial call in the NFC title game.

Under a new interpretation to be used next season, a ball that hits the ground can be ruled a good catch if the receiver has full possession. Replay showed Tampa Bay's Bert Emmanuel indeed had possession, but under last season's rule, the simple touch to the ground was enough to negate the catch on replay.

MLB

Rodriguez highlights Mariners' roster

Larry Bowa's eyes light up when he's asked about his opinion of his new pupil, Alex Rodriguez.

"He comes along every 50 years in an organization," the Seattle Mariners' new third base coach said with a smile. "There's really nothing on the field that he can't do. Really, there are no flaws in this guy's game."

Bowa, 54, played 16 seasons in the major leagues and was one of the game's premier shortstops in the 1970s, when he was a five-time All-Star with the Philadelphia Phillies.

At 24, Rodriguez already has an AL batting title and two 42-homer seasons. The Mariners shortstop has played in three All-Star games.

Bowa spent the past three seasons watching Rodriguez as a member of the Anaheim Angels' coaching staff. He joined the Mariners' coaching staff under manager Lou Piniella this winter.

He's trying to help Rodriguez become even better than last season, when he came back after missing 32 games because of surgery on his left knee and matched his AL record for the most homers by a shortstop with 42.

But, Bowa concedes there's not a lot he can offer baseball's top draft pick in 1993.

"He has it all," Bowa said. "If you were to build a franchise, that's the guy you'd start with."

In Bowa's eyes, Rodriguez is better than Boston shortstop Nomar Garciapara and New York Yankees' shortstop Derek Jeter, who were 1-2 in hitting in the AL last season with .357 and .349 averages. Rodriguez hit a career-low .285.

"They're all superstars," Bowa said. "But A-Rod has the whole thing over all of them. When it comes to everything, I can honestly tell you that those

two guys are not better than A-Rod."

When Bowa finally retired after playing 14 games with the New York Mets in 1985, he held the major league record for the highest lifetime fielding percentage for a shortstop.

At 5-foot-10 and 170 pounds, Bowa was a .260 career hitter. Playing great defense was his game.

Rodriguez is a shortstop in a different mold; a 6-3, 210-pound right-handed power hitter who can run like a deer and play defense, too.

He's one of three players in major league history to hit 40

homers and steal 40 bases in the same season.

Bowa shakes his head in amazement when he assesses Rodriguez's abilities. He is particular-

ly impressed by Rodriguez's power to all parts of the ballpark.

"He can go straight, he can go to right, he can go to left," Bowa said. "Most right-handed power hitters hit the ball to left field a long way. This kid hits the ball to right-center and straightaway center like left-handers hit them."

Mariners fans have watched Rodriguez play regularly for four seasons after he appeared in 17 games with the team in 1994 and 48 games in 1995. Unfortunately for them, he could be playing his final season in Seattle in 2000.

Rodriguez is in the final year of his contract and he and his agent, Scott Boras, have said they won't sign a contract extension with any team. The Mariners are risking losing Rodriguez as a free agent at the end of the season.

But after being forced to trade Ken Griffey Jr. to Cincinnati in February, the Mariners didn't think their fans could take a double body blow by trading Rodriguez, too.

"There's really nothing on the field that he can't do. Really, there are no flaws in this guys game."

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BASEBALL

Naumann leads ND to easy victory over Detroit

Special to the Observer

The Notre Dame baseball team continued its solid start as it dominated the visiting Detroit, 10-3 on Wednesday.

Junior lefthander Mike Naumann pitched five strong innings of middle relief and sophomore Paul O'Toole had two hits and three runs scored to lead a balanced Notre Dame offense. The No. 24 Irish won for the 10th time in the last 11 games at Eck Baseball Stadium.

The win featured most of the ingredients that have characterized Notre Dame's 13-3 season, with strong pitching and defense, offensive contributions up-and-down the lineup and a late-inning explosion from the Irish.

Detroit opened the game with a two-out rally, as Justin Davenport hit a first-pitch double to left-center before scoring on Mike Daguanno's 1-2 single to right. Trevor Gentry then parked an RBI double in the left-center gap, for an early 2-0 lead.

Two errors helped the Irish tie the game in the third. Senior catcher Matt Nussbaum drew a full-count, leadoff walk before sophomore second baseman Kris Billmaier singled to third baseman Mike Malley, with the runners moving up on the errant throw.

Sophomore centerfielder Steve Stanley then hit a pitch to the first baseman Daguanno, who fired home to nail Nussbaum at the plate.

Freshman rightfielder Brian Stavisky plated the first run with a groundout to the second baseman before junior shortstop Alec Porzel's grounder went through the legs of his counterpart, allowing another run to score.

O'Toole was hit by a one-out, 0-2 pitch in the fourth and scooted to third on sophomore third baseman Andrew Bushey's first-pitch single through the right side before scoring on sophomore DH Matt Bok's bunt single to the left side.

The Irish stretched to a 4-2 cushion in the fifth, after Stanley's bunt single to the pitcher's left, Stavisky's single through the right side, and Porzel's RBI groundout to the second baseman.

O'Toole lit the spark again in the sixth, with a first-pitch single off the glove of second baseman Ron Blackmore. After a stolen base and Bushey's 2-2 single to the shortstop, Bok lifted a sacrifice fly to center for a 5-2 Irish lead.

Detroit's final run came in the seventh, with Billmaier's throwing error allowing the leadoff hitter Gentry to reach base.

A groundball out moved the runner to second and

pinch-hitter Mike Mitrevski then delivered a run-scoring double to right.

O'Toole came through again in the leadoff spot, slicing a first-pitch hit into left-center that he converted into a hustling double in the eighth.

Bushey then drew a full-count walk and Bok's sacrifice bunt was thrown down the rightfield line by Andrzejak. The rightfielder Davenport threw errantly as well, allowing Bushey to score for a 7-3 Irish lead.

Nussbaum followed with a first-pitch bunt single to the left side and Billmaier dropped the next pitch into right-center to plate another run. Junior righthander David Wampler took the mound and threw a wild pitch before Stanley plated the final two runs with a 3-1 single past the head of second baseman Blackmore.

The Irish broke open the game with five runs in the eighth, representing Notre Dame's most runs in an inning this season.

Every Irish starter registered a hit. Five different Notre Dame players combined for the team's seven RBI while seven Irish players crossed the plate.

Notre Dame's big finish gives the Irish a 19-4 scoring edge in the eighth inning this season and a 36-9 margin in the seventh and eighth innings combined.



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Sophomore third baseman Andrew Bushey recorded a .266 batting average in the 1999 season. The Irish beat Detroit 10-3 on Wednesday.



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Indiana investigates Knight

Associated Press

The ripples from Bob Knight's latest controversy widened Wednesday beyond his Indiana University locker room.

A university sports advisory committee planned to review accusations that the Hall of Fame coach choked former player Neil Reed during a 1997 practice.

"There are people who are positive, negative, blame the press for bad timing. They're all over the map," said Bruce Jaffee, a business professor and chairman of the Indiana University Bloomington Athletics Committee.

"It's come from all over the place, everything from e-mails to people on the street. Obviously, this is a big topic of discussion," he said.

The accusations were expected to be heard by the 13-member panel composed of faculty, students and alumni

at the regular monthly meeting Wednesday night at Assembly Hall. Knight was not scheduled to attend.

Jaffe said the panel might make recommendations to the school's president and athletic director. The group has no plans to play a videotape or review the transcript of a CNN/Sports Illustrated report in which Reed said Knight choked him.

Indiana athletic director Clarence Doninger was to brief the committee, but school officials said there were no plans to play a videotape or review the transcript of a CNN/Sports Illustrated report in which Reed said Knight choked him.

In that report, Reed and two other players also said Knight, pants around his ankles, used a crude bathroom gesture while upbraiding his team. They also said Knight once ordered school president Myles Brand to leave a team practice.

Knight said that while he sometimes uses colorful means to motivate players, he

denied the bathroom episode ever occurred. Knight also said he did not kick Brand out of practice.

After Reed left the team in 1997, he said he was physically and mentally abused by Knight, although he offered no specifics publicly.

Following Reed's departure from the team, the athletics committee heard from Doninger, according to panel member David Towell, an associate professor of geology.

According to Towell, Doninger said Reed spoke to him but revealed little. Doninger told the committee only that Reed said he was unhappy and was leaving.

"Clarence had encouraged him to finish the semester," Towell said.

The alleged bathroom display and the charge that Knight once grabbed Reed by the throat are "totally news to me," Towell told The Indianapolis Star.

Drug tests planned for Olympics

Associated Press

Half the 10,000 athletes at the Sydney Olympics are expected to be screened for drug use before the games.

The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) will start out-of-competition testing in April, the group's interim leader said Wednesday.

"We plan to have as many as 2,500 tests under our program," IOC vice president Dick Pound said. "With national and international federations performing unannounced testing as well, that would be in excess of 5,000 out-of-competition tests performed. That would mean, on average, one in two athletes participating in Sydney will have been tested in unexpected circumstances."

Another top official doubted a test for the banned performance-enhancer erythropoietin, or EPO, would be ready in time for the Sept. 15-Oct. 1 games.

EPO allows users to cram extra oxygen into the bloodstream. Pound said it's possible an EPO test will be developed in time, but IOC medical commission member Arne Ljungqvist disagreed.

"It will take a year at least if the test is to meet all the criteria to meet all the legal demands," he said. "I've heard plenty of rumors but seen no facts that anyone has come up with a valid test."

WADA, which met at International Olympic Committee headquarters Wednesday, said it is pressing governments to allow immediate access to athletes for out-of-competition testing.

In many countries, testers are denied entry visas for weeks, giving athletes time to purge their systems.

"If governments don't comply we'll raise a wall of shame," Pound said. "It's not in a government's interest to have it known they are hindering out-of-competition testing."

The IOC will continue to have authority over drug testing, analysis and sanctions in Sydney, but WADA will monitor the process and be informed of any positive tests.

At previous games, the head of the IOC panel was the only official to receive test results from the lab.

In Sydney, four other people will be notified. That group will report any positive findings to the full IOC medical commission, which will make recommendations to the IOC executive board. The board will continue to have the sole authority to disqualify athletes for drug use.

A full report on testing results will be made within a month after the games.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Laxers run to competitive start in 2000 season

♦ Irish finish spring break with a 3-1 record

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women's lacrosse team went 2-1 over spring break, defeating Ohio University and Richmond at home and losing to 16th-ranked Syracuse on the road.

This brings the Irish to 3-1 overall on the season.

"I think the team is doing really well," Tara Durkin, the Irish squad's starting goalie, said. "It's going to be a great year."

Against Syracuse, the attack corps struggled, as the Orangewomen held Notre Dame to just 27 shots on goal for the game. The Irish trailed 5-3 at the half, with goals coming from Lael O'Shaughnessy and Kathryn Perrella, both junior co-captains, along with freshman Danielle Shearer. The Irish were scoreless in the second half.

The three goals against Syracuse are the fewest Notre Dame has scored in a single game this season. The Orangewomen widened their lead to end the game at 9-3. Durkin had 18 saves for the Irish in that match.

"We were the better team," Durkin said. "That should have been our game."

The game against Syracuse marked the last time the two will meet as independents. Next season women's lacrosse will be sponsored by the Big East Conference, and Notre Dame will join Boston College, Connecticut, Georgetown, Rutgers, Virginia Tech, and Syracuse in round-robin play.

Even without any seniors this year's squad set several school records in its 22-3 victory over Ohio University. The game, held March 11 at the Loftus Sports Center, opened the home season for the Irish. Eleven different Irish players scored against the Bobcats, the most players ever to score in an Irish

women's lacrosse game. The total of 14 assists and 36 points in the game against Ohio University mark single-game highs for the four-year-old Irish program. Notre Dame also had two scoring streaks, 10 straight goals in the first half, and 8 in the second half.

"The depth [on the team] is a lot better," O'Shaughnessy said. "The juniors have stepped up, and it's a whole group thing."

O'Shaughnessy and sophomore Maureen Whitaker led their team with 4 goals each against Ohio University.

Perrella, Shearer, Natalie Loftus, Tina Fedarcy, and Katharine Scarola, junior Maura Doyle, and freshmen Anne Riley and Eleanor Weille all contributed goals for the Irish.

"It was really nice to open the season with a confident win like that," O'Shaughnessy said. "Everyone gets in and gets to play."

Durkin allowed just 2 goals in 38 minutes of play. With the help of fellow goalies, junior Carrie Marshall and freshman Jen White, who allowed just one goal between them in 22 minutes, Notre Dame held Ohio University to 12 shots on goal for the entire game.

"The defense has definitely stepped up their aggressiveness," O'Shaughnessy said. "They play more as a unit now. They are very good at causing turnovers."

A day later, the Notre Dame women's lacrosse team managed a 14-13 victory against the Richmond Spiders. Although the Spiders had taken the lead early in the



LIZ LANG/The Observer

Junior Lael O'Shaughnessy led the Irish over spring break with goals in each of Notre Dame's three games.

first half, the Irish took over, scoring seven goals in a row. The Irish left the half with a 9-4 lead. In the second half the Spiders came back strong, answering Notre Dame's two initial scores to bring the game to 11-6. The Spiders then went on a scoring drive, scoring three goals in the final three minutes of the game, outscoring Notre

Dame 9-5 in the second half. With 17 seconds left in the game and the score standing at 14-13, Irish defender Fedarcy won the final draw to run out the clock and save the victory for the Irish.

"The freshmen are fantastic," O'Shaughnessy said. "They are filling in their spots well."

The team's next game is at

♦ Notre Dame travels to Columbus to take on Ohio State

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women's lacrosse team travels to Ohio State March 23 to face the Buckeyes at Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium.

Ohio State has a record of 3-2 entering Thursday's game.

The last meeting between the two teams was on March 26, 1999, a home game for the Irish. Ohio State won that game 15-12, outshooting the Irish 33-26. Irish goalie Carrie Marshall made 12 saves for Notre Dame. Ohio State goalie Megan Barnett had 14 saves in that game, finishing the season with a .544 save percentage.

The Irish have a 1-2 record against the Buckeyes in the last three years, losing in 1997 and winning in 1998.

"We definitely want to come back and beat them," Irish junior co-captain Lael O'Shaughnessy said. "We just have to go and play our game and not worry about what they do."

O'Shaughnessy continues to lead her team in the attack with 11 goals in four games so far this season. She is the third-highest returning scorer among NCAA Division I schools from the 1999 season with 50 goals last spring. O'Shaughnessy has scored at least one goal in all but one of her career games at Notre Dame.

Tara Durkin, starting goalie for the Irish this season, has a .59 save percentage and a GAA of 8.82. In the loss to Syracuse last week, Durkin and her defense held the nationally ranked Orangewomen to 9 goals.

"We held Syracuse to very low numbers," Durkin said. "The defense did not let up at all."

Ohio State is also coming to Thursday's game off a loss. The Buckeyes suffered a 10-8 defeat at the hands of Boston University on March 19.

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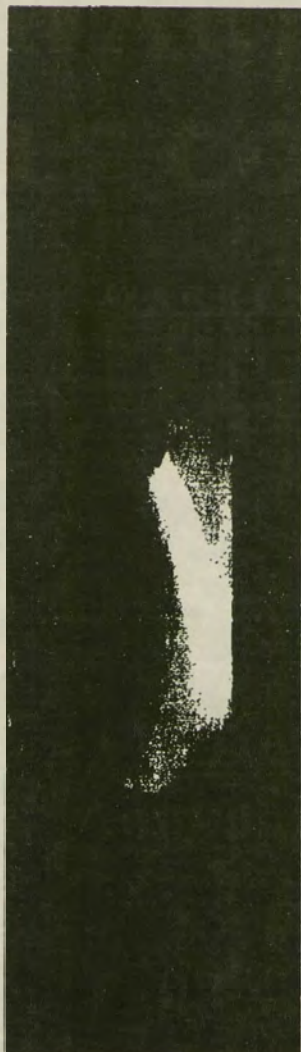
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"This is not about athletics," Kachmarik said. "This is about recreation that anyone can participate in and about raising school pride and school spirit."

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Chicago, a Saturday night dinner at the John Hancock Signature Room, and a \$1,000 shopping spree. One final winner will be drawn from the four names.

The entire Saint Mary's community is encouraged to join in. Faculty and administration have been invited to participate as judges and competitors.

The event promises to be full of activity and all are invited to join.

"Come in here and show your Saint Mary's pride," Kachmarik said. "By coming and supporting this event you are supporting the whole Saint Mary's community."

Women who are planning to come to Midnight Madness must be in Angela Athleticwe Facility by midnight on March 31.

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you're not going to win."

Notre Dame won despite 18 turnovers and a less-than-perfect defensive outing, according to Doherty.

"It wasn't the prettiest game for a lot of reasons," Doherty said. "I want everybody operating at 100 percent capacity, and I felt we were a little bit flat at times. The energy wasn't there on the bench. When you win and you don't play your best, I think you're a pretty good team."

Game Notes:

♦ No player for BYU scored more than 10 points, but Wesley, Vranes and John Allen all tallied exactly 10.

♦ Murphy led the Irish with 19 points, as eight Irish players scored in the outing.

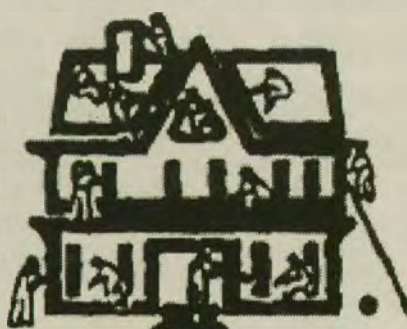
♦ Dillon climbed to 206 assists on the season and now sits just eight behind Jackie Meehan's 1970-71 record, with two games remaining.

♦ This year's Notre Dame squad has played the second-highest number of games in school history. The 1908-09 Irish played 40 games, while this year's team will play in 37.

♦ Notre Dame's next game will be in the semi-finals of the NIT. The team will take on an 18-15 Penn State team Tuesday at Madison Square Garden.

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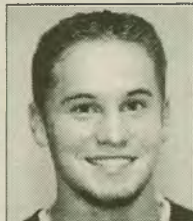
Notre Dame will prove worth to NCAA committee

Tell Greg at USA Coaches in New York to warm up the bus. With a 64-52 victory over BYU Wednesday night, Notre Dame is headed back to the Garden for the third time this season.

"We've been there a lot, but we want to win more there," head coach and New York native

Matt Doherty said. "We've had some pretty good competition. We'll probably have Greg the bus driver again. He's picked us up the last two or three times." The Irish (21-14) will also look to pick up their game while in the Big Apple. Notre Dame dropped games to Arizona and Maryland in their first trip to New York during the Final Four of the preseason NIT back in November. They rebounded with a win against Rutgers two weeks ago in their return trip during the Big East Championship, but fell in the second round to Miami.

Despite Notre Dame's 1-3 record at Madison Square Garden, sophomore forward David Graves called it the Irish's "home court away from home." "We know the deal there,"



Brian Kessler

Assistant
Sports Editor

Doherty said. "We know where to practice and we should have some big ticket requests." Graves, however, doesn't care if the Irish play in New York or South

Bend, as long as they get to keep playing more basketball. After this weekend, the Irish will be just one of eight college teams that are still playing.

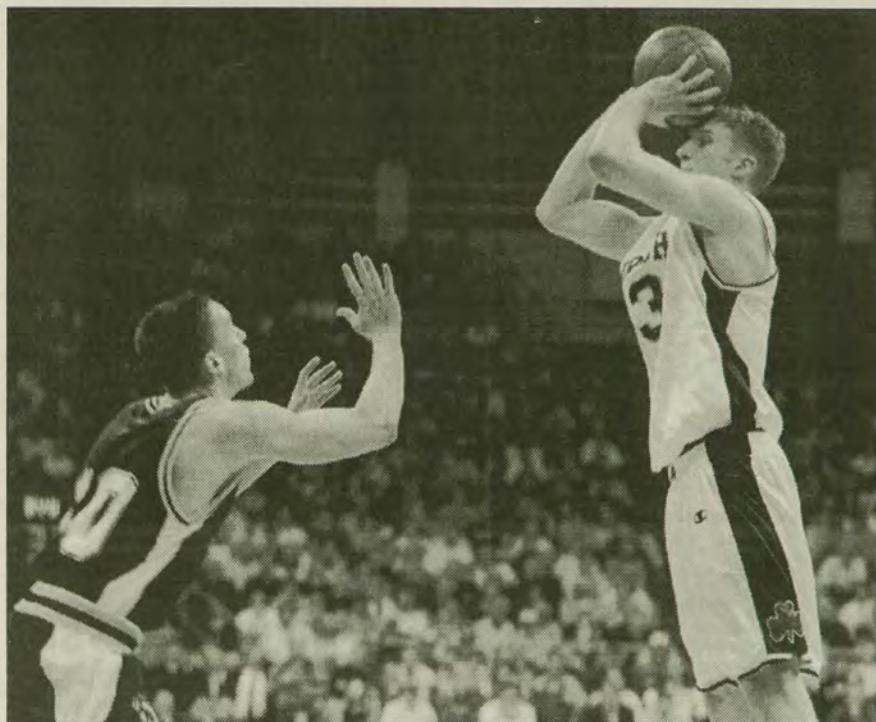
"I don't care where we play," Graves said. "The important thing is that we are still playing basketball. We get to go back to the Garden and play a tough Penn State team. We're not just happy making the semifinals. We want to prove that we are legit and deserved a spot in the NCAA Tournament." That has served as a motivating force for Notre Dame in its wins over Michigan, Xavier and now BYU. The NCAA selection committee isn't No. 1 on Notre Dame's list these days and so the Irish are on a mission to show them who they are missing in their Big Dance.

"I'm ready to go," sophomore center Harold Swanagan said. "I wish we could play tomorrow. I just look forward to playing more games. We're going to go back to New York and prove the committee wrong." But the NIT may be a blessing in disguise for this young Irish squad. For Doherty, the win over BYU also allows him to put off filling out expense reports, returning phone calls and dealing with the huge pile of mail that awaits him when the season finally ends. But on a serious note, the Irish are guaranteed to play 37

games this season — possibly the most by any team this year. Also, they gained some postseason experience and an opportunity to play deep into March.

"We got the opportunity to play three more games on national television when NCAA Tournament games aren't going on," Doherty said. "So you've got Friends, ER and Notre Dame basketball. I like to look at the glass as half full. If we made the NCAA it would have been a great thing. But we didn't so we need to make this as positive as possible. It's the only thing we can do. We want to win though. No one likes playing in the consolation game." But on second thought, he may have preferred one game in the NCAA rather than take home an NIT title.

"It's a tough choice — to lose in the first round of the NCAA or win the NIT," he said. "No offense to the NIT, but I probably would have taken the NCAA. That's the big pot of gold at the end of the rainbow." It's a pot of gold the Irish won't enjoy this season, but the season has exceeded presea-



LIZ LANG/The Observer

Senior Troy Murphy will lead Irish in the quarterfinals of the NIT against Penn State.

son expectations. In his first year as a head coach, Doherty took a losing club and turned them into a 20-game winner. The students and fans have rallied around him and the team and a NIT title may be just one week away.

"I don't think it's essential for the program," Doherty said. "I would like to win it as much as any coach would, but I think we did enough good things this year.

I don't think it's win or bust. We've accomplished a great deal this season. But that won't soften our approach. And wouldn't it be nice to hang an NIT banner in the Joyce Center." Two wins in New York and Doherty will have it.

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SMC softball keeps goals in mind with 5-4 opening

By KAREN SCHAFF
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's softball team began their season last week with a tournament in Florida. Head coach Joseph Speybroeck and assistant coach David Martin say they "have very specific goals for their 2000 softball team." They intend on

becoming an academic all-conference team, place within the top four in the MIAA, and have a 25-win season.

The team is young compared to past years, but the team has a lot of strong qualities.

"Two strong pitchers, great speed in the outfield, and six strong hitters are some of the positive assets that the team possesses this year," said coach

Speybroeck.

Both Speybroeck and Martin believe that with the great chemistry among the players, a successful season is within reach. The coaches are positive that their players' experience, talent, hard work, and enthusiasm will pull them through.

Spring break has proven to be a positive start. The Belles went 3-1 in pre-season competition.

Saint Mary's continued their season with a 5-4 record in their Florida tournament.

Coach Speybroeck credits the team's win to their "experience, talent, and depth of the members of the team."

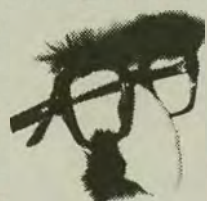
Co-captains Trish Klockner and Megan O'Keefe will lead the team this season.

The Belles are hoping that the energy and cohesiveness the

team displays will lead them to a successful season.

"We have really good leadership that pulls the team together," said sophomore Kristin Martin. "This year's team has got chemistry."

Sophomore Amy Clark added that she is "looking forward to [the rest of the season]. We played really well against some tough teams."



JIMMY FALLON

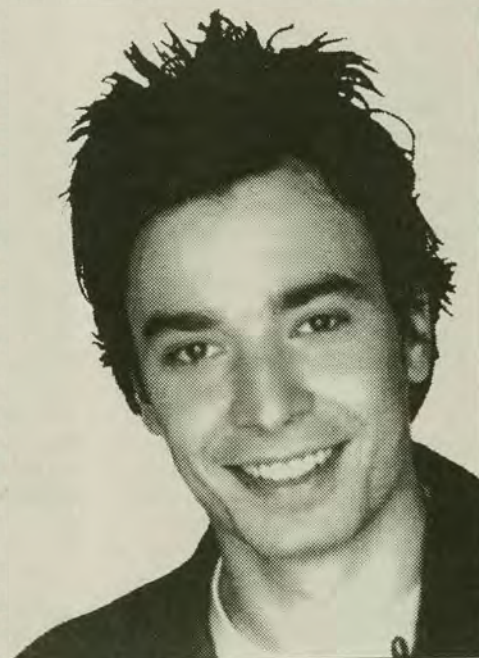
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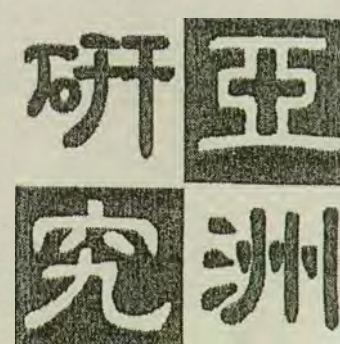
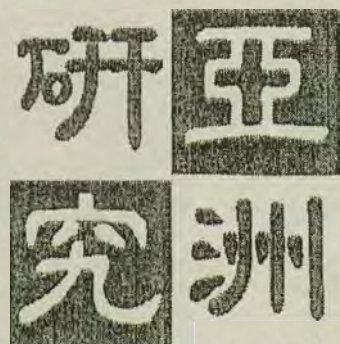
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Final stand for adaptable Krol

◆ **Senior looks for individual, team title to close collegiate career**

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer



Krol

Magda Krol was lost. On Notre Dame's campus for the first time in August of 1996, the freshman from Vancouver, B.C. searched the campus for DeBartolo Hall and her French placement exam.

But as she and her father wandered the campus looking for the test, Krol found the place she wanted to spend the next four years.

"Getting lost at a place like Notre Dame is not a problem," she said. "I love the entire campus. Friendly people all over the place lost just like I was."

In many ways Krol was the typical freshman. She had trouble finding her dorm and her classes and adjusting to life at a university.

"She had every freshman quality," said Nicole Paulina, a 1999 graduate and Krol's roommate last year. "She was nervous and unsure of herself."

While Krol may have been the typical freshman on the quads, in the fencing gym, she was anything but typical. She quickly demonstrated to her teammates that she was something special.

"She adjusted quickly and obviously her impact on the fencing team was felt immediately," Paulina said. "She wasn't really a freshman. Due to her international experience, she was much more experienced than some of the seniors we had."

She brought a different fencing style and it was nice to see that in the gym. I think it helped everyone improve."

Krol made an impact on the collegiate fencing world outside the Joyce Center as well.

In her first collegiate meet, the prestigious Penn State open, Krol won first place. She followed that up a few months later with a national title in epee at the NCAA Championships in Colorado.

"It was a dream," Krol said about her NCAA tournament run in 1997. "It was unreal. I didn't even know what the

"Whatever I did with her in the four years she has been here, she always came through. That is very unusual. When she leaves there is going to be a big hole in the women's team."

Yves Auriol
head fencing coach

position: foilist

year: senior

awards: 1997 epee national champion, three time All-American, 1996, 1997 Canadian junior epee champion, 1997, 1998 Midwest Conference epee champion, 2000 Midwest regional foil champion, 1996 Western Canadian senior champion in both foil and epee, member of senior Canadian foil team in 1997, 1998

notables: 1997 epee winning percentage of .968 is best single season marg in Irish women's fencing history, her 230 career wins ranks her seventh in Irish women's fencing history, her .885 career winning percentage is seventh best all-time

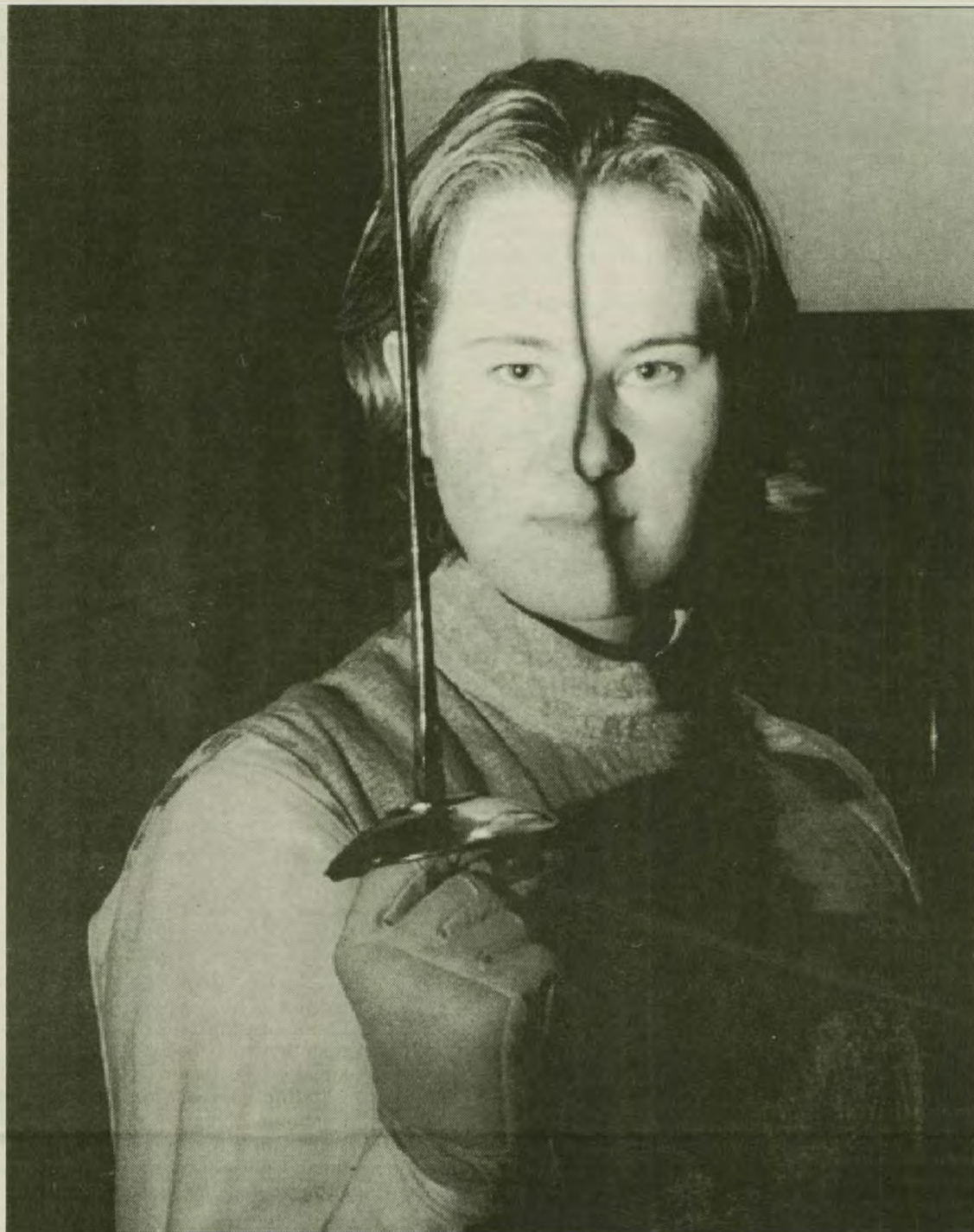
scores were in the individual bouts. All that I cared about was to win for Notre Dame. It felt incredible when the whole thing was over. I was in a trance. I couldn't tell what was going on. I couldn't understand it at all. It was one of the best fencing that I had ever done."

Even after seeing Krol excel in practice and at the Penn State open, the team was still a little surprised to see a freshman handle the pressure of the Championships so well and come away with the title.

"It was just amazing," Paulina said. "Especially since she was just a freshman and she had all that pressure. She doesn't falter under pressure at all. She tends to handle pressure very well."

Three years later, Krol, now a senior captain of the foil squad and a three time All-American, will face that pressure for the last time as a collegiate fencer today at the NCAA Championships in Palo Alto, Calif. But Krol isn't concerned with the pressure that she always seems to handle well.

"I think pressure pushes me to perform even better," she said. "I take it as something that instead of drawing me back and pulling me away from my best, I block the pressure and turn it into a positive



MARY CALASH/The Observer

Senior Magda Krol travels to Palo Alto, Calif. today to compete in the 2000 NCAA Fencing Championships. The foilist from Vancouver, B.C. looks to close her career with an overall team title and an individual championship in foil.

form of energy and use that to beat my opponent."

As the only Notre Dame senior to qualify for the Championships, the pressure is even greater this year. Three years of second place overall team finishes has driven Krol to strive even harder this year to win the title.

All that pressure has brought out the best in Krol. She says that the feeling of excitement and invincibility that filled her three years ago is back for the first time this year.

"Leaving the gym [Tuesday] I felt that exact same feeling that I hadn't felt last year or the year before," Krol said. "I feel really good heading into this Championship. Something is telling me that this is going to be it. I have to finish with a bang and the whole team has to finish with a bang. I am just going to go out and do it."

Opponents had best be aware whenever Krol sets her mind to accomplish something, it usually happens.

When she arrived on campus as a freshman she switched weapons from foil to epee. As an epeeist she won a national title and was named an All-American three times. Then last summer, with the loss of so many talented seniors and the influx of new talented freshman, head fencing coach Yves Auriol asked Magda to switch back to foil for her senior year. While at first a little hesitant,

Krol excelled as foil captain in her senior and recently won the Midwest Regional foil title.

"I decide with the help of my parents and my coaches that [switching to foil] would be a good thing," Krol said. "It would help me and help the team. It was just a good move with the recruits that we had and the seniors that we lost."

Krol adaptability is very rare, according to Auriol.

"What ever I did with her in the four years she has been here, she always came through," he said. "That is very unusual. To be able to

what she was done, she went from foil to epee and then epee to foil. When she leaves there is going to be a big hole in the women's team."

While Magda's graduation may leave a hole in the women's team, her presence this year has been a pillar for other fencers to lean on.

"Magda is awesome," freshman foilist Liza Boutsikaris said. "I really, really learned a lot from fencing with her. I learned to always fence my hardest. I always look to Magda and look up to her. It won't be any different at the Championships."

Krol leads by both words and example. Her love for fencing and Notre Dame refuses to allow anything less than her very best effort in every match.

"I know in my heart that I can only give my very best," Krol said. "I will give 100 percent. I will give more than that. I promise that I won't give any less than my ultimate best because I am a fighter."



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WITH MAGDA KROL

birthdate: Aug. 24, 1978

hometown: Vancouver, B.C.

major: psychology/computer applications

height: 5-foot-7

a word to describe her on the strip: horse

favorite class: sports psychology

a word to describe her off the

strip: good old Canadian

greatest accomplishment on the

strip: scoring winning touch

while falling against Northwestern at 2000 Midwest Championships

greatest accomplishment off the

strip: making Dean's List

Irish defy odds with strong return to Championships



Freshman foilist Ozren Debic parries an attack at Northwestern earlier this year.

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

The Irish travel to Palo Alto, Calif. today to compete in the 2000 NCAA Fencing Championships with a mixture of excitement and apprehension.

"It's a little bit overwhelming," freshman foilist Liza Boutsikaris said. "I am kind of nervous but I am really excited. I don't really know what to expect."

With eight fencers making their NCAA debuts, the Irish hope that the infusion of new blood will propel them to a championship after four straight second place finishes.

"It's an entirely new outlook and new energy," said Nicole Paulina, a 1999 alumna and four-year fencer who now serves as armorer for this year's team. "We have so much talent and so much enthusiasm right now, I think we can do really well."

Standing between the Irish and their first championship since 1994 are host Stanford, defending champion Penn State and 1999 fourth place finisher Princeton. These are the only three schools besides Notre Dame to qualify the maximum 12 fencers for the Championships.

While Stanford and Princeton may be strong teams, the real challenge on the weekend will be Penn State. For four straight years the Nittany Lions have bested the Irish at the Championships. This year, the Irish think they have a chance to knock off the defending champs.

"I hope I can take them," freshman Meagan Call said. "I know Anna [Carnick] can take them. I am pretty sure women's sabre can take them and I am

confident in women's foil. The men will have no problem."

The men are led by 1999 NCAA sabre runner-up Gabor Szelle.

"I am very confident about [the Championships] and I think this year I can win because I don't think there is any more competition left in the championship," he said. "I think I am definitely the favorite."

Also competing for the Irish in sabre is junior All-American Andrzej Bednarski. He finished 11th as a freshman at the 1998 Championships before taking 1999 off.

The only other Irish male fencer with NCAA experience who qualified for this year's Championships is sophomore All-American Brian Casas. Casas finished eighth at the 1999 NCAA Championships and led the 2000 epee squad with a 35-11 record.

The other three Notre Dame male fencers to qualify for the NCAA Championships are competing for the first time.

Jan Viviani, a freshman from Haworth, N.J., has at times looked like the best epeeist on the team but has been extremely inconsistent. He posted a perfect 3-0 record against Penn State during the regular season but lost two bouts to club fencers from Purdue the next weekend.

At foil the Irish feature a pair of talented freshmen. Forest Walton has been solid all year but Ozren Debic is the star of the squad. Debic led the foil team with a 42-3 record and won both the Midwest Fencing Conference foil championship and the Midwest Regional foil championship in the post season. Despite his strong season, Debic is modest about his prospects for a victory in foil.

"I don't think of myself as the favorite because the whole tournament is five-touch bouts," Debic said. "You can't rest at all and think that you are going to win because one bad call or one missed touch and the guy can beat you."

Freshman epeeist Carnick also dislikes the five-touch bouts that decide the round robin bouts in at the Championships.

"I am personally a big fan of 15-touch bouts rather than five-touch because in five-touch bouts pretty much anything can happen," she said. "But that is just something you have to deal with."

Carnick's opponents will have to deal with the freshman's quick attacks and sharp reflexes. Carnick's prowess on the strip earned her a 41-10 record and the Midwest Conference epee title.

Also representing the Irish in epee is Call, who finished the 2000 season with a 37-10 record.

The Irish feature two strong competitors in women's sabre. Freshman Natalia Mazur and junior Carianne McCullough are both making their first appearances at the Championships.

At foil the Irish boast two strong fencers in senior Magda Krol and freshman Liza Boutsikaris. Krol is the only senior representing the Irish and will be called upon to be a leader on and off the strip.

"I think that it will mean that I have to be a leader because I am the oldest and I have to be a leader," Krol said.

Boutsikaris led the foilists in wins in 2000 with a 36-8 record and finished third at the Midwest Conference Championships.

Magnificent seven make Championship debut

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

When the Class of 1999 traded their fencing weapons for diplomas last spring, many thought that the Notre Dame fencing program would face a down year.

Critics said four All-Americans would be nearly impossible to replace in a single recruiting class. Irish head coach Yves Auriol would have to settle for lesser finishes for a few years while the talent came back to the level that captured four straight second place finishes from 1996 to 1999.

But proving all the critics wrong, Auriol recruited one of his best freshman classes and put the Irish in position for yet another run at the NCAA Championship. With seven freshmen — Liza Boutsikaris, Meagan Call, Anna Carnick, Ozren Debic, Natalia Mazur, Jan Viviani and Forest Walton — qualifying for the Championships this weekend at Stanford, Auriol has one of the youngest squads in Palo Alto.

As one of four teams to qualify the maximum 12 fencers for the Championships, he also has one of the best.

"I think coach did an excellent job recruiting this year," foilist Walton said. "The kids that we did get and did qualify definitely

made up for the loss of the graduating seniors."

The youth and collegiate inexperience of the freshman fencers forced sophomores like All-American epeeist Brian Casas into unexpected leadership roles.

"There are so many freshman going; it kind of makes me feel old," he said. "I kind of told them that they should take it seriously but not to worry about it too much. They are all very talented fencers. They just can't let the stress get to them."

"There are so many freshman going; it kind of makes me feel old."

Brian Casas
sophomore epeeist

fencing. Fencing in national and international events as high schoolers taught the freshmen how to prepare for big events.

"Our team is pretty deep in the sense that a lot of the people going have most of the experience — maybe not collegiately but nationally and internationally — we have some strong experience in the group," epeeist Carnick said.

Debic, who has been the brightest jewel this year in Auriol's treasure chest of a class, expects a challenge but believes his classmates will perform well.

"It won't be easy for sure but it is nothing that I haven't experienced before," Debic said. "All



Jan Viviani prepares to attack during a recent meet at Northwestern. Viviani is one of seven Irish freshman fencers to qualify for the NCAA Championships.

the young guys have a lot of fencing experience. It won't matter that they are freshmen."

Sophomore Gabor Szelle was in the same position last year as this year's freshmen. He came to Notre Dame with a wealth of international experience from his time on the Hungarian

national team, but no collegiate experience.

Szelle, however, proved that previous NCAA experience is not required for success as he captured silver at the Championships. He feels that this year's freshmen can enjoy the same success.

"I think in most of the cases we won't have any problem because they are very experienced fencers," he said. "But in those cases where they might be problems, they definitely have to concentrate a little bit more and focus on the bouts. I think it will be an interesting experience."

SOFTBALL

Irish softball kicks off season in Las Vegas tourney

By RACHEL PROTZMAN
Sports Writer

The 2000 Irish Softball team will kick off its season this weekend as the women travel to the University of Nevada's Las Vegas Tournament.

Notre Dame will play five of the 16 participating teams.

Head coach Liz Miller, now in her eighth coaching season at Notre Dame, has high expectations for the opener this weekend.

"Right now we set very high goals for ourselves. We expect to go and win every game."

This year the Irish are making their first appearance in the top-25 rankings since 1997 with a 22nd place ranking.

The Irish, coming from a 42-20 record last season, will look to improve on last year. But it won't be easy.

With an undefeated conference performance, Notre Dame grabbed its first Big East championship last year before advancing to NCAA Regionals where they defeated fifth-ranked Michigan before falling to Nebraska in extra innings.

This year Notre Dame looks to repeat last year's stellar performance.

The team is expected to finish first again in the Big East by a poll of conference coaches.

The Irish secured eight of nine first place votes, finishing with 64, 11 more than No. 2 Boston College.

Notre Dame led off this season with a bang at the Kla Classic at Cal State Fullerton.

The Irish went 4-2 in the tournament that included 10 of the top 25 and six in the top 10 rankings.

Notre Dame advanced to the semifinals after defeating Cal State Northridge, Texas, No. 16 Louisiana-Lafayette and No. 6 Oklahoma.

The Irish fell to No. 2 Arizona and No. 3 Arizona State.

Pitcher Jennifer Sharron was honored by the NFCA in last week's outstanding Division I player performance list. Sophomore pitcher Michelle Moschel and freshman first baseman Andrea Loman were named as the pitcher and rookie of the week by the Big East con-

ference.

The Irish lead off the three-day tournament against Portland State Friday morning. Finishing with a 12-37 record last season, the Vikings have never faced Notre Dame in competition.

Notre Dame plays Southern Utah next. The Thunderbirds, ending last year at 10-48 and returning just three of its nine starters, are currently 0-2.

Saturday morning the Irish are slated to face Oregon. The Ducks stand at 4-1 in the 2000 season, losing only to fifth-ranked Southern Mississippi.

They finished last year at 40-29 after advancing to the NCAA Regionals and grabbing the No. 25 national ranking.

With a 1-1 history against the Ducks, Notre Dame looks to have the upperhand.

Notre Dame is looking to revenge its 6-2 loss to Santa Barbara during the 1999 season. UCSB stands at 3-1 in the 2000 season.

The Irish end weekend play against Utah. The Utes, picked to finish first in the Mountain West Conference, are currently 0-3 after the Fiesta Bowl Tournament last weekend.

Although lacking senior leadership, the Irish have returned seven starters, including 1999 Big East pitcher of the year, Jennifer Sharron and 1999 Big East player of the year, shortstop, Melanie Alkire.

Also returning from the all-Big East Team, are outfielders Lizzy Lemire and Jennifer Kriech.

Notre Dame has a new defensive look in the infield this season as freshmen Andrea Loman, Alexis Madrid and Andria Bledsoe are slated to start at first, second and third bases, while sophomore Jarrah Myers switches from third to catcher.

Joining Lemire and Kriech in the outfield is junior Danielle Klayman, a returning starter.

The Irish, who have not played outdoors yet this year, face teams that have already started the 2000 season.

"We have a little catching up to do, but we won't let that be [the other teams'] advantage. It doesn't hold us back," Miller said. "We need to go out there and play our game."

"Right now we set very high goals for ourselves. We expect to go and win every game."

Liz Miller
head coach



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Sophomore third baseman Jarrah Myers will be one of the many Irish traveling to Las Vegas to open the 2000 season. The Big East Irish will face five teams including Portland State and Southern Utah throughout the week.

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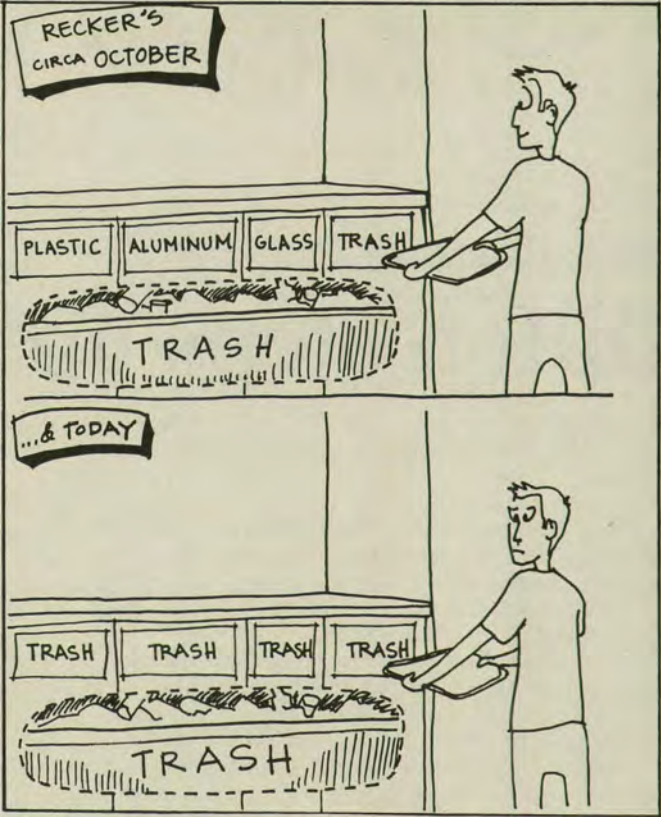
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JEFF BEAM



Which is worse, hypocrisy or pathetic honesty?

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1 Get rid of

8 Loser

15 City on Lake Ontario

16 "Well, I ___!"

17 & 18 Spend-thrift's motto (which cracks me up!)

19 W.W. II combat area: Abbr.

20 Lender's recourse

22 Military mission

23 Stage assistant's job

25 Phnom ___

26 Goldman ___ (brokerage)

29 Noggin

31 Latin lover's word
- 34 They keep people off beaches

36 Khartoum-to-Nairobi dir.

37 Gray

38 & 40 American novelist (who cracks me up!)

42 Staffs

43 Neediest cases site?: Abbr.

45 Swinging

46 Gamy

47 It might be involved in a police roundup

49 Beer delivery

50 Settles with certainty

52 Lore

54 "___ what you say, but ..."

56 Sludge

57 Break
- DOWN**

1 Suit to ___

2 Tug, say

3 Estimator's phrase

4 "The Thin Man" co-star

5 Business letters?

6 Popular vodka, familiarly

7 Zeroing (in on)

8 Yemeni city

9 Linda ___

10 One way to run

11 Novelist Tillie

12 "Unchain My Heart" singer

13 Ship to Colchis

14 Brightly-colored

21 Prima donna problems

23 Buddies

24 Packinghouse stamp

25 Procter & Gamble brand

26 Jerk

27 Shake like ___

28 Crows' hangouts

30 It may be temporary or practical
- 60 & 62 Runner-up (who cracks me up!)

65 End-of-book matter

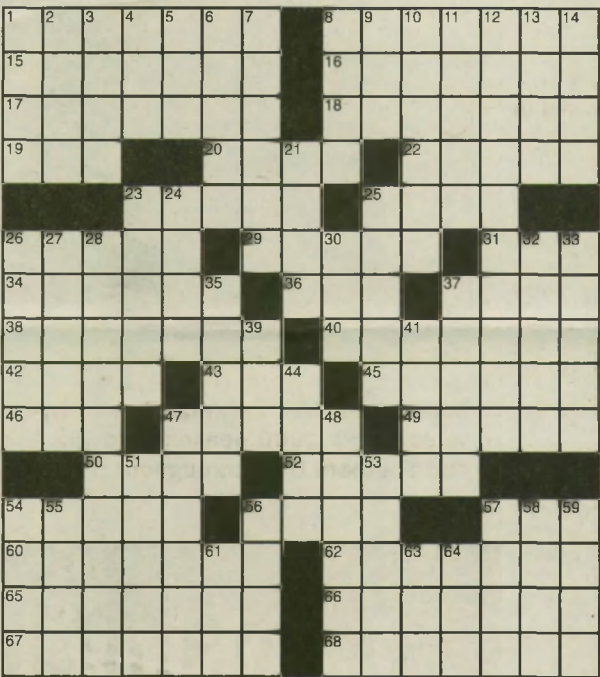
66 Major coca producer

67 Spouse's meek response

68 Unity

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Puzzle by Manny Nosowsky

- 32 Director Louis

33 Follows

35 Shows of irritation

37 Stars on stage

39 AT&T competitor

41 Gambling, e.g.

44 "Do ___ others"

47 Pacific

48 Park feature

51 Surrendered, with "in"

53 Enticed
- 54 Words to an "old chap"

55 Harbor

56 Actor Sharif

57 "___ Me a Break" (title for this puzzle?)
- 58 Sales term

59 Grps. that liaise with principals

61 Dietary abbr.

63 Order at the Green Dragon

64 China's ___ Piao

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Joan Crawford, Chaka Khan, Marty Allen, Moses Malone, Ric Ocasek, Amanda Plummer

Happy Birthday: This is the year to get serious about being the best that you can be. Don't hold back; do the things that will help raise your self-esteem. The better you feel about yourself, the more successful you will be. Your efforts won't go unnoticed, and your unique ideas will attract some people with clout. Your numbers: 8, 10, 23, 37, 41, 46

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your thirst for knowledge must be satisfied today. Attend lectures or just visit your local library in search of some pertinent information. ☺☺☺

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Residential changes will enhance the value of your property. Do the work yourself. Contractors will cost more than you bargain for. ☺☺

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your emotional partner may be difficult if you haven't expressed your feelings lately. Spend quality time or plan a short trip with the one you love. ☺☺

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Business trips will be successful today. Take care of red tape or legal matters that have been hanging over your head. You can enhance your appearance; however, you must avoid extravagance. ☺☺☺☺

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Educational pursuits or listening to a knowledgeable individual will give you the answers you've been looking for. Take time to digest the information before you apply it. ☺☺

Birthday Baby: You have a strong sense of justice. You will always do what's right. Although uncertainties will be present throughout your life, you will know what needs to be done in order to meet your own criteria. (Need advice? Check out Eugenia's Web sites at astroadvice.com, eugenialast.com, astromate.com.)

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your emotional life may interfere with your professional life today. Try to deal with them separately and don't let those you work with in on your personal problems. ☺☺☺☺

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Ask for favors today. You can make financial and professional gains if you play your cards right. Take charge of your life by making the necessary alterations. ☺☺☺

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You can accomplish just as much working at home today. Don't let others put unreasonable demands on you. Say no if you haven't got the time. ☺☺☺

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): The people you live with may try to make you feel guilty, so be prepared to put them in their place. Residential changes are likely and are a positive direction for you to follow. ☺☺☺

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your discipline will pay off today. Make sure you listen carefully to the thoughts of others. The insight obtained will be far more beneficial than you imagined. ☺☺☺☺

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Take heed of the advice given by friends and relatives. You are not likely to think clearly; therefore, run your ideas past those you trust and respect. ☺☺

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Mix business with pleasure and invite colleagues out after hours. Financial ventures should be lucrative if you have taken care of all the angles yourself. ☺☺☺☺

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Magnificent Seven

Fencing heads to the NCAA championships led by Senior Magda Krol and seven talented freshmen.

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Thursday, March 23, 2000

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Dillon steps up in Irish victory over Cougars

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

Every time Brigham Young looked like it would give Notre Dame a run for its money Wednesday night, senior point guard Jimmy Dillon came through for the Irish.

Dillon tallied four steals to bring his season total to 64 and smash former Irish star David Rivers' 15-year-old single-season record of 61. Dillon's defensive efforts helped lift Notre Dame (21-14) to a 64-52 victory over Brigham Young (22-11) in the quarterfinals of the National Invitation Tournament.

"It's an honor," Dillon said of the record. "It's a shock. But it's a great accomplishment."

Dillon sparked the Irish with his fourth and final steal, which he dribbled down the court for a breakaway lay-up. Those points ended a more than four-minute scoring drought for the Irish, and put them ahead 52-45.

"I think Jimmy has given us energy all year long," Notre Dame head coach Matt Doherty said. "He gives us some athleticism at the guard spot that we need. He gives us some toughness. He's a good ball-handler. I think he really enjoys running the show, and he's done a good job. He's a smart player."

The Cougars countered with a jumper by junior Mekeli Wesley to cut the Irish lead to five.

Sophomore forward David Graves worked his name into the record book a minute later. Graves tied Ryan Hoover's 1983-84 season record for 3-pointers with his 80th of the year on a Dillon assist that led off an 8-0 Irish run.

The streak continued as a Harold Swanagan defensive rebound led to another Graves basket.

On BYU's next possession, Troy Murphy pulled down one of his game-high nine rebounds. The rebound returned the ball to Notre Dame, and

freshman Mike Monserez nailed a 3-pointer for his only points of the game.

"That pass David [Graves] made to Harold [Swanagan] was big," Doherty said of a jumper just before Dillon's final steal. "Mike [Monserez]'s shot was big. Jimmy [Dillon]'s steal was big. That gave us some life, and maybe took some life from BYU."

With the Irish now up 60-47, the victory was virtually in hand. Brigham Young coach Steve Cleveland knew things were getting out of control for his squad, and called a 30-second timeout. The Irish team sensed they were on the verge of another trip to New York, as Graves hugged Murphy on the way off the court.

The closest the Cougars could come after the timeout was an eight-point deficit with 2:09 remaining, following two free throws by Eric Nielsen and a trey by Michael Vranes.

Their only hope for victory after that rested on sending the Irish to the charity stripe. But the Irish were golden from the line.

Murphy knocked down two free throws to give the Irish a 10-point advantage.

Notre Dame shot 89 percent from the free throw line on 16-for-18 shooting.

"It was an ugly game," Graves said. "We found a way to survive by hitting free throws at the end."

The Irish benefited from 58 percent shooting from the field, while the Cougars suffered at 37 percent. The Cougars faced a zone defense for the first time since before Christmas, a challenge they fared poorly against.

"When you play against a zone, you have to make perimeter shots," Cleveland said. "We don't have the size to battle Notre Dame inside. If we knock those threes down, this thing goes right to the wire. If you don't make [open shots] on the road,



LIZ LANG/The Observer

Graves led the Irish to a 64-52 victory over the Cougars of Brigham Young Wednesday night. Notre Dame now advances to the semifinals of the National Invitation Tournament where they will take on Penn State.

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Midnight Madness arrives on Saint Mary's campus

By KATIE MCVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

First, there is March Madness. Then, there is Midnight Madness.

Designed to enhance school spirit and pride, the Saint Mary's athletic department has organized the first ever Midnight Madness. On Friday, March 31, Angela Athletic Facility will be rock-



Kachmarik

ing with championships, music, and prizes. Midnight Madness will arrive at Saint Mary's, with the grand prize of a trip for two to Chicago.

Athletic Director Lynn Kachmarik designed Midnight Madness, along with student director of intramurals, Janel Miller. The event was designed as a way to get the Saint Mary's community involved in activities on its campus.

"It's a great event," Kachmarik said. "This is a way to keep our women on this campus on a Friday night. It's a great opportunity for us to come together and celebrate."

The evening will kick off at

10 o'clock Friday night with the winter intramural championships. Kachmarik and Miller have been working to revamp the intramural program in order to get more women involved. This year the intramural teams were associated with residence halls. Each team had to be composed of women from only one residence hall. Friday night Kachmarik is looking for support from other women in the residence halls.

"Every residence hall is represented," Kachmarik said. "We want the women to come out and support the people they are living with."

Following the conclusion of the intramural champi-

onships, the focus will shift from hall pride to class pride. Each of the four classes will have its own section in the gym and members of the class should come dressed in the assigned class color. Freshmen should wear white T-shirts, sophomore should wear red shirts, juniors should wear green shirts and seniors should wear blue shirts. Angela will also be decorated in these colors.

Following the intramural contests, the games will begin. There will be cross-class competitions, ranging from athletic events to trivia contests. Some of the evening's activities are a three-legged race, musical chairs, dodgeball, 30

second shot contest, and even "What would you do for a Klondike bar?" The evening will also host a tug-of-war between teams composed of freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors. The class that wins the tug of war will face off against a team composed of faculty members.

A DJ will be in Angela all night playing music, and throughout the night there will be various emcees. Participants will be selected from a box at the door for several of the night's competitions.

Women may place their names in the box as they

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE



Baseball
at Villanova
Saturday, noon



at Ohio State
Thursday, 4 p.m.



Fencing at NCAA
Championships, March
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NCAA Mid-east regionals
vs. Texas Tech
Saturday, 1:30 p.m.



NIT semifinals
vs. Penn State
Saturday, TBA.



Softball
vs. Purdue (DH)
Thursday, 4 p.m.



at North Carolina
Saturday, 1 p.m.



Lacrosse vs. Hofstra
Sunday, 1 p.m.