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One in four women is raped or sexually assaulted before finishing college.
Forty-two percent of victims keep silent about the crime.
From Notre Dame, this is*

ONE VICTIM'S VOICE

I have asked to remain anonymous because, to this day, being raped still affects me. In the beginning, people were mad at me and wanted to hurt me. I am still scared that somebody may retaliate against me because they do not believe me. I cannot take that risk; I have already been hurt enough.

"Emily"

Editor's Note: "Emily" and "Kelly" are pseudonyms.

On the shelf of a University-issue wardrobe, a white cardboard box sits squashed between a navy nylon sleeping bag and a four-cup Mr. Coffee maker. Shaped like an oversized cereal box, it arrived more than two years ago at Farley Hall, a care-package for a freshman from her mom. An \$8 postage sticker still clings to the box's top, but the worth of its present contents far exceeds the cash spent to ship cookies cross country.

This box protects artifacts of a two-year psychological war waged by Emily, a Notre Dame junior, and initiated by a violent battle of strength and sexual violation. The box holds evidence: a pair of black khaki pants and a beige button-down shirt spotted with blood, tidily folded by the 5-foot-3, 120-pound woman who wore them on Oct. 12, 1997. It also preserves journals, letters, a statement to Student Affairs — written recollections of a terrifying night. A book of case law summaries and highlighted legal pamphlets on victims' rights line the bottom of the package.

One in four women might understand completely the contents of Emily's box because one-quarter of women are raped or sexually assaulted before finishing college, according to American Medical Association statistics. Of these crimes, 57 percent occur on dates. Twenty-five percent of men admit having behaved aggressively; 42 percent of victims tell no one about the crime.

Emily's experience belongs in all these categories.

It began, as she remembers, at Bridget McGuire's Filling Station, a notorious hang-out for students lucky enough to hold IDs with altered birth dates or the driver's licenses of generous older friends. The dingy underage bar, converted into a coffee shop after Indiana state cops busted more than 100 teens there in 1998, was hopping with glittered freshmen guzzling from 22-ounce Bud Light bottles on that Saturday night in the fall of 1997. After 2-1/2 hours of bouncing to Bruce Springsteen and DJ Kool, Emily noticed her friend Kelly's boyfriend stroll in with a friend at his side. The guys quickly filled up with lager.

Just after 2 a.m., when Bridget's employees flipped on the lights to expose dozens of recently mated couples and hundreds of empty brown glass bot-



Contained in a cardboard box are the physical remnants of Emily's 2-1/2-year struggle against the memory of being raped. Journals and clothes she wore the night of the alleged assault fill the package.

tles, Emily, Kelly and the two guys boarded a cab at Corby and Eddy Streets. On the three-minute ride to Main Circle, roughly 10 students crammed into the station wagon taxi. Kelly and her man nestled somewhere in the back; Emily and the other guy shared the passenger's seat in front.

After a quick walk from the Circle, Emily, her friend and the two guys sneaked into a West Quad men's dorm after parietals. Before Kelly and her boozed date retreated to privacy, they asked Emily to help their incapable

buddy to his third-floor double. She obliged.

At around 3 in the morning, Emily took the guy to his room and waited nervously at the door for the moment to escape from a dorm on all-male lockdown. The man then rose, stripped to his boxers, flexed his arm muscles in the mirror and shoved a movie into the VCR. Emily remained near the door, planning how to leave the building without getting caught. She wondered if walking home alone so late at night put her in danger of being assaulted.

Then, the man invited Emily to the loveseat and kissed her gently.

Unsure of her surroundings, Emily immediately tried to evade his touch. She said no. Then tenderness became force. The man pegged Emily with his 5-foot-9, 190-pound frame and wrestled off her pants. He raped her orally and vaginally and tried to rape her anally. Afraid he'd beat her, Emily submitted. Too stunned to scream, she kept silent.

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INSIDE COLUMN

A predator among us

Four thousand, nine hundred and eight. Does this number mean anything to you? It should. This is the number of undergraduate women at Saint Mary's and Notre Dame whose safety is in jeopardy. But what, you may be asking, could warrant this threat?

Colleen McCarthy

Associate News Editor

On March 25, a male member of the Notre Dame community allegedly raped a fellow student in a residence hall. The victim has chosen not to press charges, and so the Office of Student Affairs will take no action to discipline the accused. I am disturbed and disgusted that this man will not be held responsible for his animalistic actions. He is a predator to every woman on both campuses, and what bothers me even more is that no one knows who he is.

The next woman he takes to an SYR or meets at a bar and brings back to his room will not know that this person violated someone he knew in the most intimate way. If he is not being held accountable for raping this student, will he realize that what he has done is wrong? If he could rape one woman, what will stop him from raping another? Nothing.

It is time for the Saint Mary's and Notre Dame communities to open their eyes and realize that 68 percent of rape victims know their attackers. The reality is that we don't like to think about rape happening here. As a freshman, I thought I was surrounded by the good, upstanding people of Catholic institutions. I was naïve, but the truth is that though we may not like to think so, the people we sit with in class or socialize with on weekends are capable of rape.

There seems to be a stigma attached to acquaintance rape — that since it was someone the victim knew rather than a strange man in a back alley that somehow the experience is less horrific. I think the opposite is true. I find it even more animalistic that anyone could rape someone he knows. The stranger has no connection to you, but the acquaintance has held a conversation with you. He could be a fellow student. He could sit next to you in class. He could be your lab partner or your date for Saturday night.

As a community, we can no longer be silent. We should demand that Student Affairs create a policy to discipline rapists, even if the victim chooses not to press charges against her attacker. Protecting members of the Saint Mary's and Notre Dame community from being victimized and holding people accountable for their actions should be a priority.

To the 4,908 undergraduate women on both campuses: Remember that rape is rape no matter who the perpetrator. We need to join together and let the administration know that we will not allow our safety to be compromised.

To the rapist: Maybe you thought that she didn't mean it when she said "no." Perhaps you think that what you did isn't a big deal or that she'll get over it. If that's what you think, read the story on the front page of today's Observer and think again.

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THIS WEEK IN NOTRE DAME/SAINT MARY'S HISTORY

New literature course to address gay issues

Wednesday, April 2, 1993

Despite consistent University denial of recognizing an official organization for gays and lesbians on campus, "Outspoken Readings in Literature," was offered for the Fall 1993 semester. "This is a university of academic freedom, and that's what part of intellectual growth among the students is all about," said Diane Murray, associate dean of the College of Arts and Letters.

University suspends arrested students

Thursday, April 8, 1976

Three Notre Dame students were arrested for possession and delivery of drugs and were then suspended from the University, according to James Roemer, dean of students. Sophomore Michael Kohlmiller, Senior Christopher Cannon and Junior Thomas Flynn face charges of delivering marijuana and amphetamines to police agents.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Anti-abortion group cancels visit to Indiana U.

BLOOMINGTON, Ind.

The Genocide Awareness Project, a pro-life organization sponsored by the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform, indefinitely postponed its visit to Indiana University after conflict with the administration regarding where its display would occur.

The group said it will sue the university for denying it permission to demonstrate at the requested location.

Dean of students Richard McKaig said because Dunn Meadow is IU's designated free speech area, the university could not approve the group's request to set up its display between Ballantine and Woodburn Halls.

"[The university] approved the event for Dunn Meadow, which is our standard free speech area, and they had not agreed Dunn Meadow was an appropriate place because they felt it

was out of the way," McKaig said.

"They wanted to be closer to Woodburn and Ballantine, but that's not a public forum, free speech area where we approve of displays, and so we said 'No, [and] that on our campus, the assembly ground policy is Dunn Meadow.'"

Gregg Cunningham, executive director of the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform, said the Project requested the Woodburn area for display because not enough people walk through Dunn Meadow.



He also said he believes restricting the Project from setting up between Ballantine and Woodburn is a violation of the group's first amendment rights.

Cunningham said the Project has retained counsel on the issue through both the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform and the Center for Law and Policy, a public interest civil liberties firm and intends to sue IU in order to allow their display in the Woodburn area.

"We're going to force this university, under judicial review, to clarify its first amendment policy or to adopt a policy that's constitutional or apply their policy in a constitutional way," Cunningham said.

Associate university counsel Kiply Drew said U.S. Supreme Court precedent allows the University to make reasonable restrictions on speech.

Penn State students question opposite-sex living

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa.

Haverford College decided last week to open its on-campus apartment-style housing to students who want to room with the opposite sex, a move that Pennsylvania State University housing officials don't plan to copy in the near future. Fred Fotis, director of Residence Life, said the issue is complicated and while it can't be ruled out completely for future Penn State students, the problems for any state institution are different than those of private colleges. "I'm sure that some people would have a negative response if any state institution — not just Penn State — would do this," Fotis said. Money could be in danger if legislators, private contributors, parents or even students opposed the idea of allowing students to share rooms with the opposite sex, Fotis said. The option at Haverford College, a small private school near Philadelphia, will be offered during an experimental period in Fall Semester 2000. Requests from gay and lesbian students, who said they often felt uncomfortable sharing rooms with members of the same sex, helped inspire the policy.

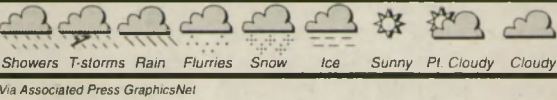
Versity.com to test program at U. Michigan

ANN ARBOR, Mich.

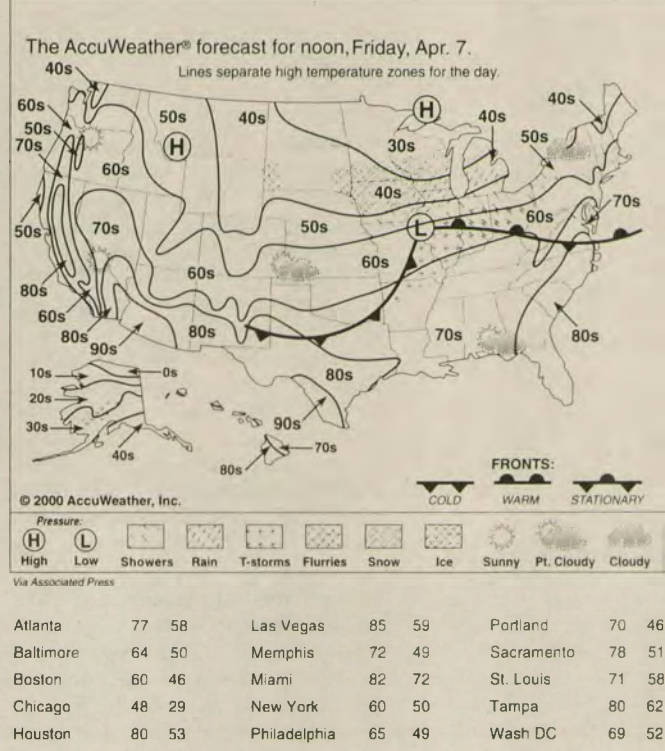
Versity.com will test new notes program at U. Michigan. Recent controversy surrounding the note-taking service Varsity.com has focused on the lack of professor permission given to the paid notetakers, but Varsity's new Pilot Program requires professor notification before the notes hit the web. Varsity On-Campus market representative Daniel Wolf said the University of Michigan is the pilot school for the program. Wolf said the quality of notes increases when students and professors are more aware of the website's impact. The professors can even offer up some of their top students for notetaking and check their notes to assure quality, he said. University faculty have mixed reactions to commercial notetakers. Political science professor Douglas Lemke allows Grade A Notes to be provided for his students. He wants students to be able to catch up if they miss class but said he thinks that it's not good for students to depend on it. "It's an added supplement for classes, it is not meant as a way not to go to class but a place to go and check out notes to add to yours," Wolf said.

LOCAL WEATHER

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NATIONAL WEATHER



Rapagnani: Legality, bandwidth concerns in Napster ban

By KIFLIN TURNER
News Writer

The decision to put the computer program Napster on moratorium is causing an ongoing controversy at universities all across the country. Napster is an application that allows its users to share mp3 files in a unique file-sharing system.

"I have a committee that advises me on computer information technology policies and procedures on campus — comprised of students, faculty and staff members," said Larry Rapagnani, assistant provost of Information Technologies, who emphasized that it was not his decision to block Napster.

"There are a couple of reasons [why the University decided to block Napster] — one is a security issue that we do not totally understand, the second is a bandwidth utilization issue, or anything associated with accessing network information, and lastly, we can't prove anything, but trading in Napster space is typically trading music files, or mp3 files, that because of our past history with mp3s here on campus and other campuses really deals with illegally copied music," Rapagnani said.

Napster users are able to copy and download files from the hard drives of other Napster users.

"We do not know that for a fact, but it is highly suspect that Napster was put up for the free and easy exchange of mp3 files," said Rapagnani. The Record Industry Association of America has notified the

University that people on campus, primarily students, have these files, infringing on copyright policies.

"We did not want really frivolous use of the Internet to get in the way of doing real business because we design and build infrastructure to take care of the business needs on campus," said Rapagnani.

The "Responsible Use of Information Technologies" document produced by the Office of Information Technologies includes in its document that some "non-commercial uses are permitted by the faculty, staff, and students, if they are not excessive, do not interfere with the performance of any faculty, staff member, or student duties, do not interfere with the efficient operation of the University or its computing resources."

"We recognize that frivolous use goes on. Frivolous use in and by itself is not a problem," said Rapagnani. The problem is, he said, exists when this use consumes 40 percent of available bandwidth. Rapagnani stated that traffic is highest when students in the residence halls tend to use the network — from 10 p.m. to 2:30 a.m.

"We still want to afford you the opportunity to do the exploration, and sometimes those things conflict with one another, especially when one overwhelms the other," Rapagnani said.

Rapagnani helped to establish ResNet on campus in 1997, an intra-residence campus network system that allows students access to the Internet 700 times faster than a telephone line and modem.

"We are entirely hopeful that we build this infrastructure so that you can use ResNet and you are advancing your intellectual knowledge," said Rapagnani. Rapagnani is well aware, however, that ResNet is not used for purely academic purposes. "We also know that you explore, which is great — we just need to couch the exploration part in some sort of parameter space such that you still value an ethical set of principles that govern your behavior," he said. "We are here to get you guys an education — that is what we want, that is what we are about and we want you to enjoy your experience in doing so."

Bandwidth utilization abilities are significantly diminished when Napster is in use, making it much more difficult for students, faculty and staff to access pertinent information. "Fetching resources off the Internet could take longer; in fact, in some cases it can be blocked out entirely," said Rapagnani.

"We are trying to generate more bandwidth for things like DARTing — plus we are getting

close to finals and the intensity of research tends to go up quite a bit," said Rapagnani.

The actions of the University were taken at a crucial time in which students will need DART information for fall registration, as well as research information to help prepare for finals.

"We need to make sure there are resources available for you to get enrolled, if you need to do research — we need to make sure you have the capacity and the tools available to do that. We do not want some other use to impede that," said Rapagnani. Above all, Rapagnani stated that the academic mission of the University clearly outweighs the effects of placing Napster on moratorium.

"Obviously our intent is not censorship. We are an academic institution and we need to foster exploration and dialogue and counter viewpoints. But the primary mission of course, is our academic mission," Rapagnani said. While Rapagnani does not endorse a long-term ban or censorship of Napster, he believes that a short-term moratorium makes sense and will expedite the communication of academic information.

"We do not want to get into the censorship business — that is not our strong-suit, in fact it is counter-cultural to being an institution of higher education," Rapagnani said.

While Rapagnani is unsure of the measures that will be taken in the future with regulating the use of Napster, he is confident that in the fall things will be different.

"We are planning network upgrades this summer while you all are gone to enhance that capacity of our on-campus network," Rapagnani said.

The decision to block Napster

presently was a well-planned and thought-out decision, according to Rapagnani, who claimed that a great deal of organization and planning must take place to implement future applications, designing a network, and upgrading to acquire more bandwidth.

"What you need to do is take a more holistic approach, so it is just not like flipping a switch and you get more bandwidth — it is not quite that easy. You have to design these things and that takes time," said Rapagnani.

Every school in America is wrestling with how to deal with Napster, Rapagnani said.

"We are not intent on putting Napster out of business; we are more interested in understanding how we have a relationship with this entity and how we can still provide you access for exploration purposes to do whatever you want couched within the ethical confines that hopefully you are operating within, and still allow you to do

the things reasonable students will want to do," said Rapagnani.

The time spent over the summer organizing and upgrading will give the University time to review plausible

options that will hopefully establish a more comprehensive relationship with Napster.

"We just want to take some time to study it and do what is effective for Notre Dame and do what is right for you," Rapagnani said. Napster has recently received attacks from the RIAA, but since the mp3 files do not reside on the Napster server, and Napster does not charge fees for its services, Napster claims that the complaints have no applicable legal grounds.

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Appalachia Seminar



NEED: LEADERS FOR APPALACHIA SEMINAR TASK FORCE

The Appalachia Seminar is currently seeking members to join the Appalachia Task Force for the 2000-2001 school year. The Task Force consists of eight undergraduate students who form a leadership team responsible for planning, implementing, and creating new opportunities within the Appalachia Seminar. The Task Force is dedicated to experiential learning as a means to enhance higher education. We are in need of interested, enthusiastic, and committed persons to join us.

If you have participated in the Appalachia Seminar, please consider applying to the Appalachia Task Force.

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Speaker of the House to lecture Saturday

Special to the Observer

Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert will deliver the University of Notre Dame's C. Robert Hanley Lecture Saturday [Apr. 8] at 2:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies on campus. The topic of the address will be "The 106th Congress: A Report from the Speaker."

Elected Speaker of the House in January 1999, Hastert represents Illinois' 14th Congressional District west of Chicago — a suburban area of high tech firms, small and large industrial complexes and farmland. First elected to the House of Representatives in 1986, he previously had taught government and history for 16 years at Yorkville High School in northern Illinois.

Prior to his election as Speaker, Hastert served as Chief Deputy Majority Whip. He also served as chairman of the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee's National Security, International Affairs and Criminal Justice Subcommittee. The subcommittee had broad oversight responsibilities for the Departments of State, Defense and Justice; it also oversaw the nation's War on Drugs effort. He also served as a member of the House Commerce Committee, whose jurisdiction includes energy

policy, interstate and foreign commerce, broadcast and telecommunications policy, food, health and drug issues.

Hastert has been the House Republican point person on health care reform since 1992. In that capacity, he served as the only House Republican on Hillary Clinton's Health Care Task Force in 1993, then chaired the Speaker's Steering Committee on Health and the Resource Group on Health. He helped author the health care reform bill signed into law by President Clinton in 1996 to expand health care coverage to the uninsured.

Also during his years in Congress, Hastert has championed legislation to reform the federal budget process, balance the budget and cut government waste. He also led a nationwide fight to repeal the Social Security earnings test levied on senior citizens. He worked on and passed legislation to reduce government regulations in areas such as telecommunications and trucking.

Prior to his election to Congress, Hastert served three terms in the Illinois General Assembly, where he spearheaded legislation on child abuse prevention, property tax reform, educational excellence and economic development. Hastert is a 1964 graduate of Wheaton College and earned his master's degree from Northern Illinois University at DeKalb

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

U.N. to help find missing Kuwaitis from Gulf War

KUWAIT

A U.N. official listened Thursday to tearful accounts from relatives of Kuwaitis missing since Iraq invaded this small Gulf state in 1990, and promised to help find out what happened to their loved ones. Retired Russian ambassador Yuli Vorontsov was appointed in February by U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan to make a fresh attempt at convincing Iraq to account for 605 people who disappeared during its seven-month occupation of Kuwait. Vorontsov arrived Wednesday on his first visit to Kuwait. Thursday, he listened to people like Akeel al-Thafiri, who said he hasn't heard from his son Fahd since he was arrested Oct. 6, 1990 while trying to enter Kuwait from Saudi Arabia.

World Health Organization: Access to safe blood needed

GENEVA

More than half of the world's countries fail to perform full tests on donated blood, increasing the risk of spreading AIDS and other diseases, the World Health Organization said Friday. From 5 to 10 percent of people with the AIDS virus are estimated to be infected via blood transfusions, said Yasuhiro Suzuki, director of WHO's health technologies division. "Reliable and safe blood supply is still out of reach for untold millions of people around the world," WHO Director-General Gro Harlem Brundtland said in a statement marking World Health Day on Friday. She blamed a "lack of commitment and support on the part of many governments." Annually, more than 13 million units (pints) of blood — almost one-fifth of the world's annual consumption — not tested for all infections that could be transmitted by transfusions, WHO said.

Jamaica to limit water supply

KINGSTON

The Jamaican government announced Thursday it will shut off water supply in some areas for several hours per day in response to a 4-month-old drought in the Caribbean nation. The government's National Water Commission will begin "locking-off" the water supply to parts of Kingston for as long as eight hours a day starting Tuesday, with other parts of the country to follow, Water Minister Karl Blythe said. "We may find it necessary to decrease [the water supply] to, say, a lower number of hours per day, maybe 16 hours in the first instance," Blythe said. Water levels at the two reservoirs serving Kingston, the Jamaican capital, have grown dangerously low.

RUSSIA



Russian president-elect Vladimir Putin watches the tactical exercises of Russia's Northern Fleet in the Barentsevo Sea. Putin spent the night underwater in a nuclear submarine near the Arctic Circle.

Putin looks to strengthen European ties

Associated Press

MOSCOW

With Russia's relationship with the United States souring, President Vladimir Putin is trying to edge closer to the European Union and use its growing international clout to offset Washington.

Boris Yeltsin, Putin's predecessor, made much of his backslapping, first-name "Bill and Boris" relationship with President Clinton — which paid off in U.S.-supported loans and other aid.

But ties with the United States have frayed in recent years over issues such as the U.S.-led bombing of Yugoslavia and U.S. allegations of Russian government corruption.

Now Putin is likely to focus on

strengthening ties with the EU and pay less attention to the United States, analysts say.

His strategy, however, could be hampered by growing European criticism of the war in Chechnya. On Thursday, Council of Europe delegates recommended suspending Russia from the human rights body unless it moves to end the conflict.

Putin has made clear he sees Russia's future as lying with Europe.

"Russia is a part of European culture. I simply cannot see my country isolated from Europe, from what we often describe as the civilized world," he said in March.

Since taking power, Putin has gone out of his way to court European governments, while having few contacts with the United States. His first meet-

ing with a Western leader was with British Prime Minister Tony Blair in March.

Two weeks later, he called Blair by his first name during a televised phone call to congratulate Putin on his March 26 election victory.

And Europe has responded to his approaches. The European Commission said in a congratulatory message that it looked forward to renewing its partnership with Russia. Two top EU officials were to begin talks Friday in Moscow on preparing for a May EU-Russia summit.

Moscow's feelers are prompted by fears that the impoverished and militarily weakened Russia will be shut out of decisions on war, peace and trade on the continent by growing European integration.

IRAQ

U.S.-British bombing kills 14 in no-fly zone

Associated Press

BAGHDAD

U.S. and British warplanes struck targets in southern Iraq on Thursday, and the Iraqi military said they hit residential areas, killing 14 civilians and injuring 19.

The U.S. military confirmed that planes carried out strikes, but said they were against military targets in response to attacks by Iraqi anti-aircraft artillery. A spokesman said there was no immediate indication of Iraqi

casualties.

The official Iraqi news agency's report, which cited an unidentified Iraqi Air Defense spokesman, did not specify the nature of targets hit or their exact location, but said the jets flew over six provinces in the southern no-fly zone.

"The American and British criminals added another crime to their barbaric acts ... when their ravens bombed residential areas and civil installations," the agency said.

At U.S. Center Command in Tampa, Fla., spokesman Lt. Col. Rick Thomas said the strikes were aimed at Iraqi military targets.

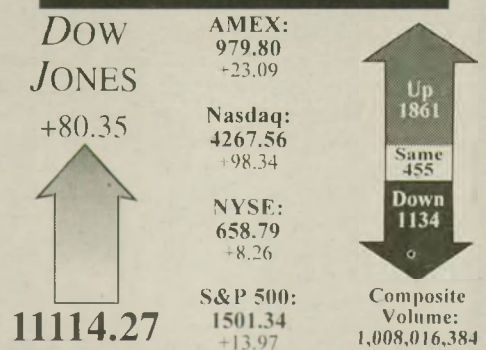
"They fired at us today. We struck in response to that," Thomas said, adding that U.S. pilots attempt as a rule to minimize the risk of civilian casualties.

The number of deaths reported in the strikes was the highest since Aug. 17, when Iraq said 19 civilians were killed and 11 were injured during attacks in

northern and southern Iraq. On Tuesday, authorities reported that strikes had killed two people and injured two in the south.

Iraq does not recognize the no-fly zones set up after the 1991 Gulf War to provide aerial protection from government forces for Shiite Muslims in the south and Kurds in the north. It began challenging the patrols in December 1998, and allied forces often have responded by firing on Iraqi anti-aircraft and radar installations.

Market Watch: 4/6



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TELLABS INC	TLAB	-4.72	-2.8800	58.12
YAHOO INC	YHOO	-6.98	-11.5625	154.00
COMPAQ COMPUTER	CPQ	+5.40	+1.5050	29.38
INTEL CORP	INTC	-0.05	-0.0650	129.81

Victim

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"I was dislocated from my body," Emily says. "I can picture the things happening. I couldn't have handled it, so while he was raping me, I had to treat it like I wasn't even there."

He ordered Emily — now a hollow puppet — to move to the bed. There, he raped her again. And when he rolled over on the twin-extra-long mattress, she read the digital clock — 6:12. At 8 a.m., she awoke to another series of rape. And at 10, when he finally finished, he sat on the edge of the bed, watched Emily dress herself and instructed her not to tell anyone about the night's events: He didn't want his girlfriend to know.

Through the hall and down the stairs, Emily flew out of the dorm. She took the long way home to North Quad — behind Welsh Family Hall, across the Circle toward Fitzpatrick, past the hanging garden on the DeBartolo quad, left toward O'Shaughnessy, past Riley, around Stepan Chemistry, by Stonehenge, to the second floor of Farley. Emily avoided the center of campus because Basilica services were in progress. She didn't want Sunday Mass-goers to see her. They were good people, and they would know she was a slut.

Her next move initiated Emily as a bad rape victim, she says. After balling up her shirt and khakis, Emily took a long, long shower, destroying physical evidence of sexual assault. For nearly five days, she pretended the rape didn't happen. She told her roommates she'd spent Saturday night in Kelly's room. She told Kelly she'd crashed on the guy's couch.

Like a typical rape victim, Emily avoided the truth, escaping to a corner of the world safer and calmer than her own life. Dr. Miguel Franco of Notre Dame's Counseling Center says Emily exhibited, in textbook fashion, symptoms of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder from the moment she left her alleged rapist's room. A victim of trauma, Emily experienced something sudden, threatening and overwhelming. An unexpected danger struck her physically and emotionally, and there was nothing she could do to stop it. Like any trauma victim, Emily retreated to a safe place, and she removed physical traces of the incident, washing them down the drain.

She suppressed memories, one of two psychological paths traversed by victims. "Part of you wants to figure out what happened, which gives you intrusive thoughts, which only makes you relive the traumatic experience," Franco explains, "versus part of you wants to avoid the situation, so you don't go outdoors or wear clothes that make you think of the incident, et cetera." For a week, Emily was better at avoiding.

The Thursday night after the rape — two days before fall vacation — Emily went again to Bridget's. Drinking and dancing, she wallowed in a world of denial built from pretense and dismissal. Soon, though, Emily was crying; her friend Vince Tricomi escorted her outside to a concrete parking curb facing a busy intersection just south of the bar.

"She was upset. It was so visible. She was so torn up that the bouncer thought I was assaulting her," Vince remembers. Between sobs, Emily choked out some details of the rape and shook uncontrollably. Immediately, Vince volunteered to transform his instant anger into violence — to deal with Emily's rapist without involving the authorities. But Emily swiftly deflated that scheme, so Vince refocused. He drew up a mental checklist: calm her down, do something, say something, anything.

"She was bawling and shaking. I wanted to hug her, and I thought that might be wrong. It was just such a delicate thing," says Vince, a freshman that October night outside Bridget's. Vince adopted a slogan — "It's not your fault." He'd heard somewhere that it was a simple phrase important to victims. For 40 minutes he repeated it. He held Emily as she cried and directed night-clubbers to search for taxis on another corner.

Vince promised to keep Emily's secret, but after October break, he told his Fisher Hall RA about the rape; Vince wanted to help but needed advice. The men concurred that Emily should take

pregnancy, STD and AIDS tests. Eighteen-year-old Emily heeded their suggestion and went alone to South Bend's city/county facility.

"The whole time — all of fall break — I thought I was pregnant," Emily says. "I figured out when I was due. I knew I wouldn't go through with an abortion; I don't believe in that. But what was I going to do with this baby from rape?"

All Emily's test results were negative, but the freshman still believed she could have HIV. "When I came back from fall break, I wanted to die. I didn't want to kill myself, but I secretly hoped I had AIDS so I would die."

As the fall days dragged on, memories of rape teemed in Emily's mind, crowding out friendship, studies, people, feelings. She ate little and slept a lot. She returned to the city health department every three months for STD tests. She thought it was her fault. "I was so numb that I literally could not feel where somebody touched me. I was

scared to go outside because I thought I would see him. I couldn't sleep by myself — I slept with a friend on a fold-away couch. I was hyper-vigilant about my friends: I didn't want them to go out because I thought it would happen to them."

Emily's roommates recognized this extreme alertness. One Friday night soon after the rape, she and six friends had trekked the rocky path between Vaness Street and Juniper Road — the route

between Turtle Creek Apartments and campus, heavily trafficked on weekend nights. With Loftus to the right and a practice baseball diamond to the left, the group paused on the dim trail so a girl could use the bushes behind tennis courts as a makeshift bathroom. A male friend accompanied her to keep a lookout.

"Emily went nuts," says Sarah Springer, one of Emily's three freshman-year roommates, who was at the scene. "She was screaming. She kept saying,

"When I came back from fall break, I wanted to die. I didn't want to kill myself, but I secretly hoped I had AIDS so I would die."

Emily



Emily fills a cardboard box with items she's collected related to her alleged rape. Items inside include personal journals and letters written to her by other victims, a beige shirt and black pants that she wore on the night of the attack, and law books, which Emily purchased to learn how to get a restraining order against her assaulter.

"Keep talking to me. Don't stop talking to me." She really thought something would happen to her. Then Emily turned to me and said, 'Last weekend I got raped.' And I was stunned."

For the rest of the first semester of their freshman year, Sarah and another roommate lived for Emily. They traded sleep for trips to the Grotto and studying for cradling a sobbing friend. They supported Emily's silence but urged her to report the crime to Student Affairs. These roommates watched, without support or advice from professional counselors, as dreams jolted their friend of just three months from her sleep.

"She would wake up and cry because she wasn't a virgin anymore. She would have nightmares that she couldn't wear a white dress at her wedding," Sarah says. "Halloween was ridiculous. We went to a party in Alumni [Hall], and Emily did 13 shots that night. But the smell of alcohol would bring it back for her. She would go up to people and tell them she got raped ... She ended up crying herself to sleep."

Emily stayed at Notre Dame, despite constant fear that she'd see her alleged attacker in the dining hall or on the way class. Just as she agonized over her friends' fate as they went on dates or to bars, she worried about women who met him daily, women oblivious to his violent past. That unperceived danger looming over Notre Dame students finally motivated Emily to take her case to Residence Life. Before Thanksgiving, she composed a six-page, single-spaced recollection of the early morning of Oct. 12, 1997. On Dec. 11, she met her alleged assaulter face-to-face.

A Student Affairs hearing is not like court. No judge presides, no lawyers argue, nobody takes an oath. Federal law keeps statements given inside meeting rooms confidential. Victims and defendants can bring student advocates: friends, student government volunteers, RAs. Parents, rectors and other adults rarely advocate, and in most cases, their direct involvement is discouraged. In the end, a panel of three Residence Life administrators reviews evidence, statements and witness accounts. It decides whether to discipline the accused.

In sexual assault cases, victims drive the process. They can contact Student Affairs anonymously, drop a case at any time or demand a hearing no matter how little evidence exists. Unlike in other hearings, sexual assault victims learn the panel's decision and the fate of the accused, whatever that might be.

Emily's hearing took place on the fifth floor of Grace Hall, Student Affairs' temporary home during Main Building renovation. Emily chose Tiana Checcia, a freshman in her section, as her student advocate. On the morning of the hearing, about a dozen section mates joined Emily and her mom, who'd flown to South Bend to support her daughter, for breakfast.

"As we were heading down the ramp [of North Dining Hall], [the guy who allegedly raped Emily] and [his roommate] were walking toward Grace," recalls Sarah. "You could just see her getting all sick to her stomach, and everyone just reached out to grab her."

That nauseating encounter actually broke some of the day's tension, explains Tiana. "The initial 'seeing him' was over." Emily and Tiana walked alone to Grace Hall, and a short, anxious wait in a sitting area ended as the women, Emily's accused rapist, his rector, three Residence Life officials and Emily's assistant rector entered a sterile-looking conference room. Emily sat two seats away from her alleged attacker on the same side of the table.

Emily was composed. She spoke clearly as she explained her terror on the night of the rape. "He was much bigger than me. He was strong. I had tears streaming down my face the entire time. I couldn't think logically," Tiana recalls Emily saying. Then the defendant spoke, fumbling over his words. Tiana remembers his statement: "She said no, and I just thought she didn't mean it."

Emily and her advocate didn't have to stay for the whole hearing. They left the conference after the defendant finished his statement. Dignified and strong, Emily met her friends and mom in Farley after the hearing. Later that night, she cried to Tiana. She believed the Student Affairs process might be a

long shot, that her rapist might be merely admonished.

Exactly three months after the reported rape, Emily met with a Student Affairs administrator: Her assaulter would be dismissed from Notre Dame in accordance with du Lac, the student handbook. He would be forbidden from campus grounds. The conversation happened just days after Emily had glanced across a DeBartolo lecture hall and spotted her alleged rapist preparing to take philosophy notes. He glared at her. She lost her voice. She became nauseated. She left class.

Since she was raped, Emily has overheard her story distorted by strangers. She assumes her alleged assaulter concocted tales to explain his expulsion or the fall night he spent locked in his room. Those rumors, Emily says, multiply and fly. "I got called everything. They said I was a slut, a good Catholic girl with regrets. They said my dad was a rich lawyer and that's how I got out of it. My mom and dad own a produce business. I didn't ask for this."

Without physical evidence, police reports or a legally binding admission by the accused rapist, Emily has nearly dismissed the idea of pressing civil or criminal charges. No prosecutor would pick up her case after 2-1/2 years, she's convinced. But the desire to

inform and protect other women has driven Emily to become a rape advocate at Notre Dame. She speaks with relative anonymity to crowds of students at Freshman Orientation. She, Sarah, Tiana, Vince and another friend have made an informational video for the University. And through her work at the Counseling Center, she's met a dozen women who, like herself, fell victim to acquaintance rape at Notre Dame.

"I wouldn't feel right if I left this place without doing something to try to help

other people or to right this situation. I was so disappointed. They make this out to be the Notre Dame family, that you can trust everybody, that everybody cares about you. Everybody here is not perfect. There's a lot of bad things going on here."

In fact, after supporting a handful of other rape and sexual assault victims through the disciplinary process, Emily believes Student Affairs might not be the best avenue to justice. While she believes her attacker's confession gave administrators ample reason to expel a dangerous man from campus and that her hearing was fair, she is not sure the panel is qualified to make judgments when evidence or a confession are unavailable.

Emily believes defendants' crimes have gone unpunished by Student Affairs in several cases she's seen since her own. "Student Affairs is totally subjective. There's usually no physical evidence, and it's choosing one person's word over another's. Maybe [rape] is something the University shouldn't touch. The University portrays [the

hearing] as a conflict-resolution session, a counseling-type thing. This is a felony, for God's sake. The University is in way over their head."

Dr. Franco says rape victims carry emotional, psychological and some-

times physical scars for their entire lives. Those who seek emergency medical attention after rape face a humiliating investigation as doctors and officers photograph genitalia, swab semen from inside the vagina and take samples of pubic hair. The few victims who take their accused rapists to court suffer a public airing of private horrors and often are victimized again, as defense attorneys attempt to undermine women's credibility. Overall, those who survive rape must edit their world view,

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Emily



On Saturday, Oct. 11, 1997, Emily went to Bridget McGuire's, a bar then known for serving underaged students. While dancing and drinking, she met a man who reportedly raped her later that night. One week later, she returned to the pub and told a friend about the incident. Since that time, Bridget's has been converted into Molly's McGuire's Coffee House.

explains Franco. They must understand that bad things happen to good people. That justice doesn't always prevail.

Emily's friends believe she is so strong. As they lived every hellish moment beside her, her roommates thought they would succumb to rape's oppressive atmosphere. Barely able to face their own fears about rape, they cannot fathom how Emily survived. But she did.

"She's come so far with this so quickly. She tries to use it as a tool to help other people," Sarah says. "She was cute little Emily, very outgoing, very trusting of people. Even after all this, she is so understanding, so forgiving. This happened to Emily for a reason; because I know other people, and they couldn't have handled it. I couldn't have handled it."

Emily's box sits unsuspectingly on the shelf above black formal dresses and worn running shoes. She opens it about once a month, usually before giving a talk about rape or while sharing her experience with a friend or stranger. She adds items occasionally — notes from discussions she leads, posters advertising dorm rape symposiums, letters from other victims she's met. The stuff jogs memories of anger, pain, regret, but Emily opens the container anyway. Rape is part of her life.

* statistics according to the American Medical Association

If you would like to discuss this story further with "Emily," please contact her at talkndsmc@hotmail.com.

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Tomes, Fogarty share experience ministering to gangs

By PATRICK BRENNAN
News Writer

Ministering to gang members can be dangerous but spiritually fulfilling, said Brother Bill Tomes, who has worked with gang members for more than 17 years. Tomes and Brother Jim Fogarty visited the basement of Fisher Hall Wednesday night to talk about their ministry.

"I started this project even further back than 17 years," Tomes said. "Twenty years ago, Christ spoke to me. That spiritual experience laid the groundwork for what I do today."

He is convinced that his work is done in accordance with God's plan for him.

"If God wanted this done, he'd have to force it on someone," Tomes said. "Most people wouldn't choose to do this kind of work."

Tomes and Fogarty spend their days in decidedly volatile surroundings. Every day, the two interact with inner-city youths in various Chicago housing projects.

According to Fogarty, tenacity is of great importance.

"When violence is all around

you, the sensible thing to do is walk away," he said. "On my first day, I wanted to get out of there, but I thought 'if I walk away, I'll never come back.' I stayed, and things got more peaceful."

The brothers discussed the danger of working in the projects. Both recounted stories of violence between rival gangs and heroic measures taken to prevent such violence, including the practice of stepping between gang members during shootings.

In spite of the danger,

the brothers stressed the importance of connecting with gang members.

"People in the neighborhood see you," said Fogarty. "Bonds are built through tragedies. Visiting gang members in the hospital, visiting families when someone gets killed or hurt and stepping between gangs shooting, it's all about proving yourself."

Paris, a 24-year-old gang member and former drug dealer who accompanied the brothers to their talk, confirmed the strong community connections made by the brothers.

"When I started hanging

around Toomes — that's when I started believing in God," Paris said.

When asked about Tomes, Paris, responded, "He's like a father to me ... I respect him."

Tyrese, a 14-year-old who has also been a part of the brothers' ministry, also discussed Tomes' impact; he plans to finish school and has no plans to join a gang.

For Tomes, the concessions of

selfless ministry are not necessarily tangible ones.

"The reward is obedience; we are doing what Christ wants us to do. It's what we're supposed to do," he said.

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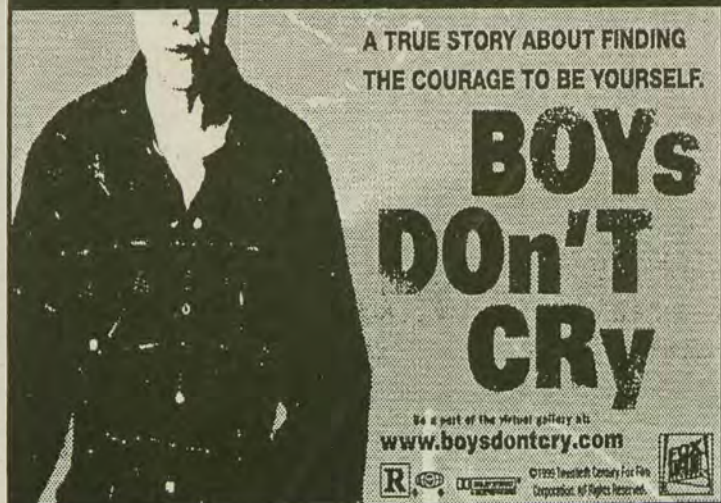
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Gingrich finalizes second divorce

Associated Press

MARIETTA, Ga. — Newt Gingrich's divorce from his wife of 18 years was finalized Thursday when a judge approved a settlement agreement reached by the couple in December.

Marianne Gingrich appeared in court to answer routine questions, but the former House speaker wasn't present. Superior Court Judge Dorothy Robinson sealed the agreement, keeping its terms closed to the public.



Gingrich

"She intends to continue with her charity work, including the Red Cross, and she's going to take the next few weeks to examine various opportunities that are now available to her," said Marianne's attorney John Mayoue.

Gingrich, 56, separated from his wife last May and filed for divorce in July. His attorneys have acknowledged his relationship with Callista Bisek, a 33-year-old former congressional aide, that began in 1993.

The divorce is Gingrich's second. He married his former high school geometry teacher, Jackie Battle, when he was 18. They were divorced in 1981, after having two daughters. Within months, Gingrich married Marianne Ginther, 48, a county planner and business consultant from Ohio.

Lesbian awarded 'parental' rights

Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J.

In a ruling on the parental rights of same-sex couples hailed as the strongest to date, the New Jersey Supreme Court declared that lesbian partners who raise children have the same legal rights of any parent when deciding custody issues.

The court unanimously ruled that a lesbian who helped raise her then-lover's twins was a "psychological parent" with legal standing akin to the biological mother, and granted the woman visitation now that the couple has split up.

Legal advocates for gay and lesbian rights called the ruling the broadest to date in cementing the rights of same-sex partners.

"It is really a groundbreaking decision," said Michael Adams of the American Civil Liberties Union's National Lesbian and Gay Rights Project. "The issue here is that once you have a parent-child relationship, we are not going to focus on legal technicalities. ... The only moral issue here is what is best for the child."

Jan LaRue, lawyer with the Family Research Council in Washington, chided the court, saying it went too far in its ruling and trampled the rights of birth mothers.

"We have got a Supreme Court in New Jersey that has made law rather than interpreted it," LaRue said. "They have acknowledged that there is no statute that would grant psychological parenthood, yet

they went on to create it."

The case involved a woman who became pregnant by artificial insemination and gave birth to twins in 1994 that she and her lesbian partner, identified only as V.C., raised together for two years.

After their 1996 separation, a trial court denied V.C. joint custody and visitation. An appellate court gave her visitation rights but was divided in its legal reasoning as to why.

In Thursday's ruling,

Associate Justice Virginia Long said V.C. carries the status of a "psychological parent" to the children and has a right to share parenting duties, despite the objections of the birth mother, identified only as M.J.B.

"Each appears to be a fully capable, loving parent committed to the safety and welfare of the twins," Long wrote.

The ruling maintained V.C.'s rights for weekend visitation with the twins. But Long turned down V.C.'s request for joint legal custody, which would have given her a say regarding decisions on the children's upbringing — only because V.C. has not been involved in decisions regarding upbringing for four years.

"To interject her into the decisional realm at this point would be unnecessarily disrupt-

tive for all involved," Long said.

Ruth Harlow, an attorney for the New York-based Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund, which litigates for the rights of gays and lesbians, said the ruling fell along the lines of a lesbian-parent decision in Wisconsin in 1995. In that ruling, the court ordered a lower court to reconsider its decision to turn down a woman's request for visits with the son of her former lesbian lover.

But the New Jersey Supreme

Court employed stronger language about the equal legal rights of lesbian partners, Harlow said.

"It is very much focused on making

sure that no matter what kind of family a child has been raised in, if someone has functioned as a parent, that person can go into court and ask if it is in the child's best interests to continue that relationship," Harlow said.

The ruling is also similar to a Massachusetts high court ruling last June that granted visitation rights to a lesbian who helped raise her ex-partner's son.

By contrast, in California, New York and Florida, state courts have ruled within the past 18 months that lesbian ex-partners are not entitled to visitation rights with children they helped nurture, regardless of how deep the emotional bond.

"The only moral issue here is what is best for the child."

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Catholic Church seeks return of women who aborted

Associated Press

BOSTON

The Roman Catholic Church has begun a nationwide campaign urging women who have had abortions — and now feel estranged from the faith — to undergo counseling and return to the fold.

Because the Vatican considers abortion the taking of a human life and a mortal sin, some women who have terminated a pregnancy feel unwelcome in church. The Church's goal is to reassure these women and bring them back to Catholicism.

"Many people think that abortion is the unforgivable sin, and that they have severed their tie with the Church forever. In fact it is the complete opposite," Barbara Thorp, director of pro-life services for the Archdiocese

of Boston. "We want people to understand that there is nothing that separates us from the love of God."

The campaign also is the Church's first widespread effort to encourage all women, not just Catholics, to seek spiritual help after having abortions.

For that reason, the radio and billboard ads do not mention the Catholic Church but instead have the slogan "Something inside dies after an abortion." They also use the words of women who have had abortions: "Not one day goes by that I don't think of my baby boy," one woman says.

The ads include a toll-free number for Project Rachel, the Church's post-abortion counseling service that began 15 years ago. It is named for a Biblical figure who mourns the death of her children.

Until now, Project Rachel was

handled locally through Church literature or radio ads. The wider campaign, organized by the National Conference of Bishops, is pegged to the Church's Jubilee Year, or 2,000th birthday. Reconciliation is one of Pope John Paul II's themes for the celebration.

In an interview, one Boston-area woman said she felt she was "unforgivable" for 20 years after having an abortion. She was a lapsed Catholic and a supporter of the abortion-rights movement in 1997 when she heard a local Project Radio ad on the radio. She sought counseling and wound up returning to the church.

"It gave me a way to make peace with God, my child and myself and to be able to move forward. I wanted a spiritual life," said the 46-year-old businesswoman, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

"I spoke with the most wonderful priest. He was so loving, so nonjudgmental. A few months later I made confession."

The eight-week campaign began Feb. 1 in the Washington area. It starts this month in Nebraska and next month in Boston. Ads are in the works for three more states and 10 more dioceses, depending on funding.

Church officials said the campaign is already having results.

When ads ran in the Washington-Baltimore area, Project Rachel counselors received about 150 calls for information during a two-week period, compared with the usual eight or so, said Helen Alvare, spokeswoman for conference's Secretariat for Pro-life Activities.

Of those new callers, about 40 percent were non-Catholics, she said. They were referred to rabbis, Protestant clergy or non-denominational social workers.

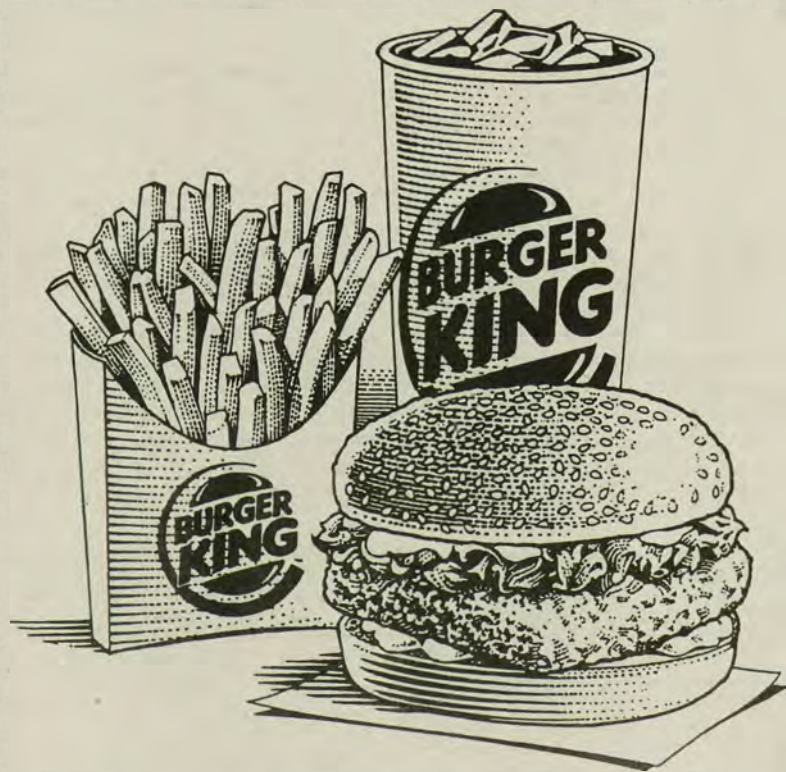
"The pain from abortion that women and men experience is not limited to one particular religious faith," Thorp said. "And the pain of abortion is a feeling of isolation. There's this sense that you're not supposed to feel this way. We stand ready to help anyone who is hurting."

Some abortion rights activists suspect the church has political motives.

Michelle Ringuette, spokeswoman for the Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts, wondered if the ad campaign was timed to coincide with Supreme Court arguments April 25 over the procedure abortion foes call partial-birth abortion.

Ringuette also said the campaign could exaggerate the number of women who suffer severe emotional distress after abortions. Out of 1,000 abortions a month in Massachusetts, she said, only two to four women call for counseling, mostly over religious or cultural shame.

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EDITORIAL

Saint Mary's made right choice on WRC

Although Saint Mary's does not produce a significant amount of apparel, the College had a moral obligation to join the anti-sweatshop movement. A school that pales in comparison to large universities which base a significant portion of their income on apparel sales, many could doubt the institution had much to offer in the debate over sweatshop monitoring.

Regardless, the College took a stand Monday announcing it would become one of the 35 founding schools in the Worker Rights Consortium (WRC). Backed by the theories encompassing Catholic social teaching and an inherent moral obligation, the College sets a precedent that the anti-sweatshop movement is a priority for every school, no matter what the size.

The College's decision to join the WRC will allow the institution to voice loudly the perspective of a small school and potentially set an agenda that can be effective for small institutions in the struggle for sweatshop monitoring.

Surely Notre Dame will face criticism

in the wake of the decision; but such criticism is unjustified. A leader in the anti-sweatshop movement since before the creation of the Fair Labor Association (FLA) one year ago, Notre Dame decided to refrain from joining the WRC until a later date. This is a smart decision.

While Notre Dame might be able to add a strong voice to the WRC, it has already established itself at the forefront of the fight against sweatshops. Because the WRC is still in the developing stages, Notre Dame runs the risk of committing itself to new goals that could potentially conflict with previously established goals.

While the still developing goals of Saint Mary's are more concurrent with the grassroots structure of the WRC, the substantial corporate base that characterizes Notre Dame's apparel industry is more in line with the goals of the FLA. Saint Mary's would undoubtedly be lost in the FLA's corporate structure, but the organization is a logical fit for Notre Dame, which relies

heavily on corporate licensing contracts.

The College's decision to join the WRC exemplifies a situation where one decision does not benefit each institution equally. Saint Mary's President Marilou Eldred acknowledged this Monday in stating that this was a case where "one decision fits Notre Dame best, and another decision fits Saint Mary's best."

Each school should be commended for their mutual commitment to the anti-sweatshop movement, and congratulated for the care with which they assess their decisions. In evaluating where each institution can best achieve their individual goals, separately they have created a very powerful union.

Both Saint Mary's membership in the WRC and Notre Dame's membership in the FLA will bring the concepts of Catholic social teaching that are so inherent in each school's ideals to the organizations they have chosen to join. Although pursuing different paths, what remains most critical is that each has a common goal.

WRC a fledgling group with promise

(U-WIRE) UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. — Last week, Penn State University students unfurled banners as part of their ongoing crusade to persuade the university to join the Workers Right Consortium, a sweatshop watchdog group.

While the student-activists had extremely good intentions, their lofty demands and protest tactics left much to be desired.

A newly formed organization, Students for Accountably and Reform, along with scores of groups at other universities across the country believe that universities' existing fail-safe against sweatshop injustices, the Fair Labor Association, is influenced too much by its corporate membership and is failing to do its job.

The WRC, which has no corporate members, is a better option to prevent sweatshop abuses than is the FLA, but the protesters not only want Penn State to join the consortium but also demand the university join by Friday.

The consortium is geared toward policing the production of college products, looks for abuses of human rights and demands reasonable living wages for employees. In contrast, the FLA's fair market wages provision varies from country to country, creating a serious imbalance in worker income.

However, Penn State's potential membership in the WRC could have broader implications, and university officials are

right to be cautious about running into another sweatshop monitoring group.

For example, Nike announced last week that it will cancel its apparel

contract with Brown University because of the school's membership in the WRC. Although ending Penn State's corporate relationship with Nike might not be a bad thing, it isn't something that should be hastily decided. The effects on the athletic programs at Penn State, and the university in general, are serious enough to warrant caution.

STAR wants Penn State to join the WRC by Friday because, as a founding member, the university will be able to shape the organization's policies.

But compared to the risks of joining the consortium without proper research, the benefits of Penn State becoming a founding member are almost trivial.

Lobbying to joining the WRC is a good move on STAR's part, and the protesters need to be more aggressive and assertive in their demonstrations and have persuasive arguments prepared for the administration. Last week's demonstration was

a far cry from WRC-related protests at other universities, such as the ongoing hunger strike at Purdue University.

When approached by Penn State Police Services last week, the "protesters" here walked away.

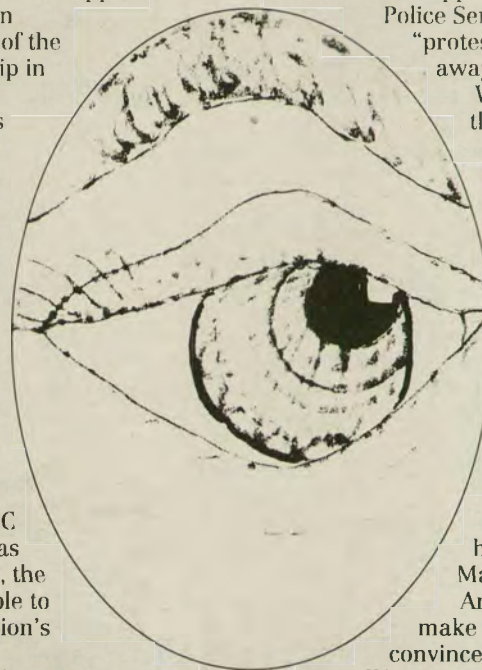
WRC supporters at the University of Wisconsin had to be hauled out of Chancellor's office in February. All Penn State police had to do was ask the protesters here to leave.

For STAR to actually influence change on this campus, its members will need to do a little more than raising banners and hanging out on Old Main lawn.

And they will need to make a strong argument to convince administrators that affiliating with the WRC would not only be good for workers, but would also benefit the institution.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY



"Ninety-eight percent of the adults in this country are decent, hard-working honest Americans. It's the other two percent that get all the publicity. But then — we elected them."

Lily Tomlin
actress



Students' religious freedom denied on Lenten Fridays

Last Friday, I sat in South Dining Hall, marveling at my friends' suddenly vegetarian diets. Salads, tofu and cereal replaced the hamburgers, chicken patties and beef burritos that usually graced their dinner plates. As I munched on my plate of steamed vegetables, I did not as usual feel like a dietary pariah or the resident health nut. ("What? Is this nuts and berries day?" a friend asked once after glancing at my tray.) Unfortunately their dietetic shifts did not result from a conscious choice. A Catholic institution, the University serves no meat in the dining halls on Fridays during Lent.

In some respects, I understand the rationale for the absence of meat. Abstinence from meat on Fridays is an essential, especially Catholic tradition that marks Friday as a day of penance. The observation of this tradition therefore could be construed as an explicit definition of the University's Catholicism. Abstinence also has social and economical bases. (As one priest jokingly told me, the Apostles were fishermen.) By forgoing meat, American Catholics acknowledge the enormous amounts of grain consumed by cattle each year. Theoretically, this grain could feed those hungry throughout the country and the world.

Yet, by forcing the entire student population to partake in this Catholic sacrifice, the University removes the students' ability to avoid consciously the temptation of meat and to choose freely their degree of religious devotion. It also demonstrates disrespect for the non-Catholics and non-practicing Catholics within the community, who have paid to eat the food in the dining hall. (Certain atheists, annoyed at the denial of a dietary staple, have threatened to stage barbecues in protest in the middle of South Quad.) Most importantly, the administration exacerbates a pervasive problem among its students. Many within the community believe the University discourages exploration of faith as it could lead to a temporary or permanent rejection of the Catholic Church.

Ironically the University's unwavering adherence to such traditions serves to weaken the influence of the Church in the community. Throughout my first year, I have felt pressured to affirm strongly my faith in and devotion to the Catholic Church. The exclusive nature of Catholicism at this University has inspired within me a desire to rebel from the Church. Amidst fervent, conservative Catholicism, I have lost faith in the religion of my family and have questioned the basis of my beliefs. Certainly, these feelings in part result from my own, natural intellectual growth. I have recognized that I have not realized for myself a system of values and beliefs, but have simply absorbed those presented to me by my family and community.

By not serving meat in the dining hall on Fridays during Lent, the University appears to act as my mother or the cafeteria ladies at my grammar school, who ordered pizza and made peanut butter sandwiches for my lunch. Of course, I practiced abstinence as a child; no meat was available for me to consume.

However, college students in my situation not only possess the right to make their own decisions in simple religious matters, like Friday abstinence, but also benefit from the decision-making process. Small daily actions and religious decisions throughout the day define our faith on the most basic level. (These decisions may also help us discover our true friends. Earlier this month, a certain friend of mine laughed as a mutual friend unconsciously broke her Lenten resolution to abstain from dessert.)

The opportunity for me to break consciously Lenten abstinence exists on campus. If I develop sudden craving for a hamburger, I can walk to LaFortune and purchase a Whopper. Yet, at some point today, I will have to eat in the dining hall and will have my decision to consume or to not consume meat taken from me. Perhaps in the end, the dearth of meat in the dining hall may only stand as a minor annoyance and as a reminder that I attend a Catholic University. My expectation of hamburgers and hot dogs in the cafeteria may only symbolize my privileged upbringing in comparison with most other childhoods throughout the world. But, as my atheist friend, Bekki, noted when I mentioned this to her, "It's the principle behind the matter."

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*Tuesday Voice
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Love by the glow of a computer

I would like to take issue with the letter about "Loving in the Computer Lab." I have a question for Noman or any followers/proponents of his request/thesis: how exactly are we supposed to control our natural urges with the fruitful and erotic activities of telnetting, ftping and compiling going on? We're only human, you know ... Furthermore, if you've heard some of the start-up sounds and seen some of the wallpaper/backgrounds, then you would know that this concept of love is just what computing is all about. What's better than turning on your computer and hearing that beautiful sound of "You've got mail!"? It's enough to make me try to woo an archenemy.

On a more serious note, though ... what exactly is the uniqueness of this backlash against "PDA" in the computer lab? Doesn't it occur every-

where? Wouldn't one, theoretically, be just as nauseated while studying on a quad, at LaFortune, at Reckers or in the library? I strongly urge that if PDA is an issue for anyone, that they address or take issue with the root of the problem and not some vague sort of alternate causality in the hopes that your problems will be solved. If you take the latter method, the problem is sure to just crop up elsewhere and produce another misgiving. As the saying goes, "Give a man a fish," or maybe we're better off just "nipping it in the bud." Oh, and by the way, this letter was composed from a Unix lab, where the lovin' is always warm and abundant.

Mark Styczynski
Sophomore, Sorin College
April 3, 2000

Rape survivors are not alone

I would like to applaud the woman who reported her rape. It took great courage. Please know that even though the campus statistics don't reflect it, you are not alone. As a member of Campus Alliance for Rape Elimination(CARE) and a fellow survivor, I have done some presentations at dorms about my experience. I have met at least twenty women who have been raped. While most have not reported it, those who have been raped off-campus and reported it would not be counted in the statistics

because the law does not require the college to do so.

I would also like to take note with the terms acquaintance and date rape. Rape is rape. Sometimes people feel it's less serious than stranger rape. However, it is still a very traumatic experience in which one questions their other relationships and lose faith in trust.

Hopefully this unfortunate incident will spur discussion about women and violence. CARE is sponsoring activities during the week of April 17 as part of Sexual Assault

Awareness Week. Rape is more common at Notre Dame than people would like to believe. Notre Dame is not exempt from the statistic that 1 in 5 women will be raped or attempted to be raped during college. For more information about rape and sexual assault, or how to help yourself or another, contact SOS or CARE.

Kelly McGeever
Senior, Lyons Hall
April 5, 2000

Abortion an issue of respect for sex

I often read the columns in the Observer, and most of the time I am content with letting the writers' opinions go by without even thinking about ways to disagree. This is not one of those times. I am responding to the Inside Column that appeared on Wednesday, April 5.

I am against abortion — not because I was raised Catholic, not because I go to church on Sundays, not because I attend the University of Notre Dame — but because I firmly believe that abortion is an immoral act that is fundamentally wrong under any circumstance. Being against abortion is not a question of being Catholic; it's a question of having a human sense of morality. Implying that people who are Pro Life blindly follow some teaching set by some religion that brainwashes people is ludicrous, and frankly, that way of thinking offends me. I know people who are Pro-Life and are not Catholic. By the same token, I know people who are practicing Catholics and are Pro-Choice. Lumping Catholicism and Pro- Life together, claiming one causes the other, is inaccurate. Numerous religions find abortion unacceptable. I don't think it's a bad thing that mine happens to stand up for it.

Since when is it our choice to decide who lives and who dies? Abortion is not about a "right to choose." The choice is already made the minute two people decide to have sex. If those two individuals are not ready to deal with any and every possible consequence of their actions, whether they are 13, 23 or 43, they are simply not ready to have sex.

The author of the column claims she believes

"that the rights of an unborn child should be protected," yet it is okay to kill that unborn child just because mommy and daddy didn't think things through beforehand. That is protecting no one.

By claiming abortion is everyone's right, we are only encouraging people to keep having careless sex at an immature age. Thus, the cycle continues. Who cares if you get pregnant? Just have a quick, easy abortion, right?

Wrong. Abortions are anything but quick and easy. The author is glossing over the countless women who go through pain and mental agony after the abortion. Years later, some women still wonder about the lives they ended — all because they, along with the fathers of these children, were not ready to accept being pregnant. I don't see how this could possibly be a good way to deal with a pregnancy. The author admits that having sex at a young age when the two people are not ready is a mistake, yet she is giving them an easy out. By making an abortion easy, we are saying it is an option. I say it is not an option, ever. Don't demand that this University consider it an option. And don't be shocked and shaken when they don't budge on the issue. They shouldn't.

The bottom line is that fighting for or against abortion is not going to solve the problem. We have to get to the heart of the issue. Don't encourage women to have abortions; encourage people to wait to have sex until they are ready to deal with all possible outcomes of it.

Mary Schreck
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April 5, 2000



Chatting it up with the guys behind

NDToday.com's creators tell the inspiration for their site, how they

By GEOFF HEIPLE
Scene Writer

Here's a poll for you: What Website has had the most profound effect on the students of Notre Dame this year? While many would check the box for *Abercrombie.com*, the big winner is a local upstart — *NDToday.com*. This site has come from near obscurity to establish itself as a mainstay in the lives of many students, faculty and alumni. Developed by three enterprising students, NDToday has become a campus sensation with its great features, student info and general Web-surfing potential. NDToday is a portal site; that is, it specifically targets Notre Dame students, with the goal of having NDToday serve as the primary launching page for its users when they connect to the internet. Drawing nearly 20,000 page views per day, NDToday has grown from an idea to a reality.

"We just thought that it would be pretty cool if it existed," co-creator Frank Helgesen said. "It's an idea that we began to discuss at the end of last year."

Helgesen shared his imagination with his friend, Andy Warzon, who became Frank's partner in design. The site was beginning to come together, but they still felt that it lacked another important dimension.

"I'm an engineer, Frank's good with business and yet, there was still another aspect that we felt we were missing," stated Warzon.

During this past summer, Helgesen contacted another friend with strong Web design capabilities, Nick Fellers — the triumvirate was now complete. That union forged more than a Website, it marked the birth of 3bstudios, the company that oversees NDToday.

The superhighwaymen began working over the summer, each from their respective homes across the country, to lay the initial groundwork for the Website. They communicated only through e-mail, except when a substantial decision needed to be discussed over the phone. This past fall, they returned to Notre Dame to begin their junior year and brought their new concept back with them.

This past August, potential visitors to the site didn't really have much to look at once they ventured to it. The graphics weren't together yet, many of the services offered to the students were not functional and 3bstudios was actually paying out money in order to get links to sites such as *Jcrew.com* and *Monster.com*. Nevertheless, the three Webmasters pushed on — not only intent upon building their dream, but equally focused on providing their schoolmates with a Website exclusively

aimed at the students' interests. This has been their goal since the site's inception — to go beyond cheesy gimmicks and in the words of Fellers, "provide services that consistently bring

students back to the site and are helpful to them."

The creators see their site as an extension of the Notre Dame community. All over campus, students and faculty are meeting, they're conversing and people are interacting with each other. By introducing the campus to NDToday, the triple entente has given the student body one more outlet for interaction, on the Internet. 3bstudios has never contributed to the content of the page; they leave that up to the students. It has only provided

the forum for the students, giving them a voice and allowing them to decide what gets put on the page. Students send hundreds of e-mails to 3bstudios giving ideas, sharing opinions or posting editorials on the webpage's "Free Press" site.

Also, the creators talk to many students on a daily basis. They really make an effort to talk to their friends, faculty, administration and other random students to gain a valuable perspective on what's working and what's not.

Nevertheless, all the extra input from others certainly doesn't detract from the innovative brilliance exhibited by Fellers, Warzon and Helgesen. The site is a reflection of their creativity and their personalities. As students, they know what life is like at Notre Dame.

NDToday serves as a marvelous example of a Website meeting the needs and opinions of its users. The end result is an exceptional, collaborative effort between the creators and the interfacers.

Just what features have made NDToday so popular? How did this Website go from zero to trendy so quickly? The modest creators will say that the overwhelming input from the student body as a whole has contributed to the flourishing page. It is clearly evident, however, that the never-ending commitment to development by Fellers, Warzon and Helgesen is the actual reason for success. For example, no one can deny the remarkable impact that the voting booth feature has had as a means of student awareness. Every 10 minutes, about two dozen new polls are created by the students themselves — yet this concept emerged from the collective brain of 3bstudios.

"It's a quick and easy way to see what other students are thinking about all over campus and to share opinions," Fellers said. "It helps connect students to one another."

The three wise men of NDToday also saw the popularity of the voting booth as the first stage in an evolutionary process. Students who come just to check out the polls eventually find themselves clicking on

links to other features or Websites. The message board is another excellent means of communication and exchange of ideas between students.

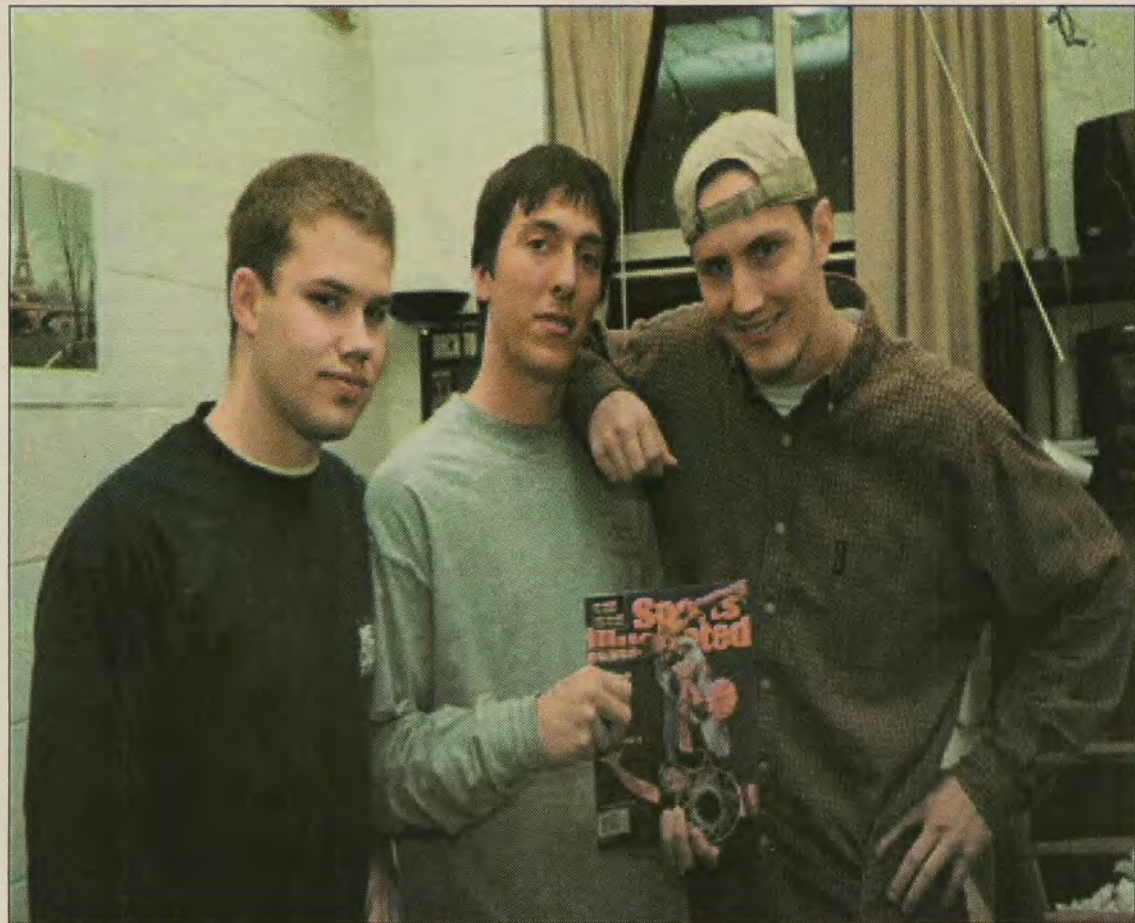
In addition to the voting booth, the creators are especially proud of some other services and features. Most notably, during this season of DART, the online teacher course evaluations may prove to be a smart way of researching a course before a student makes a potentially damaging course selection.

Students who wish to express their feelings on a specific course or professor enter the evaluations themselves. "The Leprechaun," a new online comedy magazine on the site, was shaped not by 3bstudios but by other students who envisioned a good idea, e-mailed the NDToday boys and created an amusing feature.

Did you meet a special someone at an off-campus party and all you got was their



NDToday is compiled from the luxurious, spacious quarters of a Helgesen, Andy Warzon and Nick Fellers) work with each other showcases entertaining and informative items for the campus.



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Though their successful site has gained them attention and a notable mention in "Sports Illustrated," Nick, Frank and Andy have stayed down-to-earth and personable.



When you surf to NDToday, you'll find an interactive page that has everything from daily weather forecasts to

and the campus' favorite Website

keep it going and what they see for the future of their venture



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dorm room in O'Neill. The creators (from the left, Frank and the student body to provide an interactive site that

can visit *Alta Vista.com*, *Raging Bull.com*, *Barnes & Noble.com* and a host of others. 3bstudios also takes pleasure in working with local establishments and businesses. Two weeks ago, ND-Today teamed up with Coach's Sports Bar to provide a first-class party highlighted by drink specials, giveaways and free appetizers. Students will be able to purchase The Undertones' CD as well as access mp3s from local bands. The movie and restaurant reviews are right on, and taken with their follow-up suggestions, can provide for either a quality night in South Bend or a delicious dine-in from one of the many restaurants found on the site.

Technologically speaking, the site is quite sound. A far cry from the HTML days, the creators have implemented "Cold Fusion" — a modified expansion from the original HTML. Cold Fusion is an interactive dynamic — not a static system. For example, it is Cold Fusion that allows one to interface with NDToday through

the voting booth, free press and other features. A static system would not allow the user to do much with the site other than scroll up and down and visit links, merely for observation. As a building language, Cold Fusion is on the tip of the software industry, and for that reason, is the language of choice for NDToday and 3bstudios. This dynamic also enables the site to boot-up differently each time it is accessed, meaning that different photos or different features could be showcased the next time one enters the site's address. Also, one can customize NDToday, first by registering with 3bstudios on NDToday. Then, every time one logs on to NDToday, he or she will see only the specific items according to his or her personal preferences.

While NDToday serves as a model collegiate Website in many regards, it has met with both criticism and favor from the Notre Dame administration. "We're very much in contact with them and they have been, overall, very supportive of us," stated Fellers.

Warzon followed, "We were surprised by their positive reception." According to Helgesen, Warzon and Fellers, the University acknowledges them on a professional level and is concerned only that the Website reflects well upon all that shares in the Notre Dame community. The co-creators do a superb job maintaining the integrity of the students and the University. To illustrate, the "Waterboy" fiasco was handled resourcefully by

the site managers — not allowing a single, slanderous remark to be broadcast over their Webpage. It is interesting to note that many faculty members enjoy viewing the Website and several administration officials also peruse its links on a regular basis.

Glancing into the future, ND-Today looks to continue blazing up the ladder of achievement. Increased distribution and popularity has made ND-Today, as well as 3bstudios, hot commodities in the Internet world. Helgesen, Warzon and Fellers have each received offers to be purchased, however, the creators will not discuss it. They feel that the site belongs to the Notre Dame students, and therefore, must be maintained by Notre Dame students. As for 3bstudios, while it is not for sale, its services have been employed by several companies needing Web design and production. All three Webmasters see NDToday, while not for profit, as a launching pad towards future success in Web design. The production of the site and its wonderful reception speak better for their respective reputations than any monetary payment.

NDToday is "always developing." The designers want to implement more academic resources. They would like to have graduate students serve as experts in different academic areas, fielding questions from undergraduate students. They would also like to bring Cliff's Notes to the Website. The trio is also trying to compile a CD of local bands that they would sell from their site. Helgesen remarked that the group would like to

see greater student club interaction on the Website. Clubs could post info, put editorials on the free press or message board or perhaps get a personalized section of NDToday — exclusively reserved for their use. Outside Notre Dame, they hope that their efforts will catch on at other universities. If not, they'd be happy to construct a new Web-site for another school.

Bottom line — the Website is in the hands of the students. It is what the student body makes it. Frank, Andy and Nick have set the benchmark in terms of student/Internet interaction. While all three are juniors and will return to Notre Dame for their senior years, they plan to keep

NDToday in the hands of Notre Dame students indefinitely, eventually passing it on to worthy undertakers. As always, they and the site are open to the criticisms, suggestions and opinions of the students.

A fascinating Website and Web experience, NDToday is a testament to Notre Dame students. Created by, maintained and popularized by Our Lady's student body, NDToday will continue to expand and improve upon its solid foundation. While Frank's personal quest for free beer for all students may never actually be achieved by the Website, it's that kind of determination and creative spirit that has forged an incredible concept known by its simple, yet fully explanatory title — NDToday.

Emmett Malloy contributed to this article.



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The creators of NDToday have kept their site professional — right down to their logo.

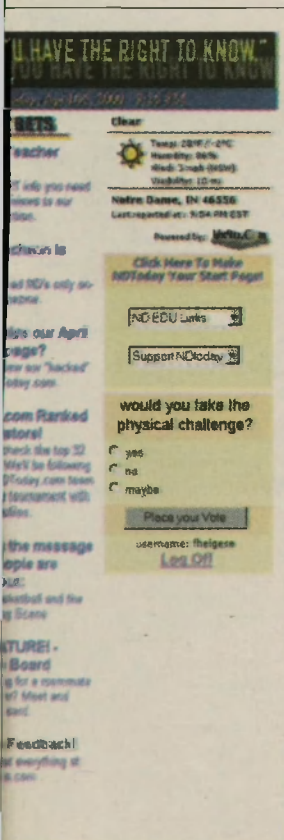
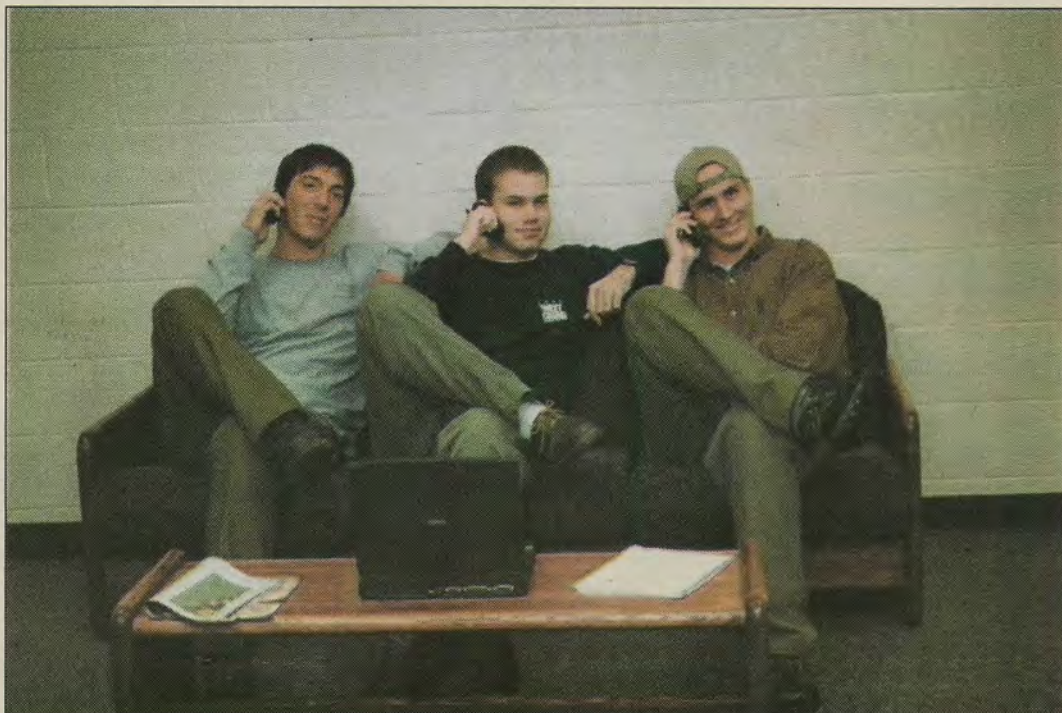


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Frank, Nick and Andy use their own cell phones and have a P.O. box to make sure they aren't taking advantage of the University when conducting their business.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Hampton gets off to rocky start, Mets fall to Padres

Associated Press

Matt Clement picked up where he left off last season for San Diego. The New York Mets are still waiting for Mike Hampton and their big bats to get started.

Clement kept New York's offense in a slumber, allowing one run in six 2-3 effective innings, as the Padres beat the Mets 6-5 Thursday, spoiling Hampton's home debut.

Hampton, the Mets' first legitimate ace since David Cone took over the title from Dwight Gooden in the early '90s, lost his second straight start.

After walking a career-high nine batters in an opening-day defeat to Chicago in Japan, Hampton (0-2) allowed four runs — two earned — five hits and three walks in 5 2-3 innings. He was 22-4 last year for Houston.

New York, which began the game hitting .185, had been held scoreless for 15 innings before Edgardo Alfonzo walked with the bases loaded in the seventh.

The Mets had hitless in 24 straight at-bats with runners in scoring position before Benny Agbayani's RBI double in the eighth. Todd Pratt added a three-run homer in the ninth.

The Mets' struggles weren't limited to the plate. Henderson got thrown out jogging into second base and New York made two errors leading to three unearned runs.

Ordonez, who set a record by not making an error in his final 100 games at shortstop last season, made his second in five games, throwing a ball into the stands behind first base in the sixth inning.

The error led to two unearned runs as the Padres scored on an RBI single by Bret Boone and when Eric Owens scampered home from third base on a fly ball to Alfonzo about 20 feet onto the outfield grass.

The Padres added three runs in the seventh. Phil Nevin hit an RBI double and scored when Owens' drive to right-center that fell between a diving Derek Bell and Hamilton for a triple. Bell's relay was off line and Owens scored on the error, drawing boos from the sparse crowd.

Marlins 5, Giants 4

Cliff Floyd hit a two-run homer with two out in the ninth inning and the Florida Marlins rallied from a four-run deficit to beat the San Francisco Giants before a record-low turnout of just 7,741.

Trailing 4-3, the Marlins led off the ninth with a single by Kevin Millar against John Johnstone (1-1). Following a sacrifice and a foul out, Floyd hit the first pitch over the left-field scoreboard for his first homer.

For the second time in 24 hours, the Marlins drew the smallest home crowd in the franchise's eight-year history. But the victory avenged an 11-9 loss Wednesday night, when the Giants scored four times in the ninth.

San Francisco squandered a strong outing by Joe Nathan, who had a career-high nine strikeouts in seven innings. He allowed just three hits and left for a pinch-hitter with a 4-1 lead.

Florida failed to muster much offense against Nathan. Mark Kotsay, who lost the right-field job at the end of spring training, made his first

start of the season and hit a solo homer in the fourth.

Florida scored twice with two out in the eighth on RBI singles by Preston Wilson and pinch hitter Mark Smith.

Pirates 10, Astros 1

Francisco Cordova lost his no-hitter with one out in the eighth, his shutout one batter later. That didn't diminish how he dominated the Houston Astros — again.

Cordova, who teamed with Ricardo Rincon for the only two-pitcher extra-inning no-hitter in major league history in 1997, kept Houston hitless for 7 1-3 innings before yielding two hits in the eighth inning of the Pittsburgh Pirates' win.

Brian Giles went a career-high 5-for-5 with two solo homers and a triple, missing only a double to hit for the cycle, as the Pirates finally won after being outscored 16-5 in the first two games of the series.

Jose Silva pitched a scoreless ninth after the Pirates opened a nine-run lead.

The Astros had hit only two balls out of the infield and didn't have anything resembling a hit off Cordova (1-0) until rookie catcher Mitch Meluskey doubled off the center-field wall in the eighth.

Until then, the scenario seemed eerily similar to the Cordova-Rincon 10-inning no-hitter of July 12, 1997, a 3-0 Pirates victory ended by Mark Smith's pinch-hit three-run homer.

Just as then, the Astros were the opponent and, just as then, Chris Holt was the opposing pitcher. Holt lasted five innings Thursday, allowing Giles' two homers.

But history didn't repeat

itself as Meluskey doubled for only his third career extra-base hit and Tim Bogar ended the shutout bid with an RBI double down the left-field line.

Cordova's performance — two hits, seven strikeouts, three walks — may not have been surprising considering the opponent, since the right-hander is 6-2 lifetime against the Astros.

It was obvious from the start Thursday that Cordova had excellent movement on his pitches, even while walking three in the first two innings. He got Jeff Bagwell to ground into a double play to get out of the first, then eluded trouble in the second with the help of two heady plays by catcher Jason Kendall.

After Ken Caminiti walked, Moises Alou bounced a ball in front of the plate. He failed to move out of the batter's box, so Kendall alertly grabbed the ball and tagged him out.

After a brief argument, Daryle Ward walked, putting runners on first and second with one out, before Meluskey struck out.

Blue Jays 9, Royals 3

Rookie Chad Durbin, making his first major league start, allowed just one hit in six innings and Kansas City scored all nine of its runs in the sixth inning as the Royals beat the Toronto Blue Jays.

Durbin (1-0) retired the side in the first, second, fourth and fifth innings. The 22 year-old right-hander, making just his second major league appearance, walked one and struck out two.

Darrin Fletcher's first-pitch homer leading off the bottom of the third was Toronto's

lone hit off Durbin. In his major league debut at Detroit last Sept. 26, Durbin allowed one hit in 2 1-3 scoreless innings.

Toronto's Brad Fulmer hit a two-run homer off reliever Brad Rigby in the ninth.

The Royals, who split their four-game series against Toronto, sent 13 men to the plate in the sixth.

Cardinals 13, Cubs 3

J.D. Drew hit two home runs, including a grand slam, as the St. Louis Cardinals completed a dominating sweep of the Chicago Cubs.

Fernando Tatis, Drew and Mike Matheny homered in consecutive at-bats in a seven-run third against Kyle Farnsworth (0-1), with Tatis' homer a three-run shot. Drew, who didn't start the first two games as Eric Davis played in right field, hit his first career grand slam in a five-run fourth that gave the Cardinals a 13-2 lead.

The only disappointment of the day for Cardinals fans came when Drew declined a curtain call despite sustained applause.

The Cubs, who opened last week in Tokyo with a split against the New York Mets, were outscored 30-8 in the three-game series while getting swept by the Cardinals for the first time since Aug. 7-9, 1998. Garrett Stephenson limited Chicago to three runs on four hits in seven innings, striking out five and walking one.

The Cardinals have homered nine times in their first three games, none by Mark McGwire. McGwire started for the first time after sitting out the first two games with a lower back strain and played five innings.

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Irish

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the final two innings to earn his first career save.

"We're going to need depth in our staff in regards to winning the conference championship," Mainieri said. "It's very encouraging to see a number of pitchers pitching well."

Porzel went 3-5 in the game to lead the offense while sophomore center fielder Steve Stanley added two hits and scored two runs.

The 20-6 Irish now prepare to take on the Boston College Golden Eagles, who visit Eck Stadium for three Big East conference games this weekend.

Rapidly improving after a 1-5 start to the season, the Eagles are riding a five-game winning streak, including a three-game sweep of Villanova last weekend.

"We have a lot of respect for Boston College," Mainieri said. "They're a tremendously well-coached team. They're going to come in here all fired up."

Notre Dame will start pre-season All-American Heilman in the first game of Saturday's double-header.

Heilman, coming off of a hard-fought victory over Connecticut last Saturday, is 5-1 on the year with a 1.70 earned-run average.

Cavey starts the second game and will be looking for his fourth win of the season after a tough loss to the Huskies last weekend.

On Sunday afternoon, freshman J.P. Gagne will take the mound for the Irish, following an impressive victory over Connecticut in which he allowed only two runs over seven innings.

With three successful pitchers and an improving offense, the Irish couldn't be more confident.

"We feel really comfortable. We thought we had a really good weekend at Connecticut," Porzel said. "After swinging the bats as well as we have the last few days, we're excited about another Big East weekend."

All three games will be broadcast on the Internet at www.und.com as well as on WJVA 1580 AM.

NHL

Sabres' win moves team closer to playoffs

Associated Press

Dominik Hasek had 32 saves and the streaking Buffalo Sabres moved a little closer to a playoff berth by beating the struggling New Jersey Devils 5-0 on Thursday night.

Doug Gilmour had three assists and Curtis Brown scored twice as the Sabres won their third straight and seventh in eight games to remain tied with Montreal for the eighth and final playoff berth in the Eastern Conference.

Both teams have 83 points, although the Sabres have two games left, one more than Montreal. The Canadiens beat Tampa Bay 5-1 on Thursday night.

Carolina also has an outside shot at a playoff spot. The Hurricanes have 80 points with two games left in the regular season against expansion Atlanta, and so will need help.

The loss was the second straight and fourth in six games for the Devils. They are not only in danger of losing the lead in both the Eastern Conference and the Atlantic Division, but there is a chance they could slip to fifth in the conference and lose the home-ice advantage for the first round of the playoffs.

Philadelphia's 3-1 victory over Atlanta on Thursday moved the Flyers into a first-place tie with New Jersey in the conference and division with 101 points. The Flyers have a game in hand. New Jersey finishes at home on Saturday against Florida, a game which could move the Panthers ahead if they won their final two games.

Stu Barnes and Jason Woolley staked Buffalo to a 2-0 lead with special teams goals.

Barnes got his 19th of the season with a short-handed goal 12 minutes into the first period. Alexei Zhitnik set it up by chipping the puck past Claude Lemieux, who was playing his 1,000th career game. That gave Barnes a 2-on-1 break and he beat Martin Brodeur from the left circle.

Gilmour then took over, setting up a power play goal by Woolley at 32 seconds of the second period with a great pass.

Brown was also the beneficiary of the next two passes by Gilmour, a former Devil. Brown got his 21st a little less than three minutes later with a backhand pass from along the boards and added his second at 10:47 after taking another pass from Gilmour from the corner.

Michael Peca closed out the scoring in close with 1:26 to go.

The shutout was the second in five days for Hasek, who blanked Montreal 2-0 on Saturday. The Dominator, who is 14-6-4 since returning from a groin injury, has three this season and 45 in his career.

Hasek's best saves were a second-period breakaway stop against Lemieux and another in close on Alexander Mogilny in the first period.

Islanders 2, Senators 1

Rookie goaltender Stephen Valiquette stopped 45 shots, while Mariusz Czerkawski and Brad Isbister scored as the New York Islanders beat the Ottawa Senators.

Isbister broke a 1-1 tie with just more than eight minutes remaining and the Islanders hung on despite being outshot 46-13. New York won for the first time in its last six games (1-4-1).

Ottawa, which has won only one of its last five, remained sixth in the Eastern Conference with 91 points. The Senators have two regular-season games remaining.

Valiquette is 2-0 in his career starts and the only goal he yielded was to rookie left-winger Petr Schastlivy at 1:39 of the third period on a power play.

Czerkawski picked up a loose puck in the slot and scored his team-leading 32nd goal early in the first. Isbister converted Steve Webb's cen-

tering pass with 8:18 left for the winner.

Patrick Lalime was pulled in the final minute in favor of an extra attacker, but Ottawa couldn't manage a shot on goal.

Ottawa right winger Kevin Dineen left after the first period with an injury to his left shoulder and did not return.

Flyers 3, Thrashers 1

Daymond Langkow snapped a second-period tie and Mark Recchi added two assists to lift the Philadelphia Flyers over the Atlanta Thrashers, at the First Union Center. Philadelphia claimed a share of the top spot in the Eastern Conference, tying New Jersey with 101 points. Philly has two games remaining, while the Devils have one.

Philadelphia has won three of its last four and closes the season with games at home against Boston and at the New York Rangers. The Devils, who were shut out at home against Buffalo on Thursday, finish at home against Florida on Saturday.

John Vanbiesbrouck finished with 20 saves for the Flyers, who won both sides of their recent home-and-home series with the Thrashers. Atlanta, which dropped a 5-3 decision at home against Philadelphia on Tuesday, is 1-8-1 in its last 10 games.

The Flyers took a 1-0 lead after Keith Jones snapped the puck into the Atlanta net from the right slot at 8:16 of the first period. Peter White provided the assist to give Jones his ninth goal.

Atlanta knotted the score at 1-1 in the second stanza, as Andreas Karlsson skated into the slot and unloaded a slap shot past Vanbiesbrouck, but Philly regained the lead about 3 1/2 minutes later.

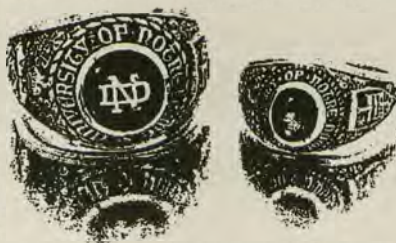
Langkow gave the Flyers a 2-1 edge at 9:21 in the middle period on a shot from the low right circle.

He and Recchi skated up the right side and used a nifty give-and-go to get Atlanta goalie Norm Maracle off balance and Langkow beat him high with a backhand.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Notre Dame, Butler match up in heated rivalry

By STEVE KEPPEL
Sports Writer

This Saturday the Notre Dame men's lacrosse team will travel to Indianapolis to play its second-straight Great Western Lacrosse League match as they take on the Butler Bulldogs.

The Irish are fresh off of a solid 13-4 victory over Ohio State and are looking to improve to 5-3 and wrap up the GWLL title.

If the Irish can pull off the win they will have a good chance to be headed to their eighth NCAA tournament appearance in the last nine years under head coach Kevin Corrigan.

Last week the Irish ended their two-game slump with their win over the Buckeyes.

GWLL player of the week Tom Glatzel led the Irish in the win. Glatzel ended the day with five goals and two assists tying his career high for goals and scoring in one game.

Glatzel leads the Irish with 16 goals and five assists; he

has 39 career goals and 19 assists in his two plus seasons at Notre Dame.

"Tommy [Glatzel] was crucial to the victory," said head coach Kevin Corrigan. "The way they played us, shutting off Dave Ulrich, it forced the ball to Tommy's hands and forced him to be in the position to get a lot of the good shots. If he doesn't hit them it could have been a long day for us. He really kept the pressure on their goalie and then the other guys were doing a good job and we were selective in the shots we took and I think all of that added up to us having some success against them."

The whole offense in general was playing well. Notre Dame

had five different goal scorers and also six others with at least one assist.

The Irish attack hopes to continue their tough play as they go up against Butler.

"They know that this is a big game," Corrigan said. "We have played to one-goal games with these guys the last two years so we are expecting to go down there and have to fight them to the nail."

After losing five of their first six games Butler is hot off a two-game win streak with wins against Colgate and

Fairfield.

Butler is lead by senior attackman Mike Regan who has had seven goals in the past two games.

"Butler is a different team than Ohio State," said Corrigan. "Ohio State wanted to slow down and play you six-on-six and Butler is totally the opposite. They like to play at a fast tempo so we have been concentrating on how to not create the transition play. It is a completely different challenge this week."

To win this game and end the season on a high note the Irish are going to have to repeat their solid performance of last week.

Both the offense and defense will have to continue to play a full 60 minutes.

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Kevin Corrigan
Irish head coach



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Midfielder Stedman Oakey cradles the ball against Penn State. The Irish travel to Butler this weekend.

ing to play good team defense," Corrigan said. "[Goalie] Kirk Howel is playing well and offensively we are starting to get the idea of what we have to do to be successful. We need to control the ball and be selective

in our opportunities that we choose to take."

The Irish have won six of the last seven meetings with Butler and hope to take another step towards the tournament with a win in this in-state match up.

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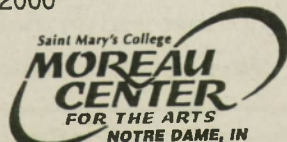


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THE MASTERS

Paulsen shines with one-stroke lead as Woods falters

Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. Somebody forgot to tell Dennis Paulson that Augusta National is tougher than ever.

Tiger Woods knew all too well.

On a day when Woods made his first triple bogey in 541 holes and finished behind two guys in their 60s, Paulson's maiden voyage in the Masters turned into a memorable 4-under 68 that gave him a one-stroke lead over Tom Lehman.

"Maybe lack of knowledge is better, not knowing how hard this course is supposed to be," said Paulson, a 37-year-old Californian whose biggest victory came on the Nike Tour.

Or maybe he just was too happy to be in the Masters to care.

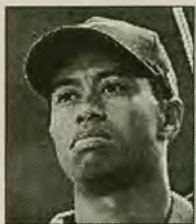
Paulson ran into the same kind of trouble that stalled everyone else on a blustery day at Augusta, making a double bogey on No. 11. But he also had an eagle and five birdies that gave him the lead after the first round of the first major championship of the year.

Lehman managed to avoid a train wreck until the end. Playing without a bogey for the first 17 holes, an amazing feat considering the tough new rough and always treacherous winds, he drove into the trees on the 18th and took double bogey to lose the lead.

"If you avoid hitting shots that cost you ... that was the whole key out there," said Lehman, the Masters runner-up in 1994. "But I feel good about the round. It's a tremendous score in these conditions. I'm not going to let one blip on the radar screen bother me."

Make that two blips for Woods, the prohibitive favorite to win his second green jacket. And he wasn't bothered, either.

Even-par at the turn, Woods three-putted for double bogey on No. 10 and then made his



Woods

first triple bogey since November on the par-3 12th, hitting into the water and then three-putting from about 12 feet.

He managed two birdies the rest of the way for a 3-over 75, his worst score since the final round of the Masters last year. The last time Woods opened with a 75 at Augusta, he missed the cut. He was also a 20-year-old amateur.

"I think it's fine," said Woods, who now has gone nine straight rounds in the Masters without breaking 70. "It's not easy out there. Look at the scores. Look how many guys aren't under par."

Look at Jack Nicklaus.

Somebody also forgot to tell Nicklaus that a 60-year-old has no business trying to contend for a seventh green jacket. He made 15 straight pars in the more difficult, crusty afternoon conditions until he stumbled with a couple of bogeys and finished with a 74.

Look at 63-year-old Tommy Aaron, who won the Masters two years before Woods was born. Aaron was 1 under with four holes to play and finished with a 72.

"The best I've done the past several years is miss the cut by a stroke," Aaron said.

Paulson and Lehman were the only players to break 70 on a day in which the new, expansive rough was far less a problem than old, devilish winds that change direction on a moment's notice.

Sergio Garcia, playing his first Masters as a professional, recovered from a double bogey on the par-3 sixth hole to finish at 70, tied with Steve Stricker.

The group at 71 included Phil Mickelson, who two-putted for all three of his birdies, and former U.S. Open champion Steve Jones, who was at 5 under until he ran into huge problems in Amen Corner.

Several others could have joined them.

— Former Masters champion Craig Stadler was at 3 under until hitting two balls in the water on No. 15 and taking a quadruple-bogey 9.

"I was lucky to hit the green the third time," he said.

— Two-time U.S. Open champion Ernie Els was at 3 under

until his group was put on the clock on the 15th. He rushed a sand wedge into the 15th green, went in the water for double bogey, and let it gnaw at him the rest of the way.

"You're in the lead in the Masters and you've got some idiot official telling you you're out of position," Els said. "It's ridiculous."

It could have been worse.

Greg Norman, looking to erase 20 years of bad memories in the Masters, had a 43 on the back nine and shot an 80, his highest score ever at Augusta.

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Ballesteros (81) and Fuzzy Zoeller (82) were also among those who had an 80 or worse. Doug Ford, playing in his 48th Masters, had a 94. At least he shaved two strokes off last year's opening round.

None of this fazed Paulson.

The former winner of the National Long Driving Championship isn't as long as he used to be, but he already figured out one secret to Augusta.

He played the par 5s in 5 under, including a 15-foot eagle putt on the second hole.

He also picked up a few breaks along the way, such as

a nice kick around the bumpy hills guarding the eighth green.

"Every guy who played today got good breaks if he had a good score," Paulson said.

Fuzzy Zoeller in 1979 was the last of only three players to win the Masters on their first try. Paulson, while thrilled to have the lead after 18 holes, wasn't about to lose his perspective.

"It could be the Barn Door open or the Masters. It's the first round," he said. "It's great. It's something I'll always be able to say. But unless I play well for three more days, who's going to care?"

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Irish look to stop 5-game slide with successful road trip

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
Sports Writer

The Irish women's lacrosse team has two chances this weekend to stop its losing streak, which was stretched to a fifth game after a loss to Georgetown on Wednesday.

"This week is a tough week for us," Irish head coach Tracy Coyne said. "We've been going through a difficult phase."

Notre Dame's women's lacrosse team travels first to face the Connecticut Huskies on Saturday before competing against Boston College Eagles on Sunday.

"We want to win games this weekend," Coyne said. "As long as we focus on the areas of our game we've been talking about, the weakness exposed in the games against the nationally

ranked teams, we can be successful."

The Irish are currently 3-5 on the season, after winning their first three and dropping the last five in a row. Connecticut is a surprising 6-1 thus far after finishing up in 1999 4-10. Connecticut's single loss came against the Syracuse Orangewomen.

The Orangewomen also defeated Notre Dame this season 9-3 to start the Irish on their current skid.

"We've been practicing really well," Coyne said. "Obviously it's not been transferring onto the field [in games]."

This will be the second meeting between the Irish and the Huskies. In the first contest, the Irish came away victorious at home, defeating the Huskies 18-6. Lael O'Shaughnessy had a career high six goals and

three assists in that game.

O'Shaughnessy's fellow tri-captain this season, Kathryn Perrella, scored four goals in the same game.

O'Shaughnessy led the Irish in scoring and points last year and leads them again this year in those same categories. Her scoring streak reached 17 games before it was snapped in the Irish loss to Georgetown.

Last week, Tara Durkin was ranked among the top 10 goalies in the NCAA.

"Tara Durkin's been doing a good job," Coyne said. "[Wednesday] Angela Dixon played really well."

Dixon had two goals and an assist in the 14-4 loss to Georgetown.

The Huskies are led by sophomores Pamela Lowie and Heather Levins and junior defenseman Abby Morgan.

Lowie had 33 goals and four assists to lead her team last season. Freshman goalie April Pollock has played in all contests for the Huskies.

Bonnie Rosen is in her third year as head coach for Connecticut, with an overall record of 19-23.



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After a 14-4 loss to Georgetown Wednesday, Notre Dame heads east, looking to pick up wins against Connecticut and Boston College.

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Tailback Julius Jones carries the ball against Pitt last season. Jones made an immediate impact for the Irish as a freshman.

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the end zone as Notre Dame poured it on against Arizona State. Jones raised eyebrows as a player not only with remarkable talent, but a field savy not often seen in freshmen.

He realizes however, that he is among other talented tailbacks, and that the competition between he, Tony Fisher, and Terrance Howard for the starting role is one that will likely continue through two-a-days in August.

"The coaches say it's wide open right now, between me, Terrance, and Tony, and we're all three going out and working hard, doing the best we can, and whatever happens happens," he said.

One aspect of Jones' game that the coaches would like to see improve would be his blocking, particularly in pass protection.

Last year, Jones was a slasher with plenty of moves, but was also smaller than the other tailbacks, something

that he went into winter conditioning hoping to remedy.

"I gained about 15 pounds, so that helps me with my pass blocking," he said. "That's one of the main things I had trouble with last year was pass protection, and now that I got that down it looks pretty good."

Whether he starts or not, much will be expected of Jones in the 2000 season. Head coach Bob Davie has expressed an intent on running the football more, and with quarterback Arnaz Battle at the helm, the option will likely play a larger role in the offense.

There has also been talk of Tony Fisher being inserted at fullback in some situations, a decision that would be facilitated by consistency from Jones and Howard.

Add in his return skills and it is plain to see that much of Notre Dame's offensive fortunes are riding on the shoulders of No. 22.

Nevertheless, Jones is prepared for the pressures of big-time college football. In a way, he has been through it all already.

His brother, Thomas Jones,

was a standout tailback at the University of Virginia in 1999. He finished third in the nation in rushing yards his senior season.

While Thomas heads to the professional ranks, Julius credits a considerable amount of his success thus far to his relationship with his brother.

"Me and my brother are real close, he's been through a lot, he pretty much knows what I'm going through right now, he's been there," Jones said. "I talk to him every night. He's looking forward to the draft, I am too. He's real anxious about that and it's something he deserves, his time is coming right now."

While notions of the NFL are a bit premature for the younger Jones, the comparisons to his brother have inevitably been made, something Julius hardly disagrees with.

"I can't really see any difference. I watch his tapes, and it's basically the exact same running. The more and more I watch it, the more and more we look the same."

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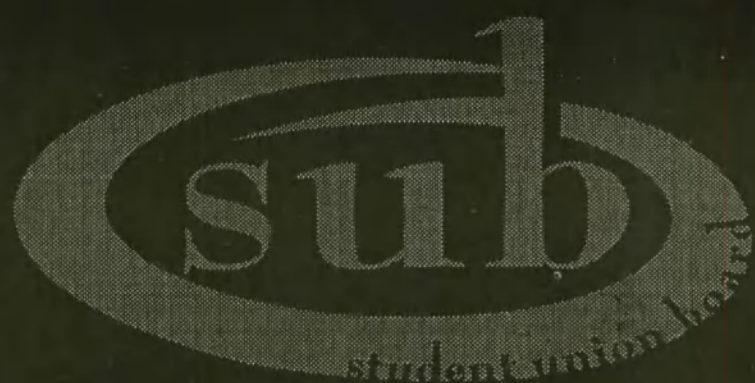
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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Notre Dame heads east to take on No. 16 William and Mary

♦ Irish gear up to take on first ranked opponent in weeks

By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

The cupcakes have been devoured. It's finally time for the main course.

After a series of matches against weaker opponents, the Notre Dame women's tennis team is ready to take on a national contender in what should be a valid test of the squad's progress this season.

Fourteenth-ranked Notre Dame will head east Sunday to battle the 16th-ranked William and Mary Tribe.

The Irish are excited about the prospect of facing a top team. For the last few weeks, they have been

able to notch win after win without breaking a sweat. Finally Notre Dame will be tested.

"We try to approach every match the same," senior captain Kelly Zalinski said. "But with this match there is some extra motivation."

While Notre Dame enters the match not having played a nationally ranked opponent in nearly a month, William and Mary has faced a full slate of difficult matches.

The Tribe lost a close match to the third-ranked Deamon Deacons of Wake Forest last weekend, and will take on the ninth-ranked Longhorns of

Texas just prior to tangling with the Irish.

Both squads are all too familiar with each other having met in the first round of the USTA/ITA National Team Indoor Championships in February.

The Irish upset the then-higher ranked Tribe 5-2, taking four of six singles matches in addition to winning the doubles point.

That match, however, took place indoors at a neutral site.

On Sunday, conditions for the Irish will be slightly more adverse as the match will be played outdoors on Tribal lands.

Since East Coast weather is so unpredictable at this time of year, weather could play a signifi-

cant factor.

"Outdoor matches are always a struggle," Zalinski said. "They always depend on the weather."

If the Irish are to complete a sweep of the Tribe, junior Michelle Dasso will be leading the effort. Dasso is playing arguably the best tennis of her

career, and her match against the Tribe's Carlijn Buis will set the tone for the day. Buis has been on a roll of late.



SHANNON BENNETT/The Observer

Top Irish singles player Michelle Dasso and her No. 14 squad will meet 16th-ranked William and Mary Sunday in one of Notre Dame's toughest matches yet.

more Becky Varnum will play a key match against William and Mary's Delphine Troch in No. 2 singles.

Troch played No. 1 singles in the team's first meeting, falling to Dasso in straight sets.

It's highly probable that the match will be extremely close upon completion of the singles portion of play, making the doubles competition as important as ever.

"It's definitely going to come down to to doubles," Zalinski said. "I think all of our singles players are capable of beating theirs, but overall both teams are equal."

Dasso and Varnum will battle the Tribe's top doubles pairing of Buis and

Troch in what figures to be a huge match. The Dasso and Varnum coupling enters the match fresh off an upset win over Purdue's top doubles pairing.

With both teams solid at No. 2 and No. 3 doubles, the match could very well hinge on the outcome of the top pairs match.

Both teams have much to gain. A win by either team would mean a significant boost in the national rankings, which are as crucial as ever with the NCAA tournament looming right around the corner.

"We've been really focused lately," Zalinski noted. "We'll be looking to keep that up."

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TRACK

Irish set to pick up more NCAA qualifying bids

By BRIAN BURKE
Sports Writer

Coming off a weekend of rewriting school and track records, the Notre Dame men's

and women's track and field teams head to Oxford, Ohio this weekend for the Miami Invitational. While the Irish exceeded expectations in last week's scoring meet, several athletes believe the perfor-

mances could improve as they face tougher competition Saturday.

While Notre Dame collected a handful of NCAA qualifying bids two weeks ago at Arizona State and Stanford, only junior Ryan

Shay earned an automatic qualification (10,000 meters). With nothing guaranteed for the provisional qualifiers, many of the top runners and jumpers for the Irish will look to meet the automatic standard or improve upon their provisional time or distance. That task may not be easy however, as the forecast calls for rain and cold temperatures in Oxford.

Among those in the hunt for the NCAA championships are a trio of jumpers for the Irish. Senior Marshaun West has already meet the provisional requirement in the long jump but may have to improve upon that mark to make the trip to nationals. Freshman Tameisha King has showed plenty of promise in the long jump as well, and despite this being her first collegiate season, qualifying for the NCAA's has become a realistic goal. Meanwhile, two-time All American Jennifer Engelhardt looks to qualify in the long jump.

"If we get the right conditions, all of them are capable [of qualifying]," assistant coach Scott Winsor said. "Marshaun's much more consistent; Jenny's about the same [as last year]. We've been working harder in the weight room, doing more bounding. I think maybe if I lay off the workouts a bit she'll be fine."

While the men's 4x100-meter relay broke the school record by a considerable margin last weekend, the group now has a new objective: qualifying for the NCAA championships.

"We should definitely get the provisional time, maybe the automatic," Travis Davey, a member of the 4x100 squad said. "If the competition's there, we'll have it."

Overall, the sprinters have begun to hit their stride, and while this weekend may not present ideal conditions, several men and women could be considered NCAA candidates.

"I think so far we're running real well," assistant coach John Millar said. "[Chris] Cochran has run faster than all last year; Travis Davey is running better. The guys we're depending on have progressed real well, and I'm pleased with that."

"Definitely competition has a lot to do with it," King said. "Our team [women sprinters] is small, but eventually we can build it up to where we'll be getting to nationals."

A handful of Irish distance runners have notched provisional qualifying times. Luke Watson (3000 meter steeplechase), Antonio Arce (5,000 meters), Phil Mishka (800 meters), and Marc Striowski (10,000 meters) for the men and Allison Klemmer for the women all look to further their cause for the NCAA championships by improving upon their provisional times.

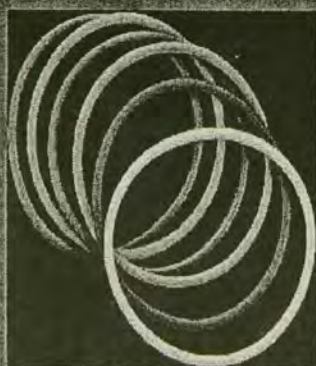
Another noteworthy performer of late on the woman's team has been sophomore Dore DeBartolo. DeBartolo added to her own school record in the hammer two weeks ago at Arizona St. with a throw of 118 feet, 11 inches.



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The Irish look to match their successes of last weekend when they travel to Ohio to compete in the Miami Invitational this weekend.

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Agassi, Sampras team up for first time since 1995

Associated Press

INGLEWOOD, Calif.
For Andre Agassi and Pete

Sampras, Davis Cup means something this year. And that means big trouble for Jiri Novak and Slava Dosedel. "We are playing the best

team ever," Czech captain Jan Kukal said.

Agassi has long answered the call to play for his country in Davis Cup, but some years, he

hardly felt like part of a team.

The U.S. Tennis Association was making decisions on matters Agassi believed were best handled by the players, including the choice of captain and team doctor.

"I just had no desire to pour so much energy into something that was only yet again another match, another week, another time away from home, from resting and getting ready for your big events," said Agassi, who didn't play last year. "It didn't mean anything."

Sampras agreed, preferring to concentrate on maintaining his world No. 1 ranking for six consecutive years while playing Davis Cup about every other year.

"It was hard to stay No. 1 and play Davis Cup," he said Thursday. "It was a big commitment, and the times I've played Davis Cup over the years, I felt it hurt me a little bit."

But the appointment of John McEnroe as captain last fall marked a turning point. Suddenly, the USTA was consulting the top American players about who they wanted and what was important to them. They all agreed on putting McEnroe in charge.

"The fact that we're now working as a team is what's inspiring, it's what makes it so special, it's why you want to be a part of it," Agassi said.

Agassi and Sampras, two of the world's top three players, are on the same Davis Cup team for the first time since 1995. They're joined by Jared

Palmer and Alex O'Brien, who are among the world's best doubles teams.

The heavily favored Americans take on the Czech Republic in a best-of-5 quarterfinal beginning Friday on an indoor hardcourt at the



Agassi



Sampras

Forum.

Sampras opens against Novak, followed by Agassi against Dosedel. Sampras won his only other meeting with Novak, a five-setter at the 1996 U.S. Open.

"I lost 6-4 in the fifth set in the U.S. Open. It was a great match and I will try to play the same match tomorrow," Novak said. "I know he's very strong with the serve-and-volley, so I have to set him on the baseline."

Agassi is 2-0 against Dosedel, having beaten him in three sets at last year's Australian Open.

"I'll make a few phone calls tonight so he won't sleep that well," Dosedel said, laughing. "There is a good chance there."

Saturday's doubles will pit Palmer and O'Brien against Novak and David Rikl, although Kukal has up to an hour before play begins to change his lineup.

"I would be very happy when the match is not going to be decided on Saturday," Kukal said.

Sunday's reverse singles are scheduled to be Agassi against Novak and Sampras against Dosedel, although either team can make substitutions prior to the start of play.

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SOFTBALL

Belles split series with Knights

By KAREN SCHAFF
Sports Writer

The Belles had a solid day Wednesday during their doubleheader at Calvin College. Saint Mary's lost the first game in eight innings 5-4, but came back strong for the second game winning 7-4.

Head coach Joe Speybroeck said he was going to focus on hitting and getting the bats moving and that's just what the Belles did.

Trish Klockner hit a solo homerun in the first game while Katie Murphy added a triple. Rachel Deer also stole home to give the Belles another run.

The second game highlighted more of the Belles' power as Deer belted a three-run homerun.

"We hit really well," said freshman catcher Susan Kutz. "We started using the bats a lot more this game."

Defensively, the Belles were really solid. They pulled together to rectify the errors they had in their past games.

After assistant coach Dave Martin expressed his disappointment with the team's emotion, the Belles showed they had heart.

The team had a solid over-

Game 1
Calvin 5
Saint Mary's 4
Game 2
Saint Mary's 7
Calvin 4



DOROTHY CARDER/The Observer

The Belles played solid defense when they battled Calvin in a split series Wednesday.

all performance in the field.

"We played like we wanted to win," said freshman outfielder Katie Murphy. "We just played tough."

The team kept their heads in the game the entire evening. Even while behind, Saint Mary kept up their confidence while keeping their errors to a minimum. This

strength was shown in the Belles' near win in the first game.

The game went into extra innings after the Belles tied the score in the top of the seventh.

"The team came ready to play," said Speybroeck. "We were really aggressive on base."

ND looks to improve Big East record

♦ Irish split doubleheader with Broncos

Observer Staff Report

The Notre Dame softball team, currently ranked No. 1 in the NCAA Northeast region, kicks off its weekend competition against Rutgers Saturday and wraps up when it meets Villanova at home Sunday.

The Irish, boasting their best record in the program's twelve-year history is coming off a split double header with the Broncos of Western Michigan Thursday.

Western Michigan, Irish head coach Liz Miller's alma mater, now stands at 5-16, after beating the Irish 2-1 in game one and falling 5-0 in game two.

The Irish are looking to improve their 29-7 record with wins this weekend. Notre Dame will first face Rutgers in a doubleheader starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday.

The Scarlet Knights are 10-9 overall and 1-3 in the

Big East. Notre Dame came out on top last year in a doubleheader 4-2, 3-1.

On Sunday at 11 a.m., Notre Dame will face Villanova.

The Wildcats, who tied for fourth place in the Big East last year, failed to score against the Irish in 1999, as they fell to Notre Dame 3-0 and 4-0.

Notre Dame currently has a 13-1 overall history against Villanova.

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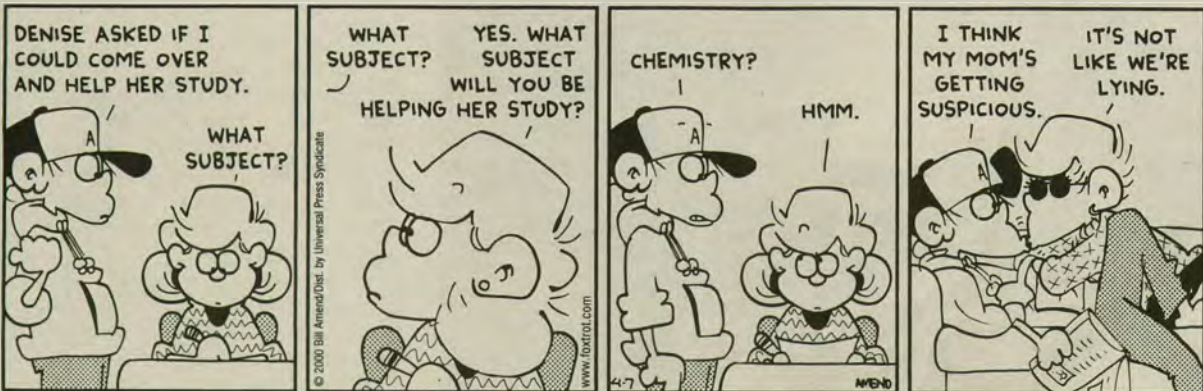
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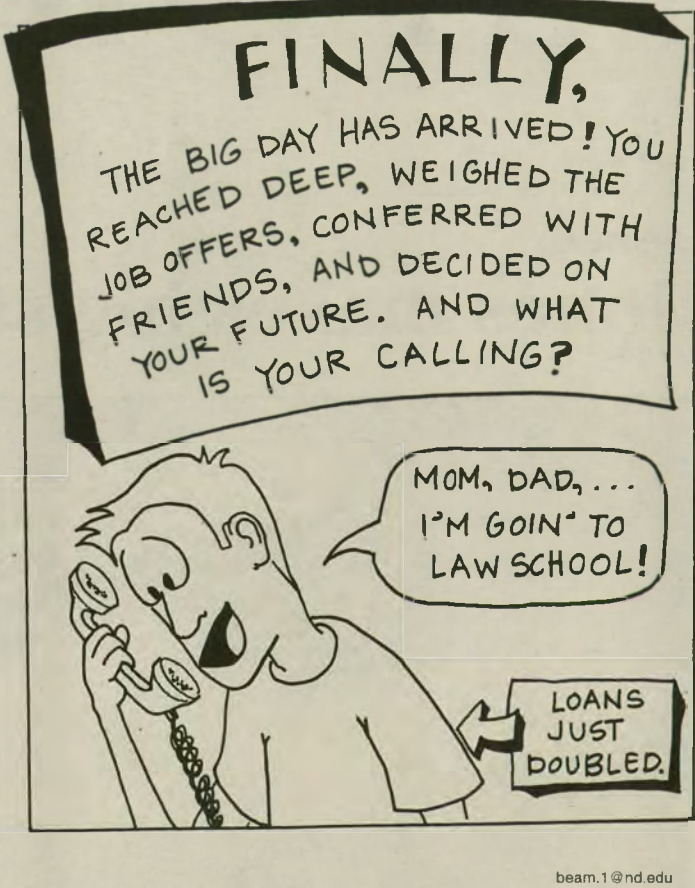
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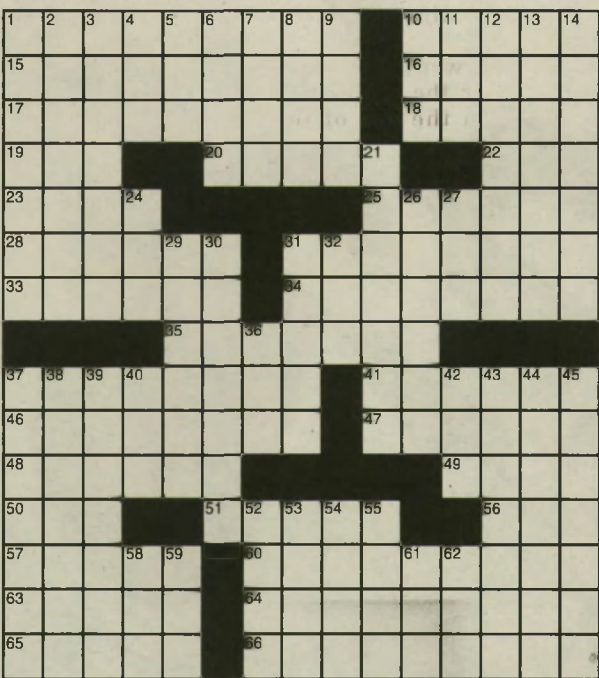
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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take the plunge. Career changes have been on your mind. Look around and see what life has to offer. You need a change. You may want to alter your geographical location. ○○○○

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Reassure your lover that you care. Explain the reasons you are so busy and make tentative plans to spend time together when you complete the work that has consumed you. ○○○○○

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You will have to be careful whom you confide in. You are likely to tell someone information that will get you in trouble with your mate. You must avoid secret affairs or love triangles. ○○

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Take care of any overdue bills or correspondence. You should plan to spend some time with relatives. You will fall privy to some unusual information. Take advantage of your good luck. ○○○○

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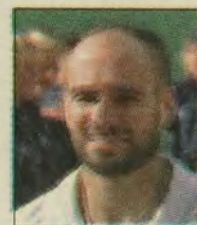
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FOOTBALL

Jones makes big strides on offense for Notre Dame



By BRIAN BURKE
Sports Writer

When Julius Jones arrived on campus last August from his home in Big Stone Gap, Va., he was making a leap from one of the the smallest high school football teams in the state to the most storied college football program in the land.

Going from a man among boys to fourth on the depth chart, it probably would not have shocked too many if this freshman were held out of game action for a year as he eased into the system.

But Jones "eased" into the system by rushing for 375 yards and three touchdowns, averaging five yards per carry, catching three passes for 90 yards, and amassing 798 return yards and one TD.

So much for learning the ropes.

"Anytime you come from high school to college, that's a big transition," Jones said. "Last year it took a while for me to get used to it, but towards the end of the year, I was pretty confident, and I got a lot of playing time, so that helped my confidence a lot."

Jones' knack for the big play has made him one of the most exciting players on the Notre Dame roster.

Whether it was a 67-yard punt return for a touchdown against Boston College, bringing the Irish to within two points late in the fourth quarter, bouncing to the outside against an excellent Tennessee defense for a 29-yard burst, or vaulting into

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in just one season with the Irish, tailback Julius Jones has proved he can play with the best. As a freshman, Jones rushed for 375 yards and returned the ball for 798 yards.

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BASEBALL

Irish find depth from underclassmen on pitching staff

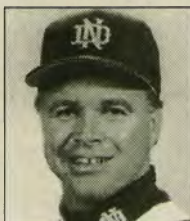
By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Writer

Going into the season, Irish baseball coach Paul Mainieri was unsure about the quality of his starting pitching behind returning standouts Aaron Heilman and Scott Cavey.

In two midweek victories Wednesday, over Valparaiso, and Thursday over Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis, freshman Matt Laird and sophomore Drew Duff gave Mainieri the depth he was searching for.

Duff struck out seven of the first eight IUPUI Jaguars he faced, en route to a 7-3 victory. He finished with 10 strikeouts, tying the record for most strikeouts by a Notre Dame pitcher at Eck Stadium.

Duff allowed three runs in his six innings, and walked just two.



Mainieri

The Irish offense used a balanced attack to push seven runs across the plate. Freshman right fielder Brian Stavisky hit his team-leading seventh home run to start off the scoring in the first, stroking a 0-1 pitch over the right field fence.

continued his offensive rampage, recording one hit and

"We're going to need depth in our staff in regards to winning the conference championship."

Paul Mainieri
Irish head coach

scoring three runs. Porzel's hit extends his hitting streak to 12 games.

"I've been seeing the ball really well," Porzel said. "During the season

everyone's gonna get hot. I just happen to be hot right

now."

Senior catcher Matt Nussbaum added two hits and two runs batted in.

The victory over IUPUI came a day after Notre Dame posted an impressive 7-2 victory over in-state rival Valparaiso.

Laird gave up just one hit and one earned run in five innings.

He also struck out five Crusaders.

Sophomore Matt Buchmeier held Valparaiso scoreless for

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Men's Golf
at Marshall Invitational
Friday-Sunday



Women's Rowing
Indiana Championships
at West Lafayette, Ind.
Saturday



Softball
vs. Rutgers
Saturday, 11 a.m.



at William and Mary
Sunday, 10:30 p.m.



Softball
at Albion
Tuesday, 3:30 p.m.