



'Rules' unengaging

Even Tommy Lee Jones can't save the poorly written "Rules of Engagement" according to movie critic Mike McMorrow.

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Inappropriate protest?

The Progressive Students Alliance has been put on probation for distributing leaflets outside of JPW Mass — an unregistered demonstration.

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Campus, local community 'take back the night'



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Members of the campus and South Bend communities hold candles and pray at the site of a sexual assault. More than 50 people marched to show support for victims of rape and domestic violence.

♦ Group marches to sites where sexual assaults have occurred

By ALYSSA SCHMITT
News Writer

The streets of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's echoed with the sounds of drumming and chanting as 50 members of South Bend and campus communities marched in "Take Back The Night."

The students, faculty and community members walked together holding candles in support of victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

"Today we ask the grace to shout."

With these words, the march began in front of Le Mans Hall. The group chose its path wisely, stopping at specific locations where acts of violence have

occurred. At each sight marchers prayed and lit candles. Often tears overflowed.

"It was an amazingly powerful and uniting experience," said Jami Newcomb, a junior at Saint Mary's. Unity was the theme as the group marched down Saint Mary's Road, better known as "Rape Road." The chants grew louder and the energy was at its peak as they marched to the Grotto.

"The enthusiasm of the group was amazing," said Catherine Pittman, a professor at Saint Mary's. "This is a very personal experience; you never know how people are going to react personally."

The group assembled for its last prayer at the steps of the Dome before marching back to Saint Mary's. The evening concluded with a poetry reading and drum session focussing on unity and empowerment.

"It was a protest against rape

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OUTreachND denied official recognition

By TIM LOGAN
News Writer

When OUTreachND applied for official club status from the University in March, many people predicted that application would be rejected.

This week, those predictions came true.

In a letter dated April 7, Joe Cassidy, director of Student Activities, told OUTreach's former co-presidents that he was denying their bid for recognition, saying the University preferred to serve homosexual students through its own groups, not a student-run organization.

"It is through programs and services offered by committed professionals and ministers that we wish to work with gay and lesbian students at Notre Dame," Cassidy wrote.

But OUTreach leaders say the community-building nature of a student group can not be matched by official University programs.

"What we can do that they're not addressing is we create a community for gay and lesbian students, and the [Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs] isn't going to do that," said OUTreach co-president Molly Morin.

OUTreach leaders have also said that Notre Dame's programs for homosexuals needed improvement.

When the group applied for recognition, outgoing co-president Jeremy Bauer said many members felt the University's efforts — which include the Standing Committee and programs by Campus Ministry, the University Counseling Center and the Office of Student Affairs — were not sufficient.

New co-president Dave Wyncott said Cassidy's decision did not ease that problem.

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Mendozas visit Notre Dame

♦ University's largest donors tour business college recently named in their honor

By ERIN LaRUFFA
Assistant News Editor

The strong American economy will now help Notre Dame students beyond increasing their post-graduation job prospects.

Notre Dame graduate Tom Mendoza, '73, and his wife Kathy recently donated \$35 million to the newly renamed Mendoza College of Business. The couple, who visited the University this week, was able to donate such a large amount of money in part due to the booming stock market.

"In the past year, our stock has done spectacularly well," Mr. Mendoza said, referring to the stock of Network Appliance (NetApp), a Silicon Valley-based business of which he is senior vice president of sales and marketing.

Mr. Mendoza said he contacted the University to ask what he could do to make an impact on the most people. Executive Vice President of Notre Dame Father William Beauchamp and Sean Farrell, a representative from the Alumni Association on the West Coast, visit-

ed Mr. Mendoza in California to discuss the donation.

He told Farrell and Beauchamp to find a way for him to make a "significant impact" at Notre Dame, but instructed the two not to worry about the actual dollar amount, Mr. Mendoza said.

"It had to be something my wife and I wanted to do," he said, noting that a college's endowment is very important because the school invests the money and then spends the earnings of the investments.

"Tom wanted to do something truly significant, and I think this is pretty significant," Mrs. Mendoza said. In the past, the couple had donated money for scholarships in the name of Mr. Mendoza's father.

"I respect greatly what the University represents in general," he said. "I feel glad to be able to do this for Notre Dame."

He was comfortable with endowing the College of Business in part because of the leadership of Dean Carolyn Woo. Mr. Mendoza said. He is confident that the College's administration will continue to improve the school.

Mendoza hopes his endowment will allow the College to expand into areas it would not have otherwise been able to explore.

"I don't want any control [over the College] ... All I'm trying to do is give them resources to make the right decisions," he said. "We're just happy to give them the money to

help them compete. The business school world is very competitive."

The College will soon be renamed the Mendoza College of Business. Both Woo and Mr. Mendoza explained that many business schools, such as the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School, are named after the people who provided their endowments.

The Mendozas, with their perspective as executives at a Web-based business, will also have an advisory role at the College. Forty percent of NetApp's business is done on the Internet.

The Mendozas have worked for several start-up companies, all of which been successful enough to go public.

"I think we can help [with e-business]. We are part of that world," Mr. Mendoza said.

The College has also asked Mr. Mendoza to give periodic lectures, something

he already does at Stanford University.

Mrs. Mendoza, who is NetApp's senior director of worldwide strategic alliances, will now serve on the College's advisory council.

Mrs. Mendoza, who attended the University of Oklahoma, began her career as a journalist. Executives

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Tom Mendoza
University donor

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No more excuses



Kari Connolly and Dominique Etcheverry (right) help St. John the Baptist fifth graders design picture frames. A Notre Dame graphics design class assisted the school's struggling fine arts program.

LIZ LANG/The Observer

Students help local art program

By LIZ LANG
News Writer

Late in January, St. John the Baptist Elementary School approached Robert Sedlack's graphic design class and his special studies graphics design class with the task of helping a struggling fine arts program.

St. John's believes that "the arts play an instrumental role in the creative processing and problem solving skills of developing minds," according to their request for assistance. The school, however, does not have the funding to properly achieve their goal alone.

Sedlack, an '89 graduate of the Notre Dame graphic design program, and the eight graphic design majors gladly offered to help the school.

On March 31, the Notre Dame graphic designers first went to the school to introduce the projects to the fifth through eighth graders who would soon become their students. Pairs of Notre Dame students outlined design projects for each class at St. John's. After the first week, students were sent home by their new Notre Dame teachers to find pictures and magazines to create their pieces. Projects ranged from CD covers to commemorative picture frames depending on the age of the young students.

According to Chana Jayme, one of the eight seniors involved in the collaboration, each pair of Notre Dame stu-

dents created projects that allowed the St. John's students to expand their creative thinking while also teaching them about the skills that are involved in graphic design.

The design students returned April 7 to lead the class and share their graphic design knowledge in a hands-on setting.

"The volunteering service not only benefited the St. John's students but also the Notre Dame students, giving us the chance to explore graphic design and teach it to younger students," said Jayme.

Sedlack believes that the goals of the program as outlined by both Notre Dame and St. John's were achieved. Notre Dame students were able to reach out to the community and give some of what they have learned back through teaching. The students were able to make an impact on younger students. Sedlack stresses that the ages from fifth to eighth grade are important because the students themselves are beginning to understand advertising and to some extent commercialism.

Through the program the students are able to see graphic design not only as art, but also as a tool for communication. Already at their young ages, the St. John's students are target consumers through such items as textbooks and CD packaging. With this program, the graphic design students were educating the kids as to what exactly graphic design is and expanding on the definition of art. Design projects were meant to make the students realize design is a common and essential element in the world around them.

This was the pilot project with St. John the Baptist School but Sedlack and the designers hope that this program will continue. Through this project and others like it,

Notre Dame is able to reach out to the surrounding community and help fine arts programs that are struggling financially. The eight seniors that volunteered their Friday mornings may be leaving Notre Dame soon, but they are leaving their knowledge behind with a younger generation of possible graphic designers from the community.

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Chana Jayme
senior

Student Activities puts PSA on probation

By TIM LOGAN
News Writer

One of Notre Dame's loudest voices for change, the Progressive Student Alliance (PSA), may be quieter for the next eight months after the Office of Student Activities placed the group on probation for holding an unregistered demonstration.



Cassidy

The probation, announced Friday in a letter from Joe Cassidy, director of Student Activities, to PSA president Joe Smith, will extend through the fall semester. During that time, any violation of University policy, including a minor transgression, could result in the PSA losing its official University recognition. Leaders said Tuesday they will be careful to avoid that penalty.

The violation occurred on Feb. 19 outside the Junior Parents' Weekend Mass when four PSA members were distributing flyers that called for the University to take a stronger stand against sweatshop labor. The group did not register the leafleting with the Office of Residence Life and was asked to disperse by Cassidy.

After initially resisting, the group decided to stop distributing leaflets, according to Smith and Aaron Kreider, a PSA member who organized the protest.

Cassidy met with Kreider, and later with Smith, to discuss the incident. Cassidy also met with the pair and PSA faculty advisor Ed Manier before determining their sanction.

Du Lac, the student hand-

book, requires that all demonstrations be registered in writing with the vice president for Residence Life. PSA leaders admit that, while they have registered demonstrations in the past, they neglected to do so this time.

"We didn't think it would be too big a deal," Kreider said. "We were just passing out leaflets."

Leafleting is not specifically mentioned in du Lac, which only discusses "demonstrations," but Cassidy said demonstrations are defined as an event in which a group is "trying to draw attention to a cause."

The PSA has passed out leaflets in the past without reprisal, according to Kreider. But in this case, the PSA brought this demonstration to the attention of Student Activities when Kreider asked the office

where the Mass would be held.

Ryan Willerton, student development coordinator, told Kreider the Mass location, and reminded him of the

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Aaron Kreider
PSA member

registration requirement in an email. When the PSA did not register, Cassidy argued, the club "knowingly and purposely violated University policy."

"It was kind of tough on this one," he said. "They knew it up front."

The PSA will file an appeal with Father Mark Poorman, vice president for Student Affairs, according to Kreider.

If their appeal is denied, the group's leaders say, they will exercise caution in the coming months.

"It will definitely affect what the club does. We'll be very careful not to get another violation," Smith said. "We'll be more conservative than usual, which is against us being a liberal club."

No group on probation has been stripped of its club status since at least the mid-'80s, Cassidy said.

The PSA was granted official University club status in August 1998, but had existed for much of the previous semester as an unrecognized group. University-approved clubs have access to the Club Resource Center, permission to meet on campus and are eligible for funding from Student Activities funding. The PSA did not receive any University funds this year, Smith said.

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Cerneka describes life of Brazil's poor

By TESSIE HOWLAND
News Writer

The current rate of unemployment in Brazil is comparable to that in the United States during the Great Depression, said Saint Mary's alumna Heidi Cerneka, who spoke Wednesday about her ministry work with the street women of Brazil. Cerneka ministers to poor women of the street and their children in Sao Paulo.

"Women don't want to live on the street, but there aren't any alternatives," Cerneka said. "We can't tell them to leave the streets."

Cerneka sees instances of discrimination against different races and older women constantly. Women of color find it challenging to obtain a job, especially if they are older than their mid-20s.

"It's like the stories you hear where [women] walk in and they say 'The position has just been filled,'" said Cerneka. "They don't challenge it as racism because they see it as true."

Cerneka uses the discrimination to her advantage.

"I'm white, North American and educated. Them handing me that

power is what gave me the courage to fight," she said.

Cerneka said that gender roles, power and economics need to be addressed to spark change.

"Street kids have very specific gender roles," Cerneka said. "Boys are more likely to steal. Street girls are more vulnerable ... I keep thinking the next generation is doomed if they don't get education. That's where we affect things. These women didn't get past fourth grade education, but their kids might."

Cerneka discussed many topics beyond power and gender roles. She made attendees of the lecture aware of police violence, childcare and health care.

"When someone like Heidi Cerneka comes, she reminds us of things we can think of as women issues," said Phyllis Kaminski, associate professor of religious studies at Saint Mary's College. "She shows us we can concretely see how race, class, and gender come together and that women's rights are human rights."

Cerneka plans to visit several other colleges across the country on her four-week visit to the United States. After that, she will return to Brazil for three more years.

"Women don't want to live on the street, but there aren't any alternatives."

Heidi Cerneka
Saint Mary's alumna

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"I think that it skirts around the issue of whether we as a University are meeting the needs of gay and lesbian students," he said.

Cassidy met with OUTreach leaders during the first week of April to discuss Notre Dame's services for homosexuals. In his letter, he encouraged the group to bring further concerns to the Standing Committee, which was formed in 1996 to improve the conditions for gay and lesbian students.

"I'm really pleased with the effort and what I've seen from the University in the last five years," Cassidy said.

Wyncott also said that the denial of club status for OUTreach does not help to bring gay and lesbian students closer to the University community.

"By not recognizing us, they color us as somehow 'other,' still, and by coloring us as 'other' they say we're not normal," he said.

The decision was made by Cassidy, who determines all club recognition issues. Wyncott and Morin said they were considering appealing the decision to Father Mark Poorman, vice president for Student Affairs, and that they would definitely try to learn more specific reasons why a student group could not be recognized.

This was the fourth time a gay and lesbian student group has been denied recognition. In 1986, 1992 and 1995, OUTreach's predecessor, Gays and Lesbians of Notre Dame/Saint Mary's College (GLND/SMC) applied and was rejected.

OUTreachND has between 30 and 40 active members, and a mailing list of approximately 150, according to its presidents.

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and violence," said Renee Donovan, a Saint Mary's freshman. "A joining of women as well as men to be the voice of women as a whole."

"Take Back the Night" is a nationwide statement in support of survivors of violence. The program has made its voice heard for over 25 years.

Catherine Pittman has been involved in the program at Saint Mary's and Notre Dame for four years.

"There is a commitment to making this an annual event," she said.

The program is sponsored by The Feminist Collective, Sex Offences Services (S.O.S.) and the Saint Mary's and Notre Dame Campus Alliance for Rape Elimination (C.A.R.E.).

Julie Frischcorn, a Saint Mary's junior, organized this

year's march. She began this project over a month ago and attributes its success to the amount of publicity it has received.

"I am really impressed with the turnout," she said. "It has been so much fun."

Judi Larson, a member of S.O.S. was also an active member in the organization of this year's march, was pleased with the event's success and expressed optimism about women's programs at both Saint Mary's and Notre Dame.

"It gave me a lot of hope for future support of women's issues on both of these campuses," said Jami Newcomb.

The goals for years to come include a greater feeling of safety on both campuses, the elimination of the nickname "Rape Road" and improved programs for women.

The timing for this year's "Take Back The Night" coincides with the recent increase in rape awareness on both the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campuses.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

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DETROIT

A former Navy man was arrested Wednesday in the slayings of three prostitutes in Detroit and may be linked to killings in three other states and several other countries, the police chief said. "This guy has created terror around the world," said Police Chief Benny Napoleon. "He is no longer in a position to kill." The man, who authorities would not identify because he has not been charged, was once a refueler on the U.S.S. Nimitz. He also is suspected in slayings in Singapore, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Tel Aviv and Thailand — all ports of call for the Nimitz, Napoleon said.

Turtle shell sales under attack

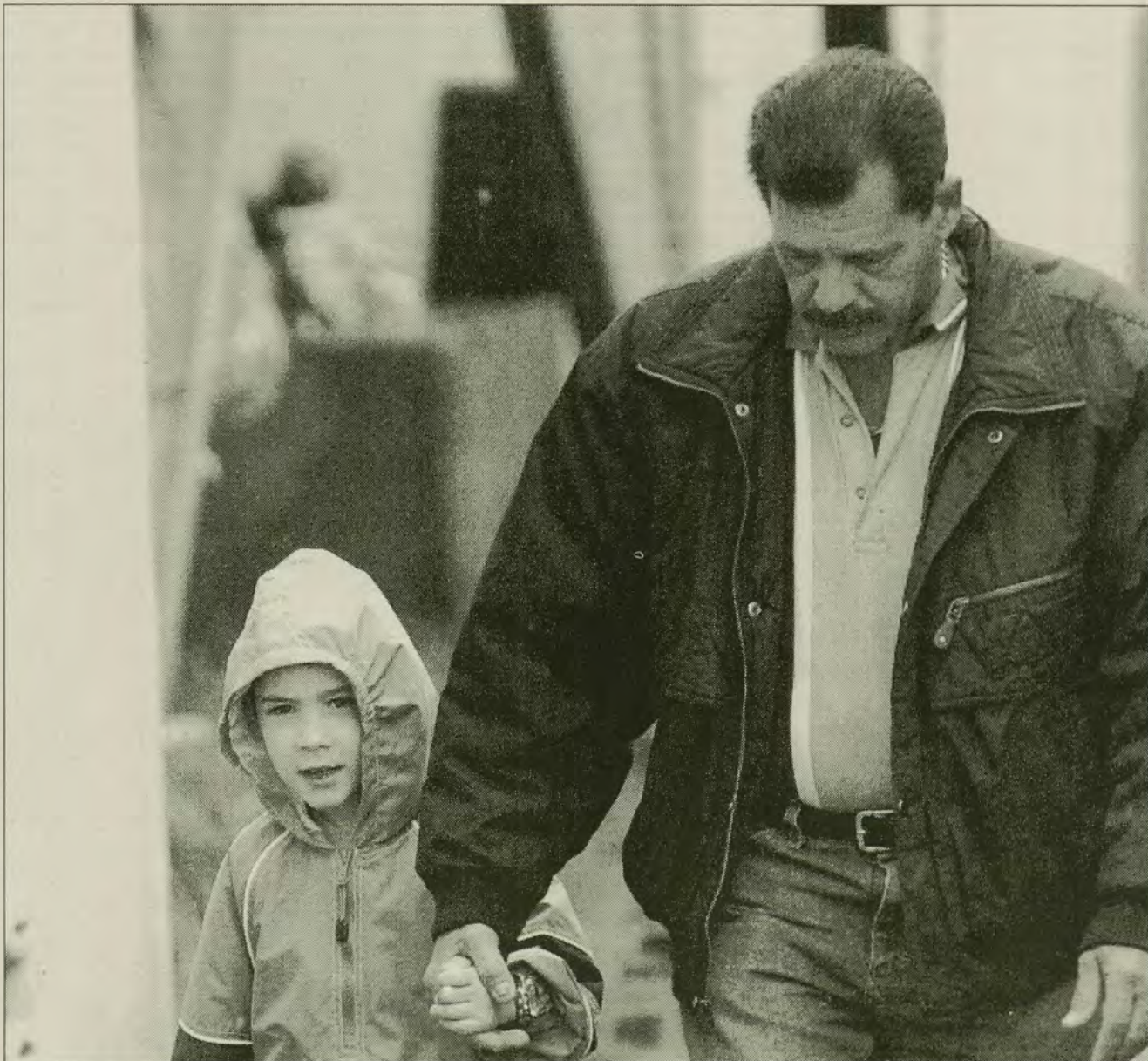
NAIROBI, Kenya

A plan by Cuba to sell the shells of endangered hawksbill turtles to Japan came under attack Wednesday from conservationists who said the proposal ignored the migratory nature of the turtles who breed in one part of the Caribbean and feed in another. Cuba wants the U.N. Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES), to authorize a one-time sale of the shells to Japan, where they are made into hair ornaments and other decorative items. "Hawksbill turtles are highly migratory and extremely slow to mature. This, combined with their complicated life history and their severely depleted numbers, make it utterly premature to reopen international trade," Jeanne Mortimer, a sea turtle ecologist, told a news conference at a 10-day CITES conference in Nairobi.

Confederate flag removal debates begin

COLUMBIA, S.C.

Lawmakers on Wednesday began debating a compromise plan to remove the Confederate flag from the Statehouse dome, as hundreds of flag supporters lined up to watch. The Senate flag bill is the first such legislation to reach the floor of either chamber this session. Key senators had worked out an agreement they thought would satisfy flag supporters and opponents. But the deal began unraveling with flag supporters' objections to an clarifying amendment offered by flag opponents. Both sides worked to save the compromise. "Ladies and gentlemen, we are very, very close to making history," said Democratic Sen. Verne Smith. He said flag opponents wanted to make sure tricks weren't being played on them. The bill would remove the banner from the dome and place a similar battle flag behind an existing monument honoring Confederate soldiers on Statehouse grounds.



AFP Photo

Elian Gonzalez holds the hand of his great uncle Lazaro as they leave Lazaro's home Wednesday. They are enroute to a local hospital to pick up Elian's cousin and later then to Sister Jean O'Laughlin's home. Sister O'Laughlin acted as a neutral host for the meeting between Elain's grandmothers and Slian in January.

Gonzalez moves to nun's house

Associated Press

MIAMI BEACH

With resolution of his fate drawing nearer, Elian Gonzalez today moved to a sympathetic nun's house as Attorney General Janet Reno traveled to Miami to try to settle the custody dispute over the young Cuban refugee.

Reno left Washington in the afternoon to meet with the Miami relatives who have cared for Elian since

he was found floating in the Atlantic off Florida at Thanksgiving.

"She's planning to work out a resolution, trying to meet with the parties concerned to seek a cooperative settlement in this case," Justice Department spokesman Myron Marlin said.

Federal officials were also working on a letter telling Elian's Miami relatives to give him up Thursday or Friday.

Earlier today, Lazaro

Gonzalez, Elian's great-uncle, brought the boy from his Little Havana house to the Miami Beach home of Sister Jeanne O'Laughlin, a Roman Catholic nun who was host of Elian's grandmothers when they visited from Cuba in January.

Family spokesman Armando Gutierrez said the nun's house would be a better, more quiet setting for Elian. It could also be a potential site for a reunion between the child and his father, Juan Miguel

Gonzalez, though the father has not indicated he would be willing to come to Florida.

Elian arrived at Sister O'Laughlin's home just before 12:30 p.m. in a five-car caravan that included the nun, Lazaro and Lazaro's daughter Marisleysis, who had been hospitalized since Saturday. Marisleysis has become a mother figure for the child, and the Miami relatives have tried to include her in meetings about his fate.

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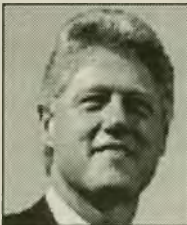
Barak approves U.S. proposal in peace talks

Associated Press

JERUSALEM

In a concession to the Palestinians, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak accepted President Clinton's proposal to increase U.S. involvement ahead of a May deadline for a peace treaty outline, a senior Israeli official said today.

Barak's agreement was elicited during a quick visit to Washington at Clinton's behest, said the official in



Clinton

Barak's delegation, who spoke on condition of anonymity aboard Israel Air Force One.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat complained this week that the most recent round of U.S.-sponsored talks has not come up with anything concrete. Arafat is demanding Israel agree to a Palestinian state on the West Bank and in Gaza with part of Jerusalem as its capital. He has accused Barak of taking an "extremist" position.

The sides are still deadlocked over final borders, the future of Jerusalem and the status of refugees.

A failure to meet a September 13 deadline for a full-fledged peace agreement could precipitate a complete breakdown in negotiations and a return to violence.

Clinton summoned Barak to Washington to ensure that the process he has nurtured for seven years does not collapse just before he leaves office. The Israeli official said Clinton's interest in the topic stretched what was supposed to be a two-hour meeting into more than four hours.

The Israeli official said U.S. observers would begin sitting in on the Israeli-Palestinian sessions regularly at Bolling Air Force Base near Washington. He said Clinton felt that their presence at the meetings would facilitate the after-hours informal mediation that the Americans had been conducting until now.

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STUDENT SENATE

Committee calls for election reform

By LAURA ROMPF
Assistant News Editor

Kelly Folks, former judicial council president, presented the election reform committee's report Wednesday's senate meeting.

"As you all know, there were significant problems with elections this year," Folks said. "Our committee met several times and has come up with new ideas for reforms and changes to be made."

"The main focus of the committee was to open campaigning up. Currently, the process is closed so our whole theme was to make it more open," Folks continued.

The report called for a complete revision of the election committee as a body. The current structure has few rules and this caused complications in this year's elections.

"We are providing more structure for this committee," Folks said. "We are designing an executive committee to make sure everything runs more smoothly."

The executive committee would be responsible for functional aspects of the elections and would also serve as grand jury for allegations of campaign violations and candidate misconduct, the committee report said.

"This would make [the process of hearing allegations] more formal. Accused candidates would be able to come and tell their side of the story and also face those who made the accusations," Folks said.

Furthermore, Folks said that even small violations would be made public knowledge.

"This year there were small violations where punishments were given privately," Folks said. "We believe it is in the best interest of the student body that these would be made public. Everyone would know everything. This year people may have voted differently knowing a candidate had committed a campaign violation."

Folks also said that there would be a Statue of Limitations imposed on elections. This would create a certain time period where allegations could be made against candidates and when

appeals could be filed. The reform also would change the current allotted campaigning period. Although there would be no constraints on when candidates can start campaigning, there would still be spending limits imposed. Therefore it may not be in the best interests of the candidate to start campaigning early, Folks said.

The reform also calls for centralized voting locations instead of the current dorm sites. Student's accounts would be credited with one vote by use of their ID cards,

and thus voter fraud would be less likely to happen.

The final reform deals with the violation committed by Hanover/Micek ticket from this year. The ticket was accused of using email

to solicit votes, which is currently against election bylaws.

"Because email is so difficult to regulate, the committee decided it should be a legitimate form of campaigning," Folks said. "We feel prohibiting it would be a bad idea because there is no fair way to impose this regulation."

Overall, the committee feels the student body as a whole needs to be better informed.

"There were many complaints this year that no one knew the rules, and thus following them was impossible," Folks said. "We hope having a representative in each dorm will inform all students of the rules."

The election reform's report will now go to committee within the senate where it will be reviewed and decisions will be made on exact measures to be taken.

In other senate news:

♦ Jay Smith was approved as office of the president chief of staff, Trip Foley as Student Union secretary, John Osborn as student senate parliamentarian, Mark Lesheey as chaplain, Susan Roberts as academic delegate and Matt Clark as controller.

♦ Taylor McWilliams, Class of 2002 treasurer for next year, was nominated as class treasurer of 2000-2001 financial board manager.

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working in Ross Perot's company saw an interview she did, and decided to hire her. Ever since, she has worked in the business world.

Her experience with the technological field will add a perspective not currently represented on the advisory council, Mrs. Mendoza said.

"I think Carolyn [Woo] got very excited about having a successful female who knows about venture capital [serving on the council]," Mendoza said.

Like any member of the advisory board, Mrs. Mendoza will advise the College and offer feedback on certain matters, Woo said.

It is not uncommon for a Notre Dame college to have donors serving on its advisory council.

"The vast majority of advisory council members are strong [financial] supporters of our University," said Daniel Reagan, Executive Director of Development, the department that handles donations to the University. At the same time, council members must also bring expertise to the council.

"All the members ... bring value to the council," Reagan said. "They're being supportive of the University and their particular area ... We value their thoughts, their ideas, their concerns."

University President Father Malloy is responsible for inviting people to become council members.

While alumni are the largest source of donations, the University also receives funds from parents, friends, foundations, estates, organizations and corporations, Reagan said.

The development office is set up in such a way that different personnel are assigned to different constituencies. For example, a specific person is responsible for seeking corporations that might have a natural interest in Notre Dame because of research being conducted here or because the company frequently recruits Notre Dame graduates.

"Almost all contributions — certainly major contributions — are a result of going back and forth" between the University and the donor, Reagan said. That way, both the University and the donor will both make sure the donation will have an impact both sides desire.

There is also an Annual Fund involving direct mail and other forms of communication that reach the masses of alumni, according to Reagan.

Donors to the Annual Fund are

entered into a football ticket lottery, while more significant donors are given the opportunity to purchase tickets.

"Donors are giving because they believe in this place, not for what they get," said Reagan. "We try to assist them in any way we can."

In the 1997-1998 fiscal year, the University received donations of more than \$132 million. That sum ranks in the top 25 nationally in terms of total gifts.

Of that total, approximately half went towards endowment. Another \$16 million was donated without restrictions as to how the money could be spent. Alumni donations accounted for more than \$51 million of all donations.

"We work in a very personal way with our alumni in terms of leadership," Reagan said. "It's the responsibility of the University to articulate where progress can be made."

The Mendozas' gift is part of the ongoing "Generations" campaign, which initially had the goal of creating 100 new endowed professorships. The Mendozas' endowment is the largest gift in the University's history.

"That's a very uncommon gift ... and extremely generous," Reagan said.

The Mendozas came to Notre Dame this week to meet with College students and faculty.

In the standing-room-only Jordan auditorium on Tuesday, the Mendozas spoke of their donation and their business in general to a crowd including both undergraduate and MBA students.

"We've had quite a buzz around the College the past month of so," Woo told the audience before introducing the couple. "We just wanted to bring the Mendozas to meet our school."

Mr. Mendoza never imagined that he would be wealthy enough to make such a large donation, he said. Upon graduation from Notre Dame, he was

unsure if he wanted a career in business, but soon decided it would be enjoyable.

"The two of us did not come from money," he said, adding that when he began attending Notre Dame in 1969, his father made only \$12,000 a year. Mr. Mendoza explained that he and his wife were able to attend their respective universities because they received financial aid.

When the couple was first married, they aspired to "do something special," as opposed to striving to achieve only financial success, Mr. Mendoza said.

Daniel Reagan
executive director
of development

"The vast majority of advisory council members are strong [financial] supporters of our University."

"I think Carolyn [Woo] got very excited about having a successful female who knows about venture capital [serving on the council]."

Kathy Mendoza
University donor

company with values they can believe in, as well as one with an expanding market, Mr. Mendoza said.

He is proud to have his family's name on the College of Business, and reading about Notre Dame graduates who do "special things" will also add to his pride in his investment, Mendoza said.

"This is a special place that turns out special people ... both undergrad and graduate," Mr. Mendoza said.

His company had three interns from Notre Dame and also hired one of the University's graduates last year.

"Going to Notre Dame in my opinion is a great opportunity ... It's a dream," he said, telling the crowd that when he received his acceptance letter from the University, he did not believe he had really been accepted.

In addition to their money, the Mendozas also offer the College their "passion and energy," as well as knowledge about technology, Woo said.

"This gift is wonderful and not just about money. It's about the whole link to Silicon Valley," Woo said.

Woo also said that the couple values success, responsibility and sharing.

"This is about what Notre Dame stands for," she said.

"People keep thanking us ... but this is our pleasure," Mendoza said.

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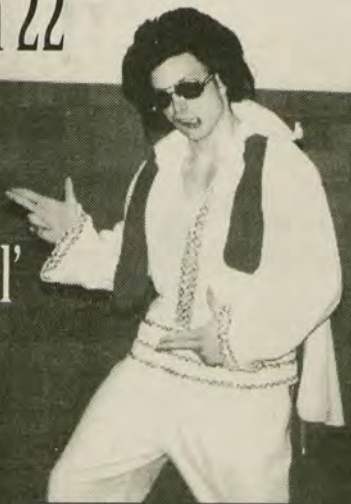
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Journalist Tabe shares story of life in Camaroon

♦ African weddings and funerals have unique traditions

By COLLEEN MCCARTHY
Associate News Editor

Africans have held tightly to marriage, birth and funeral rituals unique to their culture, said Angel Tabe, Cameroonian journalist and Humphrey fellow at the University of Maryland in a lecture Wednesday at Saint Mary's.

Although in many parts of Africa, the typical European wedding involving the woman wearing the white gown and veil while parading around the city is stylish, a marriage is not official just because a European-style wedding has taken place, said Tabe.

"A wedding is just an English word for ceremony, but in our tradition, Africans have their own kind of weddings," said Tabe.

Even though a man and woman may have been dating, if they decide to marry without their family's consent, the families do not recognize the marriage.

"The groom's family has to go out and look for the bride's family and introduce the idea of marriage," said Tabe.

A dowry is also negotiated between the bride and groom's families.

"Although it is understood that no price can be placed on the value of a human, some price must be negotiated to show the value to the other family of having such a valuable person become part of their family," she said.

"This is how the dowry or bride price comes along. The groom's family believes the

woman he is marrying is the most beautiful, the best and nothing can compare to her," she continued. "The dowry shows her value."

The families gather and the bride is invited to sit with the groom's family. Then, the groom's family presents the bride's family with a bottle of whiskey. After bride's mother and father drink a glass, the family has accepted the marriage.

"There is no minister there," said Tabe. "After the ceremony, both families recognize their children as husband and wife. Christian parents will encourage their children to go to church to have the marriage recognized but even there, the minister will ask if the families have approved of the marriage."

After marriage, there is much pressure to have children as offspring are seen as a sign of wealth.

"One of the greatest causes of divorce is childlessness," said Tabe. "There is great value placed on children and the blame is placed on the woman if a man and woman can't have children."

Childbearing is highly celebrated in the African culture, said Tabe.

"When a woman is giving birth to her first child, the delivery takes place with either her mother or mother-in-law at her side," said Tabe. "When the child is born it is a whole celebration. Women from the village gather at the

hospital singing and dancing and that is how the woman is taken back to her home for a feast."

There are two types of traditional funerals in African culture, said Tabe.

People who belong to an "association" in African society, an exclusive group, have a different kind of burial than Africans who don't belong to an association.

"My father belonged to an association and when he died, we had to pay to go to the funeral," said Tabe. "Only the association knows where he is buried so I had to have one of my brothers initiated into the

"A wedding is just an English word for ceremony, but in our tradition, Africans have their own kind of weddings."

Angel Tabe
journalist

association immediately so we would know where my father was going to be buried. To be candid, this was a very dignified ceremony, but expensive. It is unrealistic that everyone could do this."

An ordinary burial differs from a burial of one who belongs to an association.

"We can't keep a corpse for more than two days so a burial takes place but the celebration can go on for two weeks," said Tabe. "On the seventh day of burial, it is believed that the person who died is escorted to a final resting place. So this means another feast takes place."

Tabe's lecture was part of the International Month celebration. Tabe will lead a storytelling session Thursday at 12:15 p.m. in 105 Madaleva.

♦ Writer struggles for free press

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
Saint Mary's News Editor

Angel Tabe's visit to Saint Mary's campus served as a grim reminder that democracy has not spread to the entire world. Tabe, a former journalist and news anchor in her native Cameroon, visits Saint Mary's this week as part of an effort to educate American students about African customs and the tenuous political situation in the country.

"The situation in my country is one in which there isn't freedom of expression," Tabe said.

Tabe was fired from her job as deputy head of programs at the national radio station run by the Cameroon Radio and Television Corporation in 1994 for events that transpired two years earlier.

In 1992, Tabe attended a press conference given by Cameroon's Minister of Information and Culture. The presidential elections occurring at the time were a significant source of controversy and discord, with accusations of misbehavior flying left and right.

When it was Tabe's turn to question the minister, she asked why he did not show the videos of the alleged burnings and killings that were the source of the controversy and interview the political leader whose house and car were purported to have been burned. This suggestion did not sit well with the minister and his allies were not receptive to her suggestion. Tabe was relieved of her title and duties the next day and fired in 1994.

"After the political problems, I could no longer work," Tabe said. "I was invited to a seminar on media and environment."

After she attended the conference, Tabe turned to media consulting "to sensitize the public to environmental degradation."

"I had a weekly publication called 'The Green Pages,'" said

Tabe who won the Journalist of the Year award in Cameroon in 1997.

That year, Tabe learned about the Humphrey Fellowship Program. She applied and was accepted on the basis of her environmental and journalistic accomplishments.

"I got selected because of 'The Green Pages' and the award, by showing the experiences of the role of the media in environmental protection," Tabe said.

While at her previous job, Tabe covered events on environmental issues as well as others, worked out of the newsroom, given the Sunday evening news, been a radio announcer and worked at the foreign news desk. Her crowning achievement while at the corporation was the development of the "Luncheon Date" show, where she reviewed the events of the day from around the country.

"It was a program everybody looked up to," Tabe said. "It was the only avenue for people to hear the news from all over the country in two to three hours."

Now, Tabe has a slightly different vocation. A full-time graduate student at the University of Maryland, she intends to educate the masses on environmental policy, wealth, and development.

"I want to put what I have studied into practice," Tabe said. "I want to share it with many people. I want to use my media skills to sensitize people about conservation issues. It could be on radio, television, print or the internet. I'm going to use all the media avenues."

In the summer after classes end she will begin an internship with the World Bank.

"Part of the [fellowship] is that you work in a U.S. organization which enhances your skills," Tabe said.

In the meantime, between her studies, Tabe travels the country, educating Americans about her culture.

"I travel a lot," Tabe said. "I don't refuse invitations because they are opportunities to share."



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It is with great regret that I inform you that Mr. Gaetano Pesce will be unable to attend the Crossing Boundaries conference at the University of Notre Dame on April 14 and 15. Mr. Pesce's absence is due to a grave scheduling error at a time when he is exceptionally busy with the Salone del Mobili in Milan, not to mention his everyday schedule of projects and lectures.

In no way is Mr. Pesce's absence a reflection of his interest in Crossing Boundaries or the University of Notre Dame. Rather, he looks forward to rescheduling a visit to your campus, if still welcome, at a later date.

Sincerely,

The featured guest speaker will be Gaetano Pesce of Pesce Ltd., a New York-based firm whose boundary-crossing projects include work in graphic design, industrial design, architecture, and furniture design.

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ISRAEL

Barak welcomes Chinese president

Associated Press

JERUSALEM

Under U.S. pressure to cancel a lucrative arms deal with China, Israel welcomed Chinese President Jiang Zemin on a historic visit Wednesday to the Jewish state, cementing ties first forged in secret nearly two decades ago.

The high-profile recognition of Israel — the visit is the first by a Chinese president — was seen as strong proof here that the days of diplomatic isolation are over for good. However, the new status also brought new problems for Israel, such as juggling the divergent interests of its strongest ally and a powerful new friend.

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak welcomed Jiang less than 24 hours after meeting at the White House with President Clinton, who urged the Israeli leader to cancel the planned sale of a sophisticated airborne surveillance system to China.

Clinton expressed deep displeasure and warned that the deal, potentially worth \$2 billion, could undermine Israel's standing in the United States, said an Israeli official who attended Tuesday's White House summit. Danny Yatom, Barak's top policy adviser, said the U.S. Congress was "very worried" about the sale.

Israel's deputy defense minister, Ephraim Sneh, said Israel was committed to selling at least one surveillance

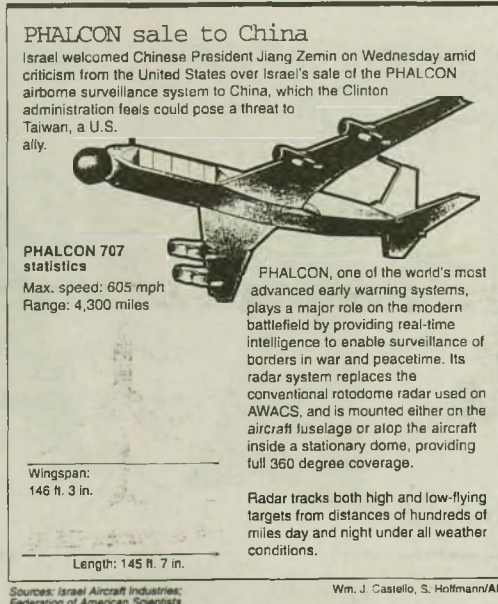
plane to China, which reportedly has the option to order three to seven more. Israeli officials have suggested that after the first plane is sold, the deal could be frozen indefinitely to appease the United States.

Sneh said that in the competitive international arms market, "there are no friends." Describing U.S. pressure on Israel as a

"steamroller," he scoffed at U.S. complaints that the sale could upset the military balance in Asia and pose a threat to Taiwan, a U.S. ally.

Jiang arrived in Israel on Wednesday afternoon for a six-day visit. The countries established diplomatic relations in 1992, but secret ties go back to the early 1980s when Israel began selling arms to China.

His first stop was a reception by Israeli President Ezer Weizman. Describing Israel and China as ancient nations, Jiang said it was important to "strengthen the historical friendship between us ... and to promote friendly and mutually beneficial cooperation in various fields between the two countries."



Sources: Israel Aircraft Industries; Federation of American Scientists

Israeli and Chinese officials on Wednesday signed agreements on education and industrial technology research and development.

During his visit, Jiang will hold talks with Barak and Israeli lawmakers, visit Yad Vashem, Israel's Holocaust memorial, and tour two communal farms in the Negev Desert to inspect agricultural projects. On Saturday, he will meet Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat in the West Bank town of Bethlehem.

A planned visit to Israel Aircraft Industries, which is outfitting a Soviet transport plane with the new PHALCON surveillance system, has reportedly been canceled to avoid drawing more attention to the deal.

CUBA

Castro: Capitalism causes poverty

Associated Press

HAVANA

Cuban President Fidel Castro launched a scathing attack on the world's capitalist system Wednesday, telling a summit of the world's poor nations that the economic order had caused suffering comparable to the Nazi Holocaust.



Castro

Castro, wearing a suit instead of his usual military garb, denounced capitalism before at least 40 heads of state or government at the Group of 77 summit, and called for the elimination of the International Monetary Fund, accusing it of spreading world poverty.

"The images we see of mothers and children in whole regions of Africa under the lash of drought and other catastrophes remind us of the concentration camps of Nazi Germany," he said.

Referring to war crimes trials after World War II, the Cuban leader said: "We lack a Nuremberg to judge the economic order imposed upon us, where every three years more men, women and children die of hunger and preventable diseases than died in the Second World War."

Castro's complaints of inequality were shared by other speakers at the opening of the summit. But the organization was likely to seek less radical solutions than the Cuban leader's — which also included a call for a 1 percent tax on all financial transactions to finance a global development fund.

Draft resolutions called for developed countries to forgive the debts of poorer states, share technology and give poorer nations a greater say in the use of international development funds. They also call for shifting more decisions from groups controlled by rich nations, such as the IMF and World Bank, to the United Nations. Since its 1964 founding, the group has grown from 77 to 133 developing nations, representing around 80 percent of the world's population.

Never has the world witnessed such massive disparities in international social and economic activities," said Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo, whose country chairs the summit.

He warned that failure to reform international aid policies that have maintained the wealth gap "constitute a major threat to international peace and security."

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan also called for debt relief and greater investment in poor countries and said developing countries should work together to increase their own trade and cooperation.

"I believe governments need to work together to make change possible but governments alone will not make change happen. We have to engage the power of private investment" as well as non-governmental and academic organizations, he said.

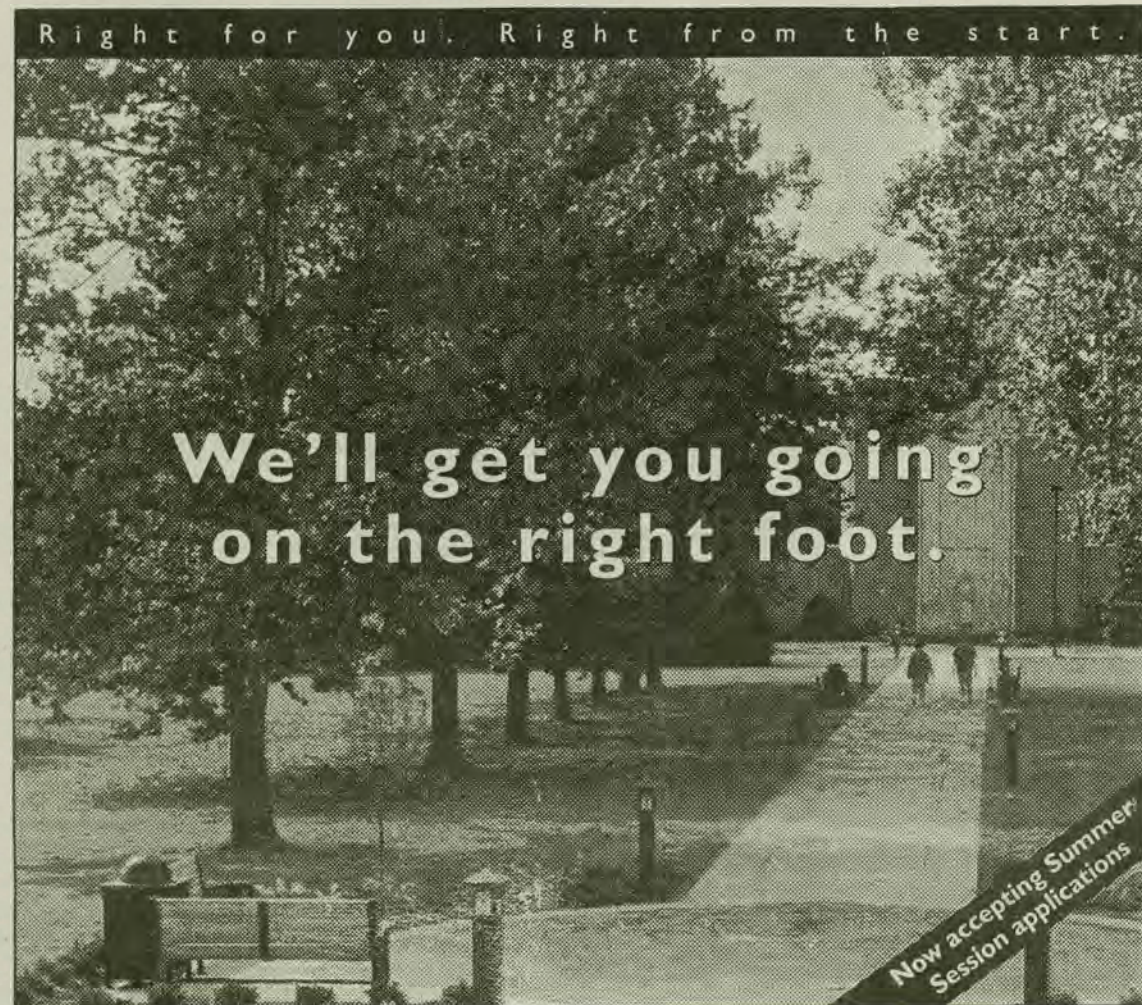
He said the summit would help the developing world forge a united front at the United Nation's upcoming Millennium Summit in September.

Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohammad took aim at a global system that he said allowed "rogue currency traders" to plunge his country and East Asia into financial crisis by undermining their currencies.

"Millions were thrown out of work and made destitute," he added. "The international economic institutions moved in ostensibly to help with loans but in reality to facilitate the takeover of the country's economy and even politics."

He sneered that rich countries should permit free flows of labor as well as capital. "If money is capital for the rich, labor is the capital of the poor countries. They should be allowed to migrate to the rich countries to compete for the jobs there just as the powerful corporations of the rich must be allowed to compete with their tiny counterparts in the poor countries."

In New York City, Abraham Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League, reacted to Castro's comparisons to the Holocaust, saying the Cuban leader "lives in his own time warp, and so while I'm disappointed, I'm not surprised."



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Creating baseball's version of "Rudy"

During the 80s, I worked in Hollywood, in the entertainment field. Well, technically, I guess you could say that I provided protective services for people who actually worked in the entertainment field.

Anyway, I was reviewing scripts one day. Well, technically, I guess you could say that I picked up a script which was lying on a desk near me. The script was "Rudy." Because "Rudy" showed there is a market for heart-tugging, Horatio Alger-type stories, it has surprised me that Hollywood has not yet found a script to replicate this success. I decided to try my hand at writing one. It's too late for "Rudy II", so I looked for a new angle for the "walk-on" player.

I couldn't use basketball; because we've already had handsome Mike Edwards scoring a basket, on an artificial leg, in an exhibition game against a top team. I couldn't use women's hoops either; because we've already had vivacious Christy Grady changing jobs from team manager to player, during the Final Four and scoring a basket (and becoming ESPN's Player of the Day).

Football is always a good bet for a Notre Dame movie, but we've already had Reggie Ho stepping out of interhall football to kick four field goals to beat Michigan and Pat Heenan coming over from Dillon Hall to start at end, on the 1959 team, before playing a year with

the Washington Redskins.

I decided to concentrate on the greatest of all sports ... baseball, about which more movies have been made than all other sports combined.

Here's my premise. We'll feature a local kid, who grew up in the shadow of the Dome. We'll make his father an alumnus; in fact a former baseball player. We'll give him a name which "nominal determinism" would doom to walk-on status (how about Matt Nussbaum).

We'll give him an Ozzie and Harriet family (as a contrast to Rudy's). We'll make his younger brother a Huck Finn type who's very supportive of his big brother. Ditto for the cute kid sister. We'll have the mother look like a prom queen and the dad, although a lawyer, will actually be a really likeable guy. (Hollywood likes that kind of a character twist).

The whole family will never miss a game, even though their boy has little chance of playing and Dad often has to drive up from Indianapolis, where he is one of the top attorneys in the governor's office.

This walk-on will have been a high school second basemen, which is like playing right field in Little League — it's not where you look to recruit college prospects. He'll be average size, with mediocre speed and no power.

We'll have this guy go zero hits for two years. He'll get into a few games because the head coach is one of those inspirational types who rewards scrub players who warm up pitchers; chatter in the dugout; hustle in practice; and volunteer when needed. In fact, we'll even have the walk-on tell a fib and claim he has pitching experience, so he

gets put into a game to mop up on the mound. He'll have to borrow a pitcher's-type glove from brother Danny. He'll even get out of a bases-loaded, no-out situation, without yielding a run, but that won't be the story angle. We'll shoot for a stronger ending.

See, all the while this kid is working hard in the weight room, building up his muscles. Suddenly, he's a 200-pounder. For his junior season, those grounders to second base are now line shots into the outfield. Those weak flies to the outfield are now extra base hits. We're going to have this kid start 57 games; hit .314; drive in 33 runs; and score 37, while banging out 10 doubles, a triple and five homers. He's going to hit over .370 with two out and he'll have a 14-game hitting streak.

To complete the story, this Matt Nussbaum guy will be a co-captain for his senior year; get his picture on team promotional materials; and transform himself into a catcher when the All-American backstop injures his throwing arm. While working behind the plate (like he's been there all his life) Matt will raise his batting average to the Tony Gwynn range while increasing his RBI numbers.

How do you like the story? Yeah, just what I thought. Too improbable. No one would ever believe it.

Cappy Gagnon, '66, is proud to sit with the Nussbaums in Frank Eck Stadium. His column appears every other Thursday.

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"Next to religion, baseball has furnished a greater impact on American life than any other institution."

Herbert Hoover
American President

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Realizing the importance of volunteerism

The importance of community seems particularly notable as the country celebrates National Volunteer Week, April 9-15, 2000. While this serves as a time to recognize the efforts of volunteers in bettering their communities, it also provides an opportunity to encourage volunteerism. At a place like Notre Dame, where the student body is overwhelmingly committed to service, these efforts seem misplaced. It is always important, however, to recognize the positive impact we can and do have on the South Bend community. In addition, National Volunteer Week reminds us to consider how we will incorporate volunteerism into our lives after Notre Dame.

I volunteer at the Legal Services Program of Northern Indiana, Inc. For a few hours every week, I assist with intake — helping potential clients complete applications for free legal assistance or representation. The education I have received at Legal Services definitely exceeds any experience I could have had in a DeBartolo classroom. While it is often easy to become consumed with our lives on our secluded campus, we isolate ourselves from the opportunities and lessons of the surrounding world and ignore the impact that we could have.

When I first talked to my supervisor at Legal Services, she asked what I would describe as my weakness. I told her that people often say I am too idealistic. She warned me that I might become discouraged by the situations I would encounter at Legal Services. At times I am disheartened when I hear detailed accounts of the effects of failed government benefits programs, discriminating employers, irresponsible landlords and abusive spouses. My conversations with clients inevitably end with many thanks for listening to their problem, often explaining that they have been turned away or ignored by everyone else. At these moments, I recognize the impact of the work Legal Services does. And I realize that idealism is never a weakness.

As a volunteer, I am constantly reminded of my own good fortune and I am inspired by the dedicated efforts of many to improve this community. I witness the selfless generosity of countless community and student volunteers. Finally, I am convinced of the need for us to more fully commit ourselves to the future of our communities. Only when we recognize that we are a community and not merely a collection of individual interests, can we truly work toward a promising future.

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April 9, 2000

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Men on campus respond to rape letters

Rehashing issue won't help

I feel compelled, after Mr. Reyes' article, ("Men's Silence" April 9, 2000) to say a few things. I am not concerned about the lack of men's voices regarding the rape issue. I don't think rehashing the issue of rape in the next two months of Observers will do anything to either eliminate rape or help heal the people actually involved. At this point, it may hinder that healing process. It is a hard call to make.

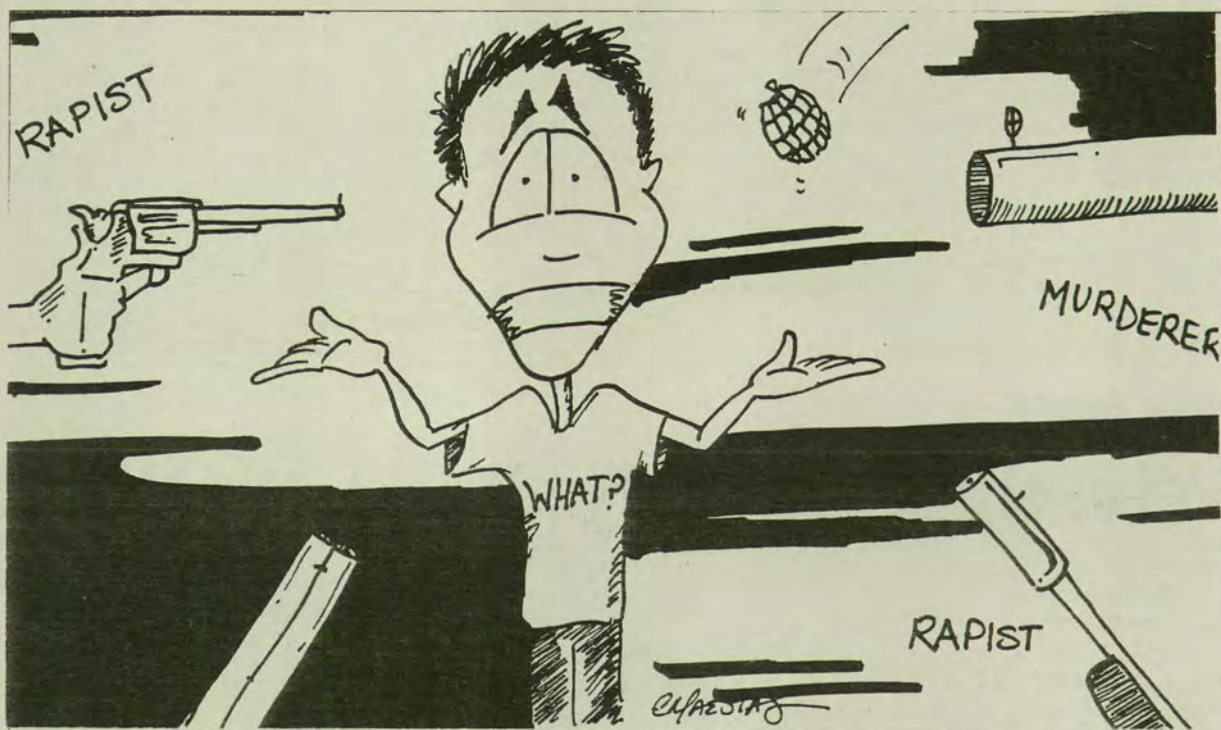
On the one hand, awareness of rape is absolutely important. But at some point, we stop using The Observer to heighten awareness and start using it to simply vent our own opinions about issues. One is about information, the other is about hearing ourselves debate. We boil one incident of rape down to an opportunity for the whole campus to tell one young woman what we think she should do, and how everyone should respond to the issue. In being so inconsiderate of the emotional strain involved, we remove the victim and the perpetrator from the equation altogether. To talk too much about the issue of rape is to distract from the real issue at hand: the assault to the victim's, and the perpetrator's, dignity.

Many people on this campus have a problem with rape, but think pornography is just fine. There is no difference between denying the sanctity of a woman's body with our eyes, and denying it with our actions. This is the real issue we should all be confronting. Even with increased awareness, we will not eliminate rape until we grant everyone their inherent dignity.

At this point, it is silly to waste more Observer space talking about the issue of rape. We ought to be about the business of educating ourselves about rape, not reacting to the sensationalism generated by this fine student-run publication. We ought to be about the business of granting people's inherent dignity, and praying that we don't deny it to ourselves. We should simply be quiet, and support the victim and the perpetrator.

Talk is cheap, friends — cheap and powerless. But we are not.

Joshua Warner
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April 11, 2000



Silence doesn't condone rape

"Who is worse, the man who rapes or the man who condones it with his silence?" This is the question posed by Christopher Reyes in his April 9 letter to The Observer. Personally, I find the question nothing less than offensive.

Rape is wrong. There is no doubt that rape is wrong, and it is a tragedy that it exists anywhere in the world, especially at our beloved university. Apparently, due to personal naiveté, I didn't realize that people don't know rape is wrong. I think rape is an action that is so horrifically, obviously and inherently immoral that people shouldn't need a reminder that it is wrong. I, too, would like to commend the women of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's for speaking out about the horrors of rape. Their testimony has helped increase awareness, which can do nothing but help when it comes to prevention.

The supposed silence of men at Notre Dame, however, does not imply that we condone rape. Nobody has spoken out denouncing murder either, but that certainly doesn't mean that we condone it. And it absolutely does not mean that we are worse than actual murderers. People may say that the two crimes are too different to make this comparison, but I don't think they are. The effects caused by rape can conceivably end a life, although not always in such a physical sense. But we all know murder is wrong; it is a painfully obvious fact. Just because we haven't publicly

stated this doesn't mean we condone it.

Perhaps there are people on this campus who don't know rape is wrong. I highly doubt it, but for those men who did not know this, I pity you and hope that you are enlightened immediately. Rapists are criminals and social monsters, and I have to think they have heard before that rape is wrong. Maybe publicly stating this will prevent some rape, somewhere.

Awareness and prevention are vital and should be stressed; men need to understand exactly what rape is and there are some at this university who don't quite understand the concept. But a failure to speak out against rape does not imply that anybody condones it. And, more importantly, a failure to speak out against rape certainly does not make one worse than an actual rapist. The fact that this question was even brought up and this comparison ever made is nothing less than insulting.

Mr. Reyes' intentions were admirable, but his flawed logic and his final question was simply offensive. Yes, rape is wrong. But just because men at our university have not publicly stated this fact does not mean they condone it, and it definitely does not make them worse than actual rapists.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Bad writing, missed opportunities plague 'Rules'

By MIKE McMORROW
Scene Movie Critic

"Rules of Engagement" is an example of good lead acting hindered by a screenplay that seems to want to be unintelligent. William Friedkin's latest extravaganza, which deals with the atrocities of war and the supposed "rules" of combat, hints at thoughtful issues but is trapped inside a story that is so poorly thought-out that the audience is left feeling manipulated and cheated.

The film stars Samuel L. Jackson and Tommy Lee Jones as old buddies who went to Vietnam together. Terry Childers (Jackson) saved Hayes Hodges' (Jones) life, thus Hodges feels forever indebted to him. Twenty-eight years later, Childers is a respected Marine colonel and Hodges is a mediocre lawyer with a drinking problem.

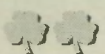
Childers is called in to suppress an anti-American riot located outside the American Embassy in Yemen. Childers arrives and sees that it is getting ugly, with snipers on rooftops ready to take shots at American forces. Childers gets the ambassador and his family out successfully, but some of his men are killed. Livid at the loss of his marines, Childers orders his men to open fire on the crowd at the base of the embassy, resulting in 83 deaths.

This hits the front page of all the world's newspapers, causing the

American National Security Advisor to find a scapegoat in Childers. Thus, charges are brought against Childers for disrupting the peace, conduct unbecoming of a marine and murder. Childers turns to his old Vietnam comrade Hodges for representation, whose response is "I'm a good enough lawyer to know that you need a better lawyer than me."

The charges against Childers deal with whether or not his order was against an armed, firing crowd. If not, and the victims were civilians, it is against the "rules of engagement." However, any hints as to the truth are never given, causing the audience to feel manipulated.

"Rules of Engagement"



out of five shamrocks

Director: William Friedkin
Starring: Samuel L. Jackson and Tommy Lee Jones

Jackson has a great deal of charisma as an actor, but because of the horrendous loss of life, viewers feel no sympathy for his character at all. Did the crowd fire? The answer is unfortunately not revealed until the very end. By this time, the audience has ceased caring and, therefore, the outcome seems cheap.

It doesn't help that there are so many unnecessary plot lines that demean any kind of real debate about Childers' actions. The film's National Security Advisor in particular is so superficially scripted that his credibility is destroyed as soon as he appears on screen. His actions serve only as plot devices. For example, he destroys a piece of evidence that could help prove Childers' innocence. This poor piece of screenwriting



Photo courtesy of Paramount Pictures

Tommy Lee Jones (left) and Samuel L. Jackson play two Marine buddies in the disappointing military courtroom-drama "Rules of Engagement."

comes across as childish, as it avoids further questions that the film could have raised.

The film may have worked had it spent more time examining the true intentions of the rules of engagement themselves. Instead, it toys with the audience's expectations.

Had the audience been aware of the true nature of the situation in the first place, there might have been an opportunity to ask difficult questions about action in combat, the treatment of belligerent but unarmed protesters and possible diplomatic issues. Yet there is no serious treatment because the screenplay hides the true questions.

Jackson and Jones, to be sure, are

good. They add depth to characters that, in the embodiment of lesser actors, would have been infuriating. Jackson and Jones are even able to pull off a sense of drama in the courtroom scenes that feel more or less flip-pant. They alone make the last half of the movie bearable.

Jackson is a perfect actor for a strong-willed, combat-oriented, well-intentioned Marine, and Jones is convincing in a role that requires conviction and vulnerability.

In the hands of a more intelligent and less-forced screenplay, there might have been the chance to ask some real questions. Instead, questions surrounding the movie's title feel like

MOVIE REVIEW

Wrestling comedy 'Ready to Rumble' a waste of film

By JEFFREY Q. IRISH
Scene Movie Critic

"One time, my 32 year-old cousin Walter got a cat stuck in his butt. True story. It was embarrassing for my relatives and all, but the next week he did it again! A week later I run into him at the mall and

he's buying another cat. So I says to him, 'Walter, what are you doing buying another cat? You're just going to get it stuck in your butt again.' And he says to me, 'Brodie, How the heck else am I gonna get the gerbil out?' My cousin was a weird guy — he also liked wrestling."

This quote, from Kevin

Smith's "Mallrats," has little relevance to the following review of "Ready to Rumble," but it gets the point across that anyone who is over the age of 10 and likes wrestling has the I.Q. of a napkin. It is the most immature and stupid phenomenon that has ever become a multi-billion dollar business. It must be supported

by trash, but if that is true, then, in a round about way, every ND-SMC student who has ever attended "Boat Club" supports wrestling.

Wrestling aside, the movie may be the worst to be released nationwide since "Good Burger."

Two words sum up the entire one hour and 45 minutes of this film — it sucks.

There was so much potential here for a screwball comedy. It could have made fun of wrestling and how the fans are all meatheads and hicks. But it didn't.

The storyline follows two 20-year-old losers (Scott Caan and David Arquette) as they go through life in the profession of emptying port-potties. Then one day, their hero, professional wrestler Jimmy King (Oliver Platt), loses for the first time and is fired for being an "ungrateful drunk who needs to go back to the trailer to learn his lesson." Caan and Arquette's characters make up their

minds to help Jimmy King get his title back.

King is a drunk, obese and lazy man who immediately left his wife and kids without a penny after he became famous. You can smell what the plot cooks up from here.

As far as the acting goes, Caan doesn't deliver on the comedic talent he showed as the wild wide receiver of "Varsity Blues." But there is still a bright future ahead of him. Arquette, on the other hand, who is more famous

for his family than acting, should dial 1-800-I-NEED-ACTING-LESSONS.

Director Brian Robbins steals shots from "Reservoir Dogs" and "A Few Good Men" and scores from "American Beauty" and "Saving Private Ryan," yet, somehow, still makes a worthless movie.

Last year's hit comedy "A Night at the Roxbury" is a perfect example of how funny it can be to mock meatheads.

"Ready to Rumble" fails in that it doesn't seem to know whether it is making fun of wrestling or promoting it.



Photo courtesy of Warner Bros. Pictures

Scott Caan (left) and David Arquette star in "Ready to Rumble," a stupid wrestling comedy about two guys who try get their hero's title back.

MOVIE COLUMN

In 'The Big Lebowski,' the Dude abides

It is not often that a film transcends its medium to become more than a fictional tale. "The Big Lebowski" is one such feature; its realm is so rich with character that it becomes a universe unto itself.

"Lebowski's" aesthetic value is of little importance because the inhabitants of this universe are not merely played by actors — they do not stop breathing when the final credits role.

At the heart of this Lebowski universe lies a single misunderstood man: the Dude. One can easily write him off as a deadbeat just as they do in Malibu. The Dude, however, is not a nitwit or a lousy bum, nor is he a sad-assed refugee from the '60s; he is a man in which laziness runs deep. But this is precisely what makes him special.

There is finally a human who can bring honor to unemployment and make apathy an artform. One has to admire his peculiar view on time, the way days run together and calendars are of no consequence. The Dude's every move is a lesson in relaxation. He ambles around like a bag of dirty laundry, exuding a sense of ease with the simple stretch of his back or in the shrug of his shoulders.

Dude is a devoted friend who always forgives after the most heated dispute, and his resilient posturing is a marvelous attribute.

Perhaps Dude's most admirable skill is his knack for finding value in worthless things. His Persian carpet certainly tied the room together, but was it worth the trouble that eventually ensued? He has so much pride in a single floor covering, the way he balances on one leg, arms outstretched, eyes studying the fabric under his feet.

Although Dude accomplishes nothing in life, he is oddly successful. It is necessary to know why. His dudeness is filled with strands of information. By examining these facets, we can shed more light on his nature. Then, as the Stranger (Sam Elliot) says, maybe everyone can take comfort in knowing the Dude is out there.

The Dude has a genuine affection for comfortable furniture and he never meets a foreign space that he cannot quickly make his own. In many ways, Dude is chameleon-like, possessing the natural talent to become one with his environment. While meeting with Jackie Treehorn, Dude adopts the Porn King's unspoiled palace. He melds seamlessly with the orange couch and it feels as though he is fully stitched to the fabric. Dude's posture in the back of Maude's limo is the essence of relaxation. It becomes impossible to think that the limousine is not his daily mode of transport. He does this time and again, consistently claiming space that almost never belongs to him.

Successful limbering of the body is a necessity for Dude's daily survival. He initiates every league game with a soothing

lower back stretch that guarantees sufficient mobility. Each morning begins with the mixing of a cocktail followed by an effective quadricep routine that will ensure the longevity of his bowling career. There is something charming about this body language that expresses volumes in subtle motions.

The Dude's clothing line is engineered for comfort. Without the rumpled garments, his gestures just wouldn't be the same. Perhaps his most important asset is the adorned vintage baseball jersey with nondescript Asian lettering. Most people don't realize that the Japanese man on the front is a stenciled portrait of Sadaharu Oh, the Eastern equivalent of Babe Ruth.

Indeed, Dude is a cultured man. On cool days, he comfortably inhabits a thick woolen sweater that probably kept him warm in the early years while drafting the original Port Huron statement.

We cannot exclude the flimsy jelly sandals he wore thin while protesting Vietnam as a member of the Seattle Seven. Each threadbare item is like the skin off his back — right down to his Munsingwear undies.

Dude suffers misfortune at every turn, yet he is resilient. His casualness always prevails. Three cowardly nihilists burst into his private residence armed with a cricket club and a marmot, then proceed to rip Dude's bungalow to shreds. An Asian man, known only as Woo, pees on his carpet while the troubled adolescent, Larry Sellers, has the audacity to hijack Dude's rust-colored car. Old Duder's place is wrecked. With his majestic Gran Torino ruined and a carpet micterated upon, the Dude shrugs it off.

Though saddened by the passage of his bowling buddy, Theodore Donald Karabotsos (Steve Buscemi), Dude moves on, instilling full trust in the Stranger's Eastern wisdom: Sometimes you eat the bar and sometimes the bar eats you. Taking the good with the bad, the Dude eloquently summarizes at the end of his journey: "Strikes and gutters, ups and downs."

Perhaps it is Dude's selfless dedication to friendship that defines his heroic personality. Walter Sobchek's (John Goodman) behavior is excessive and his obsession with Vietnam drives Dude insane. Together, their interaction is more like a fledgling couple than an inseparable pair. There is, however, something gratifying in watching a pacifist interact with a grizzled vet. Every interaction sends Dude in an uncontrollable tailspin but, like a true friend, he holds no grudges. Dude survives Walter's botched hand-off, his pesky Pomeranian as well as Donny's windswept human remains, but he never stays angry and always returns to the Venice Beach bowling league.

Dude befriends his landlord, Marty, a man befriending to carve his voice in the Los Angeles art world. Marty is clearly nervous during his dance quintet; his unenviable



Photo courtesy of PolyGram Filmed Entertainment

"Well, sir, it's this rug I have, it really tied the room together," says The Dude, played by Jeff Bridges, in "The Big Lebowski."

figure suffers under mismatching jumpsuit and floral garb and his somersaults lack the necessary grace. Dude, however, manages to stay attentive while Walter rudely discusses a heavy-weight television writer and directions to the In & Out Burger. Although he never shares his notes, Dude's critique will surely help Marty become the performance artist that he strives to be.

We also cannot overlook the way Dude volunteers his coital services to help Maude (Julianne Moore) conceive a child. Although family life is not on Dude's long-term agenda, he nevertheless donates the most coveted seed in Los Angeles county.

There's an unspoken nobility in Dude's devotion to life's simple pleasures; rarely does a man take so much pride in things so meaningless. He is certainly excited at the prospect of attaining a small fortune but never is it more important than even a few drops of White Russian.

When Big Lebowski's goon pulls Dude's arm to an impossible angle, he sacrifices his bowling career for the sake of his beverage. He swallows the pain, adjusts his body, hoists the Caucasian over his head and avoids losing the cocktail.

Never is Dude more content than when he savors the warm water of his bathtub. The environment is idyllic: aromatic candles flicker and a pre-recorded whale soundtrack fills the air. Dude takes a small hit from his joint and releases a sigh of

pinned up stress, "Ahhh...." Of course, the peace doesn't last as Dude's privacy is rudely invaded by three burnt out technopop artists and a herbivorous rodent. The short-lived tranquility, however, is evidence of what truly arouses Dude's pleasure.

The most telling commitment to his lifestyle is when Maude tempts Dude with the physical act of love. Maude's nakedness is hidden under Dude's robe, and when she unveils herself, he remains unmoved by the female form. Rather than jumping at the prospect of coitus, a puzzled Dude says, "that's my robe." Only The Dude could dismiss sex and bestow such importance on a tattered piece of terry cloth.

The Dude's stature is perfectly summarized in one glorious image. He stares into a mirror and surrounding his reflection we see "Time Life: Man of the Year." There is a certain irony that Dude would be enshrined by such prestigious accolades, but, in a strange way, the honor is rightfully his.

The message is clear: The Dude is the patriarch who reigns over this universe. Maybe only his ardent supporters would agree, but never has there been a man that has achieved so much by doing so little.

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

CORRECTION



In Wednesday's Scene, the photo included with the preview of Notre Dame's presentation of "The Love of the Nightingale" was incorrect. The photo was actually a photo of the Saint Mary's production of "Summer and Smoke" whose preview will be running tomorrow. The two photos shown here are the proper pictures for "The Love of the Nightingale."

photos by: MARY CALASH



AMERICAN LEAGUE

Garciaparra, Everett lead Red Sox to win over Twins

BOSTON — Nomar Garciaparra and Carl Everett, Boston's two best hitters, are finally acting the part. Garciaparra drove in three runs and Everett drove in two as the Red Sox beat the Minnesota Twins 7-3 Wednesday night.

Garciaparra, last year's AL batting champion, was 4-for-22 with no RBIs in his first six games, but is 6-for-9 with six RBIs in the current series.

Everett, who hit .189 in spring training after being obtained from Houston, is 5-for-8 with two homers and five RBIs in the two games with Minnesota. He's hitting .464 and has hit in all eight games this season.

One day after scoring eight runs in 1 1-3 innings against 24-year-old starter Joe Mays in a 13-4 victory, the Red Sox spoiled 21-year-old Johan Santana's second major league start with seven runs in 3 2-3 innings.

Jeff Fassero (1-0) left with a 7-3 lead after five innings and got his first win with Boston since signing as a free agent after spending last season with Seattle and Texas, where he was a combined 5-14 with a 7.20 ERA.

Minnesota took a 1-0 lead in the second inning on singles by Matt LeCroy, Corey Koskie and Torii Hunter and a sacrifice fly by Jason Maxwell.

Santana (0-1) allowed the tying run in the second on the first of Troy O'Leary's two doubles, a single by Everett and a sacrifice fly by former Twin Gary Gaetti, who is 0-for-10 in his first season with Boston.

Then the Red Sox, who had

an eight-run second inning Tuesday, scored five in the third for a 6-1 lead.

Jose Offerman and Darren Lewis singled and both scored on Garciaparra's double. Mike Stanley singled before O'Leary doubled in one run and Everett singled in two.

Minnesota made it 6-3 in the fourth on a single by Maxwell, a triple by Cristian Guzman over Everett's head in center field and a single by Denny Hocking. Rheal Cormier replaced Fassero after the fifth and pitched two perfect innings before Derek Lowe pitched the last two.

Yankees 8, Rangers 6

The New York Yankees opened the home portion of the 2000 season in familiar fashion, with Mel Stottlemyre in the dugout and a win over the Texas Rangers.

Tino Martinez's two-run triple in the seventh inning carried the Yankees over Texas, one day after their pitching coach began treatment for cancer.

The Yankees, who have swept Texas in the playoffs the last two seasons, rallied in the seventh inning after third baseman Wilson Delgado's throwing error gave the Rangers a 6-5 lead.

Paul O'Neill and Bernie Williams, whose three-run homer gave the Yankees a 4-2 lead in the fifth, led off the seventh with singles off Mike Munoz (0-1). Martinez then hit a long drive to right-center for his third hit of the game, scoring both runners.

Jeff Nelson (2-0) pitched two

scoreless innings for the win and Mariano Rivera pitched the ninth for his fourth save. Rivera has converted his last 26 save opportunities.

The pomp of this year's home opener, which included the raising of the Yankees' record 25th World Series flag, was overshadowed by Stottlemyre's announcement Sunday that he has bone marrow cancer. He began chemotherapy treatment two days later and was supposed to miss the opener, before Tuesday's game was postponed.

Stottlemyre, who is receiving medication in his chest through a catheter, was restricted in his duties. Bullpen coach Tony Cloninger watched David Cone warm up and Stottlemyre did not make any trips to the mound, even when Cone struggled his control in the third inning.

But Stottlemyre's presence was uplifting to the team, especially Cone, who has pitched 11 of his 14 major league seasons with Stottlemyre as his coach.

Stottlemyre received a loud, prolonged ovation from the crowd — as well as the Rangers — as he jogged into the field during pregame introductions. He waved his hat to the crowd and appeared uncomfortable by all the attention.

The Rangers, who hit .152 and scored one run in a three-game sweep by New York in last year's playoffs, almost spoiled the day, taking a 6-5 lead in the seventh on Delgado's error and Tom Evans' double-play grounder.

Texas doubled its output from last year's playoffs in the third inning, when Cone walked four batters, including David Segui with the bases loaded. Ivan Rodriguez added an RBI single in the inning.

The Yankees went ahead 4-2 in the fifth, on an RBI single by Derek Jeter and the homer by Williams, who had been 0-for-11 against left-handers before homering off Darren Oliver and singling off Munoz.

Cone couldn't hold the lead, though, giving up a single to Frank Catalanotto and a walk to Gabe Kapler leading off the sixth. Jason Grimsley came on and gave up a two-out, two-run double to Rusty Greer that appeared to go over the right-field fence. First-base umpire Brian Gorman ruled the ball hit the top of the wall and the Rangers did not argue.

Royals 7, Orioles 6

Rey Sanchez hit a three-run homer off Mike Trombley in the ninth inning and the Kansas City Royals, again coming back in their last at-bat, beat the Baltimore Orioles.

Baltimore, which led 6-0 in the seventh, was still ahead 6-4 in the ninth when Mike Trombley (0-1) walked Gregg Zaun leading off and Mark Quinn followed with a double.

Next up was Sanchez, and he worked the count to 3-2 before hitting his first home run of the season, a drive off the top of the left-field fence that bounced into the Orioles bullpen.

On Monday, Johnny Damon

hit a ninth-inning home run for a 6-5 win over Minnesota. In the series opener Tuesday, Brian Johnson's 12th-inning homer gave Kansas City a 7-5 win over the Orioles. At 7-3, the Royals are off to their best start since 1978.

Cal Ripken singled in a run to move within four hits of 3,000, and Mike Bordick had three RBIs for Baltimore.

Jose Santiago (2-0) won for the second straight night, pitching two perfect innings.

Ripken, who began the season with 2,991 hits, flared a single into right field in the seventh, driving in B.J. Surhoff for his 1,576th career RBI, moving him past Jake Beckley for 29th on the career list.

Royals starter Mac Suzuki allowed five runs — only two earned — and five hits in 5 1-3 innings.

Baltimore scored three unearned runs in the fourth for a 3-0 lead after first baseman Mike Sweeney dropped Harold Baines' grounder for an error.

Ripken walked. Charles Johnson hit a two-run double with two outs and Bordick followed with an RBI single.

Baltimore made it 5-0 in the sixth when Suzuki hit Will Clark with a pitch. Johnson doubled and Bordick followed with a two-run double off Jerry Spradlin. Ripken's hit made it 6-0.

Pat Rapp took a three-hitter into the seventh, when Jermaine Dye hit a leadoff homer, reliever Buddy Groom walked in a run, and Sanchez and Damon hit sacrifice flies.

Rapp allowed three runs and five hits in six-plus innings.

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Feel better, Cassie.

Keep working Nell... In one week we will be busting out in CANADA! Crossing the Border '00, take 2

But we're missing our third traveler. She'll be tanning in Florida.

Plaid shirt man will miss her.

Do you think Mark can handle it?

Stop sleeping on the couch! It's not comfy

Hey...it's ok. MJW&road trips are always a possibility.

And I love road trips.

My throat hurts. But it's 1 am and we're getting there

Bed, please!

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--Handsome Mikey

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24/7.
Miss Kate: "Remember what happened to the boy who suddenly got everything he always wanted -- he lived happily ever after."
4 more weeks. I'll take care of him and make sure he comes home safe. Until then, take care.
-KMJoAH of SMC.

JLN —
Okay, so my first Saturday night date had her head in a bucket all night ... I can live with it. I understand why it happened. I understand where and what it was from. But why was it black? Hope you feel better, pumpkin.

Senor Jose:
From one sexy woof to another — you'll always be my stylin' Latino lover!
Ay Curumba!!
Te Quiero mi amigo.
-- Ginnis --

Hey Lauren and Kate and Kristin!
Good luck to us with room picks!
Luv you guys!

Hey Kelle darling, hope you have a fabulous day!

Katie Metz, is no longer my valentine, she does not deserve such high status. Plus, her mother is a tractor.

Hey Libby and Julie and Becky and Becky, I wish you all luck with the quad!!!!

Hello, my cute little Becky of room 243!

AH!

'cause we're all in the mood for a melody, and you got us feelin' alright

Jenna's boyfriend bought her a house.

My roommate is so super great

And her professor is a super jerk

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Michelle and Julie and Anne Marie will do fabulously on them

Amy is super awesome

Yes, Pedro is a god.

Six o'clock on Friday... (I'll spare you the rest)

hi mom.

South Dakota is fun

Ever seen the world's only corn palace?

Have I mentioned that I have the best roommate in the world?

Physics tends to make my life miserable.

but biochem is worse

it's all CR's fault

i believe in miracles

yep...my roommate...wonderful

six dances - that's a new record i think

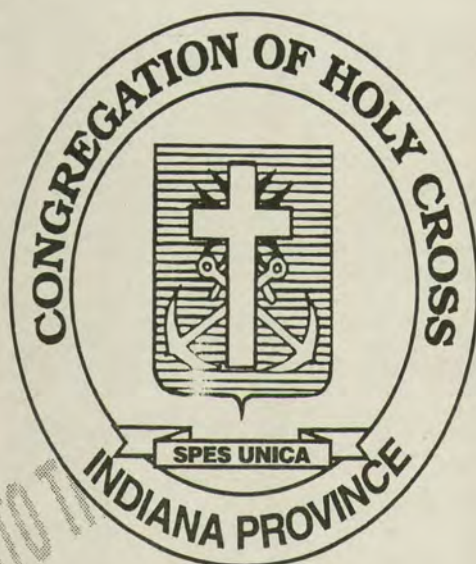
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St. Louis looks for another championship

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS
Fans in St. Louis are feeling cocky.

Who can blame them? The Blues are the top seed entering their first-round NHL playoff matchup against the San Jose Sharks. The Cardinals began the season 7-1 — their best start since 1986 — with a National League-leading 23 home runs. All of this comes on the heels of the Rams going from the NFL's worst team of the '90s to Super Bowl champions.

It's no wonder fans are already talking of St. Louis becoming the first city to earn three major professional sports championships in the same year.

"I've been saying it for a long time," Chris DeGroat said before the Blues game Wednesday night. "I can't wait to say 'I told you so.'"

His girlfriend, Renee Baker, was sporting blue hair and eye makeup in the team's honor.

"We're obsessed," Baker said. "We got on the computer and researched it. We even made a spread sheet. Trust us, it's never been done before. But that's going to change this year."

Cooler heads prevail among those leading the troops into battle. Although they like their odds, neither Blues coach Joel Quenneville nor Cardinals manager Tony La Russa is promising championship trophies to join the one named for Vince Lombardi.

There also is history to consider before plans are put into motion to change the name of the Gateway City to Titledown. Only two cities have ever claimed even two titles in the same year: Pittsburgh, with the Pirates and Steelers in 1979; and New York, where the Mets

and Jets won in 1969.

"We get a lot of calls from people wondering when the last time a city had three winners," said Kenny Strode, an executive producer and host on KFNS, the city's all-sports radio station. "We can't find that it's ever happened."

St. Louis is better known for flop teams than front-runners. Consider: Since the Cardinals won the World Series in 1967,

"In the 33-year history of the team, there have been a lot of disappointments, but I think they're the best I've ever seen. They're well-rounded, they've got depth on the bench and, of course, the coaching can't be overlooked."

Phil Downen
Blues' fan

the city had only one championship team — the 1982 Cardinals — before the Rams beat the Tennessee Titans 23-16 in the Super Bowl in January.

The Blues have never won the Stanley Cup, though they went to the

finals their first three seasons. It wasn't as remarkable as it seems, because the NHL placed the six new expansion teams in one division while keeping the six established teams in the other. St. Louis was swept in all three finals.

More recently, the Blues have been a model of mediocrity. While they've qualified for the playoffs a league-record 21 straight years, they haven't made it past the second round since 1986, and haven't been back to the Stanley Cup finals since those early years.

"In the 33-year history of the team, there have been a lot of disappointments," fan Phil Downen said. "But I think they're the best I've ever seen. They're well-rounded, they've got depth on the bench and, of course, the coaching can't be overlooked."

Brent Bollmeier, who has been a season ticket-holder for 10 years, agreed.

"I'm a hockey nut, and I would watch them even if they didn't win," he said. "I don't want to jinx anything, but I really think this is their year."

PRO TENNIS

Williams joins NAACP boycott

Associated Press

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. — Serena Williams withdrew from the Family Circle Cup on Wednesday, the biggest sports name to back NAACP's boycott of South Carolina for flying the Confederate flag.

Williams, the sixth-ranked tennis player in the world, was the first to commit in January to the yearly clay court tournament at Sea Pines Racquet Club. But she rethought the decision last month when told of the flag controversy.

"My decision to not play in South Carolina was based on a much deeper issue and one that I feel strongly about," said Williams, the 18-year-old star who last September became the first black woman in more than 40 years to win a Grand Slam title when she won the U.S. Open.

The Family Circle Cup opens

Monday.

The NAACP is leading an economic boycott of South Carolina until the flag is removed from the Statehouse. Since the boycott's Jan. 1 start, sporting events have been more involved.

The New York Knicks pulled out of a pre-playoff draft camp in Charleston.

USA Track and Field condemned the flag before the women's Olympic marathon trials two months ago in Columbia and several runners wore ribbons in support of the boycott.

Penn State's baseball team wore red armbands in support of the NAACP's position during baseball games at Winthrop University in Rock Hill.

The National Association of Basketball Coaches joined with the Black Coaches Association in calling for the NCAA to remove its men's

basketball regional, scheduled for Greenville in 2002, if the flag still flaps atop the capitol dome.

The Atlantic Coast Conference has asked its schools to stay in North Carolina during next month's baseball championships in the border city of Fort Mill.

"We're delighted that Williams has indicated her solidarity," said Dwight James, executive director of the state NAACP.

Flag supporters say it honors Southern heritage; opponents say it is a symbol of racism and slavery.

The state Senate began debate Wednesday on what to do with the flag, which was first flown in 1962. It can be removed only by state lawmakers.

Lisa Thomas, Family Cup tournament director, said she understands the predicament Williams faced.

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NBA

Celtics injure Orlando's chance for playoffs with 95-91 win

Associated Press

BOSTON

Danny Fortson had a season-high 23 points and 14 rebounds Wednesday night as the Boston Celtics beat Orlando 95-91 to hurt the Magic's bid for the NBA's final playoff berth.

Orlando is 39-39, tied with Milwaukee, which beat Cleveland 101-100 later Wednesday. The Magic also are two games behind Detroit for the seventh spot after the Pistons beat Miami 90-73.

John Amaechi led Orlando with 23 points and nine rebounds.

Antoine Walker had 15 points, 10 rebounds and eight assists for the Celtics, who have won consecutive games following a 10-game losing streak that ended their playoff hopes.

Orlando led 91-90 with 4:05 left when Boston's Eric Williams tipped the ball away. Walker ran to it and threw a baseball pass to Kenny Anderson for a breakaway layup. After the Magic's Ron Mercer missed a shot, Paul Pierce hit a 3-pointer to give Boston a 95-91 lead.

Orlando called timeout, but Pat Garrity missed a baseline jumper. Fortson missed both free throws at the other end, but he stripped Mercer of the ball at the other end to spoil Orlando's last chance.

The Celtics ran the 24-second clock down before missing a 3-pointer at the shot clock buzzer. But Orlando was left with only 8.3 seconds to try to erase a four-point deficit — not enough time, it turned out.

Orlando led 29-26 after the first quarter and 53-49 at the half.

Pacers 77 Raptors 73

Toronto faltered in the fourth quarter against the Indiana Pacers, and produced their lowest scoring output of the season. The Raptors can celebrate their first playoff berth anyway.

Jalen Rose had 10 of his 24 points in the fourth quarter and Austin Croshere had five of his 15 in the period as the Pacers

beat the Raptors.

But Toronto, which joined the NBA five years ago, was assured of participating in the postseason for the first time because the Orlando Magic lost at Boston on Wednesday.

Toronto (43-35) is sixth in the Eastern conference standings, four games ahead of eighth-place Orlando (39-39) and Milwaukee (39-39) with four games left for each team.

But because the Magic and Bucks play each other — Monday at Orlando — Toronto is assured of finishing no worse than eighth.

Toronto's 73 points were its lowest production this season and also represented the fewest against Indiana.

The victory, combined with Miami's loss to Detroit, gave the Pacers a two-game advantage over the Heat in their battle for home-court advantage throughout the Eastern Conference playoffs.

Indiana plays at Miami on Friday.

Vince Carter had 28 points for Toronto, which led 67-61 with 7:21 to play. Tracy McGrady added 19.

"They made big shots at the end and we didn't. A couple of them we missed, and the rest is history," said Carter, who missed two shots in the final seconds. "We've got to go back to the drawing board and prepare for New York (Friday) and get the win we need."

Rose, whose streak of 43 consecutive games in double figures was snapped when he scored only nine in New York on Monday, ignited an 11-2 run with two consecutive baskets.

"I'm just trying to be aggressive and not tentative. ... The guys got me the ball in position to make plays," said Rose, who covered Carter most of the night. "Every time I play Vince Carter, I'm the underdog, so I have nothing to lose. When I play somebody like that I've got to bring my 'A' game."

Croshere's basket and a 3-pointer by Reggie Miller with 4:24 remaining put Indiana ahead to stay 70-69.

Two Rose free throws made it 72-69, and a dunk by Carter

with 3:18 left made it 72-71. The Raptors, who never have won in nine visits to Indianapolis, then missed their final seven shots from the field.

Dale Davis, who contributed 12 points and 14 rebounds to the victory, threw in a short jumper as the 24-second clock was running down to make it 74-71 with 2:51 to play.

"I knew the shot clock was running down. I saw the opportunity to take it. I got a fake and spin and I got it to go down," said Davis, who was 6-of-8 from the field. "The main thing in this ball game was our aggressiveness and improvement in the second half. We did a better job of screening, blocking out and helping."

In the remaining time, Charles Oakley missed a jumper. Dee Brown missed a 3-point attempt, Carter missed two shots and Oakley missed a 3-point try. Antonio Davis, who had 11 points and 13 rebounds, scored the Raptors' only points in the final minutes when he made two free throws with 21.8 seconds to go.

Croshere hit two free throws with 17.5 left and then made one of two attempts to close the scoring.

"We've been fighting ourselves for the past two-and-a-half weeks," said Antonio Davis, who spent six seasons with the Pacers before being traded to Toronto in August. "They played better than we did tonight. We have nothing to put our heads down about."

The game had nine lead changes and nine ties. Indiana's biggest edge was eight points in the first half; Toronto's biggest was seven points.

There were four lead changes and eight ties in the first half, which ended with the Raptors leading 43-40 after Carter scored their final nine points in the half.

The Raptors trailed 19-16 after one quarter when they shot 26 percent from the field (6-of-23). Indiana shot 50 percent in the period (8-of-16) with Rik Smits and Rose each scoring six points.

Supersonics 110, Timberwolves 83

The Seattle SuperSonics shook up their starting lineup by benching Vin Baker and two other regulars, and ended a three-game slide with a win over the Minnesota Timberwolves.

Gary Payton scored 29 points to lead the Sonics, who had dropped nine of 11 games to fall to the eighth playoff seed in the Western Conference.

Seattle coach Paul Westphal, upset over his team's recent struggles, replaced Baker, Brent Barry and Ruben Patterson, regulars all season, with Rashard Lewis, Shammond Williams and Cuban forward Lazaro Borrell.

Kevin Garnett paced the Timberwolves, who had a four-game winning streak broken, with 18 points.

Lewis had 18 points, Borrell 10 and Williams eight for the Sonics, who also got 20 points from Vernon Maxwell and 12 rebounds from Horace Grant.

The Sonics put Minnesota away early in the final quarter. Ahead 74-63, the Sonics got a 3-pointer from Maxwell, a two-handed dunk by Lewis on a pinpoint pass from Borrell, and a

fast-break layup from Jelani McCoy to grab an 81-63 edge with 1:28 gone in the period.

The Sonics' starting five of Grant, Payton, Borrell, Williams and Lewis caught the Timberwolves off-guard, taking a lead of 17-12 before Westphal brought in Baker and Patterson.

Seattle jumped on top 15-6 in the first 5:33 as Payton sank a pair of 3-pointers and an 18-footer. The Sonics took the lead for good on Payton's first 3-pointer, with 1:22 gone in the game.

In the second quarter, the Sonics built their lead to 17 points at 54-37 on two free throws by Payton with 37 seconds left.

Baker picked up three personal fouls in the third quarter when Minnesota pulled to within 11 points three times.

Wally Szczerbiak had 14 points for Minnesota.

Jazz 102 Clippers 93

Karl Malone's 27 points and seven rebounds led Utah to a victory over the Los Angeles Clippers, moving the Jazz closer to the Midwest Division title.

Utah leads defending NBA champion San Antonio by three games in the standings with four games left for each in the regular season. Utah plays at San Antonio on Saturday.

Malone passed 2,000 points for the season, the 12th time in his 14-year career he has reached the milestone — more than any player in NBA history. The Mailman received a standing ovation from the 19,911 at the Delta Center when the record was announced late in the third quarter.

The Clippers (14-64) were without their top two scorers, guard Derek Anderson and forward Maurice Taylor, who combine to average over 33 points. Anderson missed his second game with back spasms, while Taylor was out with a sore left ankle.

Eric Piatkowski's career-high 35 points helped the Clippers stay close.

Utah completed a four-game season sweep of the Clippers. Los Angeles also dropped its 18th straight at the Delta Center.

The Jazz appeared to be in control with a 19-4 run late in the first quarter, building a 29-18 lead. The advantage never slipped below eight until the fourth quarter when Los Angeles cut what had been a 21-point lead to one point. But Malone and John Stockton returned to the lineup to stifle the visitors' comeback.

The Clippers fell apart in the second quarter, shooting 9 percent (2-for-22) from the field. Utah's reserves played virtually the entire second period and pushed the lead to 50-33 by intermission.

Knicks 91 Nets 89

Winning the Atlantic Division might be possible after all for the New York Knicks.

Latrell Sprewell scored 21 points and Larry Johnson atoned for two late missed free throws by playing tight defense on Keith Van Horn on the game's final play as the Knicks edged the New Jersey Nets in overtime.

With Miami losing by 17 points at Detroit, the victory pulled the Knicks back within

one game of the Heat in the division standings.

In essence, the Knicks are actually two games back since Miami owns the tiebreaker, but New York has the easier schedule playing Toronto, Cleveland, Detroit and Boston over the season's final week while the Heat must play Indiana, Orlando, Toronto and Charlotte.

Sprewell scored six of the Knicks' first eight points in overtime, but then lost his dribble and committed his fourth turnover of the night. Consecutive jumpers by Johnny Newman and Lucious Harris tied it at 89-89 with 42 seconds left, and Charlie Ward gave the lead back to the Knicks by making two foul shots with 35 seconds left.

Elliot Perry then lost his dribble and Johnson came up with the steal, but Johnson missed both foul shots with 15 seconds left to give the Nets one final chance.

Tightly guarded by Johnson, Van Horn could only manage an airball jump hook with three seconds left. The Knicks rebounded and ran out the clock to escape with a victory that was harder to earn than it should have been against a team that was missing three starters, playing the second night of back-to-back games and came into Madison Square Garden with a seven-game losing streak.

Ewing added 18 points, Ward had 13 points, seven rebounds and five assists and Allan Houston scored 12 points.

Van Horn led the Nets with 32 points and Newman added 16.

The Nets had a chance to win at the end of regulation, but Jamie Feick was unable to convert a 3-footer off the glass just before the buzzer. On the previous possession, Ewing had a chance to give the Knicks a lead but missed one of two free throws for an 80-80 tie.

The Nets led 52-40 at half-time, and Kendall Gill hit a jumper as the shot clock expired 2 1/2 minutes into the third quarter to make it 61-45.

Shortly thereafter the Knicks seemed to realize how pathetic they looked, and they started scrambling for loose balls, grabbing offensive rebounds and pushing the ball upcourt.

Ewing hit two free throws with 2:31 left in the third to start the Knicks on a 10-0 run that pulled them to 67-66 early in the fourth, and they finally took their first lead since the first quarter on a jumper in transition by Houston with 9:21 left to make it 70-69.

Bucks 101 Cavaliers 100

Ray Allen made the second of two free throws with 4.9 seconds left to give Milwaukee a victory over the Cleveland Cavaliers, moving the Bucks into a tie in the race for the NBA's only remaining postseason berth.

Milwaukee (39-39) entered the day a game behind eighth-place Orlando (39-39) in the Eastern Conference, but the Magic lost at Boston, 95-91.

Both teams have four games left, including an April 17 showdown at Orlando. If they finish with identical records, Milwaukee would go to the playoffs because they lead the season series 3-0.

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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

IU investigates Knights' incriminating video

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS

Indiana University officials don't doubt the authenticity of the videotape showing coach Bob Knight grabbing a player by the throat, although they have questions about it.

The tape, aired for the first time Tuesday night, appears to support former player Neil Reed's accusation that Knight grabbed him by the neck during a practice.

"There's no question in our mind that it was Reed," IU vice president Christopher Simpson told The Associated Press on Wednesday. "There's no question that that was an authentic tape of an IU basketball practice and that that was Neil Reed and Coach Knight."

Simpson said, however, there was no way to know when the tape was made. Reed transferred from Indiana in 1997.

"That's one of our questions," Simpson said. "Could there have been another incident like this? No, we think this is it. Neil said this was it."

It is difficult to identify the player from the grainy tape, although it clearly shows Knight grabbing a player by the front of the neck, snapping his head backward. Reed, who saw the tape for the first time Tuesday night when it was aired by CNN/SI, said he was that player.

The tape will be examined by a two-man committee of Indiana trustees investigating accusations by former players of physical and emotional abuse by Knight.

Last month, Reed prompted the investigation by making the accusation

against Knight during an interview aired by CNN/Sports Illustrated.

John Walda, the president of the board of trustees, and Frederick Eichhorn, a trustee and former president of the Indiana State Bar Association, were appointed by IU president Myles Brand three weeks ago to investigate Reed's claim. They went to the CNN headquarters in Atlanta on Tuesday to see the tape.

Knight and Walda did not return phone calls from the AP on Wednesday, and athletic director Clarence Doninger referred all questions to Simpson. Knight earlier denied choking Reed, although he said he has grabbed many players to move them into position on the court during practices.

On Wednesday, Indianapolis television station WRTV aired a tape of a 1992 speech to a group of business leaders in which Knight describes how he motivated a player during the 1976 NCAA tournament.

"You take the bottom two fingers, ring finger and little finger of the stronger hand, and you place it in the neck of the garment being worn by the person you want to motivate," Knight said, as audience members laughed. "With the middle finger and the index finger of that same hand, you grab the Adam's apple and with the thumb, with a little practice, you can control the answers you're going to get from this person."

Associate athletic director Steve Downing, who played for Knight and was the Big Ten's MVP in 1973, told The Herald Times of Bloomington on Wednesday that former assistant coach Ron Felling is the likely source of the tape aired on CNN.

NHL

Bourque looks forward to possible Stanley Cup title

♦ Avalanche player Ray Bourque may have his last chance at the Stanley Cup title

Associated Press

DENVER

This is the time of year that makes Ray Bourque feel like an 18-year-old rookie.

The adrenaline starts pumping and the nervous anticipation begins brewing on the eve of the playoffs. A sense of urgency also sets in as the 39-year-old Bourque knows each drop of the puck could mean his last chance to win the Stanley Cup championship that has eluded him for two decades.

"Obviously it's no secret that I haven't won one in my career," Bourque said.

Wednesday as the Colorado Avalanche prepared for its opening-round game against the Phoenix Coyotes.

"It's pretty much the only thing that is left for me to do, so I'm real happy to be in the situation I'm in. We have a lot of work ahead of us, but I think people really feel good about our team. It's a good feeling to have."

Bourque, who will be making his 20th postseason appearance in 21 years, has run the gamut of emotions over the past month. As the Boston

Bruins toiled through a dismal season, Bourque sought a trade that would send him to a contender.

The Bruins obliged, trading him to Colorado in a move that forced Bourque to leave his family on the East Coast while he pursued a dream in the West. The sacrifice has paid dividends for Colorado and their veteran defenseman. The Avalanche went 12-2-1 after acquiring Bourque and forward Dave Andreychuk and enter the playoffs on an eight-game winning streak.

"It's amazing how their confidence grew," Phoenix center Jeremy Roenick said. "I think mainly it was defensively. Adam Foote, his confidence grew. His ability grew with

Bourque. The forwards are able to take more chances offensively knowing there's a Hall of Fame guy right behind them."

Roenick and teammate Keith Tkachuk will see a lot of Foote and Bourque over the next six days as Colorado pits its top defensive duo against Phoenix's most dangerous scoring line.

Foote has always been considered

one of the Avalanche's top defensemen, and has blossomed alongside Bourque after overcoming initial nervousness about playing with one of his role models.

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2nd Reading	Phil 2: 6-11
Gospel	Mk 14: 1-15: 47

THE HOLIEST OF WEEKS

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Even though we are baptized, what we constantly lose and betray is precisely that which we received at baptism. Therefore Easter is our return every year to our own baptism, whereas Lent is our preparation for that return - the slow and sustained effort to perform, at the end, our own "passage" or "pascha" into new life in Christ... Each year Lent and Easter are, once again, the rediscovery and the recovery by us of what we were made through our own baptismal death and resurrection.
Alexander Schmemmann

I don't remember the day when I decided to be a Catholic. I don't mean the day of my baptism in the first few weeks of my life. I didn't decide that; my parents did. I remember long ago envying those who converted to Catholicism because it occurred to me that they had a choice, and I didn't feel as though I had. Until I realized that the choice was mine, to claim it or not - to profess and live my Catholic faith - or not. I don't remember a particular day on which I said, as an adult, I want to be a Catholic, I want to follow Jesus. And yet I have, most assuredly, and I do. Somewhere along the line, the renewal of my baptismal promise became my own. Somewhere along the line I realized that I do believe in the God of Jesus Christ and in the God in Jesus Christ; call it grace, or bum luck, all I know is that I believe. My faith in this God is so real that I want to celebrate it, even the worst of it, because the worst of it, the crucifixion and death of Jesus, is, paradoxically, the best of it. Our very salvation is tied up in it. We commemorate this great salvific event during Holy Week in the Triduum.

Much can be said about the Triduum, those days which embrace the Paschal Mystery. "Triduum" in the Latin simply means "a space of three days," but as it is used in the Christian tradition it is meant to signify the three days prior to Easter Sunday: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. The words of the tradition and of the present liturgical books convey the intensity and unity of the hours around the Vigil. These days call us to fast and pray, to keep watch, and to enter into the holy mysteries of Christ's passion, death and resurrection. We come face to face with the very reality of our own lives, our own dying and rising. Our oneness with Jesus as members of his body, our oneness with each other, and our oneness in the death and resurrection of Jesus is ritualized in the liturgies of the Triduum and realized in our participation in them, and in our very lives as Christians.

It is during the Easter Vigil that we as a community initiate and welcome into full communion those who have, as adults, chosen to join the Catholic Church. They have been preparing for the past several months through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). They will be baptized into the Catholic faith, drawn into this new family by their own choosing and by our welcome. I would urge you to keep these "first-timers" in your prayers during these days.

These are important days for all of us. Days during which each of us stand alone before God to renew our commitment. It is an important opportunity for us as adult Christians to say yet again, "Yes, I believe!" It is an opportunity for us as a community as well to stand side by side in our shared commitment to live the call of Jesus, to rededicate ourselves to that call, and to build the Kingdom together. Please join with me in the days ahead in celebrating the glory and greatness of these days, whether it be at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, the Church of Loretto, a residence hall chapel, or at your home parish. We join with the whole Church not only in remembering the events of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection, but, as the Body of Christ, we ourselves partake in them even now that they might transform our very lives.

CONSIDERATIONS...



B-ball

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good showing."

Forces of Evil, which featured five men who insisted they were Dr. Klaw, Shredder, Skeletor, Gargamel and Destro, went for alley-oops much of the game and did manage to throw a few down in the winning effort.

"We would like to thank Satan today, his dark bounty led us well, and we'd like to see more dunks out of Shredder," "Dr. Klaw" said. "We settled the age-old debate of evil over virtue today."

In only a slightly more competitive contest You Will Beat Us delivered as promised as they fell 21-12 to Hardcore Stokers, a team made up of St. Mary's basketball players. The five-man squad of Toby Biebl, Travis Deschamps, Tom Haight, Joe Essner and Jim Ryan, grabbed plenty of rebounds, but also found creative ways to miss three-footers.

Hardcore Stokers, comprised of Anne Blair, Elizabeth Linkous, Kristen Matha, Shaun Russell and Charlotte Albrecht came decked out in numbered jersey's and brought a full crew including water girls, trainers and strength trainers. On the court, they used some nice passing and a good transition game to overcome the seemingly overmatched men.

"We feel kind of disappointed. We tried; we just ran out of gas. They were the better team; that's what happens," Ryan said. "Basically we knew we were gonna lose, the question was how close of a game we were gonna get it to. The spread was six; we didn't cover it, so we're a little disappointed on that."

"We came in and we were like, 'OK, we're playing guys,' so we didn't know if we'd win," Linkous said. "But then we heard about the competition and we played OK."

Note:

♦The ESPN Sportscenter segment featuring Coach Matt Doherty's Bookstore game, previously scheduled for April 15 has been moved to Saturday, April 22 at 9:30 p.m..

Bookstore Results for Wednesday April 12, 2000

BOOK STORE 2000

- Demon Rum** *def.* Sibling Rivalry (21-19)
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Off tha Heezie *def.* The one man band (21-19)
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Ponchelli's Pimps *def.* The PW RA's: We off Doodie (21-16)
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Disgusting crack habit *def.* West quad Killahs (21-6)
The Cincinatti All-Start *def.* We've scored more often than Dave's team (21-9)
Nylon Stokers *def.* Team 332 (21-2)
Hardcore Stokers *def.* You will beat us (21-12)
Team 297 *def.* Thats Dr. Geek to you (21-16)
Everybody sucks but Messina *def.* Nix/On you like lice
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Amish Midgets *def.* eatmebait.com/Geoff's Punch (21-15)
Pierogi *def.* The Boozer Bunch (21-9)
Freshman MOB *def.* We're all about scoring (21-5)
3 pimps, A fairy and DuLac *def.* Sweaty Bulse (21-14)
Soup and 4 non-asses *def.* Four Chumps and A national champion (21-17)
All of the following are disqualified *def.* Do we get a point for being sensous?
The Chauncy Pieces *def.* Dead Sexy Beotchies (21-11)
If you think she can wrestle, you haven't seen her box *def.* Flannel Pajamas (21-9)
Tall where it counts/The Blue ballers *def.* The G.O.P All-stars (21-9)
Passing Aggressive *def.* The Raptor and his brood/2 football players and 3 guys that will never score (21-14)

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Football

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Texas A&M.

"I think I need to improve on my pass blocking," Faine said. "That's my main concern. But that'll come with experience and good coaching from Coach [Dave] Borbely. I'm just trying to be patient and I'm looking forward to getting better."

While the first team offensive line seems to be intact, each player will be looking over his shoulders quite a bit this spring. Davie has stressed that the starters aren't written in stone and the competition will be intense this spring and summer.

Sean Mahan and Kurt Vollers both made starts at tackle, while Rob Mowl and Ryan Scarola opened at guard during the '99 campaign. They will be looking to catch the eye of the coaches and earn a spot in the trenches for the Irish next season.

"It starts up front with the offensive line and this is probably the most experienced offensive line as far as numbers of players that have played in games since I've been here," Davie said. "We should have a lot of competition at each position and we should have depth."



Offensive guard Jim Jones (left) signals a firstdown as teammate John Teasdale (No. 76) looks on.

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SOFTBALL

Irish shutout Butler in doubleheader

By RACHAEL PROTZMAN
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame softball team, after moving up to No. 18 in the USA Today/National Fastpitch Coaches Association poll, shutdown Butler, 7-0 and 8-0, in a Wednesday doubleheader.

The Irish stand in first in the Big East with an overall record of 31-9 and 5-1 in conference play. The Bulldogs, who haven't scored a run in their past seven games, fell to 9-26 with the two losses.

"I can't emphasize how pleased I am with how great

the team is doing," said pitcher Jennifer Sharron. "I thought we played really well. We came out and dominated offensively and set the

"As a pitcher, I know it's important to have a strong defense behind me and there's no other team I'd rather have behind me. I wouldn't want to trade any of our players for anyone else in the division."

Jennifer Sharron
Irish player

tone for both games."

Sharron, the Big East pitcher of the week, struck out 10 while holding Butler to just two hits for her 16th win of the season.

Sharron, who struck out 19 in 11.1 innings while allowing two runs last week, also earned her 11th shutout for the year.

Sophomore Jennifer Kriech and Melanie Alkire started the Irish offense, scoring on RBI singles in the first before Notre Dame grabbed three more runs in the second. Freshman Alexis Madrid earned another Irish run on a pitching error in the fourth before Jarrah Myers tripled and then scored on a double by Danielle Klayman.

Kriech kicked off game two action for the Irish with a double before scoring on an RBI single by freshman Andrea Loman the first. Madrid, Sharron and Kriech combined two singles and a double respectively to drive in three more Irish runs in the second. Alkire singled and scored in the third. Myers homered in the fifth to send in two runs while Rebecca Eimen scored on a double by Alkire in the sixth to send the Irish home early.

"As a pitcher, I know it's important to have a strong defense behind me and there's no other team I'd rather have behind me," Sharron said. "I wouldn't trade any of our players for anyone else in the division."

The Irish look to pick up another win today as they face DePaul in a doubleheader. The Blue Demons, who competed in the 1999 Collegiate World Series, currently stand at 15-14 and have won five of the last six games against Notre Dame. Game time is set for 3 p.m. at Ivy Field.

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HOCKEY

Galvin, Gill, Globke sign letters of intent

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame hockey team has signed defenseman Tom Galvin and righthanded forwards Aaron Gill and Rob Globke to national letters of intent during the spring signing period, head coach Dave Poulin announced Wednesday completing a promising freshman class for the 2000-2001 season.

Globke is the third current member of the USA Hockey National Development Program and the eighth in the last three seasons to sign with the Notre Dame hockey program, joining defensemen Neil Komadoski and Brett Lebda, who signed with the Irish in the fall of 1999 period. The developmental program is based in Ann Arbor, Mich., with the Under-18 National Team competing in the United States Hockey League (USHL), in addition to playing various international tournaments. Notre Dame is the only school to sign three-plus players from the 1999-2000 U.S. team (Ohio State and Harvard both signed two).

All five of Notre Dame's signees spent the 1999-2000 season playing for teams that compete in the USHL's eastern division, with the U.S. team finishing first, Waterloo third and Rochester fourth in the seven-team division.

"We like the balance of this class and they certainly will be expected to contribute, because hockey is a sport where your freshmen have to play a role," said Poulin, whose squad is set to lose eight seniors to graduation following a 1999-2000 season that yielded a 16-8-8 final record and a trip to the semi-finals of Central Collegiate Hockey

Association postseason tournament.

"It's important to remember that we won't necessarily be replacing seniors with freshmen and that our program is at a stage where we don't have to do that type of instant replacement. We obviously are curious to see what level of contributions these freshmen make next season, but it's more important to see our veterans elevate their games and step into those key leadership roles."

Galvin was named a second team USHL all-star, after finishing as the second-leading scorer among defensemen in the 14-team league with 42 regular-season points (9G-33A), second only to the 48 posted by Green Bay's Jeff Finger. The 5-10,

190-pound righthander was voted team MVP and played in all 58 games while helping Waterloo post a record of 28-26-4. His special teams contributions included five power-play goals and he helped Waterloo rank fourth in the USHL for power-play pct. (.193) and seventh in penalty killing pct. (.825). His other season statistics included 62 penalty minutes and one game-winning goal. The Waterloo program also produced former Notre Dame defenseman Mark Eaton (1997-98), who signed with Philadelphia as a free agent and has seen time with the Flyers this season. Galvin spent the past two seasons in Waterloo (he

had 5G-21A in 52 games in '98-'99) and is a 1998 graduate of Canterbury Prep in New Milford, Conn., which also produced four-year Irish starting goaltender Matt Eisler ('98).

"Tom Galvin is a very gritty and complete defenseman who has several years of junior hockey experience," said Poulin. "He is somewhat of a unique player because he is a very strong defensive defenseman but also has excelled on the offensive end of the ice and on the power play - which is a role that we expect him to continue at Notre Dame."

Gill played three seasons with Rochester in his hometown, totaling 103 career points - including team-best totals as a center this season in goals (26) and assists (23) in 55 total games. The 6-0, 180-pound team captain

played in the midseason USHL all-star game and received the USHL's prestigious Curt Hammer Award, presented to the "most gentlemanly player both on and off the ice" (Eaton was the '97 recipient of the award). Voted team MVP Gill ranked second on the team with seven power-play goals and helped Rochester rank eighth in the USHL with a .175 power-play pct. He scored or assisted on 32 pct. of his team's goals while tying for first in the USHL for shorthanded goals (5) and tying for second in the league with seven game-winning goals (he also had three first goals and 43 penalty minutes).

"We like the balance of this class and they certainly will be expected to contribute, because hockey is a sport where your freshmen have to play a role."

Dave Poulin
Notre Dame head coach

BASEBALL

Irish pitcher named rookie of the week

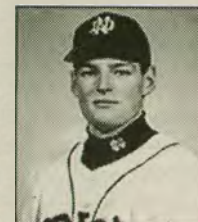
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Notre Dame freshman righthanded pitcher J.P. Gagne has been named the Big East Conference rookie of the week, after an impressive victory as the game one starter in the April 8-9 series versus Boston College.

Gagne was moved into the role of first-game starter on April 8, after the BC series shifted to a double-header on the second day (due to weather conditions). Gagne responded to the challenge by scattering six hits and four walks over six innings in the 12-1 victory, allowing one unearned run while recording three strikeouts and six groundouts.

Gagne-who tossed seven strong innings in the 9-2 win at Connecticut on April 2-has won all five of his decisions, becoming the first Notre Dame pitcher since 1996 (Christian Parker) to open a season 5-0 and the first freshman to do so since the 1990 tandem of Pat Leahy and Al Walania both started 5-0.

His other 2000 statistics include a 2.45 ERA (second-best on the team), 17 strikeouts, eight walks and 39 hits allowed in 33 innings, with nine appearances and four starts. Gagne had yet to record a wild pitch or hit batter until the BC game (when he had one of each). His nine-inning averages include just 2.2 walks (fifth-best on the team).



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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish strength tested in recent games with top teams

By RACHEL BIBER
Sports Writer

If adversity builds strength, then the Irish should be as strong as steel. After facing five Top-25 teams in their last seven matches and three Top-10 teams in their last five matches, the 29th-ranked Irish men's tennis team is set to take on another national powerhouse when they travel to Ann Arbor on Thursday to take on the 26th-ranked Michigan Wolverines.

Notre Dame suffered three straight losses at the hands of highly ranked North Carolina, Duke and Texas to fall to 9-8 on the season. The Irish have not picked up a win since its 5-2 victory over the UAB Blazers on March 18.

"I believe that makes you better," Irish head coach Bob Bayliss said. "I talked to the team about it. When you put iron in the fire it gets soft, and when it hardens it becomes steel. That's the analogy we're using with our team - we've been tested and we've really held up pretty well and I think we've been unlucky not to have won more of those matches. So it's time to start reaping the benefits of the competitive schedule that we've played."

The Irish will be forced to shuffle their regular lineup against the Wolverines because of the absence of Javier Taborga who is out with soreness in his wrist. Taborga has teamed with Aaron Talarico at No. 1 doubles all season to amass a 15-7 record and a No. 30 ranking. Bayliss is confident that seniors Ryan Sachire and Trent Miller will be able to fill in.

"We've brought Trent and Ryan up to one doubles," Bayliss said. "They've done awfully well at No. 2 doubles and we think they are good enough to play one and hold

their own."

Miller and Sachire have accumulated a 12-8 record on the year at No. 2 doubles with wins in 10 of their last 13 matches. Bayliss plans to pair Talarico with Matt Daly to take the spot of Miller and Sachire in the No. 2 position.

Tenth-ranked Sachire also leads the Irish in the singles lineup, and will most likely match up against the Wolverine's 68th-ranked Matt Wright. With four more wins, Sachire would become the first Irish player under Bayliss to compile at least 30 singles wins in all four years of play. He currently stands at 26-9 on the year, and has won 36 of his last 43 dual singles matches at No. 1.

Michigan hobbles into the competition against the Irish after suffering two close losses to Big-Ten foes Indiana and Purdue and falling to 9-5, while its No. 1 singles player Wright recovers from a back injury.

The Irish will look to take advantage of the faltering Wolverines, who fell from No. 20 in the rankings to No. 26, by bringing an offensive style of attack to the court.

"They're all a little bit slow," Bayliss said. "So one of the keys will be to be able to play up in the court to take advantage of their lack of speed."

Notre Dame and Michigan will meet for the 59th time in history, with the Wolverines leading the all-time series 39-19. However, the Irish have beaten Michigan in 10 of the last 11 meetings, including a 6-1 victory last year in South Bend.

After their match up against the Wolverines, the Irish will close out the regular season at 49th-ranked Ball State on Saturday. Notre Dame has won 26 of 31 meetings against Ball State, including 11 straight wins over the Cardinals.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

St. Mary's ends winning streak with 5-4 defeat

By KATIE MCVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

The Saint Mary's tennis team snapped its five-match winning streak with a close 5-4 loss to Calvin College Wednesday night. The Belles expected tough competition from the Knights on their home courts, but the Belles were not expecting to lose.

"They [Calvin] played really well," freshman singles player Lindsay Mollan said. "We were expecting them to be a tough match, but not this tough."

"We were a little overconfident coming into the match," senior No. 1 singles player Katie Vales said. "Being 15-1 we hadn't had very many challenging matches, and we just weren't ready for this."

Saint Mary's No. 1 and No. 2 singles players, Vales and Natalie Cook dropped their matches to their Knight opponents. Vales won her first set, but lost the next two in a difficult loss to Calvin's No. 1 singles player.

"I got really tired during the match," Vales said. "I hadn't eaten all day, and I just ran out of energy."

The Belles recovered in No. 3 and No. 4 singles, winning both matches. Senior Becky Kremer and sophomore Annie Knish both won their matches in three sets.

The doubles team fared slightly better than the singles. The No. 1 doubles, Vales and Knish, and No. 2 doubles teams, Kremer and Cook, won their matches.

Vales and Knish got off to a slow start in their match. They were down

4-1 in the first set, but came back and won that set 7-5. With the confidence of that win, they took the second set 6-3.

"We were slow coming out and made a lot of unforced errors," Vales said. "But we came back and won."

It wasn't a good day for the freshmen of Saint Mary's. Mollan, No. 5 singles, and Trisha Jones, No. 6 singles, lost their matches. The third doubles team of freshmen Victoria Cox and Elisa Ryan dropped their match the Calvin team as well.

Saint Mary's attributes much of its loss to preparation. Because of the unseasonably cold temperatures, the Belles were unable to practice as often as they would have liked to this week.

"We weren't very well prepared this week, a lot of people weren't ready," Vales said. "I think a lot of the matches farther down the line could have been won with proper preparation and enough practice."

The loss to Calvin signals only the second conference match the Belles have lost this season. After today's loss the Belles still hold a 15-2 overall record and a 4-2 record in the MIAA. Their only other loss this season came against Hope College in late March.

Saint Mary's is looking ahead to a challenging second half of their season.

"We have a lot of tough matches coming up," Vales said. "Most will be as tough as Calvin, if not more difficult. We want to get as much practice as possible before Saturday's match."

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Rose's wrestling antics hurt chances for Hall

Would Joe DiMaggio allow a 400-some-odd pound professional wrestler dressed in a thong-like diaper rub his derriere in his face in front of millions of fans?

That's the first thing that came to mind upon seeing Pete Rose, baseball's prodigal and unrepentant son make an appearance at WrestleMania, the WWF's World Series of events.

Here's what occurred. This past weekend, Rose, a wrestling fan, made his third straight appearance on WrestleMania. Over his past three appearances, Rose has developed a pseudo-feud with an especially large, red-outfitted wrestler named Kane.

The feud began three years ago when Kane attacked Rose. The next year, the feud was escalated when Rose, dressed as the infamous chicken mascot that appears at several high-profile events, tried to entertain the ironically nick-

named "Big Red Machine." Kane, known for his fiery disposition, found little amusement in the chicken's antics. He showed his displeasure by ripping the head off of the chicken leaving a shocked Rose exposed to the world.

As if seeing Pete Rose dressed as a chicken wasn't enough to ruin any respectable impression one had of him, he made sure to completely ruin his reputation this year. Using someone dressed in the chicken outfit as a decoy, Rose snuck up from behind Kane and tried to make his back feel what 4,256 baseballs had felt throughout Rose's career, solid contact with one of Rose's bats in the middle of his swing.

But alas, just as Pete's Hall-of-Fame plans haven't materialized, his plans for revenge failed as well. Kane's tag-team partner, Rakishi Phatu, the aforementioned 400-pound diaper-clad wrestler, grabbed the bat from Pete, presenting him to Kane, who promptly turned around and threw Rose into his signature "choke slam."

As a beaten Rose (as beaten as you can get from a fake sport) lay motionless on the canvas, Rakishi's friends set up Charlie Hustle in the corner, preparing him to receive an act which a popular

Chicago radio show host claimed, "took a hero from my childhood, ripped him off of his throne and left him lying in a gutter."

Rakishi proceeded to shove his obese rear right into Rose's famous square jaw. The man that replaced Roberto Clemente, who was more likely to be helping impoverished Puerto Ricans than at a wrestling event, on the mythical "All-Century team" was having his face sat upon.

And Cincinnati thought Marge Schott was a disgrace. It wasn't his mere presence that was so disturbing. WrestleMania has attracted many a star.

It was the image of a childhood hero sinking to a level he has toyed dangerously with before, but never actually reached. It was the image of Rose finally crossing that line between shameless self-promoter to shameful self-deprecator.

For at least one baseball fan, Rose had finally gone too far. Though his actions since being banned from baseball shouldn't necessarily prevent him from entering the Hall, these stunts and his attitude isn't helping his cause.

Rose has responded to baseball's ban in a manner remarkably similar to the way

that Rose-antagonist Jim Gray did during the World Series. He's pushed the envelope. He's refused to give in. Worst of all, he's spit in their face.

Why would Rose sell autographs and merchandise on the steps of the Hall of Fame? He, of all people should realize the sacredness of that temple. His intentions were obviously to spite baseball.

His actions, up to this point, have resembled a public relations campaign, intent on gaining sympathy for himself by making the baseball establishment look like heartless villains.

Earth to Pete: Most fans want you in the Hall. You no longer need to win their approval. Try concentrating on the people who are keeping you out.

But Pete Rose won't be caught brown-nosing, at least not unless it's in the middle of a wrestling ring. Apparently, he believes that the way to the Hall involves adopting an "I'll pick up my toys and leave" attitude of which any adolescent would be proud. He apparently hasn't heard of the old saying, you'll get more flies with honey than flypaper. He's trying to get out of a speeding ticket by being rude to the police.

What his attitude has done is

create gridlock, a stalemate, a battle of wills in which he is significantly outgunned. His actions, on the other hand, have gained him the sympathy that he wanted.

Unfortunately for Pete, the sympathy is becoming more and more for his tragic flaws. His new "anything for a buck" attitude has revealed that the addiction to gambling for which he became famous is really only a front for a much more dangerous addiction: an addiction to greed.

He has become a tragic figure, someone who cannot help but harm himself, who continuously rids himself of pride in order to gain respect. He's the class clown that can't stop laughing when he gets punished; the obese person who eats to deal with his unhappiness with his body; the alcoholic who drinks to deal with his addiction.

He's sad.

Pete Rose deserves to be in the Hall of Fame. No wrestling stunt, nor attitude can change that. Let's just hope that the baseball establishment realizes it before Pete tries to convince them otherwise.

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Brian Churney

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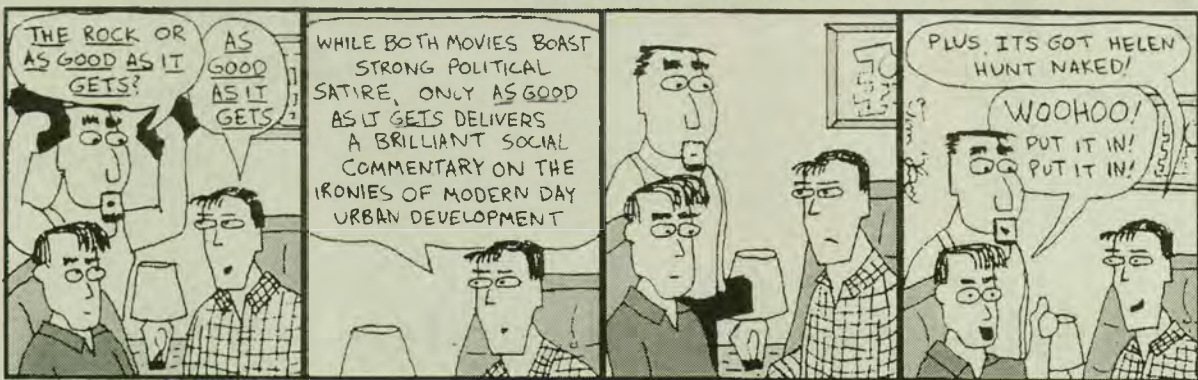
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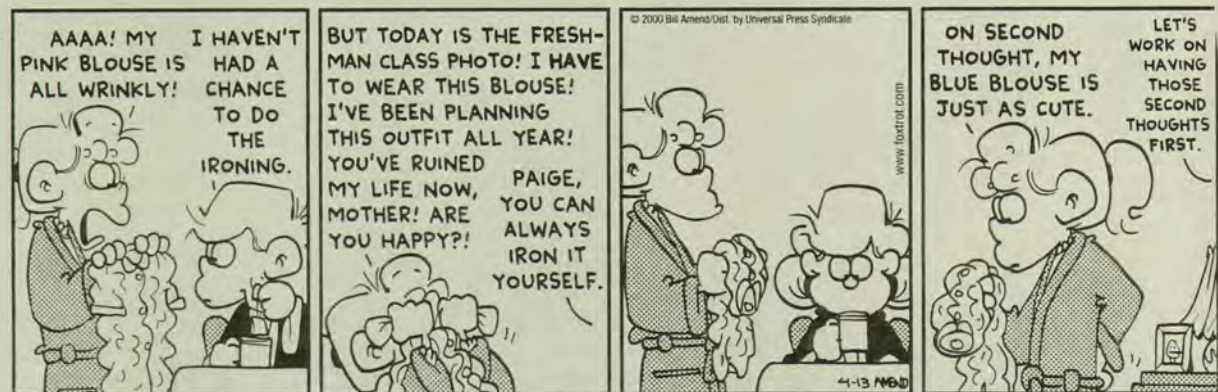
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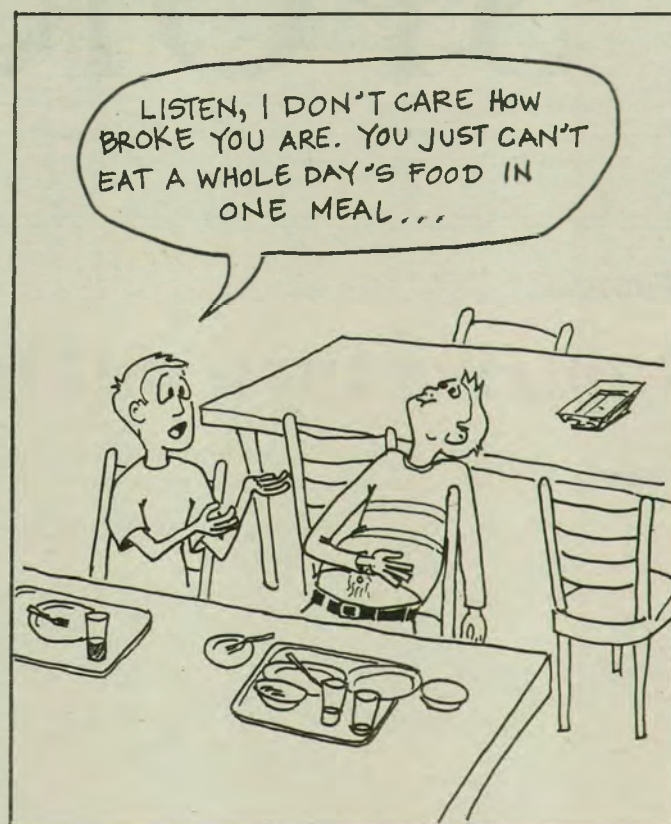
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A DEPRAVED NEW WORLD

JEFF BEAM



Testing the Dining Hall's "Eat All You'd Like" Policy.

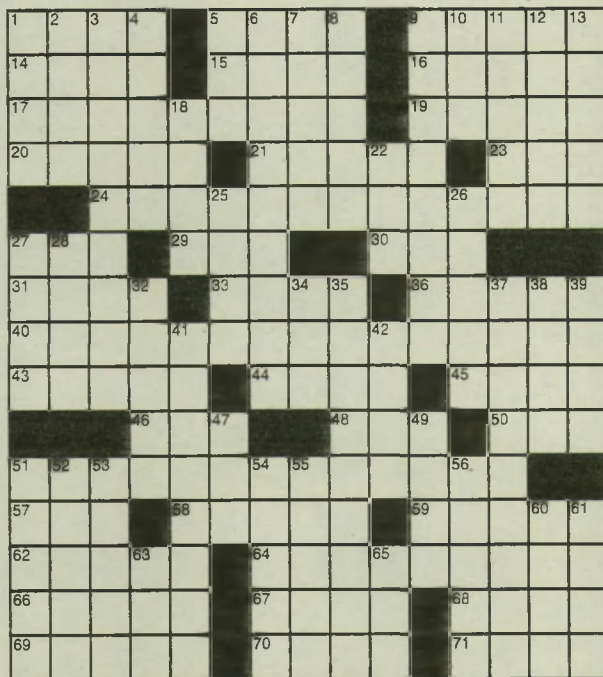
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CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- Embargoed country
 - Medicinal side effect, maybe
 - Hairpieces
 - "Up and ___!"
 - Keyboard instrument
 - Like some swarms
 - Operatic city created by Brecht and 64-Across
 - Actress Lotte, wife of 64-Across
 - Record player
 - Records
 - Mo. of the year
 - Musical comedy scored by 64-Across
 - Mason's burden
 - Part of a yen
 - River boat: Abbr.
 - The tops
 - Waikiki winging
 - Discrimination
 - Brecht and 64-Across offering, with "The"
 - 1920's auto
 - Ally (with)
 - Piccadilly Circus statue
 - Hotel floor sign
 - Suffix with Caesar
 - Tiny forager
 - Hit by Maxwell Anderson and 64-Across
 - Fire truck item
 - Jungle vine
 - Virginia colonist John
 - Like some illnesses
 - Composer born March 2, 1900
 - Skip a syllable
 - Clever Bombeck
 - Farm soil
 - Excised
 - Musical interval
 - Parts of the Air France fleet

DOWN

- Extravagantly theatrical
- Rainbow Bridge locale
- Eyewitnesses
- Appliance maker
- One of a Latin trio
- Maintains course
- Chengchow's province
- Moses' birthplace
- Something funny to sing in
- Copy
- Blair or Evans
- Stratum
- Potential diet-breaker
- Olympus residents
- Interrogatives
- Puppy's cry
- Cover, in a way
- "Unimaginable as ___ in Heav'n": Milton
- Newspaperman Adolph
- Redeemed
- Napoleon, twice
- Jeopardy
- One whose job is a piece of cake?
- Harden: Var.
- Holiday entertainments
- Fizzless
- Popular street liners
- Fruity drink
- Tit for ___



Puzzle by Frances Hansen

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

THAT GRINS ELSE
HERA EASED SOME
ELMS TISHA TSAR
WEAKIN THE KNEES
AND TOTEM ORTHO
YEARS IAN IUD
EMT HADJ MPS
EASY ON THE EYES
PVC TRIS EWE
TIE UNC INFOR
ALTAR OUSTS RNA
DOWN AT THE HEELS
BONA RITES CRIP
REEK KNELT RENE
ORSE SERFS USED

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EUGENIA LAST

THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2000

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Thomas Jefferson, Garry Kasparov, Jack Casady, Dan Gurney, Ron Perman, Jonathan Brandis

Happy Birthday: The greater the challenge, the better you'll do. Set your sights high and make your presence felt. The more you do to get ahead, the higher the rewards. Your versatile approach and quick response will lead to prosperous results. Stick to tried-and-true methods that have worked in the past, and you won't get led astray. Your numbers: 4, 11, 19, 22, 34, 41

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You will find yourself in a bit of a bind if you haven't controlled your temper today. Those you live with may be eager to debate, which in turn, could easily lead to estrangement. ○○○○○

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Travel should be encouraged. You will be in a high-energy mode and must have an outlet if you wish to accomplish the most. Don't be surprised if someone close to you needs help. ○○

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Sudden changes regarding your financial situation will aid you in making decisions. You should be careful not to eat foods that will upset your fragile metabolism today. ○○○○

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your sensitive nature will expose itself in mood swings. Those you live with will be most annoyed if you are reluctant to see their side of the situation. ○○○

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): This will be a wonderful day to communicate with others. Your colorful way of expressing yourself will bring you popularity and newfound love. Stabilization can be yours. ○○○○

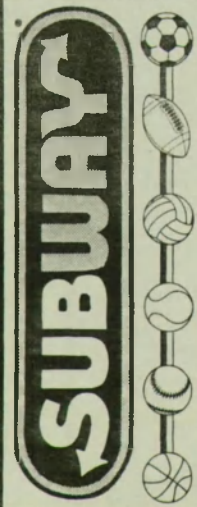
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You

Birthday Baby: You are steadfast in all that you pursue. You are sharp when it comes to interaction and will always be able to keep up to whoever and whatever challenges you throughout your life.

(Need advice? Check out Eugenia's Web sites at astroadvice.com, eugenialast.com, astromate.com.)

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NOTRE DAME BASEBALL

Tonight!

vs. Toledo 5:00pm

NOTRE DAME SOFTBALL

Thursday

vs. Depaul 3:00pm

Sunday

vs. Loyola(Chicago) 2:00pm

SPORTS

Made of steel
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FOOTBALL

Injuries turn out to be blessing in disguise for Irish

By BRIAN KESSLER
 Assistant Sports Editor

Last season, an astounding nine offensive linemen made starts in the trenches for the 5-7 Notre Dame football team. But the decision to start nine linemen wasn't one head coach Bob Davie made casually. Instead, it was out of necessity.

Every time Davie turned his head, it seemed another lineman was hobbling off the field. And while the injuries took a toll on the Irish offensive attack and ultimately the team's record, the coaches and players are optimistic about the mixed blessing.

"The injuries hurt us last year, but it was sort of a blessing in disguise for us," fifth-year senior Mike Gandy said. "Our guys got a lot of game experience because of it and learned how to handle the pressure. So we're looking forward to next year."

With four returning starters and a wealth of depth, next year's offensive line is shaping up as one of the team's most experienced units.

"We're more experienced this year and that has helped us jump right into things," Gandy said. "We are learning the new plays and the defensive fronts and the guys are picking it up quickly."

Fifth-year seniors Jim Jones and Gandy hold down the starting guard spots during spring practice. The 6-2, 310-pound Jones made 10 starts at left guard, while Gandy, at 6-4 and 315 pounds, started all 11 games and logged the second highest number of minutes on the team.

Gandy has played the most career minutes of any lineman, but expects the whole unit to take on the leadership role.

"It's a big responsibility," Gandy said. "Last year John Merandi and I were the only

guys back so it was a big role. But this year it's not just me. There are a lot of guys and this will be their last chance to do it right."

Senior John Teasdale (6-5, 305) and junior Jordan Black (6-6, 310) return at the offensive tackle spots. Both suffered season-ending injuries late in the year and Black is still recovering shoulder surgery and knee ligament damage.

The big question mark heading into the season will be the center position. Merandi, who logged the most minutes on the team last season, was denied a fifth-year, meaning one of the younger guys will have to step up and try to fill his shoes. The frontrunner early in spring drills is sophomore Jeff Faine.

"John was a big part of this line, but Jeff Faine is a smart guy and he knows what he is doing," Gandy said. "So we really don't lose much."

Faine (6-3, 292) was a highly recruited prospect out of Seminole High School in Florida, but hasn't stepped foot on the field during a game. His teammates, however, have made Faine's adjustment an easy one.

"It's been really cool," Faine said. "All the older guys took me under their wing and treated me as if I've always been there. They've shown me the ropes. It's really been neat to have four guys take you in like that."

Faine learned a lot in just one season from his mentor, Merandi.

"Merandi taught me how to be a leader and to always do the right thing," Faine said. "I never caught him doing the wrong thing. He taught me to believe in myself and be confident in what I do."

Faine, however, realizes he still has a long way to go before he makes his first snap against



Offensive guard Mike Gandy (right) and tight end Jabari Holloway finish their blocks on Pittsburgh linebackers Gerald Hayes (No. 51) and Ryan Gonsales in last season's 37-27 loss to the Panthers.

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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXIX

Forces of Evil defeat Five Cardinal Virtues in first-round

By BRIAN BURKE
 Sports Writer

The sights and sounds of early round Bookstore Basketball — crazy outfits, errant passes, numerous airballs, scores of 21-2 — were all present Wednesday as the next group of teams took to the Stepan courts for their opening round games.

Five Cardinal Virtues (formerly Five Deadly Sins) came equipped with plenty of toys for their battle with Forces of Evil, but in the end, evil prevailed by a score of 21-9. Five Cardinal Virtues, (love, faith, fortitude, justice and charity) comprised of Mike Bradt, J.P. Montufar, Andrew McDonnell, Matt Quirion and Jim Fleming showed up dressed as Cupid, a minister, Superman, a police

officer and what appeared to be another type of minister or priest.

They certainly played hard, although it at times did not look like basketball. Cupid spent a good portion of the game shooting his arrows at the opposing team and hugging them after they scored, while the policeman kept busy brandishing his nightstick and writing up tickets for littering

spectators.

"One of those girls over there, I want her to fall in love with one of the members of the other team," Bradt said. "And in that way, it'll be four on five, because they'll probably go off and do some lovey-duey stuff, and then we'd have a chance with four on five."

Meanwhile, Charity would give up the ball to whoever was closest, Faith always shot

with his eyes closed and Fortitude always let a pass hit him in the chest.

"The Lord God guided me 100 percent; I was 9 for 9," Montufar said. "I didn't even look back. Moses got kicked out of the promised land for looking back, so I just trusted the Lord, all my baskets went in, it was 21-17, we had a

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE



Softball
 vs. DePaul
 Today, 3 p.m.



at Michigan
 Today, 3 p.m.



Women's Lacrosse
 at Duke
 Today, 7 p.m.



Track and Field
 at Mt. Sac Relays (Calif.)
 Friday, TBA



Men's Golf
 at Ohio State Kepler
 Intercollegiate
 Friday-Saturday