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Costly Madeleva renovation prompts new plans

By MOLLY McVOY
 Saint Mary's Editor

In the next several years, Madeleva Hall will more than likely not exist on Saint Mary's campus.

As part of the Master Plan, the College has decided to build a new classroom building that will replace Madeleva, and probably lead to the removal of the old building.

"As we started to determine the cost of all of our options, the dollars per square foot for renovating Madeleva got as high as building a new one," Keith Dennis, vice president of finance and administration said.

The original goal of this phase of the Master Plan was to renovate Madeleva to correct some of the problems with the building. Several fire codes needed to be met and plumbing and air circulation were a problem. Currently, Madeleva does not have an adequate air exchange system, according to Dennis. In addition, the size of the faculty offices needed to be increased.

"The offices in [Madeleva] tend to be 95-100 square feet in size," Dennis said. "The appropriate size is typically 150 square feet. Our goal was to make every office 150 square feet with a window."

Currently, the classrooms in Madeleva are used for most of the College's liberal arts classes as well as several science and math courses.

"What we're planning is a modern office and classroom building," said John DeLee, director of facilities at the College. "It will have modern ventilating and lighting systems."

The new facility will also be the home for the Center for Intercultural Leadership, a result of a Lilly Foundation grant the College received this year.

"With the center for Intercultural Leadership in the building, it became obvious we had to have an addition," Dennis said. "It [the renovation] just got unmanageable."

In addition to cost considerations, building a new structure will relieve some of the logistical issues a long renovation would cause.

"With any moderate amount of renovation, half of Madeleva would have to be shut down for a year," Dennis said. "Where do we put all those classes?"

The new building will likely be located north west of where the science hall is currently located, but plans for the new building have not yet been drawn. A meeting is planned with MPA, the architectural firm hired for the construction. MPA, run by Bill Coleman, also designed the plans for Regina Hall.

Although the fate of Madeleva has not yet been decided, Dennis thinks it is most likely that the building will be torn down.

"The other dilemma is what to do with Madeleva," Dennis said. "It could come down or could get converted to a multipurpose center. Probably the most likely outcome will be to tear [Madeleva] down."

In addition to the Madeleva renovations, this stage of the Master Plan calls for converting the dining hall into a student activities building. A new structure will be connected to serve

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John DeLee
 director of facilities at the College



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After determining the cost of both options, Saint Mary's will probably replace Madeleva Hall instead of rebuilding. The new building will have larger offices for faculty and modern ventilation and lighting.

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Bederman: Media presents unrealistic image of women

By ELIZABETH ZANONI
 News Writer

History Professor Gail Bederman led a symposium Tuesday night entitled "Images of Women Throughout History" in the basement of Cavanaugh Hall to an all female audience.

The discussion commenced after viewing a short film entitled Killing Us Softly 3: Advertising and the Image of Women. The film, hosted by specialist Jean Kilborne, is a study of gender representation in advertising and the media.

In the film Kilborne recognizes that advertising, a 180 billion dollar a year industry, sells not only products, but also values, attitudes, concepts of love and sex and the

desire for normalcy.

For women, the mass media focuses primarily on their physical appearance and presents an unrealistic and idealized image for young impressionable viewers. Although these images are "impossibly perfect," a core belief in American culture remains that if women try hard enough, they can attain a perfect body type.

Kilborne presents contemporary ads in newspapers and magazines that depict women in contradictory fashions. Although women are very often portrayed as sex objects and they are also shown to be childlike and passive. In both cases women are portrayed as powerless, said Kilborne in her film.

"She makes a strong case," said Bederman at the end of

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Black Law Students Association questions race and death penalty

By ERIN LaRUFFA
 News Writer

In perhaps an unusual way of celebrating Black History Month, Notre Dame's Black Law Students Association brought together four white males Tuesday night to discuss racism in America.

These four men — two of them lawyers and two of them law school professors — addressed race as it relates to the criminal justice system in a panel discussion entitled "The Disproportionate Application of the Death Penalty on African Americans."

"We should do more things like this at the law school," said Richard Garnett, the Notre Dame law school professor who moderated the discussion.

The anti-death penalty Garnett was joined by two other abolitionists, Speedy Rice of Gonzaga Law School and Richard Kammen, a capital litigator with over 20 years of experience in death penalty cases.

One of the most significant factors in a prosecutor's decision to seek the death penalty is

the race of the victim, according to Kammen. "If the victim is black, the case is more likely by a huge margin to be a capital case," Kammen said. "The race of the defendant also has tremendous significance. There is a vein of racism that pervades many, many jurisdictions."

Rice cited statistics indicating that while African American males make up 6 percent of the general U.S. population, 43 percent of death row inmates come from this demographic.

"You can't deny something is going on," said Rice. "African American crime is not substantially higher than their rate in the population. It's not disproportionate."

The one death penalty advocate on the panel, St. Joseph County prosecuting attorney Christopher Toth, disagreed with that assessment.

"We try to be colorblind. We try to have a standard for when we will ask for the death penalty and when we will not," Toth said.

Prosecutors in St. Joseph County, according to Toth, will typically ask for the death penalty

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Christopher Toth
 St. Joseph County prosecutor

INSIDE COLUMN

United by Spirit

I am a Protestant at a Catholic institution. Most of my friends at this University are Catholic. My girlfriend is Catholic. It seems normal to me.

As a matter of fact, when I was deciding to attend Notre Dame, it did not even cross my mind that there was much of a difference between Protestants and Catholics.

Much to my surprise, I arrived on campus to find that many Catholics consider Protestantism to be some foreign religion.

Over the past two years, I have had multiple people tell me that Catholics have a better chance of getting into heaven than Protestants. I have had Catholics remark that they do not know too much about my "religion."

This is absurd. Statements like these are completely missing the true point of Christianity.

I try to go to the Basilica as often as possible on Sunday mornings. As an Episcopalian, I know the service by heart and feel spiritually satisfied at the end of the worship.

Granted, I do not believe that the Virgin Mary was born without original sin, and I do not pray to the Saints. I do not believe that the Pope is infallible, and I have never been raised to believe in Purgatory or the importance of confession. I do not think that the bread and wine is transformed into the body and blood of Christ during Communion.

But, really, how defining are these dogmatic differences? Is my faith really that different because I do not practice all of the Catholic traditions?

We are all Christians. We all believe in the message of Christ and we all have a faith in the Holy Trinity. We all read and learn from the same Bible.

I have no trouble or qualms with the Catholic traditions. They are important to the Catholic church, and they help people feel a closer connection with God.

I realized after I came here that the rift between the sects of Christianity exist not solely because of the differences in tradition, but more so in the biases that people have towards each other. We too often become caught up in distinctions, and consequently are blinded to the similarities between groups.

We need to appreciate our common ground.

In the spirit of Ash Wednesday, I encourage Protestants and Catholics to put their differences aside and to focus on the true and substantive elements of Christianity.

As Brothers and Sisters in Christ, we need to exemplify the Christian message in our thoughts and in our actions. We need to come together, and abstain from judging others because of dogmatic differences.

Realize the true message of Christ; cherish the similarities between the diverse sects of Christianity. Understand that people come to God in different ways and manners. Despite differences in tradition, the same Christian spirit pulses within the hearts of Catholics and Protestants alike.

We need to hold each other up. We need to walk hand-in-hand in our spiritual journey. We need to come together with respect as one Christian body.

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

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THIS WEEK IN SOUTH BEND

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
◆ Event: St. Joseph County Tree Sales Program, the Soil and Conservation District, all day.	◆ Concert: ND Symphony Orchestra, Washington Hall, 8 p.m.	◆ Event: Bengal Bouts finals, Joyce Center, 8 p.m.	◆ Fundraising: March Miracle Auction, Century Center, 5:30 p.m.
◆ Meeting: Rotary Club of South Bend Weekly Meeting, Century Center, 12:00 p.m.	◆ Movie: "The Sixth Sense," DeBartolo 155, 10:30 p.m.	◆ Event: Flipside-Paintball, Michiana Paintball, vans depart from Library Circle at 8:30 p.m.	◆ Event: Notre Dame Hockey Game, Western Michigan vs Notre Dame, Joyce Center, 7 p.m.
	◆ Movie: "Unbreakable," DeBartolo 101, 10:30 p.m.		

OUTSIDE THE DOME

U. Florida students fight for victim's amends

Compiled from U-Wire reports

GAINESVILLE, Fla. University of Florida law students will begin helping Holocaust survivors on Friday claim portions of \$6.25 million from class action suits settled during the past two years.

As part of the Claims Conference Against Nazi Germany project, more than 50 law students will volunteer their time the next few months to help survivors fill out appropriate forms so they can receive financial awards.

"[The survivors] have a lot of questions," project coordinator Jeff Neiman said. "We'll try to answer them."

Recent settlements stem from cases against the Swiss Bank, which Neiman said, and a suit with



the German government and German corporations. Survivors are eligible for awards ranging from \$2,500 to \$7,500 as compensation for their work and lost property.

There are multiple forms to complete, depending on where the survivor worked — either in a concentration camp, ghetto or work camp

— and how much property the survivors lost during the war, among other factors.

"Deciding which form is appropriate for the survivor is where we come in," said Neiman, a third year law student.

The volunteers will undergo intensive training this week to learn about the Holocaust and the lawsuits, then will travel to West Palm Beach on Friday for their first open house.

The open houses have been coordinated by Jewish Family Services in South Florida. Others may be coordinated by centers in Tampa and Sarasota.

The survivors must also relive their experiences from 1939, which many of them haven't done.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

Friends remember student

TAMPA, Fla.

The hallway outside a memorial service Monday was scattered with pictures of a young woman enjoying life, a collage of time with friends and laughing in a bathtub. Inside, with lights dimmed and candles lit, friends of late student Jennifer Borg, 24, endured a quiet tribute to those memories as more than 60 people filled the room. Dean Patricia Burns recently informed students that Borg had committed suicide. Deacon Joseph Krzanowski said Borg is someone many will never forget. "She had an impact, a desire to be a nurse and to care for others," Krzanowski said. "That is part of the legacy she leaves." One of Borg's fellow classmates said she grew close to her during a nursing convention in Daytona. Borg offered her classmates a place to stay when they couldn't find a room. The condominium they stayed in had two king-size beds and one pullout bed. Students, staff and faculty embraced one another as they shared memories of Borg. "Jennifer would not want us to grieve but rather to remember her as a great friend."

MICHIGAN STATE

Administrators refuse 'Pie' request

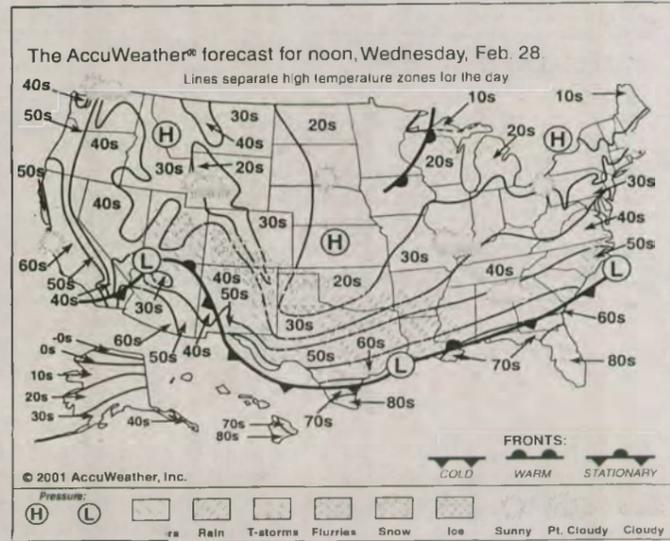
EAST LANSING, Mich.

When the sequel to the 1999 blockbuster "American Pie" hits theaters this summer, don't expect any references to Michigan State University — regardless of the fact that the university was represented several times in the original film. Earlier this month, Universal Studios sought permission to represent MSU in a short scene in the sequel, titled "Secret Disguise," but the request was rejected by university officials. Terry Denbow, university spokesman, said the scenes did not appropriately represent MSU. "It was a classroom setting that was not deemed appropriate or reflective of our classrooms or our students," said Denbow, also the vice president for university relations. "Not all identity and use of your name is good public relations or advances the appropriate image of our students. But Denbow said he didn't know if filmmakers asked permission to reference MSU in the original film, which grossed \$230 million worldwide. Denbow went on to comment that the University turns down similar requests on a regular basis.

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Saturday		39	25
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NATIONAL WEATHER



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Baltimore	55	43	Memphis	68	40	Sacramento	59	46
Boston	47	38	Milwaukee	31	6	St. Louis	52	20
Chicago	38	9	New York	41	39	Tampa	78	63
Houston	78	64	Philadelphia	54	43	Washington DC	59	44

Women doctors share professional success secrets

By ANNE MARIE MATTINGLY
News Editor

Where there is a will, there will be a way for female physicians of the 21st century, said five women doctors at a panel discussion Tuesday.

"If it's something you love, then it's always going to be possible, because you want to do it," said Dr. Madeline Lewis, a family practice physician at Memorial Hospital who believes that mission, vision and passion are the keys to a successful career. "If you don't see the option out there that you want, you can make it."

But despite their optimism, these female physicians admitted that it's tough to make it alone. "Make sure it's what you want and that you have faith in yourself. You really have to believe you want to do this," said Dr. Jody Wiseman, a family practice resident. "You need people to be there for you and to make it known when you need people."

Dr. Ellyn Stecker, who has been in a private solo family practice for 18 years, noted that a woman doctor's boyfriend or husband in particular must be supportive.

"Having a flexible partner is crucial," she said. That flexibility, together with innovation, is what will help female physicians to successfully manage the delicate balance between their practices and personal lives, said the panelists. This balance is particularly important for women who hope to raise children while continuing to work.

"You have to work within the system," said Dr. Rebecca Moskwinski, who works at Notre Dame's department of health services. Moskwinski said that her position in college health, which allows her to work during the

academic year but not during the summer, is just one of many possibilities for female physicians who want to have a family.

Lewis urged female pre-medical students to consider taking time off as a viable option even if doing so will delay taking board examinations.

"Do what you think is the best thing for you," she said. "Sometimes you have to make your own way."

Stecker said that the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA), which took effect in 1993, has helped female physicians do just that. The FMLA provides 12 weeks of unpaid, job-protected leave for mothers and fathers upon the birth or adoption of a child. But FMLA isn't a perfect solution, said Lewis.

"It's really great on paper. You have a legal right," she said. "[But] sometimes you have to work for that right."

And according to Wiseman, employers' efforts to protect their own interests are an issue not only when a female physician becomes pregnant, but sometimes before she is even

offered a job.

"They look at you as a woman interviewing and expect you to want to work part-time," she said, noting that employers are often surprised to hear that she prefers full-time employment. Wiseman also said that when she tells and interviewer of her preference, that person often assumes she wants to work full-time only temporarily and asks for how long she intends to do so.

Ultimately, success as both mother and doctor will depend on a woman's

ability to accept and adapt to unexpected circumstances, said Moskwinski, who described herself as "a real career person" prior to the birth of her first child during her residency.

"I'll take six weeks off and I'll be right back to work," she said of her expectations at the time. Instead, she gave birth to twins and had to take four months of leave.

"Things don't always work out the way you plan," she said. "You have to make do."



Practicing female doctors spoke to Notre Dame pre-med students at a panel Tuesday concerning their futures as women in medicine.

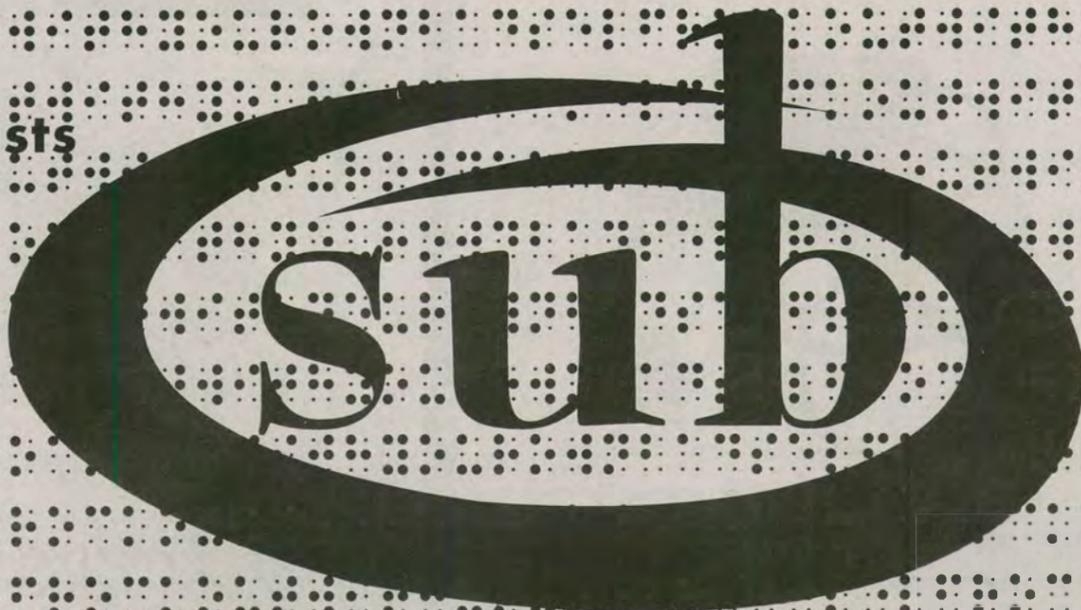
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as the dining hall.

At their weekend meeting, the Board of Trustees approved the schematics of the buildings and gave the go-ahead for construction documents.

"Our goal is to have the construction documents done this summer," Dennis said.

No firm goals are set for breaking ground on either structure because construction plans and fundraising are not yet completed.

Law

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in four types of murder cases: multiple murders, murders of children, murders of police officers and murders involving torture.

"This is our policy — barring other extraordinary circumstances," said Toth. "You have to be sure you don't apply the death penalty so there's insidious racism against blacks."

Racial discrimination, however, is not the only problem Kammen and Rice have with capital punishment. Other factors, such as the economic status of the defendant, also determine whether district attorneys seek the death penalty, Kammen said.

"We in this country don't kill rich people," he said. "If O.J. Simpson had been O.J. Jones, that probably would have been a capital case."

Political considerations also play a role in decisions to seek the death penalty, Kammen said.

"You cannot understand the death penalty in American unless you understand one thing—it is driven by politics," he said. "The case that becomes the death penalty case is symbolic, and in that sense it is driven by politics."

But the death penalty is just one problem in the criminal justice system, according to Rice, who added that 50 percent of the U.S. prisoners are African American males.

"I think this system is cor-

rupt. I think it is corrosive to our society. And I think it's the death penalty that drives the corruption," he said.

Another underlying factor in this debate over racism is the more basic question of whether capital punishment is right even when applied fairly, the panelists all pointed out.

"We've got a flawed death penalty system, and racism is a big part of it," said Rice. "It's just got to be gone if we want to have dignity in the criminal justice system."

Toth, on the other hand, believes the death penalty is a proper form of punishment for some crimes.

"There are some crimes that ... show such as callous indifference to life, the only punishment that rise to that level is the death penalty," he said.

In fact, he added, some crimes are so heinous that "the only way you can show respect for human life" is to seek the death penalty. Toth also said that capital punishment does deter some murders, a contention with which death penalty opponents disagree.

"When we talk about sanctions, we have to understand that it's not the death penalty or nothing," Kammen said, explaining that life in prison without parole is often an option prosecutors can seek.

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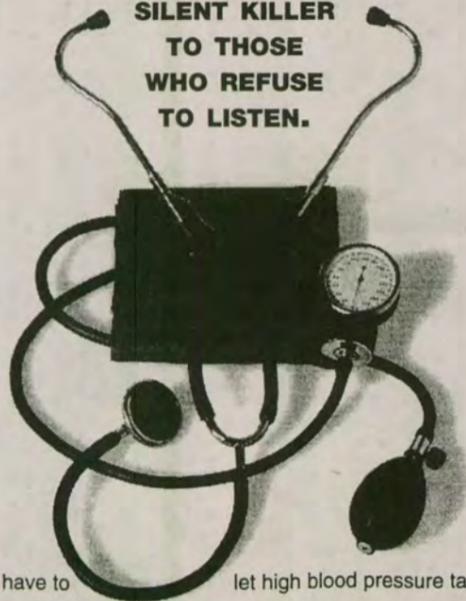
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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Fire ants invade Australia:

Dangerous South American fire ants have invaded one of Australia's largest cities, and officials are concerned the insects will migrate farther. The fire ant has a savage bite that can kill people who suffer allergic reactions to its venom, the Queensland State Department of Primary Industries said Tuesday. The ant can also cause root damage to some crops, the department said.

Tank shell kills Palestinian man:

Naim Badarin, a Palestinian man was killed when a tank shell hit his house, a Palestinian boy was shot in the head and three Israeli workers were wounded in an ambush Tuesday in separate incidents in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Badarin, 55, was killed instantly in the West Bank town of Ramalla.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Arizona drug tunnel found:

Federal agents discovered a 25-foot dirt tunnel that was apparently being used to smuggle drugs across the Mexican border, and seized 840 pounds of cocaine from the Arizona house at one end of the passage. The crude, hand-dug tunnel — fitted with a string of bare electric bulbs — runs from the Nogales house to the sewer system, which leads in turn to a dry streambed along the Mexican border called the Nogales Wash. Customs agents searched the home and discovered 198 cocaine bricks valued at \$6.5 million wholesale.

California gun law effective:

California's 1990 law banning the sale of handguns to convicted criminals reduces the risk they will commit violent, gun-related crimes in the future, according to a new study. A misdemeanor record is now the most common reason for denying handgun purchases in the nation's most populous state.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

IU computer security compromised:

Like a pirate burying treasure, a Web surfer in Sweden used an unprotected Indiana University server to store a cache of downloaded music and video files, uncovering in the process a list of more than 3,000 student names and identification numbers. University officials believe the student file was removed from the server accidentally, but IU police are investigating the incident and the FBI has been notified. The server was left unprotected after it crashed and the person who brought it back up failed to properly configure the server's security.

MEXICO



AFP Photo

Zapatista leader Subcomandante Marcos is surrounded by media and supporters Feb. 27, as he prepares to continue leading the Zapatista march from Oaxaca in southern Mexico. They expect to reach Mexico City March 11.

Zapatista rally for native rights

Associated Press

ORIZABA

Zapatista commanders called for a full role for Indians in a "different Mexico" as enthusiastic crowds greeted them Tuesday during the rebels' cross-country march for Indian rights.

More than 5,000 supporters of the Zapatista National Liberation Army hung banners and cheered as the rebel leaders appeared before the cathedral in Orizaba, about 120 miles southeast of their destination, Mexico City.

"We want to fight for a different Mexico with room

for all of us," said Comandante Ismael, one of the 24 Zapatista leaders making the 15-day journey. "It is a disgrace for the country that it is only now recognizing the rights of the Indians."

The marchers left the rebels' jungle stronghold in the southern state of Chiapas on Saturday. In Mexico City, they will lobby for the passage of an Indian rights bill for greater autonomy for Indian communities.

Passage of the bill is one of three conditions the rebels say must be met before they will renew stalled peace talks with the

government.

The Zapatistas took up arms for two weeks in January 1994 to fight for the rights of poor Indians. The rebellion was followed by six years of conflict between pro-government paramilitary groups and rebel sympathizers in Chiapas.

The rebels' first stop Tuesday was the city of Tehuacan, where Indian leader Subcomandante Marcos told 3,000 supporters that the nation's Indians will "no longer take orders from anyone."

The caravan has been peaceful — thanks in part to security provided by the

government. President Vicente Fox has said he welcomes the march.

Orizaba officials banned sales of alcohol Tuesday, while 150 volunteers formed a "peace belt" to guard the caravan, the government news agency Notimex reported.

A contingent of rebel supporters from Italy said Tuesday they would continue in the march despite the disappearance of six of the buses they had rented.

"We'll walk if necessary," said Federico Marianni, spokesman for the European nongovernmental organization "Enough Already."

Bush supports Cuban trade embargo

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The Bush administration probably won't support relaxation of the trade embargo against Cuba beyond the narrow opening for food sales that Congress created last year, Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman said Tuesday.

Under legislation passed last fall, the U.S. government will be forbidden to finance Cuban purchases of American food, a restriction demanded by lawmakers opposed to Cuban President Fidel Castro. The

government also is barred from subsidizing such exports.

"What the Congress did last year provided some opening of the door to Cuba," Veneman told a meeting of state agriculture commissioners. But she said the administration will not support "a lot of changes" in the legislation.

U.S. farm groups want to ease the financing restrictions, which Cuba says will make purchases almost impossible.

When the legislation passed last fall, hundreds of thousands of Cubans marched in Havana to

protest the restrictions.

The Bush administration is working on rules to implement the legislation, which also will allow the government to begin subsidizing food and medicine sales to Iran, Libya, North Korea and Sudan.

The government has licensed a U.S. shipper, Crowley Liner Services of Jacksonville, Fla., to transport food and agricultural goods to Cuba. Two U.S. companies have signed agreements to sell agricultural products to Cuba in exchange for sugar revenue, according to the U.S.-Cuba Trade and Economic Council.

Market Watch 2/27

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AMEX: 908.00 -1.43

Nasdaq: 2,207.82 -100.68

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S&P 500: 1,257.94 -9.71

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COMPANY/SECURITY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	-7.91	-2.06	24.00
NASDAQ 100 SHAR (QQQ)	-6.04	-3.15	49.00
MICROSOFT CORP (MSFT)	-0.31	-0.18	59.38
JDS UNIPHASE (JDSU)	-14.76	-4.81	27.81
ORACLE CORP (ORCL)	-6.46	-1.49	21.69

43rd Collegiate Jazz Festival begins today

Special to the Observer

The nation's oldest collegiate jazz festival, now in its 43rd year, returns to the University of Notre Dame tonight, Friday and Saturday, featuring 10 collegiate bands competing before a panel of distinguished judges.

Jazz bands performing in this year's festival represent Boise State University, Central Michigan University, Florida State University, Loyola University of New Orleans, Northern Illinois University, Southern Illinois University, Lawrence University, the University of Northern Iowa and the University of Texas, Brownsville.

The Notre Dame Big Band, under the direction of Father George Wiskirchen, also will appear.

Sponsored by the Notre Dame Student Union Board, the festival officially begins today at 7:30 p.m. in the LaFortune Student Center Ballroom with Preview Night, featuring a performance by Notre Dame Jazz Band II.

The performances by the

bands selected to this year's festival begin Friday at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall. The session will end with the traditional Judge's Jam, featuring saxophonist and flutist Lew Tabackin, trumpeter Conte Candoli, pianist Joanne Brackeen, bassist Richard Davis and drummer Terri Lyne Carrington.

Collegiate Jazz Festival

- ◆ Today at 7:30 p.m. in LaFortune
- ◆ Friday at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall
- ◆ Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Band Building
- ◆ tickets sold at the door

A judge's clinic at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Notre Dame Band Building will feature free instruction sessions by the panel of judges. The Saturday night session will begin at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall, to be followed by the awards ceremony.

Tickets will be sold at the door. For Notre Dame, Saint Mary's College and Holy Cross College students and faculty, tickets are \$4 for the Friday night session and \$2 for the Saturday night session. An all-session pass may be purchased for \$5.

Admission for the general public is \$8 for the Friday night session and \$5 for the Saturday night session. An all-session pass may be purchased for \$12. Children under 12 are admitted free to all festival activities.

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the Kilborne's movie. Bederman began her talk by asking her audience if they saw themselves affected by advertising. Although Bederman, a professor of women's history, referred to herself as a "professional feminist," she admitted to still being affected by the media's images. "It becomes so persuasive because it is encompassing," said Bederman.

The question sparked a conversation between attendees that touched on a wide variety of subjects pertaining to the image of women in the media and on the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campuses.

Bederman listened and responded to campus issues such as the increased number of female students with eating disorders, the problems with gender relations, and the negative stereotypes of Saint Mary's women.

More than one participant pointed to the irony in the decision of Saint Mary's to prohibit the Vagina Monologues, a play celebrating femininity, while hosting the Keenan Review, which often slaps Saint Mary women with many debilitating stereotypes.

Another member of the audience recalled her disappointment with the fact that the University of Notre Dame has to give away student tick-



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Media's portrayal of women flows into other aspects of a woman's life. Although Gail Bederman, a professor of women's history, referred to herself as a "professional feminist," she admitted to still being affected by the media.

ets for the top ranked women's basketball game while tickets for the men's team remain expensive.

The discussions closed with

Bederman imploring her audience to continue communicating and challenging their peers through discussion of images of women in society.

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Democrats vow to fight tax plan

◆ Party instead supports \$900 billion tax relief

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Democrats greeted President Bush's first address to Congress with denunciations of his planned tax cuts and warnings that he is leading the nation toward another era of federal deficits.



Daschle

When the president proposes ideas that work for all Americans, "like his literacy initiative or increases in military pay, we will work with him and work hard," Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle said in the Democratic response to the speech.

"But when he insists on proposals that threaten the prosperity of all Americans ... we will fight and fight hard," Daschle said.

Democrats made clear that the new era of bipartisanship the president has been talking about does not extend to their accepting Bush's 10-year, \$1.6 trillion tax cut.

"If what we heard tonight sounds too good to be true, it probably is," said House Democratic leader Dick Gephardt, who joined Daschle in giving the Democratic response.

"President Bush's budget numbers simply don't add up. Ours do. His plan leaves no money for anything except tax cuts. Ours does."

Democrats say the real cost of the Bush plan, when interest losses and other factors are added in, is well over \$2 trillion and will consume almost all the projected non-Social Security surplus over the next decade. Democrats have proposed a \$900 billion plan.

Bush and his GOP backers say they are confident they can enact the tax cut and retain enough to protect Social Security and Medicare and meet the nation's top education and defense needs.

Gephardt said Bush was leading the nation down the path taken by Ronald Reagan in 1981 when he pushed through a big tax cut in his first year in office while boosting defense spending. "The whole '80s and most of the '90s was the politics of deficits," he said. Bush, he said, "is now trying to drive the wagon into the same ditch."

"It was a huge mistake," Daschle says in the Democratic response. "It took us 18 years, four acts of Congress and a lot of hard work by the American people

to get out of that ditch."

"Underneath the soft rhetoric," said House Democratic Caucus Chairman Martin Frost of Texas, "his tax plan is just as unfair and irresponsible as anything we've seen from right-wing Congressional Republicans over the past several years."

Sen. Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., ranking Democrat on the Senate Appropriations Committee, said it would be "sheer madness" to approve Bush's tax cut when the nation has pressing infrastructure needs and a demand for a Medicare prescription drug benefit. "We

are going to be very shortsighted and prove ourselves to be poor stewards if we go for a tax cut of this size."

Byrd and Gephardt said they both voted for the 1981

Reagan plan because they wanted to give the new president a chance and because it had support from voters at home. They said this time will be different.

Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., in a speech on the Senate floor, said the nation is at a crossroads. "I want to sound the alarm today," he said, "that unless we deal wisely with the bountiful growth we have had, we risk throwing it all away."

"When he insists on proposals that threaten the prosperity of all Americans ... we will fight and fight hard."

Tom Daschle
Senate
Democratic leader

Bush addresses Congress on budget

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

President Bush beckoned a divided Congress Tuesday night to support a large and retroactive tax cut, declaring in a nationally televised address, "The people of America have been overcharged and on their behalf, I am here asking for a refund."



Bush

On the 39th day of his presidency, Bush pledged to set the nation on "a different path" by slashing federal debt while increasing spending for popular programs such as education, environmental protection and health research.

Bush, the first Republican president since Dwight D. Eisenhower to address a GOP-led Congress, reached out to Democrats with a promise to tackle Social Security reform and end racial profiling. In a nod to conservatives, he renewed his call to privatize portions of Social Security and restrain government spending, which would require cuts at several federal agencies.

Democrats warned that Bush's \$1.6 trillion, 10-year tax-cut plan would jeopardize key government programs and lead the nation toward another era of federal deficits. Speaking for his party, Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle said enacting a large tax cut without a full understanding of future federal income is "an amazing demonstration of irresponsibility."

Bush appeared relaxed and confident during his 49-minute speech, receiving several standing ovations from Republicans and polite applause from Democrats.

Members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and Cabinet, along

with one Supreme Court justice, Stephen Breyer, joined lawmakers in the historic House chamber for the annual ritual. Applause and standing ovations began on one side of the aisle and rippled to the other — depending on the politics of the issue.

Making the hard sell for tax cuts, Bush said: "Some say my tax plan is too big." Democrats cheered the line, making clear they agreed.

"Others say it is too small," Bush continued, drawing applause from Republicans. "I respectfully disagree. This tax relief is just right."

Not even the pageantry of the moment could extinguish all echoes of last fall's recount. There were audible boos on the Democratic side of the aisle as the Supreme Court was announced. It was a reaction to the Supreme Court's 5-4 decision that stopped recounts in Florida and handed the presidency to Bush.

Standing before a Congress often mired in gridlock, Bush said: "Let us agree to bridge old divides," though he added: "Bipartisanship is more than minding our manners it is doing our duty."

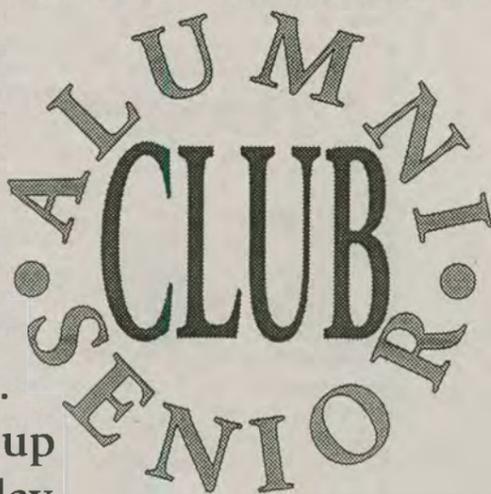
Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., a lightning rod for criticism from the political right, politely applauded Bush.

With the government awash in budget surpluses, the nation's 43rd president offered something for everybody over the next decade: \$1.6 trillion in tax cuts, including reductions in every income bracket; \$2 trillion in debt reduction; increased spending for education, conservation and other programs; and protections for Social Security and Medicare.

Bush announced the outlines of a budget approaching \$2 trillion. It favors education, law enforcement and other popular programs, while curbing growth in NASA, freezing the federal contributions to the arts and humanities and threatening assistance to the homeless.

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Rwandan troops withdraw marking first pullout since war

Associated Press

PWETO, Congo
Rwandan troops began pulling back from their positions around a town on the front line of the war in Congo early Wednesday, marking the first major withdrawal since the war began 2 1/2 years ago, a Rwandan commander said.

About 3,000 troops were leaving Pweto, said Col. Karaka Karenze, head of operations for the Rwandan army. Five U.N. military observers were to monitor the pullout near the Zambian border, as agreed under a peace plan reached last year in Zambia's capital, Lusaka.

"This is generally in support of the peace process, but also a goodwill gesture which we hope will bring an appropriate response from the government in Kinshasa," Karenze said. Kinshasa is Congo's capital.

Rwandan soldiers began to leave their positions around midnight in order to pack before a five-day trip by convoy to Pepa, 160 miles northeast of Pweto. Karenze said all the troops were scheduled to pull out of their positions by mid-morning Wednesday.

Karenze said control of the town will be turned over to the Congolese Rally for Democracy, a Rwandan-backed rebel group in Congo. But he added that if Congolese government troops or their allies try to enter Pweto, his troops will return in force.

"We are ready to fight if we must," Karanze said. "But we are more willing to give peace a chance."

Congolese rebels took up arms against former President Laurent Kabila in August 1998, accusing him of corruption and fostering ethnic hatred. Rwanda and Uganda backed the Congolese rebels, partly as a way of deploying in the area to block the Rwandan and Ugandan rebels who were backed by Congo's government and used Congo as a base to attack their home countries.

Angola, Zimbabwe and Namibia intervened in the war to prop up Kabila. Since then, the five foreign armies have done most of the fighting in the Congo war and have evenly divided the country, which is one-fourth the size of the United States.

The Organization of African Unity and the United Nations managed to hammer out a peace agreement in Lusaka, Zambia last May. The accord calls for the withdrawal of foreign troops, with U.N. peacekeepers establishing a buffer zone between the gov-

ernment troops and the rebels. It also calls for a national debate on the future of the country, a new constitution and a new government.

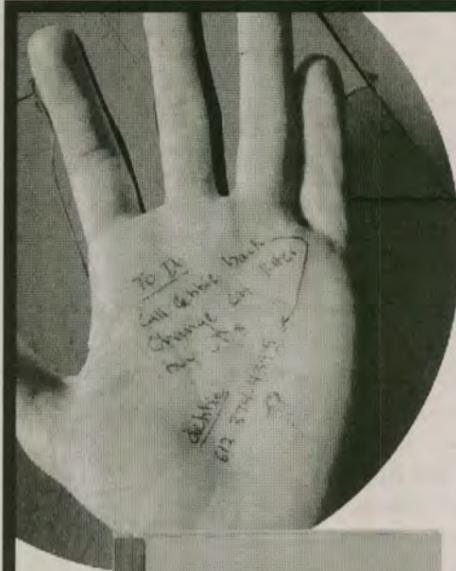
But Kabila essentially ignored the accord, blocking the deployment of U.N. troops in government-held areas and continuing to bomb rebel positions. Rwanda retaliated by capturing the southeastern Congolese town of Pweto.

the location of a major airfield, in November.

Kabila was assassinated in January, leaving his son in power and creating an opportunity to revive the peace process. President Joseph Kabila quickly agreed to fully implement the peace accords, and the warring sides recently committed to begin troops withdrawals by March 15, a deadline set by the U.N. Security Council.

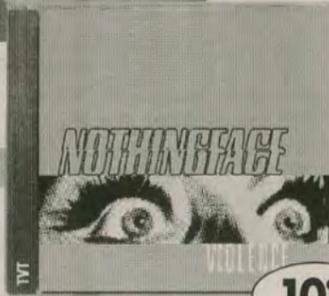
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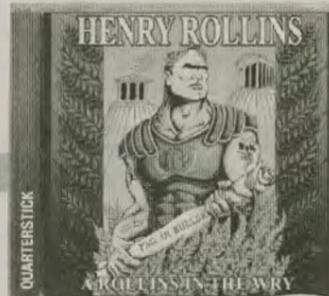
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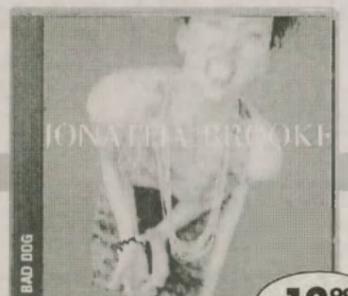
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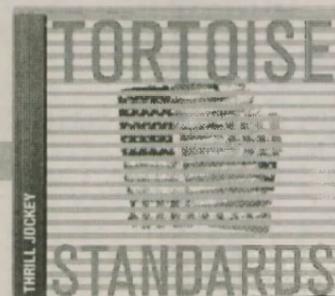
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Mardi Gras rocks New Orleans

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS

An estimated million or more people jammed the city's streets on Mardi Gras for the Big Easy's raucous, libidinous, alcohol-fueled celebration.

Tourists stood agape in the French Quarter as three women strolled the crowded, narrow streets wearing nothing but sandals, bikini thongs and elaborate swirls of brightly colored body paint.

"It's like nothing else in the world — the world's biggest freak show," said Wolf Martin, 57, a Los Angeles software engineer.

Olivier Zissler, a visitor from Nice, France, was amused by the Fat Tuesday excess.

"We have Carnival in Nice, but it's nothing like this. This makes me think Americans are crazy. In America, it seems like you have everything or nothing, it's all done

"It's like nothing else in the world — the world's biggest freak show."

**Wolf Martin
tourist**

to extremes."

Families, many of them with picnic spreads and barbecue grills, lined parade routes in residential neighborhoods and suburbs, but the Quarter revelry was for adults only.

"This is amazing," Marilyn Campbell of Fairborn, Ohio, said as she watched the costumed and sometimes barely clad show go by. "You just stand there and laugh."

Costumes included one man's see-through jockey shorts and one woman's revealing skirt and top made only of tied-together bead necklaces. The presidential election was a common theme: One man dressed as a

Florida ballot with a pot belly and a sign declaring himself a pregnant chad.

"This is the one day a year where I as a New Orleanian feel superior to everyone else in the country who are at their desks checking e-mail and voice mail, while I've been out here since before dawn drinking beer," said Lloyd Webre, a New Orleans native who now lives in Atlanta.

"And we don't have the riots that other parts of the country have with gatherings this big. We know how to have a good time. It's controlled craziness."

Late Tuesday, sanitation trucks and mounted police officers mustered near Bourbon Street, preparing for the end of the party and Lent, the austere period of self-deprivation that begins Wednesday.

In Philadelphia, a mob of revelers smashed the windows of several businesses.

Suburb votes to take over 'mob haven'

Associated Press

CHICAGO

With federal election monitors looking on, voters in Cicero went to the polls Tuesday to settle a fight for control of the corruption-plagued and ethnically divided Chicago suburb.

The town has had the image of a mob haven ever since Al Capone made it the hub of his bootlegging empire in the 1920s,

but there were no reports of major problems as the town held primaries for town president, an office tantamount to mayor.

One election judge, an off-duty corrections officer, was asked to remove the pistol plainly visible in a holster on his hip. He did.

Observers sent in by the Justice Department under the Voting Rights Act were stationed at polling places to ensure fair treatment for Hispanic voters. Under a court order issued in October, federal officials can monitor elections in Cicero for the next five years.

"The people of Cicero have been victims of abuse and intimidation for too long," said Joseph Mario Moreno, who ran against lawyer Victor Armendariz for the Democratic nomination. Both are Hispanic.

On the GOP side, two-term Town President Betty Loren-Maltese was an easy winner based on unofficial returns provided by Cook County Clerk David Orr. With all 65 precincts reporting, she led former police Chief Emil Schullo, 6,985 to 644 votes, Orr spokesman Scott Burnham said.

Schullo is among nine Cicero officials indicted on federal charges over the past three year. He is accused of taking part in a \$75,000 embezzlement scheme.

Loren-Maltese has been accused of no wrongdoing herself, but her campaign fund was reported to have invested in a golf resort with ties to a mobster's widow.

"The people of Cicero have been victims of abuse ... for too long."

**Joseph Mario Moreno
citizen**

Among Democrats, Moreno easily won over Armendariz,

3,068 to 647 votes, according to unofficial returns provided by Burnham.

The campaign was marked by hardball tactics, largely aimed by Loren-Maltese allies at Moreno.

Coming home from a Christmas party, Moreno was charged by Cicero police with drunken driving. The charges were dropped for lack of evidence.

Loren-Maltese supporters then handed out 27-year-old court papers suggesting Moreno was an adulterer and wife beater. That turned out to be a case of mistaken identity. The papers referred to a different Joseph Moreno.

Cicero, with a population of about 70,000, was for decades a center of Eastern European immigrants who loyally voted for the local Republican organization's candidates. Today, Hispanic residents make up an estimated 60 percent of the population.

Loren-Maltese last year asked for a referendum to raise the residency requirement for town candidates from 12 months to 18 months. That would have kept Moreno and Armendariz off the ballot.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Addressing a physical and emotional disorder

Victim gains freedom from food

An alcoholic can give up drinking; a drug addict can give up drugs. But what can food addicts do? We have to eat. This was my struggle when I first came into Overeaters Anonymous, a fellowship of men and women who are suffering from eating disorders.

Food has been an issue for me my entire life. I remember during my Girl Scout days buying extra boxes of Thin Mints and hiding them under my bed. At the age of 10 my cholesterol was well over 200. Life was a whirlwind of buying, stealing, sneaking and eating food. And of course, gaining weight. Food was my best friend.

The disease only progressed as I got older. I saw doctors, therapists, I even went to confession to atone for being a glutton. It seemed that even God didn't care.

The descent into hell culminated during my college years. Between late night pizza breaks and dining halls full of all my favorite binge foods I was in a rut. I went from gorging myself to starvation because I knew that the only way I would not binge was if I didn't eat.

Food was no longer my friend but my worst enemy. Yet I could never seem to put it down. I felt as though I were leading a double life, eating "normal" in front of others, and binging when I was alone. I hated myself. I was becoming suicidal.

After seeing yet another therapist I finally decided to go to Overeaters Anonymous. I was familiar with the program but never considered it seriously. The pain made me desperate. The more meetings I attended, the more I realized that there were people who did the same crazy things with food that I did.

They told me I suffered from a physical, emotional and spiritual disease. My food addiction was a mixture of allergy and compulsion. And it would kill me if I did nothing to arrest it. I had to face the first step — admit I was powerless over food and that my life had become unmanageable.

Was I powerless? Well I sure seemed to be unable to stop binging. That was powerlessness

to me. Was my life unmanageable? Well when I wasn't eating I was sleeping. I was barely getting by with my classes. My social life consisted of a trip to the grocery store to stock up on binge foods. That was unmanageability to me.

Today things are much different. I have just marked the one year anniversary of my recovery in OA. Things are not all roses but I am so much further ahead than where I used to be. I am building a relationship with a power greater than myself and that is slowly filling the hole that I have always tried to stuff with food.

Yes I have lost weight, but its importance has seemed to fade as I am learning how to live one day at a time. I've learned that the diets and programs I had been on had failed because they were treating only the physical symptoms, not the spiritual and emotional.

For those who suffer from an eating disorder, you are not alone. There is hope and there is a solution. So many resources are available, whether it's OA or another program. You did not ask to have this disorder but you do not have to suffer from it. Break the isolation.

Overeaters Anonymous is a fellowship of individuals who through shared experience, strength and hope are recovering from eating disorders. There are no dues or fees for membership. For information on meetings in the South Bend area visit the web site: www.region5oa.org or call (219) 239-6526.

Anonymous
February 27, 2001

Healing requires support

The prevalence of eating disorders is one of the biggest problems facing our student body. Many universities have similar trouble — one out of five college women has an eating disorder — but Notre Dame is a different type of school and should respond differently.

We must understand that obsession with food is contagious.

When one woman comments that she is fat most of the women will view themselves in the same way. Constant calorie counting, taking diet pills, guilt after meals and compulsive exercise is unhealthy. Such anxiety and obsession keeps us from happiness.

Many people with such an unhealthy relationship with food creates an environment which is conducive to eating disorders. We must work to destroy an environment which perpetuates the disease.

We must recognize God's role in the healing process. An eating disorder is not primarily a problem with food, it is a disease of the soul; we must heal the soul before we can treat the body. The heart of recovery is spiritual. We must be praying at Mass and as individuals for all those suffering from an eating disorder. Instead of talking or worrying about a friend that looks too thin light a candle for her at the grotto.

Open and honest discussion is necessary. We can't talk about people behind their backs or we worry for weeks without saying anything. Speaking with others who have had similar experiences can help bring the healing and self-acceptance that a person with an eating disorder needs. If we continue to let shame keep us quiet we will cut ourselves off from a precious resource: each other.

The women on this campus most definitely need each other. We can agree to stop talking about calories and to stop saying, "I'm so fat!" We can walk to the counseling center with a scared friend. We can pray for each other. Imagine the incredible things that we could accomplish if we weren't weighed down with worries about food.

Alexandra Swiacki
sophomore
McGlenn Hall
February 27, 2001



True friendship transcends race

I am writing this letter in response to the "What Brothers Think, What Sistahs Know" forum. I feel sadness and utter frustration by some of the narrow-minded overtones heard the other night. As we enter into the 21st century or the new millennium sentiments of resentment and hatred can be strongly felt in the African-American community dealing with interracial dating. A notion of "us" versus "them" mentality is expressed in both its verbal and expressive form.

Coming to the University of Notre Dame has made me re-examine my identity and role within the African-American community. At times it feels like a community of intellectually and spiritually gifted beings of God that closes our minds off when race becomes a factor.

This becomes particularly evident whenever an African-American male is dating a woman of another ethnicity. He is often referred to as a "sellout" and other degrading words that destroy the foundations of his soul. It is interesting to hear the blatant ignorance and closed mindedness from the small percentage of women of color when mentioning interracial dating.

The ignorance can be understood in some ways. African-American women find difficulties dating outside of their ethnicity because of the lack of social acceptance within society. Venting frustrations and anger at African-American men when they interact and have relationships with women of other ethnicities hurts us as a whole. Saying that women of color pose an immediate threat on the man's masculinity because of her strong, assertive, independent nature can sometimes be perceived as selfish and narrow-minded.

Speaking from a male perspective, we need our women of color to be supportive and understanding of our actions. Men also have to support and love our women as we want to be loved and respected. Plato must have been wrong in implying that man has to fully understand his soul in appreciating the nature or beauty that lies on earth. The problem that arises on earth occurs when some women and men attempt to place a racial boundary on love.

Love is meant to be colorblind. An African-American man who appreciates and loves a woman for the all of the gifts and greatness that she brings to this earth has a deep understanding of himself and the world around him. If a man of color can accept a woman for who she is, what role she plays in society and her independence then race should not play an significant factor in personal or extramarital relationships. Love in its most ultimate form is suppose to unite the procreation of souls together, binding them in a lasting, soul nurturing relationship despite ethnicity and religion.

It is time for African-American men and women to re-examine their moral consciousness to find the true meaning within them. If people start looking at their own situations and not necessarily concentrating on whom people date then we as human beings of the universe will find equilibrium amongst each other.

Jourdan Sorrell
freshman
Siegfried Hall
February 27, 2001

Mating of praying mantises teaches wise dating lessons

Sometimes I feel that life would be better lived as a praying mantis. Oh yes, the lanky, green insects we pay little heed to live the life of goddesses. They meet their partner, mate and then eat them. Could life be any better? All the joys of dating, and they even get a free meal out of it.

Think about it. None of the awkward silences. No expensive gifts. Obligation is at a minimum, and, aside from the devoured partner, everyone goes home happy.

However, the odds are that if you are reading this, then you're probably not a praying mantis. (Or if you are, you're an extremely gifted bug.) And because the dating rituals of these insects aren't commonly analogous to the human world, chances are that for you, dating isn't quite so effortless.

Let's face it. We all spend a great deal of our time thinking about, noticing and chasing the opposite sex. It's like a game of tag in grade school — except dating offers better benefits than proclaiming a person "it." Dating is, really, a great idea. It's a way to attain all sorts of important people skills, brings a new twist to your weekend activities and it gives you someone to celebrate with on national holidays.

As wonderful as dating sounds, however, there is a catch — you have to get there. And when it comes down to it, praying mantises aside, it's not always as easy as meeting and mating. There's a certain protocol that is involved in modern dating. This is where problems arise, as it seems that men and women have been given different handbooks on dating etiquette.

The men's handbook, in short, reads as follows:

1. When you say you'll call on Sunday, this translates into Wednesday, after the hockey game.
 2. A kiss is just a kiss. Period.
 3. Anniversaries really only matter when you're married, right?
 4. Communication is always at a minimum. If you can't say it in 10 minutes, it's not worth being said.
 5. Watching the game and having a Bud with the boys is a perfectly acceptable reason to not see your girlfriend on a Friday night.
 6. Eyeing other women while on a date is only human.
 7. Male bonding time is priceless.
 8. Women should automatically know all of the above.
- The women's guide to dating is quite different. It's not "The Rules," but it's a precise and rarely yielding set of codes and regulations that reads as such:
1. Long, deep conversations about "us" are essential for building relationships.
 2. When you get half an inch trimmed off your hair, a boy should notice.
 3. If he doesn't call for two days, this is cause for alarm.
 4. You should be treated the same, if not better, in front of his friends.
 5. They're not chick flicks — they're date movies.
 6. He should be able to meet all of your expectations, even if you don't voice them.
 7. When you tell him that nothing is wrong, of course you don't mean it.
 8. "You look great tonight," should be a staple in his vocabulary.

The life of a praying mantis looks better and better doesn't it? None of the anxiety, none of the confusion. However, there are cases when the guide books merge and everything eventually falls into place.

There is a way to incorporate men's and women's dating etiquette to fit most circumstances, particularly if you're patient. It's not a hopeless cause. There are exceptions to every rule, of course — especially when alcohol is introduced into the situation — but cases like these bring their own set of guidelines.

Unfortunately, we can't live our lives as easily as a praying mantis. Instead we're obligated to go about dating in a perilous and erratic manner that is far from the ease of the meeting and mating phenomenon. However, when it comes down to it, dating really is a great idea — as long as it's not "insectual."

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



Jacqueline Browder

In Vogue



KRISTIN KRAMER/The Observer

Romeo (Mark Scheibmeir) and Tybalt (David Go) clash in this weekend's production of "Romeo and Juliet," performed by the Not-So-Royal Shakespeare Company in the Hesburgh International Center auditorium.

Bard's "star-crossed lovers" return in modern production

By C. SPENCER BEGGS
Assistant Scene Editor

A bloodcurdling scream comes from the normally tranquil Hesburgh International Center for Peace Studies auditorium.

A police officer rushes to the scene, seconds too late. Two lay murdered. Soon a crowd gathers, waking the weary from their slumber to behold the tragedy of love fighting hate.

Who says Shakespeare isn't fun? Certainly not Lisa Marie Fábrega, the director of the Not-So-Royal-Shakespeare Company's spring play, "Romeo and Juliet."

"A lot of people get turned off by Shakespeare because it is written during a time when writers liked to play around with the English language," Fábrega said. "The text was written to be performed, not just read."

Performance is easier said than done, as this cast quickly learned. The auditions were held before winter break so that the actors had time to study their lines.

Fábrega tried to get the actors to think about the show on a more personal level.

"You need to think about what each line is saying. Don't just read, you need to bring the words to life," Fábrega told the cast during a break.

The Not-So-Royal-Shakespeare Company, founded in 1993, is an entirely student-run organization.

The club does one or two shows a year, usually alternating between comedies and tragedies. Past shows have included "The Tempest," "The Comedy of Errors" and "Macbeth."

Fábrega serves double duty — not only is

she the director, she is also the club's president.

"I think the point of the Not-So-Royal-Shakespeare Company is to make Shakespeare's plays accessible to students in the modern day," said Fábrega.

"Shakespeare's words still have value in society. The more we study it, the more we realize the uncanny accuracy he had in depicting human experience."

This performance of "Romeo and Juliet" has been modernized in several ways. For example, Juliet is not portrayed as a damsel in distress.

Instead, the company opted to use more modern definitions of gender to depict the star-crossed

lovers. Costumes are simple in this show so the audience can focus on the performance rather than confusing period-costume intricacies.

In the end, the Not-So-Royal-Shakespeare Company is about having fun. "Shakespeare is not just for English majors," Fábrega said. "He wrote his plays for everyone."

"Romeo and Juliet" will be performed March 1 through 4 in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium.

Tickets are available at the LaFortune Box Office and stand-by tickets will also be sold at the door.

The Not-So-Royal-Shakespeare Company does have space limitations, however, and thus must stick to a strict lateness policy.

All ticket holders not present 10 minutes before the start of the show may have their tickets voided and resold because of high numbers of patrons wanting to see the show each night. Entrance into the theater after the performance starts is prohibited.

"Shakespeare is not just for English majors. He wrote his plays for everyone."

Lisa Marie Fábrega
director of "Romeo and Juliet"

"Romeo and Juliet"

◆ What: A production of the Not-So-Royal-Shakespeare Company

◆ Where: Hesburgh Library Auditorium

◆ When: March 1-3 at 7:30 p.m., March 4 at 2 p.m.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Griffin records triple-double, leads Syracuse to victory

Associated Press

SYRACUSE, N.Y.

The note Allen Griffin posted inside his locker Tuesday night was all the inspiration Syracuse's senior point guard needed.

It read: "15 points, 15 assists. You only have one senior night. Give us something to remember."

And so he did, getting 14 points, 11 assists and 10 rebounds in his final home game to lead No. 19 Syracuse to an 80-69 victory over Pittsburgh.

"It's funny, and you all might think I'm joking and lying, but I called it before I came over here (tonight)," Griffin said after the first triple-double of his life. "I'm just happy to go out on a hot note like this."

Senior forward Damone Brown also had a big night with 21 points and 10 rebounds as Syracuse (21-7, 9-6 Big East) took sole possession of second place in the Big East West Division with one game left in the regular season.

"Allen just put us on his shoulders tonight," Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim said. "He did everything for us. This was a huge win, to get to nine (wins in the conference). We're trying to get better and we want to play better."

Pittsburgh (14-12, 6-9) needed wins here and in its season finale against Virginia Tech to improve its seeding for the Big East tournament, which begins next week.

Syracuse rallied from a 15-point deficit to defeat the Panthers 71-66 in early January, a game that helped define the team's character. On this night, the Orangemen built a big early lead and the Panthers couldn't recover.

Syracuse reeled off 17 straight points in the first half to take command, closing the period with a 23-8 rush that did in the Panthers.

"They really exploited us the last 10 minutes of the first half, pushing the ball on us in fast breaks," Pitt coach Ben Howland said. "We just did a poor job of transition defense, they got up on us there and really hurt us. It seemed like we were half a step slow tonight. It looked like we were out of it emotionally and I have no answer for that because this was a huge opportunity for us."

Preston Shumpert, who scored a season-low eight points in Syracuse's 72-61 loss at Georgetown on Saturday, had 19 points and seven rebounds, and Kueth Duany added 13 points.

Ricardo Greer led the Panthers with 14 points, while Brandin Knight had 12 and Jaron Brown 11.

After Isaac Hawkins hit a floater in the lane to pull the Panthers within 15-14 with 10:48 to go in the first half, Duany began the Syracuse surge with a driving slam dunk with 9:08 left.

Duany paced the run with nine points and Griffin had five.

Pitt was held scoreless for nearly six minutes until Greer hit a 3-pointer with 33 seconds left to move the Panthers within 38-22 at halftime.

"They just came out with more intensity than we did," said Hawkins, who had five points and seven rebounds. "They just came out with a high level of energy and brought it to us."

Syracuse upped the lead to 22 points early in the second half. Damone Brown hit two free throws, nailed a 3-pointer from the right corner, fed Billy Celuck for an easy layup, and then hit a spinning layup in the lane to make it 51-29 with 16:58 to play.

Griffin's 3 midway through the half boosted the lead to 63-36, but the Panthers rallied with a 12-0 run. Zelimir Stevanovic began it with the first of his two 3-pointers and Knight finished it with a three-point play with 9:46 remaining.

"To get up 27 in this league is almost never done," Boeheim said. "Then, when you relax for just a minute, we left a couple of their shooters open, they knocked them down, and all of a sudden they're back in the game."

Maryland 91, Duke 80

Maryland's highest and lowest moments of the season have both come against No. 2 Duke.

The 16th-ranked Terrapins blew a 10-point lead in the final minute a month ago at home, but got revenge in Cameron Indoor Stadium by beating the Blue Devils 91-80 Tuesday night.

"I can't say enough about our character," coach Gary Williams said. "To go through what we did in College Park, to lose a game like we did and then come

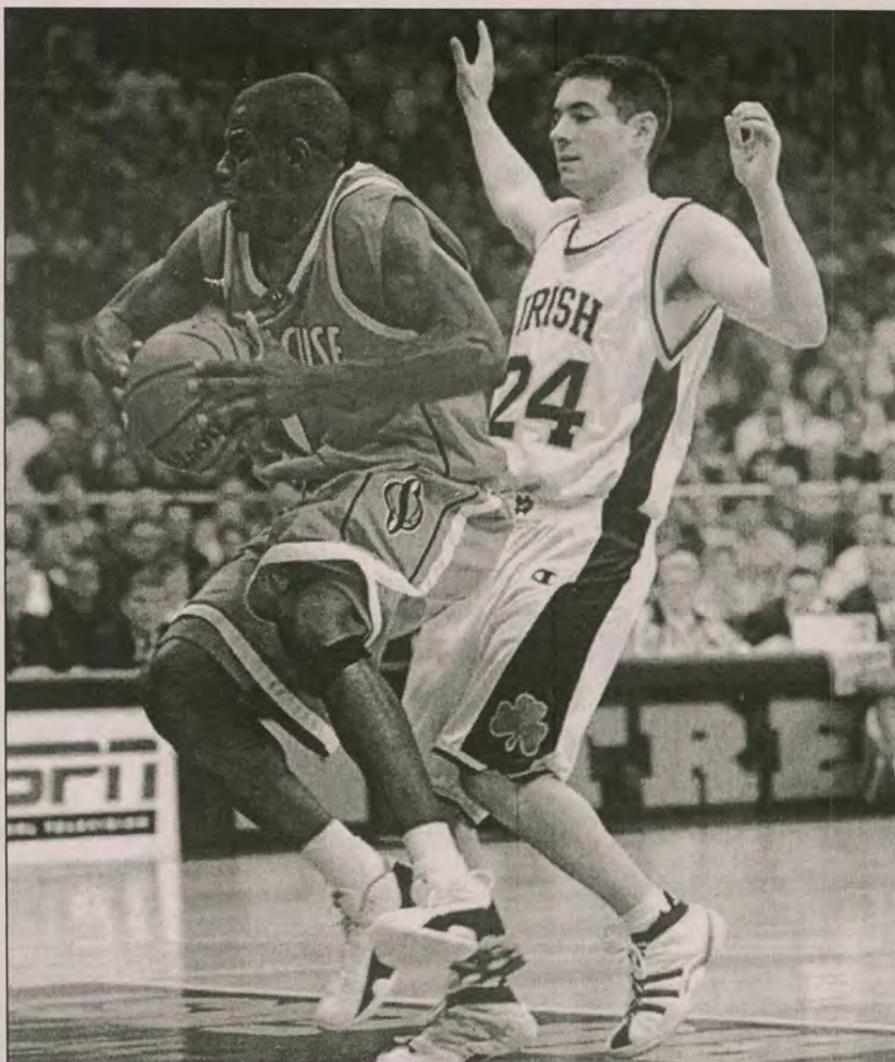


Photo courtesy of Syracuse University

Syracuse guard Allen Griffin drives past Notre Dame's Martin Ingelsby in a game earlier this season.

down here and get the win, that's really big."

Jason Williams re-injured his sore calf in the second half and Duke played the final 9 minutes without center Carlos Boozer, who hurt his right foot. Krzyzewski said he believed Boozer broke a bone in his right foot.

"I just know there is a slight fracture," Krzyzewski said. "I would say for the next couple of weeks we're not going to have him."

"We just have to circle the wagons

and get tougher."

Juan Dixon was the offensive and defensive hero for the Terrapins (19-9, 9-6 Atlantic Coast Conference), scoring 28 points and getting five steals.

"I said we were back on track a couple of games ago," said Dixon, who was 11-for-20 from the field. "We just needed one win and after that I said we were back and we're showing it now. Hopefully a lot of people will believe us, if not, we're just going to keep playing our type of basketball."

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America's love affair with soap operas heats up

By KATIE MALMQUIST
Scene Writer

It's two in the afternoon — there's an hour until your next class. Knowing you should use the time to finish the reading you cast off at midnight last night, you turn instead to your remote.

Flipping on the television, you join millions of other Americans poised on the edge of ensuing drama. That's right — it's "Passions" time.

No matter how often we try to deny it, Americans are in love with soap operas. But considering the depth and length of this love affair's impact on the entertainment industry, it has no reason to be embarrassed.

Daytime television is everywhere. The hourglass from "Days of Our Lives" has become an instantly recognizable icon, and the series' opening monologue is an endless source of parody. Characters like Erika Kane (Susan Lucci) on "All My Children" have become household names.

You can't even get through the line at the supermarket without being faced with Pine Valley's latest issue or Harmony's currently burning love triangle.

And while most would not admit to actually purchasing "Soap Opera Digest," we all know someone who does. Someone who plans his or her class schedule around "General Hospital" every year. Someone who tapes "All My Children" on a daily basis.

This devoted fan might not be you, but chances are, it's someone you know well. So to help you, er, your friend, make sense of the craziness, here's a closer look at today's soap opera craze.

History of a Genre

The soap opera genre was originally introduced into American culture in the form of daily radio programs during the 1930s.

These shows became immensely popular during the Depression, often depicting characters who conquered great odds, and radio stations continued to air an increasing number of similar programs.

With the advent of the television in the 1940s, the shows hit mainstream TV networks, and by the 1950s many had become hugely successful. The soap opera quickly became one of the most popular TV genres.

Of the shows created during this early era, several still remain prominent network story lines, including ABC's "One Life to Live," "All My Children" and "General Hospital," which were created in the 60s.

CBS's "Guiding Light" and "As the World Turns" both date back to the early 50s.

Originally sponsored by soap manufacturing companies like Procter and Gamble, the shows were produced with a female audience specifically in mind.

Recognizing this focus, companies signed on with the intention of selling soap-related products to the traditional house-bound woman.

Several companies which still exist today saw laundry and dish detergent sales skyrocket because of their television advertising, and the serials were coined "soap operas" in the wake of the American house-wife's overwhelming response.

Today's Audience

While the midday time slots remain the norm and viewers are more likely to see commercials for diapers and cleaner fluid than beer or motor oil during

the programs, the soap opera audience of today has evolved with America's changing gender roles and expectations.

More and more women spend their days working and simply don't have time to watch soaps, while the number of men who are able to and enjoy watching has increased.

Still, if you wander into any female dorm's TV lounge between noon and four o'clock on a weekday afternoon, you are bound to find the room littered with more hungry eyes than any male dorm can offer.

"I have to attribute [the female-dominated audience] to fundamental differences between men and women," said Valerie Holsinger, a Notre Dame senior and long-time soap watcher.

"I'm part of the Gender Studies concentration, and don't usually jump to label these kind of issues, but I think in this case a lot of guys won't always admit [to watching soaps]," Holsinger said.

This stigma is an important factor in the demographics of soap opera watchers, but it doesn't deter true fans.

Sophomore Matt Cassady openly admits to watching soaps. "A lot of the story lines are geared

toward women, but if anyone sat down and started watching, they'd get drawn in just the same," Cassady said.

Still, when asked if he would ever watch his soap in the Dylan Hall TV lounge Cassady said, "Hell no!"

"People walk by there all the time," said Cassady. "I mean, it's like watching NASCAR."

While today's 10 running soaps have an average daily audi-

ence of nearly 20 million viewers, at least one of which we know is male, there are the select few out there, men and women alike, who don't appreciate this kind of entertainment.

"I just find the story lines to be too unbelievable," said Walsh Hall sophomore Jody Kahn.

"The actors are never very good and many of those shows are downright trashy. The men are distrustful, and most of the women are insultingly

dumb — it's offensive," said Kahn.

Despite occasional distaste for the genre, mainstream soap operas continue to gain popularity.

Board games, trivia games, photo books, magazines, web pages and even tours to meet various character actors spring up left and right for each show.

With the past decade's advent of the Internet, soaps have followed other forms of media in making the jump to the digital world, and many Internet-based soap operas are currently available to those who can't get enough drama on television.

The Concept

and Appeal

Whether you need more excitement in your life or you simply want to take a break to enjoy the excitement of someone else's, today's soap opera concept is simple.

For one hour you lose yourself in the

drama of other people's lives, problems and romances.

Of course, the formula is always the same: a few wealthy, influential and competing families, a girl who has married into each at least twice, various commoners whose backgrounds are always mysteriously dark and subject to interpretation, and at least one evil twin.

No marriage is impenetrable, no paternity test one hundred percent certain. Someone always discovers a lost sibling, a baby switched at birth or a mysterious figure from the past lurking around town.

Where foul play is involved — and it almost always is — death is never final and revenge is always just around the corner.

But one thing remains true: the more outrageous the plot line becomes, the more viewers will be drawn in and the more Emmy nominations loom on the horizon.

"For me it's an hour of fantasy when I can watch other people mess up their lives," Holsinger said.

"The story lines just suck you in," said Cassady, who got hooked on one soap in high school when his older sister started watching.

Another draw is the fact that the shows air daily. Unlike many recent primetime dramas like "Beverly Hills 90210" and "Party of Five," which use many of the same melodramatic techniques as the classic soap operas but which air only once a week, daytime television delivers a new show every weekday, even on Christmas or Thanksgiving (which usually means a special episode).

"You can miss weeks and not be confused," said Holsinger, who admitted to taping her favorite show every once in a while. "I love it if I can watch on a daily basis, but because there is a new episode each day, I don't get upset if I miss one here or there."

So if the soap opera addiction sounds familiar — the need to tape your show each day or to catch daily recaps on the Internet — know that you are not alone.

There's a whole country of fans out there, desperately drawn into the crazy lives of fictitious characters who plague fictitious towns with endless antics as irresistible as they are unbelievable.

And after 70 years of entertainment success, don't worry — soaps aren't going anywhere.

So should you find yourself sitting around your room tomorrow afternoon, with your roommates in class and your lack of desire to do work overwhelming, wander down to the TV lounge.

You might be surprised what soap opera fans you find there.



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NBC's soap opera "Passions" has steadily risen in popularity, especially among younger audiences.

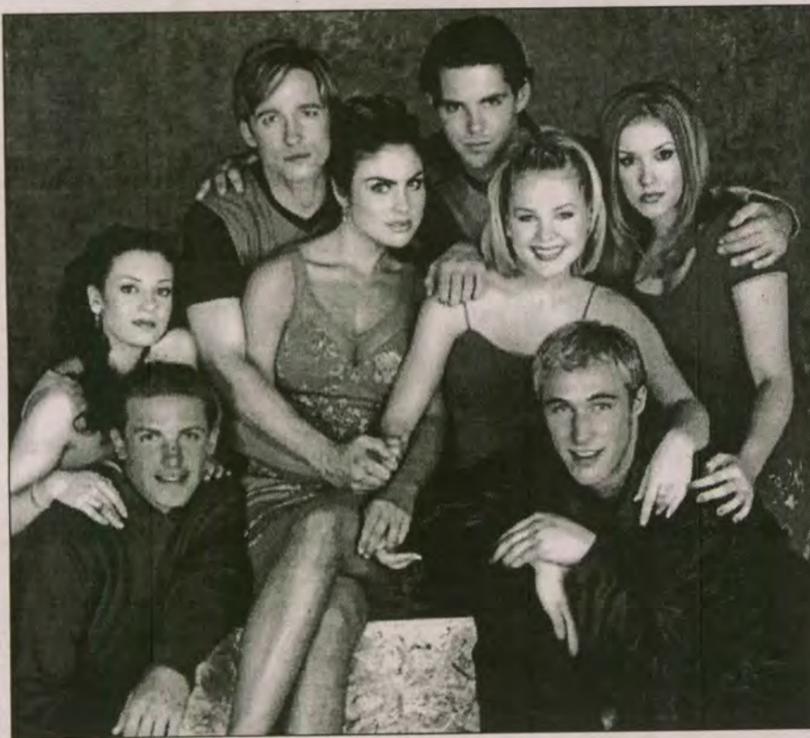


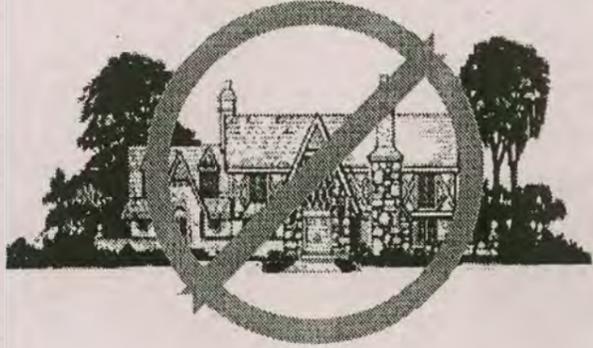
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The cast of NBC's "Days of Our Lives" celebrated its 35th anniversary this year, enjoying a long reign of success on daytime TV.

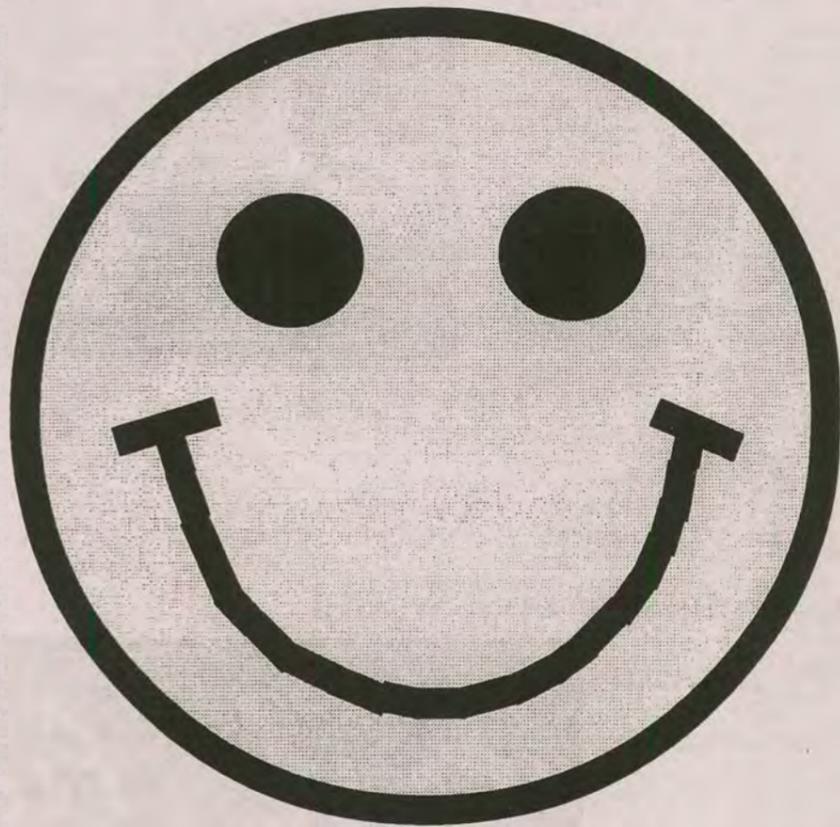
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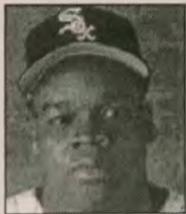
Thomas returns to White Sox camp, apologizes to fans

Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz.

Frank Thomas not only showed up, he apologized.

The Big Hurt returned to the Chicago White Sox on Tuesday after missing six workouts while complaining he was underpaid. But he insisted his boycott was not about money.



Thomas

"I did look like a poster boy for greed over the weekend, but that is not the case," Thomas said. "I've never been greedy. I've had a couple of opportunities to be the highest-paid player in this game, and I didn't want to be there."

Thomas acknowledged that fans, whose favor he regained by hitting .328 last year with 43 homers and 143 RBIs, probably would turn on him.

He began his news conference by reading a statement in which he apologized to baseball fans, sports fans and his teammates. He said he would discuss the situation with his teammates one on one.

"I extend my apologies to those who were affected by my absence. It was a big distraction. I do want to apologize to my teammates and all Chicago

White Sox fans," Thomas said.

Thomas, who returned on the mandatory reporting date specified by baseball's labor contract, is due \$9,927,000 in each of the next six seasons, but only this year is really guaranteed.

If he fails to become an All-Star, win a Silver Slugger or finish among the top 10 in MVP voting, Chicago has the power to change his salary to \$250,000 plus \$10,125,000 deferred. If that happens — and the White Sox don't have to invoke the clause — Thomas could terminate the contract and become a free agent.

"It was never a holdout. It was taking days off until we got things clear," Thomas said. "I made no contract demands, I made no trade demands. Money was never the issue. I felt a player who's done what I've done and established a career like I have that certain clauses just seemed unfair to me."

Thomas met Monday night with White Sox owner Jerry Reinsdorf.

"Jerry has made no changes. He didn't promise he would make any changes, but he said we would work on it," Thomas said. "If I didn't clear it up, who knows where I would be two years from now?"

Thomas also would like to rework some of the deferred money in his contract. His current contract calls for the team to defer \$3,827,000 of each year's salary with interest. He won't get some of that until he's

in his 50s.

"Who knows if I'll be here? I've earned my money and it's mine," Thomas said. "I'm not asking for more money. It's my money."

Reinsdorf issued a statement that was both critical and encouraging.

Thomas, he said, "understands the public damage caused by his comments and realizes who hard he will have to work to begin repairing his relationship with the fans."

"Frank Thomas has apologized

publicly for his remarks about renegotiating his contract, his delayed arrival in camp and the effect his words and actions may have had on our team and fans," Reinsdorf said.

When he left camp last week, Thomas complained that he was underpaid in relation to Alex Rodriguez's \$252 million, 10-year contract with Texas.

"I said the pay scale is out of whack. We're going in at 7-8-9 million and the bar has been set at 25 million," Thomas said Tuesday.

"Players will have gripes and that will continue until something is settled, something is done. I didn't say 'Look this is my stance today and I'm walking out of camp.' It wasn't like that."

Thomas said he needed the extra days to think about his contract before beginning practice. When Thomas first agreed to his contract in 1997, the guaranteed amount of the first four years averaged \$7,756,750, the 10th-highest average salary in baseball at the time.

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BENGAL BOUTS '01

Gun, Rueda heading toward roommate showdown

By KEBVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

For Tom Gun and Camillo Rueda, both senior participants in these 71st annual Bengal Bouts, there is extra motivation to emerge victorious from tonight's semifinals tussles. Gun and Rueda, fighting on opposite ends of the brackets, are roommates and if each were to win they would fight each other in Friday's final.

"We've kind of stayed away from that all year," Gun said. "But I think it would be kind of a fun fight."

But make no mistake about it,

neither Gun or Rueda is looking ahead. Both will have their hands full tonight. Gun, who won a bloody battle over Brian Kenney in the quarterfinals, will go toe to toe with junior Sean Newberg, the defending champion at the 125 lb. weight class.

Gun anticipates a tough fight. "We're both about the same height," he said. "I think we match up well."

Gun, however, did admit he needed to do several things better if he is to beat Newberg and earn a shot at the possibility of brawling with his roommate.

"I need to defend much better

than I did in my last fight," Gun said. "My nose is still kind of sore."

Rueda will also be involved in what shapes up as a great fight, as he prepares to lock horns with Derrick Bravo, who overcame a foot injury to score a second round technical knock out in the quarters.

135 lb.

In a clash of first year tacticians sophomore Ryan Duffey will attempt to out box freshman Tony Hollowell, who is himself fresh off a spectacular upset victory over defending champion Matt Fumagalli.

Duffey was however equally impressive in his Bengal Bouts debut, scoring a second round TKO in his quarterfinal fight.

"I think it's going to be an intense fight," Duffey said. "I have a lot of respect him and I think that technique is going to have a lot to do with this fight."

The taller Duffey will have to take full advantage of his considerably longer reach in order to hold Hollowell, the better inside fighter, at bay.

Since both boxers are rookies, neither has much to lose and Duffey anticipates that playing a factor.

"Neither of us has anything to lose," he said. "I think we're both going to come out there and be aggressive."

Rounding out the bracket is an equally enticing bout between sophomore Joshua Coleman and junior Jason McMahon, both of whom won unanimous quarterfinal decisions.

The two pugilists both count quickness as a strong suit, making this fight likely to hinge on who is best able to sequence combinations.

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Perhaps the night's best fight could be that which pits Michael "Mad Man" Waldo against Andrew "The Golden Arms" Harms. Both Waldo and Harms are sluggers, and neither is much a fan of the defensive style, making this a fun fight to watch.

Harms enters his semifinal bout on the heels of a grueling quarterfinal match that saw him take a split-decision from Anthony D'Agostino. Waldo had a much easier time of it, winning unanimously.

Jason Voss, the dark horse of the weight class, will take on Jeman Tisby in the other semifinal.

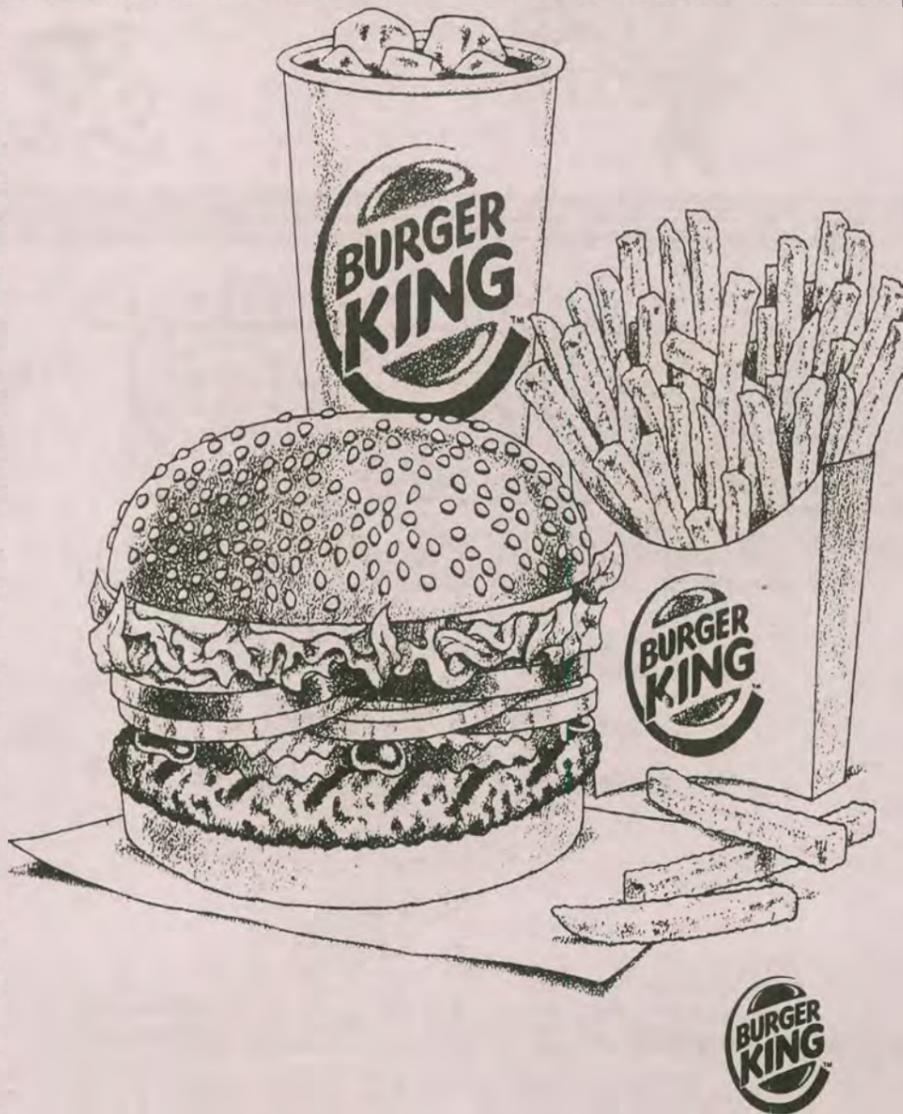
Tisby is an extremely quick, extremely skilled fighter who gets inside and works the body. Voss knows where his advantage lies.

"I'm taller so I have to use my reach," Voss said. "If I can keep him at an arm's length, I'll have a good shot."

Both Tisby, a junior from Keough Hall, and Voss, a Sorin sophomore, won by unanimous decision in their quarters.

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Glatzel earns player of the week honors

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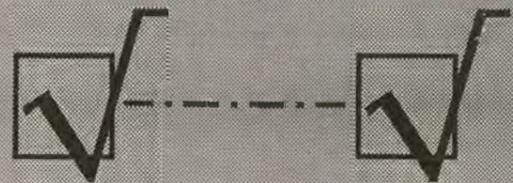
Senior attack Tom Glatzel has been named the Great Western Lacrosse League (GWLL) Player of the Week after scoring four goals and dishing off two assists in 11th-ranked Notre Dame's season-opening 10-8 win on the road at 18th-ranked Penn State.

Glatzel, an honorable mention United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association All-American last season after lead-

ing the Irish in scoring with 38 goals and 18 assists (56 points), tallied all four of his scores in the second half in the come-from-behind victory.

Glatzel was named the league's player-of-the-week once last season and also earned national player-of-the-week honors after netting four goals and dishing off three assists in Notre Dame's 15-13 upset of Loyola in the first round of the 200 NCAA tournament.

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WOMEN'S GOLF

Irish get off to slow start in season opener, finish last

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The Notre Dame women's golf team closed out the final round of action at the Carolina's Collegiate Golf Classic on Tuesday by shooting a 342 for a 36-hole total of 692 (350-342) to finish 22nd among the 22 teams participating at the 6,046-yard, par 72 Pinehurst No. 8 golf course.



Smith

The Irish finished the 36-hole tournament 64 shots off the pace set by tournament champion Campell University who fired a 628 (318-310) for an eight-stroke win over the College of Charleston (318-318/636) and North Carolina-Greensboro (316-320/636). Rounding out the top five were Charleston Southern (323-317/640) in

fourth and the University of Memphis (323-319/642) in fifth.

Notre Dame's top finisher was freshman Shannon Byrne (Arlington Heights, Ill.) who bounced back from a first round 91 to shoot a nine-over par 81 for a 36-hole total of 172 which tied her for 77th overall. Senior Shane Smith (St. Petersburg, Fla.) finished in a tie for 82nd with a 173 (87-86).

Rounding out the Notre Dame finishes was junior Kristin McMurtrie (Calgary, Alb.) with a 174 (87-87) for a tie for 85th, Terri Taibl (Elm Grove, Wisc.) was 95th with a 176 (88-88) and freshman Rebecca Rogers (Alpharetta, Ga.) was 105th with a 179 (88-91).

Meaghan Francella (Memphis) was the tournament medalist as she followed her opening round 75 with an even par 72 for a two-day total of three-over par 147. She was followed by Radford's Stephanie George who finished three strokes behind Francella with a 150 (78-72). First round co-leader Patricia

Martinson (Georgia Southern) finished third with a 153 (75-78).

The Notre Dame women's golf team returns to action on March 15-16 when they compete at the

Snowbird Invitational at the Pebblecreek Golf Course in Tampa, Fla.

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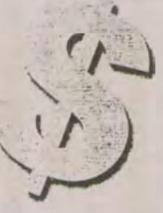
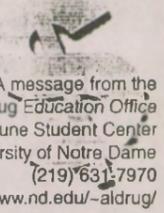



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had more.
"The statistic sheet only had her for two steals," McGraw said. "It seemed to me that she

had an awful lot more than that."

After starting off slow in their last several games, the Irish dominated the Panthers from start to finish. Three consecutive lay-ups keyed a 10-0 run that helped the Irish build a 36-18 halftime lead.

"We can't spot the No. 2, or No. 3, or anyone else in the country that many points and expect to recover," Pittsburgh coach Traci Waites told the Associated Press.

McGraw credits her team's shooting; the Irish connected on 59.3 percent of their field goal

attempts in the opening half.

"We shot the ball extremely well and that was key for us," McGraw said. "I think it's going to give us a lot of confidence heading in to the Big East tournament."

The other Irish player to score in double-figures was guard Alicia Ratay. The guard totaled 14 points, including two three-point field goals. Freshman Jeneka Joyce hit two more treys off the bench, finishing with eight.

The Irish bench made significant contributions for the second time in a week.

After seeing every player on the roster score against Miami last Tuesday, every player other than senior center Meaghan Leahy hit the scoring column.

"It's good to get a lot of people in the scoring column," McGraw said. "We're going to need that coming in to the Big East tournament."

The reserves will be counted on to play key minutes as the Irish will play three games in three days, should they make the championship game.

"I think the bench is playing a lot better right now," McGraw said. "They're playing with

some confidence."

Sophomore center Amanda Barksdale contributed six rebounds and three blocked shots in 14 minutes, as Riley rested much of the second half.

"I thought Mandy Barksdale gave us a huge lift off the bench," McGraw said.

The game was bittersweet for the Pittsburgh seniors, who were honored for Senior Night before the game. Guard Monique Toney scored 13 points in the final game of her career.

"She's a good player and a good defender as well," McGraw said. "She had a pretty good game for them."

The team was pleased to dominate the Panthers, who came in to the Joyce Center on Feb. 7 and stayed within 10 points most of the game. Guard Laine Selwyn led the Panthers with 23 points in that game. She was limited to 15 on six-of-17 shooting Tuesday.

"We came in making sure that we knew who their shooters were and to get out on them because they did have such a great game at the Joyce Center," Ivey told the Notre Dame radio network.

Coaches

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offer, Lockwood accepted immediately.

"He said, 'do you need to talk to your family?'" Lockwood said. "I said, 'No coach, I'll take it.' It was a no-brainer."

After graduating from West Virginia, Lockwood served as a graduate assistant at his alma mater in 1989 then accepted a full-time position with Delaware in 1990. He coached Delaware's tight ends and receivers until 1993. The next season, Lockwood went

to Memphis as its secondary coach. He was hired by West Virginia in March 2000. The Mountaineers finished the season with a 7-5 record, including a win over Mississippi in the Music City Bowl.

With the unexpected loss of Brock Williams, the Irish secondary will rely on several unproven players in 2001. Regardless, Lockwood plans on implementing mostly man-to-man coverage.

"I'm sure it will be an aggressive, attacking type defense," Lockwood said. "But I have to sit down and discuss it with the rest of the defensive staff."



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BENGAL BOUTS '01

Two captains continue quest for 175-pound title

By BRIAN BURKE
Sports Writer

Mark Criniti insists this year's 175-pound weight division is the strongest in the tourney. If you take his word for it, Wednesday's semifinal matches will set the stage for a highly anticipated title bout Friday. Two captains remain alive, both with championships to defend, and their quests to repeat continue tonight.

Top seeded Rob "A.M.D.G." Joyce takes on Keith "A Little Ball of Hate" Arnold in hopes of continuing his success against strong opponents. Arnold took over his quarterfinal match, overwhelming Nathan Scheid in less than a round, but expects much more of a challenge out of Joyce.

"I don't think Rob's anywhere near the fighter that kid was," Arnold said. "I really don't know what I plan on doing. Rob's a better boxer than me, so I'll have to figure something out. I wouldn't mind punching it out, but he will want to, he's more tactical."

Arnold perhaps can rely on the fact that the rest of the 175 pounders don't know a whole lot about him.

"The guys left are all pretty good fighters," Arnold said. "I think I was just an afterthought."

The other 175 pound card pits second seeded Mark "I'm

So Pretty" Criniti against John Lynk. Criniti comes off a dominating victory over Brian Colville in which he needed only 58 seconds of the second round to earn a TKO. The left hander moved well in the ring, and was able to do damage both to the head and the body, something Lynk will have to prepare for. A key for Criniti will be to move in and out against the hard-hitting Lynk.

165-pounds

In the 165-pound division, senior Brian "Nightmare" Hobbins enters his second fight of the bouts against Justin "The ResLife Regular" Myers. Hobbins was the only fighter at 165 pounds to receive a preliminary round bye and then defeated Patrick Dillon in the quarterfinals.

"I have to hit [Myers] as hard as I can," Hobbins said. "He likes to go in with that charging stuff, and I need to make him pay every single time."

With one captain having already been upset in the quarterfinals, Hobbins knows he is a marked man.

"To knock the captain down is a big deal," Hobbins said. "The pressure isn't as much for the other guys. If they lose, they're supposed to lose. If they win it's a big upset, so the pressure's on me."

The other bout at 165 pounds features Christopher "Can't We all Just" Kitalong,



Senior Brian "Nightmare" Hobbins (right) and Patrick "The Guv'nor" Dillon (left) exchange punches in Monday's 165-pound quarterfinal match. Hobbins faces Justin Myers tonight.

LISA VELTE/The Observer

clashing with 32 year old grad student Thomas "Boom-Boom" Macias. Kitalong and Macias

both had little trouble advancing to the semifinals, controlling their fights. Both like to

fight in close, and this one could come down to two fighters trading punches.

Thompson ready for brawl with Goulet

By KATIE HUGHES
Sports Writer

Josh "The Redemon" Thompson is favored to win the 185 class title, but first he might just have to learn how to be a brawler. Thompson faces Eric "Superfreak" Goulet tonight, who has established himself as an aggressive and often wild boxer.

"He'll come hard for three rounds. I have a slight reach advantage, but if worse comes to worse, if it comes to brawling, I'll have to brawl right back," Thompson said. "I'm gonna fight as hard as I can. Whatever happens tonight, it's interesting looking back. It's gone so fast. I spent the first few years learning the basics, and now I've switched roles. I'm teaching the first year kids."

In last year's 175-pound division semifinals, Thompson beat Stephen "The Angry Pirate" Pfeiffer. Tonight, second seeded Pfeiffer will face Scott "The Dark Horse" Duba.

Light Heavyweight

Senior captain Pete "Beat the Rap" Ryan will step into the ring tonight looking for his fourth Bengal Bouts title. In last year's heavyweight finals,

Ryan beat Dan Adam for the title. Ryan will face Ben "No,

You're Schmoopie" Deda.

"I would say I'm more of a boxer than a brawler. A lot of guys say that, but a lot of them are lying," Ryan said. "Deda is a strong, aggressive kid, but I'm confident that if I work hard I can win."

Mike "Raging Bull" Vanderpoel has fought twice this year, beating James Crinion and Stefan Borovina, and will face Kevin Brandl tonight.

Heavyweight

Dan "Let Me" Adam lost in the finals last year to this year's light heavyweight division favorite, Pete Ryan.

"I hope to use a little of what I learned fighting Pete in my fights this year. I'm going to try to focus more on boxing rather than just punching. There are lots of benefits to being more of a technical boxer," said Adam, who will be entering the ring for the first time this year in Wednesday's bouts.

Adam will face Steve "Lefty Guns" Pratico, who defeated Andrew McGuire with just one punch on Monday night.

"I'm gonna try to not get hit by Andrew's big left hand," Adam said. "It will be a night of great fights."

Matthew McNicholas will also be fighting for the first time this year, facing Carlos "The Master" Abeyta.

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Although Kelly beat him solidly, Abdelnour didn't get disappointed. He had already fallen in love with the posi-

tive. The uplifting response from his fellow boxers and the Kelly's phone call inspired him to stick with Bengal Bouts for the rest of his life at Notre Dame.

Abdelnour was looking forward to his second season of competition when a stress

fracture in his left arm — he thinks it was from hitting the punching bag too hard — knocked him out of the charity tournament.

"I kept training with it, and a few days before it started, I tried sparring with J.R. [Mellin, one of last year's cap-

tains]," he said. "I couldn't use my hand to block, and right then, I knew it wasn't going to happen."

Even though Abdelnour couldn't fight, he gained something more useful to him as a boxer.

"I think it was that year that I developed my right hand as a weapon," he said. "I couldn't use my left hand for much."

For Abdelnour, what hurt worse than his stress fracture was the pain of feeling that he might have hurt his chances for something far more prestigious than a Bengal Bouts title — the honor of being named a captain of the boxing club. At the end of the season, three captains were named — and Abdelnour wasn't among them.

Abdelnour and some of his friends spent the fall semester of his junior year studying in London, but he knew that if he wanted to be a captain, he would have to work harder than he ever had before.

This included maintaining his fitness level and keeping up with his training in England.

"If I came out my junior year and showed them my dedication and my junior year, they'd have no choice but to pick me," he said. "It was something I'd wanted since day one."

Although he was living an ocean away from Notre Dame, that didn't stop Abdelnour from thinking about boxing. He was determined to be a captain.

"They picked three cap-

tains," he said, "and I really felt they saved that last spot for me."

Abdelnour's work ethic and improvement caught the eye of the boxing club. Although he lost in the finals of the 165-pound weight class last year to Mellin — who Abdelnour called "the best boxer in the club" — didn't get upset about the loss. As he said, "I know it was a great fight and I've been feeding off that."

His hard work paid off as he joined Josh Thompson, Brian Hobbins, and Peter Ryan as one of the four senior captains of this year's squad. And the senior knows the responsibility that comes with the leadership role.

Abdelnour, who is competing in the 160-pound weight class this year, is hungry for his first title, but he knows that there is only a certain amount he can do to win. And as he will quickly tell you, the most difficult thing about boxing isn't about beating your opponent.

The real battle is just getting into the ring in the first place.

"When I was a freshmen, getting in the ring was one of the hardest things to do," he said. "When I got out, it made me stronger."

For those who are able to step into the ring, he says, the personal rewards will be well worth the struggle.

"When you come out all your friends are looking at you not because you lost, but because you got in there in the first place," Abdelnour said.

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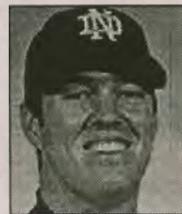
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BASEBALL

Tamayo, Stanley honored by Big East

Special to The Observer

Two Notre Dame baseball players were recognized by the Big East Conference for their accomplishments during the week of Feb. 19-25, as junior centerfielder Steve Stanley was named the conference's co-player of the week while senior righthander Danny Tamayo was tabbed the Big East pitcher of the week.



Tamayo

Stanley led a Notre Dame offense that batted a combined .369 while winning three games at last week's Alamo Invitational in San Antonio, Texas. The speedy lefthander posted a team-best .583 batting average (7-for-12) in those games, with four runs scored, two RBI, three stolen bases, two walks and a sacrifice bunt.

Tamayo was the winning pitcher in the 7-4 game versus Sam Houston State, out-dueling Bearkats ace pitcher Joe Fowler (who beat Texas A&M earlier in the week, 2-1). Tamayo posted a career-best 10 strikeouts vs. SHSU, including five straight at one point and five "looking" during his six-inning outing (94

pitches). He allowed just three hits and one walk in the shutout stint while facing 20 batters (two over minimum), thanks to pair of double-play balls.

In other news this week, Notre Dame (5-1) maintained its No. 11 spot in the Baseball America poll while moving up from 12th to 11th in the Collegiate Baseball poll and jumping from 12th to 10th in the USA Today/ESPN coaches poll.

Stanley currently ranks second among Notre Dame regulars with a .407 season batting average, trailing only the .650 mark owned by sophomore rightfielder Brian Stavisky (who last week was named the Big East player of the week and national player of the week by CB).

Stanley's other season stats include seven runs scored, three RBI, a double, two walks and 3-of-5 on stolen base attempts.

Tamayo's two starts in 2001 have yielded a 1-1 record and 1.64 ERA, plus 13 Ks, one walk and nine hits allowed in 11 innings pitched.

Stanley's big game last week was a 4-for-5 effort in the 7-4 win over Sam Houston State. He helped put the Bearkats away with a single and run scored in the seventh inning (for a 5-1 lead) and an RBI single in the eighth (7-4).



BENGAL BOUTS '01

Owens to face Matassa in 150-pound semifinals

By JEFF BALTRUZAK
Sports Writer

Chris "Shezzy" Matassa enters tonight's bout against Tom "T.K." Owens having fought just four minutes in the entire Bengal Bouts competition thus far. He received a bye to the quarters and defeated Julian "Bel Biv" Devoe in a referee-stopped fight on Monday.

Owens, on the other hand, has fought two fairly tight bouts, winning in the preliminaries by a unanimous decision but only defeating John "The Knockout" Nowak in a split decision on Monday night, a fight where Owens could not gain the decisive upper hand.

Owens will need his best boxing to come against the junior Matassa, a fighter with a strong jab as well as good feet.

The other semifinal features another winner of a split decision versus a very strong fighter. Tucker "The Wicked Bad Bostonian" McGree narrowly defeated Luke "Desperado" Busam, a fight that saw even action until McGree put together a strong combination of punches just prior to the final bell.

McGree will have an extremely tough time against Brock "Landers" Heckman. The junior Heckman hammered Matt "The

Hogtown Hurricane" McDonald, seemingly landing almost every punch. Heckman also displayed a strong ability to get inside and land punches close to his opponent.

"He's an extremely aggressive fighter and he's in good shape," said McGree. "I want to try to stay composed and counter what he throws at me."

155 lbs.

Sean "The Erie Kid" Nowak faces Tom "Frenchman" Pierce in the first semifinal in the weight class. Nowak is probably the hardest puncher in the class, as shown when he violently floored Joe "The Polish Tank" Czerniawski on Monday night.

That fight was controversially ended after that knockdown after the referee judged Czerniawski unable to continue.

The sophomore Pierce won a narrow split decision against Steve "The Natural Lightweight" Keppel in his last bout. He will have to work hard not to get hit squarely by Nowak, who has shown he has considerable one-punch power.

"My strategy is not to get hit by that haymaker," Pierce said. "He's taller, so I want to be able to get in and out well and be aware of the right."

Jeff "The Pittsburgh Kid" Dobosh had the easiest route the

semifinals, receiving a bye to the quarters. His quarterfinal match was canceled because his opponent, Robert "Little Mac" McColgan was out of town for a job interview.

Dobosh faces junior Paul "He-Man" Mehan, the winner over Daniel "The Mauler" McCoy. Mehan fought well throughout the quarterfinal match, aggressively establishing the tone of the fight in the first round, and staying consistent throughout all three rounds.

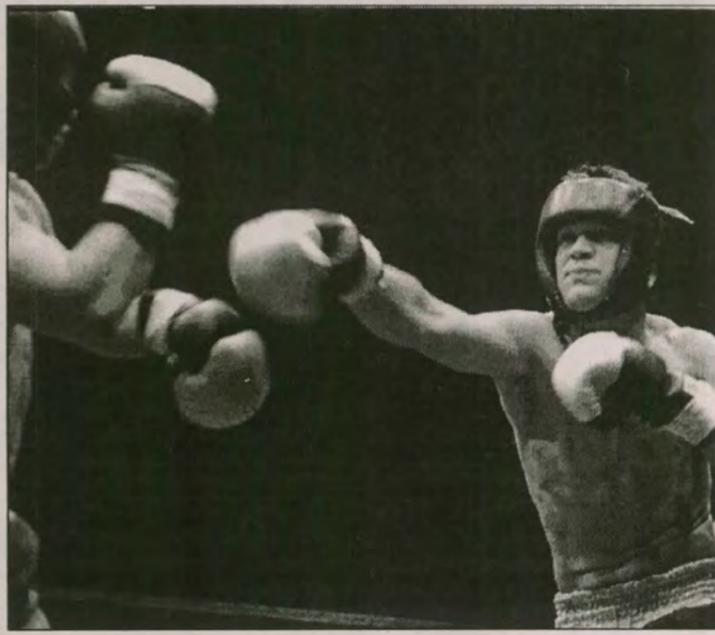
160 lbs.

Dennis "Thursday Night" Abdelnour is looking to power his way into the finals, but will have to get through Mike "The Militia Man" Melby first. Melby is a solid fighter, having won his last two fights by unanimous decision and referee stoppage respectively.

For Abdelnour, winning his bout and in turn the championship has much to do with desire. The senior captain is looking for his first Bengal Bouts crown.

"I want it," said Abdelnour. "I know the other guys want it, but I want it more."

Melby hardly represents an easy path to the finals. The sophomore has an excellent jab coupled with an extensive reach that has kept previous fighters at



LISA VELTE/The Observer

Sophomore Mike Melby throws a punch in his 160-pound quarterfinal bout with Chris Pettit.

bay. Abdelnour will need to get inside and land one of the vicious hooks that he showcased on Monday night against Vince "The Italian Meatball" DeGennaro.

The second fight in the class just might turn into a classic brawl. It features two boxers that know how to punch, and punch hard — Joe Smith and Travis "Posse" Alexander.

Smith's victory in the quarters was decidedly one-sided, scoring two standing eight counts against Patrick "El Chipotle" Hobbins.

Alexander faced a more difficult time against Jeff "Re Re" Ream, but still was impressive. He pounded Ream with loud body blows in the final round, and secured a much-deserved unanimous decision.

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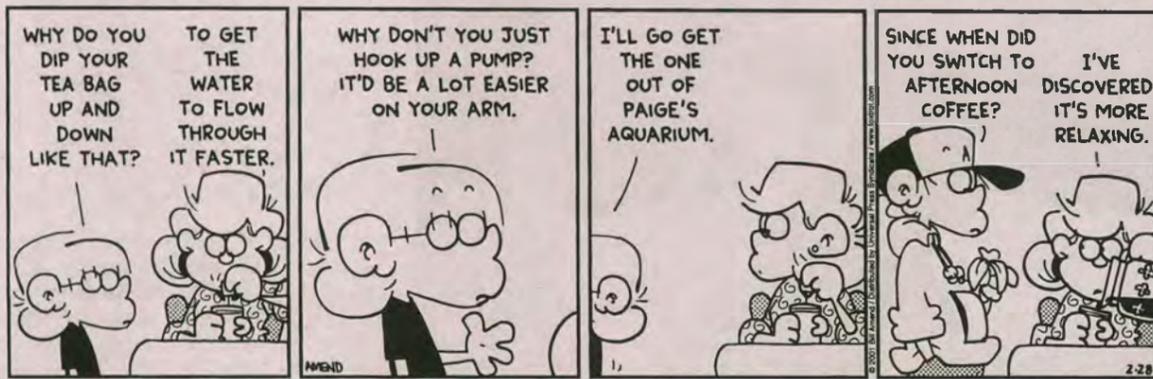
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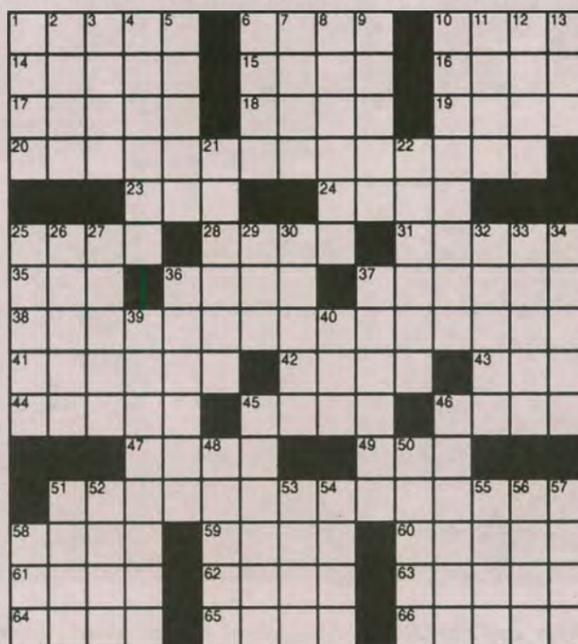
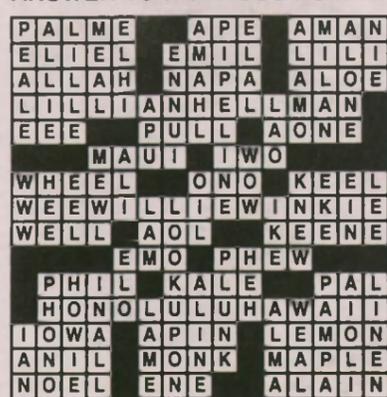
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 - 20 Start of a quip about middle age
 - 23 "Star Wars" walk-ons
 - 24 Kachina doll makers
 - 25 Embellish, in a way
 - 28 It may be upside-down
 - 31 Fireplace
 - 35 Org. with a much-cited journal
 - 36 Needing patches
 - 37 Micromanager's concern
 - 38 Middle of the quip
 - 41 Grand
 - 42 It's insurable
 - 43 Ike's command, once: Abbr.
 - 44 Small songbirds
 - 45 Blackthorn fruit
 - 46 Ruse
 - 47 Blame bearer
 - 49 Smoker or diner
 - 51 End of the quip
 - 58 Steinbeck hero
 - 59 Scads
- DOWN**
- 1 Java neighbor
 - 2 Tinker with, in a way
 - 3 Fish lacking ventral fins
 - 4 Full of holes
 - 5 Spinnaker's place
 - 6 Extremely, informally
 - 7 "... saw Elba"
 - 8 Cheerful
 - 9 Old TV sidekick
 - 10 Investigate
 - 11 Linchpin's place
 - 12 Reebok competitor
 - 13 Pulver's rank: Abbr.
 - 21 Accompanist?
 - 22 Pricing word
 - 25 Bochco TV drama
 - 26 Love affair
 - 27 Place to practice driving
 - 29 Class in which posers are presented
 - 60 When repeated, an Ivy League tune
 - 61 Social introduction?
 - 62 Baltic port
 - 63 Packing heat
 - 64 "... here long?"
 - 65 Object of blind devotion
 - 66 Aggressive sort

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



Puzzle by Alan Arbesfeld

- 30 Small hill
 - 32 Court attention-getter
 - 33 Be still, at sea
 - 34 N.F.L. great Hirsch
 - 36 Smith's partner
 - 37 Cause for a recall
 - 39 Kipling classic
 - 40 Earth Summit site
 - 45 Stone-faced
 - 46 Monk's home, maybe
 - 48 Arcade name
 - 50 Chance to swing
 - 51 Calisthenics improve it
 - 52 Motive for some crime
 - 53 Full of energy
 - 54 List ender
 - 55 Win big
 - 56 Virginia's Robert
 - 57 Arp movement
 - 58 Front end of a one-two
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Happy Birthday: Take it easy, and you can have whatever you want as long as you don't force issues. Good fortune will be yours as long as you project a helpful, giving image. Competition can be expected, but if you are steadfast, winning should not be that difficult. You will see your opponent clearly must be strategic in implementing your game plan. Your numbers: 13, 17, 33, 36, 41, 45

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You will explode if you are forced to deal with relatives who don't see your point of view. Make financial investments with extreme caution. ☹☹

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Make your plans carefully and be sure to include the one you love. Travel for business or pleasure will bring successful results. ☹☹☹

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Opportunities to get ahead financially are evident. Your luck will run high. Taking advantage of moneymaking investments will prove lucrative. Follow your instincts and pursue your dreams. ☹☹☹

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Social events will lead to romantic encounters. Your compassionate nature will win the heart of someone in need of your sensitive nurturing. Be careful not to let anyone take advantage of you. ☹☹☹

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Put in some overtime and get ahead in your work. Concentrate on your career objectives and try to avoid conflicts with jealous co-workers. You can expect a family member to be unpredictable. ☹☹

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You need to put your talents on display. Don't be afraid or too shy to show others how valuable you are. You'll be surprised how many people are willing to pay for your work. ☹☹☹☹

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Property investments will be fruitful, but don't be pushed into joint financial ventures with someone who is not completely trustworthy. ☹☹

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Sudden romantic infatuations may throw you for a loop. Take your time if you wish things to work in your favor. Be honest and direct for best results. ☹☹☹

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Put your efforts into your career. You will accomplish the most if you are willing to present your ideas and follow through on your promises. ☹☹☹

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can make physical changes to enhance your appearance today. Get into a fitness routine, or start working on that new image you've wanted to project. ☹☹☹☹

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Self-improvement should be your prime concern today. Look into ways to change your look, or expand your awareness in such a way that you attain your goals or attract individuals who will benefit you. ☹☹☹

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your temper will flare out of hand if someone threatens your principles. Avoid confrontations at group meetings. Put your efforts into helping those who need and want your assistance. ☹☹

Birthday Baby: No one is likely to push you into doing anything that you don't want to do. You are strong-willed, engaging and will be admired. Your determined nature will lead to loyal friends and vehement opponents.
(Need advice? Check out Eugenia's Web sites at astroadvice.com, eugentialast.com, astromate.com.)
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SPORTS

Road to the finals
The semifinals of Bengal Bouts take place tonight at the Joyce Center. Boxers will be competing for a spot in Friday's title bouts.

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BENGAL BOUTS

Abdelnour seeks first Bengal Bouts title

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

Three years ago, Dennis Abdelnour stepped into the boxing ring as a wide-eyed freshman and stared at his opponent in the other corner — senior co-captain Fred Kelly.

It would be nice to say that the young underdog upset the defending champion in his Bengal Bouts debut. But as Abdelnour will readily say, that didn't come anywhere close to happening.

"I got out of the ring and felt I got beat up, destroyed, and made a fool out of," he said.

It took an unexpected comment to jolt the freshman out of his disappointment — a comment that Abdelnour still remembers three years after his first fight.

"The first thing someone said after that fight was, 'You did unbelievable,' even after I took a beating," he said. "It really surprised me. I guess everyone was just really proud."

At that moment, Abdelnour realized that fighting in the Bengal Bouts was more than just a charity boxing tournament or a fight with another boxer.

It was a measure of inner strength.

"I wanted to get in

there and prove to myself and prove to everyone else that I wasn't just a bum," he said. "I wanted to prove that I could stand in there with the best and stay standing — and I did."

Abdelnour so impressed Kelly that he got a phone call later that night from the senior.

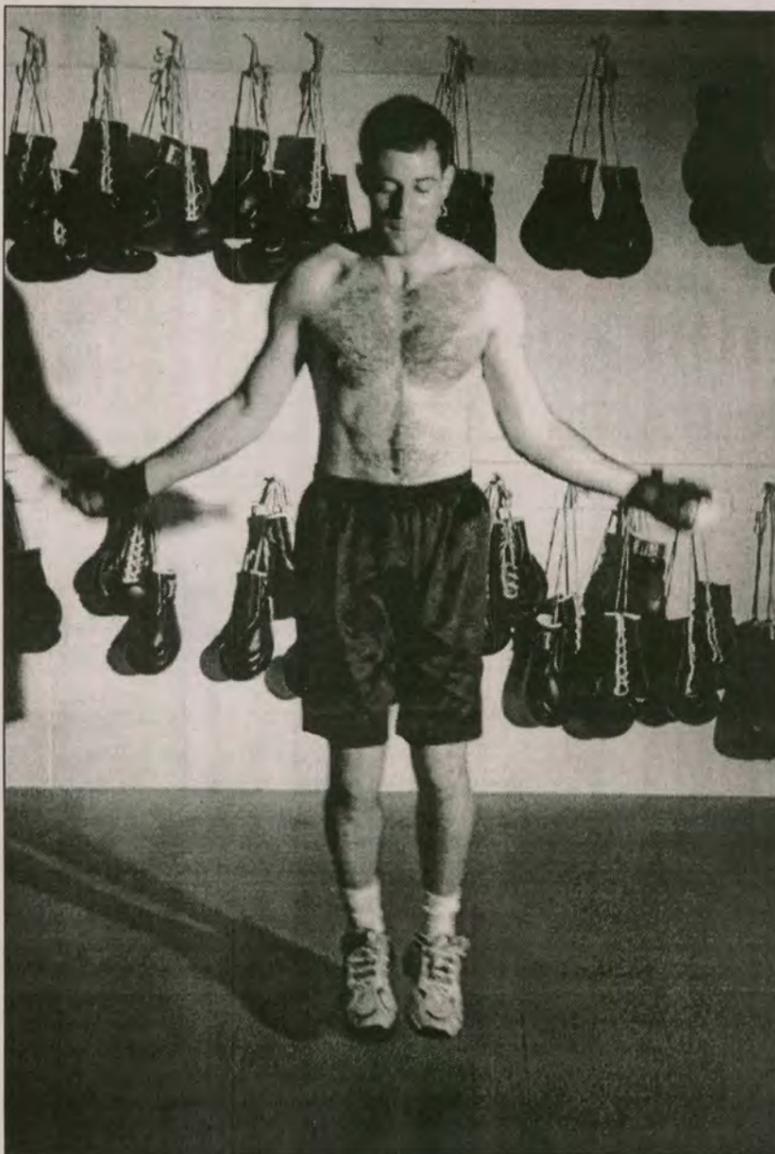
"I was still a little dejected, but Kelly called me and said, 'Hey, listen, you did a great job. I hope you come back next year.' It was then that I realized that I've got to work if I want to succeed," Abdelnour said. "I think that's been my attitude that year and every year after."

He's certainly come a long way since he showed up to boxing practice as a tall, skinny freshman. Abdelnour, who is left-handed, didn't even have a jab or any strength in his right hand for that matter. He spent the next six weeks training hard and improving his technique.

But that didn't make getting in the ring for his first match any easier.

"I had only been boxing for six weeks. I just didn't know what was going to happen," he said. "Every year, it's just as hard to get in the ring in front of all those people."

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LIZ LANG/The Observer

Senior captain Dennis Abdelnour, shown above, overcame an injury during his sophomore year and advanced to the finals last year. This year, Abdelnour is hungry for a title.

FOOTBALL

Irish add three new coaches

By TIM CASEY
Assistant Sports Editor

Twelve years ago, David Lockwood was a starting cornerback for West Virginia in the 1989 Fiesta Bowl against Notre Dame. The Irish claimed their 11th national championship that day with a 34-21 victory over the Mountaineers.

On Tuesday, Lockwood was once again linked with the Notre Dame program. This time, Lockwood was named as an Irish assistant coach. Lockwood, who spent the 2000 season at West Virginia, will serve as the cornerbacks coach. He replaces Jerry Rosburg, who is now the special teams coach with the Cleveland Browns.

Lockwood has spent the past few days in Orlando with the Irish coaching staff.

"It's a great opportunity to get around the guys without worrying about football," Lockwood said on the phone on Tuesday. "It's been really fun. But I'm anxious to get there and coach spring practice. It's like a dream come true."

Bill Sheridan (safeties) and Joker Phillips (wide receivers) were also officially named as assistants on Tuesday. Earlier this month, The Observer reported that both Sheridan and Phillips would be hired but first had to pass the mandatory background checks for prospective coaches. Sheridan, the linebackers coach since 1998 at Michigan State, arrived in South Bend a few days ago while Phillips, the Minnesota wide receivers coach for the past two seasons, arrived last night. Both were unavailable for comment on Tuesday.

Lockwood interviewed with coach Bob Davie on Feb. 8 but was not offered the position until Feb. 21. In the meantime, on Feb. 16, Lockwood declined an offer to become the defensive backs coach at Syracuse.

"It was very even (between staying at West Virginia or leaving) but as it went on, I couldn't pull the trigger," Lockwood said. "I'm glad I didn't. I guess things happen for a reason."

When Davie called with an

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Siemon leads Notre Dame to 82-63 victory

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Assistant Sports Editor

Once again, Kelley Siemon has proven that she has unparalleled toughness.

The senior power forward — already playing with a brace on her fractured hand — didn't even get in to Pittsburgh until Tuesday afternoon.

Just 24 hours after she lay in bed at the infirmary with an upset stomach, Siemon led the Irish to victory. Despite still feeling nauseous at tip-off, Siemon scored 17 points and grabbed eight rebounds in No. 2 Notre Dame's 82-63 win over Pittsburgh.

"She was a real catalyst getting the break going for us," Irish coach Muffet

McGraw said of Siemon. "She got in today and really wasn't feeling well even at game time. I'm so impressed with her."

That Siemon had the strength to play 30 minutes was nothing short of a miracle. The senior ate nothing but soup before the game.

"I couldn't keep anything down," Siemon told the Associated Press after the game.

The victory sent Notre Dame (26-1, 15-1 in the Big East) into the Big East Tournament this weekend as the No. 1 seed for the first time ever. The loss ended the season for the Panthers (9-18, 3-13), as they failed to qualify for the tournament.

The Irish have a bye for first-round action and take on the winner of the

Saturday contest between the No. 8 and No. 9 teams Sunday afternoon. Two teams out of a pool of Georgetown, Syracuse and Miami will take part in that game.

"It's a great tribute to the seniors, they've had a lot of firsts this year in a lot of different things," McGraw said. "I'm just so happy for them, they've done so much for this program."

Tuesday night was no exception. Siemon's efforts were backed up by classmates Ruth Riley and Niele Ivey. Riley contributed 10 points and two blocks in only 20 minutes.

Ivey scored 15 points, dished out nine assists and was credited with two steals. McGraw felt her fifth-year point guard

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Softball
at Jacksonville State
Friday, 2 p.m.



Men's Lacrosse
at Ohio State
Sunday, 1 p.m.



Baseball
at Florida Atlantic
Friday, 1 p.m.



at Western Michigan
Friday, 7:30 p.m.



vs. Georgetown
Sunday, 2 p.m.