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Holy Cross community mourns sudden death

◆ Family, friends remember Nemeth as a 'peacemaker'

By ERIN PIROTEK
Associate News Editor

While snow swirled outside Holy Cross Chapel, Jenny Nemeth's friends and family remembered how she loved spring.

Her friend Katie Egan, a sophomore at Notre Dame, said Jenny eagerly looked forward to weather warm enough so that she could wear sundresses.

Jenny died last Friday. The funeral Mass is today at 3:30 p.m. at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on the Notre Dame campus.

"She hated gloomy days," said her brother Josh Nemeth, a South Bend resident.

According to her family,



Nemeth

though, being in the same room as Jenny could brighten any day.

"When you looked at Jenny, it was like sunshine," said Paula Nemeth, her mother.

Jenny's priorities were simple.

"Family was first to Jenny and her friends were very important to her," said Josh.

Jenny's goal was to unite her family, according to her twin sister Stephanie Nemeth. Jenny was a peacemaker who would try to find the solution for any problem.

"We have the same heart, but hers was so much bigger than mine," said Josh.

Jenny's sudden death shocked her friends and family.

"We just keep asking why and we know we're never going to get the answer," said Josh.

Egan said she happened to see Jenny both on Monday and Tuesday nights, although she was busy preparing for midterms.

"We got to talk. I feel very fortunate to be able to have spent that time with her," said Egan.



Photo courtesy of Paula Nemeth

Holy Cross student Jenny Nemeth (left) and her sister Stephanie (right), a Notre Dame junior, were very close. Jenny Nemeth died late Friday morning at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center from a type of bacterial meningitis.

As twins, Jenny and Stephanie were very close.

"I've never gone a day without her being around," said Stephanie, a junior at Notre Dame.

They shared a room until

high school. When they were young, they'd often spend a whole day drawing out elaborate plans, then rearranging their room. The best thing about her birthday, according to Stephanie, was sharing it

with Jenny.

"In high school, I was never known as Stephanie, but as one of the Nemeth twins," said Stephanie.

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'Generations' increases financial aid

By KIFLIN TURNER
News Writer

Financial aid prospects are looking up for current and prospective students at Notre Dame. The record-breaking Generations campaign, a three-year fundraising event, has made great strides toward enhancing financial aid as well as other initiatives that include funding for faculty chairs and facility improvements.

The campaign's deadline in December of 2000 far exceeded the original goal of \$767 million with the final total reaching a Notre Dame and Catholic university record of \$1.061 billion. The campaign is sure to change the face of financial aid according to Dan Reagan, executive director of development.

"It will continue to impact the affordability of a Notre Dame education," said

Reagan.

Of the total amount raised, an estimated \$268 million will go to student financial aid in the form of undergraduate, merit, and law scholarships, as well as graduate fellowships. International study abroad programs, social space and student life programs will also be in line to receive additional funding.

"The tandem of contributed financial aid dollars meeting scholarships along with the excellent management of the endowment of the University — those two pieces combined are having a very much immediate impact and a long lasting one too," said Reagan.

With student financial aid being the focus of the campaign, the University is attempting to place the students first as the top priority in fundraising initiatives. Raising significant sums for individual scholarships was

the main goal of the campaign, said Joseph Russo, director of financial aid.

"It was the single largest component in the campaign," said Russo. "It clearly will help us provide an opportunity more so than ever for students who have been admitted and who have a need to come here and because we know can provide resources to make it more affordable than ever in our history."

Including today's students

Many students, however, are concerned that the emphasis on making Notre Dame more affordable for prospective students means that current students will not benefit from Generations.

Administrators, however, claim that Generations is already meeting the needs of current students. University figures show that Notre Dame meets the demonstrated financial needs of every current student.

"Right now our financial aid policy is reflecting that we are meeting the full demonstrated financial need of all our undergraduate students," said Brandt.

"Every student is benefiting

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SUB brings former IU coach Knight to ND

Observer staff report

Former Indiana University head basketball coach will speak at Notre Dame March 27. Invited by the Student Union Board (SUB), Knight will address the public at Stephan Center at 7 p.m.



Knight

"I think it's going to generate a lot of excitement for Notre Dame because he's such a great basketball coach and Notre Dame has been in the basketball limelight," said SUB member Stephen Christ.

Christ said the idea to bring Knight to campus came from Knight's recent string of talks at other colleges and universities. As a big sports community, Christ said Notre Dame is the perfect outlet for Knight's talk.

SUB can sell up to 2,000 tickets. Students can purchase tickets Wednesday at the LaFortune Information desk at 9 a.m. The cost is \$2 for students and faculty. The community can purchase tickets for \$4 starting Thursday.

Knight Tix
Bobby Knight will be on campus March 27, but tickets for students and faculty go on sale soon.

◆ Wednesday
◆ LaFortune Information Desk
◆ 9 a.m.

well as ill-tempered incidents with the public.

In his nearly 30 years at Indiana, Knight won three national championships and with 763 victories is the fifth most winningest coach in college basketball history.

INSIDE COLUMN

Art appreciation

I'm done. Today I finished my senior thesis. The prints have been made; the frames have been ordered; the artist statement has been written and rewritten and revised. For the past four years in college I have worked toward today. I should feel this huge sense of accomplishment, as if some weight has been lifted — this was what I was expecting to feel any-how after eight months of work on one project.

Liz Lang

Photo Editor

But today I feel sad. Rather than a sense of accomplishment, I have an overwhelming sense of loss. The show doesn't go up in the Snite until April but my work is done. I have made my last image; for now anyway.

Being one of only four photography majors in the class of 2001 I have received an education much different than most people at Notre Dame. Sitting through five three-hour classes twice a week each is common practice; an hour and 15 minute class would be a holiday. Late nights are given a new meaning in Riley Hall (that's the big building next to Nieuwland).

There have been many days when I've shown up to class in the same clothes as the night before simply because I spent the night in the darkroom. My hands are always dirty. Getting dressed up for class means wearing clean jeans. I got to take a four-week class in Taos, N.M. photographing the landscape of the West; I get to take field trips to Chicago to spend hours in the Art Institute (Ferris Bueller style).

In order to get my degree I've taken everything from sculpture to graphic design back to photography. There are 22 required classes to get a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree (as compared to eight for history or 10 for English), and yet, I've rarely ever had a Friday class.

The faculty to student ratio is 2:1, that is two professors for the four of us lucky photographers. I've had an amazing education, maybe not conventional, but still amazing. Riley has been my home away from home; my room-mates always know where to find me.

So now that I'm done with my thesis, I guess I don't know what to do with myself. It's all too final. This means I really have to grow up. I have to get a job just like the rest of the graduating seniors not continuing on to an even higher education. I have to find a new place in the world that likes my art. Funny — I just got comfortable in this place.

I took too much of it for granted; I can look back and say that without a doubt. Every time I think about how I complained about the long hours and late nights or the amount of class work or the money I spent just to get one perfect image, I think about how silly I must have sounded. All that time I was doing exactly what I loved.

I got credit to do what I love to do. How many people can say that after four years of college? And now I am done. I am getting a diploma for following my heart and a degree in my passion in life.

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

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QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"We've got a flawed death penalty system, and racism is a big part of it."

Charles Rice
Notre Dame law professor on the impact of race on the death penalty

"You can't legislate a culture ... You can only change a culture by debate, consultation, and persuasion."

John Cavadini, Notre Dame theology professor on the Ex Corde mandate

"People are getting rich off of selling people the idea that they should be different from what they are."

Leigh Cohn, eating disorder expert on the impact of advertising on society

"It's almost more like chess than boxing for me."

Brian Hobbins,
165-pound Bengal Bouts champion

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Profs may have met suspects prior to murders

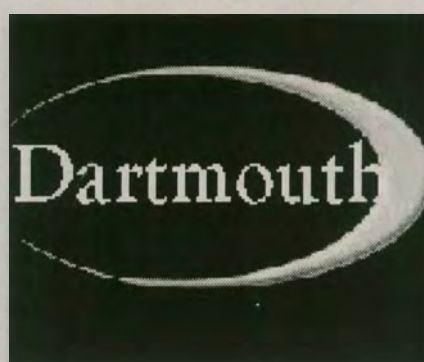
HANOVER, N.H.

Prosecutors still haven't said, and may not even know, what linked the Half and Suzanne Zantop to their accused killers.

But yet another theory emerged over the weekend: that they somehow crossed paths at the River Valley Club, a Lebanon health club where the Zantops were members and where the two suspects were present on at least one October day.

Though The Boston Globe reported that investigators have been intrigued enough to subpoena the club's records, the club's lawyer, Ned Whittington, said Sunday that they were likely to reach a dead end.

He confirmed that the two suspects were present at the River



Valley Club for a special one-day visit on Oct. 3, but he said the Zantops were not at the gym on that day, according to club records.

"The Zantops were not in either the third or the fourth or the day after," he said. "This just doesn't put

the kids and the Zantops in the club on the same day."

He acknowledged that is possible that the club records are not accurate. But he said the likelihood of the couple meeting up with their accused killers, Robert Tulloch and James Parker, at the 300-member club was slim.

He said it was just as likely that they would potentially have crossed paths while shopping at K-Mart on the same day.

What does seem clear is that the Zantops and the boys shared a common interest in rock-climbing. The boys signed a waiver so that they could climb the synthetic rock wall inside the club. Half Zantop was an avid climber until a near-fatal climbing accident in 1965.

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

Student crowned Miss USA

COLLEGE STATION, Texas

Kandace Krueger, a 24-year-old senior journalism major at Texas A&M University, was crowned Miss USA Friday night, becoming the eighth Lone Star delegate and second Texas A&M student to win the title. "The whole night is a big blur," Krueger said. "It is hard to put into words." Krueger began preliminary competition for the Miss USA contest Monday and was crowned during the televised final round of competition. "Going into the finals, I felt like I had done my very best," Krueger said. "I knew I could only do my best, and the rest was in God's hands." Since her coronation, Krueger said she has not stopped moving. She has held a press conference, returned home to New York and has been preparing for Monday-morning interviews on CNN and Live, with Regis and Kelly. Krueger said she someday hopes to work as a sports broadcaster. "This is going to be a fabulous opportunity, career-wise," she said. Krueger won Miss Texas in July and has been on a school sabbatical since then.

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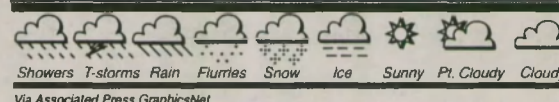
University negotiates with G.A.'s

NEW YORK

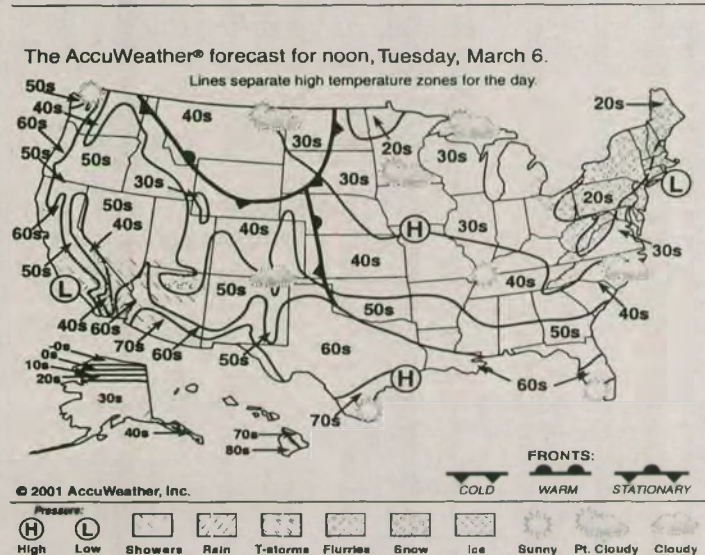
New York University has agreed to begin collective bargaining sessions with a union of graduate assistants, the first such negotiations at any private American university. NYU officials announced their decision to bargain with United Auto Workers (UAW) Local 2110 Thursday afternoon, only hours before union members were to begin a strike authorization vote. Had a strike been approved by union members, UAW leadership would have had the power to call one at any time, effectively crippling the many University programs that use GAs as teaching and research assistants. In a letter of agreement signed by NYU Associate General Counsel and Deputy Director of Labor Relations Terrance Nolan and UAW officials, both sides agreed that "[t]he UAW recognizes that certain issues involving the academic mission of the University lie outside the scope of bargaining as defined by the National Labor Relations Act.

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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Lack of faculty support eliminates possibility of study day

By COLLEEN McCARTHY
Associate News Editor

The Board of Governance learned Monday that a lack of support from academic departments has most likely eliminated the possibility of study days for Saint Mary's students.

The Academic Standards committee send a survey to the chairperson of each academic department to ask for feedback on the study day proposal, Kelly Dugan, student representative to the committee said. Of the 18 departments that responded to the survey, 13 opposed adding study days to the academic calendar.

"There was a lot of very strong opposition to it and those who were in favor of the proposal were like 'I guess this would be OK,'" Dugan said.

The survey asked the academic departments to evaluate several

areas of concern including student workload before exams, opinions regarding the proposed study day and ideas for counteracting the stress students feel in the week before exams.

While the surveys indicated the faculty recognize that students have a large workload in the week leading up to exams and a lot of stress, they do not feel a study day will remedy the problem, said Dugan.

"They don't think the study day will be beneficial to us," said Dugan. "What you really have is a difference of opinion between students and faculty as to what is going to be more helpful to us."

Dugan said faculty members on

the committee believe one reason many faculty members oppose study days is that the professors feel they can better prepare students for exams in a class period rather than giving students the day off.

Susan Vanek, director of first year studies, chairs the committee.

Dugan and SAC chairperson Michelle

"What you have is a difference of opinion between students and faculty as to what is going to be more helpful to us."

Kelly Dugan
student representative

Nagle, who also sits on the committee, said they doubted the committee would pass the proposal without the support of faculty.

"If 13 departments are saying this is not a good idea, it won't happen," said Dugan. "They obvi-

ously don't think it is a good idea. And professors are very concerned about losing another teaching day."

Dugan said the committee was supportive and recognized that the intense workload students receive the week before exams needs to be addressed.

Suggestions included gathering sample test schedules from students and syllabi from faculty to examine what an average student's workload is like towards the end of the semester. Also suggested was recommending that professors do not introduce new material in the last week before exams that would be included on the final exam.

Nagle, who is also student body president-elect, said that she and her vice president elect, Kristen Matha, will continue the fight.

"Even with these results, I won't say this is over," said Nagle. "We're going to keep being

an integral part of the communication throughout this process. We're just going to have to take what we can build on and take that to the next level."

In other news:

♦ Admissions commissioner Stephanie Redwanski said she had been in communication with the Admissions office regarding the article in "Cosmopolitan" magazine detailing the sexual assault of a Saint Mary's student and the College's response. With Accepted Student Day on campus approaching on March 25, students may be approached by visitors regarding their response to the article.

"The Admissions office said that if we are approached by anyone, we should just tell them what we feel about the article and be honest," said Redwanski. "They said there is no set response regarding the article."

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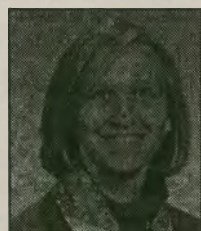
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Preacher named sexual assault student resource

By KATE NAGENGAST
Assistant News Editor

As part of continuing efforts to improve campus-wide support for sexual assault victims, the University appointed Ava Preacher as the University's first person resource person for victims of sexual assault.



Preacher

Preacher, the assistant dean for undergraduate studies in the College of Arts and Letters, has been involved with some of the issues surrounding sexual assault though her experience as director of gender studies from 1990-93, her membership on the University Committee on Women Faculty and Students and her position as a faculty advisor for the Campus Alliance for Rape Elimination (CARE).

The ease with which her office in O'Shaughnessy allows her to see students anonymously was also a primary consideration, said Preacher.

"I've had a number of students who have just shown up in my office in the past when I was director of gender studies and in this position as dean. Students would come in to talk about their cases before they went to Student Affairs and even afterwards, so I have some experience dealing with students one on one as well," said Preacher.

Preacher will act as a resource for students to understand the processes, procedures and policies that apply when a sexual assault is reported to the University or the South Bend Police Department. She aims not to advise victims about an appropriate decision, but to provide information, said Preacher.

"I don't have a direct connection with Student Affairs," said Preacher. "I'm in an academic office and all I get from [Student Affairs] is information so I'm truly an impartial advocate for the students."

Although the University has

been in the process of reforming campus-wide sexual assault policies since last spring and announced official changes last October, an article about a Saint Mary's student allegedly raped by a Notre Dame student published in the March issue of Cosmopolitan Magazine rehashed much of the controversy. Preacher's appointment two weeks after the publication of the article, however, was unrelated, said both Preacher and Dennis Moore, director of public relations for Notre Dame.

"[Ava Preacher's appointment] was planned long before that article even existed," said Moore. "The person who wrote the article had a long interview with Bill Kirk about all the new resources we offer, but chose not to include that information in the article. This appointment has nothing to do with that, and as far as we're concerned that article has no credibility whatsoever."

Preacher said, "I don't think [the Cosmopolitan article] will affect my attitude. I already knew about that case ... and I think I've known for a long time that Notre Dame needed to change its policies."

Besides Preacher's appointment, there are several other steps the University is taking to better assist victims of sexual assault, including: the creation of an advisory group to examine and review concerns for both the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campuses; the publication of two brochures for better dissemination of information regarding du Lac policy and support services; and, additions to du Lac specifically outlining exemption from certain policy violations (such as parietals) in the case of a sexual assault.

"I think if I were doing my job well I would eventually eliminate my own job," said Preacher about sexual assault services' development. "I would like to get enough education out there and make people aware enough that we become an assault free campus. But for now, I see my office providing a space for students who have been assaulted to come in, get information, talk about it and I'll help them through the first part of the process."

Aid

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from the hard work put into the Generation campaign and also the very generous donations made to the University," said Brandt.

Reagan agreed that Generations is already beginning to make its mark on the current student body at Notre Dame.

"I think the fact that the University is already meeting the demonstrated need of our students is an indication of it having an impact," said Reagan.

Even with the exceptional amount raised for financial aid, Reagan said efforts to continue to raise money would not stop there. While encouraged with the money raised, Reagan and other University officials are far from satisfied.

"Financial aid will be a priority for some time to come. We're happy with the progress that we've made, but we're definitely not satisfied with where we are," said Reagan. "The campaign was a wonderful catalyst for raising increased dollars, but the fact that the campaign has concluded does not mean that we stop raising money."

Eliminating future debt

The University has set two main goals for financial aid according to Reagan. The first was to meet the demonstrated need of every Notre Dame student, and Generations has already reached and achieved that goal, said Reagan.

Since most students who are on aid, have two loans, Reagan said that initially eliminating the cost of one of the loans and then eventually both, is the second goal of the University.

"Our next goal is to raise enough endowment money to eliminate that first loan and then if we can keep the momentum going, eliminate that second loan as well," said Reagan.

The current University cohort default rate is .6 percent. This means that out of the 47 percent of seniors on both Stafford and Perkins

loans, less than one percent of them are unable to begin paying back the loans. While the percentage is remarkably low, Brandt said that the University remains concerned with the necessity of some students taking out and then repaying loans.

"It's definitely a University goal to monitor student educational indebtedness, and anything that we can do at the University to help offset student loans is definitely a goal," said Brandt.

With 74 percent of alumni participating in the Generations campaign, the next goal of eliminating loans may seem feasible. With a strong alumni base to build on, gifts to the University may continue to exceed goals and set new ones.

"The greater Notre Dame community which includes alumni, but also many benefactors, and just people in general who love Notre Dame — it's a great sign that we obviously have a very high quality experience here," said Russo.

According to a survey administered by the alumni association, nearly 90 percent of Notre Dame graduates said that they had a satisfactory experience.

Compared to other universities, this rate is not only exceptionally high, but it is instrumental to the continued success of fundraising projects.

"I think their expression of willingness to help suggests to some degree that they are probably in the position to do so in many cases, which suggests that they not only love the University and the experience that they've had, but also that they're probably somewhat successful in life and have earned a position to do that," said Russo.

The University's last fundraising project, the Strategic Moment Campaign, boasted an alumni participation rate of 72 percent.

"To think now 10 years later, with a commensurate increase in the number of alumni and then to have that participation rate actually increase is just a wonderful testimony to the loyalty of our alumni," said Reagan.

Nemeth

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Jenny had a great talent for listening.

"For most of her life, I talked and she listened," said Stephanie.

Although they disagreed at times, their bond was much stronger than any differences.

"She always accepted me for who I was," said Stephanie.

Jenny also had a special relationship with her two nieces.

She loved to play Legos and Super Mario Kart with Josh's 4-year-old daughter Morgan.

"Jenny would run up her charge cards ... just so she could buy Morgan everything," he said.

Stephanie had planned to have Jenny be the godmother for her infant daughter Madison. According to Stephanie, Jenny was the only one who could consistently make Madison smile.

Jenny's own grin was well-loved by her family.

"To me, she just had the cutest smile," said Josh. "When she walked into a room it just lit up."

Jenny smiled often when thinking about a planned spring break trip to Disney World.

"She wanted to see it again through Morgan's eyes," said Paula.

Even though she was looking forward to the trip, however,

she'd offered to let Stephanie take her place.

"Everyone else always came first," said Stephanie.

If a friend was sick, or a sibling needed a babysitter, Jenny's studies became secondary.

"She sacrificed her time, or just herself for others," said Josh.

Egan said she would cherish the time that she spent with

Jenny.

Like many friends, Katie and Jenny liked to go shopping, but they especially loved thinking about one particular item.

"We were both obsessed with cars," said Egan. A favorite pastime was to visiting an auto dealerships to dream about future purchases. Jenny looked forward to getting a Toyota 4-Runner for graduation.

Jenny hoped to pursue a career in education or social work.

"She wanted to work with children," said Josh.

Jenny, 20, had already achieved much.

"I was proud of who she was, that she had her own set

of standards, that she had common sense," said Paula.

According to Stephanie, Jenny never took life for granted with

emphasis on family and friends rather than life's small details.

"She's just the epitome of what is good and what God means by placing an angel on earth," said Stephanie.

"I was proud of who she was, that she had her own set of standards, that she had common sense."

Paula Nemeth
Jenny's mother

"She is just the epitome of what is good and what God means by placing an angel on earth."

Stephanie Nemeth
Jenny's sister

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Bridge collapses in Portugal: Divers secured by cables against a powerful current searched for a bus and two cars with at least 60 people inside that plunged 165 feet into a swollen river after a bridge collapsed beneath them. Crews in motorboats strung cables across the fast-flowing Douro River while divers attached to the cables searched the murky brown water for the double-decker bus.

Violence flares in Macedonia: Guerrillas and Macedonian troops exchanged fire Monday in a mountainous border area not far from where U.S. peacekeepers were stepping up patrols in Kosovo to stem an ethnic Albanian insurgency. Gun and mortar fire rang out Monday in the hills near Tanusevci, 20 miles north of Macedonia's capital, Skopje.

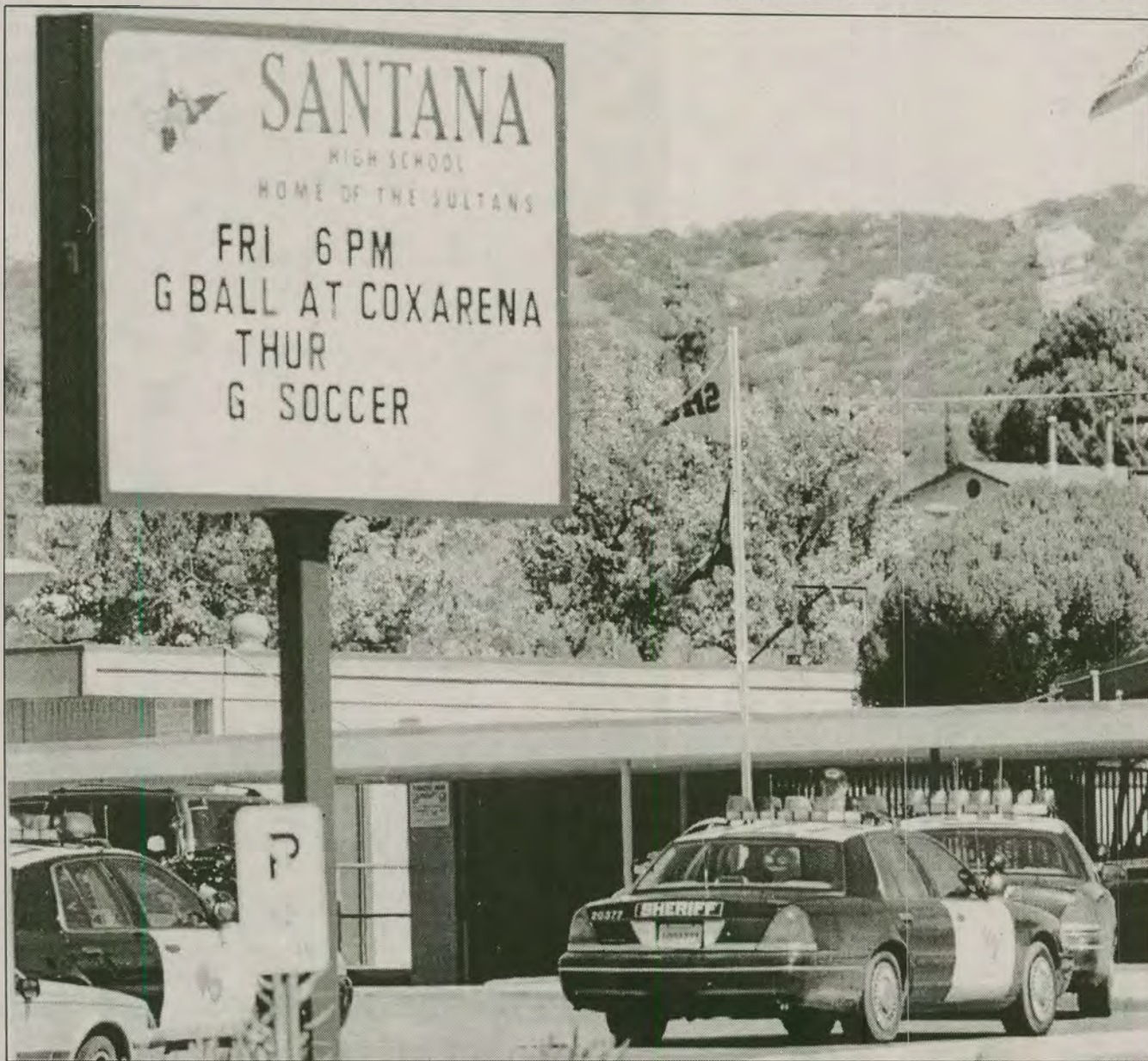
NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Weather hampers recovery effort: Military crews pulled the data and voice recorders from the wreckage of a National Guard cargo plane but slick, muddy conditions hampered the recovery of the 21 victims' remains. Rescue teams have waded through 3 feet of slippery mud caused by a 4-inch deluge of rain Saturday, when the C-23 Sherpa crashed in a field in south-central Georgia, killing everyone on board.

Iditarod officially begins: Three-time Iditarod winner Jeff King was the first musher out of the chute in Willow, Alaska, Sunday at the official start of the 1,100-mile race that pits 68 dog teams against the elements and each other. The start of the race was moved here after the ceremonial opening of the contest Saturday in Anchorage because of a lack of snow to the south. "They're definitely fast," King said of his team as he gave each dog a reassuring hug before setting off.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

House fire kills two: Two Campbellsburg men died of smoke inhalation in a fire that leveled a residence Saturday afternoon. The Brown-Vernon Fire Department responded to a call that a residence was burning about 3 p.m., according to a dispatcher at the Washington County Sheriff's Department. Cecil Nicholson, 73, and his son Norman Nicholson, 38, were pronounced dead at the scene by Washington County Deputy Coroner Tony Floyd, the dispatcher said. The dispatcher said the residence was a total loss.



AFP Photo

Members of the San Diego Sheriff's Department check the campus of Santana High School. A 15-year-old student allegedly opened fire, killing two and injuring 13.

Student gunman kills 2, injures 13

Associated Press

SANTEE, Calif. A 15-year-old freshman opened fire at his high school on Monday, killing two youths and wounding 13 other people, authorities said. One witness said the youth smiled as he fired.

One person was dead at the scene and 14 others were injured, Santee Fire Department spokesman Jeff Fehlberg said. Later, a second victim died at Grossmont Hospital. It was the largest number of dead and wounded in a school shooting since the Columbine tragedy nearly two years ago.

Both of the dead were juveniles, and at least two of those shot were campus supervisors at Santana High School, Sheriff William Kolender said.

Chris Reynolds, the father of one of the suspect's friends, told KGTV he heard over the weekend that the teen-ager had a gun.

"I do regret that I didn't do something because I should've stepped up even if it wasn't true and stuff to take that precaution," Reynolds said. "If someone did die over there and stuff, that's going to be haunting me for a long time, that's going to be with me for a long time. It

just hurts because I could've maybe done something about it."

Student John Schardt said he was in a nearby classroom when the shooting started at about 9:20 a.m. in a nearby boys room. "I looked at the kid, and he was smiling and shooting his weapon," Schardt, 17, told KGTV.

"It was total chaos. People were trying to take cover," Schardt said.

One deputy was teaching a class at the time of the shooting and was at the site within moments, Kolender said.

Students were escorted to a nearby shopping center. Television images

showed a parking lot full of students and parents milling anxiously while paramedics took away the injured. Classes were canceled for Tuesday and counselors would be available, officials said.

Another student, Alicia Zimmer, told the station she froze with fright until her boyfriend pushed her out of the way. "I dropped my stuff; it's still there right in the middle of the hall. It was really scary," she said.

Zimmer said she didn't see the shooter but she did see one girl with blood on her arm and a boy lying face down on the floor.

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Vice President Dick Cheney, who has had four heart attacks, underwent an angioplasty Monday for a partially blocked artery after going to a hospital with chest pains.

The artery, which had been opened in late November, had partially reclosed, his cardiologist, Dr. Jonathan Reiner, told reporters.

He said there was no evidence that Cheney had suffered another heart attack.

Cheney, 60, suffered his most recent heart attack in late

November but quickly resumed a full schedule after an operation to open the blocked artery.

Reiner said he did not believe Cheney had suffered any additional heart damage.

Cheney checked himself into the hospital after feeling chest pain briefly on two occasions on Monday after earlier episodes on Saturday and Sunday, Reiner said.

He said the episodes were "much milder and very brief" when compared with the chest pains that Cheney suffered in November. "The symptoms were subtle" this time, Reiner said.

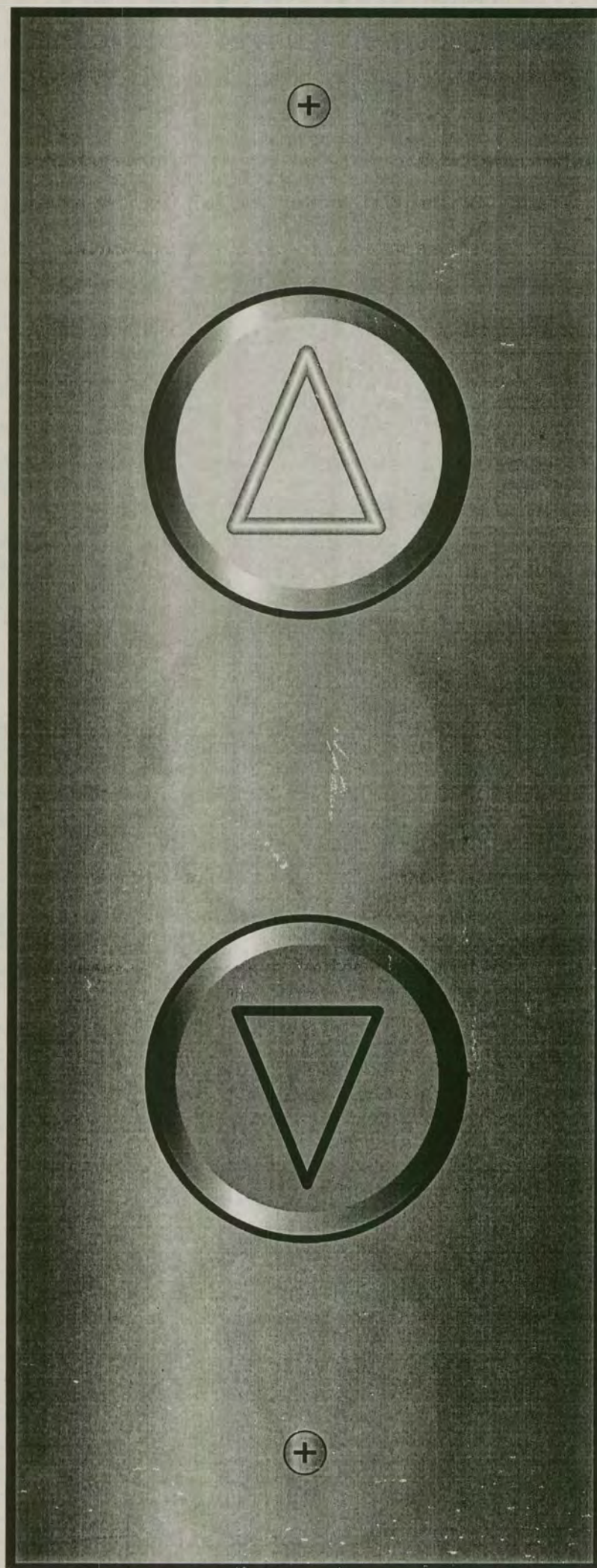
Doctors inserted a flexible tube into the narrowed artery carrying a collapsed balloon.

Once the balloon was in place, it was inflated, reopening the artery. The procedure is called angioplasty.

Reiner said there was a 40 percent risk of renarrowing of the artery.

During the procedure last November, one of Cheney's heart arteries was 90 percent blocked, so doctors implanted a wire scaffolding-like device called a stent to push away the blockage and prop open the artery walls.

Cheney has surgery to widen artery



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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Members debate academic freedom in University life

By JASON McFARLEY
Assistant News Editor

Campus Life Council (CLC) members on Monday defeated a Faculty Senate-drafted resolution on student academic freedom and will likely reject two other measures at the body's next meeting.

The Council voted 8-3 Monday to refuse the senate proposal which highlights a discrepancy between the academic freedom guaranteed to professors by the faculty handbook and that granted to students in du Lac. With both CLC faculty members in favor of the resolution, the vote marked yet another point of contention for the Council, which has struggled in recent weeks with infighting.

Debate at the meeting may have also signaled the end for two other faculty senate resolutions that the CLC will consider at its March 26 meeting. One deals with disciplinary

hearing procedures for student organizations, and the other targets faculty participation in major revisions of du Lac.

Discussion Monday seemed to pit CLC rectors and administrators at odds with faculty involvement in non-academic student life matters against professors Stuart Greene and Ed Manier.

It was the second consecutive meeting at which members debated the issues. On Feb. 19, members agreed to table discussion and resume talks at the CLC's next meeting.

"To some degree, academic freedom extends beyond the classroom, but it doesn't apply to all areas of University life," Brother Jerome Meyer, Knott Hall rector, said Monday.

Bill Kirk, who called the resolutions "fundamentally flawed" at the last CLC meeting, re-affirmed his opposition to the proposals Monday.

"I can assure you that I will

vigorously disagree with the passage of these resolutions," said Kirk, assistant vice president for student affairs. "I will continue to fight them within the CLC because I don't believe they have a chance of passing in the Office of Student Affairs."

Playing off concerns that the resolutions were a faculty attempt to jeopardize the Catholic character of the Notre Dame, Manier told members that the academic freedom measures address does not contravene the moral mission of the University.

"Academic freedom doesn't apply to everything, but it certainly applies to groups like

the philosophy club or the government club — organizations in which we should encourage the spirit of inquiry and advocacy," said

Manier, whose senate committee drafted the resolutions.

But Father David Scheidler, St. Ed's rector, said the reso-

lutions were a veiled attempt to permit student groups such as the Women's Resource Center (WRC) to engage in "questionable behavior."

In April 1998 the University placed the center on probation following sanctions for distributing literature on abortion.

The WRC has since been taken off probation.

"What we're getting at is groups like the WRC which distributed questionable material under at least two faculty advisers," Scheidler said. "What worries me is that we will allow that kind of looseness to take place."

Scheidler's frank comment followed a plea earlier in the meeting by student CLC members for the council to get past recent group dissension. Seven students wrote a letter calling for members to work more cooperatively and effectively to implement policy.

"Without a basic sense of

respect for one another and a willingness to listen with an open mind, the Council loses its potential for greatness," the students wrote in the letter. "At the current time, we feel that we are not only far from achieving this greatness, but also far from

being even productive."

Brendan Dowdall, Becky Hagelin, Luciana Reali, Jamie Sablich, Amy Szeslak, Tony Wagner and Seth Whetzel signed the letter.

"We believe the council is devolving due to long-standing feuds, bickering and name-calling, in addition to the aforementioned general lack of respect," the students wrote.

Szeslak encouraged each member to take the letter's intent to heart.

"The letter speaks for itself. It calls for all of us to conduct ourselves better than we have in the past," she said. "It's not directed at one member but at all of us."

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Brother Jerome Meyer
Knott Hall rector



Kirk

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Bill Kirk
assistant vice president for
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Hit songs still available on Napster

♦ Bands unhappy with new filtering technology

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO
Napster Inc.'s new screening technology failed to weed out even the most popular songs Monday, and music fans seeking free tunes flocked to a growing number of Napster clones, an ominous development for record labels.

Attorney David Boies revealed the new filtering technology Friday in an attempt to avoid a complete, court-ordered shutdown, and Napster began phasing in it Sunday night to prevent copyright songs from being freely swapped.

On Monday, only a smattering of songs were blocked from the service, however. A spokeswoman for the music-swapping company declined comment on its struggle to block songs.

A search Monday for Metallica's hit "Unforgiven" returned a "No matching files found!" response on one Napster server.

However, a query for Metallica's other songs, such as "Enter Sandman" and "I Disappear," resulted in easy downloads Monday. Searches for the top 10 Billboard hits — including rapper Joe's "Stutter" and Crazy Town's "Butterfly" — also were successful.

Meanwhile, Napster Inc.'s

crackdown prompted fresh frenzies of free-music downloads at other Web sites that use Napster software but are beyond the easy reach of recording industry lawsuits.

For example, the Napigator program Monday showed more than 96 million music files being traded by almost half a million people through computer servers located as far away as Italy, New Zealand and Russia — numbers that rivaled Napster itself even as downloads peaked this weekend.

The music industry may have squelched Napster, but now faces an assortment of new file swapping services it will be far more difficult to track down and sue, Aram Sinnreich, an analyst with Jupiter Research, said Monday.

"This truly pushes trading copyright music back to the underground," said P.J. McNealy, an analyst who follows the digital music industry for Gartner.

Napster said in a statement that the process of screening out copyright-protected file names, song titles and artists won't be easy.

"It has involved a significant investment of time and resources," the statement said. "However, we believe it is superior to shutting the service down and disbanding the community during the transition period to the new membership-based service."

Howard King, attorney for

Metallica and Dr. Dre., expressed frustration after speaking with Napster officials Monday. His clients have about 200 songs they want blocked, and many were still available.

"They need to tweak their screen do some sort of a term-based analysis," said King, noting that Metallica's "Fade To Black" was still appearing on Napster, with various spellings using both letters and numerals. "If a week from now the results aren't better I think you would have to say I'd be dissatisfied."

The software being installed on Napster's servers will block access to 1 million music files, Boies said. Because it will filter out variations on each song's title and artist's name, the actual number of tunes screened out will be smaller, but officials refused to say how many distinct songs will be blocked.

Napster's plan is a pre-emptive move against an injunction sought by the major record labels, which argue copyright holders and artists are not compensated for music traded on the service. Napster has argued its computers do not store actual song files but rather direct people to other users' hard drives where the music can be downloaded.

In July, U.S. District Judge Marilyn Hall Patel granted the industry's request for a preliminary injunction and ordered Napster shut down for facilitating infringement. But last month the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals stayed the order pending its decision in the case.

By Friday, all parties were back in court to discuss the case when Napster changed its tune and announced plans to start blocking songs.

Father of Internet twins speaks out

Associated Press

NEW YORK

The biological father of twin girls whose adoption over the Internet has created an international uproar said Monday that he had consented to giving up the children because he thought it would be best for them.

Aaron Wecker told CBS News' "The Early Show" that he had left it up to his estranged wife, Tranda Wecker, to arrange the transfer and didn't meet any of the other parties involved in the case.

A California couple say they tried to adopt the girls through an Internet adoption broker but lost them to a British couple who paid more. The girls are now in the custody of British authorities.

The California and British couples, along with both Aaron and Tranda Wecker separately, are vying for the twins in various courts.

Aaron Wecker acknowledged he had supported having the girls put up for adoption after their birth in June.

"Tranda and I were separated," Wecker said. "We already have a girl that we're raising separately. I thought at the time that was best for the girls, to join a family that are together."

Richard and Vickie Allen of Highland, Calif., say they began the process of adopting the babies when they paid a \$6,000 fee to the Internet adoption broker, Tina Johnson. But later, Alan and Judith Kilshaw of Wales gave \$12,000 to Johnson and adopted the children in Arkansas. The Kilshaws argue that the Arkansas adoption should stand.

Tranda Wecker has said she regretted giving up the girls and wants them back.

In the CBS interview, Aaron Wecker said he can take care of the girls because "I have a steady job, I have a house, a lot of room, a very nice, rural setting. I'd just like my girls back home with me. That's — I think that's the best for them." He acknowledged he had had a drug problem but said it was over, adding, "A lot of people have a lot of problems."

A spokeswoman for Johnson's adoption agency, A Caring Heart, has denied the agency sells babies and said it is a legitimate adoption facilitator.

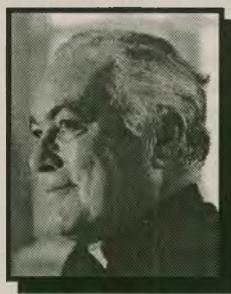
For now, British officials are keeping custody of the twins until the legal picture becomes clearer.

Aaron Wecker lives in the St. Louis suburb of Arnold. He has court actions pending in St. Louis and in Little Rock, Ark.

The Allens also had brought court action in Little Rock, trying to convince a judge to set aside the Kilshaws' adoption as fraudulent. But on Friday, the Allens' Arkansas attorneys, Lynn Lisk and Ed Webb, said they wanted out of the custody case because molestation charges were filed against Richard Allen. The law firm's motion to withdraw was pending.

It was unclear whether the Allens would try to hire another attorney in Arkansas; their prior phone number in California has been disconnected. Lisk said that when he told the Allens that his firm was backing out, Vickie Allen told him she believed the best place for the children would be with their natural father.

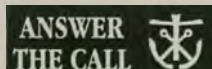
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Celebrate the goddess within you

In just a matter of days, Spring Break will be upon us, Thank God. Because really, don't we all need a break? Even though it is the last spring break of my college career, I am completely OK with the fact that I am only going home to spend it with my parents instead of heading off to some warm tropical destination that ends in a vowel. I am glad for this for one reason: I am definitely not ready to see myself in a bathing suit. And God help anyone else who saw me.



Molly
Strzelecki

*Growing Up to
be a Kid*

I chalk this up to the fact that I have not been faithful in following Cosmo's eight exercises for a tight tushy or whatever the get thin quick scheme is for this month. Hence, my tushy is not tight, my stomach is not solid and my arms are not alarming. In short, I am a winter wonderland, hibernated pale skinned mess. Magazine cover shots, here I do not come.

This is not to say that I never exercise. I do try. In fact, one of my classes this semester is Pilates, which is a type of yoga that is all about strengthening and lengthening your muscles without adding bulk, as well as without making you all sweaty and out of breath. And just to throw in a little cardiovascular workout, a few of my friends and I were very good for about two weeks straight of getting at least the recommended 30 minutes three times a week workout, thanks to our

good friend Billy Blanks. We pushed ourselves through the front kicks and the uppercuts, all the while yelling profanities at Billy and wishing him a painful demise that included lots of sloth-like behavior on top of many, many Big Extra meals from McDonald's.

I continually ask myself, though, as I am sure many people do, why it is I put my poor body through all this. Why do we do this? My friend Emily says she likes to work out because it gives her a chance to clear her head. Clear my head? I am too busy trying to keep my head attached to my body so that I can finish out that last round of crunches and I do not mean nachos. I have even overheard other people say that they like working out, because it is fun. Fun? Soccer is fun. Hockey is fun. Tennis is fun. The Stairmaster is the bane of my existence. I am climbing to nowhere for 25 minutes and when I get there, I am semi-permanently red faced and glowing like a neon sign. (This goes back to the old saying that horses sweat, men perspire and ladies glow. I do not know who came up with that but I seriously question their case study, because you do not even want to see

what I look like after a Step aerobics class.)

And all for what? Oh yes, I almost forgot. My well-being. Exercise makes you healthy. And lose weight. And feel great. And look great. And possibly do some serious damage to your mind-set.

Last week was Body Image Awareness Week. I will tell you that I am very aware of my body image. Sometimes it is good and sometimes it is not so good. It varies from day to day, month to month. I realize this and accept this. I accept the fact that supermodel shmupermodel, my body does not look like that and probably never will. I was simply not built that way and most likely never will be, considering that I am not up for plastic surgery anytime soon. But again, I try. I try to get some exercise, however "regular" a basis, even if it is in two week spurts or sporadically in between those weeks. I do not try to be a supermodel. I kind of like being myself.

I saw some sidewalk chalk graffiti last week that stated, "Celebrate the goddess within you!" (For all you guys, change that to god and stay with me here.) What a great thing! Yes! Inside and outside everyone there is something great. You cannot deny the fact that

there is at least one good thing you like about yourself. Whether you like your shiny hair, your impeccable wit, your rock hard abs or your ability to always be loyal and honest, celebrate it and realize that you are good. It is this type of goodness that cannot be defined by a bathing suit or an elliptical trainer or even Billy Blanks himself. Sorry kids, but you have to do this one on your own.

Whether you are like me and work out only when I can drag my friend Beth into it as well or you are on a rigid mapped out schedule that gets you exercising three hours a day or even if you're on a three hour a month schedule, I cannot dispute the multitude of benefits from exercising. I'm not saying that it is a bad thing. Exercising is a very very good thing. But keep this in mind: unless your professional job is a personal trainer or an aerobics instructor, working out is not the be all end all of a "beautiful" person. It is a cliché, but it is true: beauty is in the eye of the beholder. You behold it ... not Cosmo, not the treadmill and it sure as hell is not beheld in a Tae-Bo video tape.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The truth about the sixth man problem

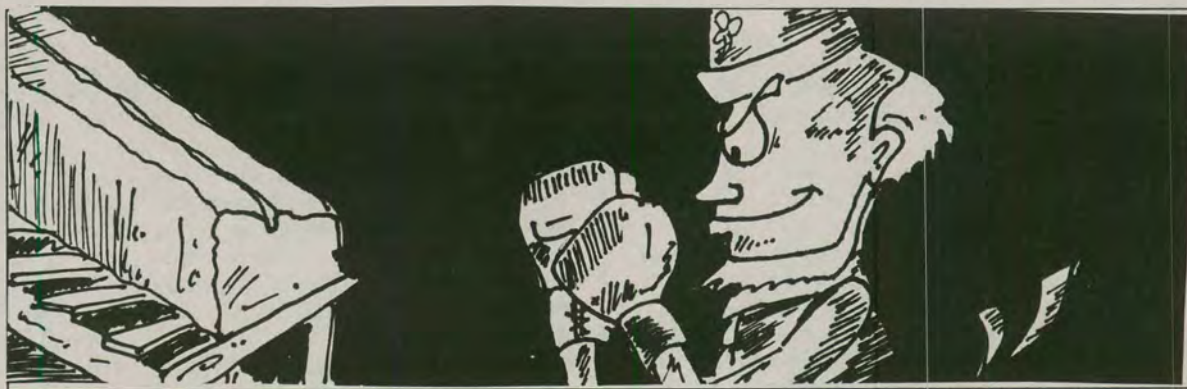
This letter is in response to the letter entitled "Motivation for sixth man" from the March 5 issue of The Observer.

When I read Kevin Kelly's article about the sixth man, I thought "Yes! Finally an opportunity to say something about the pending problem that we have with the enthusiasm level at our sports events." While I do agree with Kevin Kelly's enthusiasm to increase the noise level from our students, who are we really kidding by suggesting the problem is due mainly to the student body. During football games you see students going psychotic after each touchdown while the alumni mourn the fact that they actually have to get off their butts and start exerting energy in clapping.

You mean I have to pay all that money for a ticket and cheer too? I swear those "Notre Dame fans" in the expensive gold seats have a some kind of clause that they have to remain silent during the game or lose their place as a penalty of expressing themselves. Am I bitter? ... Yes I'm bitter. I'm bitter that some alumni donations go specifically to the University in order to reserve tickets, while those who don't have thousands of dollars to give away go without the football games they love.

I'm bitter that alumni who are "loyal" to their alma mater had no problem in sacrificing half of their tickets to incoming Nebraska, allowing the stadium to be infiltrated by a red sea of visiting fans. I'm bitter that three fourths of the Notre Dame audience spent thousands to travel down and enjoy swanky resorts but then left mid-third quarter of the Fiesta Bowl still calling themselves true blue Notre Dame fans. Keep in mind that this all occurred during our closest run for a national championship since the early 90s. Should we really think the problem is any different at other sports events? While I thank Kevin and the dying breed of cheering alumni for their support of Notre Dame, let's set the record straight as to who the true fans are.

Ryan Dick
senior
Keenan Hall
March 5, 2001



Defending *Ex corde*

I am puzzled by the controversy surrounding the article on *Ex corde Ecclesiae* from the March 2, issue of The Observer. I am currently spearheading an effort to start a Catholic university in the Atlanta Metropolitan area; numerous Notre Dame graduates are involved as well. As part of our business plan development, we interviewed hundreds of academics (including theologians) and business leaders. We see *Ex corde* as a beautiful roadmap for establishing an authentically Catholic environment. Most people agree. In fact, most academics agree, with one primary exception: The required mandate from the local bishop for instructors teaching Catholic theology. Why is this an issue? Some erroneously claim that academic freedom will be undermined (it won't). Others resort to heated rhetoric and name-calling (not very charitable). Some have even refused to seek the mandate (in order to garner headlines).

Departments of theology are hardly alone in this requirement. Outside agencies monitor nearly every

program and activity at universities: Medical schools, law schools, business schools and schools of education all work under considerable outside control. Earning a Ph.D. requires outside accreditation and certification. Catholic schools will simply be asked to engage in "truth in advertising." In other words, if schools claim to be "Catholic" and offer courses in Catholic theology, they should, it stands to reason, have someone teach those classes who both understands and respects Catholic theology.

Ex corde seeks to reanimate a dynamic Catholic intellectual tradition. It also hopes to build the Church and enrich individual lives. Detractors of *Ex corde* posit red herring after red herring. Don't believe the hype. Read the document yourself. It is available online at www.excorde.org.

Thomas J. Clements
Duluth, Ga.
March 5, 2001

CORRECTION

William Jaworski, who wrote a letter to the Editor yesterday, is not a professor but is an off-campus philosophy graduate student.

The Observer regrets the error.

DMB releases first studio album in three years

Everyday not for everybody

Electric guitars and a new pop-oriented attitude leave many fans weary of Dave's latest

Last Thursday night, six Notre Dame students piled into my Jeep and we began our trip to a restaurant about 15 minutes away. I pulled out a mix tape to add some lively music to our journey, and within minutes, I was happily singing to Ja Rule's latest single, "Put It On Me."

The boy in the passenger seat quickly turned his head and with a laugh said, "Is this what you listen to in Kentucky?" He had never heard the song, and I assume by the tone in his voice, he didn't care to hear it again.

Sometimes I forget that my choice of music isn't normal at Notre Dame, since my friends are now used to my selections. They tolerate my Tupac poster, they know I will insist on watching the newest video on BET, MTV or Country Music Television, and they aren't surprised I purchased the latest album from Jagged Edge — an R&B group.

Other people simply laugh when they thumb through my CD collection. I own rap, ranging from E-40 to Jay-Z; country, ranging from Deana Carter to Clay Walker; and R&B/Hip Hop, ranging from K-Ci & JoJo to Keith Sweat.

Despite this wide range, there is one artist I don't own, and since I can borrow any of my friends' copies, probably never will own — The Dave Matthews Band.

Last Tuesday, the new album was released and I knew the frenzy was about to begin. I watched the television shows preview the release. I received my mid-March edition of Rolling Stone and the band was on the cover.

In a short amount of time, I knew I would be on the outside of several conversations revolving the new album and how great Dave Matthews is. It would be the topic of conversation at the dining halls, LaFortune and parties over the weekend.

I cringed — how could I think so different from the rest of the Notre Dame population? Why am I not rushing out to buy this CD?

Perhaps I have no room to talk — being a fan of pop music and even boy bands, I shouldn't complain about obsessive fans — but it seems that Dave Matthews' fans assume people are ignorant if they don't like the band's music. If I complained that no one appreciates Ja Rule or Jagged Edge, people would laugh right in my face.

I do think Dave Matthews is talented. He truly is gifted with the guitar, he seems to have mastered the instrument. It's not that I don't like his songs, the ones I've listened to have very intriguing lyrics. I just wish others would give my music the same respect I give to Dave Matthews.

I must admit, I'm a little scared for my future. I'm not sure if I can rap along with the newest Lil' Bow Wow track when I'm 45 years old. Can a Mom watch TRL and not be made fun of? Come to think of it, can a 21-year-old watch TRL without being made fun of?

When I was in Chicago a few weekends ago, I went to trendy bar down town full of 20-somethings and Dave Matthews was blasting over the loudspeaker. No 'Nsync. No Brittany. No Backstreet. "How will I ever fit in to the mature, adult music world?" I thought to myself. Ah well, I've never molded to the Notre Dame world, so why try to fit in now?

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Laura Rompf

Scene Music Critic

By GEOFFREY RAHIE
Scene Music Critic

The Dave Matthews Band has always been known as an unusual musical ensemble lead by the unusual acoustic guitar strumming of leader Dave Matthews. Early critics jumped all over the band's freewheeling jam style and complained about the group's tendency to be long-winded. Everyday, DMB's first studio release in almost three years, throws all of these past reservations outside the window.

The band decided to experiment on Everyday, and change up their typical rock/folk act. The album's departure from precious DMB style can be attributed to Matthews' new preference for electric guitar, Glen Ballard's tight pop control, and the sparse use of violinist Boyd Tinsley and sax/flute man Leroi Moore.

The changes create mixed results for Everyday. The album's first guitar phrase is the first clue that Everyday is going to be different. The dirty electric guitar tone on "I Did It" is a far cry from vintage DMB and the sing-along chorus is more suited for TRL than a college dorm room. But at least the band is trying to branch out and change their sound. Life is all about taking chances, and the beginning of this record shows that this band is not backing down from making some adjustments.

"So Right," one of the higher points of the album, relies on Matthews' funkier guitar riff to date and Moore's booming contra bass clarinet. The song builds up to a climax where Moore plays an appropriate sax solo, one of only two open instrumental solos in the album — the other honor goes to Carlos Santana on "Mother Father." The absence of sax solos might disappoint die-hard fans, but in general, Moore is used perfectly on this album. While there were complaints of too much sax on previous records, Moore's work is focused and perfectly placed.

The same cannot be said for the violin work of Tinsley. A perennial crowd favorite at DMB live shows, Tinsley holds a small supporting role on Everyday, contributing no solos to the set and basically playing distantly in the background. In fact, most of his work cannot be appreciated until the

listener hears the album for the first time though headphones. His biggest contribution is on "Fool to Think," which also happens to be the album's best track. Ballard used many effects, including wah-wah on Tinsley's instrument, but the final product is pretty disappointing. Tinsley, who used to be a vital part of this group, is reduced to a spot player on this effort.

Ballard also undermines the work of Carter Beauford and Stefan Lessard. While Matthews and Ballard share writing credits on all 12 songs, Ballard is solely responsible for all of the arrangements. In a nutshell, Ballard basically told the rest of the band what to play on the record. The rhythm section could have been handled by the drummer and bassist from Hootie and the Blowfish for all we know. The bass parts are relatively simplistic, as per usual DMB, but the drumming is just sad. Beauford is known for putting his stamp on tunes such as "Two-Step," but not a single track reveals his influence on Everyday.

For what it's worth, Matthews really shows maturity on this record, both as a guitarist and vocalist. His guitar work on this album reveals influences ranging from the Police to James Taylor. He croons on some songs and applies a sinister inflection on others such as "What You Are." The lyrics on the record are either beautiful or just cheesy. The desperation in "Fool to Think" feels so real and the emotion in "The Space Between" really picks the record up. But for every beautiful lyric on this album, there is an equally stupid line. Some highlights include "Why do I beg like a child for your candy?" from the horrendous "Angel" and "Spread the love you got, you got the love" from "I Did It." There are no captivating lyrical pieces on this disc as there were on previous releases — no take-charge anthems like "Lie In Our Graves" or heart-felt love songs like "Crush."

This disc is a pop album. And that's pretty much a mixture of the good and the bad. The good thing is that there are no other groups right now making pop albums like this. Bands like Aerosmith try to stay on the cutting edge by collaborating with such high profile acts as Nellie and Brittany Spears, but when push comes to shove they are writing the same songs that they wrote 15 years ago. At least DMB

Everyday



Dave Matthews Band

RCA Records

Rating



is trying hard to make an album that appeals to the masses without playing into industry standards. How many pop acts write titles like "Dreams of Our Fathers?"

The bad thing about this album is that this band is capable of so much more. Jerry Seinfeld always said it is best to leave the audience wanting more. Everyday definitely leaves the listener wanting more, but it's hardly for the best. There's no smooth transition between any two songs. Where Before These Crowded Streets felt like a unified work, Everyday is all disjointed. A witty ending to "When the World Ends" is ruined by the immediate start of "The Space Between" for example. And that's not even mentioning the horrible order of tracks. "So Right," a perfect opener candidate, is buried in the middle of the album while "Everyday" ends the album with a very confused feeling. And the individual talents of these five men are not allowed to blossom. Perhaps the release should have been called The Dave Matthews and Glen Ballard Duet as it is not the work of a band.

Despite all of its flaws, Everyday does a satisfactory job of delivering some good tunes. Sure this album is probably the band's least inspired, but the experimentation is commendable.

Everyday proves that Matthews is in fact pretty competent on guitar. The problem is we all know the other four guys are more than adequate on their respective instruments.

People can always go to bands like Creed if they are simply looking for some easily forgettable ear candy. The Dave Matthews Band was known for writing songs that really made you think. All good things must come to an end.



Photo courtesy of www.dmband.com

Under the strict command of producer Glen Ballard, Everyday, the latest release by the Dave Matthews Band, has taken a noticeable and surprising leap in the direction of pop.

ALBUM REVIEW

Over-production ruins new MGB release

By SAM DERHEIMER
Assistant Scene Editor

The album starts off with a rumble... "K-i-c-k-a-s-s! That's the way we spell success!" Had the Matthew Good Band only stuck to this theme, *Beautiful Midnight*, the band's latest studio album and first U.S. release, might have been much better.

As it is, this two-time double platinum Canadian rock band has done little to make a name for itself in the States. Along the lines of its northern brethren, The Tragically Hip, MGB is an honest and hard-working rock band that, though not for lack of trying, simply just lacks any noticeable edge that might separate it from an already over-polluted American rock scene.

Beautiful Midnight starts out strong with "Giant," one of the heavier tracks on the disc. The song closely follows the structural pattern of the majority of early 90s grunge tracks: verses constructed of soft, wailing

guitar riffs loosely coupled with quietly lamenting vocals that quickly combine into an intense and unified chorus in which everyone seems to turn his instrument up a couple notches. And despite the realization that such a song structure is pretty much lifted directly from just about anything Pearl Jam or Soundgarden have ever written, the song works, and is easily one of the best on the album.

The problem is, while "Giant" might not be remarkably original, it is at least a good song — the same can not be said of the majority of the rest of the album. It's not so much that the rest of the songs on *Beautiful Midnight* are bad, they just aren't particularly great or even memorable for any reason.

However, the fault here may not lie completely with the band. *Beautiful Midnight* is an exceptionally tight album. Nothing is out of place. Every song is clean and polished and every note precisely where it should be. The problem is, by the end of the album, everything just starts to sound the same. It's virtually impossible to tell "A Boy and His Machine Gun" from "Failing the Rorschach Test" from "The Future is X-rated." With very few exceptions, the band is never allowed to truly cut loose of its tightly binding production chains and really rock.

The album is simply over-produced.

"Deep 6ix," one

Beautiful Midnight

Matthew Good Band

Atlantic Records

Rating



of the few songs in which Good is able to really explore his true rock identity is by far one of the stand-outs on *Beautiful Midnight*. Unlike almost every other track on the album, the guitar work is both creative and explosive, and the vocals are for once truly energetic and passionate. Where songs like "Load Me Up" are overly simplistic and little more than bland, "Deep 6ix" breaks from the mold and showcases the band's true ability to write quality rock music. Unfortunately, other than "Giant," "Deep 6ix" and perhaps the overtly cynical "Jenni's Song," MGB provides little to back this claim up.

The majority of *Beautiful Midnight* is unfortunately better summed up in a track like "Born to Kill." It's obvious that Good was attempting to create a song with real power and emotion, however with the strict pop limits apparently placed on his song writing (whether self-imposed or handed down), the song ends up lost in itself, and is left completely void of any real potency it ever had.

The same can be true of the band's first single off *Beautiful Midnight*, "Hello Time Bomb." It's not that "Hello Time Bomb" is a bad song, it's just that it is not a particularly good one either, and in the extremely fickle world of rock 'n' roll, that therefore makes it a bad song. The track, like much of the album, is heavily influenced by former new-wave acts like the Clash and the Police, but fails to truly translate those dynamics into anything that might really stick out today.

It's easy to discern that this band has some real talent. Perhaps if it is ever able to break free from such a stifling overly pop-oriented production, the Matthew Good Band might just come out with a remarkably good rock 'n' roll album.



Photo courtesy of Atlantic Records

Though major stars in Canada, if the MGB wants to find equal success in America, it will have to write a much more creative and explosive album than *Beautiful Midnight*.

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BASEBALL

Irish return to South Bend after weekend split

By JEFF BALTRUZAK
Sports Writer

Weather wise, it's a shame that a team goes down to Florida to play a tournament and has to come back to South Bend.

Notre Dame took their No. 10 ranking and five game winning streak on the road in the Devil Rays College Invitational in St. Petersburg. The Irish left the sun and came back to the snow having chalked up a win over Florida Atlantic University on Friday and a loss to South Florida on Saturday. Sunday's game against Western Michigan was rained out.

"I think we were disappointed we couldn't get a sweep of the weekend," said Saturday's starter Daniel Tamayo. "It's a baseball thing — you have to lose sometime."

All-American Aaron Heilman took the hill Friday against a Florida Atlantic squad that would only get five hits against the senior Irish righthander.

Heilman worked a full nine-inning shutout, striking out nine while leading the Irish to a 3-0 victory.

The middle of the order would supply Heilman with some run support starting in the fourth, manufacturing two runs on singles by centerfielder Steve Stanley and shortstop Alec Porzel, and RBI singles by catcher Paul O'Toole and leftfielder Kris Billmaier.

Heilman would face his only jam of the game in the next inning, when Florida Atlantic put runners on first and third with no outs.

But Heilman kept the ball down in the zone as he did all day, and got Dean Devine of the Owls to hit into a double play. Heilman retired Rob Orton on a foul popup down the third base line to close out Florida Atlantic's at-bat.

The third Irish run would come by way of singles as well, as Joe Thaman singled in the seventh. Designated hitter Ken Meyer then advanced Thaman to third on a hit-and-run to rightfield. Thaman was able to score when a pitch got

past Orton later in the inning.

"Really two factors contributed to us playing small ball with singles and advancing the runners," said Tamayo. "We were missing Brian Stavisky, our big power guy."

"Also, the park was a major league spring training park. The wind was blowing in all weekend, and we weren't going to try to hit the ball over anyone's head."

Heilman dropped his season ERA to a superhuman 0.86 and ran his season record to 3-0 with the shutout victory.

Outstanding starting pitching by Tamayo was not enough to power the Irish past South Florida on Saturday. The Irish only mustered five hits against senior John Vique, who threw just 95 pitches in a complete game.

"I used my curveball more that game than earlier games," said Tamayo. "My change-up was my most effective pitch consistently."

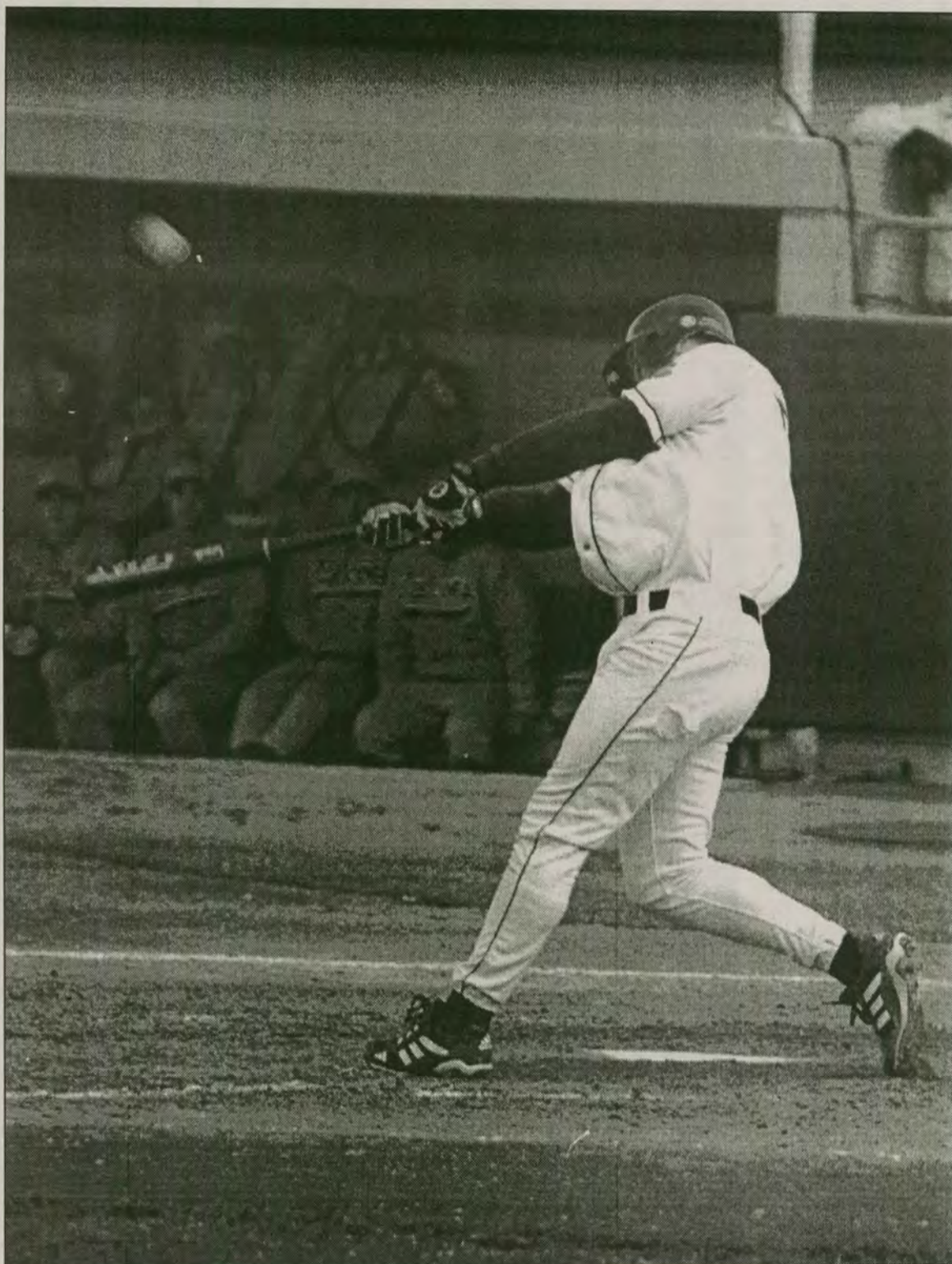
South Florida struck early, grabbing a 1-0 lead in the second when Daniel Boyd doubled and Ben Drawdys singled up the middle for the Bulls.

The game would stay at 1-0 for the next 4 1/2 stanzas. Notre Dame briefly threatened with two runners on and no outs in the fourth. But Porzel flied out, and O'Toole grounded into a double play to end the inning for the Irish.

Steve Sollmanns lead off to set the Irish up to score in the seventh. The freshman laid a bunt down the third base line. Porzel then launched a fly ball to leftfield, but Boyd lost the ball in the stadium lights. O'Toole then walked, setting up Joe Thaman's fly out that advanced Porzel to third and Sollmanns across the plate.

Notre Dame would not score for the rest of the game, and would allow South Florida to break out for five runs before the game was over.

The deluge started in the top half of the eighth, when sophomore righthander J.P. Gagne was brought in to relieve Tamayo. Mike Macaluso of the Bulls reached when his popup fell between Gagne and third baseman Ben



LIZ LANG/The Observer

A Notre Dame player, shown above, slams the ball in a game last year. The Irish split two games in Florida this weekend.

Cooke, and a then a bunt and a single by Myron Leslie to score Macaluso.

Mike Eylward singled home another run and the Irish found themselves down two runs 3-1 with just six outs left.

Leslie sparked South Florida to three more runs in the ninth with a double.

Gagne (0-1) was charged with the loss, while Tamayo received a no-decision.

The Irish were able to bring

just 31 batters to the plate in the loss, just four over the 27 minimum.

"Even though we were disappointed, we have a sense that we haven't lost anything as a team," said Tamayo.

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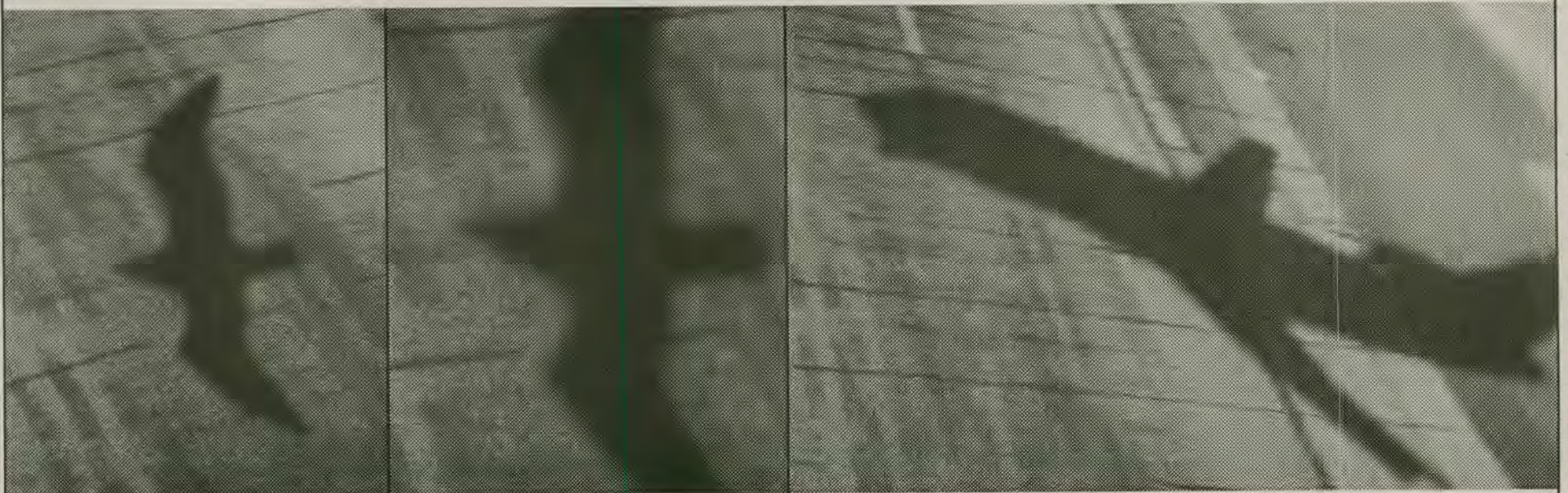
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WOMEN'S TENNIS

No. 5 Irish lose first game to Midwestern team since 1996

By STEVE KEPPEL
Sports Writer

The 5th ranked Notre Dame women's tennis started off the weekend on a tough note Thursday with a 4-3 loss to 11th ranked Northwestern. This loss marks the first time the Irish have been defeated by a Midwest region opponent since 1996. The win by the Wildcats is the first over the Irish in the past five years.

Despite winning the doubles point and the first two singles matches, the Irish struggled with the difficult conditions in Evanston, and the Wildcats swept the final four singles matches, winning 4-3.

"It was a little disappointing because our goal was to beat all the Midwest teams," said Becky Varnum, who won in both doubles and singles.

"We knew we were going to have a battle and that it was going to be tight," said Varnum. "It was really hard to play there, it was really dark and there were a lot of problems with the calls."

But Varnum said the Irish should have overcome the conditions and the Wildcats.

"Being ranked fifth in the country we should have been able to deal with the conditions and do better and we will work on that in the future," she said.

After the disappointing result in Evanston, the Irish traveled to Columbus to take on 21st ranked Ohio State.

The Irish came out on a mission, first winning the doubles point with impressive victories at Nos. 1, 2, and 3 doubles. The seventh-ranked Irish pair of Michelle Dasso and Varnum set the pace as they took down Kristy Dascoli and Monica Rincon 8-5 for the second time this season.

After the doubles point, the Irish won four singles matches in straight sets. The Irish were led by the play of third-ranked all-American Michelle Dasso once again, as she defeated the 31st-ranked Dascoli for the second time that day.

Freshman Caylan Leslie, along with Kimberly Guy and Lindsay Green, all won impressively in straight sets to clinch the win for the Irish.

The pressure of being a top-5 team and traveling nearly every weekend has been a mental and physical burden for the Irish.

"It has been three weeks of match after match and sometimes we feel like we are just visiting at Notre Dame," said Varnum. "Ohio State was one of the last matches of

the streak and we knew we just had to buckle down and play hard."

The team proves to be a very solid and close group, and they use their friendships off the court to pull together and play well on the court.

"We have always been pretty tight," said Varnum, "but this year the camaraderie is really great, we all get along so well."

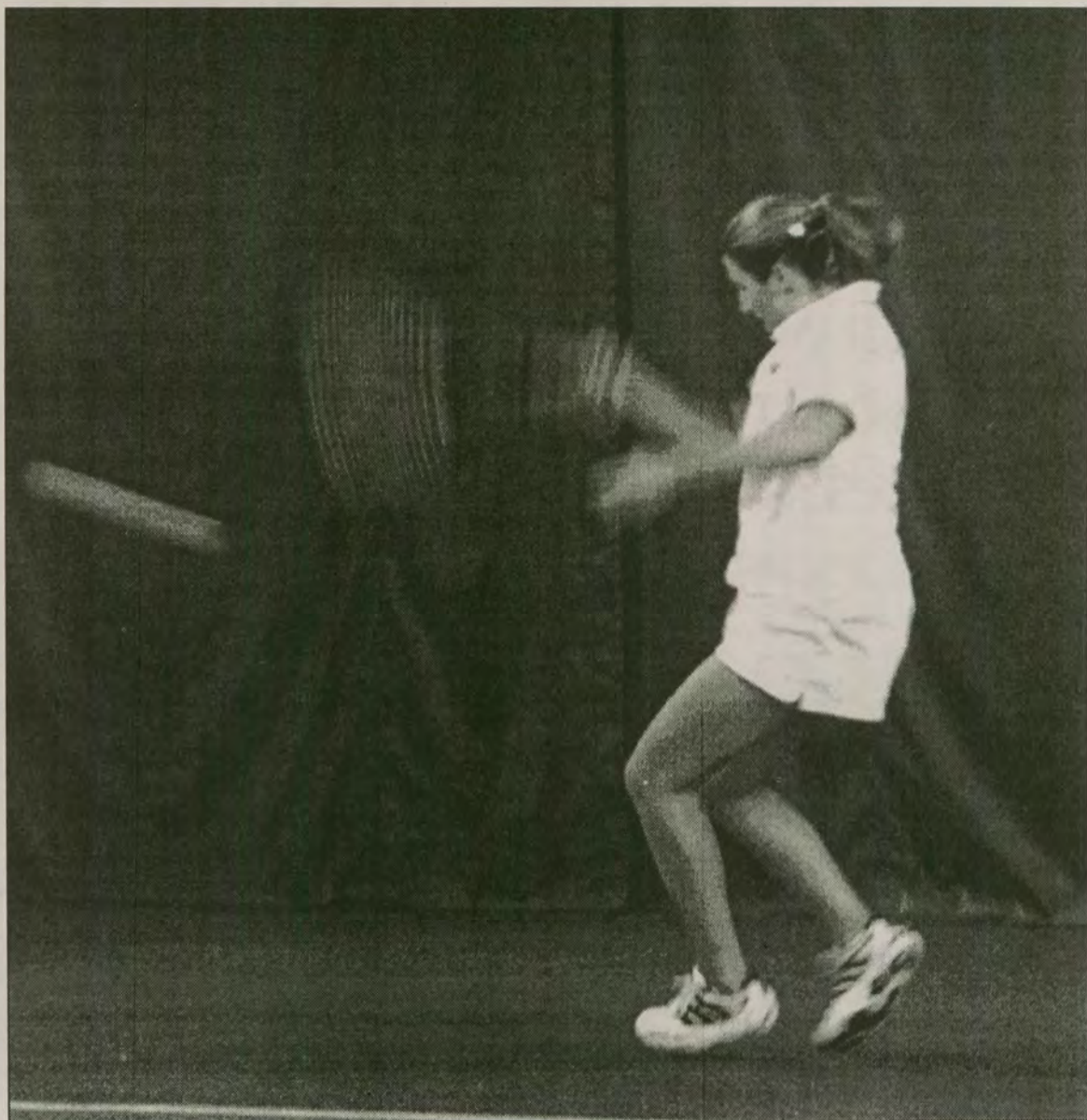
The Irish this year have seen some players really step up and contribute to the team but they have all progressed quite well as an entire group.

"Dasso has been playing really well but Nina (Vaughan) and Lindsay (Green) have really stepped up and have had some really big wins at doubles for us, they are a new team and have really come a long way," said Varnum.

"One of the biggest things this year has been everyone's dedication. This year everyone is really dedicated and it is the little things individually as well as a team that are important to our success."

"Being ranked fifth in the country we should have been able to deal with the conditions and do better and we will work on that in the future."

Becky Varnum
Irish tennis player



KYLIE CARTER/The Observer

A Notre Dame tennis player, shown above, hits the ball in a match earlier this year. The No. 5 Irish fell to No. 11 Northwestern in a 4-3 upset.

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Hockey

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a goal 3:09 into the period. The teams then played even hockey until a three-goal burst in a two-minute period made the score an embarrassing 7-1. Notre Dame got one back with 54 seconds left in the game when Sam Cornelius scored to make up the final score of 7-2.

"It was a disappointing end to a disappointing year," said Poulin.

Notre Dame would not have been in their position on Saturday without winning on Friday night. The Irish went into Kalamazoo and defeated Western Michigan 5-4. Notre Dame was lead by junior David Inman, who had a goal and two assists in the winning effort. Captain Ryan Dolder scored the game-winning goal with 7:40 left in the third period.

The abrupt end to the season hit the team extremely hard especially for the seniors. Notre Dame had made the CCHA playoffs each of the past three seasons. The current Notre Dame seniors were still in high school the last time the Irish were not a participant in the CCHA postseason.

Notre Dame was unbeaten in their last six games (4-0-2) entering Saturday's contest, and it appeared their late season surge would be enough to get them into the playoffs.

But as the teams were skating off the ice, the score of the Bowling Green game was announced, ending Notre Dame's playoff hopes.

"I don't know how to describe [the end of the season]," senior left wing Dan Carlson said. "Everything we worked for the entire year is done."



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Aaron Gill, shown above, scored one for the Irish in their 7-2 loss to Western Michigan.

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NBA

Allen scores 23 in fourth for Bucks' win

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. Ray Allen had 23 points and Sam Cassell scored 14 of his 20 points in the fourth quarter as the Milwaukee Bucks defeated the New Jersey Nets 107-100 Monday night before a sparse crowd.

A snowstorm in the New York area kept the crowd to 3,216. During the first quarter, the Nets announced they could sit wherever they liked.

The Bucks, with the second-best record in the Eastern Conference, blew a 17-point first-half lead but then scored the last six points of the third period and six of the first seven in the fourth to open an 83-75 lead. New Jersey never got closer than five after that.

Rookie Kenyon Martin led the Nets with a triple-double of 18 points, 15 rebounds and 11 assists. Stephon Marbury had 18 of his 20 points in the second half and Lucious Harris added 17.

Glenn Robinson scored 18 for the Bucks.

Lindsey Hunter opened the fourth period with a jumper. After Martin hit a free throw, Tim Thomas hit two foul shots and Allen added a turnaround from the baseline to put the Bucks in control.

The Nets scored the first seven points of the game but Milwaukee reeled off the next 10 and led throughout the first half.

The Bucks took a 58-41 lead at halftime on Darvin Ham's 3-point basket from the just beyond the halfcourt stripe.

Miami 87, Detroit 84

Brian Grant scored 20 points and Dan Majerle made a 3-pointer in the final seconds as the Miami Heat overcame the loss of guard Eddie Jones to defeat the Detroit Pistons.

The Heat won their third straight game and for the fifth time in six games, but it wasn't easy N or without casualties.

Jones, the cornerstone of a blockbuster trade with the Hornets last summer, dislocated his left shoulder in the second quarter and was taken off on a stretcher. His long-term prognosis won't be known until Tuesday.

Majerle, who scored a season-high 12 points, made a 3-pointer with the shot clock winding down and Miami clinging to an 82-81 lead with 14.3 seconds left. The Pistons answered with a 3-pointer from Jerry Stackhouse with 7.1 seconds left.

Tim Hardaway hit a pair of free throws with 6.0 seconds left to give Miami an 87-84 lead.

Stackhouse's shot at the buzzer, which would have counted for two points, rimmed out.

The Heat completed a four-game sweep of the season series, with two of the wins coming in overtime. It's Miami's first sweep of Detroit since 1996-97.

Stackhouse scored 32 points for Detroit, although he also committed a season-high 11 turnovers.

Corliss Williamson added 17 for the Pistons, who have lost five of their last six.

Utah 109, Atlanta 102

Karl Malone scored 30 points and John Stockton added 22 as the Utah Jazz beat Atlanta for their sixth straight win over the Hawks.

After Toni Kukoc made a 3-pointer to cut the Jazz's lead to three points with 2:05 remaining, Malone fed Donyell Marshall for a dunk 20 seconds later and then hit a 20-foot jumper from the left wing that made it 107-100 with 1:12 to go.

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Nevertheless, Macias was able to fight the kind of fight he wanted, moving in and jabbing very well. At times, it was all Hobbins could do to avoid a brawl, shuffling around the ring to avoid Macias, at one point even breaking into stride and running away.

The frequent stoppages for bleeding probably worked to Hobbins's advantage, enabling him to rest and continue moving. By the third round, however, both fighters were too tired to either chase or dance away very much, and the two traded punches for most of the round. Overall, it was a very close fight, but Hobbins likely earned the decision by winning the first two rounds.

175 Pounds

The All captain battle between Mark "I'm So Pretty"

Criniti and Rob "A.M.D.G." Joyce was much more tactical. Both fighters preferred to move in and out, and box rather than brawl. Joyce did back Criniti into the ropes several times, but Criniti often was able to land his best combinations when he seemed trapped.

"I was trying to pace myself, and save some energy for the third round," Criniti said. "Rob does a great job of moving you around the ring the whole fight, and I guess the way it worked, it wasn't planned, but it worked to my advantage."

Neither fighter wound up in too much trouble, as they both looked to score points rather than knock each other out, but it was Criniti who landed more and came through with a unanimous decision.

"Rob and I both wanted to get in and out, look for openings, make it more of a boxing match," he said. "I was surprised [the decision] was unanimous, I thought it could have been split either way."

Sports journalists: pushing it for a reason

I, like every other writer, usually use this column to give my oh so wonderful opinions on the world of sport.

Everything from artificial turf to fans, man, have we got opinions and analysis to go with it.

But today, I got into a reflective mood, and started thinking about us, the people who cover the events...

And I think it's only fair to say that we, the sports reporters, sometimes get, how should I say it, irritating.

Take our questions, for example. After the men's basketball team lost 79-72 on Sunday against the Hoyas, someone asked coach Mike Brey that since Troy Murphy gets so much attention from other teams, would he go with a different primary option on offense.

Huh? What kind of answer do we expect to get?

"Yeah, even though Troy's going to be an All-American for the second straight year, and is a finalist for both Big East and National Player of the Year, I don't think he can do much for us anymore."

Don't get me wrong: I think I probably hold sports journalism in higher esteem than most other people. If I didn't, I wouldn't be hoping to devote my professional life to what is often times a less than financially secure field.

Sports are critically important to everyone who follows them. They're not only a great diversion but a great unifier, events that even though the outcome of the game might not mean much in the big scheme of things, being a part of them means something infinitely more.

Being able to be a part of that feeling, and hopefully making it come to life even more for those who were or weren't there, is a charge I'm privileged to have.

But the very nature of what we do involves getting in other people's business. We want your thoughts both about hitting the three at the horn, and turning the ball over on the last play of the game.

And not just once, but once for every crew and reporter whose there, because we're all competing with each other to get the best story, the exclusive interview.

Consequently, we'll all ask what you need to do to improve, to win the big game, to fix your problems on defense.

The answers to those questions, whether they be a witty anecdote, a straightforward assessment, or simply a "No comment" are a big part of what we depend on to do our jobs well.

If we have to catch you right before the game or while you're trying to go practice, we often still expect you to be available to give us a sound bite or a headline quote.

The reality is that sports would go on if we weren't there to cover all its moves. Sure, it probably wouldn't be nearly as huge, professional players would have to subtract a few "O's" out of their contracts, and getting that Division I scholarship wouldn't be as prestigious as it is now.

People would still be playing just because they wanted to play.

But take away sports, and the sports reporters, on the other hand, become obsolete.

And not only do those reporters become obsolete, but they also act lost. As one of my mentors has told me, for all the deadlines, pressure, competition and financial instability, you have to wonder why anyone would ever want to be a sports journalist.

The answer he gave, fittingly enough, paralleled experience from the sporting world, namely that of coaches.

He said that like the coaches who have had numerous stress induced health problems and look like they're living dog years, seven for every one, they still can't give it up.

It's something in their blood that is who they are.

And for that same reason, we write and broadcast sports.

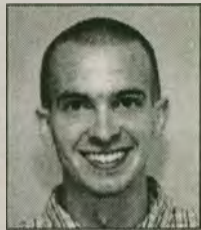
Not always well or in the right way. We speculate on things we don't have firsthand knowledge of. We get under people's skins, sometimes justly and other times not so.

After Sunday's game, when asked if the team was in trouble, Murphy said, with some noticeable irritation: "I don't think we've lost an edge at all," and sarcastically asked if the reporter thought they had lost it.

Two people, one whose job is to perform on the floor and the other's to talk about that performance.

One strange thing, there in all of our blood that no one can explain.

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Ted Fox

Fox Sports ... Almost

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Cubs' Wood allows five runs

Associated Press

When Kerry Wood pitches this spring, every errant fastball won't cause panic, even if it does cost some runs.

Two years after reconstructive elbow surgery, the 1998 NL Rookie of the Year made his spring debut Monday, allowing five runs as the Chicago Cubs lost to the Seattle Mariners 6-1.

"I'm just happy to get through it. I'm sure the second time around will be better," said the 23-year-old right-hander, who pitched two scoreless innings before a five-run third.

Last spring, questions about pitch counts, pitch selection and his timetable to return to the majors dominated every outing. Not this spring.

"Forget the numbers. He threw the ball well," Cubs manager Don Baylor said after the game at Peoria, Ariz. "He looks a lot better than at a year ago this time. Believe me, he can build on this."

Yankees 10, Braves 5

At Tampa, Fla., Mike Mussina pitched his first game for the New York Yankees, allowing two runs in two innings of a win over the Atlanta Braves.

Mussina, who left Baltimore for an \$88.5 million, six-year deal with New York, entered in the third inning — he's never made a relief appearance during the regular season. He gave up two hits, and one of the runs was unearned.

He surprised Jorge Posada by throwing a sidearm curve, prompting the catcher to remark, "I didn't know

he had that."

"I was just looking forward to getting out there again," Mussina said. "It wasn't like the first day of putting on the uniform. I've been putting it on for three weeks."

Sid Fernandez made his first game appearance since 1997, pitching a perfect fifth inning.

"I was a little nervous, but I calmed down once I got out there," the 38-year-old left-hander said. "It felt good to be on the mound again. To me, it's just like I'm settling into another spring training."

Rangers 4, Pirates 1; Rangers 13, Pirates 2

At Port Charlotte, Fla., Alex Rodriguez, Andres Galarraga and Ken Caminiti — free agents signed by Texas during the offseason — each hit three-run homers in the second game of a doubleheader sweep.

Blue Jays 4, Tigers 3

At Lakeland, Fla., Homer Bush hit a go-ahead solo homer in the ninth against Todd Jones. Toronto's Brian Simmons made a case that he should be the team's fourth outfielder by going 2-for-3 with three stolen bases.

Astros 5, Royals 5

At Kissimmee, Fla., Craig Biggio, returning from season-ending knee surgery, got his first two hits of the spring, scored two runs and drove in another. Jose Lima, who gave up 48 home runs in 2000, allowed three runs in the first inning, two on a home run by Jermaine Dye.

Reds 7, Twins 6

At Sarasota, Fla., Osvaldo

Fernandez retired the first nine batters he faced before giving up a hit and a walk in the fourth.

He has not been scored on in two outings spanning seven innings.

Marlins 5, Indians 4

At Melbourne, Fla., Andy Fox tripled home the winning run in the ninth inning. Cleveland's Roberto Alomar and Juan Gonzalez hit solo homers, their first this spring.

Red Sox 17, Expos 8

At Jupiter, Fla., Frank Castillo allowed two hits in three scoreless innings. Morgan Burkhardt went 4-for-4 with a home run, double and two RBIs, and Wilton Veras and Aaron Capista also homered for the Red Sox, helped by a 30-mph wind to right. Milton Bradley, Fernando Tatis and Mark Smith homered for the Expos.

Orioles 4, Mets 3

At Port St. Lucie, Fla., Mets pitcher Rick Reed hurt his side while working out before the game, right fielder Timo Perez injured a shin making a sliding catch and third baseman Jim Leyritz felt pain in his surgically repaired right shoulder. Orioles starter Pat Hentgen allowed two hits in three shutout innings.

Brewers 10, Diamondbacks 9

At Tucson, Ariz., Randy Johnson allowed four runs in two innings, gave up five hits and walked two, both with the bases loaded. Mike Coolbaugh hit his second home run of the spring and drove in four runs for Milwaukee.

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conference.

Connecticut coach Geno Auriemma disagreed with McGraw's comments.

"Muffet stays up at night thinking of things like that to say," Auriemma said on Thursday. "God bless her. She's come up with a great idea, 'the press is saying they're the underdog.' I don't know what that means."

The Huskies will play without All-American forward Svetlana Abrosimova tonight. Abrosimova hurt her left foot during the 92-88 loss to Tennessee on Feb. 1. She underwent surgery on Feb. 7 to repair a torn ligament and will miss the rest of the season.

Sue Bird, Connecticut's starting point guard, is questionable tonight. The first-team All Big East performer suffered a back injury during Sunday's quarterfinal win over Boston College and missed Monday's game against Rutgers. As of last night, it was uncertain whether Bird would play in the final.

Even with Abrosimova and Bird sidelined, the Huskies present a formidable challenge. Forward Swin Cash is the only Connecticut player to rank among the conference's top 20 in either scoring (12.1 points per game — 16th in the Big East) or rebounding (7.6 rebounds per game — fifth in the Big East) but the Huskies still lead the Big East in scoring, scoring defense, field goal percentage and field goal percentage defense.

After the shocking loss to Notre Dame, in which the Huskies shot a season-low 36.7 percent from the field, Connecticut has played better than ever, compiling a 14-1 record. They have outscored

their opponents by an average of 38.1 points per game in the 14 victories.

"When we lost to Notre Dame, they were putting up billboards 'If you want to beat Connecticut, play zone,'" Auriemma said on Thursday. "We've made a lot of progress since then."

For McGraw, tonight's game is important, but she refuses to refer to the first victory over Connecticut as a fluke. The Irish played their best game in two months in Sunday night's 56-point win against Georgetown and showed on Monday that they can be successful even when Ruth Riley struggles.

"I think we've already proved that we're a great team," McGraw said. "I think win or lose, both teams are No. 1 seeds (in the NCAA tournament). I don't think there's anything more that we need to prove."

For the first time since the 1992 Big East final, when top seeded Miami beat Connecticut 56-47, the Huskies will wear the blue road uniforms tonight.

Because the Irish are ranked higher, they will don their gold home uniforms.

What effect will this have on the Huskies?

"Kids are weird today," Auriemma said. "These are kids that used to play in T-shirts and shorts outside because they liked to play basketball. Now they're going to get all whacked out about what uniform they're wearing? To me, if you're fortunate enough to play for the Big East Championship on Tuesday night, if they make you sit in section 203 and run down the steps when you get subbed in, then you're happy. The goal is to win the Big East Championship, anything other than that is nonsense that doesn't belong in any discussion or any thought."

How about the weather?

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Riley earns conference honors

Observer Staff Report

STORRS, Conn.

Ruth Riley carried home more hardware than a thief leaving Home Depot at Friday night's Big East Awards Banquet.

Capping off a dominant senior campaign which saw her lead the conference in both scoring and field goal percentage, Riley was unanimously voted Big East Player of the Year.

"If you look at all the competition in the Big East and see all the players, at the guard and forward positions, that's a great honor," Riley said.

She also took home the conference Defensive Player of the Year plaque for the third straight season. Riley led the Big East in blocked shots per game with 3.6 this season. She ends her regular season career with 193 blocked shots in conference games, the second highest career mark in the history of the Big East.

A star both on the court and in the classroom, Riley was awarded for her all-around dedication as she took home the 2000-01 Big East Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year award.

She also earned national acclaim, being named the Women's Basketball Scholar-Athlete of the Year. Riley will receive \$4,000 to apply towards graduate studies.

"I was kind of surprised," Riley said. "I wasn't thinking

"If you look at all the competition in the Big East and see all the players, at the guard and forward positions, that's a great honor."

Ruth Riley
Irish basketball player

too much about what awards they were handing out. It was nice with all the work you do throughout the season."

◆Riley is joined in the All-Big East first team by teammate Niele Ivey. The fifth-year point guard made the first-team for the first time in her career.

◆Senior Kelley Siemon earned the Most Improved Player of the year from conference coaches. After coming off the bench last season, Siemon finished the 2000-2001 campaign with an average of 10.7 points per game and 7.1 rebounds per contest, despite playing nearly half the season with a fractured left hand.

"I think that I definitely have probably improved but I don't think that it was really a thing that I did consciously or physically," Siemon said. "I thought about this year a lot mentally. I thought, 'It's a new year, I'm not going to hold back, I'm going to do what I need to do.'"

◆Guard Alicia Ratay was named to the All-Big East third team, while Siemon earned Honorable Mention.

◆Head coach Muffet McGraw took home the Big East Coach of the Year award. The head coach won her 400th career game during the season, a season in which she took the Irish to the No. 1 spot in the polls for the first time ever.

◆Storrs is expecting anywhere from one to two feet of snow by this morning. It is still unclear as to what tournament officials will do if Mother Nature bears down on the area.

The team bus was escorted by police from Gampel Pavilion to their hotel 20 miles west. Interstate 84 was limited to only one lane after the severe snowfall.

With the possibility of the tournament being prolonged on the horizon, McGraw is taking a few precautions.

"We don't have a contingency plan right now except maybe go get some food and keep it in the hotel, just in case," McGraw said.

Siemon hasn't even thought of the surroundings.

"I'm not even really thinking about it [the weather]," Siemon said. "We play basketball, so let's go play. Put me on the court."

◆Irish backup guard Monique Hernandez sprained the MCL in her left knee during practice Thursday. She is expected to miss no more than two weeks and will likely return for the NCAA tournament.

Assistant Sports Editors Tim Casey and Noah Amstadter compiled this report.

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B-ball

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lane, I think we're going to play well defensively."

The game was tied at six points each five minutes into the game before the Irish (28-1, 15-1) got going. Notre Dame went on a 17-0 run, holding the Hokies (21-8, 11-5) scoreless for 11 straight minutes.

Senior forward Tere Williams, who finished with 15 points to lead the Hokies, took some of the blame for the Virginia Tech offensive shutdown.

"We were getting good looks, I just couldn't finish," Williams said. "I had good looks and even on Ruth I made a move on her and got an open look to the basket but I couldn't finish the shot."

Riley ignored her offensive struggles to key the defensive stand. The three-time Big East Defensive Player of the Year blocked three shots and pulled down eight rebounds in the opening half. McGraw contends that the team's three-two zone defense is more successful with players like Riley and Barksdale on the floor.

"The zone is so much more effective when you have the shot blocker in the middle," McGraw said.

Siemon and freshman Jeneka Joyce each scored six points during the run. Joyce hit two 3-pointers, while on three occasions Siemon drove to the left and created uncontested layups.

The Irish built a 36-17 half-time lead with zero first-half points from Riley and only two tallies from point guard Ivey. Ivey did not score her first points until hitting two free throws with

55.7 seconds remaining in the first half.

Sophomore guard Alicia Ratay scored eight points in the opening half.

"I thought Alicia Ratay really sealed the game for us in the first half," McGraw said. "She did a great job offensively."

Ratay finished with 14 for the game, tied with Siemon for the team high.

Forward Ericka Haney finished with 12 points and six rebounds.

As the Hokies concentrated on keeping the ball away from Riley and the 3-point attack of Ivey and Ratay, Haney and Siemon were often left open paths to the basket.

"Ericka and I did a pretty good job today of attacking those areas where they left us open," Siemon said. "I didn't hit any outside jumpers."

Despite the lopsided margin, Notre Dame shot only 36.4 percent from the field, their lowest mark this season.

"Virginia Tech did a great job defensively," McGraw said. "That's the best defense we've faced."

Virginia Tech ends their first season in Big East play hoping for a berth in the NCAA tournament. The Hokies finished fourth in the Big East, losing only one conference game to a team not ranked above them.

"I don't know if you can get from what we got this season from anywhere else in the country," Williams said. "We had four top 25 teams at one time and we competed."

Barring a weather delay, the Irish will take on Connecticut in the Big East Championship game tonight at 7:30 p.m. The battle between the No. 1 and No. 2 teams in the country will be televised on ESPN2.

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Belles get psyched for spring season

It's true it might be difficult to find a tennis court under the snow that fell on Monday. It's true that it's so cold outside a softball might freeze to your palm if you tried to throw it.

It's true that the ice outside makes it detrimental to move at more than a snail's pace. But — believe it or not — it's spring sports season.

As most of us head home or to the warmer reaches of Florida or Cancun for a week of relaxation, our athletic teams are heading for a week of competition. When they get back to Saint Mary's they'll be ready to play, but are you ready to watch?

Since it's the beginning of another season, it's time to remind all of you sporting fans on both sides of Route 31 that there is athletic competition worth watching over here at Saint Mary's.

That competition starts soon. The softball team, weather permitting, will open its season on Wednesday and the track and tennis teams will open up their outdoor seasons after spring break.

So, why should you come out and watch athletics this season?

For one, the Saint Mary's tennis team tied for second in the MIAA last year, with two conference champion in No. 4 singles and No. 2 doubles. The Belles will be returning to the court this season anxious for another shot at a No. 1 finish in the

MIAA. A fast paced, action packed tennis match on a beautiful South Bend afternoon, if such an afternoon exists, is the perfect way to spend some free time.

But there's more than that. Nothing motivates quite like fear of non-existence, and this season the track team is going to be running for its life — literally. With the knowledge that it will be dissolved next year, the Saint Mary's track team will be looking to smoke its competition. During the indoor season, team members have already broken several school records and participation is tripled.

And softball is back with a new look. The Belles recently experienced a coaching switch and now, under the leadership of John Kovach and Don Miller, they are out to improve MIAA rankings.

So, come out and show some support for the Belles. Give your classmates the opportunity to show you they can get an A on the court as well as in the classroom. Give an afternoon to cheer for your hallmate or even your roommate. Take an afternoon off to support your school.

That goes for all of you Irish fans too. Div. III competition may not rate with Div. I competition as far as money goes, but it can hold its own when it comes to the excitement of a close match. Win or lose, it's worth a trip to the softball field or the tennis court for an afternoon of entertainment.

So, while you're relaxing during spring break and planning out the rest of your semester, plan in some time to cheer on spring athletics.

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Katie McVoy

Inside Saint Mary's Sports

NHL

Recchi scores two in Flyers' win

Associated Press

Mark Recchi scored twice, including the go-ahead goal on a power play with 3:17 left in the third period, to rally the Philadelphia Flyers to a 6-4 victory over the Boston Bruins on Monday night.

The win moved the Flyers into first place in the Atlantic Division, one point ahead of the New Jersey Devils.

Eric Desjardins, Dan McGillis, Ruslan Fedotenko and Keith Primeau also scored for the Flyers, who are 9-1-1 in their last 11 home games.

Recchi, who also had two assists, scored on a one-timer from the right circle after taking a pass from Desjardins. Primeau added an empty-netter with nine seconds left.

Desjardins scored a short-handed goal at 5:57 of the third period to tie it 4-4. He scored at the end of a 3-on-2 break with Keith Primeau and Recchi. Desjardins' initial shot sailed high over the net, but bounced hard off the boards right back to his stick and he backhanded it past goaltender John Grahame.

Boston's Joe Thornton scored two power-play goals within 56 seconds early in the second to put the Bruins ahead 4-3.

Brian Rolston and Jason Allison also scored for the Bruins, who missed a chance to move ahead of Carolina in the battle for the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

Boston dropped its sixth straight road game.

Philadelphia took a 3-2 lead

after a wild first period when five goals were scored in an 8:23 span and the Flyers outshot the Bruins 16-7.

McGillis started the scoring with his career-high 12th goal at 9:11 of the period, firing a slap shot through a screen from outside the right circle.

Rolston redirected a shot 1:20 later to tie it.

McGillis set up Recchi's first goal to put Philadelphia ahead 2-1 at 13:31. He dumped the puck into the crease, and Recchi deflected past Grahame, who had won his previous three starts.

Allison pulled Boston even at 2-2 with his 300th NHL point at 17:08, scoring on a give-and-go with Sergei Samsonov. But Fedotenko scored 26 seconds later.

Thornton scored his power-play goals early in the second period. His first came on a back-hander from the slot at 1:29. He scored again at 2:25.

Flyers goalie Roman Cechmanek, who has started every home game since Bill Barber was appointed Flyers coach on Dec. 10, extended his home won-loss record to 13-2-2. It was his first career start against the Bruins.

Islanders 5, Rangers 2

Jason Blake had a goal and an assist and Mariusz Czerkawski had a goal and two assists as the New York Islanders made Lorne Henning a winner in his latest debut as coach in a victory over the New York Rangers.

The Islanders, who snapped a four-game losing streak, built a 4-0 lead, including goals by Blake, Bill Muckalt

and Juraj Kolnik within 85 seconds of the second period. John Vanbiesbrouck made 40 saves.

Kenny Jonsson closed the Islanders' scoring with a breakaway goal with 1:04 left. Jonsson tripped after the goal and slid into the boards, knocking him woozy.

Brian Leetch and Sandy McCarthy scored for the Rangers, who lost for the sixth time in seven games.

Henning, a longtime assistant, took over as interim coach after Butch Goring was fired Sunday. The move came a day after a 6-0 loss to Tampa Bay that dropped the Islanders into last place in the NHL.

It is Henning's second stint as the head man of the Islanders, who with 44 points lead the Lightning by one point at the bottom of the standings. He was also their coach during the lockout season of 1994-95.

The Islanders, outshot 42-34, are unbeaten in four trips to Madison Square Garden (3-0-1). The Rangers fell farther out of the playoff race, trailing the final berth by 12 points with only 16 games left.

Blake started the Islanders' three-goal spurt with a short-handed breakaway at 5:17. He skated around rookie goalie Vitali Yeremeyev to score his fourth goal.

Muckalt made it 3-0 just 1:10 later. He carried in front of the net, and the puck slid through the crease to Dave Scatchard, who got it back to Muckalt for his ninth goal. Kolnik made it 4-0 at 6:42.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Atlanta Braves lay off 10 after merger

Associated Press

KISSIMMEE, Fla.

Forced to cut costs after the AOL Time Warner merger, the Atlanta Braves laid off 10 employees in their scouting and player development departments.

Jim Martz, a scout for more than 31 years, was among those losing his job. He had worked with the Braves since 1995 and was responsible for minor leagues in Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio and Michigan.

"While on assignment for spring training in Florida, I was suddenly and without warning terminated from my profession in the game I love," Martz said in a statement. "Naturally, it was a tremendous shock and has been a traumatic experience for both me and my family."

The Braves also eliminated several part-time positions

under orders from their newly expanded parent company.

General manager John Schuerholz insisted that his team, which has won nine straight division titles, wouldn't be hurt by the layoffs. But the moves were a surprise, given the team reported for spring training almost three weeks ago.

"The bad thing is the timing," Schuerholz said. "If it happens in the middle of the winter, that would have been normal, standard baseball business without any unusual aspects. That's why we all feel bad."

The Braves began notifying employees of the layoffs last week. Another scout losing his job was John Hagemann, who covered high school players in Connecticut, New York and New Jersey.

Schuerholz said some coaches also were laid off for short-season and rookie-league teams.

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WOMEN'S TRACK

Seniors break school relay record at last meet

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

When Kymia Love, Kristen Dodd, Ayesha Boyd and Liz Grow stepped onto the track for the last event at the Alex Wilson Invitational last Saturday, they didn't expect to break their old school record by five seconds.

But that's exactly what they did.

Pushed by a talented Ball State relay, the 4x400 meter relay team cruised to a school-record 3:40.21 to win that event at the Alex Wilson Invitational. But even though they ran their fastest time of the season, it wasn't fast enough to qualify for next week's indoor national championships.

"They usually only take the top 12 relays," said Irish sprints coach John Millar. "They have a pretty slim chance of getting in."

Saturday's performance ranks the Irish relay at No. 17 in the nation. Their time, when converted, was 3:38.96. The final relay accepted had a 3:38.02.

Another Irish athlete who was sitting on the bubble is sophomore Tameisha King. She jumped a season-best 20 feet, 3.5 inches last weekend, ranking her 22nd in the nation. But it wasn't good enough to qualify for nationals.

"They only take the top 16," Millar said. "Making the NCAA championships is one of the hardest things to do. You're usually competing against Olympic athletes. It's just an accomplishment to make the standard."

King, who earned All-American status in the long jump outdoors last year, also

won the 60-meter hurdles Saturday with a time of 8.58.

The only female Irish athlete who earned a spot in next week's national championships is Grow. The junior has the seventh best time in the nation in 400 meters, a 53.3 second effort that she ran at the Meyo Invitational a month ago against Canadian Foye Williams.

Saturday, she won the 200-meter dash in 24 seconds, an NCAA provisional qualifying time. Millar believes running a strong 200 gives Grow an added boost heading into this week of training.

"I think that 200 gave her extra confidence heading into the meet," he said.

While Grow will be the only Irish athlete competing at the NCAA championships later this week, several other Irish athletes had strong performances at the Alex Wilson Invitational, a meet held to prepare athletes for the outdoor season.

In the high jump, the past met the present as former Notre Dame standout Jenny Engelhart beat freshman Jennifer Kearny by two inches. Engelhart, who placed seventh at the 2000 U.S. Olympic Trials, jumped 5-7.75.

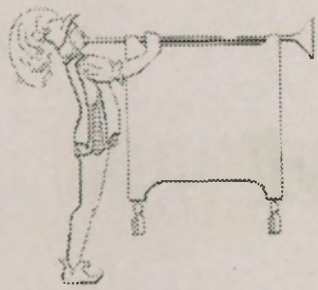
Meanwhile, in the mile, freshman Megan Johnson took second place in 4:56.41, one of her fastest times of her young collegiate career.

Grow will be competing at the Indoor NCAA Championships later this week in Arkansas. After the national championships, the Irish will have several weeks to prepare for their first outdoor meet of the season, the Arizona State Invitational, on March 30.



ERNESTO LACAYO/The Observer

Notre Dame runners rush to the finish line at a meet earlier this year. Senior Liz Grow was the only Notre Dame woman to qualify for the NCAA championships.



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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Beard scores 18 to
lead Duke to victory

Associated Press

Freshman Alana Beard scored 18 points to lead No. 5 Duke to its second consecutive ACC tournament title with a 57-45 victory over No. 18 North Carolina State on Monday night.

Michele Matyasovsky added 14 points for the Blue Devils (28-3), who improved to 8-0 in Greensboro Coliseum.

The game was a matchup of the ACC's top offense in Duke and the top defense in N.C. State.

Despite the final score, the Wolfpack (20-10) actually played up to its normal level of defense and made Duke the 18th team this season to fail to score at least 60 points against them.

They also did a good job on Duke guard Georgia Schweitzer, the Blue Devils' offensive spark.

Schweitzer, who scored a

combined 52 points in the first two games of the tournament, was held to nine against the Wolfpack. Her shots were limited — she attempted only 10 — and the Wolfpack never let her find any sort of rhythm.

But North Carolina State couldn't find an offense to match its defense. The Wolfpack shot just 25 percent, and scored only two field goals in the first 10 minutes of the second half — when Duke built a 19-point lead.

The Wolfpack, who played in the championship game for the first time since 1991, couldn't overcome a disappointing game from center Carisse Moody.

Moody, who averages 15 points and seven rebounds, was held to just nine points while shooting 4-for-15. She had eight rebounds, but Duke won in that category 43-40.

Talisha Scates led N.C. State with 11 points.

MEN'S TRACK

Shay fails to qualify for NCAA championships in 3,000

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

Ryan Shay came up a second short.

After taking the fall cross-country season off to recover from a summer of intense training in preparation for the 2000 U.S. Olympic Trials, Shay will be competing in only one event at this week's NCAA national championships after narrowly missing a berth in the 3,000-meter run at last weekend's Alex Wilson Invitational.

The senior All-American had already secured a spot in the indoor championships following his school-record 5,000-meter run at the Mayo Invitational. His 13:52.66 effort earlier this season earned him an automatic bid for this week's championships and ranked him fourth in the nation in that event.

But Shay was still chasing a bid in the 3,000 meters. He was close to the necessary time and had one last chance to qualify Saturday.

Shay ran an 8:05.44, good enough for third place and about five seconds under the provisional time he needed to meet. That time ranked him 20th in that event nationally.

It wasn't high enough.

The final time taken in the 3,000 was 8:04.44, just one second faster than Shay's effort on Saturday. However, the senior will be still be competing in the

5,000-meter run Friday night.

"He'll definitely be running in the 5,000, and he's seeded fourth," said Irish head coach Joe Piane.

While no Notre Dame male earned an NCAA berth at the Alex Wilson Invitational, many turned in strong performances in a meet Irish coaches used as preparation for the outdoor season.

"We really wanted to focus on getting ready for the outdoor season," said Irish coach John Millar. "That's what this meet was all about."

Millar was especially pleased with the performances of his 400 runners.

Freshman James Bracken led the horde of Irish runners by finishing in a tie for fourth place with Eastern Illinois' Jerrod Macklin. He ran a 48.18, and Millar feels the talented freshman can go even faster.

"I'm really excited to see what James can do for us outdoors," he said.

Many of the Notre Dame athletes in the 400-meter dash broke several significant personal barriers. Mike Mansour ran a personal-best 48.8 — the first time the junior broke the 49-second barrier. Meanwhile, a pair of freshmen ran under the 50-second barrier. Napoleon Suarez finished 11th in 49.56, while Nick Saracco was right behind him with a 49.8.

"Our 400 guys had a great weekend," Millar said. "I think it's important that they've gotten

past some of those mental barriers right before the outdoor season."

Notre Dame got another strong mile performance from Patrick Conway, who ran a personal-best 4:06.89, good enough for third place. Teammate Sean Zanderson finished 12th in that event with a 4:12.51.

As they have all season long, the Irish did an outstanding job in the field events. In the high jump, Big East champion Andrew Cooper won the event with a jump of 6 feet, 8.75 inches.

Long jumper Tom Gilbert won the long jump with a leap of 22-11.75. Gilbert, who also took third in the 200 and sixth in the 60, led a group of four Notre Dame long jumpers. No other athletes outside of Notre Dame competed in the event.

In the 35-pound weight throw, the Irish placed second through sixth. Sophomore Brian Thornberg led the Irish by throwing 51-8.5.

Sprinter Travis Davey also had a solid day. The senior placed third in the 60 with a time of 7.00 and took fifth in the 200 with a 22.01.

With the exception of Shay, who will compete this weekend at the NCAA Indoor National Championships, the Notre Dame track and field team will have three weeks off before they travel to Arizona State for their first outdoor meet of 2001 on March 30.



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Irish runners, shown here at an earlier meet, put in a strong performance at the NCAA-qualifying Alex Wilson Invitational.



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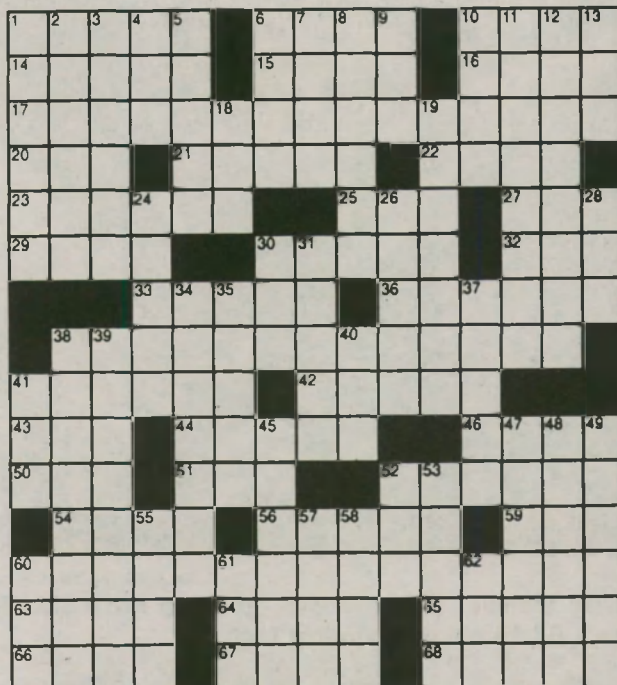
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 - Guinness who was knighted
 - "Star Wars" princess
 - Game
 - Submissions to eds.
 - What the booby prize winner scored
 - "Money" object
 - Purim honoree
 - Yellow-ribboned tree
 - N.B.A.'s Erving, informally
 - Space race acronym
 - Rules maven
 - Squeeze (out)
 - Wedding guide
 - Hosted, as 3-Down
 - Game
 - Chinese dumpling
 - Best
 - "What Kind of Fool ___?" (part of a knock-knock joke)
 - Wrinkled fruit
 - "___ there?"
 - Gen-___
 - Martini maker
 - Tomorrow, in Tijuana
 - Roman wrap
 - Director DeMille
 - "Oy ___!"
 - Game

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 - Friars Club events
 - Mail order abbr.
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 - Child's wish for Christmas
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 - Dancer's partners
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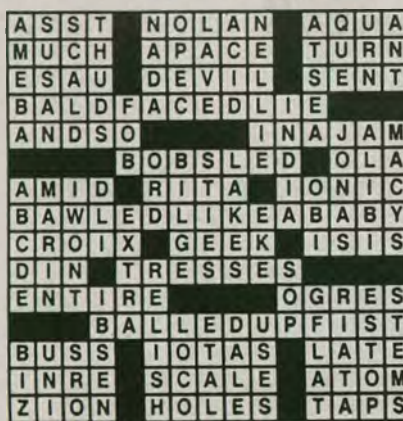


Puzzle by Nancy Salomon

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- Queen topper
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- Car wash option
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- Must
- "I'll be right there!"
- States as fact
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- Mount Olympus dwellers
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): If you've taken on too much as usual, you will find yourself in a tight spot. You had better sit down and decide what your priorities are before you disappoint someone you love. ☹☹☹

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Friends and relatives will be able to give you sound advice if you open up about your personal concerns. Travel will bring you in contact with interesting and intriguing new people. ☹☹☹

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your energy is high and you're geared up to get ahead at work. Promote your ideas and don't be afraid to talk to your boss about your career direction. ☹☹☹

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't let your mood swings take over. Someone you care about may back off you if you can't control your emotions. Be prepared to make personal changes if it's required. ☹☹☹

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Dealing with government agencies or authority figures will prove to be frustrating. Try to concentrate on projects for your living quarters or on innovative

financial investments. ☹☹

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You will enhance your reputation if you bend over backward to help someone in need. You are good at finding solutions to other people's problems. You will meet new friends if you go out. ☹☹☹☹

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Midwestern upset
The No. 5 Irish fell to No. 11 Northwestern in a 4-3 upset for its first loss to a Midwestern team since 1996.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish move on to UConn in finals with win over Virginia Tech

◆ Riley scores just two as Notre Dame earns 67-49 win over Virginia Tech

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Assistant Sports Editor

STORRS, Conn. With nine minutes, 30 seconds remaining in Monday's 67-49 Big East Tournament semifinal win over Virginia Tech, Irish center Ruth Riley was fouled driving to the hoop.

Riley grinned as she approached the line. After connecting on the first, she pointed to the sky. She then connected on the second.

The points were the first — and only — on the night for the Big East's Player of the Year and leading scorer. It was the first time this season Riley entered halftime scoreless.

"We tried to force catches six to seven feet away tried to provide more ball pressure," Virginia Tech coach Bonnie Henrickson said. "I thought our effort defensively was very good."

Despite her offensive struggles, Riley was happy to see her teammates step up in her absence. She laughed the entire time she was at the free-throw line.

"You've got to [laugh]. I was thankful," Riley said. "I was thanking the Lord a little bit there for that free throw."

The senior played only 24 minutes, struggling with her shooting and committing four fouls. In Riley's absence, sophomore backup Amanda Barksdale stepped up her play for the second day in a row.

After blocking six shots in Sunday's quarterfinal win over Georgetown, Barksdale added three more on Monday, to go along with a season-high six points. The North Carolina native pulled down nine rebounds, which tied teammate Kelley Siemon for most on the night.

"I thought Mandy had a lot more than three blocks," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said after the game. "She certainly distorted a lot of shots and so did Ruth. With those two in the middle of the

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Senior Kelley Siemon, shown above, goes up for a shot in Notre Dame's 67-49 win over Virginia Tech.

JOHN GALAYDA/The Daily Campus

◆ Irish will face UConn again in Big East Tournament Championships

By TIM CASEY
Assistant Sports Editor

STORRS, CONN. Nearly two months of anticipation boils down to two hours of reality tonight.

Hopefully. Several inches of snow blanketed this rural town in northeastern Connecticut on Monday night and forecasts estimate that additional snow will accumulate today. If weather permits, No. 1 Notre Dame and No. 2 Connecticut will square off for the Big East tournament championships tonight at 7:30, a game that will be televised on ESPN2.

The two teams met on Jan. 15, with the Irish upsetting the then top-ranked Huskies 92-76 before a sold-out Joyce Center crowd.

Due to Monday's storm, a police escort led two busloads full of Notre Dame players, coaches, managers, cheerleaders, band members, athletic department officials and members of the media to and from Gampel Pavilion. After Notre Dame's 67-49 victory over Virginia Tech, it took 45 minutes for the buses to drive the 20-mile trip from Gampel to the team's hotel.

Also, the semifinal game between Connecticut and Rutgers was delayed for nearly an hour while a repairman fixed a leak on Gampel's roof. The Huskies cruised to a 94-66 win to set up tonight's rematch.

Notre Dame (28-1 overall) and Connecticut (27-2 overall) entered the tournament with identical 15-1 conference records but the Irish gained the No. 1 seed due to their earlier win.

Since the 1993-94 season, the Huskies have won seven straight tournament titles, two national championships and have gone 135-5 in Big East regular season games.

So although the Irish are ranked atop the latest national polls, Muffet McGraw referred to her team as the underdog during Thursday's Big East tele-

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HOCKEY

Irish lose chance at CCHA

By MATT ORENCHUK
Sports Writer

Going into this weekend's series against Western Michigan, the Notre Dame hockey team held their own fate: win and the Irish would be in the CCHA playoffs. But it was not to be for the Irish as they lost 7-2.

A sellout crowd showed up at the JACC on Saturday for senior night. While the crowd was enthused by the pregame ceremonies, the game proved to be a major disappointment for Notre Dame. Western Michigan capitalized on numer-

ous Notre Dame penalties to defeat the Irish. Bowling Green beat Ferris State in other CCHA action. The Notre Dame loss coupled with the Bowling Green win propelled the Falcons into the final CCHA playoff spot, and left the Irish home to contemplate the season.

In the first period of Saturday's game, the Irish could not capitalize on numerous scoring opportunities. Western Michigan took a 1-0 lead on a goal by Ryan Crane at the 12:48 mark of the period. Crane was able to slip a rebound past Irish goalie Jeremiah Kimento for the

score.

"The failure to capitalize in the first period was the game," Irish coach Dave Poulin said. "I thought we played with a lot of confidence in the first period, but we didn't get it done."

The second period found the Notre Dame defense asleep. Western Michigan scored 20 seconds into the period to further their lead to 2-0. The Broncos put two more goals on the board, and the second period ended with Western Michigan leading 4-0.

In the third, Aaron Gill finally got the Irish on the board with

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BENGAL BOUTS

Hobbins earns first title win over Macias

By BRIAN BURKE
Sports Writer

It was the last chance for Brian "Nightmare" Hobbins, and the senior captain would not be denied. Hobbins won a split decision over Thomas "Boom-Boom" Macias Friday night in the finals and earned a title in his final fight.

"To get that is pretty sweet," Hobbins said.

The bout was one of contrasting styles; Macias charging at Hobbins and trying to fight close, and Hobbins dancing in and out while counter-punching. Hobbins landed several combinations in the first round, resulting in three stoppages to tend to a bleeding Macias.

"The stops were a little frustrating," Hobbins said, "but I'm glad Tom got to finish. He's a tough kid."

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