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Suspected fire forces evacuation, no residents hurt

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
News Writer

A suspected fire forced the evacuation of nearly 150 Holy Cross Hall residents Monday evening after a resident reported seeing smoke in a basement shower stall.

A blown fan motor in a section of duct work filled the south basement bathroom with smoke, said Notre Dame fire chief John Antonucci. Notre Dame Fire Department was the first to respond to the call at approximately 9:10 Monday evening and found hazy smoke in the bathroom but no flames upon responding, members of the battalion said.

Seven fire trucks and one ambulance responded to the call, including members of the South Bend Fire Department.

"[The smoke] pretty much contained itself by the time we got here," said South Bend Fire

Department battalion chief Chico Rodriguez. "It was just a smoke scare."

Holy Cross resident Jame Roark was showering in the south basement bathroom when she heard the fan backfire and saw the room fill with smoke.

"I was washing my hair, and I heard a zap noise," Roark said.

"The room was filled with smoke, and it was becoming almost like a haze. I couldn't see the rest of the bathroom."

Roark escaped unharmed, and notified neighbors on the basement floor of the dorm to contact Saint Mary's security. No residents were injured, but one security officer was treated for smoke inhalation, according to Holy Cross hall director Laura Sobiek.

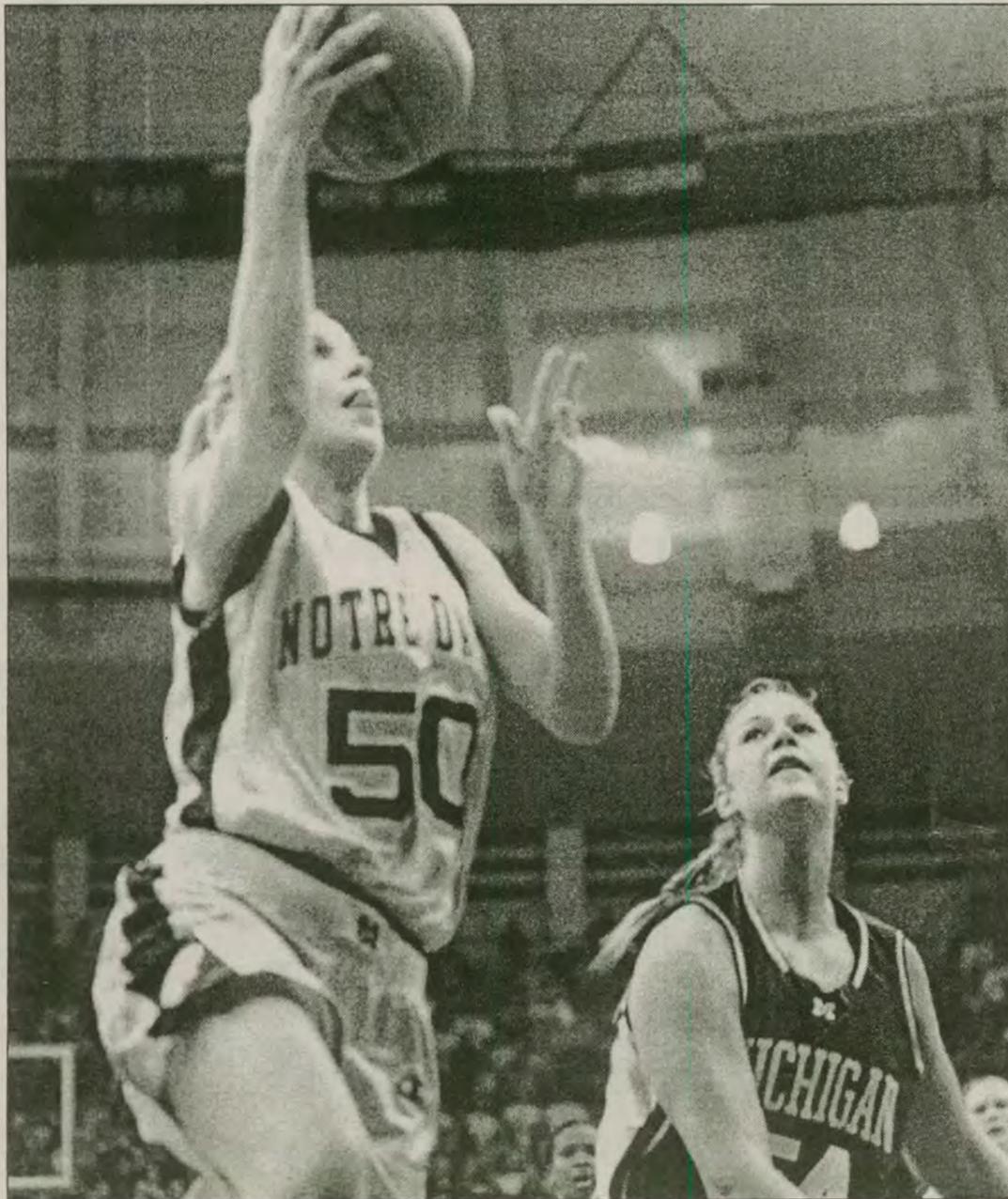
Residents were allowed back in the building at 9:55 p.m., and Saint Mary's physical plant personnel were examining the fan motor after the fire battalions left campus.



NAOMI CORDELL/The Observer

A small electrical fire in Holy Cross Hall forced the evacuation of 150 residents and resulted in one minor injury.

HEADING TO THE ROCKIES



TIM KACMAR/The Observer

Irish forward Kelley Siemon sails toward the basket during Monday night's 88-54 win over Michigan. Siemon and the other Irish seniors played their final home game. The win advances the Irish to the Sweet 16 in Denver, Colo. where they will take on Utah Saturday.

New center promises more social space

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER
News Writer

The new Coleman-Morse Center's architecture and features dazzled those who walked into the building on its first day of service to students Monday. The building is more than an architectural sight, however, bringing together three of the most frequently used student services on campus: Academic Services for Student Athletes, Campus Ministry and First Year of Studies.

In addition to the offices themselves, there is study and social space available to students. A large lounge on the first floor, named in honor of Dorene and Jerry Hammes who recently donated \$1 million for a Campus Ministry endowment, has space for studying or relaxing and is open 21 hours a day, closing every morning at 4 am for cleaning and re-open at 7 a.m. The lounge is furnished with tables and chairs for studying, couches and a big screen TV for those seeking a break from their work, free popcorn and soda provided by Campus Ministry and two fireplaces. On Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, there will be food service available in the lounge from 8 p.m. until 3 a.m.

"I'm thinking about making it my new study space," said sophomore David Choe. "I used to study at LaFortune, but everybody goes there. This is open 24 hours and it's more relaxed. We need more 24-hour space for hanging out or doing homework."

Campus Ministry has offices on

the first and third floors of the building, and a considerably larger amount of space than in the previous offices.

"We never thought it would turn out as beautiful as it has. Campus Ministry went from 5,000 square feet of office space to 35,000 square feet," said Father Richard Warner, director of Campus Ministry.

The center has united Campus Ministry, which was previously housed in the Hesburgh Library and the basement of Badin Hall.

"Before, retreats were run out of the library office. We were disconnected from the Badin office and so many people there were involved in the retreats," said director of retreats Father John Herman.

Those going on retreats will now pick up paperwork and depart for the retreat from the same location on the first floor of the center. The new retreat office also provides more office space for those leading retreats.

"A lot of the people involved with the retreat are rectors and we didn't have a place to work [from]. Here, we can have meetings for retreats and can organize them. It will do a lot to help us improve our current programs and start new ones," Herman said.

A new Campus Ministry organization, PLAN, also has space on the first floor. Students in PLAN will serve as hosts to students from 6 p.m. until midnight each night, restocking the lounge refreshments and also providing information about Campus Ministry programs.

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INSIDE COLUMN

For Jake's sake

There are some days when I think that despite having lived 21 years, I still don't understand the world at all. A conversation with my mother this weekend made Sunday one of those days.

On Saturday, March 17, Jake Siniawski passed away from complications of a lifelong battle with Fanconi Anemia. He was just 10 years old.

Jake was a fifth grader who attended school with two of my younger brothers and belonged to my parish in Cincinnati, Ohio. Though Jake did not know me, it was impossible for me not to know him in the small community of Saint Bernard, Taylor Creek. Jake's picture was printed on stickers we wore at parish festivals to raise awareness. He appeared on posters under the colorful words "For Jake's Sake," advertising a bone marrow drive to try to find a match for Jake and many others nationally in need of marrow transplants. Throughout his short life, Jake became an advocate for the local blood bank and the Make A Wish Foundation, and he appeared on television and the radio to educate the public about Fanconi Anemia and to raise money for research.

Jake's family kept our parish informed about how Jake was doing through a Web site that they updated daily with journal entries. When I returned home last Sunday for spring break, my mother showed me one such entry. "The pneumonia is worse. There is nothing more we can do," wrote Jake's mother. "Jake would rather be at home. So, I signed the DNR tonight and brought Jake home."

Two days ago, upon hearing of Jake's death, I logged onto Jake's site and clicked on the journal entries link. The page loaded, and music began playing in the background. It was "On Eagle's Wings." All the journal said was, "The angels came for Jake this morning at 7:30. I know he is in Heaven. God be with him."

As I read over the entries detailing the last week of Jake's life, the faith and bravery of this family touched my heart. On March 9, the day Jake's mother signed the DNR, she recalls telling him by name the persons who will meet him at the gates of heaven. Three days later, the journal describes the comfort Jake drew from an Anointing of the Sick ceremony. On the 13, it excitedly details the special honor Jake was granted when the Archbishop of Cincinnati permitted our parish priest to perform a Confirmation ceremony in his home. The entry goes on to explain that the sacrament is a rite of passage usually reserved for seventh or eighth graders and describes the occasion as "a wonderful event in Jake's life."

I cannot begin to understand from where this family has drawn such strength and trusting acceptance, but I found their conviction that Jake has been called home to be a comfort in the face of such sad news. This family faced the inevitable with inspiring courage and grace. I can only hope to some day live up to the example they set for Jake's sake.

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



Anne Marie Mattingly

Senior Staff Writer

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

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

Josh Nemeth on his sister Jenny, a Holy Cross student who died of meningitis March 5.

"This represents an important social justice action on behalf of the University."

Brian O'Donoghue, student body president, on Notre Dame's joining the WRC.

"We weren't the ringleaders of the reading."

Katie Poynter, CARE member, on action taken against the group for a Feb. 19 performance of "The Vagina Monologues."

"Hopefully, he'll get into the draft. We're tired of seeing Troy Murphy."

Pitt basketball coach Ben Howland after the Panther's 66-54 Big East Tournament win over the Irish March 8.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Brown U. group to continue action against paper

PROVIDENCE, R.I. A coalition of student groups that stole nearly 4,000 copies of The Brown Daily Herald Friday said it plans to continue to take action against The Herald until the newspaper meets its demands, according to a press release the group issued Saturday.

"Our action was to remove The Herald from on-campus locations of distribution," the release said. "We will continue to be active until the paper meets our demands."

The coalition had demanded The Herald donate the \$725 cost of a full-page advertisement to the Third World community and give the coalition a free full-page ad.

On Saturday the coalition added two new demands: that The Herald

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press release
Brown University student coalition

remove the word "Brown" from its name, and that it cease distributing copies on campus.

The Herald declined to honor any of the group's demands.

The coalition's dispute with The Herald grew into a massive campus controversy and garnered national media attention over the weekend

following the coalition's action on Friday.

Over the weekend the Boston Globe, the Providence Journal and the Associated Press ran stories on the theft. Representatives from The Herald and the coalition also appeared on NBC's "Today" show Sunday morning.

Already the controversy has sparked the creation of at least one rival campus group, Students of Color Against Censorship (SCAC).

"SCAC was formed to provide a voice for minority students who are disenchanting with the coalition's actions," the group said in a statement Sunday night. "The group is growing very rapidly, as dozens of students have already expressed their support."

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

Publisher eyes Earnhardt photos

GAINESVILLE, Fla.

Despite a settlement between the Orlando Sentinel and the family of Dale Earnhardt, the Alligator's publisher, Campus Communications Inc. will continue its court fight against sealing the racing legend's autopsy photos. Teresa Earnhardt, widow of the NASCAR legend, had sued the Volusia County Medical Examiner to block the release of records concerning her late husband to keep media from obtaining copies. The Sentinel wanted a medical expert to examine the photos as part of a NASCAR safety story. Lawyers for Earnhardt and the newspaper negotiated for 18 hours before reaching a compromise Friday. The compromise allows a court-appointed mediator to choose an expert to view the photos. Sentinel representatives will be allowed to ask the expert three questions about the head injuries and cause of death. The photos then will be sealed. Barbara Petersen, executive director of the First Amendment Foundation in Tallahassee, said the decision sets a bad precedent for those seeking certain government documents.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI

Women take stand on new flag issue

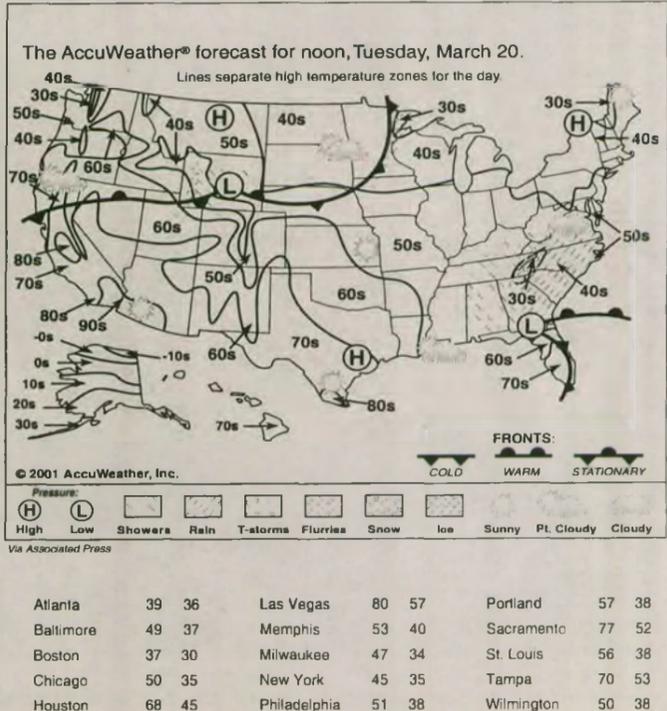
OXFORD, Miss.

Women from the University of Mississippi and the Oxford/Lafayette community are assembling to raise support for the new state flag. The — as of yet unnamed — group of women consists of faculty members, administrators and other women from the university community and is leading a push among women in the area to vote against the old flag, which features the "stars and bars" in the upper left corner. Gloria Kellum, vice chancellor for university relations, said the group first formed as many people began to talk and ask if there was something that they as individuals could do. "I think the message is that the women in the Oxford-Lafayette-University community hope that they can increase the awareness of women that this vote can have a huge influence," Kellum said. "Because women make up 52 percent of the voting population in Mississippi they can make a major impact in this vote." She also said women in the group are committed to going out as individuals and sharing their message.

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NATIONAL WEATHER



International week events begin today

By JASON McFARLEY
News Editor

Multicultural programs and activities will be part of the third annual International Week, which kicks off today at Notre Dame.

Sponsored by the University's department of International Student Services and Activities in conjunction with campus multicultural clubs, the events will last through Saturday.

"The purpose of the week is to showcase the cultures, traditions and talents of international students," said Maureen Fitzgibbon, director of the ISSA.

Today organizers are sponsoring a trivia contest beginning at noon in the LaFortune Student Center. Also, two showings of the Japanese film "Maborosi" are scheduled for 7 and 9 p.m. in Montgomery Theatre.

On Wednesday, another film, "Bulgarian Animation," will show at 2 p.m. in the theatre.

On Thursday, the International Women's Club will give book readings from

3:30 to 5 p.m. in the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore.

The international village will be the highlight of events Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the first and second floors of LaFortune. The film festival continues Friday with "Waking Ned Devine" and "Leningrad Cowboys Go America" showing in Montgomery at 6 and 8 p.m., respectively.

An international sports tournament from 7 to 10 p.m. in Rolf's Sports Recreation Center wraps up Friday's events.

The international village continues from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday in LaFortune. Then, a culture fest at 7:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Library auditorium will feature dances, poetry, songs and other enrichment activities.

All programs are free and open to the public.

Fitzgibbon said she hopes to see increased participation in this year's International Week.

"We're hoping that the Notre Dame community as well as the larger community will take part in it," she said.

SATs face dismissal at colleges

◆ ND and SMC will keep admissions test

By NICK SWEDO
News Writer

Richard Atkinson, president of the University of California school system, recently issued a proposal that the school drop the Scholastic Aptitude Test from its list of admissions requirements. This move by the country's largest university system could potentially start a ripple effect at other universities and signal the death knell of the SAT.

Both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, however, have no plans at this time to stop using the SAT in the admissions process.

"This kind of change will not happen overnight," said Mary Pat Nolan, admissions director at Saint Mary's. "We would have to do research before any change is made."

Rita Scheidler, Notre Dame's admissions counselor in charge of the California region, said the University does not intend to follow the University of California's lead anytime soon.

"It [the SAT] is one way that we can gauge students across the nation against each other," Scheidler said.

Notre Dame admissions officers do take into account the flaws that the SAT has, and the test is only one of six criteria that the officials look at, Scheidler said.

Scheidler explained that each student is judged on three academic criteria — class rank, SAT and high school transcript — with the transcript given greatest weight. The admissions office also looks at three non-academic criteria — teacher evaluations, essays and extracurricular activities and community involvement.

"With all of those elements, we have a good feel for which students will be most successful at Notre Dame," Scheidler said.

Like Notre Dame, Saint Mary's officials use the SAT as a determinant for admission but not as the most important criterion.

"The SAT does give a general comparison of students across the nation, but the admission decision is not solely made on test scores," Nolan said. "We firmly believe that the best indicator of performance at Saint Mary's is high school courses taken and the difficulty of those courses."

Critics of the SAT contend that it favors wealthier students.

"With the end of affirmative action in California and several other states," said John Katzman, founder and CEO of the Princeton Review, "these [disadvantaged] students have been at the wrong end of an arms race, competing with wealthier students who

spend hundreds of dollars to take SAT courses like our own [or thousands to get private tutoring]."

Ironically, Katzman's test-prep company makes money helping students prepare for the SAT.

Erik Sorensen, assistant director of the Princeton Review Midwest Branch, would like to see college admission offices

place more emphasis on the SAT II tests, which, according to Sorensen, are more

representative of what students are learning in the classroom. He thinks that Atkinson's proposal will start a chain reaction.

"The University of California school system is the largest in the country," Atkinson said. "They have always been trendsetters. Other schools will now start to reconsider."

Seppy Basili, the vice president of another test-prep company, Kaplan Inc., disagrees.

"I think that Atkinson's proposal will go through. Until someone makes a better test, though, there will be no ripple effect. The combination of the SAT and a high school transcript is still the best predictor of college grades."

The California Board of Regents must first approve Atkinson's proposal before it takes effect. The earliest the change would be implemented is the fall of 2003.

"This kind of change will not happen overnight. We would do research before any change is made."

Mary Pat Nolan
Director of admission at SMC

Recycle The Observer.

ND band appears on "Live with Regis and Kelly" show

By ERIN PIROUTEK
Senior Staff Writer

While in New York supporting the Notre Dame men's basketball team at the Big East Tournament, several

members of the band and cheerleading squad made an unexpected appearance on the television program "Live with Regis and Kelly."

Several band members decided to attend the taping of the program on March 7. After a long wait in line, they received standby tickets.

Inside the studio, one of Regis Philbin's staff members noticed several students in the group were wearing Notre Dame band apparel. During one of the commercial breaks, Philbin talked with the group.

"I didn't expect Regis to be so much like he is when you see him in public," said sophomore Megan Sullivan. "He was the same way off-camera with his staff and with the audience."

Philbin told the group, "We're going

to do our best to get you guys on TV," said senior Kathleen Eichman.

At the end of the show, the band members were invited on the stage with Philbin and co-host Kelly Ripa. Philbin led the group in a "Go Irish" cheer and wished them good luck at the basketball game.

The next day, several cheerleaders, band members and leprechaun Mike Brown tried to get tickets for the show.

Although they didn't get tickets to the taping, Philbin brought them onto the stage at the end of the program to cheer for Notre Dame.



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lounge refreshments and also providing information about Campus Ministry programs.

The Center for Social Concerns will operate a satellite office out of the first floor.

Academic Services for Student Athletes has also taken office on the first floor and has larger facilities than their previous space in Brownson Hall.

"This is really meant to be a student-centered building," said Kate Halischak, director of Academic Services for Student Athletes. "For the first time, we have a dedicated tutoring space within the office complex, which makes us able to schedule tutoring more efficiently."

The first floor contains a small chapel named Notre Dame Our Mother where a variety of masses will be held, including Rejoice! and masses for the retreat team. On Fridays, there will be mass and reconciliation in the chapel. There is a cross-cultural ministry that will have permanent cultural displays and also has a small prayer room that is open to all, but is especially targeted for Muslims to use during their Friday prayer.

First Year of Studies now occupies the second floor of the center after 31 years in Brownson Hall.

"Instead of being in a nondescript building overshadowed by the Dome and Basilica, we are now out on South Quad. We are going to be a lot more visible," said Kevin Rooney, assistant dean of First Year of Studies.

In addition to a more preferable location, the new office provides more space for academic advisors and peer mentors and brings the office closer to the Learning Resource Center, a place where freshmen can get assistance in their classes.

"Freshmen can walk right out the door and sign up for tutoring," said Rooney.

Another new feature is that some first year classes will now be taught outside First Year of Studies offices in five small classrooms. Currently, First Year of Studies Dean Eileen Kolman teaches her math class in the building, but next year the rooms have a full schedule of first year courses. In the evening, these rooms will be used for tutoring and collaborative workshops by the Learning Resource Center.

"We are delighted to have

more inviting facilities and a more comfortable environment for everyone," Rooney said.

The University Writing Center moved from the basement of DeBartolo Hall to the second floor of the center.

Campus Ministry's expanded space will allow it to provide more resources to students. There is a new catechist resource room designed to aid students who teach religious education in local parishes. A new choir library contains 100,000 sheets of music used by the various choirs and new choir rooms were also built.

"The rooms are primarily for our eight different choral groups who were practicing for a long time in the Earth Science building. We also want to make the rooms available to student groups who want to use it. We want to make everything available to all the people we serve," Warner said.

The \$14 million, 66,670 square foot building was underwritten by gifts from two alumni. Although commonly referred to as the Coleman-Morse Center, the building

actually contains two centers. The Thomas A. Coleman Family Center for Campus Ministry memorializes the family of Thomas

Coleman, a 1956 graduate and member of the Board of Trustees until his death last year. Coleman also served for 32 years on the Mendoza College of Business advisory council and provided funding for the renovation of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart in 1990. The James and Leah Rae Morse Center for Academic Services was funded by a gift from James Morse, a 1957 graduate of the University and captain of the 1956 football team, and his wife. Morse was the voice of Notre Dame football on ABC in the 1960s and has served on the College of Arts and Letters advisory council since 1981.

"It really is a whole new era in student services," Warner said.

"We are delighted to have more inviting facilities and a more comfortable environment for everyone."

Kevin Rooney
assistant dean, First Year Studies

Teachers visit campus as students

Special to The Observer

Teachers from South Bend and Mishawaka public and private elementary, middle and high schools will become students themselves in the coming months as they join the Spring 2001 seminar series Teachers as Scholars at the University of Notre Dame.

Teachers as Scholars brings kindergarten-through-12th grade teachers into the university classroom and into seminars whose engaging scholarly content returns participants to the role of learner. The program deliberately steps away from the teacher-training focus on teaching tools, and aims, instead, to refresh each teacher's love of learning.

The spring Teachers as Scholars series begins Tuesday, March 20 with "The Politics and Economics of Income and Wealth Inequality," led by

Teresa Ghilarducci, associate professor of economics. The seminar continues March 27.

Six two-day seminars are planned through May. Each seminar is led by a Notre Dame professor, held during the regular school day, and designed for lively scholarly discussion. Participating teachers are encouraged to select a seminar on the basis of their interests, regardless of the grade level they teach or their area of content expertise. Other spring seminar topics are:

♦ "The Abundant Love of Romance Comedies," with William Krier, associate professor of English, March 21 and 28.

♦ "Women as Citizens in American Politics," with Christina Wolbrecht, Packey Dee Assistant Professor of Government and International Studies, April 24 and May 1.

♦ "Teaching the Humanities in the Art Museum," with Diana

Matthias and Shannon Masterson, professional specialists with the Snite Museum of Art, April 25 and May 2.

♦ "The History of American Documentary Filmmaking," with Jill Godmilow, professor of Film, Television and Theatre, May 8 and 15.

♦ "Inequality in Latin America," with Victoria Sanford and Greg Downey, assistant professors of anthropology, May 9 and May 16.

The program is held in conjunction with the South Bend Community School Corp., School City of Mishawaka, and the Diocese of Fort Wayne/South Bend schools. Funding is provided by a grant from the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation; Notre Dame's College of Arts and Letters and Nanovic Institute for European Studies, and by the Muessel-Ellison Memorial Trust Foundation.

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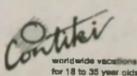
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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Rallies protest Basque attacks:

Thousands of Spaniards around the country observed a minute of silence Monday to protest the latest killing blamed on the armed Basque separatist group ETA. In Madrid, lawmakers gathered outside Parliament to condemn Saturday night's car bomb blast that killed a policeman in the Catalan town of Roses. A larger rally was set for the evening in Madrid.

Cuba produces own Bacardi rum:

Launching a new duel over trademark rights, President Fidel Castro said Cuba will begin producing its own Bacardi rum, using the name made famous by a Cuban family in exile. Bacardi rum "is ours and is better than what they produced," Castro said Saturday in a speech broadcast on state television late Sunday.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Passenger breaks agent's neck:

Witnesses saw an airline ticket agent's feet flying when a frustrated passenger hurled him to the ground, breaking his neck, a prosecutor told jurors Monday. The passenger, John Davis, 29, of Fredericksburg, Va., is charged with aggravated assault and could face up to 10 years in prison if convicted. The Continental Airlines ticket agent, Anthony Sottile, landed on his head and has lost most of the mobility in his neck.

Glitch blocks EarthLink e-mail:

Hundreds of thousands of e-mails sent by EarthLink Inc. customers to America Online accounts were rejected and lost over a period spanning at least 10 days, EarthLink said Monday. An AOL spokesman said software designed to restrict junk e-mail, or spam, was to blame. After conferring Monday, the companies said the problem had been resolved.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Judge withdraws from trial:

A third Lake Superior Court judge has recused himself from presiding over the murder trial of a man accused of plotting to kill several of the trial's key witnesses and the original judge. Walter "Billy" Richeson is accused of murdering a Crown Point man and of plotting to kill several key witnesses in his trial for that crime. Police say Richeson also plotted to kill the original judge and deputy prosecutor assigned to the case. Judge Thomas Stefaniak has now decided not to take the Richeson case.

MACEDONIA

Albanian rebels bombard town

Associated Press

TETOVO

Heavy weaponry echoed eerily through deserted streets as Macedonia's second-largest city — besieged by ethnic Albanian rebels fighting for greater rights — fell under a government-imposed curfew and a new sense of dread.

Macedonian forces continued the bombardment throughout the night and into a sixth straight day Monday, apparently concentrating on areas north of the city. As curfew hours ended, some city buses and cars returned to the streets but most stores remained shut.

On Sunday night, only a handful of people and even fewer cars crept through the streets. But the overnight curfew ordered by Prime Minister Ljubco Georgievski, along with restrictions on movements in the region, did nothing to stop the booming volley of fire between government forces and the insurgents.

Macedonian gunners unleashed sustained artillery and mortar strikes on the hillsides above Tetovo, lobbing large-caliber mortars at the insurgents nestled strategically in the scrubby woods.

"Macedonia will win this battle without giving up a single foot of our territory. And after the victory, Macedonians and Albanians will continue to live together — as they must," Georgievski said in an address to a nation he said "is rapidly arming itself."

Georgievski accused the United States and Germany, whose troops patrol the neighboring Yugoslav province of Kosovo as part of NATO's contingent there, of not doing enough to stop the rebels.

"You cannot convince us that the chieftains of these gangs are unknown to your governments, nor can you persuade us that they cannot be stopped," he said.

EU foreign ministers



A Macedonian youth jumps through the window of a full train bound from Tetovo for the capital, Skopje. Upwards of 2,000 people have already fled Tetovo.

AFP Photo

meeting Monday in Brussels, Belgium, promised to boost financial and other aid to Macedonia to help reduce tensions. The EU's security affairs chief, Javier Solana, also was heading to the Macedonian capital of Skopje later in the day.

Russian Foreign Minister Igo Ivanov arriving in Belgrade on Sunday for talks with Macedonian and Yugoslav leaders on ways

to avert all-out war.

"We are deeply convinced that the international community now needs to unite efforts to establish stability and stop the terrorism," he said.

Ethnic Albanians account for at least a quarter of Macedonia's 2 million people, and although ethnic relations in Macedonia have been relatively trouble free, substantial numbers of the minority feel they are

being treated as second-class citizens.

But although the National Liberation Army urged ordinary citizens to take up arms and join their struggle, some ethnic Albanians remained suspicious of the rebels and their motives.

"I don't know what to say about them. I do not know even if we can trust them or not," said Shefik Azizi, 25, after guiding a group of fellow ethnic Albanians.

UNITED KINGDOM

Officials: vaccination not an option

Associated Press

LONDON

Farmers opposed to killing apparently healthy animals to stop the spread of foot-and-mouth disease put their case to Britain's chief veterinarian Monday, while officials rejected mass vaccination as an alternative.

The number of confirmed cases rose to 326 on Monday, with the three latest cases all found in Cumbria, the northeastern English county where chief veterinarian Jim

Scudamore was meeting farmers.

"We have to keep the strategy under review," Scudamore said Monday in a radio interview with the British Broadcasting Corp.

"If one is looking at a strategic plan in dealing with a disease, you have to look at all the weapons in the armory. But at the moment, the policy is identify, quarantine and destroy the herds and remove [the disease] by stamping out," he said.

On Monday, European Union agriculture ministers were to meet in Brussels, Belgium to discuss how to

fight the disease. British Agriculture Minister Nick Brown was expected to explain his country's efforts.

The British government announced last week that it planned to destroy all sheep and pigs within two miles of any confirmed outbreak in Cumbria and southern Scotland, where many of the cases are concentrated. Animals that had passed through markets known to have the infection — and any animal they, in turn, had come in contact with — were also marked for destruction.

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SUN MICROSYSTEM (SUNW)	+4.80	+0.87	19.06

Jackson, Simon earn 2nd inductions

◆ **Hall of Fame also honors Aerosmith, Queen, Steely Dan**

Associated Press

NEW YORK

The hobbled Michael Jackson and a sweetly nostalgic Paul Simon made their second entrances into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame on Monday, joined by fellow inductees Aerosmith, Queen and Steely Dan.

Fifties vocal group The Flamingos, soul singer Solomon Burke and "La Bamba" singer Ritchie Valens were also honored at a New York ceremony.

Jackson, already in the Hall of Fame with his brothers as a member of the Jackson 5, was honored for a solo career that includes "Thriller," which Sony estimates has sold more than 47 million copies worldwide.

He wore a white suit with gold buttons and leaned on a cane as he accepted his trophy. Jackson broke his foot falling down the stairs while dancing recently, and, despite members of the audience pleading with him to sing, he didn't oblige.

He was inducted by members 'N Sync, whose Lance Bass said

Jackson was always a man who inspired more questions than answers.

"To me, the gift of music has been a great blessing, from the time I was a child," Jackson said.

Simon is also a Hall of Fame member for his work with Art Garfunkel. His solo career has included hits such as "Still Crazy After All These Years" and "Graceland," both of which he sang Monday.

Simon took 10 minutes to read a list of inspirations, from the first record he bought by the singer Johnnie Ace, to his bandleader father and "those two girls in Covington, Ky."

Of his former partner, Garfunkel, Simon said, "I regret the ending of our friendship, and I hope that one day before I die we will make peace with each other."

After the audience applauded warmly, Simon deadpanned, "No rush."

Aerosmith, called "the greatest rock band in American history" by Detroit rocker Kid Rock, thanked their families for supporting a career that included stardom, a steep

fall and surprising resurrection. The band's new album debuted this week at No. 2 on the Billboard charts, but they were honored for work that included the prototype rock ballad, "Dream On."

"Mom, when I finally get this

out of my system, I'll go to college," said 49-year-old bass player Tom Hamilton.

Lead singer Steven Tyler made a wry reference to the unflattering early comparison of Aerosmith to the Rolling Stones and his own resemblance to their singer.

"I wonder if this will put an end to, 'Hey, aren't you Mick Jagger?'" he said.

Queen, whose lead singer Freddie Mercury died of AIDS in 1991, performed "We Will Rock You" as a trio and invited Foo Fighter Dave Grohl to sing an incendiary version of "Tie Your Mother Down." It opened a ceremony that started an hour late.

Mercury's mother, Jer Bulsara, accepted her late son's trophy.

Steely Dan was inducted by the techno-artist Moby, who said, "They always seemed different somehow. On the one hand, their music is warm and beautiful, but on the other hand it is so unsettling."

The reclusive duo of Donald Fagen and Walter Becker, before performing "Black Friday," asked the audience if it had any questions, then ridiculed the only one shouted at them. Steely Dan's first album after nearly two decades off, "Two Against Nature," won the Grammy for album of the year last month.

Soul king Burke, rising to the stage in a regal robe, said before performing, "To all of my 21 children, 58 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, 'Let's get it on.'"

"To me, the gift of music has been a great blessing, from the time I was a child."

Michael Jackson
singer

Economists say Fed to cut interest rates soon

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The Federal Reserve is poised to cut interest rates for a third time this year in an effort to keep the record U.S. economic expansion from ending, economists say.



Greenspan

Another big rate cut is needed now, they believe, given the continued weak state of manufacturing and the cautious mood of consumers, whose spending accounts for two-thirds of all economic activity.

Another reason: the huge sell-off that has been occurring on Wall Street, where the Dow Jones Industrial Average last week suffered its biggest weekly drop in 11 years. If paper losses make consumers feel a lot less wealthy and they stop spending, that could put an end to the 10-year streak of uninterrupted economic growth, analysts said.

That's why many private economists predict the Fed's chief policy-making group, the Federal Open Market Committee, will aggressively cut short term interest rates

at its meeting Tuesday. An afternoon announcement of the decision is expected.

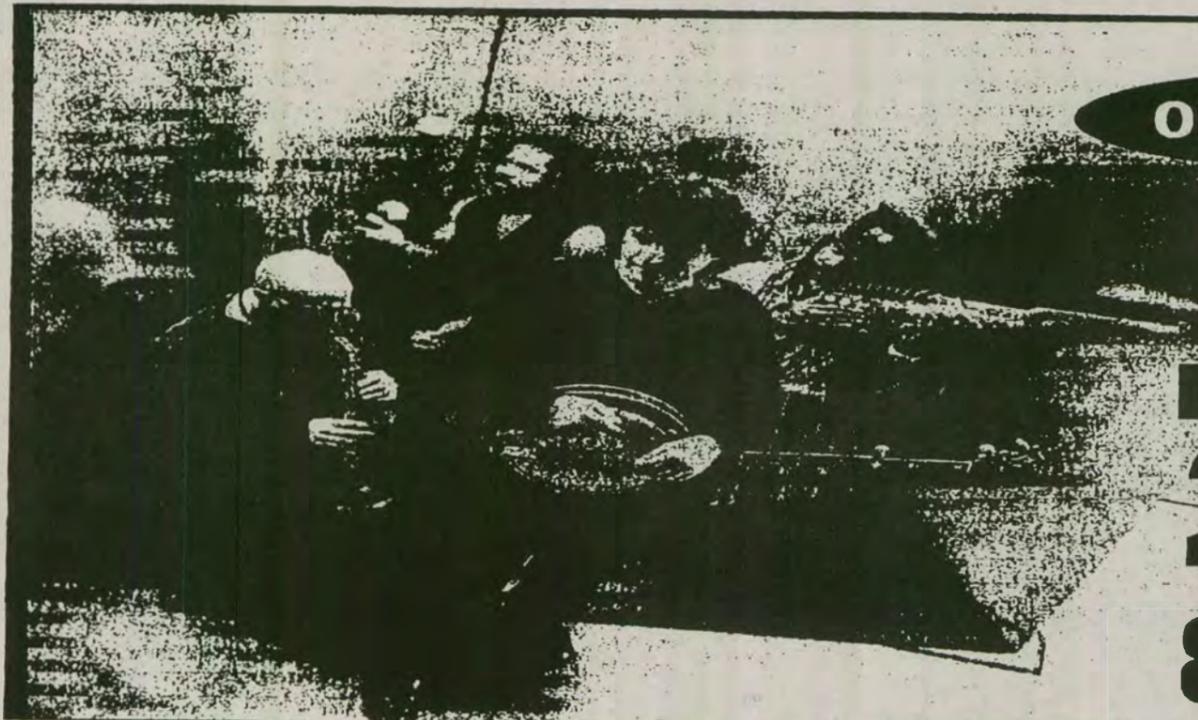
Economists, however, are divided over how big the rate reduction will be: either a three-quarter point cut, something Wall Street investors are hoping for, or another half-point cut. With inflation remaining low, economists said the central bank has plenty of room to act.

"The question we are all asking ourselves is does the economy drive the stock market or it is the other way around?" said Carl Tannenbaum, chief economist for LaSalle Bank/ABN AMRO.

"Our view is that both because of the skittishness of the stock market and also because of looming trouble overseas, especially Japan, our central bank has to be aware of the downside risks of this environment," Tannenbaum said. "As a result, while a half-point cut might be enough for business activity, it won't be enough for market psychology, so three-quarters is the likely outcome."

But others believe a half-point reduction is sufficient, given some positive signs for the economy, including a solid housing market, still-low unemployment, which stands at 4.2 percent, and modest job growth.

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Senate debates campaign financing

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Senate supporters of limiting political donations narrowly overcame their first challenge in their drive to bring about the most significant change in campaign spending law in a quarter-century.



McCain

The Senate by a 51-48 vote Monday defeated a proposal to effectually eliminate direct party contribution limits for candidates running against wealthy opponents who put at least \$1 million of their own money into a campaign.

The vote opened two weeks of debate on legislation offered by Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Russell Feingold, D-Wis., that would ban loosely

regulated "soft money" donations that corporations, unions and wealthy individuals give political parties.

The millionaire amendment was defeated only after Democrats, in intense discussions on the Senate floor, persuaded three of their members who had voted in favor of the amendment to change their votes. Democrats publicly promised they would work on a compromise version that would be taken up Tuesday.

McCain said the original amendment, offered by Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., would increase rather than decrease campaign spending and was "a meat-ax approach to a problem that requires a scalpel." But he said he thought a satisfactory compromise could be reached.

Two of the three who switched their votes — Sen. Jon Corzine of New Jersey and Herb Kohl of Wisconsin — are millionaires who financed their own campaigns. Corzine won his race

last fall after spending a record \$60 million of his own money. The third was Sen. Robert Torricelli of New Jersey.

Domenici, the chief proponent of the millionaire amendment, said a compromise he and Sen. Mike DeWine, R-Ohio, were considering would allow a tenfold increase in the \$1,000 individual contribution limit for candidates running against opponents who use more than \$1 million of their own money.

The larger issue was the future of campaign spending laws, with supporters of McCain-Feingold asserting that the integrity of the nation's election system was at stake. Opponents said First Amendment free speech rights were at risk.

"This is the beginning of two weeks of a wild ride," said Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., the leading opponent of the various McCain-Feingold bills that have failed to win Senate support over the past six years.

Bush pulls Clinton's judicial nominations

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

President Bush on Monday officially dumped the last of President Clinton's leftover nominations, raising questions about the future of the first black appellate judge in the circuit with the most minorities in the nation.



Bush



Clinton

"I am disappointed that such qualified nominees, some of whom have been waiting four years for a hearing and a vote, have been withdrawn," said Sen. Patrick Leahy, the Judiciary Committee's ranking Democrat.

"Some of the women and minority nominees, in particular, are now left to suffer the same frustrations as so many other qualified nominees over the past six years."

The decision to withdraw the Clinton judicial nominees comes as Bush starts to look at filling the remaining vacancies with his own nominees.

White House counsel Albert Gonzales and Attorney General John Ashcroft met with top officials from the American Bar Association on Monday to discuss the nomination process.

A committee of senior administration officials led by Gonzales has interviewed more than 50 candidates in a drive to fill nearly 100 vacancies with judges who share Bush's conservative philosophy.

However, with the 50-50 Senate split, Democrats have more power in the committee.

"The president's action withdrawing the nine appellate court nominees, including the two well-qualified women from Michigan, deals a body blow to the bipartisan cooperation needed to move forward in many critical areas, including filling judicial vacancies," said Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich.

Other judicial nominees whose names were withdrawn included former Iowa Attorney General Bonnie Campbell, who wanted a position on the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals; lawyer Enrique Moreno of El Paso, Texas, to the 5th U.S. Circuit; Kathleen McCree-Lewis, who would be the first black woman on the 6th Circuit if approved; and prominent Honolulu attorney James Duffy for the 9th Circuit.

But the president left the door open that Roger Gregory, who was the first black judge on the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Va., when appointed temporarily by Clinton, could get to keep his job.

"Some of these individuals will be considered for positions in the Bush administration," White House spokesman Scott McClellan said. "No one should be considered ruled in or out at this point."

Bush officially withdrew 62 executive and judicial nominations made by Clinton in his last days, including Gregory. The 4th U.S. Circuit — comprised of Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia — includes more minorities than any other circuit in the nation.

"President Clinton appointed a highly qualified, well-respected lawyer in Roger Gregory," said Julia Payne, the former president's spokeswoman. "It's clear that Roger Gregory met every qualification to be on this court except for the right-wing litmus test."

Clinton gave Gregory and more than 42 other nominees recess appointments after they weren't considered by the Senate last year. But the recess appointment only allows the nominee to serve until the end of the year, so Clinton renominated Gregory and some other judicial candidates not considered by the Senate Judiciary Committee before he left office.

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ALGERIA

Scars of war haunt divided population

Associated Press

TIZI OUZOU

Idir Benyounes writes newspaper articles by day and hunts killers by night.

The 40-year-old journalist lives in Tizi Ouzou, a sprawling town nestled among the green hills of the Kabylie region in northern Algeria.

The forested hills may be picturesque, but they also provide shelter to dozens of Islamic rebels, who regularly kill civilians and soldiers as part of their decade-long campaign to force the creation of an Islamic state like Iran.

Benyounes is a "patriot" — the term used here for civilians who have taken up arms to defend their homes. His daily life is still shackled by the past and by the violence that has terrorized this north African nation since 1991.

Just 60 miles away, in a cyber cafe in the capital, Algiers, there are signs of a new Algeria struggling to be born among the young men and women reading e-mails and chatting online.

Mounia Bettache, the 31-year-old owner of the Cyber Net(at)Work cafe, believes the Internet is the perfect tool for teaching the world that Algeria is more than just another volatile African nation, where democracy has been doomed to failure.

"When foreigners come and see this is a proper cyber cafe ... they say, 'Oh, there is that kind of thing in Algeria as well,'" Bettache said. "The Internet has also changed the Algerian mentality. Before, we did not communicate much."

Bettache's Algeria is a world away from the reality of fear in isolated villages, but in a country covering an area nearly as big as a quarter of the United States, contradictions are inevitable.

Just two hours by plane from Rome, Algeria stretches from the Mediterranean to the

Sahara and its vast oil and gas reserves that give the country its foreign clout and make its stability a regional and international imperative.

Once the country held an exotic cachet, especially among the French, who ruled here until 1962. Writers like Algerian-born Albert Camus and Andre Gide brought the romance of Algeria to a wider public.

Now, the country is almost synonymous with brutality and death after 10 years of internal warfare pitting Islamic militants against security forces, with civilians caught in the crossfire. The conflict has claimed more than 100,000 lives.

The violent insurgency even reached France, where 10 people were killed and some 250 injured in a wave of bombings in 1995. The killings served as a graphic reminder that the shadow of France's 130 years as Algeria's master still hung over Europe.

The worst of the violence seems to have receded within Algeria, at least in some regions. President Abdelaziz Bouteflika, who was elected in 1999, offered an amnesty last year to rebels who surrendered and about 6,000 insurgents accepted.

But a few thousand rebels are still committed to arms, ignoring the authorities' efforts to woo them home from their mountain hide-outs.

It is impossible to know exactly how many there are, but their ranks are regularly thinned by men like Benyounes, who shoot to kill.

"We are trying to preserve life. If we let them live, thousands of lives are in danger," he said, speaking in French.

The rebels exist in groups of four or five, but join forces for large attacks. They are financed by black market businesses and the collection of protection money — their "revolutionary tax" — from potential targets.

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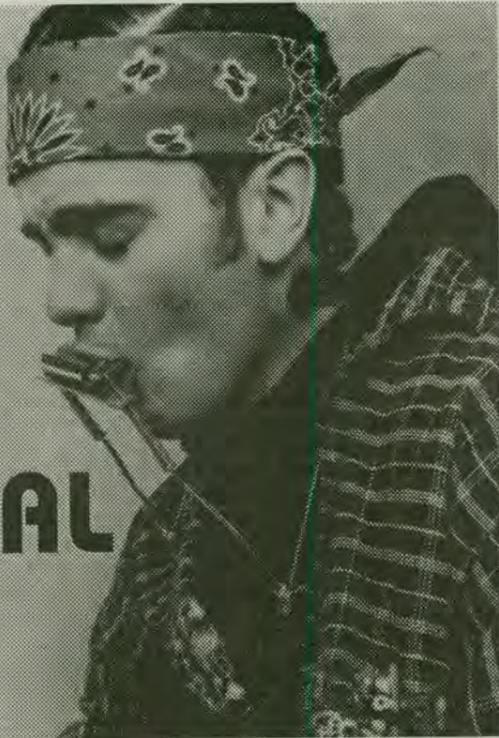
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Supporters of Aristide protest, block streets

Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE

Backers of President Jean- Bertrand Aristide demanding the arrest of opposition leaders blocked streets with flaming tires and rusted cars Monday in protests that spread to the capital's suburbs.

Opposition leaders said Aristide supporters shot at their party offices in the capital and stoned members, injuring three of them with rocks. An independent radio station, Signal FM in the suburb of Petionville, said it received death threats.

Tree branches, large rocks and other debris littered the streets of Petionville, as Aristide supporters, shouting "Aristide or death!" spray-painted their demands on streets.

One called for the arrest of Gerard Gourgue, the head of the "alternative" government set up by the 15-party Convergence opposition alliance to protest Aristide's May election victory.

The elections gave Aristide the presidency and his party an 80 percent majority in the parliament. The opposition has rejected offers to join Aristide's government, saying the elections were fraudulent.

The Organization of American States has also said 10 Senate seats won by Aristide party members should have gone to a second-round vote, and millions in international aid have been put on hold over the results.

Police presence was scarce during

the rampage.

"Our lives are in jeopardy," Gourgue said Monday. "The government and the police have abandoned the country to street thugs."

As Aristide supporters shouted for the arrest of Gourgue and other leaders on grounds of subversion, the U.S. Embassy urged people to remain calm in the impoverished Caribbean country riddled by years of instability.

"The situation is deteriorating rapidly. We have entered a cycle of violence and political terror," said Edouard Paultre, a member of a civil leaders committee who has tried to mediate among the political rivals.

Aristide's government has said demonstrators who engage in violence should be arrested, but Aristide himself has not spoken out against the latest clashes, involving supporters of his Lavalas Family party.

Aristide grass-roots leader Rene Civil said "illegal" acts were being encouraged by "incendiary statements of the opposition," said Civil, referring to Gourgue's support of the reestablishment of the army, which led a 1991 coup against Aristide during his first term. U.S. troops restored Aristide to power three years later.

Some protesters reportedly stoned passing cars while others tried to set fire to a gasoline station in the Port-au-Prince suburb of Delmas, where two unidentified men were wounded in gunfire between rival political groups, the private Radio Metropole reported.

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GUYANA

Citizens barred from voting claim injustice

Associated Press

GEORGETOWN

Guyanese of African and East Indian descent voted Monday in elections that have driven the races apart, prompting accusations of fraud and raising the possibility of violence.

By afternoon, an angry crowd of about 200 blacks had gathered outside the headquarters of the black-dominated People's National Congress opposition party, saying they were wrongly barred from voting because their names were omitted from voter registration lists.

Amanda de Vent, 22, said she had a paper stub indicating she registered properly.

"But my name is not on the list, and I can tell you that one in every family on my street is not on the list," she said. "I'm very angry."

Some blacks said they suspect a vote-rigging conspiracy by the governing party of President Bharrat Jagdeo, who like the majority of his supporters is of Indian descent.

Forming long lines beginning at dawn, Guyanese turned out in large numbers to vote. Many said they hoped to leave the polling stations early and return home before any violence.

Before the vote, Guyanese crowded markets to buy food and water in case of unrest. Some Guyanese of Indian descent also said they were unable to vote.

"They haven't got my name on the voter's list," said Vickram James, 35. "They haven't got any information about me."

"They haven't got my name on the voter's list. They haven't got any information about me."

**Vickram James
Guyanese citizen**

Both Jagdeo and black opposition leader Desmond Hoyte of the People's National Congress have expressed concern about the accuracy of the voter lists. The elections commission says it has largely corrected discrepancies.

After the last election in 1997, the opposition said the vote was rigged to favor the Indian-backed governing party, prompting race riots and bombings. One died and several were injured.

Bloodshed also followed voting in 1992. Four black protesters were shot and killed by police and dozens injured.



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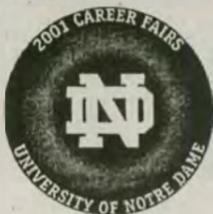
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MEXICO

**Fox supports official
 legalization of drugs**

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY

Struggling with the corruption and violence caused by drug trafficking, President Vicente Fox says the solution might be to eventually legalize drug use.



Vicente Fox

In an interview published by two newspapers Sunday, Fox indicated agreement with a police official who suggested last week that the only way to win the war on drugs was to legalize drugs — eliminating the profits and violence caused by illegal trafficking.

But the president quickly qualified that statement, saying Mexico could not move alone and indicating he did not expect such a step soon.

"When the day comes that it is time to adopt the alternative of lifting punishment for consumption of drugs, it would have to come all over the world because we would gain nothing if Mexico did it but the production and traffic of drugs ... continued here," he said.

"So humanity some day will

see that it is best in that sense," he said in remarks also reported by El Sol de Mexico.

On Monday, Fox spokeswoman Martha Sahagun was asked to elaborate.

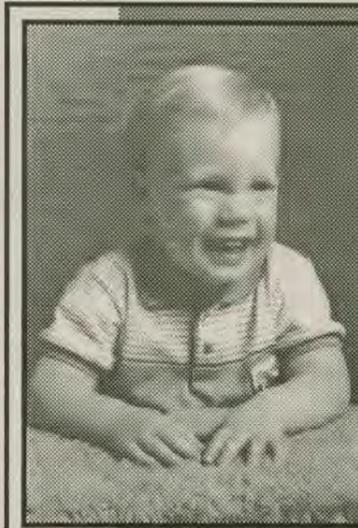
"The president was very clear in what he said, that drugs and drug smuggling is a serious affair not only for Mexico, it is an affair that affects many countries in the world," she said. "...We have to follow this problem closely, in a joint and global manner, taking solutions at the appropriate times."

Fox has vowed to cooperate closely with the United States against traffickers who have used Mexico both as a transit route and production site for narcotics.

On Jan. 24, the new president announced a "great crusade" against drugs, saying, "I pledge a war without mercy."

Fox promised to overhaul the nation's corrupt prison system and to follow a Mexican Supreme Court ruling last week that removed barriers to extradition of Mexicans for trial in the United States.

Yet some Mexican experts — including Fox's Foreign Secretary Jorge Castaneda — have long suggested that the drug war is being lost and that some drugs should be decriminalized.



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Preventing violence in schools with parenting

If your dog bit someone, you could be civilly and perhaps criminally liable even if the dog had never bitten anyone before. Is your duty to control your dog greater than a parent's duty to control his child? The question arises in the wake of the Santana High School shootings in Santee, Ca. Charles Andrew Williams, 15, will be tried as an adult for killing two students and wounding 13 with his father's revolver.



Charles Rice

Right or
Wrong?

At common law, the parent (or guardian) could be liable for injury caused by his child where the parent had notice of the child's dangerous tendency and failed to prevent the injury by reasonably controlling the child. Most states also impose parental liability by statute, up to a stated amount, for a child's torts or, in some states, "criminal gang" activity. Many states impose criminal liability on parents for crimes committed by their minor children, especially with firearms, if there is intent or criminal negligence on the part of the parent and the parent's act or failure caused the child's act.

Parental liability laws are sound in principle but difficult to enforce. Their efficacy is debatable. "Punishing parents for their children's behavior," wrote Professor Naomi Cahn of George Washington University, is "retribution, rather than

prevention and rehabilitation. It sends a confusing message to juveniles that they are ... responsible for their actions yet ... not fully culpable because it is their parents who have failed to exercise ... supervision."

Stricter enforcement of parental liability would probably not have prevented the killings at Santana and other schools. Nor is it likely that those killings would have been avoided by stricter gun control, more police and metal detectors at schools and other measures which address symptoms.

Santana High had taken precautions. Students could report threats anonymously, the principal had SWAT training and a sheriff's deputy was on part-time duty at the school. Seven full-time supervisors patrolled the campus. Extra phones, radios and speakers were in place to spread word of trouble quickly. Programs encouraged students to get along, including one called, "Names can really hurt us."

Such efforts are worthwhile. But, as Education Secretary Rod Paige said, "It's beyond guns. The guns may be the instrument of the violence, but they're not the cause of the violence." One cause is the collapse of the American family. Marisa McFedries, director of the City of Santee teen center, said, "Something's missing in these kids' lives. They're on their own. Their parents work all the time. Their peers have become family."

Former Education Secretary William Bennett states, in his Index of Cultural Indicators 2001, "A child conceived in the United States today ... has a 25 percent chance of not being brought to term, because of abortion. ... If that child is

born, there's a 33 percent chance he will be born out of wedlock. And for children who are not born out of wedlock, there's a 50 percent chance that their parents will divorce before they're 16."

"The scale of marital breakdown in the West since 1960 has no historical precedent," he said. "The breakup of the American family is the most profound ... social trend of our time."

Two other causes were noted by Denver Archbishop Charles Chaput in his 1999 Senate testimony on Columbine: "First ... we've lost our common sense. ... The reasonable person understands that what we eat, drink and breathe will make us healthy or sick. In like manner, what we hear and ... see lifts us up — or drags us down. ... Common sense tells us that the violence of our music, our video games, our films and our television has to go somewhere, and it goes straight into the hearts of our children to bear fruit in ways we can't imagine — until something like [Columbine] happens."

"Second, ... the real problem is ... in us, and it won't be fixed by v-chips. ... We've created a culture that markets violence in dozens of ... ways, seven days a week. When we build our advertising campaigns on ... selfishness and greed, and when money becomes the universal measure of

value, how can we be surprised when our sense of community erodes? ... When we answer murder with more violence in the death penalty, we put the state's seal of approval on revenge. When the most dangerous place in the country is a mother's womb and the unborn child can have

his or her head crushed in an abortion, even in the process of being born, the ... message is that life ... may not be worth much at all. ...

Certain kinds of killing we enshrine as rights and protect by law. When we live this kind of contradiction, why are we surprised at the results? I don't think [the Columbine murders] will be the last. ... Nothing makes us immune from that violence except a

relentless commitment to respect the sanctity of each human life, from womb to natural death." Maybe it's time to pay attention. Mother Teresa, as usual, gave us the bottom line: "If we accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another?"

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Professor Rice is on the Law School faculty. His column appears every other Tuesday.

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



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pets aren't people, not property either

This letter is in response to the March 8 column by Charles Rice entitled "Remember: Pets aren't people."

I hesitate to question the logic of such a learned man as professor Charles Rice but he does seem to have opened the way for a reasoned argument in support of Peter Singer's position that "parents of severely disabled babies ... should be allowed to kill a child whose prospects for a minimally decent life are very poor." As I understand Rice's explanation, the difference between spiritual and non-spiritual beings is the inability of the latter to "engage in the spiritual activities of abstraction and reflection."

Anyone who has taken the time to really get to know an animal, such as a chimpanzee, cat or dog, knows that these animals can engage in acts of abstraction (problem-solving) and reflection (contemplating the consequences of an action). I can agree with professor Rice in that I have never seen a bird use a set of plans to build a nest (by the same token, I have never seen a human try to weave a spider's web without a set of plans; I wonder what that implies?).

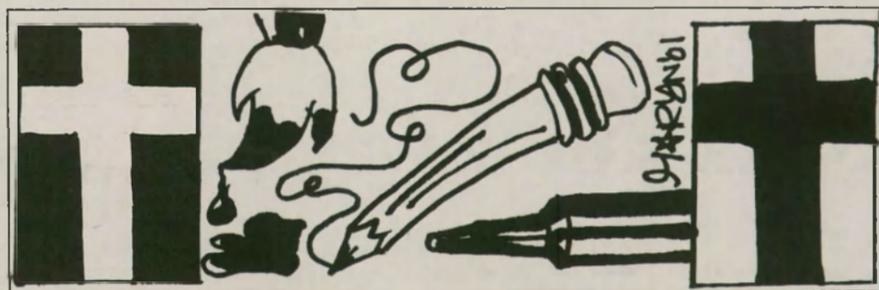
These are wonderfully simple examples of innate behaviors peculiar to particular species. However, I have seen squirrels solve the difficult problem of trying open a bird feeder, and crows can solve the problem of harvesting fish on the end of a line dangling through an ice hole. I certainly agree that their abilities of abstraction and reflection do not appear to be equal to those of most humans, but then there are humans who seem to be lacking these abilities entire-

ly. If a human cannot communicate, has no perceptible brain activity and cannot respond to stimuli other than by simple reflex, then this human does not qualify, by professor Rice's definition, as a spiritual being (i.e., cannot engage in abstraction and reflection). Thus, its soul is a material soul, just as are those of "Dogs, other animals and plants."

There is another equally important question here. What insight or special knowledge allows professor Rice to pronounce that the souls of animals are material or that the souls of humans are not material? I am not aware of any tangible data that can be used to support either claim (Has anyone ever captured or isolated and studied a soul?).

On the other hand, I do have enough personal experience with animals to know that they are not all preprogrammed automatons with no sense of self. The next time Sparky (one of the cats who lives in my home) asks to be let out the back door or opens the Venetian blinds to gaze through the window, I will remind him that he cannot think abstractly or reflect on the consequences of his actions and that he has no rights, except those granted by his guardians. Fortunately for him, he has guardians who believe that they are responsible for his well-being and who do not view him simply as a piece of property.

Richard Jensen
professor of biology
Saint Mary's College
March 16, 2001



Art is an enigma

What is "art?"

I've thought about this question many times. Interestingly enough, I've never found a suitable definition. Still, I do know some things about art. I know art covers a wide range of topics. I know that different cultures have different concepts of art.

So, what is "art?"

Although I can't provide a precise definition, one thing is certain. In every culture, art represents creativity and emotion. Because people are individuals, they have different experiences and beliefs. Art allows people to represent their ideas, and in turn, represent themselves. I might not know exactly what art is, but I know that this is what makes it beautiful — even if it's "anti-Catholic?"

Contrary to what might be a popular belief at Notre Dame, not everyone is Catholic. And if the portrayal of Christ as a woman is anti-Catholic, then so be it. That fact alone doesn't automatically nullify the artistic merit of the work. Nowhere does it say all art must glorify Catholicism.

But what if the sole purpose of the work is "to create shocks and arguments, not to further religion," as Shawn Newberg claimed in his letter on March 8? I'm willing to bet that Giuliani didn't discuss "Yo Mama's Last Supper" with its creator prior to condemning it. I'm willing to bet that most people who are offended by this work didn't consider the reasons why the artist would portray Christ in such a bizarre manner. But I'm also willing to bet that the artist didn't focus time and energy in a shallow attempt to stir controversy.

Perhaps people perceive the work as "outrageous" and "disgusting" because its representation is unfamiliar. According to this logic, it would be right to judge another person based on his physical characteristics. I don't think any person of substance would agree with this idea. Likewise, I don't think it is a wise decision to shun an artwork before its underlying message is analyzed.

Exploring the unknown is the only way people can truly learn. When people condemn an artwork without giving it proper consideration, they are not only cheating the artist out of a voice. They are cheating themselves out of an education.

Dawn Kuras
freshman
Pasquerilla West
March 9, 2001

ALBUM REVIEW

Scorpion fails to escape dreaded sophomore slump

By **ARIENNE THOMPSON**
Scene Music Critic

The concept of artistic growth is a complicated thing. Though hard to achieve, many have managed to fulfill the task of maintaining an artistic persona from album to album, while still allowing room for creative and musical growth — take artists like OutKast and Erykah Badu, for example.

Unfortunately, however, Ruff Ryders'

first lady Eve fails to expand her style, and with her second release entitled *Scorpion*, displays exactly what a stagnant, uninspired hip-hop artist sounds like.

The words "sophomore slump" never rang more true than on Eve's most recent release. Well, DMX's ridiculous album *Flesh of My Flesh* does come in a close second, but that is beside the point. Getting back to Eve, *Scorpion* is a sad collection of trite and unimpressive tracks. Teeming with unoriginal skits, overused beats, and elementary lyrics, this album falls short of any promises of hip-hop domination that Eve may have mentioned on her debut release.

The produced beats are tired, as is Eve's own material. She falls face first into the cliché "niggas and bitches" mentality leaving little room for true

hip-hop fans to take her seriously. Though this sub-culture has made her rap brethren (performers such as Master P, Juvenile and Nelly) megastars with mega money, something about Eve speaks to a talent able to transcend such nonsense.

Scorpion kicks off with the MTV friendly "Who's That Girl," in which Eve once again brags about her unparalleled skills and abilities. Infused with the sounds of brass, the production on this track adds some depth to an otherwise shallow song, but not enough to salvage it. Throughout the album, production credits include Ruff Ryders' in-house prodigy Swizz Beatz and Grammy winning producer Dr. Dre. However, these two do little to rescue Eve from herself, as she becomes bogged down by her own stale lyrics.

Guest appearances by other artists also provide little relief on this album. The guitar-twanged "Blow Yo Mind" credits Gwen Stefani, but on close listen, it's hard to tell if the feisty lead singer of pop-ska band No Doubt actually showed up for the recording of the

song. Fellow Ruff Ryder DMX surfaces on the annoying "Scream Double R" to contribute his big "Bite to the album, proving his disappointing status as the new pop-rap artist of the year. Nevertheless, on the most surprising the help of Bob's kids ... Marley, that is. All parties involved had good intentions for "No, No, No," but lackluster lyrics and Eve's bad attempt at being a reggae singer make this track a failure among many. It is as if she set out with the goal of mixing various musical genres on the album, but did so with very little direction or planned artistry.

Overall, *Scorpion* does very little to impress the listener. Though Eve's forceful delivery and unabashed confidence have already made her a star, she will have to do much more on any future albums to solidify her status as a real rap artist.

Scorpion

Eve

Ruff Ryders Records

Rating



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Scorpion, Eve's second solo release, is a major disappointment as it fails to elevate itself above the "niggas and bitches" mentality.

ALBUM REVIEW

Silkk's new way offers little new substance to rap

By **LAURA ROMPF**
Scene Music Critic

Movies with the biggest stars aren't always the best pictures, and CDs with the biggest rappers aren't always the best albums. In *Silkk the Shocker's* fourth album, *My World, My Way*, he raps along with Master P., Snoop Dogg, Mystikal and Trina, but of the album's 23 songs, only a few emerge as quality tracks.

In the album's best song, "He Did That," Silkk raps alongside older brother and executive producer Master P. The song's upbeat tempo fits Silkk's slower flow and the lyrics are more refined than many other songs on the album. The catchy chorus provides a perfect break

between verses.

The first single off the album, "That's Cool," is tearing up the charts on BET's top 10 as well as MTV's R&B video countdown. Silkk trades verses with Trina, who was first introduced while rapping along side Trick Daddy last year. Trina and Silkk play well off each other, trying to one-up offers of what they can do in a relationship. The pair aren't as comfortable with each other as Amil and JayZ were in "Can I Get a ...," but the song is sure to climb the charts.

Several tracks on the album appear to be filler songs in which the production falls as short as the lyrics. "Funny Guy" and "Haters" do not have catchy beats and the lyrics

sound as if they were freestyled or written quickly. Perhaps Silkk should have cut more songs and condensed the album.

Track six "Pop Lockin'" starts strong with Snoop's rapping teamed with a catchy chorus and background beat, but overall the beat becomes mundane and the lyrics offer nothing new.

"Uh Ha" is a strong song. Silkk's arrogance shines through, but he backs it up with his lyrics and flow. Slay Sean raps along with Silkk and says, "They way I live makes 'em wanna change their life. See my girl, makes 'em wanna change their wife." The two "No Limit Soldiers" proudly boast of yachts and Cadillacs that rapping mogul and producer Master P. has helped them earn.

The songs "What's Heaven Like" and "The Day After" show Silkk's deeper side. In "What's Heaven Like," Silkk laments his brother who was killed. He asks God to judge him for his heart and not his actions. The song is ok, but seems to be searching for sympathy.

However, in "The Day After," Silkk's lyrics are stronger and offer hope. He says, "There's always sunshine after the rain. There's always happiness after



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Thanks to his thick weave of ties to the rap industry's most elite artists, Silkk the Shocker has again produced a semi-decent rap album. A noticeable lack of originality hurts the release, however.

the pain ... No matter how bad it might look today, there's always the day after."

There are strong tracks on *My World, My Way*, but without Tupac's lyrics, Dre's producing, and JayZ's rapping

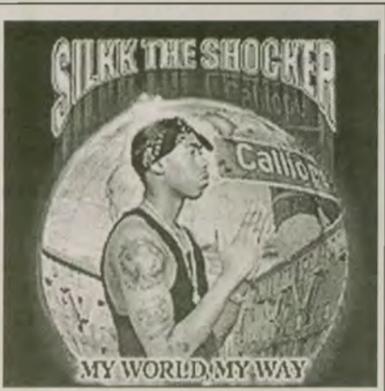
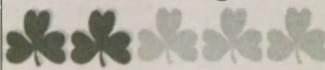
skills, Silkk's newest album won't ever be main-course hits. Overall, Silkk brings nothing new to the table and most of the songs will remain unheard leftovers.

My World My Way

Silkk The Shocker

Priority Records

Rating



ALBUM REVIEW

Latest Aerosmith falls short of usual standards

By MARY SPEARS
Scene Music Critic

An old issue of "Rolling Stone" once called Aerosmith's work "comic book sexcapades set to song." Listeners shouldn't expect anything different from the band's latest release, *Just Push Play*. No deep lyrics or introspective thought here — Aerosmith merely wants to make its fans sing along, and feel a little dirty about doing so.

Of course, this is a welcome respite from Aerosmith's brief foray into power balladry with the absurdly bad "I Don't Want to Miss a Thing" — compare early Aerosmith work to this song and just try not to be insulted. The original Bad Boys of Boston work best when they're at their dirtiest (think "Lord of the Thighs" and "F.I.N.E" here, not "Dream On").

The problem with Aerosmith is, where does one start a criticism of one of rock's most prolific band's first album in four years?

The album begins with "Beyond Beautiful," a song that manages to remain strong despite its overly apparent single potential. It also segues neatly into the title track, "Just Push Play." Now this is more like it. The song kicks off with one of those delightful Steven Tyler nonsense scats, which continues throughout the entire song. It's enough to make even a non-fan hum along. Hopefully, this song will never see release as a single — it'd be a shame for people to ever get sick of it. There is hope in the fact that the lyrics to it are peppered with enough innuendos to discourage all but the most dedicated of deejays from actually playing it on the air.

Next, the album treats you to its first single, "Jaded,"

a song with which U-93 has made everyone within a 50-mile radius intimately familiar. While no one can say that "Jaded" isn't a decent song, it has nothing to really make it stand out as a stellar example of the songwriting craft. But you can sing along to it, and it won't leave fans wishing to blow their brains out if by chance it should get stuck in their head.

"Fly Away from Here," the next song, was not written by a single person in the band, and it shows. This ballad recalls "Hole in My Soul" from *Nine Lives*, but without the humor. Tyler and his unknown confidant wish to pack their bags and fly away from "here" because life is just too short not to. Deep. Dedicated fans might find merit in this song; most critics haven't. Plus, it's a horrible segue into the next song, an odd but highly likeable rocker called "Trip Hoppin'." Can 50-year-old men even get away with saying that? Tyler apparently can. It's a gift.

The following track is arguably the best on the album. "Sunshine" is yet another strong, imaginative song with Alice-in-Wonderland-based lyrics. Tyler refers to such crazy imagery as the "caterpillar trying to cop a plea" and "chasing that rabbit up her body tree." It has a great chorus, and it's a definite mood-lifter. This song can make you smile.

Sadly, the second half of the album doesn't quite measure up to the first, which, despite a few off spots, is still definitely fun. "Under My Skin" and "Luv Lies" are good songs, but nothing worth downloading from Napster. The remaining four tracks are decent at best, although it is fairly interesting to hear Liv



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On its own merits, *Just Push Play* could be considered a very good rock album — just don't try to compare it to any of rock god Aerosmith's previous work.

Just Push Play

Aerosmith

Geffen Records

Rating



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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Henderson agrees to one-year deal

Associated Press

PEORIA, Ariz. Rickey Henderson and the San Diego Padres agreed on a one-year deal Monday that will pay him \$250,000 if he makes the club.

Henderson, the career steals leader who is closing in on other marks, was at the Padres' complex, general manager Kevin Towers said. The rest of the team had the day off.

"I know there was a Rickey sighting," Towers said.

Henderson spent about three hours at the Padres' complex, but not before getting lost on his way to Peoria, where he went through spring training with the Padres in 1996 and '97.

"They done built new free-ways," he said. "I had to flag a guy down on the highway and ask him, 'Am I going the right way?'"

Henderson took about 100 swings in the batting cage and ran some sprints in the outfield.

He hadn't taken batting practice off a machine in 2 1/2 weeks, he said, but has been taking 300 swings a day off a batting tee with the ball on a string.

"I've always thought spring

training was too long as it is. I just need enough to get my timing down," he said.

Henderson is closing in on two major records. He is three walks short of breaking Babe Ruth's career record of 2,062 and needs to top Ty Cobb's record of 2,245. He also is 86 hits shy of 3,000.

Henderson was ignored by teams all spring before the Padres, one of his many former teams, offered him a minor league deal.

Henderson, 42, will have to play his way onto the team. If he does, he'll make \$50,000 more than the major league minimum. The contract doesn't include any incentives for playing time, just the standard Padres package for things like making the All-Star team or winning a Gold Glove, Towers said.

San Diego manager Bruce Bochy said he envisions Henderson as a backup outfielder or pinch-hitter, but certainly is not ruling out a starting spot in the lineup for the man considered the greatest leadoff hitter in baseball histo-

ry.

"He's a winning player. He's the type of guy that will help the other players," Bochy said.

Henderson was not re-signed by the Seattle Mariners after last season and has played for seven teams in a 22-season career that has included four stops in Oakland.

He said he's willing to come off the bench for the Padres and never demanded a long-term contract.

"You can't tell me I'm wrong or you go get all the bench players from every team and we're going to have a tryout," he said. "In a tryout out of all the teams, I'm not going to be one of the ones that leaves."

Henderson said there's one thing that no one can take away from him.

"Wherever I went, that team won. I don't care if they were in last place; they won when I got there. I don't want to project anything, but I'll say even a team like this, I don't believe we ain't going to win."

Henderson began his career with his hometown Oakland Athletics in 1979.

"He's a winning player. He's the type of guy that will help the other players."

Bruce Bochy
San Diego manager

NFL

Leaf and Tampa Bay Bucs revise contract

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla.

Ryan Leaf will try to jump-start his NFL career under a restructured contract with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Leaf, the second pick in the 1998 draft who was released after three disappointing seasons with the San Diego Chargers, agreed to take a pay cut and remain with the Bucs, who claimed him off waivers March 2.

Leaf's base salary for next season was scheduled to be \$1.5 million. Without the new deal, which team spokesman Reggie Roberts said runs through 2003, the quarterback would have counted \$2.8 million against the salary cap.

The hefty cap number included \$1.3 million of a prorated bonus that guaranteed the team's option for the last two seasons of a contract Leaf signed as a rookie.

Leaf made as much news off the field as on it during his turbulent stay with the Chargers, and the Bucs have made it clear they don't view him as the immediate answer to their problems on offense.

The team signed free agent Brad Johnson to a five-year,

\$28 million contract just three days after claiming Leaf for a \$100 waiver fee. Johnson will replace Shaun King as the starter, and Leaf becomes the third quarterback.

General manager Rich McKay, who was not available for comment, said that claiming Leaf essentially would give the Bucs a "free" look at Leaf because the team wouldn't owe him anything unless he made the team.

The Dallas Cowboys reportedly contacted Tampa Bay about the prospect of trading for Leaf, who was 4-14 as a starter and threw 33 interceptions compared to 13 touchdown passes with the Chargers.

Leigh Steinberg, the quarterback's agent, did not return a telephone call for comment Monday night. The Bucs said Leaf would meet briefly with the media on Tuesday.

Leaf delayed a scheduled visit to Tampa after Johnson's signing.

He met with coach Tony Dungy last week and also spent time with offensive coordinator Clyde Christensen and quarterbacks coach Jim Caldwell.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Safeco Field sustains \$400,000 damage after earthquake

Associated Press

PEORIA, Ariz.

The earthquake that rocked the Puget Sound region last month caused about \$400,000 damage to Safeco Field.

Mariners Chairman and CEO Howard Lincoln said Monday that Safeco's anti-earthquake devices worked as the engineers designed them and the stadium did not sustain any structural damage.

"But we have had quite a bit

of cosmetic damage, probably close to \$400,000," Lincoln said.

"All sorts of stuff. TVs falling down. Cracks. Falling bookcases. The list goes on for two pages. With a property that big with that many things going on, you're bound to have that kind of size of damage," he said.

The Mariners have used the \$517.6 million stadium for the past 1 1/2 seasons.

The Mariners wind up their spring training March 29 in

"The roof was designed with earthquake tolerances in mind. Everything in the roof that was supposed to work to protect it from an earthquake worked."

Howard Lincoln
Mariners' Chairman and CEO

Arizona. They open their sec-

ond full season at Safeco on April 2 against the Oakland Athletics.

Following the quake on Feb. 28, the Mariners were concerned mainly about Safeco's retractable roof.

Within hours, engineers had opened and shut the roof and found that it worked fine, Lincoln said.

"The roof was designed with earthquake tolerances in mind," he said. "Everything in the roof that was supposed to

work to protect it from an earthquake worked."

Workers are still trying to repair the damage Safeco sustained, but Lincoln said he was confident that "99 percent" of it would be corrected in time for Opening Night.

"We want to keep Safeco looking perfect," he said.

The Mariners will have to foot the bill for all the earthquake damage because the team's earthquake insurance has a \$1 million deductible, Lincoln said.

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FENCING

Notre Dame comes out on top with 12 NCAA qualifiers



TONY FLOYD/The Observer

Matt Fabricant participates in a recent match. The Irish qualified 12 team members for the NCAA championships.

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame fencing team qualified the maximum 12 fencers thanks to a strong showing at the Midwest Regional Fencing Championships on March 10.

"I was a little bit nervous before the tournament because I knew the competition would be tough but everything worked pretty good," head coach Yves Auriol said. "I was a little bit surprised but I am very happy we have 12."

Although two of its top fencers did not compete, Notre Dame still became one of only two schools to earn 12 spots in the NCAA Championships beginning this Thursday. St. John's also qualified 12 fencers.

"If we didn't qualify 12 we wouldn't have a shot at the national title so it was pretty important," sabre captain Cari McCullough said. "We knew we had a chance but we knew it was going to be tough to qualify 12 fencers."

All-Americans Gabor Szelle and Natalia Mazur both missed the qualifier — making Notre Dame's chances for 12 fencers even tougher. Szelle has been sidelined for nearly a month with a thumb injury while Mazur has left school due to illness. Szelle won the 2000 sabre National Championship in his sophomore year while Mazur was named a 2000 All-American as a freshman.

"They were contenders," Auriol said. "They probably would be at the championship if they were fencing but we are still strong in sabre in men's and women's. But

without those two, the Regionals were a bit more of a challenge."

Junior Andre Crompton qualified in Szelle's spot while freshman Destanie Milo took Mazur's slot. Although Crompton has never qualified for the Championships before, he is an experienced fencer.

"Andre Crompton wants to be in the championship," Auriol said. "He has been fencing for two years and never got there. The key is for him not to get too nervous and get the job done. He is a strong competitor and a great fighter. I think he is ready."

Milo is one of two freshman qualifiers on the women's side. Foilist Maggie Jordan qualified in her first collegiate season as well.

In a meet as pressure packed as the NAAs, experience is important, according to assistant coach Janusz Bednarski.

"We have a very young team in some wings like Destanie and some other fencers. We will see how they stand the pressure," he said. "It is big pressure to go for a national title. The one thing with young fencers is that they can jump above sometimes, we hope. It's true that if you don't have NCAA experience you can go both ways — up or down. It's hard to predict how the nervous system will stand the pressure but we hope they will fight like Fighting Irish."

McCullough said it is nearly impossible for first time fencers to understand the pressure of the NCAA Championship. As a first time qualifier in 2000, McCullough said she didn't quite understand the importance of every bout.

"I didn't expect that every single bout means so much," she said. "Every time you go out there, you have to keep in mind that you have to do everything you can to win that bout. You can't lose the close ones. But cause if you lose a 5-4 bout, you have lost a lot for the team. Basically you have to go out there and beat everyone you can and tally it up at the end."

Luckily for the Irish, nine of the 12 fencers they send to the Championships fenced last year. The men's side returns a pair of first team All-Americans in Jan Viviani and Ozren Debic. Debic finished second in foil at the 2000 Championships while Viviani took third in epee.

The most experienced fencers on the men's side are Brian Casas and Andrzej Bednarski. Both fencers enter their third championships with Bednarski winning All-American honors at his two previous Championships.

Casas is fencing at the top of his game right now. After struggling at last year's Championships and most of this year, Casas won first place at the 2001 Midwest Conference and Regional Championships. He looks to have recaptured the form that earned him second team All-American honors as a freshman in 1999.

The women's epee team returns a pair of sophomore All-Americans in Meagan Call and Anna Carnick. Sophomore All-American Liza Boutsikaris rounds out the women's team as the second foil qualifier.

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WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Irish earn All-American honors

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Associate Sports Editor

It was an All-American weekend for the Notre Dame women's swim team.

At last weekend's NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships, Heather Mattingly, Kelly Hecking, and Marie Labosky each garnered Honorable Mention All-American honors.

Mattingly qualified for the national meet by placing high enough at the NCAA Zone Diving Meet on March 9 and 10. She took third on the three-meter springboard and finished eighth on the one-meter springboard.

At nationals, the junior diver began her weekend by placing 24th in the one-meter competition. Mattingly earned her All-American status by virtue of her 12th place finish on the three-meter springboard.

Junior Kelly Hecking concluded her season with a solid finish in the 100- and 200-yard backstroke events. Hecking started her weekend by taking 18th in the 100-yard backstroke. Her time, 55.37, was four-tenths of a second off her school record 54.98 set at last month's Big East Championships. A day later, Hecking swam a 1:58.02 in the 200-yard backstroke, earning her a 13th place finish.

In both backstroke races, the eventual champion, California freshman Natalie Coughlin, set an American record.

Marie Labosky wrapped up a sensational freshman season by turning in solid performances in her three events. Her weekend began with a 20th place finish in the 200-yard individual medley. Labosky earned her All-American honors with her performance in her best event, the 400-yard individual medley. The freshman placed 11th and swam 4:17.06 in the consolation final. Labosky entered the final ranked 15th, but moved up four places and chopped nearly eight-tenths of a second off her preliminary time.

The freshman wrapped up her weekend by finishing 31st in the 1,650-yard freestyle. Labosky swam 17:03, well off her school record of 16:32 set at last month's Big East Championships.

The NCAA Championships marks the conclusion of the season for the women's swimming and diving team. They finished 9-1 in the dual meet season and earned their fifth consecutive Big East title.

TRACK

Grow, Shay earn NCAA honors



Liz Grow was one of two Irish track competitors in the NCAA Indoor Championships.

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Associate Sports Editor

Irish track stars Liz Grow and Ryan Shay had a unique destination in mind for last week's spring break — the NCAA Indoor Championships.

Shay and Grow both earned All-American honors at the national meet on March 9 and 10. The meet was held at the University of Arkansas.

Grow had a solid weekend opener, placing sixth in the third preliminary heat of the 400-meter dash. She ran 53.42, her second fastest time of the season, and managed to qualify for Saturday's final.

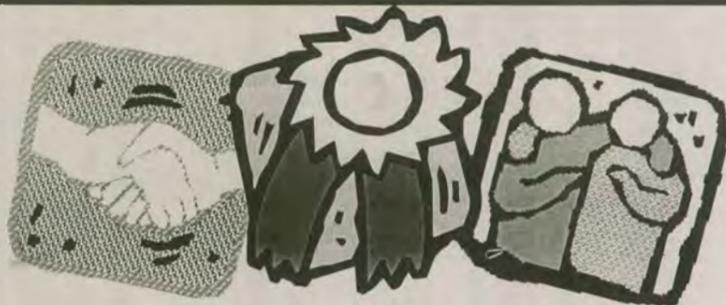
In the final, Grow didn't run as fast as she had Friday. She ended up finishing eighth with a time of 53.73, nearly four-tenths of a second of her school record 53.3. The junior finished 1.36 seconds behind champion Demetria Washington of South Carolina.

However, Grow still secured All-American honors. She became the first Notre Dame female sprinter and only the fourth female track athlete to earn such status.

Meanwhile, Shay, who competed in his first indoor track and field championship meet, earned his fourth All-American distinction in the 5,000-meter run. Shay entered the 5,000 seeded fourth, but he finished ninth place. His time, 14:02.35, was about ten seconds off his school record 13:52.66 time set a month and a half ago. Shay finished 20 seconds behind the eventual champion, Alabama's David Kimani.

This is the fourth time Shay has earned All-American status, but it is the first time he has garnered this honor at the indoor championships. He earned All-American distinction for the past two years at the outdoor championships in the 10,000 meters, and has also taken All-American honors in cross country.

Both Shay and Grow have two weeks to prepare for the outdoor opener on March 30. The Irish sprinters and jumpers, including Grow, will most likely head to Arizona State. Meanwhile, Shay and a few other top distance runners will travel to Stanford. The rest of the Notre Dame track team will probably compete at Purdue.

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Gay and Lesbian Alumni/ae of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College proudly announces its Fifth Annual GALA-ND/SMC Memorial Grants

GALA-ND/SMC is now accepting applications for the Fifth Annual GALA-ND/SMC Memorial Grants. Two \$2,000.00 grants will be presented to students of Notre Dame and/or Saint Mary's College to honor leadership and to support the students' participation in a six-to eight-week summer service project benefiting the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered community. Projects at agencies providing services to individuals with HIV/AIDS or agencies providing services to gay and lesbian youth are encouraged.

The deadline for applications is Wednesday, March 28, 2001. Grant applications are available at the Center for Social Concerns at Notre Dame, the SURV Office at Saint Mary's, or by e-mail request from: GALAND/SMC@aol.com. Names of grant recipients will be kept confidential pending their consent.

Past winners have included students from both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College. Grant winners have performed a variety of summer service projects including: the AIDS Project Los Angeles; the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office in Boston; Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders in Boston; Better Existence with HIV in the Chicago area; AIDS Referral & Information Services in San Jose, CA; performing civil rights research in Cape Town and Johannesburg, South Africa; and archiving a collection of lesbigay newspapers from a collection held at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

It is anticipated that the grants will be conferred at the OUTreachND April Follies by representatives of GAL-ND/SMC on April 7, 2001 in South Bend/Mishawaka.

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Presider: Rev. J. Steele, csc

Given the recent debate about the Knights of Columbus' statue of the Madonna and Child, this is a good time to look again at the place of images in Christian worship. Notre Dame is famous for several images which mark the religious identity and purpose of the University. From Our Lady of the Lake (on the Dome) to Our Lady of Lourdes (the Grotto) to Christ the Teacher (Hesburgh Library) and many others, Notre Dame is visibly dedicated to the work of the Kingdom.

Faith FAQs & Catholic Facts

by Father J. Steele, c.s.c.

Why do Catholics pray to Statues?

Q.9

As most of us know, the Main Building was built (some would say miraculously) in about 4 months in 1879 after a disastrous fire destroyed the previous building. The rapid construction was a testimony to spirit of Fr. Sorin and the devotion to Notre Dame by the Holy Cross Community, the alumni of the University and many Catholics especially in Chicago who were grateful to Notre Dame for its assistance in the wake of the Chicago fire. Originally, the present building did not have a dome. Some years later Fr. Sorin had the dome built against much opposition from within the community. It was argued that this was a frivolous expense especially when there were other pressing needs. Sorin went ahead anyway because he wanted to show the world "why we have

Statues and images of the saints are reminders to us of the ongoing participation of the entire body of Christ, from the Apostles to the present, in the building of the Kingdom.

been successful here."

The dome is a tribute to Our Lady whose intercession helped him through many a dark night.

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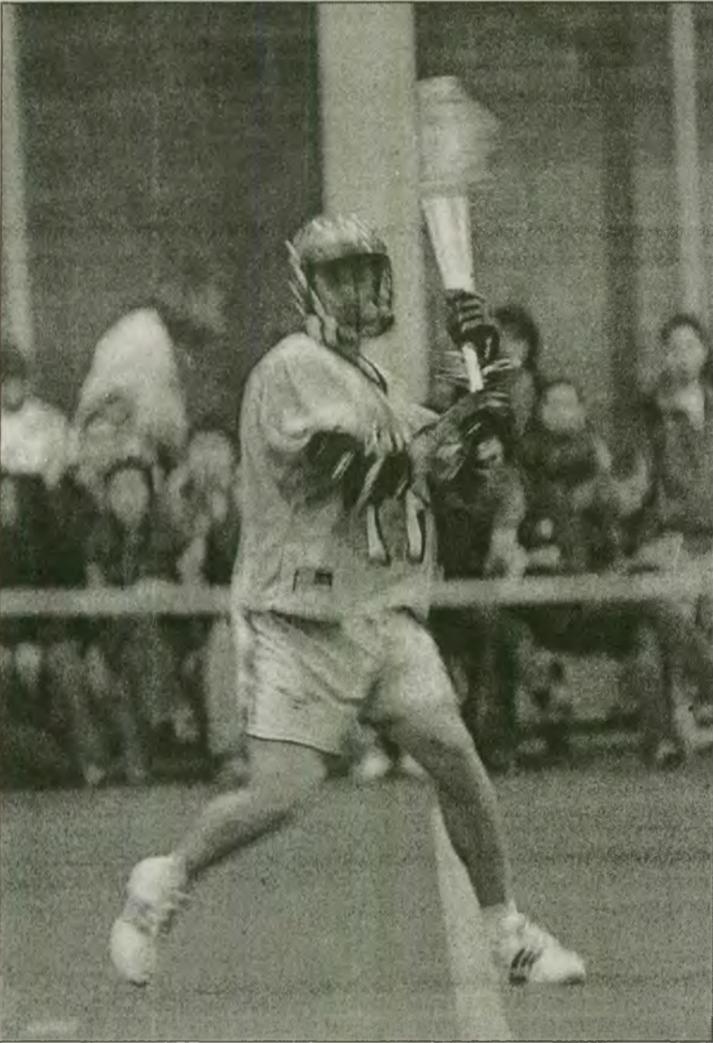
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MEN'S LACROSSE

Irish rise to all-time high at No. 2 in national rankings



ERNESTO LACAYO/The Observer

An Irish lacrosse player passes the ball. Notre Dame is currently ranked No. 2 for its highest ranking ever.

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men's lacrosse team is ranked second in the latest USILA/STX Division 1 rankings thanks to a 3-0 record against three top eastern schools over Spring Break. With wins against No. 8 Loyola, No. 9 Virginia and No. 24 Rutgers, the Irish earned their highest ranking ever.

"That's pretty awesome. We have definitely never been that high before," goalie Kirk Howell said. "The question is if we can keep our heads during all this hype. It's going to be tough but hopefully we can just concentrate and ignore what's going on around us."

The three wins over break pushed Notre Dame's record to 5-0 on the season, with all five teams defeated ranked in the top 25.

After two wins against Penn State and Penn to open the season, the Irish traveled to Piscataway, NJ to face Rutgers on March 9. Attack Tom Glatzel tied his career-high with five goals while the Notre Dame defense held the Scarlet Knights to less than 10 goals in the 9-4 Irish win.

The Irish led 6-0 at halftime on four Glatzel goals and two by Steve Bishko.

After the relatively easy win against Rutgers, Notre Dame traveled south to face national power and then-No. 7 Virginia. Notre Dame trailed in the third quarter for the third time this

season but battled back to pick up an 11-8 win. The Irish also trailed the Quakers and the Nittany Lions in the third.

"We have an experienced group," head coach Kevin Corrigan said about his team's ability to come from behind. "They aren't panicking or losing their poise. They understand it's a 60 minute game."

John Flandina scored the fourth of his career-high four goals with 8:45 remaining in the third period to give Notre Dame a 6-5 lead. Flandina's goal started a three-goal explosion for the Irish as David Ulrich and Steve Bishko followed Flandina with goals of their own.

The win was the first for the Irish against Corrigan's alma mater but Corrigan said the victory against the Cavaliers was no more satisfying than any other win.

"I've been gone for 13 years. You grow attached to the kids you are coaching now," he said. "That's my only thought. It wasn't something where I got emotional about it because I am completely involved with these guys and this team. That's my whole focus. It's satisfying because it's a very good team we beat on the road and it was satisfying because it was a great win for this team and that's enough."

The Irish closed the three-game trip through the east against Loyola. In a game that Corrigan called the toughest of the trip, the Irish jumped out to a 7-3 halftime lead and never looked back.

"The Loyola game was toughest because it was the end of the trip and our third game in 10 days," Corrigan said. "It was against a very good team — a team that doesn't lose in March — they have been very good at home and very good in the early season."

The win against the Greyhounds was the second straight for the Irish. Last spring, Notre Dame upset Loyola in the first round of the NCAA tournament. The Greyhounds may have had revenge on their mind but Notre Dame's early lead put an end to those thoughts, according to Corrigan.

"They came in with an idea that they wanted to pay us back a little bit but at the same time, once you get past a certain point in the game, you settle down and get past all that," he said. "That was there early but we still jumped out to an early lead on them so I don't think that was a big factor."

What was a big factor in both the wins against Virginia and Loyola was the play of Howell. The third-yard starter made 18 saves against Loyola and 14 against Virginia.

"He did keep us in the game," Corrigan said. "I don't want to take anything away from our guys, we made enough plays to win but we made a lot more mistakes than you are normally going to get away with. Kirk was there to erase a lot of those mistakes."

Notre Dame faces its first challenge to its top ranking Saturday against Hofstra in New York.

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BASEBALL

Irish end break undefeated

By JEFF BALTRUZAK
Assistant Sports Editor

Eight, 7-0-1, 13-2-1, 1959, 600.
The eighth-ranked Notre Dame baseball team finished their California road trip over spring break with a 7-0-1 record on their way to winning the Pepsi/Johnny Quik Classic in Fresno.

The Irish are now 13-2-1 overall, their best 16-game start since the 1959 squad went 14-2.

To top it off, head coach Paul Mainieri captured his 600th career victory on Saturday, directing the Irish, who wore green jerseys to mark St. Patrick's Day, past Portland State 7-6 to win the Classic.

"I don't think about [my 600th win] much," said Mainieri. "But I'm proud of it because it shows what outstanding players and assistant coaches we have."

But for a brief moment in the eighth inning on Saturday, it looked as if Mainieri might have to wait on his milestone win. The Irish led 3-1 heading into Portland State's at bat in the top of the eighth, but the Pilots strung together four runs on starting pitcher Danny Tamayo.

Portland State had the bases loaded with one out when Pilot first baseman Steve Chamberlain tripped to right center, scoring three. Tamayo got Kory Casto to ground out for the second out, but was replaced by sophomore reliever Brandon Vioria, who closed out the inning after walking the first batter he faced.

Staring down a 5-3 deficit with just six outs remaining, the Irish offense responded by matching Portland State's four runs, with the rally starting from the bottom of the order. After junior third baseman Andrew Bushey was hit by Pilot pitcher Justin Ballweber and Ken Meyer singled, the stage was set for freshman second baseman Steve Sollmann.

Sollmann doubled to left center, scoring Bushey and Meyer to knot the championship game at 5-5.

Sollmann had his first home run in an Irish uniform earlier in the game, when he crushed a ball over the 400-ft. mark in centerfield off starter Kyle Corra.

"Steve Sollmann had a tremendous week," said Mainieri. "He hit in the clutch well."

Catcher Paul O'Toole, hitting out of the second slot, contributed another two run double when he took a Zach Yarbrough pitch into left center, bringing home Sollmann and leadoff hitter Steve Stanley and changing the scoreboard to read 7-5.

"For Steve to go out there and have the tournament he did was outstanding," said O'Toole. "He didn't back down from anyone."

Portland State got one more run in the top of the ninth frame, but it would not be enough as Vioria buckled down to secured the two final outs of the tournament.

"By no means did we expect to win the tournament," said O'Toole. "Every game was a battle, but we knew we had the ability to win it all ... It's very hard to string together seven strong games in a row."

Stanley was named tournament MVP in a close race with Sollmann. All-American starting pitcher Aaron Heilman, who had a complete game victory over Illinois on Friday night to power the Irish to their matchup with Portland State was named to the all-tournament team.

"The key for us the whole week was our starting pitching," said Mainieri. "And our defense was spectacular."

Heilman owns a perfect 5-0 record, with a 1.66 ERA. Tamayo is 2-1 in his five starts, and Notre Dame received quality starts from Peter Ogilvie and J.P. Gagne during the week.

Mainieri was able to make the call to his bullpen confidently as well, with Vioria and Mike Naumann throwing effectively. Vioria has the lowest opponents' batting average of any Irish pitchers, with batters hitting just .167 against him.

Heilman received plenty of run support in the 9-5 victory over the Illini, with offensive production coming from Stanley, Bushey, Kris Billmaier and cleanup hitter Brian Stavisky, all of whom had multi-hit performances at the plate.

Earlier in the week, the Irish collected extra-inning victories over Miami of Ohio 3-2 and host Fresno State 5-4.

Stavisky hit the Irish's first grand slam of the season versus Fresno State, clearing the bases in the sixth. Sollmann and Stanley tag-teamed to set up the final Irish run in the tenth frame, as Sollmann took off on a hit and run and Stanley poked a single through the left side. Sollmann was able to take third on the play, and scored when O'Toole singled to end the game.

"You have to win those one-run games," said O'Toole. "Being in extra inning games helps build character."

The Irish were 1-0-1 in their first two games of the Classic, shutting out New Mexico 3-0 and tying Navy 4-4. The Navy game was left undecided due to a tournament rule that did not allow new innings to start after the 2 hour and 50 minute mark.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Notre Dame quietly celebrates victory

This time, the celebration was not excessive.

More than 18 months after Bobby Brown's infamous fraternity gesture led to a key penalty during the football team's heartbreaking 26-22 loss to Michigan, Muffet

McGraw raised her two index fingers towards the Joyce Center crowd after Monday night's 88-54 win over the Wolverines.

That was it. No taunting, no screaming, no showboating.

Just a signal, a signal McGraw hopes to flash once again six days from now in Denver, and then again on April 1 in St. Louis.

Bob Davie has not yet claimed "it is what it is." Clifford Jefferson has not boasted that he will record two interceptions per game in 2001, and Troy Murphy has not announced his intentions for next season.

So, for the next few days (and possibly weeks), Notre Dame Nation is "stuck" with Riley, Ivey and Company.

"I think they can win it all," Michigan coach Sue Guevara said on Monday. "I don't think there's any doubt about that."

No surprise there. All season, coaches, players, and "experts" have pegged the Irish as perennial national champions. And deservedly so.

But to just watch at the games on the annual Irish and Italian holidays and assume Notre Dame is the team to beat is absurd.

Sure, the Irish embarrassed Alcorn State and Michigan. But one school's claim to fame begins and ends with Steve McNair and the other is best known for the second-best college fight song.

Nothing new really emerged from the victories. Ruth Riley is the best women's player in the country, Niele Ivey is the team leader, Kelley Siemon is greatly improved, Jeneka Joyce and Alicia Ratay are deadly perimeter shooters, and the bench provides more depth than in past years.

Yada, yada, yada. "C'mon, let's just give Notre Dame a great deal of credit," Guevara said. "We tried to throw everything that we possibly could and they responded to everything we threw at them. They have a lot, a lot of weapons."

Let's just give Guevara a job in the Notre Dame public relations office.

That's not to say that the Irish do not deserve the praise. They do. Tennessee is without its best player and Connecticut is without its best two, so Notre Dame is one of the tournament favorites.

These next two weekends will provide the ultimate setting.

These next two weekends will also show whether this year's Irish team can handle the ultimate pressure. Last year, Notre Dame opened up a 17-0 lead against Texas Tech in the Sweet Sixteen but eventually lost. Nineteen days earlier, in the Big East tournament semifinals, the Irish led Rutgers by nine with four minutes left, before losing in overtime.

When the pressure heated up, the Irish melted like South Bend snow.

So far this season, the Irish have had only one sub-par performance, the 54-53 loss to Rutgers. They beat top-ten teams Purdue and Georgia early in the year, dominated Connecticut on Jan. 15, and hung with the Huskies on their home court earlier this month.

What's the difference between 2000 and 2001?

"We're a lot more poised," Riley said. "Having the experience, knowing that what happened last year can happen again. We're not overlooking anyone."

Said Ivey, "We're a lot more mentally focused this year. In the past, we would panic when we were down. No one would really step up. Last year we were looking around, waiting for somebody else to do what we often do as a team. That says a lot for our chemistry that we built this year."

Chemistry, intangibles, focus, 'stepping up'. These terms cannot be measured and serve as typical clichés. And they had little to do with this past weekend's dominating performances. But when the Irish match up with a comparable squad, a team with similar or superior talent, the oft-repeated slogans become somewhat important.

"I just can't say enough about this team," Ivey said. "We're just having a lot of fun right now."

Maybe the fun will continue. Two more wins and the Irish will advance to their second Final Four in five years.

Two more wins and Niele Ivey will return to her hometown.

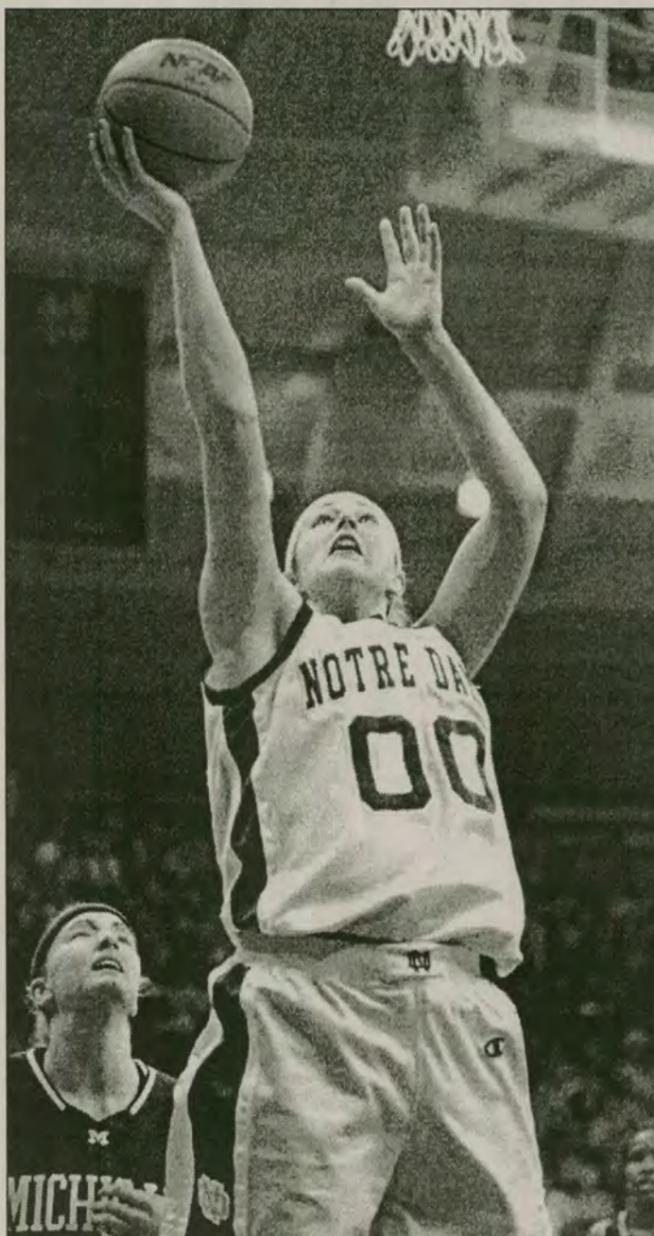
Two more wins and the entire team will celebrate.

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Ruth Riley goes up for a shot in Notre Dame's 88-54 win over Michigan in round two of the NCAA tournament.

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"She talked about working hard on defense every day in practice because that's something that she really needs to improve on," McGraw said. "I thought today she did a great job in the zone."

Amanda Barksdale continued her postseason surge for the Irish. Following her first career double-double in Notre Dame's round one victory over Alcorn State, the sophomore contributed five points and seven rebounds in 15 minutes.

The biggest cheers of the night came when sophomore walk-on Karen Swanson stepped on the floor with 3:09 remaining. With Swanson's jump shot in the game's final minute, each Notre Dame player has scored in every Irish game so far in this NCAA tournament.

"I was not happy with the bench early in the season and they have really worked hard to prove me wrong," McGraw said. "That's the kind of attitude that this team has. They don't quit."

While the Michigan coach credits the Irish defense, she was disappointed in her team's inability to find the basket.

"You don't have to be a graduate of Michigan or Notre Dame to look at the stat sheet and see five-for-33 from your five starters is going to be really tough," Guevara said.

Only six Wolverines played significant minutes in the game, a factor that proved deadly in the game's final minutes. With Notre Dame using its deep bench and playing successful in the transition, Michigan just couldn't keep up.

"That's what happens when you're trying to stop transition," Guevara said. "You work your tail off and you get tired."

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Missed shots turned into missed opportunities for an Irish squad that had earned a berth in the tournament's second round Friday with effective shooting against Xavier.

With 7:11 remaining and the Rebels leading 47-46, Murphy, who led the Irish with 17 points, took the ball to the basket with a classic dunk, but instead of getting the go-ahead bucket, the ball clanged off the rim and turned into a basket for the Rebels at the other end of the court.

"This is what you play for," Humphrey said. "And we just didn't make plays when it counted."

The Irish missed on their next two possessions as the Rebels extended their lead to five, but two free throws from Carroll brought the Irish back within a possession for the tie.

Humphrey, who started the game with three airballs and three turnovers, quickly turned up the heat, grabbing a crucial bucket and drawing the foul.

Just 52.1 percent from the line, Humphrey nailed the shot to tie the game at 51 with 5:09 on clock.

Humphrey went on to score the next four points for the Irish, giving the squad a one-point 55-54 lead with 1:20 remaining.

If Lockhart kept the Rebels in the game with his seemingly-continuous baskets, Jason Harrison delivered Ole Miss the win.

With 46 seconds left to go

and the shot clock nearing zero, the point guard connected on a long 3-point shot to give the Rebels their final lead, 57-55.

"It was one of those shots you dream about," Harrison said. "I knew I had to make a play because I hadn't made one in a while and I felt like I was letting my team down."

Irish point guard Martin Ingelsby left Harrison open for the shot, backing up, expecting penetration from the point guard whose shooting had suffered of late.

"They've had a lot of heroes all season and they had another one tonight with that shot from the top," Brey said. "... I'll live with that [shot]. I thought we did a great job defending. That's not who he's been. He knocks down an NBA 3 and I can't be upset with that. He's a fearless young man."

The Irish had an opportunity with 24.5 remaining to tie when Humphrey found himself under the basket with an easy lay-up. The ball rolled out, however, and after trading foul shots at each end of the court the Sanders came up with the block that effectively ended the game.

"I don't think that shot lost the game," Humphrey said. "I can't hold my head down for it. We play as a team."

The loss is bittersweet for an Irish squad that has come so far and accomplished so much this season. With Brey at the helm for just one season, the Irish finished with a 20-10 record, a Big East West division championship and their first NCAA Tournament berth in 11 years.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Irish earn wins over break

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame women's lacrosse team concluded a successful spring break trip with an 8-3 win at Harvard on Sunday, as the Irish beat the Crimson for the first time in three meetings. Senior Lael O'Shaughnessy led the Irish attack with two goals and three assists, while sophomore goaltender Jen White made 14 saves, while allowing just three goals. Notre Dame improves to 3-1 with its third win of the week-long trip and returns to action when it opens its home schedule with a 1:00 p.m. game against Denver on Sun., March 25.

Notre Dame broke a 2-2 tie with the final two goals of the first half and then scored the first four goals of the second half to build an 8-2 lead with less than a minute in the game. Harvard led 1-0 before O'Shaughnessy and sophomore Danielle Shearer scored twice in 20 seconds to give the Irish a 2-1 lead. The Crimson tied the game, but juniors Natalie Loftus and Maureen Henwood scored back-to-back goals to put Notre Dame ahead 4-2 at halftime.

Freshman Kassen Delano and O'Shaughnessy each scored in the first five minutes of the second half, as the Irish pulled ahead 6-2. Neither team could find the net until sopho-

more Kelley McCardell scored with 1:39 remaining in the game. Junior Alissa Moser closed out the scoring for the Irish.

Notre Dame's defense held Harvard scoreless for a span of 28:23 until the Crimson scored the game's final goal with 27 seconds left for the 8-3 final margin. Notre Dame held a slight 23-22 edge in shots but a career-high 14 saves by White paced the Irish to the win.

On Saturday, the Notre Dame women's lacrosse team built a 6-2 halftime-lead and held on to beat host Boston College 8-7. Shearer led the Irish with three goals, and Loftus scored both of Notre Dame's second half goals to provide the decisive scoring for the Irish.

Shearer scored her first goal just 42 seconds in the game on an assist from O'Shaughnessy, and the pair combined again later for a 2-0 lead. After the Eagles scored their first goal, the Irish scored three goals in a span of 2:59 — one each from O'Shaughnessy, sophomore Angela Dixon Alissa Moser — for a 5-1 lead. Shearer's third goal at 6:20 put Notre Dame ahead 6-1 before a late goal pulled Boston College within 6-2 at halftime.

Neither team could find the net in the second half until Loftus scored the first of back-to-back goals at 15:03 and recorded the eventual goal-winning goal 34 seconds later

to give the Irish an 8-2 lead. Boston College then began its comeback with two goals to pull within 8-4. The Eagles scored at 1:32 for 8-5 and make it 8-6 with 39 seconds left. Boston College then scored with 10 seconds remaining to cut the lead to 8-7, but Irish senior Sarah LeSueur won the ensuing draw to allow Notre Dame to run out the clock for the win.

White played all 90 minutes in goal for the Irish and made 11 saves. Notre Dame had a 26-23 advantage in shots.

On Tuesday, March 13, the Notre Dame women's lacrosse used three goals each from four different players to beat host Virginia Tech 19-8, and win its Big East opener in the first year of Big East women's lacrosse. The Irish, who out-shot the Hokies 31-19 in the contest, led 6-1 just 15 minutes into the game and held a 12-4 halftime advantage. Senior and preseason all-Big East selection O'Shaughnessy had a goal and five assists for Notre Dame.

"We are pleased with the way we played," said Irish head coach Tracy Coyne. "We want to be competitive in the Big East, and for us to play this well and this well on the road is very encouraging. We still have room for improvement in many aspects of our game but this is a great start to our first Big East season."

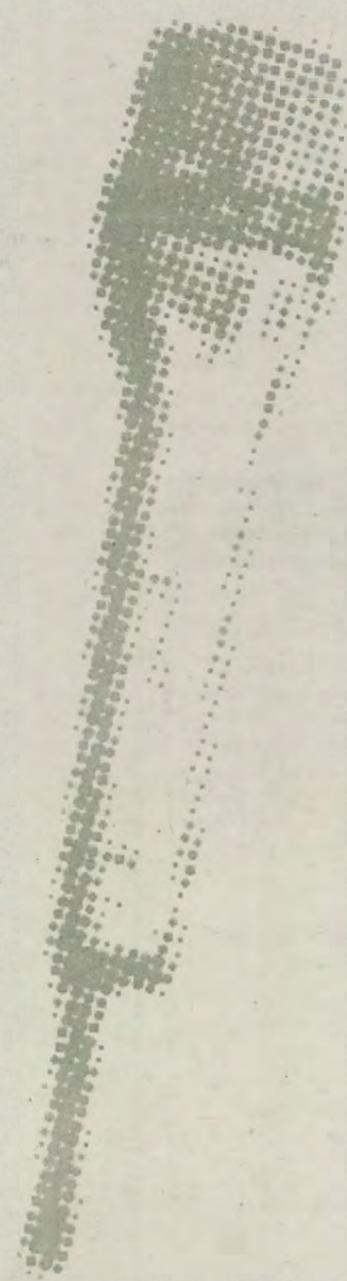
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Notre Dame adjusts for NCAA tournament appearance

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

KANSAS CITY, Mo. Shaking up the starting lineup following mid-January losses to Kentucky and Seton Hall geared Notre Dame up for an eight-game winning streak. But after the Irish endured their only three-game slide of the season, head coach Mike Brey figured reinserting David Graves into the starting five might get the Irish going again.

It did, and just in time for Notre Dame's first NCAA Tournament appearance in 11 years.

"We made an adjustment in the lineup," Brey said, "and that certainly helped us."

Graves grooved to 13 first-half points and the Irish (20-9 heading into Sunday's game) jiggled to an 83-71 win over Xavier (21-8) in the opening round of the Big Dance Friday.

Graves, a junior, and sophomore guard Matt Carroll possessed the Midas touch, as putting the ball in their hands was like finding the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. The backcourt pair put 16 of 18 shots through the hoop for 41 points, Carroll leading the way with 21.

"I was shooting the ball well all week," Graves said. "The easier shots you take, the higher percentages you have."

The Musketeers have felt the dagger of Graves' long-range shot before. A year ago, he sliced Xavier's hopes of an NIT title with 21 first-half points. But Xavier hadn't really been bitten by Carroll, who scored 13 in last season's showdown.

Both years, the Irish ended the Musketeers' season in 2000 with a dozen-point margin of victory, in 2000 in the second round of the NIT, in 2001 in the first game of the NCAAs.

The Irish entered the tourney after an early exit in the Big East Tournament and two regular-season losses, leading many pundits to predict a short trip to March Madness. The "experts" picked 11th-seeded Xavier to upset Notre Dame, seeded sixth in the Midwest Region, but the Irish were having none of the quick trip home they experienced by losing to Pittsburgh in the Big East Tournament.

"After we lost in the Big East Tournament," said senior point

guard Martin Ingelsby, "we knew it was one-and-done."

Instead of being done after one game Ingelsby helped his teammates score by dishing off nine assists. They did it with the kind of balance Brey had envisioned at the season's start when he displayed the even scoring distribution of Notre Dame's 1978 Final Four team, the only one in school history.

Junior forwards Troy Murphy, an All-American, and Ryan Humphrey, a Big East third team selection, did their part. They combined to add 34 points to the Irish scoreboard along with 14 rebounds, although Murphy was just 6-for-17 from the field.

"Murphy's a disadvantage to just about anybody in the country because you have to pay so much attention to him," said Xavier coach Skip Prosser. "Sometimes you've got to pick your poison."

The balanced box score and razor-sharp 63 percent shooting gave the Irish an NCAA Tournament victory for the first time since 1989.

Xavier opened the game with a six-point lead before Notre Dame got its juices flowing. The Irish put together a 22-3 run, keyed by Carroll driving deep twice for a lay-up and finger roll, Graves knocking down a 3-pointer and two lay-ups and Murphy hitting a fall-away jumper and throwing down a slam dunk for an exclamation point.

"The spurt in the first half," Prosser said, "we had 12 points for a long time."

The Musketeers never recov-

ered.

The closest they came to catching the Irish was a seven-point deficit late in the first half following two 3-pointers by Kevin Frey, his only points of the game.

But after Ingelsby and David West, the Atlantic 10 Player of the Year, traded baskets, it was all Irish. Carroll's trey from the left baseline rolled through the rim and a steal by Graves turned into a Harold Swanagan lay-in.

Carroll capped off the first period by dribbling around defenders for an inside-the-arc jumper at the buzzer to give Notre Dame a 40-26 lead.

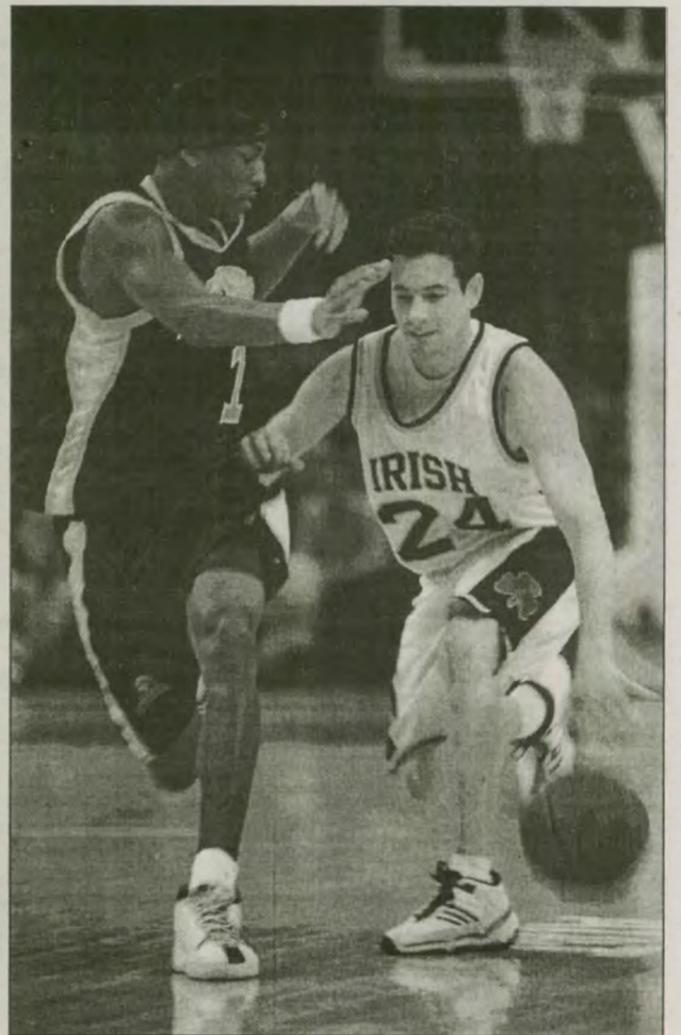
After stifling the Musketeers' offense in the first half, all the Irish needed to do to win was hold on. That was a cinch, with the Irish shooting 70 percent in the second stanza.

"We took care of the ball pretty well today," Carroll said. "Shooting the ball pretty well kind of helps out on offense, too."

Defensively, Notre Dame kept both Frey and senior point guard Maurice McAfee in single digits. The sophomore West led his squad with 19.

Humphrey made the Musketeers pay down the stretch with three jams in the final two minutes to complement Murphy's pair of dunks on the day. Murphy fed Humphrey two of the dunks and Carroll dished him a pass which Humphrey finished off by slamming the reverse dunk through the hoop two-handed behind his head.

The Irish gladly took the dunks as well as the two-day extension to their season.



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Martin Ingelsby dribbles around a Pittsburgh player earlier in the season.

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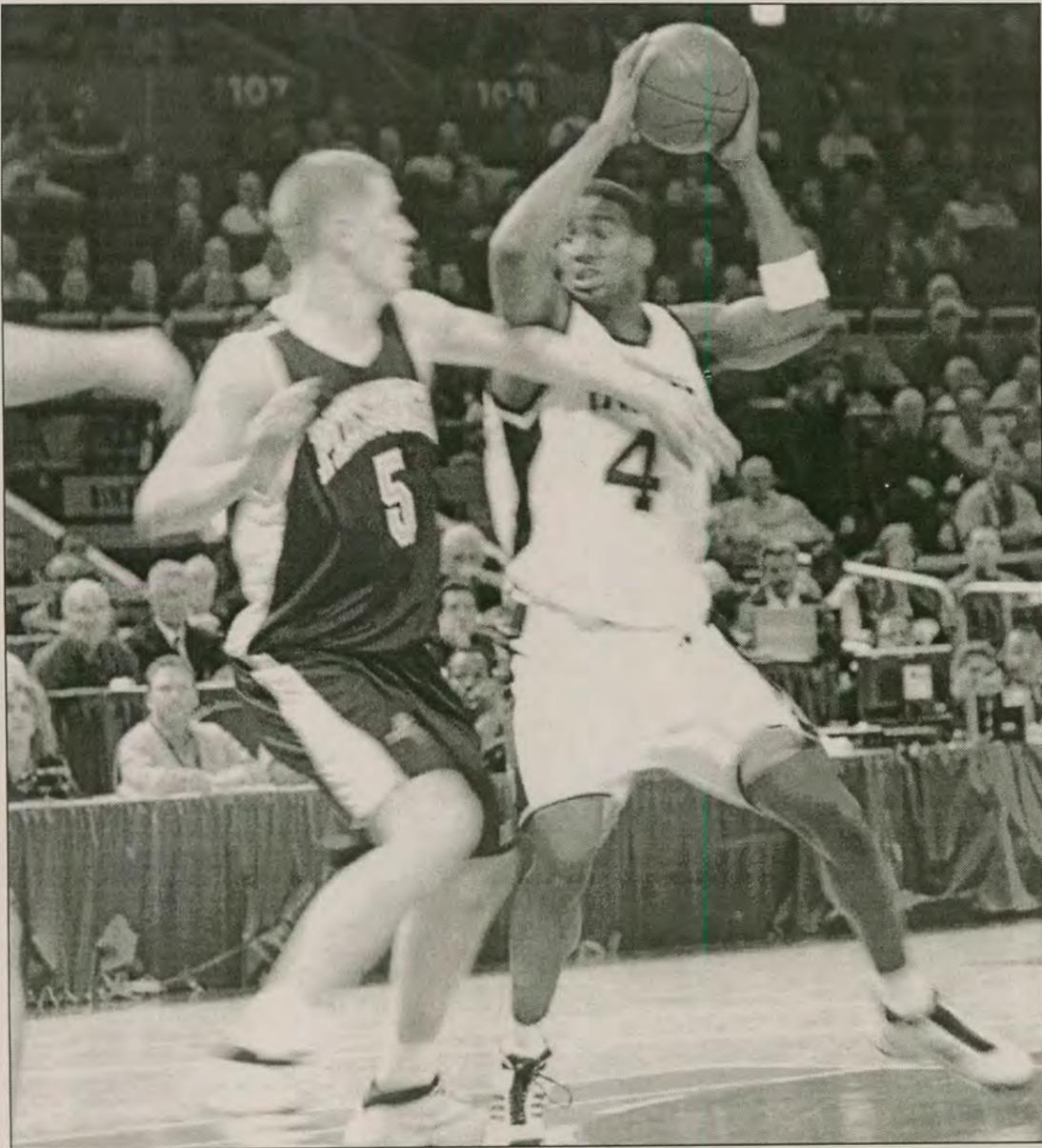
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Ole Miss experience leads to win over Notre Dame



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Ryan Humphrey, shown above, looks past a Pittsburgh player in a 75-67 Irish win earlier this season.

KANSAS CITY, Missouri
The Ole Miss men's basketball program is one step ahead of Notre Dame's, and the Rebels remained one pace ahead of the Irish on Sunday.

Ole Miss, making its fourth NCAA Tournament appearance in the past five seasons, had experience in its corner.

Wide-body senior center Rahim Lockhart entered this year's Tournament with two past tourneys under his belt, and he used his seasoning to give the Irish fits with 24 points and seven rebounds. Fellow Rebel seniors Jason Flanigan and Jason Holmes also were two-year veterans of March Madness, and each played a part in wearing down the Irish.

The Irish looked like rookies to the NCAA Tournament experience. They shot a surprising 29 percent from the field after a red-hot 63 percent touch in the opening round. They managed only six assists and missed several layups, including one in the final minute by Ryan Humphrey.

Maybe the Irish played awkwardly because they didn't recognize the territory.

March Madness is a phrase used much more often with women's basketball at Notre Dame in recent years. The men's squad hadn't made the tourney since 1990, and Humphrey, a transfer from Oklahoma, was the only player to have known the Madness. The Irish hadn't even dreamed of advancing to the Sweet 16, which is what they were playing for against the Rebels, in years.

The Rebels played out their one-gait edge on the Irish by recalling coach Rod Barnes harp about playing defense throughout their careers.

"If you don't guard," Barnes said, "you're coming out."

Stifling opponents is a trademark for Barnes' teams in the SEC.

"The whole year, we pride ourselves on defense," Lockhart said. "We feel like that's the way you win championships. That was the difference in the game — we came up with the stops we needed to."

The Irish knew defense was a priority entering the game. "We're the type of team that we know we can score and play with anyone in the country," said senior captain Martin Ingelsby, "but we need defense to make everything work and it makes it more fun."

But the Irish have only had Mike Brey beating defense

into their brains since July, and the mentality wasn't quite as deeply ingrained in their instincts as it was for the Rebels.

So in the last minute, with the Rebels up by two, the Irish met their match. The high-scoring Notre Dame offense found itself on a rare off day from the field going up against a team that knew how to get the final stop.

Ole Miss blocked Notre Dame's last opportunity as 6-foot-3 guard David Sanders swatted Notre Dame from the Sweet 16 bracket. Irish sophomore Matt Carroll, Notre Dame's best post feeder, went up as if to take a 3-point shot he had hit from the same spot against Xavier. But he'd been cold shooting against Ole Miss, so when he saw Humphrey down low, he went for the pass inside, which Sanders slapped away and into Lockhart's hands.

"We're a defensive team first," Sanders said. "Defense is what got us here."

Notre Dame didn't play poorly on defense, limiting its opponent to just 59 points, 13 below Ole Miss's average. But the Rebels played spectacularly. They held two-time All-American Troy Murphy to 17 points on 4-of-16 shooting, and stifled Carroll and David Graves into a combined 2-for-17 from the field.

And just as suddenly as Sanders appeared for the steal, the one sure thing for Notre Dame, its ability to score, vanished.

"Defensively, we gave ourselves every chance to win the basketball game," Brey said.

Ole Miss also had more fresh faces to look to than did the Irish. Nine players logged at least eight minutes of playing time for the Rebels, while only six did the same for the Irish, five of whom played 29 minutes or more.

Come 2002, the Rebels may be no peers for the Irish.

Should Murphy, a junior, decide to return for his senior season at Notre Dame, the Irish would be loaded with veterans. They would have all their key players back save Ingelsby at the point, who will be replaced by McDonald's All-American Chris Thomas, trading sheer talent for seasoning and on-court savvy.

And they'll have another year beneath Brey, marking the first time in four years an Irish team has known stability and played for the same coach two straight seasons.

It took just one season to take the Irish from NIT runner-ups to one shot away from the Sweet 16. Imagine the Irish after one more year emphasizing defense with a year of tourney experience to draw from.

One more year, and the outcome might have "luck of the Irish" written all over it.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish roll over Alcorn State in 98-49 victory

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Associate Sports Editor

All it took for the 8,553 fans in the Joyce Center to erupt into cheers was the Irish removing their warm-ups.

They saw the Irish wearing green uniforms.

"There must have been some luck of the Irish when we unpacked those uniforms," said Notre Dame head coach Muffet McGraw.

No.1 seeded Notre Dame was simply too tall, too deep and too good for No.16 seeded Alcorn State as they rolled to a 98-49 victory Saturday afternoon.

The Irish were allowed to wear their green uniforms thanks to a special arrangement with the NCAA. Normally, the higher-seeded team must wear home jerseys and the lower-seeded team must wear away jerseys. But Alcorn State's away uniforms and Notre Dame's home uniforms were both gold, so the NCAA allowed the Irish to wear green, fittingly on St. Patrick's Day.

It was obvious from the opening tip that Notre Dame had a huge height advantage. The Irish had six players as tall as Alcorn State's tallest player, Cherea Wood. Notre Dame completely dominated the inside game. They had 54 points in the paint — led by Ruth Riley's 16 — compared to just four for Alcorn State and the Irish out-rebounded the Braves 62-34.

"The height was a big disadvantage," said Alcorn State head coach Shirley Walker.

The Braves tried to take away the Irish size advantage by pulling away from the basket, forcing Notre Dame to guard the perimeter. But the strategy backfired as Alcorn State, who took more three-point shots than two pointers, shot a dismal 21 percent from the field, finishing 15-71 and 9-41 from three-point range.

"We just missed a lot of shots," said Wood, who shot 4-for-24 from the field and was 0-for-6 from three-point land. Wood, the Braves' top scorer, entered the game averaging 17.7 points per game. She finished with just nine points Saturday.

The Braves gave the Irish an

early scare when they jumped out to a 10-6 lead early in the first half. Notre Dame then went on a 20-3 run to jump ahead, but the Braves, relying on Taresha Coleman's shooting, kept the game close. Coleman led the Braves with 15 points.

"We jumped out pretty good in the first few minutes," Walker said.

The Irish took control with 6:57 left in the first half when they switched from their traditional 2-3 zone defense to a man-to-man defense. The Braves managed only one free throw the rest of the half and didn't hit a field goal until 14:24 remained in the second half. During that span, the Irish outscored the Braves 29-3.

"Their shooting really surprised us and forced us out of the zone, which we didn't really want to come out of," said McGraw. "When we went man-to-man I thought we stepped up defensively better. I was a little disappointed I didn't go to it earlier."

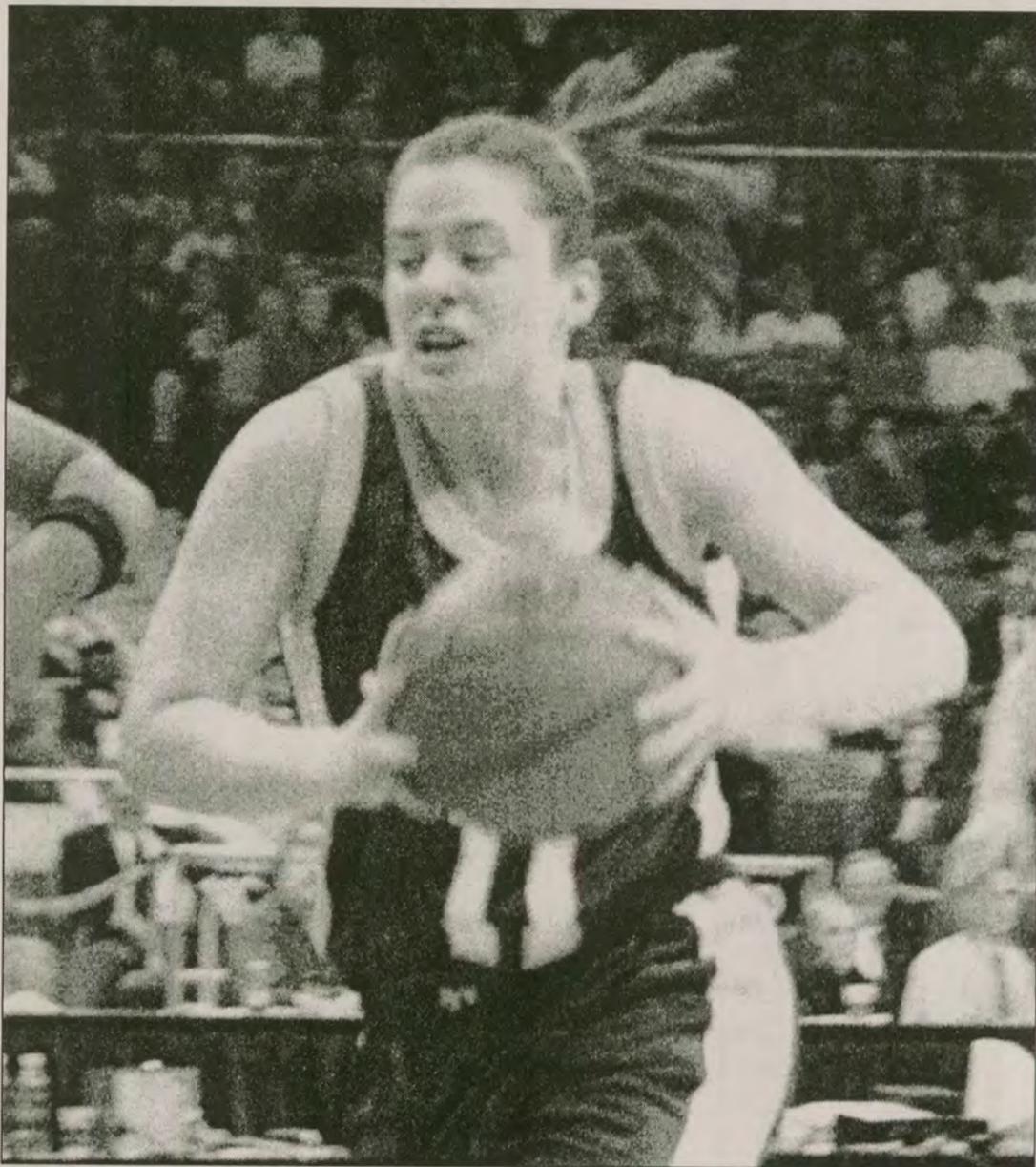
The Irish had far too much depth for the Braves to handle. Five players scored in double-digits and nobody played more than 30 minutes for the Irish. All 12 players on the Irish roster scored at least two points.

Sophomore Amanda Barksdale had the best game of her career. She registered a double-double by scoring 10 points and grabbing 11 rebounds. The Irish also got some quality minutes from freshman Le'Tania Severe, who finished with four points.

"It is fun to watch the bench," Riley said. "We see how hard they work in practice everyday, and it was good to see them be able to show that on the floor."

Nowhere was this more obvious than when sophomore walk-on Karen Swanson made a difficult five-foot baseline shot. As Swanson, who finished with a career-high four points, ran down the court arms in the air, the Irish bench was on their feet laughing.

The Irish finished shooting 54 percent from the field. Kelly Siemon finished with 13 points and nine rebounds, while Ericka Haney and Alicia Ratay chipped in 14 points and 13 points, respectively. Niele Ivey led the Irish with nine assists.



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Karen Swanson rushes down the court in the Irish 98-49 victory over No. 16 Alcorn State during the first round of NCAA tournament play.

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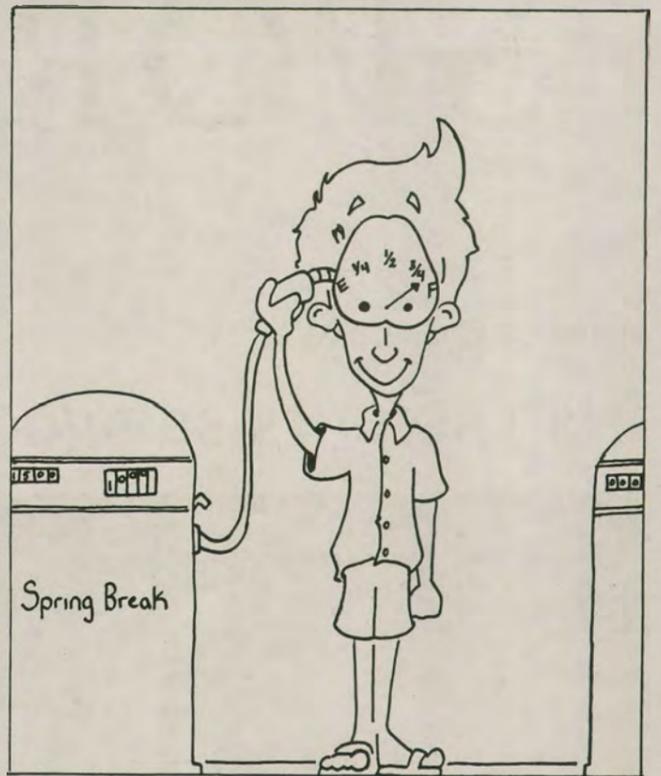
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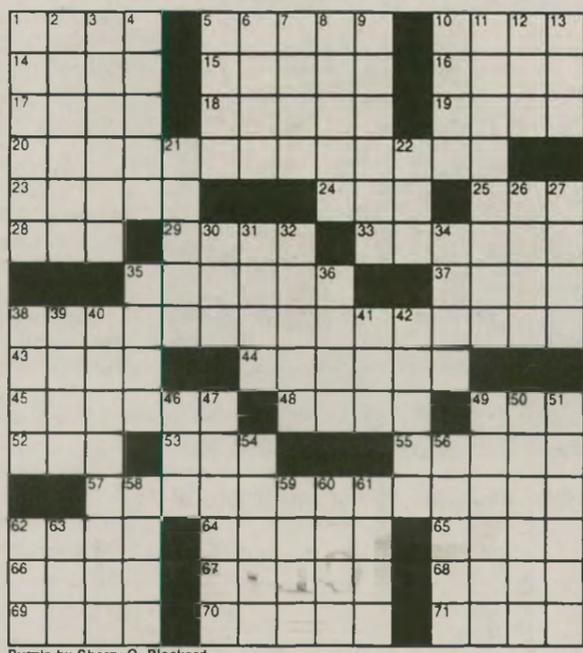
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 - 23 When to return from lunch, maybe
 - 24 "___-hoo!"
 - 25 ___ Beta Kappa
 - 28 Hankering
 - 29 Place holders
 - 33 Alien landings, telepaths, etc.
 - 35 Computer key
 - 37 Egg size
 - 38 Betty Haynes in "White Christmas"
 - 43 First czar of Russia
 - 44 Like sauerkraut and strudel
 - 45 Ingredient
 - 48 Bankrupt
 - 49 Great respect
 - 52 Antlered animal
 - 53 Batman and Robin, e.g.
 - 55 Old-timer
 - 57 Blanche Devereaux in TV's "The Golden Girls"
 - 62 Close to closed
 - 64 Gentleman callers
- DOWN**
- 1 Its port is known as the Gateway to India
 - 2 Pilot
 - 3 Ozzie or Harriet
 - 4 Sink feature
 - 5 Many a trucker
 - 6 ___ mater
 - 7 Back-to-school time: Abbr.
 - 8 Oscar winner Bates
 - 9 V.I.P.'s seating locale
 - 10 Fed chairman Greenspan
 - 11 Coach's strategy
 - 12 Squeeze (out)
 - 13 Cub's home
 - 21 Gershwin's "Eat Cake"
 - 22 Response to a punch in the stomach
 - 26 Roll call response
 - 27 Mary Higgins Clark's "Before ___ Good-Bye"
 - 30 In the manner of
 - 31 Chunk in the Arctic Ocean
 - 32 Eye sores
 - 65 Small dog, informally
 - 66 Isinglass
 - 67 Egg size
 - 68 Makes angry
 - 69 Labor leader I. W. ___
 - 70 Ceased
 - 71 Mailed



Puzzle by Sherry O. Blackard

- 34 James Dean or Marilyn Monroe
- 35 Job for a body shop
- 36 Beige
- 38 Widespread
- 39 White House office shape
- 40 Company picnic activity
- 41 K-O connection
- 42 Like some old buckets
- 46 Flowery verse
- 47 Gang fight
- 49 Stick (to)
- 50 Undermine
- 51 Frank's partner in the comics
- 54 "Wavy waste," to Thomas Hood
- 56 ___ lazuli
- 58 Russia's ___ Mountains
- 59 Cutup
- 60 Downhill racer
- 61 Canned
- 62 G.P.'s grp.
- 63 Sloop's sail

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TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2001

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Carl Reiner, Mr. Rogers, William Hurt, Holly Hunter, Jerry Reed, Hal Linden, Bobby Orr, Pat Riley, Spike Lee, Tanya Boyd

Happy Birthday: Your ideas are good, so don't waste time; follow your instincts and accomplish what you set out to do. Don't let petty differences in your personal life get you down. If you go about your business, you can bypass much of the anxiety that the people around you are going through. You can make personal changes, but be prepared to live with your decisions. Your numbers: 4, 17, 20, 26, 34, 39

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Someone from your past will inspire you to proceed with your usual energetic charisma. Allies will come to your aid to help you meet your deadlines. ☺☺☺

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You'll have problems finishing what you start if you overload your plate. Try to enlist the help of others. Extravagance and time will work against you. Don't make unrealistic promises. ☺☺

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Educational pursuits should be on your agenda. You will learn easily from the lectures you attend and enjoy others' company. Knowledge will bring greater self-awareness. ☺☺☺☺

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your tendency to overspend on children, entertainment or investments will cause problems with loved ones. Direct your efforts into furthering your career and securing your future. ☺☺☺

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Passionate encounters will be most rewarding. Make plans to spend some quality time with the one who won your heart. Your generous nature will be most appreciated. ☺☺☺

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't limit yourself. You don't have to prove yourself to anyone. Go in a direction that sparks an interest in you. You need to meet new people and pursue new activities. ☺☺☺

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Leadership can be yours if you're willing to put additional work into organizations you belong to. Concentrate on making yourself the best that you can be. A new outlook is in order. ☺☺☺☺

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take a breather. Stress and pressure at home may have worn you ragged. You have done all you can to sort things out at a personal level. Now all you can do is wait. ☺☺

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You'll meet interesting people if you attend reunions. Don't hesitate to present your ideas to those in a position to help you achieve your dreams. ☺☺☺

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Financial gains can be made if you're willing to take a bit of a risk. Go after that new position and don't let anyone tell you that you've taken on more than you can handle. ☺☺☺

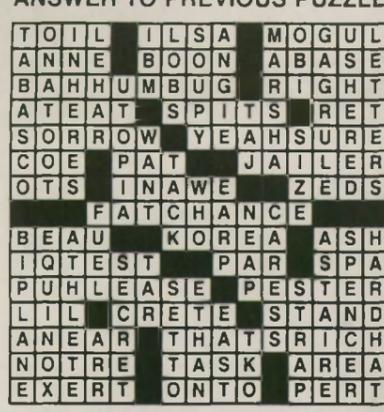
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You'll be holding yourself back if you don't realize your capabilities. Don't confide in your peers. Your reluctance to do what they want will only cause discord. ☺☺

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You face delays if you haven't put all your personal papers in order. You will have problems dealing with officials if you don't play by the rules. Keep your thoughts to yourself. ☺☺☺

Birthdays: You're off to the races, curious to see what's around the next corner. You are a handful for those who love you, but a very entertaining friend and confidant. You are popular, pleasant and positive. (Need advice? Check out Eugenia's Web sites at astroadvice.com, eugenialast.com, astromate.com.)

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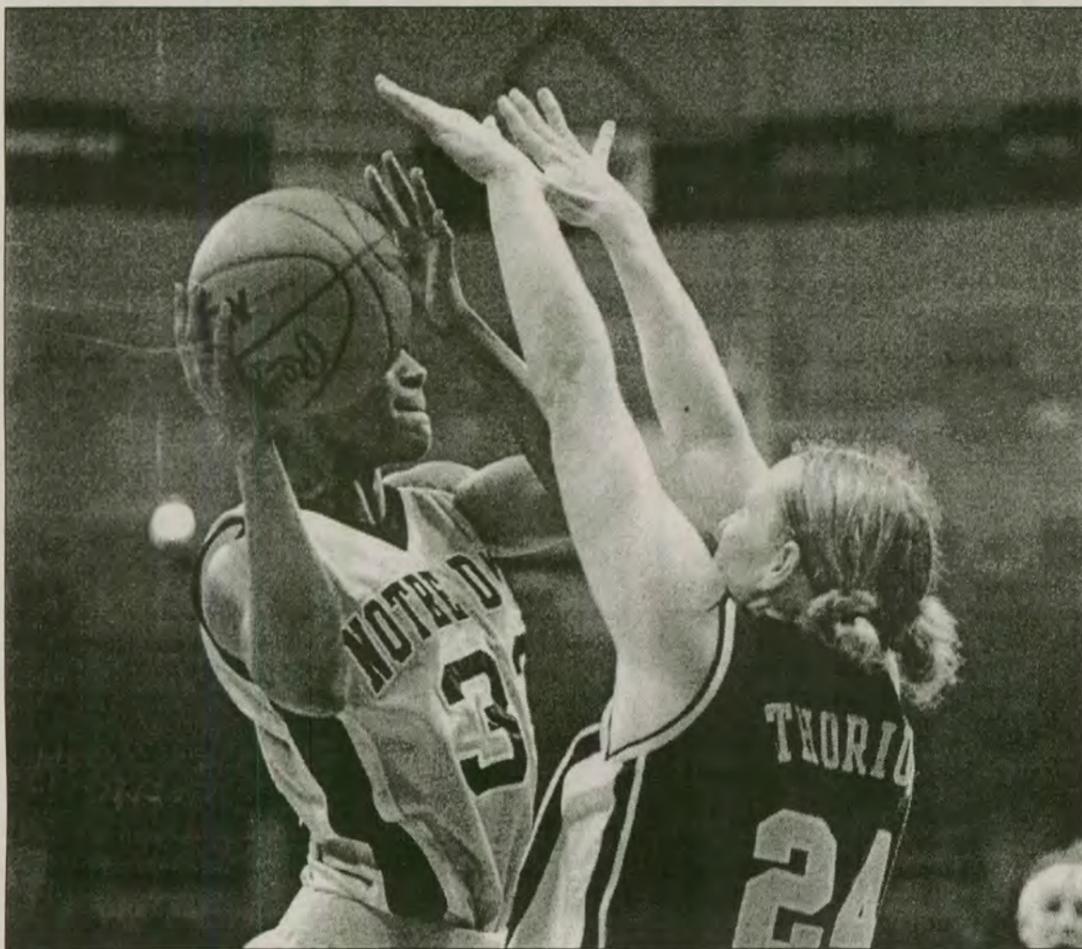
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish seniors say goodbye to Joyce Center with 88-54 win



LISA VELTE/The Observer

Niele Ivey goes up for a shot in Notre Dame's 88-54 win over Michigan during round two of NCAA tournament play.

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Editor

The Notre Dame women's basketball team said goodbye Monday night, but it was hardly a sad farewell.

In an NCAA Tournament second round contest that marked their last game of the season at the Joyce Center, the Irish topped the Wolverines of Michigan 88-54 in front of 9,597 fans.

For the second time in three days, every player on the Irish roster scored — led by All-American center Ruth Riley's 21 points. The 2000-01 Naismith Award winner made eight of eleven attempts from the field while going a perfect five-for-five from the line.

Riley excelled despite facing many double- and even triple-teams from the Wolverine defense. Despite the tight defense, fellow seniors Niele Ivey and Kelley Siemon had little trouble getting Riley the ball under the basket.

"The key with her is just to throw the ball up and she'll grab it," Siemon said.

And when Siemon couldn't pass the ball off to Riley, she just took it to the hoop herself.

"They really were crowding [Riley] inside so it was easier for me to just drive in and shoot that easy lay-up," Siemon, who

finished with 16 points, said. "You can't really triple-team on a team of our caliber because we just have so many threats offensively."

One of those threats is three-point shooting, where the Irish stuck a dagger in the Wolverines early on.

Notre Dame hit six of 10 attempts from behind the three-point line as they opened up a 44-28 halftime lead. Alicia Ratay and Jeneka Joyce each connected on three treys, including a buzzer-beating shot by Joyce that sent the Wolverines to the locker room on a sour note.

"To hit a shot at the buzzer like that I think kind of breaks your back when you're on defense," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "I was really pleased with the way she played."

Wolverines' coach Sue Guevara agreed.

"That hurt a lot. We were kind of making a mini-run," Guevara said. "With seven seconds left to go, we know who the shooters are."

Joyce finished with 14 points in 22 minutes, but McGraw was most impressed with the freshman's defense, which helped limit Michigan to 32.9 percent shooting from the field.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish unable to pull off key play in 59-56 loss to Ole Miss

By KERRY SMITH
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The Irish call the play "top." The idea is simple — a pick and roll play designed to leave Troy Murphy or another sharp shooter open for a look at the basket from behind the arc with the option of dishing it into the middle.

It had worked for the Irish time and again throughout the season. It had even worked in the first half of Notre Dame's 59-56 loss to Ole Miss Sunday in the NCAA Midwest regional at Kemper Arena.

But as the final seconds ticked off the clock and the Irish found themselves trailing by two, the team, wearing their special green uniforms, couldn't get anything special

out of "top."

Except a steal.

The stifling Ole Miss defense jammed Murphy up in the middle, and as Matt Carroll opted for an inside pass to Ryan Humphrey instead of the deep shot with seven seconds remaining, Rebel guard David Sanders effectively put an end to Notre Dame's tournament run.

"It was a play they had been running all game," Sanders said. "I was just watching to make sure he didn't get a shot. I think I blind sided him and got a hand on the ball."

It was only fitting that the No. 3-seeded Rebels, a team which focuses on defense above every other facet of the game, earned a trip to the Sweet 16 in San Antonio next weekend with a tough defensive stand.

"We pride ourselves on

defense," Rahim Lockhart, the Rebels' game-high scorer with 24, said. "Anyone can shoot, but not anyone can play defense. That's the way to win a championship. Offense will sell tickets and win a couple games, but defense is the difference in a game."

Defense was the difference at Kemper Sunday as the Rebels held the Irish to 29 percent shooting overall.

"Nothing came easy," Irish head coach Mike Brey said. "But we gave ourselves every chance to win this basketball game. They made more plays at crunch time than we did."

After leading 29-28 at the half, the Irish shot only 21 percent from the field in the second half, going without a single field goal for more than seven minutes.

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David Graves defends against a Pittsburgh player in a 75-67 Irish victory earlier this season.

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