Page stresses responsibility

NFL Hall of Famer explains quest for equal opportunity

By T.J. THORNTON
News Writer

As the first person of color on the Minnesota Supreme Court and an inductee to the NFL Hall of Fame from the Minnesota Vikings, Alan Page has long been a role model and leader. This Notre Dame alum has actively served as a model by starting a foundation and teaching audiences about his goals and dreams.

Page began his speech last night with the words of Martin Luther King, Jr. "The biggest problems we face are not the result of bad people doing bad things, but of good people doing nothing," he quoted.

Page stressed the responsibilities that people have as citizens to build their own character and the character of others by fighting for what is right and wrong, and then choosing to do what is right. Certainly, the "doing" is paramount, and Page suggests that the area most in need of attention is the educational system.

The Page Foundation addresses the problems of those immersed in this system by providing grants for disadvantaged students to continue their education past the secondary level, but also by offering hope to students who, without financial assistance, would not be able to attend college. The foundation began in 1989 by granting 10 students partial scholarships for post-secondary education in Minnesota; this year it has awarded 325 students with scholarships.

The Page Foundation has a unique stipulation that asks its scholars to give something back to the educational community, helping to develop the character of all parties. This requirement may be fulfilled through involvement in their school, college, or university, or by figuring out how to build their own character.

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Indian town cremates its dead after 190 die in hall fire

BARIHAPDA, India (AP)—The entrance of the straw-and-thatch hall, watching electricians fiddle with wires.

"Suddenly, there was a flash and the roof was on fire," said Monday, standing beside the charred bodies of his grandfather and uncle.

At least 190 people were killed Sunday when the blaze gutted the hall at a Hindu religious gathering in this town in eastern India.

More than 100 others, many covered with burns, were lying on the floor of Bariharpda's jumble of makeshift huts, overwhelming the town's single medical center.

Dass, 30, said 2,000 people were in the hall when he finished lunch. He gazed idly at three men working with wires near the ceiling in the middle of the men's hall, one of three temporary structures on a sprawling playground.

Another building was a dormitory for women and the third housed the main auditorium, where Biharis listened to lectures on spiritualism, charmed by the presence of 12,000 devotees who had gathered for the annual three-day ceremony to seek the blessing of the late Swami Nigamananda, a Hindu spiritual leader.

About 2:30 p.m. Sunday, the fire broke out.

"We ran in, because my grandfather and uncle were inside. But people were running out. They were pushing me," he said, adding that he stumbled and fell.

Judge gives gag order in Cosby case

A judge imposed a gag order Monday on lawyers in the case of a woman accused of trying to extort $40 million from Bill Cosby by claiming she was his illegitimate daughter. The U.S. District Judge Barbara Jones issued the order during a brief hearing at the request of prosecutors.

Autumn Jackson, 22, has been free since her Jan. 18 arrest, and co-defendant Jose Medina, 51, both attended the routine pre-trial hearing.

Cosby has said there is a possibility he is Ms. Jackson's father because he had sex with her mother. Cosby has said he gave money to Ms. Jackson for educational purposes for several years, as he has for other young people needing assistance. Ms. Jackson pleaded innocent last week, her boyfriend, Anthony Williams, 26, of Perry, Fla., pleaded guilty to helping in the alleged extortion plot and has agreed to testify for prosecutors.

Chavis says he's converting to Islam

The Rev. Benjamin Chavis, the former head of the NAACP, says he's becoming a Muslim and joining Louis Farrakhan's Nation of Islam. "I'm turning to Allah. God bless you," he told a crowd of 6,000 Sunday that turned out for a speech by Farrakhan. Chavis is a minister in the United Church of Christ and worked for that church before he was named executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The NAACP fired him in August 1994 after 16 months for committing $330,000 without board approval to settle sex-harassment charges against him. Then, he has been a frequent Farrakhan ally and played a major role in organizing the October 1995 Million Man March in Washington.

Farrakhan, who was spotted last April 49 years working in the civil rights movement to build black unity," Chavis told The Wall Street Journal. "So this is a convergence with the Christian minister and an Islamic minister have decided to work together and I intend to help build a new nation with a church and not a new mosque." "I still believe in Jesus Christ," added Chavis, who has a doctorate in divinity from Howard University. Most of Farrakhan's speech was an exhortation to followers to lead more righteous lives, though he closed with an attack on commercialism and American values.

New data allows for radiation analysis

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Russian, Chechen search for missing

Russian and Chechen authorities have agreed to work together to search for almost 1,200 servicemen and civilians unaccounted for since the war in Chechnya.

Engagement season is upon us, and friends Bridesmaids have to learn that their chances of finding a suitable partner the same way, everyone could benefit from letting a little more of their true love is. And, with the right strategy, everyone can have the best of both worlds. But in Chechnya, the interfax news agency reported. Some 400 Russian servicemen and 120 civilians were assassinated last year with the help of his commission, Zolotaryov said. Meanwhile, Chechen refugees have started returning home from the neighboring republic of Kabardino-Balkaria, where they fled during the two-year war between Russia and Chechen separatists that ended in August. The first release occurred under the U.S. TheOdyssey of the Odyssey

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I am referring to a different set of seasons, which have no common points in common with the ones you might think are just a notch over another, except during exam and vacation periods. The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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7:10 p.m. A Cavanaugh Hall resident reported the theft of her backpack from the Hesburgh Library. The backpack was unattended at the time of the theft.

10:41 p.m. Security arrested a South Bend resident on DeLogger Road for driving while intoxicated.

**TUES., FEB. 18**

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**WED., FEB. 19**

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8:04 p.m. A Planner Hall resident was transported by Security to the University Health Center for treatment of a sports injury.

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Rob Finch won an award for this photo featuring Irish point guard Admore White. The Nov. 22 edition of The Observer (below, left) also won recognition.

**TOP OF THE LINE....**

**Observer photographer, staff win overall honors**

By KEN PRENDERBURG
West Coast Correspondent

ORANGE COUNTY, Calif. — The Associated Collegiate Press presented The Observer with two awards of excellence at the ACP national convention, held Feb. 20-23 in Huntington Beach, Calif.

Junior Rob Finch was named Sports Photographer of the Year, winning with his photo of Irish point-guard Admore White. The picture ran in the Feb. 7 edition of The Observer.

In addition, The Observer placed third for Newspaper of the Year in the daily publication category for four-year colleges. The paper was represented by the Nov. 22 edition. The 44-page paper included a 12-page Holtz pullout and a black-and-white football insert.

The conference attracted organizations and speakers from over 60 colleges and universities throughout the United States.

Delegates attended workshops throughout the weekend, culminating in the final awards ceremony on Sunday.

Keynote speakers were David Gray, executive director of the Society of Newspaper Design, and Pam Johnson, executive editor of the Arizona Republic and the Phoenix Gazette.

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Driver training this Wednesday

7–9:30 p.m. in Security Building
Scientists create genetically cloned sheep

By MATT CRENSON
Associated Press Writer

It is as if the birds and the bees suddenly have been rendered irrelevant.

Around the world, biologists gathered at laboratory water-cookers yesterday to assess the latest installment in a gripping bio-tech soap opera — the creation, as if by magic, of a wee lamb named Dolly.

Scottish scientists have revealed that they used a mammary cell from an adult ewe to create little Dolly in the spitting genetic image of its own mother. They've successfully repeated the experiment eight times since then.

"The whole thing is just a mind-blower," said Ursula Goodenough, a geneticist at Washington University in St. Louis.

The achievement raises countless questions about fate, immortality and the nature of self, but none of that will apply to humans or anything else unless scientists can duplicate their feat in other creatures. And years of failed experiments suggest that won't be easy.

"There's certainly no way to rule out the possibility, but I wouldn't wager an awful lot that it would ever be successful in humans in the foreseeable future," said David Kirk, an embryologist at Washington University.

Even if it is, experts are split on how similar a human clone would be to its progenitor. A clone would look almost identical to the person who spawned it, biologists said, but personality or susceptibility to some diseases could still vary quite a bit. Childhood nutrition and even a mother's experiences during pregnancy can affect how a person turns out just as much as genes do.

That means the chances of evil Nazis reproducing in droves of little Hitler clones from blood of a handkerchief, as they did in the 1978 movie "The Boys from Brazil," are pretty remote. Never mind the fact that blood cells don't have nuclei, so there's no genetic material in them to clone. So it's a bit too early to mourn the End of Sex and declare a Brave New World in which people have first names and model numbers.

In fact, there seems to be something unique about sheep that makes them especially suitable for cloning. Researchers have been trying for decades to do the same trick with frogs and mice, with no luck. Frogs cloned from adults die in the tadpole stage. And cloned mice don't develop far beyond an undifferentiated ball of cells. So what it is about sheep.

Nobody knows. But if someone can figure it out, they may be able to extend the cloning process to pigs, cows, maybe even people. That would be a boon to the biotechnology industry, which could use the Scottish cloning process to make specialty designed pigs and cattle for organ transplantation.

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Amid criticism, Clinton solicits more donations

By LAWRENCE KNUTSON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON - Ignoring criticism over the way Democrats paid for last year's presidential campaign, President Clinton pressed ahead yesterday to raise more political cash - even the kind he says should be banned.

'I appreciate you being here for our party because this is not something the president can do alone,' Clinton told guests at a dinner held by the Democratic Business Council, a donors' group.

The event raised $500,000 for the Democratic National Committee, 65 percent of it in unregulated 'soft' money. Clinton told the business audience this is of those historic times when many things are going right for the country, especially for its expanding economy.

'The tendency is either to relax and let things happen and have a good time, or frankly find something to fall out about,' he told reporters. 'They need the money. They need to be competitive with the Republican Party.'

The GOP, he said, "has been actively and aggressively raising money on their own." McCurry challenged Republicans either to follow the restrictions the Democrats have imposed on soft money or to ban it altogether.

Responding to questions at his daily news briefing, McCurry said he had no information to indicate that Democracy Fund raisers sought up-front contributions for attending a White House coffee klatch with Clinton or as much as $50,000 was charged as the price for being invited to watch the president deliver his weekly radio address from the Oval Office.

'I think (Clinton) would regret anyone attempting to market any aspect of the coffees that required a direct dollar donation, because that would be contrary to his wishes," McCurry said.

He said the radio address is empowered by all sorts of contributors with included among many people who do not give money to the party.

Clinton raised by the millions for the party in 1996 and which he now says should be banned.

Monday's event marked the third fundraiser Clinton has attended since his inauguration to press ahead for a second term last month.

Although the Democratic National Committee has placed voluntary limits on soft money - cash devoted to party-building efforts - it has not banned such contributions outright.

McCurry was unapologetic about that.

'It's the president who will continue, as we've said over and over again, to help the party raise money," he told reporters. 'The president said they have yet to determine what those names and fingerprints were by the FBI, and he said more detailed study might lower the number substantially.

In addition, in another 113,000 cases, the applicants' names were checked but their fingerprint cards were rejected by the FBI - typically because of unprocessed or smudged prints.

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A congressional aide familiar with the issue estimated that from 8 percent to 10 percent of citizenship applicants have some type of rap sheet - of a misdemeanor or felony arrest, but not necessarily a conviction.

For some, settlement of the legal challenge is not enough, and even more detailed study might bring the number substantially lower, he said. In addition, in another 113,000 cases, the applicants' names were checked but their fingerprint cards were rejected by the FBI - typically because of unprocessed or smudged prints.

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"We would like to encourage communication between the class and the elected officials, and strengthen the class unity while improving relations with New Dame. We really want to get in touch with the students and improve the class unity," said Martin.

They plan on implementing monthly newsletters, in addition to an e-mail address, and they want to hold open house meetings, and want to hold open house meetings.

"We hope to offer the "party" again, and to make our mark on St. Mary's College with our help," said Martin.

The Martin ticket is running on the platform. "Don't Just Vote, Vote for the "B.""

The "St. Mary's Next Editor" ticket is running on the platform. "Make Your Mark." They want to improve class unity and communication between the board and the rest of the class.
Yeltsin chides premier for pension tardiness

By DAVE CARPENTER
Associated Press Writer

MOSCOW
A feisty Boris Yeltsin publicly dressed down his prime minister on Monday and called for a Cabinet shakeup over the government's failure to pay wages and pensions on time.

The premier was brought with it no new ideas for resolving a problem that has plagued millions of Russians for months. But it was the strongest evidence yet that Yeltsin is back in fighting form and eager to show he's in charge after a long absence because of health problems.

"Many Russians are dissatisfied with the government, its chairman, and, accordingly, the president," Yeltsin sternly told Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin in the Kremlin.

"And such people are already a majority. I am worried by this."

His remarks, made at the start of their meeting, were broadcast extensively as the top story on nationwide newscasts.

"I am worried by this."

Despite Yeltsin's strong remarks and past promises, he has proved unable to solve such deep-rooted problems as the wage and pension delays, which have provoked a growing number of strikes and protests.

He made assurances when he returned to the Kremlin at the end of December that payments would be made on time, but did not launch any major initiatives. Two weeks later, he was hospitalized with pneumonia and has been recovering ever since.

The fighters are equipped with tanks and heavy artillery. At least a third are women.

They accused Iran's "mullahs" of destabilizing democracy, repressing women and carrying out a savage campaign against all political opposition.

"For our people, I joined the National Liberation Army to help overthrow the regime," said Batal Ibrahim, an 18-year-old woman who crossed from Iran on foot last year.

"We are willing to die for our freedoms."

Such words are echoed throughout the ranks of Camp Ashraf, a heavily guarded compound about 65 miles northeast of Baghdad and just 55 miles from the Iranian border.

While few doubt their dedication, there has been outspoken criticism of the movement's tactics as well as skepticism about its ability to take out the mullahs.

The National Liberation Army was formed in Iraq in a 1980s war by Masoud and Maryam Rajavi, long-time leaders of the Mujahedeen Khalq, or People'sWarriors. The group first opposed the shah's rule in Iran, then that of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

We are willing to die for our freedom.

Batal Ibrahim, National Liberation Army after the Islamic revolution.

In a 1994 report, the U.S. State Department characterized the Mujahedeen as a cult of the Rajavis that employs terror, not unlike the mullahs and has little real support within Iran. The U.S.-based Human Rights Watch has accused the Mujahedeen of torturing members who tried to quit.

Israel Kambawi, a professor of political science at Jordan University who has studied regional opposition movements, predicts the regime in Tehran will be changed from inside Iran, not outside.

He calls the exile army "insignificant" compared with Iran's 500,000-man military. And, he adds, "Once the Mujahedeen took refuge in Iraq, they lost their credibility inside Iran."
IRA informant calls for U.S. to deny support

By GENE KRAMER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON

An Irish Republican Army member who turned police informant appealed to Americans today to deny support to his former comrades.

The Clinton administration should join the Irish Republic government in Dublin to make clear to the Irish nationalist movement that violence will not be tolerated, Sean O'Callaghan told reporters.

O'Callaghan was released from a British prison Dec. 6 after serving about eight years of multiple life sentences for two 1974 murders and other terrorist strikes that he admitted committing as a teenager.

He said today that Irish-Americans who drop money into collection boxes should stop "romanticizing" about the movement to drive the British from Northern Ireland and recognize that their donations fund terrorist bloodshed.

O'Callaghan gave no figures on U.S. contributions that he said peaked in the 1970s.

The tragedy is the donors never have to face the consequences of their actions, "they sleep snugly in their beds," while people are killed, he said. American dollars intended for peaceful political change are funneled to bomb and gun funds, he said.

"Of the $100 million in funds sent to the IRA, about 40 percent is used to buy guns, he said.

"I'm not hiding from Gerry Adams," Adams heads the legal Sinn Fein party, a political ally of the IRA, O'Callaghan acknowledged.

"If they don't go, I'll go privately," he said.

The IRA was in power from the end of World War II to 1970 when "realistic" talks were held by Irish government representatives and the IRA, he said.

"I've been involved in active politics since 1970," he said, "and I've been on both sides of the fence." He admitted his illegal activities and said his warnings are not "stupid." He said his actions are similar to those of "other Irish police." He said the IRA is "a self-appointed victim of the world." He said he has received threats from IRA leaders, but not from the IRA.

O'Callaghan said his warnings could be "absolutely accurate and over the edge into really serious matters." He said they are no more than two or three heads a month, and his trips this year would be no more than two or three trips.

The Vatican

John Paul II plans trip to Lebanon

VATICAN CITY

In yet another addition to his crowded calendar this year, Pope John Paul II will spend two days in Lebanon in May — a visit that was delayed in 1994 because of security concerns.

Doctors have recommended that the pope cut back on his activities, and his trips this year are no more than two or three days, except for a 10-day stay in his native Poland. But the 76-year-old John Paul clearly does not intend to stay at the Vatican.

Two 1997 destinations will have particular backdrops: the war-damaged cities of Sarajevo and Beirut, the Roman Catholic prelate's predecessor as an urban symbol of civil conflict.

John Paul has set aside a visit to Sarajevo on April 13 and Beirut on May 10-11. Both visits were put off in 1994 because of security worries.

In between, he plans a two-day visit to Prague. Trips to Poland, Paris and Rio de Janeiro also are on the agenda in 1997.

John Paul's health problems in recent years have included bowel surgery, a dislocated shoulder and a hip replacement. His appendix was removed last October.

The announcement of the Lebanese trip came from papal spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls on Monday shortly after the Lebanese prime minister, Rafik Hariri, visited John Paul at the Vatican. Hariri also met with leaders of Italy, Lebanon's main trading partner.

The pope is expected to celebrate a Mass in Beirut and meet with young people as well as religious and political figures.

The Vatican has been pushing to release an "apostolic exhortation," or formal response, to a meeting held by Lebanese bishops at the Vatican in 1995. As part of a group of 11 bishops, the prelates called for the withdrawal of Israeli and Syrian forces from Lebanon.

Israel controls about 15 percent of Lebanon's territory, a swath of land in the south it claims as a buffer zone. Syria maintains about 40,000 troops in Lebanon.

The Vatican has been pushing for troop withdrawals through diplomatic channels, and it is unlikely John Paul will directly call for such a move but he could well hint at it, Vatican officials said.

"The Holy Father is very aware of the situation, and that Lebanon is in need of regaining its sovereignty, its independence, its liberty," Lebanese Cardinal Nasrallah Pierre Sfeir said.

John Paul II
Summit targets family values

By LAURA MECKLER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON

Former President Bush says he hopes an April summit on community service will help others realize what he's been saying for years: Government cannot solve the nation's deepest troubles.

"Congress cannot legislate good parenting. No president can sign a bill forcing you to be a good neighbor," Bush said Monday in a speech to the American Association of Health Plans.

Bush plans to join President Clinton and retired Army Gen. Colin Powell in leading a meeting to encourage private companies and individuals to do their part. Former President Ford and former first ladies Nancy Reagan and Lady Bird Johnson are also expected to attend the Philadelphia meeting April 27-29.

"I hope the message this gathering will send is a strong and simple one: You don't have to be president to be a leader and to make a difference. You don't have to be a first lady to touch the lives of others," Bush said.

"I only wish that I could have done more as president to use the bully pulpit of the White House to help strengthen our families.

The upcoming summit, he said, is already prompting some private companies to pledge free services such as immunizations and eye care.

Bush noted that he came under fire in 1988 for his "thousand points of light" philosophy encouraging Americans to serve the communities and those in need. Some criticized the slogan, saying it was his way of encouraging government from meeting those needs.

The April summit is meant to shine a spotlight on volunteer service; no new government initiatives are expected.

'The Pill' works the morning after

By LAURAN NEERGAARD
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON

American women who are raped, whose birth control fails or who just forget in the heat of the moment can use high doses of ordinary birth control pills to prevent pregnancy, the government said Monday.

The Food and Drug Administration said six brands of birth control are safe and effective "morning after pills," the first federal acknowledgment of the emergency contraception that European women have been prescribed for years.

"The best-kept contraceptive secret is no longer a secret," said FDA Commissioner David Kessler.

Women should have the information that this regimen is available.

The decision opens the door for companies to specially package birth control pills for women to have on hand in case of an emergency, just as the government terms "morning-after pills," Kessler explained, are routinely sold overseas.

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His research convinced the FDA that emergency contraception could prevent up to 2.3 million unplanned pregnancies a year, 1 million of which now end in abortion.

The FDA's decision could change that. One small company, New Jersey-based Genetics, is developing a specially packaged version of birth control that it hopes to sell for emergency use next year.

And the FDA's instructions were purposefully detailed enough to tell family-planning clinics and private doctors the right dose to hand to women today.

"This should be in everyone's medicine cabinet," said Janet Ecker of the Center for Reproductive Law and Policy.

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THE FREE EXPRESS OF VARIING OPINIONS THROUGH LETTERS IS ENCOURAGED.

THE FIRST PRINCIPLES

Irfan Khawaja

"The freedom of which Jesus speaks is not freedom from tyranny or 'external authority'; it is not even freedom from slavery ordinarily understood." —Frederick Douglass.

Reason:
Here we have religion and robbery the allies of each other — devils dressed in angels' robes and hell presenting the intellectual sins of the fallen world around Douglass.

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the repudiation of the principle of academic freedom — and the entire idea of "freedom from coercion" — is a wholesale rejection of the very idea of rights as understood in the Bill of Rights, and in the classical liberal conception of inquiry from Milton's Areopagitica on. This doesn't bother our brave would-be censors, who have the nerve to run a favorable review of Robert Borks's Slouching Toward Gomorrah... in an attempt to show solidarity with "classical liberalism" and the American Way (p. 10) Freedom for the Truth? Maybe they could start by aiming at freedom from contradictions.

And they're blaming Notre Dame for "casting off the yoke"?

The repudiation of "the principle of academic freedom" implies that Notre Dame should be a University by, for, and of orthodox Catholics, that every student's every move should be monitored and held to the scrutiny of Church teaching, and that everyone else, including all Protestants, should just leave town. I'd like to see RR explain that one of the Calvinists on our faculty, what to speak of the Jews, the Muslims, or the atheists. But the repudiation of academic freedom is the least of it, since if the rejection of academic freedom stems from the repudiation of "freedom from coercion," then it ought to follow that not only Notre Dame, but the entire world, should be ruled by a theocratic dictatorship headquartered in the Vatican.

I'm exaggerating, right? RR just wants to tyrannize a bunch of Notre Dame theologians, not the entire world. And they just want Domers to obey parliaments — they don't mean to justify dictatorship or slavery. Guess again. I'm convinced quite openly that the "freedom" they have in mind is "not even freedom from slavery ordinarily understood." That merely sounds like toleration for slavery, but in a truly astonishing passage, the anonymous writers of "Casting off the Yoke" actually quote from St. Paul's letters with approval, saying that "he directed slaves to obey their earthly masters as they obey Christ himself" — Well, yes he did. But you would expect conservatives, who are supposed to know some history, to know that this is an argument that, for two millennia, has been used by apologists for slavery to justify the peculiar institution. As the historian David Brian Davis notes, "As Christians looked less to an imminent millenium and more to the need of accommodating themselves to the world, they tended to accept slavery as a necessary framework for controlling sin..." (The Problem of Slavery in Western Culture, p. 89). St. Paul's letters, Davis reminds us, fit the bill very nicely. Is this the kind of emancipation that RR has in mind? And they're blaming Notre Dame for "casting off the yoke"?

Ideas, Fred Kelly earnestly reminds us, have consequences. An odd sentiment, coming from a publication that tolerates slavery but not homosexuality. But if ideas have consequences, shouldn't one take them more seriously? If one's ideas justify slavery — real, temporal slavery of the sort that requires the forced labor of bodies in the physical world — perhaps one should re-examine one's views before one falls into the abyss of idiocy. And if two millennia of moral catastrophe don't convince someone that slavery is such a bad thing, it is a little unclear what basis they have to be lecturing the world at large about "freedom for the Truth."

In his editorial, Frederick C. Kelly III offers the observation that "Carnus captured something about twentieth century man with the description 'he fornicated and read the paper.' To this I can only say: if "modern man" had nothing better than to read the February RR, he'd be well-advised to stick to fornication.

Irfan Khawaja is a doctoral student in philosophy. His column appears every other Tuesday.
Chicago's Wilco visits Stepan tonight

BY ASHLEIGH THOMPSON
Associate Accent Editor

When Wilco experienced rebirth after the dissolution of their former project Uncle Tupelo, perhaps there were some skeptics. And not without reason. Few bands make it the first time around, not to mention the second.

But Chicago-based Wilco is not your average "alternative" band, and even though the music industry doesn't usually take kindly to a band they're unable to place in a specific, marketable genre, their catchy sound is spreading like an unidentified virus. But how do you label a band with a vocalist who some have compared to Paul Westerberg, and who claims musical influences ranging from the Rolling Stones to The Beatles to the Beach Boys? Describe the end product as something like The Replacements or Freddy Jones Band?

Wilco is none of these bands. They claim their own distinct sound and stick to it, while changing the genre, their catchy sound is spreading like a virus. No other band could be considered as similar to Wilco, and we like it! Wilco is none of these bands. They claim their own distinct sound and stick to it, as they bring together folk, country, and rock.

Wilco is also known for their spontaneity, unpredictability, or simply their off-kilter attitude. This enthusiasm seems to be shared equally among band members.

After attending a Wilco show, music critic Dave Tienan aptly described them commenting, "It's almost like The Replacements or Freddy Jones Band, but it's Wilco." Wilco is none of these bands. They claim their own distinct sound and stick to it, almost like The Replacements or Freddy Jones Band.

Perhaps what separates them from other acts is their attitude. Anyone interested in Wilco can contact them through Reprise Records in California at (818) 846-9090 or in New York at (212) 494-6870.
wilco

Being There

( out of five stars )

wonder the hell is wilco? This seems to be the general sentiment running rampant throughout our respective campuses. Wilco is a great band, who fortunately or unfortunately depending on your out

put have been overlooked on the radio waves across the nation (including myself) have its sound and consistently ranked them among the best of 1996. Wilco's second album, a follow up


to There, is a testament to their talent. They take music from divergent sources (rock, blues, polka, and even a little country thrown in for good measure) and prove that there are still artists in the

nicely. Tupelo frontman Jeff Tweedy teamed up with John Stirrat, Matt Johnson, and Ken
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tunes that recalls earlier folk traditions.

The themes of the album range from love and hopelessness to a more optimistic

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society. Wilco incorporates a banjo into their repertoire to give a country edge to a ballad, a style that can be likened to Cracker. "Say you miss me," sounds like a song from the sixties with its oooh-ahhh refrain and notes of sentimentality.

Clearly, Wilco has adapted some of the best music to fit their unique style. The definition of eclectic is taken from the best sources. It is difficult to say that There is an eclectic album because of the country twangs, but they put such a great twist on the country sound and other previously recognized styles that it makes Wilco's sound irresistible. Listening to the album is like listening to the Americanized history of music.

by Joey Crawford

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Shannon Worrell has created a spot for herself among the greats in her craft.

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structure which relies on all its parts to become a whole. Instead, the songs evolve in an on-going process, taking on a new depth.

There's not a pronounced hook to be found on Lucky Shoe, and the lyrics are only catchy. This optimistic sound is only experienced on a few other occasions throughout the album, "I got you at the end of the century" and "someway soon." With so many sad songs, however, one would expect the music to become whiny, but Tweedy and the gang do an excellent job in maintaining their composure and avoiding that infernal bleating.

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**FENCING**

Irish slash Wildcat hopes of weekend upset

By DAVID FRICK

The fencing team took the opponents from Northwester by meeting this weekend to solidify its place as the top team in the Midwest. Led by a strong women's performance that combined for only eight goals against 12-0 victorious bouts, the squad soundly defeated the visitors. The significant of these victories is similar to the situation for Irish football. For the fencing team, this weekend defined a season.

But the other teams, led by Northwestern University, would have to wait another day. "They were all set to beat us, and we licked them," said epee captain Anne Hoos. The women were led by a combined effort from Northwester. Underestimated performances were turned in by senior Magna Krol, sophomore speeit Nicole Mustell, senior epeeist Melissa deWit, sophomore foilist Myriah Brown, senior foilist Carmen Cameron, and sophomore foilist Sara Walsh. For Walsh, her record now stands at 2-0 in undefeated matches, and this 12-2 and 3-2 thing for her. As unpredictable as the matches can become, Walsh is the closest thing to a sure thing. "Everything is coming together as we get closer to the post-season," said Walsh.

**SOFTBALL**

Season opens in Arizona

By ALLISON KRILL

Sport Write

Notre Dame softball action heated up this weekend as the Fighting Irish arrived in Tempe, Ariz., for the opening of the 1997 season. Despite a 0-2 start, the pre-season Big East favorites are known away with their first loss, a 4-2 victory over Auburn. Facing the Arizona State, the Irish showed signs of their month of indoor practice on the field, with nothing less than four hit batters. For a 5-9 deficit, the Fighting Irish were saved by their pitching and defense. The second-second consecutive five-inning loss came at the hands of Mississippi State, Joe Indiana, a 1-10 drubbing by the Rebs.

"It was our first time playing outdoors, and our first time by the Sun Belt coach Bill Lister," said Walsh. Perhaps the greatest benefit of the weekend was getting a chance to see the opponents for next weekend's Midwest Teams Championship. "The weekend allowed us to see who we will be up against in the future," said Lister.

The men also showed a strong performance as a group, though they did hit one speed bump along the way. Playing without an up-tempo due to poor weather conditions, the two teams were knocked out of play as it was defeated 6-3 by Lawrence University. But the team refused to accept this mediocrity and defeated the rest of the opponents 31-5.

"The team did poorly in their first match, but regrouped well to finish out the day fairly strong," said head coach Yves Michel. "We need more strength in the first match," said head coach Yves Michel.

The weekend also allowed the team to start many new members. Those with little experience in the competition, for example head coach Yves Michel. "The weekend gave some of the top fencers some rest and allowed for some fresh face," said head coach Yves Michel. "We're happy to get them here and lead the team to victory in all of their latest defeats." The defense of these victories is similar to the situation for Irish football. For the fencing team, this weekend defined a season.

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Champs
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Kettelhohn placed sixth in the three-meter event while Iliana Saunders placed 17th. After the first day, Miami led the competition with 105 points and the Irish in second with 87.
"We knew from the results of the first day that we were going to have a good meet," Kline commented. "The medley relay win and the freestyle results really gave us a lot of confidence which continued throughout the rest of the meet.
"I think we came out excited after the first day," Courtney South commented. "Villanova won the 200 medley relay last year, but we managed to beat them and set a school record. We knew that we did well, but we also knew that we had to keep working hard and get the job done."
Head coach Bailey Weathers said, "I knew from the first day that our results were going to be better. We knew the first day was our weakest, and I felt that we would improve the meet continued."
The second day started with even more thunder, as the Irish continued to keep pace with the Hurricanes. The day began with Gallo setting a new school record in the 500 freestyle. Newell placed fourth with an NCAA consideration time of 4:54.59. Sheppard's record in the 50 freestyle was eclipsed in less than a day by South with a time of 23:97.20.
The Irish continued their relay success with a second-place finish in the medley relay. The team of Brooks, Kline, Barger, and South posted an NCAA consideration time of 3:47.35, setting another school record. Kettelhohn and Saunders continued their diving success by placing sixth and 13th in the one-meter event.
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Newcomers making their presence known early

By KATHLEEN LOPEZ
Sports Writer

On Wednesday night in the Joyce Center, four first year boxers will be tested on what they learned in the ring on Sunday. In their first test, these four came out with outstanding performances in the first round of Bengal Bouts.

Some will face their mentors. Freshman Mike Maguire will take on his mentor, junior captain Lucas Molina, in the 135 pound weight class.

"I was extremely nervous," said Maguire about Sunday night. "Unless you go out there and do it, you don’t know what is to expect. So I didn’t know what to expect.

Maguire has some athletic history. In high school he was a wrestler. Unlike most boxers, Maguire’s nerves will remain on edge because he will face his mentor and friend Molina.

"When I first started, I didn’t know the sport or any guys," said Maguire. "I looked up to him (Molina) and the rest of the guys. It will be almost like fighting a coach on Wednesday night, because I respect him a lot."

Also facing a captain on Wednesday night will be Ramarge. He defeated freshman Brian Daigle, and now will face Kelly.

"Fred (Kelly) is a really good fighter," said Ramarge about Kelly. "So I am going to have to go out there and do it, you don’t know what to expect.

The former baseball player and runner attributes "getting and staying in shape" as the main reason for joining Bengals.

The talk of the tournament may be Mahoney in the 170 pound weight class. Mahoney had a stellar opening performance against fellow junior Josh Akers. The Bouts caught his eye last year, but the time factor may be Mahoney in the top seed in the tournament.

"It was like something that you only see on T.V.," said Mahoney. "I really didn’t have the time, and so this year I had to do it. The main reason I do it is to get in shape."

"I want the maximum amount that you can get out of it," said Mahoney. "It was a really good fight."

"I won the opening round," said Kelly about the newcomer. "It will be a good fight against Maciariello and Mahoney. Mahoney will have to do a good job to fend off Pat because he is a strong guy.

Even though he had a spectacular debut on Sunday afternoon and is being touted as the dark horse of the tournament, Mahoney remains modest. "I am just glad that I came this far."

While some of the newcomers are seeded in the lower half of their brackets, first year standout, freshman J.R. Mellin finds himself in the No. 2 seed in the 150 pound weight class. Mellin, a former runner in high school, is following in the footsteps of his grandfather and cites that as his reason for joining Bengals.

"My grandfather was a good boxer, so boxing was in the family," said Mellin. "Also I think that it is a great sport because you have to face your fears."

"I don’t make a little bit of the pressure off because of the matchups, like in the first round," said Mellin about being seeded second in the class. "It is all around you. For me it just reinforced my own confidence."

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The question is whether the teacher or the student will learn the new lesson.
In this corner...

Photos by Rob Finch and Mike Ruma

Dillon junior Ryan "The Scar" Rands stretches his neck as he waits for his opponent to arise from the canvas.

One of the Bengal Bouts referees prevents a fighter from falling (above). The coach of the blue corner (right) watches on during first round action.
Mountaineers to host season finale

Senior center Katrina Gaither will look to lead the Irish past a West Virginia squad that has failed to challenge Notre Dame as of late.

By JOE CAVATO
Syracuse Wire

After struggling to pick up their last two wins, the Irish will take on a squad that they have had success with in the past to try to get their offense going before post-season play begins.

Last season, the Irish defeated West Virginia 73-55 and earlier this year they toppled the Mountaineers in their most astounding offensive performance of the campaign with a 103-58 triumph. The 18-10 West Virginia squad will most likely be the second seed in the upcoming Big East Tournament.

In Notre Dame's last two contests they have not dominated the game to the extent they would have liked. The Villanova Wildcats used a slow-paced style to stay close to the Irish and Seton Hall hung with the Blue and Gold well into the second half. Despite the struggles, the squad has continued to win by over ten points per game and feel good about its efforts.

"I feel really good about how we've been playing," head coach Pete Mainieri said. "Different people have stepped up and had big games."

In Saturday's 14-point win over the Pirates, junior guard Mollie Peirick earned a career first half before seniors Katrina Gaither and Beth Morgan took over in the second half.

Another factor contributing to the doves having games is that it is the second time these squads have seen the Irish.

"In the last couple of games we played, the teams have been pretty good," Rosanne Bohman said. "Whenever you play a team the second time around, it will be a better game."

With tonight's contest being the last game before tournament time, the Irish are hoping to just maintain the momentum that winning 14 of their last 15 games has given them.

"We're just going to take it as any other game," Bohman said. "Overall we have been playing really well recently."

West Virginia will look for junior forward Talasha Hargis to lead the way in hopes of knocking off the Irish. Hargis ranks fourth on the Big East scoring list as she averages just under 18 points per contest. The Mountaineers will also have revenge on their minds as their 45-point loss to the Irish earlier in the year ended a six-game West Virginia winning streak.

"I am sure that they will be ready to play and have a bit of revenge in mind," Bohman said. "I think it will be a lot better game the second time around."

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four innings, giving up just one run and striking out five.

On Saturday, second-ranked USC offered the Irish no relief. The Trojans jumped all over starter Gregg Heshey and chased him from the mound after 2 2/3 innings.

Notre Dame did rally to narrow the margin to 6-3 at the end of five, but fall apart thereafter, allowing eight runs in the final four innings.

Senior right-hander Mike Falkirk provided a silver lining for the Blue and Gold as he threw 2 1/3 innings of one-hit, scoreless baseball in middle relief.

Offensively, Mike Amrhein continued to hit the ball well. The first baseman went two for four with an RBI and a run scored.

The Irish concluded their rocky opening weekend with a Sunday showdown against Mississippi. The Bulldogs came out swinging against juniors Dan Stavisky and Pat Davis, scoring nine runs in the first three innings.

Steve Danke has remained hot, though, as he out-hit Mississippi 11-10.

Amrhein went three for four with a walk, and hit pitcher Jeff Wagner recorded three hits in five plate appearances.

Although Mississippi went on to win the game 11-5, head coach Paul Mainieri was encouraged by what he saw. "Amrhein showed that he is going to have a sensational year," remarked Mainieri, "and Wagner continued to hit the ball hard. Turco also showed some life with the bat that he didn't have last year."

There was even a reason for the coach to express optimism about the pitching staff and defense.

"(Brad) Lidge was really a bright spot for us," explained Mainieri. "He held Mississippi to two runs over five innings."

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former walk-on Pete Miller to leave the squad before the year started (due to a lack of a scholarship), but then return and be counted on to consistently hit a few threes each night, all the while thrilling the home-town crowd.

Who would have expected that the home games, particularly the hard-fought conference games, would be so genuinely entertaining to watch? The answer to these questions is actually pretty simple. The Irish, as a team, did.

They have had to hear the noisy-loud-media-classroom at their best and listen. And that's why the squad put in such a season.

Not only will Notre Dame take the floor tonight with a legitimate shot at an NIT bid (something that hasn't happened since 1992), they will have an opportunity to finish their Big East season with a .500 record. It would take a win over the Hurricanes and a victory at Boston College to achieve the mark, but don't underestimate the gritty Irish.

Granted, the Big East is experiencing a terrific down year — just one ranked team, No. 17 Villanova, but to go from a 4-14 record in 1995-96 to the current 7-9 mark is admirable regardless.

Notre Dame has been scoring nine runs in the first three innings.

Saturday's 22-point effort in overtime had to be the high point of the season. The Irish showed the crowd precisely what they could ever hope to see. In what amounted to a five-minute highlight session, there were dunks by Matt Gotsch and scorer David Lalazarian, spins from Miller and Derek Mann, and cheers from Lalazarian and White.

And there were plenty of other hard-work-out-crowd of appreciative fans.

These same fans have come to accept the Irish as they are. They have come to accept them as a team that lacks the talent and athletic ability, but a team that makes up for it with hard work. They have come to accept them as their own.

Tonight, the final time for these fans to acknowledge the efforts of White, Miller, Gotsch, and Marcus Young.

These four have seen the worst of Notre Dame basketball, but through their efforts, among others, they have seen the Irish become a middle of the pack Big East club in just two years.

Expectations couldn't have been higher. Who would have expected it?
Mixed results at Indoor Championship

By BILL HART
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's 11th ranked women's tennis team had mixed results over the weekend, wrapping up their role in the USTA/ITA Women's National Indoor Championship with a win over Alabama and a loss to Vanderbilt.

On Friday, the Irish rallied back from being down 2-1, to beat the Crimson Tide 4-3. "They began the match by securing the doubles point in three matches," the team's defeating singles player and doubles team, respectively. Courtnay Haskett and Kelley Oehm won the doubles match.

In singles play, the Irish lost the first two matches before Gates won in three sets, 6-1, 2-6, 6-4. Oehm rallied after trailing by a set and being down 5-1 in the second set of the deciding match to win 6-7 (3), 6-7 (3), 7-5. Parke Sweet won at No. 6 in two sets, 6-1, 6-2, to seal the victory.

On Saturday, Notre Dame lost to No. 15 Vanderbilt by a final score of 5-0. The Irish team of Gates and Hall won No. 1 doubles before the Commodores came back to win the next two matches and the doubles point. In singles action, Vanderbilt clinched the victory with wins at No. 1, 2, 4, and 5. Matches No. 3 and 5 had to be suspended during the day.

With the results, the Irish record stands at 5-3 on the year, while Vanderbilt improves to 8-3 and Alabama falls to 6-2. The team next plays at Wisconsin on February 27, before returning home to face Duke on March 1.

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The Irish continue their season on Wednesday when they travel to Michigan State. The Irish have had a tough time defeating the Spartans recently winning matches with the score 4-3 over the past two years.

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they did on the road against Seton Hall in the previous game, the Irish asserted them¬
selves to the delight of a rau¬
cous crowd.
Anyone who has attended a Notre Dame home game knows the term “raucous” must be used loosely, but head coach John MacLeod also knows that it’s a start.

“There’s nothing like the crowd we had here the other day,” MacLeod said. “I’d still like to see more students come to the games because they re¬
tially support our team. This is an exciting team. It’s a fun team and it’s a good team. We’ve had a solid following all year long and it seems to be getting bigger throughout the year. This crowd has been great this year."
As senior Admore White sent the game to the extra session Saturday, the Irish were not about to lose the crowd’s en¬
ergy in overtime.

“Once the team gets the mo¬
mement going, the crowd gets behind us,” White added.
Don’t be fooled when they cheer for a team that does not give up easily.

“This team is a very resilient club,” MacLeod said. “They don’t get discouraged.”
Along with White, starters Matt Gotsch and Pete Miller and reserve Marcus Miller, will also participate in their last home game against Miami. Each has demonstrated im¬
provement over their four years in the game. Gotsch is the team’s best player during this period.

“It’s a special night for the seniors,” MacLeod said. “They have accomplished quite a bit this season.”

Peeing Miami tonight would be another accomplishment, considering the Hurricanes have been atop the Big East 7 out of the entire year. The Hurricanes are currently tied with Georgetown in that division at 5-7. Now in their sixth Big East season, Miami has a chance to break their own record of nine con¬
ference wins.

“They have a deeper club than last year,” MacLeod noted. “They have experience and are a very strong team.”

“Miami is an excellent team,”

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Stars aim for NCAA Championships

By WILLY BAUER
Sports Writer

Three of Notre Dame’s indoor track stars put the Alex Wilson Invitational to good use by improving on their national ranking for the NCAA indoor championships or qualifying for the meet.

The meet went very well,” said coach Joe Piane. “Actually it went exceptionally well. It was great considering we were coming off the Big East meet. It was a very good weekend.”

Freshman Jennifer Engelhardt, who was already qualified for the NCAAs, improved on her best leap of the year at the Alex Wilson high jump event. Engelhardt cleared nearly six feet to im¬
prove her position for the NCAA championships.

Senior Jeff Holjancik continued to step to the forefront of the men’s team. He again dominated the longer distance events, posting the third best time in the country in the 800- meter run. He also has quali¬
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tional ranking.

Junior Allen Rossum has full circle after taking a year off, and qualified for the NCAA championships. Rossum, an All-American in 1995, finished in second place in the Big East meet last weekend, and qualified in the 60-meters. Rossum is cur¬
rently in sixth-place national¬
ly, heading into the NCAA meet.

“He has been running exceptionally well,” said Piane. “He ran a converted 6.18 in the 55-meters. He can be faster than that as well. It’s virtually unknown that he was a track All-American when he was a freshman, and I believe that more people should know that.”

A meet that was supposed to be low-key turned out to be anything but. The Alex Wilson record in the 400-meters was broken. The former record held by Derek Mills from Georgia Tech was that of 19.57 seconds.

“It was an exciting meet,” said Piane. “It was a great meet with fantastic perfor¬
mances. It was great in all the events.”

The Irish will be split this week with three team members to the USA Track meet in Atlanta and some to the Silverton invitational in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

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Irish show heart despite losses

By BRIAN REINTHALER
Sports Writer

In their first outdoor action of the season, the baseball team displayed a great deal of promise despite dropping three contests in the Long Beach Baseball Classic. The Irish, who had been forced to work out indoors until this weekend, were literally thrown into the fire as they faced national powers Long Beach State, Southern California, and Mississippi in their first regular season contests. Each of these squads had played at least 10 regular season games before facing Notre Dame.

"I think it was a little bit tougher for us," commented sophomore Paul Turco. "It was our first time on the clay and these teams were already into their regular season."

The Irish faced host Long Beach State on Friday evening and were beaten in a shootout, 10-8. Right-hander Darin Schmalz had a rough first outing on the mound. The senior allowed seven runs, only three earned, on seven hits and two walks in 2 2/3 innings.

However, the squad displayed a great deal of heart as they battled back after falling into a 9-0 hole in the fourth inning. Turco contributed two hits and three RIL to the effort and freshman Jeff Felker knocked in three runs on three hits, while crossing the plate twice himself.

"I was swinging the bat well," said Turco, "and Felker did a real good job for us."

Although the Notre Dame rally came up short in the end, the team out-hit Long Beach 14-10 and received a strong effort in relief from sophomore Chris McKown. The southpaw scattered two hits and three walks over the final three frames.

Senior effort appreciated

By JOE VILLINSKI
American Sports Editor

Tonight's final regular season men's basketball game at the Joyce Center may elicit an Irish teardrop for more than one reason.

Besides marking the last game for Notre Dame seniors, it will also mark the last time this season that the Irish take to a JACC court where they have enjoyed remarkable success.

The Irish (13-11, 7-9) have posted an 11-3 mark in conference play, including a 6-2 mark in the ever competitive Big East. This weekend, the Irish may have to cancel that trip to Key West for South Padre, et all due to an NIT bid?

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