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Rooney moves to First Year

Special to The Observer

Kevin Rooney, director of undergraduate admissions at the University since 1984, will leave that position July 1 to become assistant dean of the First Year of Studies, according to Nathan Hatch, the University's provost.

“The First Year of Studies will benefit greatly from Kevin’s many talents, his long experience at Notre Dame, and his in-depth knowledge of our students,” Hatch said in announcing the appointment.

Eileen Kolman, dean of the First Year of Studies, concurred. “Kevin’s expertise in admissions makes him ideally suited to help create programs for especially talented first-year students, to assess the relationships between admission criteria and students’ performance at Notre Dame,” Kolman said.

The search committee to identify Rooney’s successor will be

Fifteen women and 35 children went to the Hope

Rescue Mission for the night,” said Nanni, "but thanks to all the help we received, they returned Friday."

All clothes, furniture, and other items owned by the family living in the burned bedroom are completely ruined, but no one sustained any injuries. Children playing with cigarette lighters reportedly started the fire.

Nanni stated. "The fire chief said that volunteers accomplished 90 percent of what needed to be done.

He also praised students from Sorin Hall, who wanted to chip in by moving the pews out of their chapel and converting them into cots.

"Fortunately, the lower floor was usable, so the extra beds weren’t required," Nanni said, "but the offer was wonderful."

TRANSP0, the South Bend public transit system, provided two buses at the scene so that residents could keep warm while the cleanup crews took care of the building; in addition, the Salvation Army brought coffee and doughnuts.

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The Harlem Globetrotters arrived in style to play an exhibition game at the Joyce Center yesterday afternoon. Children from South Bend watched from front-row seats accompanied by members of the Freshman Class Council and other volunteers from the class of 2000.
To be an RA...

This year I took part in an experience unlike any other. I opted to become an RA. A resilient advisor. One of the few, the select, the brave.

The experience has been interesting, to say the least. It started out fairly innocent — a little perky office work and sometimes a summer hit "mission: Impossible" to get all of the RA's acquainted with one another.

Little did any of us know that sweltering August morning our lives would soon change dramatically.

Gone would be the days when we could walk down the hall and head up to the stairs without stopping at the front desk to check and initial messages. Gone would be the days where we would walk into our rooms and find roommates waiting for us. Gone would be the days where we would soon discover that we actually found the time to watch Days.

Never again would my room be "mine." It would soon belong to a section of 23 women. Twenty-three women who are all individuals, with individual interests and individual problems.

Their lives would essentially become mine, their problems bigger than any I could envisage.

I would become the shoulder to cry on for freshmen who are scared and in need of someone to talk to.

My RA would be the one that is always on, and my door would always be open.

I've learned a lot since that disgusting hot week of intense training.

I've learned that not all problems can be solved with a smile — that some require weeks of simply listening.

I've learned that some things are more important than others when it comes to sharing good news or studying.

I've learned the incredible learning experience.

Overall, I've learned more about myself than anyone or anything else.

Back in the day, I didn't think that I could "hunt" anything. I thought I'd be 'the cool kid.'

I've too quickly realized how ridiculous that assumption was. Contrary to popular belief, "being cool" can sometimes be "being on.

Imagine if you will a certain Friday evening when you're in the middle of your friend's birthday party or out going out. Where are you? Exactly. You're in your room. You've been conditioned to believe since freshman year that it's abnormal to do homework on Friday nights, and there you are, reading "The Fairy Queen.

You don't smell like anyone, that's not alone. The best part about being an RA is knowing that if you have a problem, there is a network of friends who soon become your closest confidants.

You find yourself sharing your deepest, darkest secrets with people you've never met. It is a pleasure to share your thoughts with your true confidants.

You love it.

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Zairian rebels capture refugee camp in Tingi-Tingi

LONDON

Zairian rebels said Sunday that they had captured the Tingi-Tingi refugee camp, driving tens of thousands of refugees north toward the government.

Numbey Kabadi, a spokesman for rebel leader Laurent Kabila, told the British Broadcasting Corp. that rebels faced little resistance from government forces when they entered Tingi-Tingi and the nearby town of Lubutu.

There was no immediate way to confirm the report.

Since September, when the revolt began, Kabila's Alliance of Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Congo-Zaire has captured a 900-mile strip of eastern Zaire and is pressing steadily west towards Kisangani, the country's third-largest city.

"They are bowling us from Kisangani. We won't just cross our hearts and wait for them," said Kabadi, who said he had just spoken to Kabila.

Kabadi said another column of rebels was headed for the northwestern town of Chabola, where Zairian President Mobutu Sese Seko has a juncture.

However, he said, the rebels were willing to return to peace talks in South Africa with Zaire's government.

"The negotiation windows are opened. We expect the talks to start on the Zairian side. Let's wait for them and bear what is their story."

The revolt, which has thousands of Hutu refugees on their way from Zaire to the southern city of Gbadolite, is focused on the north, and that Kabila has offered to allow United Nations workers access to the refugees to ease their plight.

Chelsea celebrates 17th birthday

When Chelsea Clinton turned 14, it was a White House lumber that they had to be careful with. On Saturday, the sleepover was moved to the Waldorf Astoria as the first daughter celebrated her 17th birthday in high style on Broadway.

President Clinton, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and a team of Secret Service agents chaperoned Chelsea and her school friends on theBig Apple adventure.

The entire party — with more than a dozen press photographers in tow — took in a production of the sold-out Broadway show "Rent." Looking New York chic in black slacks and a pale gray turtleneck, the guest of honor smiled unabashedly under a persistent cold rain as she strode across the LaGuardia Airport tarmac without an umbrella. She skipped the presidential insomnia, opting to join their friends in a red van. Chelsea turned 17 last Thursday. She celebrated then, too, with a private family dinner at Washington's Bombay Club.

Heathrow thieves steal U.S. aid

LONDON

Thieves at London's main airport last week stole $2.5 million in U.S. government aid bound for Russia, Scotland Yard said Sunday. The cash disappeared Tuesday from a airplane funded to Moscow, a spokeswoman for the British Home Office said, confirming a report in The Mail on Sunday newspaper. The cash, in high denominations, came from New York's Republic National Bank, one of the banks the U.S. government uses to deliver aid payments. The stolen cash was in one of four bags holding a total of $40,000. The money had been moved from a safe at the airline's cargo center to a sealed container on to a British Airways flight, she said, confirming a report in The Mail on Sunday newspaper. The cash, in high denominations, came from New York's Republic National Bank, one of the banks the U.S. government uses to deliver aid payments. The stolen cash was in one of four bags holding a total of $40,000. The money had been moved from a safe at the airline's cargo center to a sealed container on to a British Airways flight, she said, confirming a report in The Mail on Sunday newspaper. The cash, in high denominations, came from New York's Republic National Bank, one of the banks the U.S. government uses to deliver aid payments. The stolen cash was in one of four bags holding a total of $40,000. The money had been moved from a safe at the airline's cargo center to a sealed container on to a British Airways flight, she said, confirming a report in The Mail on Sunday newspaper. The cash, in high denominations, came from New York's Republic National Bank, one of the banks the U.S. government uses to deliver aid payments. The stolen cash was in one of four bags holding a total of $40,000. The money had been moved from a safe at the airline's cargo center to a sealed container on to a British Airways flight, she said, confirming a report in The Mail on Sunday newspaper. The cash, in high denominations, came from New York's Republic National Bank, one of the banks the U.S. government uses to deliver aid payments. The stolen cash was in one of four bags holding a total of $40,000. The money had been moved from a safe at the airline's cargo center to a sealed container on to a British Airways flight, she said, confirming a report in The Mail on Sunday newspaper.
Moreau features ‘extraordinary’ new exhibits

By SARAH CORKREAN

Assistant Saint Mary's News Editor

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tations, as much of the infor­

mation contained can only be

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and careful scrutiny.

Bleem earned his master of

fine arts degree from The

School of the Art Institute of

Chicago and his master's of

divinity from the Catholic

Theological Union at Chicago.

His work has been exhibited

across the country and repro­

duced most recently in

Fiberarts magazine.

Hapac’s basic premise of

work is sculpture as a con­

tainer of space. The space

occupied by the work becomes

charged with meaning by the

manner in which it is con­

tained.

Hapac cited basketry as an

art form an important source

of inspiration, as the work

Bleem’s art process, stapling,

and careful scrutiny.

“Tension, posture, and ges­

ure are ideas that I thought

about in creating this work,”
said Hapac. “The flexibility of

the reed is ideal for evoking

these ideas, while its tendency

to seek a relaxed, stretched

out position gives tension to

the work.”

Hapac’s abstract basket­

inspired sculptures have the

appearance of stark black line

drawings floating in space.

Shadows from the works often

make mirror “drawings” on

Gallery walls as well.

Hapac utilizes natural, flexi­
bile materials, such as reed, to

construct her sculptures.

Hapac received her master

of fine arts degree from

Northern Illinois University

and bachelor of fine arts from

the University of Illinois at

Urbana.

Most recently, her work has

been exhibited at the Wood

Street Gallery, ARC Gallery,

and the Textile Art Center,

all located in the Chicago area.

The two art exhibits

“Ordinary/Extraordinary:

Sculpture by Jerry Bleem,”

and “Recent Sculpture by

Donna Hapac” opened Friday

night in the Moreau Galleries

at Moreau Center for the Arts

at Saint Mary’s and will run

through March 23.

The exhibits are free and

open to the public during

gallery hours: Tuesday through

Friday, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-4 p.m.;

Saturday, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.; and Sunday,

1-3 p.m.
WASHINGTON

The Democratic Party had telephone lines installed in government buildings for use in fund-raising. Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, a former vice president of the United States, said the party had been "tickled pink" to set up the lines. But a White House lawyer, former senator Bill Armstrong, said he was "upset" to hear about the lines.

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Students attend union rally in Chicago

Huerta urges on support for berry harvesters

By BRIDGET O'CONNOR
Assistant News Editor

CHICAGO

In an effort which has been compared to the grape boycotts of the 1960s, the United Farmworkers Union (UFW) is taking on California strawberry growers. In its largest contemporary effort, the UFW is targeting the $650 million-a-year industry, in which 20,000 Latinos pick 75 percent of the nation’s strawberries.

Deeming the effort one of the most important organizing campaigns in the country, the AFL-CIO, umbrella group for the nation’s unions, has pledged to contribute millions of dollars in its support.

Last Thursday, the UFW kicked off the Chicago leg of its effort in a rally at Pius V church in the heart of the Latino community, Pilsen. Chicago was cited as one of the prime targets of the campaign, because of its strong union ties.

“We’re going to be making history in the next few months and this is where it all starts,” said Delores Huerta, a close friend to the late Cesar Chavez, founder of the UFW and leader of the union in her own right.

Twenty-three students from the Migrant Experience Seminar and 15 students from Latina/o studies attended.

The aim of the strawberry effort is to gain basic rights for the fieldworkers; for example, a living wage, clean drinking water and bathrooms in the field, job security, health insurance and an end to sexual harassment and other abuses.

Huerta was the keynote speaker at the rally, which also featured Alderman Ricardo Munoz and two strawberry harvesters, Celso Munoz and Delfina Garcia.

“Even the dumbest worker wants the union,” said Garcia. “They don’t want a union, that is a lie,” said Garcia. “Even the dumbest worker wants the union. Even the dumbest worker wants better wages and better treatment.”

“At this point in time, we’re not saying to boycott strawberries,” said Huerta. “What we’re saying to the strawberry growers is, ‘Just obey the law.’

The UFW has taken a different approach to the struggle. Instead of heading directly for a boycott as has been their custom, this time the UFW is fighting on two fronts—neither of which being a boycott—yet.

The first front involves the actual workers. The UFW hopes to be able to elicit support in the private sector for the effort by targeting the actual field workers to join the union. Leaders hope that if enough workers take the risk to join the union, the extent of the problems they face may be understood.

Supermarket chains are the other target of the campaign. By signing on to support the strawberry workers, UFW leaders say that their bargaining clout is enhanced. With the possibility of a diminished marketplace looming, the growers will be much more likely to agree to the UFW requests which include the improved conditions for workers and a promise not to appeal should the workers vote to unionize.

“We’re bringing all the progressive elements of America together as one big activist family to win rights for the strawberry workers,” said Huerta.

One of the biggest problems facing the effort to unionize field workers is the fear of anti-union retaliation for their support of the union.

“We are threatened with physical violence and deportation for speaking out about the conditions,” said Munoz. “We’re going to fight, we’re going to organize, we’re going to change these conditions.”

If you’re interested in writing, contact The Observer News Department at 1-5323.

Apartment fire ruins property

23 injured; police suspect arsonist

By STEVE FARR
Associated Press Writer

INDIANAPOLIS

A pre-dawn fire swept through a downtown apartment complex Sunday, forcing residents to leap from windows and sending 23 people to hospitals.

A 2-year-old boy was in critical condition and 132 people were left homeless. Investigators said the blaze was set.

Firefighters who arrived at the Canterbury Apartments at 6:40 a.m. found flames shooting from the four-story brick buildings, said Lt. Vernon Brown of the Indianapolis Fire Department.

“There were people coming out of the windows from the second floor and the third floor,” he said. “Firefighters actually caught children that were being dropped from windows by their parents.”

Firefighters went inside to assist in the evacuation but were forced out by fears that the roof would collapse, Brown said.

Residents who smelled smoke raced along hallways just hours after the fire was put out, said Delisa Johnson, an evangelist with Wings of Love Ministries, who was stirred by her 16-year-old son at about 6 a.m.

“He was saying, ‘Mom, come on and get out.’ I didn’t know what he was saying,” Johnson said in a telephone interview from Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church.

Johnson, who escaped only her nightgown and an overcoat, was one of about 45 people taken by Red Cross workers to Mt. Olive’s crisis center for the night, said the Rev. Samuel Whitlow. Others were sent to the Daypring Center.

“All of their personal property is gone. They have no shoes and no clothes,” Whitlow said.

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Albania

Parliament declares emergency

By MERITA DHIMIJOKA
Associated Press Writer

TIRANA, Albania

Facing growing anti-government unrest, parliament declared a state of emergency on Sunday, allowing the army to be deployed to ensure public order and weapons to be used to protect public buildings and key roads.

Police, though, will remain the first line of defense in quelling riots and protests that have grown out of public rage over the collapse last month of popular, high-risk investment schemes. The schemes pay generous interest rates to early investors but lapse when deposits dry up.

By Saturday, Albania's south ern region had erupted in lawlessness. Carloads of weapons were distributed throughout the countryside, and young men armed with guns and other opposition groups. Protesters in Vlora, the town 70 miles south of Tirana that exploded in violence on Friday, rejected Berisha's offer of a new Cabinet. They called for him to announce by Sunday night that a government of non-partisan technocrats would be formed.

But after Berisha's announce ment, protest organizers urged thousands of people massed outside Vlora University not to make the march. "We don't want blood," one organizer yelled through a megaphone.

The government hopes the political shuffling will mollify protesters, who blame the Democratic Party-led administration for not looking into the riskiness of the pyramid schemes, in which nearly every Albanian lost money. The schemes pay generous interest rates to early investors but collapse when deposits dry up.

By Sunday afternoon, President Sali Berisha called the unrest "a communist rebellion backed by foreign intelligence agencies. We promise you we will employ all measures under the law, even the most difficult ones, against this rebellion." He gave no further details.

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Prime Minister Aleksander Meksi told The Associated Press on Sunday that a new government would not stop the country's descent into chaos. He said he agreed to step down only because a government must resign "when it's not able to handle a situation."

The situation is more serious than ever," Meksi said. He blamed "the most extremist elements" in the Socialist Party and the renamed Communists for the chaos. Just before the vote, several foreign journalists were attacked outside parliament by several men the reporters believed were secret police. An Associated Press reporter was violently shoved and staff from the British Broadcasting Corp. and World Television News also were attacked. It was not immediately clear if there were any serious injuries.

Protestors in Vlora, the town 70 miles south of Tirana that exploded in violence on Friday, rejected Berisha's offer of a new Cabinet. They called for his resignation by Sunday night that a government of non-partisan technocrats would be formed.

If he did not meet the deadline, the protesters pledged they would march to Tirana, the capital, on Monday to press their demands.

But after Berisha's announcement, protest organizers urged the thousands of people massed outside Vlora University not to make the march. "We don't want blood," one organizer yelled through a megaphone.

Inside the university, about 40 students entered the 11th hour of a hunger strike aimed at forcing the Democratic Party to step down.

Turmoil also broke out in the southern border city of Gjirokastra on Sunday evening. People fired guns at the police station, a local reporter said.

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Troops fire on Palestinians

By JACK KATZENELL
Associated Press Writer

JERUSALEM

With tensions already high over Israeli building in east Jerusalem, Israeli soldiers fired to halt a military parade on Sunday, injuring four, and Israel hinted it would miss a deadline for a West Bank troop withdrawal.

In Hebron, about 15 Jewish settlers scuffled Sunday night with a Palestinian policeman near an ancient Jewish cemetery where grave-stones were found smashed earlier in the day. No one was injured, but both Israel and the Palestinians sent extra troops to the site.

A senior aide to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Sunday that opposition to Israeli troop withdrawals from rural areas of the West Bank, the first of which was supposed to be completed by Friday.

"There might be logistical delays," said David Bar-Illan, a senior aide to Netanyahu. "It's a military matter."

Speaking to about 2,000 activists from his Likud party on Sunday, Netanyahu, facing a challenge from Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in elections scheduled for next month, outlined a future capital in east Jerusalem.

In protest of the Har Homa building plan, the Palestinian leadership said it would not meet with the American envoy unless the U.S. general secretary of the World Bank.

Arafat angered Israeli officials by suggesting during a visit to Cairo on Sunday that he might declare an independent state because of Israel's decision to build Har Homa.

The intern Israeli-Palestinian peace agreement grants the Palestinians autonomy in parts of the West Bank and surrounding areas, but leave the final status of Jerusalem for talks on a permanent peace settlement to start later this month.

American Jewish leaders visiting Jerusalem on Sunday added their support for the Har Homa project, which the Clinton administration has said it opposes on the grounds that it erodes trust between the parties to the peace agreement.

"Our position is to stand with the government of Israel in the right to build on Har Homa," said Malcolm Hoenlein, executive vice chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

Netanyahu's Cabinet was to meet this Tuesday to decide how much land Israel would hand over in the first withdrawal, but the meeting was postponed until Thursday.

Israel has already withdrawn from major Palestinian cities in the West Bank, retaining only a small part of Hebron, and has granted autonomy to about 28 percent of the West Bank.

Palestinians hope to establish a Palestinian security force and the Palestinians autonomy in east Jerusalem on Monday.

By ANWAR FARUQI
Associated Press Writer

SHIRAZ, Iran

Temperatures plunged and a blanket of snow covered northwestern Iran on Sunday, hampering efforts to reach villages devastated by a massive earthquake that rescuers say claimed 3,000 lives.

The official toll from Friday's quake stood at 554, but was expected to rise. The government said at least 2,000 were injured.

The Iranian quake was one of a number that jolted Asian countries over the last couple of days, including tremors in Armenia, China and Pakistan.

Scientists said there was no evidence that any of them were connected.

Iran estimated the quake's magnitude at 5.5. The U.S. National Earthquake Information Center in Golden, Colo., said it was 5.1.

The narrow roads leading to the villages were covered with snow or ice Sunday, making access difficult. Most villages had received some help, but survivors whose homes were destroyed needed tents and fuel to cope with temperatures that fell Sunday to 19 degrees.

Some aid workers said a string of villages beyond the Sabalan mountains, made impenetrable by the snow, may have been the hardest hit, but they have been unable to reach the area to make an assessment.

Shiras, a farming town 15 miles southwest of Arzabil, was devastated.

Reza Azizvand was among the thousands of people who remained here, and he sat in the only room of his house that remained standing.

His wife of five months was among the dead and he estimated that half of the village's people had been wiped out.

The death toll in just six villages visited by reporters in Arzabil province was more than 2,000 people.

Buses and cars crammed with people began arriving in the villages at the weekend, carrying thousands seeking news of relatives.

A more powerful quake struck western Pakistan on Friday, killing at least 100 people.

Pakistan and Iran are hit by numerous quakes each year.

In the remote corner of western Pakistan — 1,260 miles southeast of the Iranian quake site — authorities said they received an appeal for blood donations.

Rescuers said more than 100 people were killed and dozens injured when the magnitude-7 quake shook Baluchistan province early Friday — the hardest hit region was the remote Sibi district.

Rescue workers were hampered by the remoteness of the area and damage to roads leading to the region.
By BRIAN MELLEY
Associated Press Writer

WOBURN, Mass. — Parents and friends prayed Sunday at church services for the nine teen-age girls and two boys still hospitalized for overdosing on a muscle relaxant at a youth dance.

The drug, Baclofen, was taken from a mail-order shipment sent to an unidentified man who said he never got the medication, Middlesex District Attorney Tom Reilly said. The man is not related to any of the teens, he said.

Police are looking for a second bottle of pills containing the antibiotic Hiprex, which was part of the shipment, Reilly said.

Five of the 11 teens still hospitalized were in critical condition Sunday, at least four of them on respirators. All of the victims should recover fully, hospital officials said.

Sunday’s services came two days after 14 teens were felled by overdoses of the prescription muscle relaxant Baclofen at a Boys and Girls Club-sponsored dance.

Most of the girls were celebrating their selection as school cheerleaders, and the teens gobbled as many as 35 pills before they started “dropping like flies,” as an emergency medical technician put it. Baclofen is often is used to treat cerebral palsy and multiple sclerosis.

While some Woburn middle school students are aware of drug use at their schools, they say the teen-agers who overdosed were not part of that crowd.

“They were, like, wicked good students in school,” said James Caterino, 14, who left the dance before the teen-agers began falling ill.

“I think this was an aberration. The facts are that there are bad things available to our kids,” said Jan Fuller, a parent and church leader. “I think things like this can happen anywhere — they’re just chil­dren.”

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**Baclofen** (oral)

**Baclofen** helps relax certain

- Muscles in the body, relieving
  - Spasms, cramping, and tightness.
- The drug is prescribed to those
  - With multiple sclerosis or certain
  - Spine injuries.

**Signs of overdose**

- Blurred or double vision
- Convulsions (seizures)
- Severe muscle weakness
- Shortness of breath
- Unusually slow or troubled
  - Breathing

Source: AP research
The secret daytime life of South Bend bars

I can still vividly remember the first time I patronized a South Bend bar. I suppose that within the alcohol-soaked social universes of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, my initial bar visit is a little bit like your first kiss if you hold on to every detail. I was a first-semester sophomore, and my friends and I collectively decided that we were too "mature" for the beer- and-crash-trash-in-dorm parties that our home — poor, doomed Flanner Hall — so prided itself on having. So off to Cactus Jack's it was.

As we walked in line to be carded by the pseudo-cop at the door, my tension grew, palms began to sweat, and I was feverishly reviewing the wisdom of using an "ID" purchased quite legally as a "novelty item" back at a flea market in Texas. But it was too late to back down, so I walked into a neighborhood tavern. I made my first day (which have lead to many a far-fetched story) at Cactus Jack's.

The next week was filled with introductions to the "pub scene" of South Bend bars, and I suddenly found myself face-to-face with the hulking masses of students milling about, blocking my path to manhood and the impending middle age. But as with all things, eventually I was ready to avoid but keep crossing paths with, the loud music and the interminable wait for service.

Then one blessed day I traded in my old flea market special for a bonafide little piece of state-issued plastic. And with that, whole new realms of social life opened up to me. I realized at that moment that the concept of having to be in the library having an innumerable 30-second "small talk" conversations with people I only half-knew and may not ever see again after this May. I realized at that moment that I didn't really want to be "out" and that I was only doing so because my four years here had so conditioned me to regard any weekend night that doesn't involve a trip to a bar as a social failure.

I wanted to be in a quiet room chatting with my friends, to be taking a walk with my girlfriend around the lakes, to be drinking bottled beer as country music played at a reasonable volume filtered from a juke box I never knew existed despite many a trip to the place. A friendly waitress came over to our table and apologetically half-carded us before taking our order. There was relatively free (and damn good) chill to eat; our beer was served in real glasses; we had a relatively clean bathroom to use and easy access to the bar, pool table and dart board. For perhaps the first time I felt comfortable, welcome and relaxed at the 'Backer. As a few more students trickled in, I vaguely felt like I was on "Cheers." Satisfied with my afternoon experience at the Linebacker, I felt a more intense depth of the study-day "nightlife" in South Bend was in order. The same trends continued at some of South Bend's other hot spots; what I had only known as crowded hellholes doubled in the afternoon early evening as friendly, half-empty establishments where you can find real conversation, a game of pool and even reasonably priced food in some cases.

Ever since returning from NO's London program, I have bemoaned the lack of English-style "pubs" on this side of the Atlantic, particularly in South Bend. But while an afternoon visit to a South Bend bar will not convince you you're in Britain, it may be the closest thing to an American "pub scene" that I've encountered. Maybe it's a sign of impending middle age, but I'll take the Linebacker at 3 p.m. every time.

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**Video Pick of the Week**

**COURAGE UNDER FIRE**

*By MIKE MCMORROW*  
Access Movie Critic

Edward Zwick’s “Courage Under Fire” is a patient and thoughtful drama which examines the meaning of courage, both on and off the battlefield. It is filled with different characters, all of whom contribute one way or another to the question of “What is courage?” Not very often do we get a film that so lyrically devotes a subject without overwhelming this self-important drama.

The film stars Denzel Washington as Lt. Colonel Sterling in the Gulf War, who is haunted by a deadly mistake he made in battle. Apparently, he fired one of his own men’s guns; thinking it was the enemy, he inadvertently killed one of his own men. He is constantly stalked by this guilt of guilt, and this leads him to go home and drink with his family and with drinking. But since this was what one would call an “honest” mistake, he is soon given formal judgment by the army, and they think it is better for him to go off and try to move on. Still active, he is designated to investigate the case of Medal of Honor for Captain Karen Walden (Meg Ryan), a Gulf War pilot who died in a mission. He interviews a series of people who were on this heroic mission with Walden, and some very conflicting information in return. The story of Walden’s mission is told through a series of flashbacks (each with a different spin in order to reflect the discrepancies in each person’s story). The body of the film is essentially the interviews and flashbacks, and part of the enjoyment is trying to piece together the mystery. Did Walden really act heroically? Or was she a coward? Many other questions arise throughout this film, all of which are answered at the end. Throughout the process, Washington’s character is constantly approached by a reporter for the Washington Post (Scott Glenn). But “Courage Under Fire” does not allow itself to become infected with clichés and banalities. Instead, the character relationship with a great deal of care; he is not a stomach-pumping media toxe, rather, a sensitive man who might be able to relate to Washington’s dilemmas involving both Walden and his own past.

The performances are powerful. Denzel Washington does a great job portraying the angst of his character’s soul. His character is movingly portrayed, and we feel the need to relate to his experiences. The interviews are not standard but rather show certain events in the original film. The origin of the flashbacks serve to a. tell their own story and b. show their own reaction. This double purpose gives the film that much more depth.

**Friends to the End**

By MIKE SCOTT
Access Movie Critic

It’s not often that the American movie-going public is treated to a dark film. No, a dark movie is not one filmed with light; rather, it’s an ominous look at the dark side of the society in which we live. We are often scared and somewhat amazed by this, and although we appreciate the movie for what it is, it is still one that we have trouble watching. When the film is entirely based on a true story, then our feelings about the situation become strengthened because we not only feel for the characters involved, but we also have an overwhelming sense of fear. We realize that this could happen in our own backyard. In this case, the dark film is “Donnie Brasco,” and it is one in a long line of movies dealing with the mob. It is based on the actual story of an FBI agent - the movie’s namesake - and it deals with his trials and tribulations while infiltrating a sect of the mafia. The film takes place in Brooklyn, but as the story goes to show us, organized crime goes on everywhere. However, the painfully obvious message of the film is the painful existence with which an undercover agent can become so immersed that he is then unable to catch...so attached that he forgets his original goal.

During the 70s, the concept of the mob first became popular. With the release of “The Godfather” and its consequent sequels, America was blasted with its first real vision of the mafia. Other movies would follow afterwards, but none of them described the inner workings of a mob family better than “The Godfather” series. The particularly good facet of “Donnie Brasco” is that we find ourselves not caring as much about this particular sect of the mafia as much as we care about the F.B.I. agent infiltrating it. Just as we see the mob going through its own tough times with wars and such, so too we see Donnie Brasco in the line of fire, and our hearts go out to his character.

The statement that “Donnie Brasco” is as much about the mob as it is about the relationship between two people is well-founded. Donnie (Johnny Depp) starts out as a film as a jeweler before a mob enforcer named Lefty (Al Pacino) tries to lay a diamond ring off on him. After Lefty finds out that the ring is fake, Donnie backs it up. Lefty decides to introduce him to his mob boss, the powerful Don. We see later that Donnie is an F.B.I. agent through the reports that he types up. However, the movie doesn’t center on his ties to the mob as much as the friendship between the two men.

A bleak man in life, Lefty unknowingly makes the grave mistake of befriending Donnie. Donnie soon returns home and introducing him to his mob family. However, besides centering around the relationship between the two men, this movie also delves into the heart of Donnie, whose job tears apart his family and as well as transforms him into a mobster himself. Often beautiful and tragic, the story goes to show us, organized crime goes on everywhere. However, the painfully obvious message of the film is the painful existence with which an undercover agent can become so immersed that he is then unable to catch...so attached that he forgets his original goal.

Mobilier Lefty (Al Pacino) behoolds an undercover FBI Agent (Johnny Depp) in “Donnie Brasco,” helping him become a “connected guy” in the Mafia.

It says that this film is dark would be putting it mildly. Although it’s no “Godfather,” the content and the characters make for a closer look at an organization that is still much in existence in our society. The facet of this film that makes it all the more dim is the fact that it is a true story. However, as we watch it, we lose that distinction and begin to enjoy the film for what it is. As other films display undercover cops as being compatible with the ultimate goal, this movie shows us what I think is more realistic. It shows us an agent involved in being torn between both sides, and while he has to do his job continuously, he cannot send the men that turn out to be his best friends to jail. Above all, the real gum that shines in this film is the relationship between Lefty and Donnie as they explore the different faces of love, trust, and friendship. In the end, this film is appreciated better than it is enjoyed. Although the ending gives us a sense of closure that we always desire, it is what happens that sets the film apart. For so long, it was always the one we saw coming in a world that is not perfect at all.

The only problem I have with the film lies in a couple of details. There is a certain unnecessary melodramatic quality to Sterling’s “drinking problem.” Not to say that it is unrealistic, but the subplot seems both excessive and overwrought. In real life, Sterling may have had a problem with alcohol, but it seems to me that it is an issue deserving far more thorough examination. The film fails to show the agent involved in alcoholism with enough examination, and therefore, it comes across as gratuitous. That objection aside, “Courage Under Fire” is a powerful and affecting film.

It has become a cliche in modern Hollywood cinema to tell a story using flashbacks. This fact gives filmmakers a reason to give a genuine artistic justification for their use, and in “Courage,” Zwick has found the appropriate application. Half the story is told through the F.B.I. agent, while the interviews are not standard but rather show certain events in the original film. The origin of the flashbacks serve to a. tell their own story and b. show their own reaction. This double purpose gives the film that much more depth.

Denzel Washington was thought to be a possible Oscar candidate for his role here. I would have liked to have seen him nominated. His performance deserves recognition; it provides “Courage” with its backbone. However, it is his ability to make the audience forget the question “What is courage?” has not necessarily been given a pleasant answer, but rather, an altogether thorough examination of the very idea itself.
Fools Rush to the Theater

By JOHN BARRY

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Upsets mark season finales as Carolinas prevail

By MIKE EMBRY
Staff Writer

LEXINGTON, Ky. - Sixth-ranked South Carolina proved it's the best team in the Southeastern Conference with a 103-71 victory over Kentucky Tuesday night at the Rupp Arena.

The Gamecocks (27-7, 13-3) captured the regular-season championship for only the second time in school history and first since 1979-80.

"It's not a charge, it is a block," said Fighting-Hi St. Joe's coach Doc Gifford. "My frustra-

tion at the end of the game was probably the best of my career. South Carolina is something that I'm tired of. I'm not pleased with the things that have been happening with the SEC." 

And it was free the free throws after being fouled by Allen Sylvester that made both the technical foul and the margin to three points.

South Carolina shot 33 percent (12-of-36) from the floor and held Kentucky (27-7, 14-3) to 37 percent (23-of-62) shooting.

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the Irish still had a chance when Woodward converted just the first free throw. However, Eagle forward Keenan Jourdon grabbed the rebound after the missed attempt caromed to the sidelines. Adding temporarily to the drama, Jourdon, too, missed one of his free throws, leaving Notre Dame a chance to tie the game with a three-pointer. But before they could get a chance, Admore White was fouled on the floor with 4.2 seconds to go.

"We work on it in practice," said O'Brien of the foul strategy. "The percentages were in our favor, especially with the way (Antoni) Wyche and Garrity were shooting the ball." White made the first, but Abrams grabbed the rebound after an intentional miss and ran out the clock.

"We had opportunties," said MacLeod. "We battled back (down nine with 10:36 to play), but that offensive rebound after the free throw was big." The win was even bigger for Boston College. After being upset by Pittsburgh last week, the Eagles needed the victory to secure their share of the Big East regular season title, a first-round bye in the league tournament, and an NCAA berth.

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Lightweights set tone for night

By MIKE BENGAL

It's kind of like the old adage about the unstoppable force and the immovable object. Something has to give.

And when the top two fighters squared off in the final round of the 67th annual Bengal Bouts, only one could be crowned champion. For Ted Pagano, Tommy Will and Chris Owens, it was their day to walk away with a smile on their face and a championship in their back pocket.

After the opening round, Pagano was given little chance to win the 145-pound division. Even though he was a finalist in the 140-pound division a year ago, Pagano struggled through his first two fights, raising doubts whether he could survive the strength and power of top seed Fred Kelly.

But all, Kelly had been unstoppable in his first two fights, displaying one of the most ferocious right hands in the tournament. The defending 145-pound champion, Chris Owens, was not expected to last long against Pagano's youthful aggressiveness. But Owens was a different fighter in the final round. He said, "I was surprised that he did not come out leading, said Pagano. "I knew I could handle him." But the judges thought differently, awarding a split decision victory to Will, much to the delight of Molina and many in the crowd at the Joyce Center. "He may have gotten the decision, but he didn't beat me," said Molina. "Tonight, the decision went the wrong way."

Veteran Christoforetti closes career with victory

By KATHLEEN SPORTS WRITER

For the past four years, he has embodied what a Bengal Bouts boxer should be, and on Saturday night he bid his farewell with a victory. Senior John Christoforetti said his final goodbye to the tournament with a unanimous decision victory over fellow captain, junior Ryan Rans.

"There has only been one other moment that comes close to this, and that was when I received my black belt," said Christoforetti. "But that moment really could not equal this. It was everything that made this the best. All the people buying the merchandise, the turnout, and the publicity. The outcome of the fight didn't matter. It just felt great going into it."

Despite the unanimous decision, Rans managed to challenge Christoforetti throughout the fight. Like in earlier rounds, Rans relied on his jab, but this time it was not enough. He managed to land a few of his trademark punches and caught Christoforetti off guard.

The three-time champion simply battled back. He threw hook after hook to fend off Rans. For the first time in the tournament, Rans received a standing count in the second round, as Christoforetti continued his dominant performance.

In the first round, Christoforetti settled down and pounded Rans with his workmanlike style, capturing the split decision victory. "His eyes were swollen, and just looking at him, I knew I had won the fight," said Molina. "Tonight, the decision went the wrong way."

"I was able to go to the body which loosened him up some," said Owens. "He got a little slower, and I was able to take advantage of that. He is a great boxer, and I'm just glad I was able to come out on top."

Indeed, something had to give.
Carcelli shocks Mantey, crowd en route to title

By BETSY BAKER
Assistant Sports Editor

Upset. Make it a noun, make it an adjective. Make it whatever you want, there is no other word to describe Saturday night's Bengal Bouts finals.

The top story came from Todd Carcelli's stunning victory over the 190-pound champion, Mike Mantey.

On a controversial decision, Carcelli took the title from Mantey by defeating him the only way possible, not defending him at all. Although Mantey came out strong in round one, landing a barrage of jabs to Carcelli's face, Carcelli soon adjusted to a game plan that found great success in handing the overpowering Mantey. It was pointless to try and match Mantey's strength, and realizing that Carcelli defended himself by moving out of the way. Carcelli frustrated Mantey by not standing around and taking his powerful punch. He conserved energy and increased his confidence.

"I was very concerned with Mike's experience going into the match," Carcelli commented. "I had a great respect for his strength so I knew I just going to have to keep moving."

"I think my inexperience helped me learn to relax."

Round two set the tone for the finale of the match. Carcelli did much of the same, but with added confidence, was able to land four or five strong right jabs. Round three brought increased confidence as Carcelli was able to get in a few jabs in addition to his hook.

The split decision brought mixed reaction from the crowd, but a clear upset to Mantey. Carcelli was happy with the win; but even Mantey admitted that he had won and put more emphasis on his experience as a whole.

"I was very happy with the win, but I didn't think I had won," he said. "What I kept thinking about was the overall experience and the unscanny amount of good, solid people I've met through the program."

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Sophomore Brian Gaffney stroll toward a neutral corner after flooring captain Mike DeBiasi for the fourth and final time as Gaffney improved his career record to 6-0.

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HOCKEY

Spartans end Irish season

By CHARLEY GATES
Sports Writer

"In a game that caught the spirit of their season, the Notre Dame hockey team dropped a Central Collegiate Hockey Association contest to visiting Michigan State, 3-2."

"In a lot of ways tonight was a microcosm of our season," explained head coach Dave Poulin after the game.

The loss was the Irish's tenth in the past eleven games and dropped them to 9-25-1 overall and 6-20-1 in CCHA action.

"It was frustrating," lamented sophomore forward Brian Urick. "It's hard to understand. We played so well for two periods, and then, in the third, it seemed like every mistake we made ended up in the back of our net."

The game began auspiciously for the Irish. At the 7:11 mark of the first period, junior forward Lyle Andrusiak bought the sold-out Joyce Center crowd to its feet when he knocked home the rebound from his own shot for a 1-0 lead. Notre Dame continued its domination of the first period defensively, limiting the potent Spartan offense to a mere 4 shots on junior goaltender Matt Eisler.

The Boys of Winter also struck first in the second period on a textbook goal from junior winger Steve Noble. Sophomore forward Brian Urick maneuvered behind the Spartan net and sent a pass into the slot for a streaking Noble, who had only to redirect the biscuit past bewildered Spartan goalie Chad Alban for a 2-0 Irish lead.

Senior forward Steve Ferranti began the Spartan comeback with a power play goal, his eleventh goal of the season. Ferranti hovered with the puck at the left circle, then wristed a shot that just snuck inside the post, eluding Eisler. The teams headed to the locker rooms at the second intermission with the Irish ahead, 2-1.

The Spartans stormed to a lead early in the third period on goals separated only by one minute and forty-five seconds. Junior Spartan forward Mike Wait notched a power play goal at the 2:26 mark of the third period, and sophomore Mike York followed suit on a shot that deflected off Eisler pads and trickled into the net for a 3-2 Spartan lead.

Despite several power play opportunities, including a brief 5-on-3 advantage, the Irish were unable get the equalizer.

"We have to score a goal there (the power play)," stated Poulin.

So how would one assess Notre Dame's progress this season?

"We made large strides this year," explained Poulin. "But they're not quantified in wins. We lost 12 one-goal games this year. If we had gotten four goals at one time or another in those games, our season would have been completely different."

"We're definitely more competitive this year, and now we just need to learn how to win the close ones."

That's a difficult lesson to learn, but it's one the Irish will try to master during the spring and summer.

"This is a huge time for us," observed Poulin. "We need to get to a new level."

The Notre Dame baseball team improved its record to 3-3 by going undefeated this weekend. See tomorrow's Observer for in depth coverage of the weekend's action.

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Fencers defend home arena

By DAVID FRICK
Sports Writer

The Irish fencing team found themselves in unfamiliar territory when they approached the strip this weekend. For the first time since November, the fencers battled in the friendly confines of JACC. With the emotion in the air, the enthusiastic crowd, the Irish overpowered their opponents in capturing the Midwest Team Championships crown.

The Irish breezed through the first day of competition with an unblemished record. The opponents that lay in wait were seven other teams who proceeded to the second day of competition. Among that competition was rival Ohio State. It was obvious early that the top two teams at the conclusion of the two day foil event would be Ohio State and the Irish. The men's foilists were the main components that lay in wait were the top two teams at the conclusion of the two day foil event would be Ohio State and the Irish. The men's foilists were the main components that lay in wait were the top two teams at the conclusion of the two day foil event would be Ohio State and the Irish. The men's foilists were the main components that lay in wait were the top two teams at the conclusion of the two day foil event would be Ohio State and the Irish. The men's foilists were the main components that lay in wait were the top two teams at the conclusion of the two day foil event would be Ohio State and the Irish. The men's foilists were the main components that lay in wait were the top two teams at the conclusion of the two day foil event would be Ohio State and the Irish. The men's foilists were the main components that lay in wait were the top two teams at the conclusion of the two day foil event would be Ohio State and the Irish. The men's foilists were the main components that lay in wait were the top two teams at the conclusion of the two day foil event would be Ohio State and the Irish. The men's foilists were the main components that lay in wait were the top two teams at the conclusion of the two day foil event would be Ohio State and the Irish. The men's foilists were the main components that lay in wait were the top two teams at the conclusion of the two day foil event would be Ohio State and the Irish. The men's foilists were the main components that lay in wait were the top two teams at the conclusion of the two day foil event would be Ohio State and the Irish. The men's foilists were the main components that lay in wait were the top two teams at the conclusion of the two day foil event would be Ohio State and the Irish. The men's foilists were the main components that lay in wait were the top two teams at the conclusion of the two day foil event would be Ohio State and the Irish. The men's foilists were the main components that lay in wait were the top two teams at the conclusion of the two day foil event would be Ohio State and

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**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

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**Irish look to prove they are No. 2**

By TIM SHERMAN

Notre Dame zipped through the Big East regular season with a mark of 17-1. Only Connecticut’s perfect 18-0 was better.

But by virtue of winning the Big East Tournament’s second seed, the Hoyas were 9-9 in league play.

The Irish will get their chance to rectify the apparent injustice tonight at 8 p.m., when they take the floor of the Carrier Dome in Syracuse.

The Hoyas were 9-9 in league play.

"We kind of felt apart and once we did, they started getting easy lay-ups," Stringer said. "We were turning the ball over too."

Rutgers was short-handed in the contest as forward Susan Blausner had to miss the game after spraining her left ankle in Saturday’s win over Syracuse.

"We got a bunch to go down," Morgan explained.

"I'm worried about foul trouble," Stringer noted.

"We're in great shape," McGraw said. "But I'm worried about foul trouble."

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a semi-final showdown tonight with second-seeded Georgetown.

"I was very pleased with our offensive game, especially Beth and Jeanine," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said.

Notre Dame was 30 for 57 from the floor (52 percent), including eight of 17 from beyond the three-point arc.

"It looked like we ran into a freight train," said McGraw’s counterpart, Vivian Stringer.

"We needed to stop the transition game, but it didn’t happen."

Indeed, the contest was never really close.

The No. 14 Irish streaked out to a 13-2 lead in the first four minutes of the game, as every starter except guard Molly Peirick scored.

After the Irish had established the balanced scoring attack, Morgan took over.

The senior stand-out nailed three treys and was seven of nine from the free throw line in the first half, en route to a 20 point effort in the initial 20 minutes of the contest.

"When a couple dropped, it became easier to get a bunch to go down," Morgan explained.

Her three free throws at the 1:10 mark of the half stretched the Notre Dame lead to 46-32, a margin with which they would enter the locker room.

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The other concern is the possible tendency of the Husky leader to pass the ball, Stringer noted.

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Eagles nip Irish to take share of Big East title

NIT berth still in doubt as post-season begins

By TIM SHERMAN
Sports Editor

The crowd saw exactly what was expected from the 150 to 160-pound weight classes at Saturday night's Bengal Bouts finals — four hard-fought exciting matches.

In the 150-pound class, junior Doug Pollina went straight to Mellin's face in round one, dazing the rookie and slowing down what was normally a very aggressive attack. Although the referee stopped to give Mellin a standing eight count in round two, Mellin hung in there eventually overpowered Mellin, holding onto to his title.

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Bengals champions crowned

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