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After 41 years in solitary confinement, a North Korean citizen was granted political amnesty by South Korea.

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**SUB wins pair of national awards for programming**
By ERICA THESING

The Notre Dame Student Union Board (SUB) won two awards for its programming activities from the National Association of Collegiate Activities, which recognized the Java and Jazz series as the "Outstanding Series of 1998" and the Sophomore Literary Festival as "Outstanding Program of 1998."

These awards were two of the three given in the Illinois region, which includes all colleges and universities in Illinois and Indiana. The award for outstanding program is especially important because it falls into one of the most competitive categories, said Lizzi Brady, this year's director of programming for SUB. Brady explained that the Sophomore Literary Festival is a unique program because it runs for an entire week and includes not only professors and students, but community members as well.

"I think they saw the merits in that and all the efforts that went into it," she said.

The 32-year tradition of the Sophomore Literary Festival may have also played a role in the award, said Joseyln Szczepaniak-Gilbre, who was last year's Festival chair.

"I think a lot of it has to do with the tradition," she said. "Also, I don't really know of any other school that has a week-long literary festival. It's unique."

Szczepaniak-Gilbre also pointed out the importance of the festival as a celebration of the arts on campus.

"It makes people aware that there is an art community at Notre Dame," she said. "That's important."

The Java and Jazz series began last year and see SUB / page 4

**Repairs to Inn near completion**
By RUTH SNELL

The Inn at Saint Mary's seems to be back on track after sustaining fire damage two weeks ago. Originally 60 to 70 rooms were out of commission, but now only four rooms remain unusable. The 60 to 70 rooms that could not be used earlier could not be used because of safety reasons rather than because of damage from the fire.

"A lot of fire control systems (and) life support systems were damaged and we didn't want to compromise the health of any of our guests," said Louis Christian, general manager of The Inn at Saint Mary's.

Four reservations had to be cancelled over Notre Dame's Junior Parent's Weekend due to continued repairs on the fire-damaged rooms.

"The biggest problem was the interruption of services to our guests," said Christian, who explained that the four rooms still under repair are those in which the fire occurred. They sustained smoke, water, and heat damage.

"We hope to have them back on line within the week," Christian added.

All repairs should be finished in time for Saint Mary's Junior Moms Weekend.

The total amount of damage and the cost of repairs has not yet been calculated.

"We're not even trying to get an estimate yet," Christian said. "We're still calculating."

**Quigley: Death penalty a 'terrible system' for all**
By CHRISTINE KRALY
Assistant News Editor

The death penalty "is not 100 percent one way, and zero percent the other," said Bill Quigley yesterday in his lecture "Dead Man Walking ... and Walking ... and Walking ... and Walking."

Quigley, a law professor at Loyola University of New Orleans and director of the school's Poverty Law Center, spoke on capital punishment and his ties to Sister Helen Prejean, author of "Dead Man Walking."

Quigley highlighted the fact that the death penalty is not an easy or comfortable issue to discuss. The important thing, he noted, is to know that you don't have to be on either side of the argument.

"Don't let anyone force you into false choices," he said, stressing the fact that a false choice occurs when someone believes that he can't be unsure of his views on the argument and that he must choose sides. "Don't settle for less than what you want or believe."

Quigley said people should be comfortable saying that they are not sure.

"The fact that you don't know is better than knowing wrongly," Quigley, who described Sister Helen Prejean as the "funniest saint I know," has been Prejean's associate and legal adviser for many years. As a long-time opponent of capital punishment, he served as a member of the legal team in the case highlighted in "Dead Man Walking."

By the time they become his clients, Quigley's defendants have already been convicted and sentenced to death. He is called on to help overturn the sentence to save the criminal's life.

"[The] system that we have is a terrible system for everybody," he said. noting that prisoners wait on Death Row for many years during appeals and families must suffer while watching their loved one's assailant live. The system doesn't work, he said, when on one side is a disinterested attorney and a grieving family and on the other is a person fighting for life.

"You don't get to Death Row by accident. These people commit the most horrifying, terrible, disgusting ... crimes," he said. "The question is not whether people have earned the death penalty, it's what happens to us when we kill them."

The United States has executed 600 inmates since 1976 when the death penalty was reinstated, according to Quigley. He did note that the number could have been 21, but that Illinois has freed 11 Death Row inmates in the last 12 years.

"They are freed usually because they had another trial ... or someone else com-
Being outdated

I love my Mom. I love her so dearly. She has done so much for me now and yet expects so very little in return. I would do almost anything for my Mom. Ah, when I think of her now — I am suddenly reminded of how much of a lover I am.

Don't be wrong. I love my Mom, but I can't help to stop thinking of how she has more of a life than I do. Let me put it this way: there's really good chance that you have no life if you are getting outdated on your life.

Let me start at the beginning. Last year, my brother, sister, and I all left for college for the first time. I guess I was one of the few sort of empty-nest syndrome, but it didn’t last long. Believe me, I had built an Internet-ready computer over the summer so she could now get online. At first it was just the new toy of the home; my family was on it 24-7, but the novelty wore off after a couple weeks. This sets the stage for what would happen next.

Being all alone (and using what I taught her about computers and the Internet) Mom started to go into chat rooms more. I wonder if I'm okay with this whole thing. I'm okay with this whole thing. I'm okay with this whole thing. I'm okay with this whole thing. I'm okay with this whole thing. I'm okay with this whole thing. I'm okay with this whole thing.

She's cool and I can easily pass as though she were in her 20s. Well to make a long story short, my Mom decided to see one of her friends “in” real life. Since there were no kids on the house, she could do what ever she wanted.

What would you call a long story short, my Mom started to go out and have fun more often. I found out last week that my new friend is now my boyfriend. Now I hear that my Mom is going over almost every other night. But I can’t foresee that that’s actually gone on a date before today, technically I went on two dates, but they were with this same girl and it was a platonic thing, I now realized that my Mom’s out-dating me. that she’s cool and I can’t go into the chat rooms today. That’s the stage for what would happen next.

On the night before Christmas Eve, my Mom’s boyfriend, Dean, approached my Mother and proposed to her. My Mom accepted. Yeah, there were some heads spinning on this one. Dean's mother was out of town, so he was胫in’ out over it though he’s happy for our family.

The next morning, I was out for a smoke to clear my head about what he just heard. I myself while thinking, “How did this happen?” However, during the winter break, I always used to wait up late at night for her to come back. Now it’s the real trip about this tale.

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Updating FROM LAST WEEK’S INSIDE COLUMN: Aw, yeah! I now have a date.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Dietician explains means to health through diet

By ANGELA WOGATZKE

Cindy Tansek-Carroll, a registered dietitian from Memorial Hospital, provided information on how to eat healthily at a brown bag lunch presentation. "How Healthy are You?" Monday at Saint Mary’s as a part of National Eating Disorders Awareness Week.

"We also discussed eating disorders and challenged listeners to think about what can be done to help someone who may have an eating disorder. "You should have anywhere between 40 and 50 nutrients a day, but you should think food first, not pills or vitamins," said Tansek-Carroll.

She also addressed concerns of vegetarians about how to get enough protein in their diets.

A portion of meat is roughly the size of your hand. Although giving up meat isn’t a bad thing to do, you may want to think of the alternative sources of protein you can include in your diet," she said. "Some alternatives are eating fish once a week or eating nuts, eggs, peanut butter, yogurt and other dairy products which are rich in protein and calcium."

The audience raised questions concerning the nutritional value of food substitutes for eggs and meat, which Tansek-Carroll called "an equally healthy substitute in most cases."

Egg substitutes contain egg whites and food coloring, eliminating the part with the most calories, Tansek-Carroll said. "Substitutes such as Nutrasweet for sugar are ideal if you are diabetic."

Tansek-Carroll also addressed serving sizes and how many servings a day a person should eat, as well as habits such as how to eat and how often to do so.

"You should definitely stop when you are full. Parents should encourage their children to eat healthily, but not to restrict them," she said. "A good way to reinforce healthy eating habits is if you are eating out, would be to encourage them to eat the foods with the most nutrients first."

"Also, we shouldn’t teach them [children] that desserts are forbidden, or that certain foods are junk," she continued. "This, in turn, results in the gain of about eight pounds a year," she added.

Tansek-Carroll emphasized that attempts to deny this system often results in eating disorders.

"Fat is not a feeling. Eating disorders are the result of feeling a sense of control when they do not eat, or if they binge eat and purge," she explained.

"Many with eating disorders such as anorexia nervosa and bulimia, have been through other circumstances leading up to their disorder. Some of these qualities factors could be living in a dysfunctional family, having an obsessive-compulsive disorder, or feeling inadequate among peers," said Tansek-Carroll.

She focused on a different approach to becoming healthy.

"No one needs to ‘diet,’ but they should learn to eat right and incorporate exercise into their lives," she continued.

"Exercising regularly, not just staying active increases your metabolism. Staying active by eight hours per day is completely possible, standing at work when you might be sitting stationary for a long time, and parking further away on campus, so that you walk a little extra, are just a few ways you can get your metabolism up to speed."

Eating periodically throughout the day, either in six small meals of the recommended serving sizes and food groups, or three meals and three snacks of the same manner, is also an option a person might try, especially if she finds she is hungry several times a day, she said.

"Products containing caffeine are best limited to a couple servings per day, but the real key to desserts, carbonated drinks, and alcohol is moderation. You really are not missing anything if you are not drinking pop, at least where your health is concerned," Tansek-Carroll commented.

Identifying behaviors that you think might be indicative of an eating disorder and referring them to help, or help to them, is crucial.

"Dealing with your health realistically and maintaining goals that are healthy and attainable, should include distinguishing between what is healthy and what is detrimental, such as the behaviors that make one develop anorexia nervosa or bulimia," said Tansek-Carroll.

"Seeking a variety in your diet and exercise, being flexible in your diet, and not punishing yourself or being ashamed of yourself for eating a certain food brings you closer to feeling good about who you are. Being comfortable with yourself, regardless of what the mirror or scale says to you is what matters the most."
SMC social work program accredited by education council
By JENNY BRADBURN
News Writer

The Saint Mary’s Social Work Program has been granted initial accreditation for the baccalaureate degree in Social Work by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE), according to Frances Kominkiewicz, assistant professor of social work.

This decision is of particular importance to Saint Mary’s students studying in the social work department because it may mean the time and money they have to spend on obtaining a graduate degree.

According to Kominkiewicz, the primary benefit of this accreditation is that they are now eligible for advanced standing placement when pursuing a masters degree in social work (MSW).

“The MSW is a 60-credit program and getting a bachelor’s from an accredited institution can definitely shorten that process, sometimes by as much as one year,” she said. Social work students are typically advised to consider advanced graduate work in the field to better their career options.

Junior Maureen Donovan said she was “ecstatic” when she learned of the decision.

“It really opened doors for my future because if not for the accreditation, I probably would have to postpone plans to attend graduate school for a few years,” she said.

Accreditation also means that graduates of the program will obtain bachelors degree in social work rather than the traditional bachelor of arts degree. This professional degree will increase the number of career opportunities available to social work majors when planning their futures.

Kominkiewicz admits to spending most of Friday e-mailing past alumnae to update them on the progress of the accreditation.

“We are trying to do now is see how retroactive this can be. Because we were in candidacy for many years, we are going to try to see that recent alumnae [have] an equal chance to benefits from this decision,” she said.

Many years of work went into completing candidacy for accreditation, and the accreditation board reviewed volumes of course appendices and syllabi. Kominkiewicz said the CSWE was most persuaded to accredit the program by having a chance to meet with students during their site visit last November.

“They were just amazed with the quality of students we have here,” she said. “They said we had the most empowered, intelligent women they had ever encountered.”

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showcases campus jazz quartets or ensembles on selected Sundays. The bands perform in the Lafourche Ballroom from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and SUB provides free donuts, coffee and other breakfast foods for anyone who stops by.

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finess,” he said. Quigley stressed the need to re-examine the law and the death penalty system.

“The law is one thing and justice is another thing ... it is our society’s job to bridge the gap,” he said.

He also focused on the down-spiraling prison situation in the U.S.

“Prisons are [the] toilets of our society where we put things we don’t (ever) want to see again,” he said.

Leaders like Prejean make a huge difference, but unfortunately, “there are a lot more of us with needs than people to help,” Quigley said.

“The prophets in our time are controversial because they don’t shut up,” he added, emphasizing the popularity of prophets like Prejean. “If you’re going to work with social injustices, you’re not going to be universally loved ... you can imagine the kind of things people write to her ... .” (Prejean) is the most visible person in the world [concerning the death penalty].

Quigley said that when he was 20, instead of looking towards graduate school or making money, he wanted to be a priest. After graduat­ ing from Purdue University he became a lawyer when he decided that what he really wanted to do was “theology and human rights.”

“You can have a family, have a car, raise children, and at the same time help other people,” he said, noting that most people do not realize that “there is no profession where you can’t help other people.” You can make money and be good at your profession and still help people.

Quigley last saw Prejean in January when Doby Collins Williams was executed in Louisiana. Part of Prejean’s beauty, he said, is her ability to know “that you can have one hand in the hand of the victim, and a hand in the hand of the [crimi­ nal].”

“Quigley, who was a finalist last year for the Nobel Peace Prize, is a ‘wonderful, friendly, funny person’ with an aura of ‘love and care’ around her.” She also knows that she cannot make a difference by herself.

“You cannot swim against the stream alone ... you have to do it with others,” he explained.

“Her spontaneity is her genius, but her flipside is that she’s very disorganized,” he said, stressing that if society realizes that she is “incredibly good, [but] not perfect,” people will be more con­ cerned to help her.

Quigley’s lecture is part of the course, “American Catholic Prophets” taught by Paul Wilkes, visiting W. Harold and Martha Welsh Professor of American Studies.

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BILLY QUIGLEY
LOYOLA UNIVERSITY OF NEW ORLEANS LAW PROFESSOR
Video games, Berlin Wall lead stamp poll

WASHINGTON

With a week of voting left, video games and the fall of the Berlin Wall are the leading candidates for postage stamps commemorating the 1980s. Votes cast through Feb. 17 put video games in first place with 133,942 ballots, followed by the Berlin Wall at 132,190. The Postal Service said Monday the public is being asked to select 15 stamps to commemorate the decade of the 1980s. Voting continues through the end of the month. Ballots are available at post offices or on the Internet. The 1980s stamps, to be released next year, are part of the post office's 200th anniversary celebration.

Woman dies from supergerm

HONG KONG

A supergerm that has proven resistant to one of the most potent antibiotics available has killed a Hong Kong woman, officials said today, raising fears that such strains could develop as doctors continue to misuse or overuse antibiotics. The middle-aged woman died last year at Queen Mary Hospital after becoming infected with a strain of staphylococcal bacteria, or staph, despite two weeks of intensive antibiotics treatment, a spokesman from the hospital said. Speaking on condition of anonymity, the spokesman confirmed a report published today in the South China Morning Post. The hospital declined to reveal the patient's identity. The woman, who also suffered from cancer, is the first known case in the world in which staph proved resistant to vancomycin.

Transplant patient nowhere to be found

PARIS

To the dismay of his doctors, a man who last year underwent a rare hand transplant has dropped out of sight and risks losing his new limb unless he seeks urgent medical attention. "I really didn't expect something like this to happen," said Jean-Michel Dubernard of the transplant team said in a telephone interview Monday. Dubernard told The Associated Press that patient, Clint Hallam, "is a difficult man, but he's a big boy now and it's up to him to follow physiotherap[y]." Hallam, 49, from New Zealand, received a new forearm and hand in September after 13 hours of surgery at the Edouard Herriot Hospital in Lyon, southeastern France. He left France in January. "He said 30 days ago that his skin has turned red in parts — and that could be a sign of rejection," said Dubernard.

Amnesty for South Korea's political prisoners

SEOUL

A North Korean believed to be the world's longest-serving political prisoner was one of 1,308 people granted amnesty Monday by South Korea's president. Woo Yong-gak, imprisoned for 41 years, was one of 17 men convicted of spying for North Korea to be freed under a sweeping amnesty that will take effect Thursday, the first anniversary of President Kim Dae-jung's inauguration.

The amnesty will also affect 7,304 other people convicted of various crimes who have been out of prison on parole. They will have their civil rights restored or their criminal records erased. "The amnesty is aimed at achieving a grand national conciliation and giving one-time offenders an opportunity to take part in national efforts to revitalize the economy," Justice Minister Park Sung-cheon said.

The pardoned include 2,700 people convicted of pillow and other "minor economic crimes" and fixed up to $4,100.

South Korea's battered economy was bailed out by the International Monetary Fund in late 1997. Petty crimes have since increased sharply as unemployment soared to a record 7.9 percent.

Among those pardoned were several prominent dissidents convicted of making illegal visits to North Korea, including Kim Su-yong, a former college student. Her 1989 visit to North Korea significantly heightened tension between the two Koreas.

Excluded from the amnesty was Kim Hyun-chol, a son of former President Kim Young-sam, because his appeal of a three-year sentence for bribery and tax evasion is pending. Since taking office nearly a year ago, Kim has released 180 political prisoners who signed an oath to obey South Korea's laws, including one making a federal crime to espouse communism.

But the 17 convicted spies, held for between 29 to 41 years, have refused to sign the oath, saying that would violate their freedom of conscience and endanger their families in the communist North.

This time, the government decided not to demand an oath.

The minister indicated the government may allow the 17 men to return to their families in a deal with North Korea. "Extraordinary measures are under study," Park said.

North Korea is demanding the return of three convicted spies who had been previously released from prison under amnesty.

South Korean officials have floated the idea of a possible swap of all 20 for about 300 surviving South Korean war prisoners believed still held in North Korea since the 1950-53 Korean War.
WASHINGTON

Senate debates pay increase for military

The Senate passed the "long overdue" pay raise within a few weeks. Its spokesman, John Cwosztal, said the possibility that U.S. troops would soon be on their way to Kosovo provided even more impetus for fast passage of the bill.

The measure was deliberately made first on the Senate calendar for the impact of Clinton, Cwosztal said, "We're trying to get the more serious senators can be senators,"

The administration's plan calls for a 4.4 percent across-the-board military pay raise in 2000 and annual raises of 3.9 percent over the following five years. The Senate bill gives a 4.8 percent increase starting Jan. 1, then would give the military an additional raise in each succeeding year of 0.5 percentage points above the rate of inflation.

The bill would also allow military personnel to retire at 50 percent pay after 20 years service - a plan that was in effect prior to 1986. Or, they could accept a $30,000 cash bonus and remain in the current retirement system.

The legislation would also give service members the option of contributing up to 5 percent of their basic pay to a matching contributions. The Pentagon contends that military personnel are paid as much as 13.5 percent less than civilian personnel with comparable jobs in the private sector.

However, the independent Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, in a report on the measure, suggested this claim was misleading. "One problem is the overall private-sector workforce differs greatly from the military's workforce in terms of education, age, sex and other factors."

It cited a 1994 RAND study based on the 1992 workforce that "found that, compared to changes in pay for a subset of the civilian workforce that closely resembles the military...there essentially no pay gap, at least in 1992."

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Parents sue, call tests biased

WASHINGTON

A group of parents sued Oregon's Board of Education on Monday, claiming the new statewide test to assess high school students discriminate against those with dyslexia and other learning disabilities.

The federal lawsuit claims Oregon's new standardized test, which does not allow test-taking exceptions to the students violates the Americans with Disabilities Act, the federal law that bans discrimination against people with mental and physical disabilities.

On Monday, the plaintiffs and their children came out to announce the tests, which high school sophomores must pass to enroll in advance classes, go on to the next grade or attend some universities.

"Students with learning disabilities have been ambushed by the Oregon Board of Education," said attorney Sid Wolinsky, of the California Disability Rights Advocates.

"What bureaucrats have done is noticed their disabilities, not their ability,"

Advocates estimate that near­ly 10,000 Oregon children have learning disabilities like attention deficit disorder, which impedes a child's ability to focus, and dyslexia, a neurological disorder that impairs the ability to read and write.

The disabilities make it hard for an affected student to pass the state's Certificate of Initial Mastery tests, which cover a wide range of topics including math and writing. Wolinsky said learning disabled students are at a disadvantage because the tests are heavily weighted toward spelling and punctuation, a weak point for the dyslexic.

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Registration Deadline February 24
Retreat for Ministers at the Basilica
Topic: "Ministry in the Church"
Registration in the Basilica Office, Earth Science Building
Attention lectors, ushers, coordinators, eucharistic ministers, servers and choir members: You are all invited to participate in this mini-retreat. Our principal speaker will be Beverly Rieger, Director of Liturgy, Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese. An optional tour of the Basilica will be led by Father Rocca following the retreat. If you plan on attending, please contact Steve Camilleri at 287-5259 or Camilleri.4@nd.edu.

Sunday, February 28, 2:00-6:00 pm, Center for Continuing Education
Confirmation Program - A Day of Recollection

Beginning Monday, March 1
103 Hesburgh Library, 112 Badin Hall, or see your rector
Freshman Retreat #22 (March 26-27) Sign-Up
Targeted Dorms: Farley, Fisher, Howard, Keenan, Morrissey, O'Neill, Pasquerilla West, St. Edward's, and Walsh

University Village Volunteers
Campus Ministry is looking for two students who are interested in doing some volunteer work at University Village, the Married Student Housing Complex on campus. Students are needed to volunteer in a "Parents' Time-Out" program that meets in the community center on Mondays from 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. when the University is in session. This ministry would entail working with two mother's to plan activities for children ages 1-4 and to assist in general child supervision. Please call John or Sylvia Dillon at 631-5242 if interested.
Cabinet secretaries in contempt

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Saying he was fed up with lies and delays, a federal judge held two Clinton Cabinet secretaries in contempt of court Monday in a dispute over $220 million in Indian trust funds. The judge said he "never saw more egregious misconduct" by the government.

Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt and Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin must accept blame for years of bureaucratic foot dragging and "outrageous failures," concerning access to documents in a lawsuit on the trust funds. U.S. district judge Ryan Lamberth wrote.

"The majority of them very poor Indians," Babbitt wrote. "The government's inability to others and they have misused failed to comply with the court's orders."

Babbitt and Rubin were U.S. district judges.

"WHAT IS CLEAR IS THAT HE HAS TOTALY DELEGATED HIS RESPONSIBILITY TO OTHERS AND THEY HAVE MISERABLY FAILED TO COMPLY WITH THIS COURT'S ORDERS."

Representative Kevin Gove, a member of the House of Representatives, in contempt in a dispute over emission standards for nuclear facilities. The EPA was not a Cabinet-level agency.

The judge's harshly worded ruling took special aim at Babbitt and at Justice Department lawyers in the fight over access to documents.

"The federal government here did not just stub its toe," Lamberth wrote. "It abused the rights of the plaintiffs to obtain these trust documents, and it engaged in a shocking pattern of deception of the court."

"It's the beginning of justice for victims who have been for years abuses," said Eleanor Coyle, a member of the Blackfeet tribe in Montana and one of the accusers. "This is money that belongs to people, the majority of them very poor people."

"We deeply regret the mistakes we made in this case," said a joint statement from the Interior, Treasury and Justice departments. The departments have apologized to Lamberth and "are committed to meeting the judge's concerns," the statement said.

The three departments also pledged to address the needs of the case. The statement said Babbitt was determined to fix the individual Indian Money Trust accounts system and the Clinton administration had obtained tens of millions of dollars and requested more than $100 million more during fiscal 2000 to do so.

"Only a few documents have appeared despite repeated meetings between lawyers and the judge."

On Monday, Lamberth said a new, court-appointed administrator will ensure the government complies from now on. The judge also warned he may impose fines or other punitive damages, if matters don't improve.

"The court is deeply disappointed that any litigant would fail to obey orders for production of documents, and then conceal and cover up that disobedience with outright false statements that the court then relied upon," the judge wrote. "But what when that litigant is the federal government, the misuse is even more troubling."

Lamberth noted Babbitt's recent decision to remove a key official for handling outstanding issues in the case. The secretary did not go nearly far enough, Babbitt's "his regret at detail and wholesale delegation of authority to individuals who have not served his program."

"The court's harshly worded ruling took special aim at Babbitt and at Justice Department lawyers in the fight over access to documents."

Lamberth said he regretted that Babbitt became embroiled in the "fiasco" and suffered the tarnish of a civil contempt citation as a result.

"What is clear is that he has totally delegated his responsibility to others and they have misused failed to comply with this court's orders," Lamberth wrote.

In Germany, one man fell out of a rubber dinghy Sunday night on the swollen Jagst River in Crailsheim, east of Stuttgart and a swept away. Another person whose car was swept into the same river Sunday morning near Heilbronn remained missing and was presumed drowned.

Experts flooded two points in southwestern Germany in the hopes of keeping the swollen Rhine River from rising, but melting snow and rain was expected to push it to record levels Tuesday.

French mountain police, aided by helicopters and trained dogs, rescued four hikers Monday, but were searching for two more missing in a snowstorm in the Pyrenees Mountains.

To the east, police temporarily abandoned a quest to reach three other hikers trapped for seven days at 9,000 feet in the northern French Alps.

The three hikers, all experienced mountaineers, told rescuers of their position Sunday evening using a cellular phone. They depended on snow caves to protect themselves, but were being found alive were slim. The rescue operation was called off early Monday due to a risk of further avalanches in the area, 110 miles from Geneva.

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Avalanches kill five

Associated Press

FLORENE

Five people died in weather-related accidents in western Europe over the weekend, with snowstorms and harsh rain causing avalanches and flooding in Switzerland, France, Germany and Austria. Ten others were missing.

Avalanches hit Sunday evening between the Swiss villages of Evolene and Les Hauderes, sweeping away several chalets, Swiss police said. A 23-year-old town worker and his 22-year-old girlfriend were found dead, buried in their snowdenow.

"The avalanche rolled into the valley like a bulldozer and crushed everything," Valais state emergency official Charly Vuilloud told reporters.

Eight people, two of them children, were missing. Vuilloud said the chances of them being found alive were slim. The rescue operation was called off early Monday due to a high risk of further avalanches in the area, 110 miles from Geneva.

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ITALY

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Report: Iraqi missiles caused civilian damage

Associated Press

U.S. and British planes flying over the northern no-fly zone have caused some civilian damage and hampered U.N. operations, according to a U.N. report obtained Monday.

The United Nations is concerned that continued aerial confrontations could affect food deliveries in northern areas and has restricted staff movements between, 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. local time - the time when incidents take place, it said.

The report by Hans van Sponeck, the U.N. humanitarian coordinator in Baghdad, provided a rare insight into the effects of the airmen confrontations in Iraq's northern and southern no-fly zones over the past two months.

Allied warplanes barred Iraqi military flights over some parts of the country's oil-rich north after the 1991 Gulf War to protect Kurdish rebels and Shi'ite Muslim groups.

Iraq has challenged allied forces in the "no-fly" zones almost daily since the United States launched air strikes in mid-December, following a U.N. report that Baghdad had not fully complied with U.N. weapons inspections.

Iraq has threatened to respond to any threats to its neutrality and has repeatedly warned Greece on Monday that it would take military action if its neighbor did not withdraw a veiled threat of military force against its neighbor and rival.

Greece provides support to Turkey and has repeatedly threatened to use its military if its neighbor and rival, Turkey, uses military force against the Kurds.

Greece has also obtained the statements, and the account could not be independently verified.

On Monday, the European Union urged Turkey to strictly safeguard Ocalan's rights.

Ocalan complained of heart troubles when he was last seen seeking asylum, but doctors found nothing. Turkey's prime minister told reporters Monday there was a three-member team of doctors, led by a cardiologist, on the prison island.

Turkey warns Greece about Kurds

Ankara

Turkey has warned Greece about Kurds in the north of Turkey that its troops are expected to operate in a Kurdish border region.

The warning came as a near-war over Kurdish groups in Turkey has been the latest tension in Greece and Turkey, both members of NATO but also occasional neighbors that have nearly gone to war several times over territorial disputes.

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Annan pressing U.S. to pay dues

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS

With low expectations, secretary-general Koofi Annan heads to Washington on Tuesday to press the United States to pay its more than $1 billion in arrears to the United Nations.

U.N. officials said Monday that Annan's trip is mostly to get to know the new congressional leadership responsible for payment — and there is little hope that Washington will make any overtures to tackle the U.N. debt this week.

If the United States doesn't pay about $340 million by the end of 1999, it could lose its vote in the General Assembly next year — an embarrassment Washington narrowly avoided this year, diplomats said.

Annan is scheduled to meet Tuesday with Senate majority leader Trent Lott as well as other leaders.

On Wednesday, Annan has a private lunch scheduled with secretary of state Madeleine Albright in talks likely to be dominated by Iraq, Kosovo and Libya.

Congress has held up payments of U.N. debts for years to demand a reduction in the U.N. assessment and streamlining of the world organization. Annan claims he has largely come through with the demanded reforms.

Congress passed legislation last year that would have paid off much of the debt, but President Bill Clinton vetoed it because it contained what he said were unrelated anti-abortion restrictions.

Congress finally approved about $240 million in 1998, enough to keep the United States' General Assembly vote. But this year, the minimum United States must pay to keep its vote in an estimated $340 million which will be even tougher to come up with, diplomats said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

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The Catholic Restoration of Notre Dame

While reading the latest flab to emanate from the leftover direction of campus last week, I began to daydream. It was a bright day, and the campus loaded with activity. It had been a busy few days. The University of Notre Dame had experienced drastic change. It had started late one night when a new regime suddenly took hold of power in Hayes-Healy. With their mission to affect what they called the "Catholic Restoration of Notre Dame," these new administrations set to work immediately.

The next morning, the conversation was abuzz with chatter about the new campus hierarchy, the conversations fed by a steady stream of rumors from offices and dorm rooms all over campus. By 11 a.m., a new edition of The Observer hit the stands, but it looked very strange. Instead of the usual headlines, there appeared a decree from the new administration, in bold, deliberate Times New Roman font on the Front Page.

The decree mandated that henceforth, every student, faculty member or employee convicted by a standard of reasonable evidence to be guilty of any deed, word or thought contrary to the sacred mission of the Roman Catholic Church would be immediately expelled or terminated. This impressive document said also that new University President-for-life Bishop Fabian Bruskewitz would have final authority on any matters concerning the Catholicity of the Institution.

Reaction was decidedly mixed. On the one hand, the Right Reason crowd was deeply enthused over the new policy. Indeed, they were spotted standing outside of the recently anathematized and shut-down Women's Resource Center, a haven for abortivist propaganda, shouting with glee. "Our God reigns! Our God reigns!" The Catholic counter was, though, the Outback ND crowd and their missions were predictably inured. They gathered at a similar meeting in O'Shaughnessy Hall to plot strategy to deal with the new administration. They immediately dubbed "right wing bigots."

The meeting was raucous indeed. All of the left wingers, left-wingers were represented: the feminists, the peaceacists, the gay studies contingent, the "Progressive Student Alliance," and of course, a large portion of the theology department. These professors in the theology department had much to fear. The new President, University President-for-life Bishop Bruskewitz, was the consummate defender of the faith. They knew he would not tolerate any deviation from orthodoxy. The professors intuitively perceived that their jobs were in great danger. That perception was correct.

Even though the professed adherents of the new regime were treading with the muted emotions of anger, fear, and confusion, it was the homosexual organization that was most visibly shaken. Since the new administration had come to power, homosexuality had been criminalized within the confines of the municipality of Notre Dame; this objective disorder was recognized as such by the University, and any form of association with the "gay" movement was prohibited. This new regulation was so strict that Bishop Bruskewitz and the recently deployed Indiana National Guard, who had been called out by Governor O'Bannon to assist in the Catholic Restoration. However, the new policy on sexual morality struck even further than that! Not only had homosexuality been utterly prohibited, but fornication and all forms of sexual licentiousness had been banned with equal determination and severity.

As the O'Shaughnessy meeting was brought to some order, a diminutive woman seated to the front of the room to make an impassioned speech. Her eyes wet with tears of anger and hate, she shrieked, "we can't let these fascists take away our FREEDOMS!" Her voice echoed in a high pitched crescendo that was greeted with thunderous applause by the leftist malcontents littering that room in O'Shaughnessy. But just as the disgruntled young woman had finished her pout, and began to return to her seat in the back of the room, the National Guardmen, accompanied by a large contingent of Priests dressed in severe black cassocks bustled through the door. The leftist contingent was ordered to cease and desist by the express orders of the University President, acting at the behest of God and his church. Predictably, the leftistotypers erupted in howls of indignation. There were nose-ringed women shrieking with sheer rage. Almost every member of the Gender Studies contingent had a purple face! Some of the hearty members of the "Progressive Student Alliance" (about six) chained themselves to the desks, in a deliberate act of defiance.

The protestations of the left-wingers presented little challenge to the guardsmen. The left-wingers were informed that if they failed to disperse in an orderly and peaceful fashion within five minutes, that they would be permanently expelled from the University, whether they were student, faculty or staff.

Not being the most courageous souls in the world, they subsequently complied and left in what might be described as an orderly, but disheveled fashion.

Things quieted down after a while. 

Contrasting the Bruskewitz administration with the Malloy regime, though, was a study of direct opposites. In three months since the beginning of the restoration, 1/3 of the faculty had either resigned or been expelled. A good 10 percent of the student body had been forced to leave due to the stringent new alcohol and drug policy dubbed "draconians" by Ellis University President from Harvard and Dartmouth. Sexuality, in the post-modern sense of the term, had been firmly suppressed. Many books in the library had been removed for their lascivious content. Mass attendance was compulsory. The chapel's and church's doors were overflowing, and the confessional lines grew ever longer. When asked whether he felt he was limiting student's personal "freedom, liberation and expression" by his criminalization of immorality, President Bruskewitz simply laughed.

Unfortunately, it was at that happy juncture that I awoke from my fantasize.

The preceding was simply a musings. It is a picture of what leftists would have us believe happened at Notre Dame were they to implement Ex Corde Ecclesiae. Just as my little dream is in many ways ludicrous in its sheer conception, so is the picture of doom that leftists paint when discussing Ex Corde, an impressive and necessary plan for the future of Catholic Universities.

Sean Vinck is a sophomore PLS major. In deference to Cardinal Evans, he wishes you to know that the preceding was purely satirical, that he expects none of these things to happen and that he is a perfectly rational, sane and sentient person. His column appears every other Tuesday.

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

A short time ago the Church began the season of Lent. Most of us Catholics celebrated the first day with the exterior agape of ashes, calling to mind our baptismal vows and the dust that is our sinfulness.

Nathaniel Hannan

We have several Lenten practices, but in this article I discuss the one that allows us to do something unique and the Christian tradition of fasting. Giving something up for Lent is one of the most misunderstood practices of the Church. We hear quotes like, “I gave up Coke, I gave up fat, I gave up TV and numerous other pleasures. Why do we do this to ourselves?” Why do we bother with this antiquated custom which seems to have no life much longer without it? The other practice, fasting on Fridays, seems to be a more popular practice, yet many feel that what they are doing is acceptable. It doesn’t involve social change, aid in studying, sleeping, learning or anything else.

That seems beneficial. Both of these practices seem geared to draw us down and just decrease the enjoyment that we find in life. Without a knowledge and awareness of what they represent and why we do them, people will not truly benefit from them. People will not truly benefit from them if they do — drag us down and prevent our feeling good. Both of these practices have, however, a higher purpose than just drawing us down and jerking us around. Sometimes we need to be jerked around. Our stumbles grow! Their purpose lies in a simple but very tough statement, one which is very often neglected — an awareness of God. The point of our suffering is to lead us to a way of living that is different from our own. We must not be in the same way that we are from a different way of looking at things will make us different. Either we are improved by what we have suffered or you have gained nothing. If we are not changed by things up we are in a mean way to be a body of people being around one’s finger.

Whenever we bank for what we have given up or for that honeyed word, we are to take that moment to raise our awareness to thoughts of God, and so help to accomplish the purpose of Lent by thinking of Him in a particular way.

I often associate heavily with themes of sin and repentance. By being attentive to God, we are more inclined to remember these Lenten themes and also to remember what God has done for us, the act which we will celebrate at the end of the 40 days — the resurrection and our resurrection. In our attentiveness we become more grateful for Christ’s sacrifice and so participate more fully, more meaningfully in the Easter mystery. That mystery is precisely related to sin and repentance because it corrects the former and makes possible the latter.

Attention to God is something that we often miss in our busy college schedule. This season invites us particularly to enter into that which we so often disregard and will be fulfilling of our bap
tism and the promise of ages. This is what fasting is for — not to bolster a political agenda, not to make others feel bad, but as a reminder to give to God what He is due: our thoughts and indeed our very selves.

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The Lenten Sacrifice

Special Considerations For Non-Catholics?

I am not Catholic. I chose to come to this great university to receive a good educational and liturgical experience. I believe that it has been very good for me and I have respect for everything that Notre Dame stands for, including the teachings of the Catholic Church. I respect the rights and practices of all Catholics and as a Christian, I agree with many of them. I feel that I have a unique perspective, as I am among the 12 percent minority on campus that does not practice Catholicism nor observe the practice of Lent. I was very disappointed to see that the dining halls on campus did not provide meat for Ash Wednesday nor on Friday and I wonder if the administration thought of the minority on campus and their rights.

The practice of Lent is very fascinating to me and I often ask my Catholic friends what it stands for and the significance of it. To my surprise, I rarely receive the same answer from any two people. Some say it is a personal sacrifice, others say it is giving something for Christ and for ourselves, still others are confused why they are being asked to do this. Similarily, yet they practice it anyway. It is as if all the Catholics on this campus are all reading from the same book, but everyone is on a different page.

The mission statement of this University says that there will not discriminate based upon “race, gender, or religion.” I feel that not providing meat in the dining hall on Fridays is a direct violation of this mission statement. People will argue by saying, “You chose to go to this school, and it is a private, Catholic university,” but I didn’t read anywhere in the brochure that meat would be provided and I would be ultimately forced to assimilate to the Catholic practice of Lent. Particles were in the brochure and complaints and marches against that rule have been rightly struck down. I do not agree with that rule either but at least it was spelled out for me before I applied.

From a perspective, the administration is showing the Catholic student body that they play by their own rules. By not providing any meat in the dining halls, the entire process of free will and decision-making is taken out of the equation. The administration gives you no opportunity to test your faith; they are treating students like children. But I do not observe most or us views this way. Most of us appreciate that abstaining from meat on Fridays would increase the enjoyment of our food and also allow us to do something for the Church. We love the crucifixion and I think most of us are grateful for the sonse of repentance because it allows us to see the things that we need to change. I find in this practice of Lent to be a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bodily version of a bod
By LOUBEL CRUZ
Assistant Scene Editor

When asked about the dating scene on the Notre Dame campus, students often reply — "What dating scene?" Many students believe finding a date for a Saturday night at Notre Dame is harder than most organic chemistry exams, and finding love is even more impossible. Meeting Mr. or Ms. Right is considered extremely difficult in a college environment with academic pressures and no co-ed residence halls.

Well, student government is trying to help the student body find that perfect somebody by sponsoring the Irish Love Connection. Beginning Thursday, students can fill out questionnaires to find their best matches on campus.

"We wanted to provide something fun and different for students," said Alicia Coronas, executive coordinator of Student Life. "We had originally hoped to have this done for Valentine's Day, but we thought it would still be worth doing in March."

"We would never suggest that ND needed help in the social scene, but we just thought the Irish Love Connection could be just the thing to rekindle the love that seems to be frozen from the harsh winter," said Brooke Glessing, member of the Notre Dame Campus Unity Committee.

The Irish Love Connection is the name for a computer data match survey. Each student fills out a survey, which will be available in both dining halls and LaFortune Student Center. The survey asks questions ranging from opinions about sports to kissing habits. By filling out the survey, the sponsoring company will put the answers through a "compatibility test" and send the results back.

Students can return the survey with no commitment to buy the results and can receive results sometime after spring break. For one dollar, a student can receive the list that includes the best matches from within their class, and for an additional dollar, they can buy the list of best matches from the remaining student body.

Student Government stresses the importance of the student's role in the success of this event.

"This will only work if there is a lot of student participation," said Coronas. "There is no obligation to buy the results when taking the survey. The hope is to receive as much participation as possible to have the best results possible."

"We encourage everyone to fill out a survey so that you can be paired up with the right people," said Glessing. "All of the personal answers filled in the questionnaire remain confidential and will not be released to any other students."

"All of the students' responses will be kept confidential, as a computer service does all of the matching," said Coronas. "Students should not believe they are guaranteed to find their right mate by participating in the Love Connection. The goal purpose of the event is give some fun and excitement on campus."

"All in all, this is purely for fun," said Glessing. "But who knows? Maybe your love is right around the corner and the connection will just bring you together."

Surveys will be available beginning this Thursday, from 9 p.m. to midnight, and Friday and Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. at LaFortune. They will also be available Friday during lunch hours and next Monday and Tuesday during lunch and dinner hours at both dining halls.

"Here at ND, love is always in the air, we thought that this would be a fun way to give you that extra boost in finding your match," said Glessing. "Don't be shy, there is no risk involved. We hope that by participating in the Irish Love Connection, you will have fun and perhaps meet your soul mate."

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THE QUESTIONNAIRE

HERE ARE SOME SAMPLE QUESTIONS FROM THE LOVE CONNECTION SURVEY.

1. For the most part, do you consider yourself: (a) quiet, sensitive and mysterious (b) calm, cool, collected, usually in control (c) a live wire, full of fun and high spirits (d) sometimes very quiet and sometimes full of fun

2. You most like a date who? (a) laughs a lot and enjoys life (b) is quiet, sensitive and understanding (c) is intelligent and perceptive

3. Which do you believe? (a) you believe in love at first sight (b) the idea of love at first sight is silly (c) love takes time

4. Who do you feel are the happiest people? (a) those with a great deal of money (b) those who give much to others (c) those who have had many successes in their life (d) those who are very good looking

5. The best part of ND football games is: (a) watching the game (b) throwing marshmallows (c) tailgating (d) checking out the opposite sex (e) do not attend football games

6. How spicy do you like your food? (a) spicy (b) hot (c) "wow" (d) mild

7. In a group, you are: (a) often the center of attention (b) sometimes the center of attention (c) usually a spectator
Important Questions Answered

Q. My roommate thinks I drink too much. I think she's wrong, but how would I know if I did have a drinking problem?

A. Here are some signs of problem drinking. If you can truthfully answer 'yes' to any of these, you may want to discuss your drinking with a professional:

1. Do you ever drive after drinking?
2. Has a medical professional suggested you may have a problem, or have you had concerns about alcohol influencing your health— including physical symptoms like increased heart rate or shakiness? Is your memory effected?
3. Do you drink to relax, escape problems, or feellonely?
4. Have you made up rules to control your drinking (for example, "I won't drink until the band starts playing," or "I'll drink only on Saturday nights")?
5. Do you deny the amount of alcohol you drink— either to yourself or others (or have you ever hidden your alcohol bottles from roommates, friends, or family?)?
6. Are you drinking after your sleeping or eating patterns? Do you have more beer in your refrigerator than food? Do you miss Sunday morning church or bagels and coffee with a friend because of your drinking?
7. Have you lost interest in activities or relationships that you used to enjoy?
8. Have you been embarrassed because of your drinking at social events?
9. Do you like to drink in your rooms alone more than parties?
10. After a tough time in your life, have you begun drinking more? Do you drink more during exams, midterms or other stressful times?
11. Do you like to have a drink most nights before bed?
12. Has your drinking increased since you've been in college?

What's your score? Remember, any 'yes' answers mean that you're at risk for being a problem drinker.

Q. I caught my girlfriend lying about how many beers she had the other night. I saw her drink five, but she says it was only two.

A. Hold on! Don't jump to any conclusions. The truth may be

Q. Is alcoholism really a medical problem?

A. Absolutely. Alcohol is as biologically-based as cancer, AIDS or depression. I wish that we could remove the stigma associated with alcoholism. Alcoholism is a disease, a real medical affliction. The American Medical Association declared alcohol and other drug dependencies a disease in 1956, yet we still fight the models of earlier times that considered alcoholism simply a poor moral choice.

Although people suffer to different degrees from alcoholism, there are common characteristics associated with its progression. These are denial, loss of control, compulsions, and continued use of alcohol in the face of adverse consequences. Alcoholics Anonymous defines alcoholism as a disease not just of the body, but also of the mind and spirit, and the definition has a lot of merit.

Alcoholism has a biochemical root, based on a genetic predisposition. Studies have been done that indicate that at least some types of alcoholism are inherited and are only secondarily influenced by other psychiatric and personality disorders that may contribute to, but do not cause, alcoholism.

It may make alcoholism seem more scary to think of it as a disease, but in reality you should think of it as more manageable because it is a disease. Instead of having to deal with an alcohol problem as a situation of "mind over matter," a drinker should seek medical intervention. Just as in the management of other diseases, alcohol can be addressed and treated both physically and emotionally.

Problem drinkers can find solutions and feel better.
Men finish dual-meet season 12-0, women 11-2

By MIKE CONOLLY
Sports Writer

In its final tune-up before the Midwest Championships, the Fighting Irish lost 11-2 to Lawrence University in one of the most dominant weekend losses of the season. The men finished the dual-meet season 12-0 against the Midwest and 22-1 overall. The only loss on the season came in a hard-fought match with defending national champion Penn State in the first weekend of competition, 14-13.

The women’s team traveled to Lawrence University missing three mid-season departures, Kaileigh and Magda Krol remained behind for IVP, while senior all-American Sara Walsh was out due to illness. Despite the difficult odds, the women’s team still managed to win five of their six matches. The lone loss came against Northwestern, which defeated the women 17-15.

The women completed the Midwest dual-meet season with an 11-2 record and 19-4 overall. The other Midwest loss came against Penn State and Columbia-Barnard on the first weekend of competition. This weekend’s matches were part of a Campbell Trophy for freshman foilist Steve Mautone, who already had established himself as a key member of the Irish as he posted a 29-15 mark coming into the weekend. With the absence of Hayes, however, he would be called upon to fence even stronger.

“We have a very deep team,” Mautone said. “I’ve never felt too much extra pressure. But I still want to do better.”

Mautone, a freshman, battled the challenge and responded with a foil team that finished dual-meet season with only two defeats. He has the most victories on the foil team with 45.

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Captain Luke LaValle and Gabriel Stetle posted 16-1 marks. Sale’s 56 wins on the year are tops among Irish men and his 965 winning percentage is the highest single-season winning percentage in Irish saber history.

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Rodman closing in on deal with Los Angeles

Associated Press

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif.

There were tears. There was talk of sex. There were discordancies. There was flamboyant fashion.

All the commotion came as Dennis Rodman held a news conference Monday and said he was moving closer to playing for the Los Angeles Lakers.

Rodman, the seven-time defending rebounding champion, said he expects to be in uniform Thursday or Friday. ESPN said he would practice Wednesday — even though the team will be coming off three road games in three nights — and make his debut Friday against the Los Angeles Clippers.

The latest chapter of "As The Worm Turns," along with the Lakers' subsequent 117-113 loss at Denver, made for another turbulent day. But that's nothing new to the Lakers, who three weeks ago made it clear they wanted to sign the 37-year-old tattooed forward, a member of five championship teams, including the last three with the Chicago Bulls.

Dressed conservatively — for him — except for a wide, multicolored hat and dark glasses, Rodman arrived 30 minutes late for his news conference. He was accompanied by his wife, actress Carmen Electra, agent Steve Chasman and sister Debra. But nobody was there from the Lakers.

Then came a series of bizarre and conflicting statements. And the news conference ended abruptly after some 20 minutes with a tearful Rodman being asked if he had been selfish by not announcing a decision earlier.

Rodman began by saying he wanted to sign with the Lakers, but matters were incomplete. When angrily questioned why he called the news conference if he had no announcement to make, Rodman snapped: "You don't have to be here." Shortly thereafter he said he hoped to sign Monday night.

"Hopefully, I'll be playing this week and, hopefully, the Lakers and the people of California will accept me for who I am and what I do," he said. "If not, I'll move on."

Rodman said he had spoken with Lakers owner Jerry Buss several times and hoped to sign a two- or three-year deal with the team. He insists he is in shape and could immediately play 30 to 35 minutes a game.

He also said he would be reliable, pointing out he played 80 of a possible 82 regular-season games for the Bulls last season.

"You can count on me, you can count on me going to prac-
tice," he said.

Rodman said the Lakers weren't a championship team now and must change their approach.

"All the guys want to be superstars," he said. "Everybody has to play a role. This team doesn't understand that right now."

The Lakers (6-5) didn't look like a championship team in their loss at Denver, which had already won just once in nine previous games.

"I'm hoping that this is going to give us a boost, because we need one," guard Derek Harper said following the latest loss. "Getting him will help. We need help as a team. He is a high-energy player."

Shaquille O'Neal said Rodman will bring defense and rebounds.

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Men place second, women take third at Big East

By KEVIN THOMPSON

It's what they prepare for all season long. All anyone talks about all season in the Big East. The Notre Dame men's and women's track and field teams did not disappoint this weekend, both turning in strong performances at the 1999 Big East Indoor Championships.

The men took home second place and the women placed third at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse, NY. A deep Georgetown squad proved too much for the men, who finished 65 points behind the Hoyas.

"We felt that if we hit on all cylinders and utilized all our weapons we would come up with a strong showing," said head coach Joe Plano. "We fielded a very deep and experienced team." The women scored 100 points en route to a third-place finish.

Only 19 points separated first-place Pittsburgh and the third-place Irish. It was the highest-ever finish for the Notre Dame women at the Big East Indoor Championships, a marked improvement over last year's ninth-place finish.

Leading a spectacular day for the women was junior Joanna Hester in the 200 meters. Dester scored victory, but fell 17 hundredths of a second short to Providence's Sarah Pugno.

Junior Jennifer Engelhardt equaled her best indoor mark of 5-feet-10 inches in the high jump. The height was good enough for second place. Engelhardt placed second in the triple jump and second in the configuration meet event.

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McMillen goes for Irish record

By BRIAN KESSLER
Assistant Sports Editor

Senior captain Sheila McMillen will look to enter her name in the Notre Dame record book tonight when the ninth-ranked women's basketball team (20-3) closes out the regular season at home against Miami (14-11).

McMillen needs just one three-pointer to surpass Beth Morgan and become the Irish leader in career three-point field goals made.

"It's a great accomplishment," said McMillen, who tied the school record on Saturday. "I know that one day I'll be able to look back and think more of this, but right now, we're all concentrating on the tournament."

McMillen's team has already locked up the third seed for the Big East tournament, but will look to close out the season with their third straight victory.

"We haven't played Miami this year, so it will be a new matchup for us," said sophomore Ruth Riley, who leads the Big East in rebounding and field goal percentage. "We're looking to finish strong and get ready for the tournament.

McMillen and freshman Ericka Haney earned Big East honors for their play last week, as the Notre Dame defeated Syracuse and West Virginia. McMillen was named co-Big East player of the week, while averaging 22 points and 8.5 rebounds. The senior forward scored a career-high 33 points and pulled down 10 boards in the win over St. John's.

"McMillen will look to enter the Big East tournament, but will also run the guard and get ready for the tournament."

The Hurricanes have been on fire from the field in recent weeks. They have shot over 50 percent in three of their last four games. Cassandra Wimes (13 points) and Jennifer Jordan (12 points) each scored in double figures in the victory over St. John's.

"We have to play her straight and has moved into a three-way tie for fifth place in the conference. The Hurricanes will try to lock up the fifth seed with a victory over the Irish."

Ruth Riley and the Irish are looking for their third-straight victory tonight when they host Miami.

Irish open season with two victories

Special to the Observer

The Notre Dame softball team kicked off its 1999 season with two wins over South Florida (2-0) and Georgia Tech (6-4) at the Gladstones Tournament Friday night. Notre Dame moved to 2-0 on the season and joins Tennessee as the only unbeaten teams after day one of the six-team tournament.

In the first game of the night, the Irish upset sixth-ranked South Florida by a 2-0 margin.

Irish freshman Jarrah Myers, in her first collegiate at-bat, launched a home run over the fence in left-center to score the game-winning run in the bottom of the second inning.

Notre Dame added another run in the fifth inning when senior Angela LeBlanc picked up the win for the Irish, limiting the Bulls to just four hits, with a complete game performance.

Against Georgia Tech, Notre Dame got another outstanding pitching performance out of sophomore Jennifer Sharron who struck out a career-best 10 batters in the Irish 6-4 victory.

With the score 4-2 in the top of the sixth, Notre Dame's Kris McClure walked and later scored the winning run on an RBI-single by sophomore Lizzy Lemire.

Georgia Tech made it close in the bottom of the sixth by scoring two runs and later threatened the bottom of the seventh with runners on first and second and one-out.

Sharron, however, got Georgia Tech's Miki Deal to strikeout and Ellen Siver to ground out to second to end the game at 6-4 in favor of the Irish.

The Irish face Miami of Ohio at noon tomorrow.

"She's played really well for us," said Riley. "She's a very versatile player and gives us a different dimension. She's quick and can handle the guards, but she can also play in the post."

Miami's Kym Hope was the other Big East player of the week. She led her team to a pair of victories over Seton Hall and St. John's, while averaging 22 points and 8.5 rebounds. The senior forward scored a career-high 33 points and pulled down 10 boards in the win over St. John's.

"She's a really good player," said Riley. "She's very athletic and good from the outside, but also can drive. She's an all-around good player, so we have to play her straight up."

"Last year, we lost a tight game to them in Miami, so I think we'll remember that and come out ready to play."

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Belles close season with 63-53 loss to Adrian

By MOLLY McVOY
Sports Writer

The Belles lost a tough one Saturday at Adrian College, 63-53. The Belles’ average margin of loss this season has been 9.9 points, but that’s not the only similarity that Saturday’s game had with the Belles’ overall play this season. Once again, the Belles allowed themselves to fall behind early in the game, then staged a comeback, before falling short.

“This season has been frustrating,” said sophomore forward Julie Norman. “It will prove to be an asset next season though. We’ve grown and bonded as a team with all the rough times.”

Saint Mary’s outscored Adrian in the second half, but it did not compensate for its performance in the first half. The Belles only made 9 of 31 shots from the floor in the first half, a 29 percent shooting performance. They nearly doubled that in the second half, shooting 52 percent, but Adrian took advantage early and maintained enough control to pull it out.

The Belles went into halftime behind by 12 points (37-25), but never let the game get out of their grasp in the second half. Saint Mary’s stayed with Adrian the entire half, but could not overcome its first-half play. The problem plaguing Saint Mary’s all season has been its seeming inability to play a consistent 40 minutes of basketball. Often, it seemed as if the Belles had as much, if not more, talent than their opponents who ended up recording the win.

Lack of experience has been a key factor that head coach Dave Hoefer has pointed to all season long.

“We can only blame our youth for so long. We need to turn it around,” he said earlier this year. It seems that the team will have to look to next year for that turn around from their newly acquired experience. The Belles have improved this season and these improvements will hopefully appear as wins on the schedule next year.

There is a lot of talent which indicates that the Belles will be able to do just that. Norman finished the year in the top 10 league leaders in overall scoring, steals and three point shooting. Freshman Kelly Jones finished second in the league in blocked shots and in the top 10 in rebounding.

It is this talent that Saint Mary’s will have depend on to turn things around next year.
Irish split weekend matches

By NATHANIEL DeNICOLA
Sports Writer

There are good fortunes whose benefits are immediate and obvious.

The Notre Dame men’s tennis team is praying for a blessing in disguise.

Since their promising 3-0 start, the team has suffered three heartbreaking 4-3 losses to Texas, Kentucky and Minnesota, each of which escaped the Irish by a few unfortunate bounces of the ball.

"Those are always tough losses, but better it happen now than later," head coach Bob Bayliss said.

Junior all-American Ryan Sachire expressed similar sentiments on the Irish’s string of frustrating defeats.

"We are so close to being 7-1, but close isn’t where we want to be," said Sachire. "Perhaps this will be good in the long run, it doesn’t give us a false sense of security."

Over the weekend the 24th-ranked Irish split two matches at the Eck Tennis Pavilion, blanking 37th-ranked Northwestern, 7-0 on Saturday before falling to 23rd-ranked Minnesota in an all too familiar fashion, 4-3.

In a weekend of highs and lows, the Irish maintained their .500 record by leveling Saturday’s 5-4 record to 5-5 following Sunday’s loss.

In the match against Northwestern, the duo of Matt Horsely and Trent Miller gave the Irish an early advantage downing Erickson/Nieves 8-4 at No. 2 doubles. Matt Daly and Casey Smith clinched the doubles point and established a 1-0 lead by defeating Hol/Sahara 8-3 at No. 3 doubles. Notre Dame then proceeded to tear up the six singles matches, losing only one set en route to the first shutout of the season.

Andrew Laffin, who was playing for the first time since recovering from illness, proved he hadn’t missed a beat by continuing his undefeated streak at No. 6 singles, winning 6-3, 6-0 over Jamie Sahara.

Third-ranked Sachire triumphed over No. 46 Doug Bobo/boy 6-4, 7-5 at No. 1 singles, followed by senior captain Brian Patterson’s 7-6 (5), 6-3 victory at number two. At Nos. 3-5 Daly won against Erickson, 7-5, 6-2, Warford outlasted Nguyen 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, and Smith easily handled Hol 6-1, 6-1.

Clearly the team’s most dominating display, Notre Dame’s shutout against Northwestern yielded two-fold benefits. First, it served as a mild form of retribution for the shutout endured by the Irish at the hands of Duke from the week before.

"We wanted to show that Duke was a fluke and prove we can beat the good teams," said Sachire.

Second, the victory marked the realization of Bob Bayliss’ much anticipated 500th career victory. Bayliss, who has spent 29 years in the business, the last 11 with Notre Dame, continued his command over No. 2 doubles partners Adam Selkirk at No. 2 doubles winning 7-6 (3), 6-3, and Andrew Laffin.

"It’s just one of the things that happen when you coach long enough," said Bayliss. "though having it occur here at Notre Dame did make it a little more special."

Senior captain Warford noted this modality, "Coach downplayed it a lot, but the whole team knew what he had accomplished."

Despite the modesty, others were lavish in bestowing praise.

"I think it’s a great tribute to his dedication. It establishes him as one of the best coaches in college," said Sachire. "We were all proud that we could be a part of it."

The victory certainly places Bayliss in elite company, becoming only the 22nd coach in collegiate men’s tennis history to accomplish such a feat.

For all the dramatics that Saturday provided, Sunday counteracted it with an equal amount of disappointment.

Minnesota won the doubles point to gain the early 1-0 advantage, but Notre Dame rallied in the singles matches to build a 3-2 lead. The Irish were lead by the usual suspects with second-ranked Sachire defeating Tyson Party at No. 1 singles 6-3, 6-2, Patterson beating Adam Selkirk at No. 2 singles 7-6 (3), 6-3, and Andrew Laffin continuing his command over No. 46 Doug Bobo/boy 6-4, 7-5.

The Gophers, however, staged a dramatic come-from-behind victory, capped by Jon Svensson’s win over Daly at No. 3 singles to finish the match, 4-3. Daly fought off two match points at 6-4 in the second set tiebreaker to force a third setesa.

The Notre Dame tennis team defeated Northwestern 7-0 on Saturday, but fell to Minnesota 4-3 on Sunday.

Despite the losses, Sachire expressed a sense of ultimate security.

"We are always tough losses. What really matters is what happens in May [in the NCAA tournament]. That’s what you’ve got to keep in perspective."

Notre Dame takes on Iowa this Wednesday at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.
By KATHLEEN LOPEZ
Spen Eiler

With each fight that passes, the story of the 150-pound division thickens.

Freshman Edward "El Pajaro," Hernandez, defeated sophomore Jeff Overend-night of freshman John Fruman in a fight that went just short of three rounds. It was a strong performance for the freshman. On the other hand, topper-seeded J.R. Melin appeared diminished in his opening round duel with Rob Kardashian. Instead of past the halfway mark in the first round, Melin's aggressive style earned him a standing-eight count which he never recovered from.

As the Bouts continue, freshman sensation Hernandez edges ever closer to a possible duel with defending champion Melin. Both boxers are open to tough matches in the semi-finals. Neither getting a full fight under their belts, which is a disadvantage going to Melin.

These two will encounter semi-final opponents in Matt "The International Man of Mystery" Lynn and Kevin "Boom Boom" Buccellato. Lynn earned his semi-final bid through a hard fought split decision victory over John Tabis. These two went blow-for-blow, which resulted in both boxers by the time the round rolled in.

Buccellato also found himself in a tough fight with Steve Meh. It was not a full duel with each fighter landing as many punches as the other. Meh got out early, but remained determined to rally. In the end Buccellato advanced with a unanimous decision.

150-Pound Division

Senior Mike "Locktowm" LaRue came out swinging and caught Matt "Doctor Sin" McCullough off guard. The captain's combination stunned McCullough as he got his standing eight count to recover. Despite McCullough's determination, LaRue advanced by unanimous decision.

Everything appeared to go according to plan in 160-pound division, until freshman Juan "El Matador" Saracino stepped in the ring.

The Argentinian appeared somewhat timid in the opening round. His opponent, second-seeded junior Jeff "The Bruin" Hobart controlled the ring. He took a calm and calculated approach. Saracino rallied at the close of the first round and never looked back.

The freshman upset the favored junior in a split decision of the biggest upsets of the night.

Freshman Daniel Saracino advanced by unanimous decision over Ray "Wicklender" Joshua Kirley advanced in what appeared to be a somewhat controversial call over Miguel Tapia. Kirley advanced by unanimous decision, but not easily, with Tapia landing vicious rights.

163-Pound Division

In Monday night's contest, Kevin "The Jersey Mouth" Murphy saw all his dedication pay off. The law student's hooks landed as many punches as the other. Murphy's power punches earned Conley a standing-eight count which he never really recovered from. The referee stopped the contest 1:21 seconds into the first round.

"It was mostly dedicated to my friends who have supported me throughout. I wanted to win the fight, but I wanted to do something exciting for them. I wanted to get out and lend some real good punches. I really just came in looking to connect and keep the pressure on him."

Following Murphy's fight, the crowd's hunger for a big time brawl was satisfied. Sean "The Erie Kid" Nowak and Shane LaRue came out quickly. Each of boxers landed solid hits with the recipients landing on the mat. While Nowak's and LaRue's fight was not the most controlled, it got the crowd's attention. Nowak advanced by the referee stopping the fight 1:21 seconds into the second round.

Following the pattern set by the previous bouts, Billy "Sweet Pea" McMurtrie advanced to the semi-finals with the referee stopping the fight with one minute remaining in the third. Dennis Lumbo found himself on the receiving end of a continuous barrage of McMurtrie's punches.

The only fight in the division that made it a full three rounds was that of Travis Alexander. Alexander advanced by unanimous decision over senior Chris Uhart.
Experienced fighters advance to Wednesday's semis

By KERRY SMITH  
Sports Writer

Experience proved to be a key factor in determining the victors of Monday night's quarterfinal round of the 69th annual Bengal Bouts, although the night did not end without a few surprises.

Top-seeded Tom "Polly Prissy Pants" Bolchini, Alex "The Cora Cob Kid" Hobbins, Brian "The Highlander" Kerrigan and Josh "Gaffney Who?" Thompson all relied on experience and technique to defeat their opponents and gain spots in Wednesday's semifinal matches.

In the 160-pound division, Bolchini met a spirited competitor in junior Doug Bartles. Bartles' aggressiveness in the opening minutes of the first round came as a surprise to the favorite.

"I didn't fight as I would have liked," said Bolchini. "I didn't expect him to be as aggressive as he was. He did a great job. It was a lesson well-learned."

Bolchini's uppercuts proved to be too much for Bartles, as the top seed advanced in a unanimous decision.

Bolchini will face junior Joe "The Kripler" Krippel, who upset No. 4 seed Michael Hammes, pulled an upset to gain a spot in the semifinals. Hammes threw several combinations that failed to land for Bartles.

In the 165-pound division, Hobbins defeated No. 8 seed Bill "The Fighting Archy" Viasnor in a bloody match-up that ended in a split decision.

Hobbins will face No. 3 Brian Nestor in the semifinals. Two standing-eight counts for Hobbins led to two standing-eight counts for Viasnor that ended in a split decision.

Nestor will face Freehman Paul "Pepe the Pew" Peterson who overpowered Bill "The Fighting Archy" Viasnor in a bloody match-up that ended in a split decision.

In the 170-pound division, top seed Michael Hammes pulled an upset to gain a spot in the semifinals. Hammes threw several combinations that failed to land for Bill "The Fighting Archy" Viasnor.

Hammes will face junior Stephen "The Captain" Slamma in the semis on Wednesday. Sandifur's aggressive offense proved to be no match for the No. 2 seed Paul "You Better Recognize Champ!" Chen.

Chen showed great composure and technique, taking control of his bout with tough competition from Chris "The Bruisin' Lugar" Viasnor. Chen upset the No. 4 seed in a unanimous decision.

Chen will take on No. 3 Mark Criniti, who upset third seed Zach Allen in a unanimous decision. Evenly matched in the first round, Criniti took control of the fight in the second, knocking down Allen and finishing the match with a strong technique.

Winners of Monday's quarterfinals have only a day to prepare for the semifinal matches.

Strength and endurance will continue to be a huge factor in determining the outcome of the rest of the week's bouts.

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In the 165-pound division, Chris Muro was knocked out in 48 seconds by No. 2 seed Don Penn.

Paul Chen earned some recognition when he defeated Bobby "I'm Not Dead Yet" Kennedy by a unanimous decision in the 180-pound division.
Will earns unanimous decision over Fulton

By ALISSON KIRLLA

Associate Sports Editor

Last night’s opening rounds packed plenty of powerful punches in the 135- and 145-pound divisions, including one from Tommy Will that sent Zach Fulton staggering in the first round.

Will, the top seed in the 145-pound division, started his quest for a crown off right with a unanimous decision victory over Fulton. Will’s veteran status showed in his ability to execute the jab-right hook combination, sending Fulton to three standing-eight counts, including two in the third round.

“It felt great (to get it) in the ring,” Will said. “I was really intimated for the fight. Fulton was taller, but I was able to use a good hook and that helped.”

One of the most exciting fights of the division followed Will’s win. Junior Jim Shadrack earned a split decision victory over Anton Kempa, who brought the crowd to life. Shadrack used a slight height advantage and a longer reach to counter the body blows landed by Kempa with jabs of his own. In the third round, Kempa mounted a furious comeback, forcing Shadrack onto the ropes, but was ultimately outboxed by the junior.

The next fight matched youth with experience as freshman Daniel Gonzalez squared up against less student Phil Castrogiovanni. Castrogiovanni prevailed in a split decision, scoring two standing-eight counts on Gonzalez, one in the first round following a powerful uppercut. Gonzalez showed the most strength in the third round, although his attack proved too little, too late.

The bouts in the 145-pound division ended where they began with another unanimous decision. This time it was junior officer Mike Maguire who defeated senior Mike Tuhay. Maguire and Tuhay fought tentatively in the first and second rounds, but Maguire’s well-placed hooks found their target more often than not. Both fighters came alive in the third round to spark a bang that otherwise lacked a barrage of punches.

135-Pound Division

But while the hard-hitting action found its way into the 145-pound division, the boxers in the 135-pound division shed more blood.

A unanimous decision victory by Martin Garry over Matt Fumagalli left the freshman with a bloody nose in a losing effort. Garry, the underdog, landed a majority of jabs in a controlled and technically round effort. In the third round, Garry’s dominance continued, although the junior did show the plan worked around the ring and sprinkle the same in his first year’s first round.

Top-seeded David “The Prancing Pixie” Seerveld also earned a unanimous decision with a solid performance against John Kakkannathu.

Apparently the plan worked for the senior, who used an effective combination and good defensive positioning to control the center of the ring, while keeping Kakkannathu on the ropes.

The final two bouts of the 135-pound division ended in split decisions, as Daniel Gallegos outlasted Matt Eberly and Charles Madden surprised second-seeded Camilo Rueda. Gallegos came out aggressively in the first round, and fought his way off the ropes late in the round. Eberly landed a few body blows, but couldn’t counter Gallegos’ jabs and uppercuts. Gallegos also overcome an obstacle that may be detrimental in the coming rounds — a short reach.

Madden, a Keenan Hall junior, knocked off Rueda in the division’s final fight, a back-and-forth effort that came down to Madden’s aggressive style. Rueda had difficulty on the defensive side, as Madden came out swinging.

The Siegfried sophomore landed a few jab-hook combinations in the first round, but got caught with his hands too low to fend off strong jabs by “The Montana Mauler.”

In a night of hard-hitting action all around, some of the most powerful punches came from unexpected places.

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190-Pound Division

Dave “Bell-Veggs” Butz made quick work of freshman Joe Larson. Larson came out strong but Butz countered with some serious combos, Larson was saved by the bell in the first round as Butz delivered some heavy blows. Larson came out fast in the second round but Butz was ready to put the fight away. The fight was called shortly into the second round.


195-Pound Division

Chris “Lucky” Luecketfeld downed Zach “The Pornstar” Schueller 23 seconds into the second round. Schueller had a tough time getting things going as Luecketfeld left him bloody after the first round.

In a crowd-pleaser, Alex Kent edged Kevin Jinks with a strong third round to earn the unanimous decision. The two fighters exchanged vicious combos and the outcome was in question throughout. Kent took control in the third catching Jinks off balance several times.

Jason “J-Rod” Rodriguez earned a split decision over Greg “The Salvadino” Joseph to round out the 195-Pound division. Number one seed Pete “Beat the Rap” Ryan received a bye.

Heavyweight Division

At just about midnight, the heavyweights rolled into the Jockey Center. But John “the Pitbull” Salvino rolled in like thunder, Salvino lived up to his vicious nickname, storming into the ring with an abundance of energy. The energy carried him through his first round opponent Sean “Gonna Beat You Like a Hurricane” Donnelly. One minute into first round, Salvino landed a right hook that left Donnelly stunned. The fight could not continue.

Salvino’s energy and quickness should help him in the heavyweight division. In other heavyweight action, Mike “The Bishop” Romero won a unanimous decision over Kevin “Pappy Ball” McLean and Greg “The Hail Man” Yateroli won a unanimous decision over Pat “Why Am I So Crazy” Brown.

Roundout of the evening’s competition was Andy “Big Cat” Liederer over Jeff “The Wallin’ Episcopolist” Beam in a unanimous decision.
Notre Dame wins season opener, 8-4

Irish drop three straight to Florida International

By TIM CASEY

The Notre Dame baseball team started its season off this past weekend in Miami by recording one win against three losses.

All three defeats came at the expense of 23rd-ranked Florida International University, but the Irish improved to a perfect 12-0 on the season.

The Irish started the season off on a high note on Friday with an 8-4 victory over James Madison.

Alex Shilliday was the winning pitcher, allowing two earned runs with eight strikeouts over seven innings. The senior righthander won for the 22nd time in ND's career wins list. John Corbin finished off the victory by allowing only one run.

All-American shortstop Brandon Laird provided the offensive spark — which he's shown throughout his career — by going 3-for-3, including his 30th career home run.

Head coach Paul Mainieri was happy with his team's performance against James Madison.

"I thought we played a tremendous game for our first day outside," said Mainieri. "Alex Shilliday got the big outs when we needed them. He and Brandon Laird provided the leadership that we will need all season. If we can play as well as we did against them on a consistent basis, we're going to have a good season."

Florida International provided a tough test in its three-game series, but there were some bright spots for the Irish, especially in the starting pitching.

In the first matchup, starter Tim Kalita allowed only two runs in the five innings he pitched, before FIU blew it open with 10 runs in the sixth inning to record a 14-1 victory. Freshman pitcher Ed Golom homered in his first collegiate at-bat in the seventh inning to record the only run of the game.

Mainieri had high praise for FIU's team.

"We ran into a buzzsaw there," he said. "This is probably FIU's most outstanding team in its history. They have a very solid team and their starting rotation completely handcuffed our batters."

The middle game of the series was the closest of the three and provided a good pitching battle between Notre Dame's combo of Scott Cavey and Chris McKeown and FIU's Paul Garcia. Garcia had the upper hand in the 3-2 victory, by allowing two runs and three hits while striking out 11 Irish batters. Cavey started the game off by allowing three runs with four strikeouts before the lefty McKeown tossed four shutout innings.

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Virginia Tech coach joins Davie's staff, replaces McMahon

By TIM CASEY
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame football team welcomed another addition to its depleted coaching staff yesterday when it named Virginia Tech's Lou West to replace Tom McMahon as defensive backfield coach.

West has strong ties with the coaching staff here at Notre Dame. He coached with defensive coordinator Greg Mattison while both were at Western Michigan in 1984-85 and also was a graduate assistant alongside head coach Bob Davie at Arizona in 1977.

While at Virginia Tech, West coached one of the nation's finest secondaries. In 1999, the Hokies ranked fourth in the nation in scoring defense and 11th in pass efficiency defense on their way to a 9-3 record. They ended the year ranked 19th in the Associated Press poll and 23rd in the USA Today/ESPN poll.

He has coached some star players in his career, including two first-team All-Big East selections from last year, cornerbacks Loren Johnson and safety Pierson Prideaux. While at the University of Cincinnati (his alma mater) in 1993, he coached defensive backs Chris Hewitt and Sam Garns who were starters in the NFL in '98 with the New Orleans Saints and New York Giants, respectively.

West takes over for McMahon, who after four years at ND will become defensive coordinator for Colorado.

Taking the job did not come without thought, according to West. "It was a tough decision. The people there at Virginia Tech were very good to me. I enjoyed working with the staff. The administrative people, the fans, the boosters and the alumni all treated you well. It was tough to leave. I had some good times there as far as the program winning and getting along with people in the community."

Despite missing the atmosphere at Virginia Tech, West is excited to begin his new job and relishes the opportunity to coach at a quality University.

"I'm excited about being here," said West, a 45-year-old native of Washington, Penn. "I look forward to working with not only the football staff, but the people in the athletic department as well. I think it's a great opportunity. I think it's a goal of mine to coach at the best institutions that I can and Notre Dame is certainly one of those institutions."

Notre Dame returns a solid secondary to ease the transition for the new coach. Deke Cooper, Deveran Harper, Brock Williams and Tony Driver all saw significant minutes last year, while safety A'Jani Sanders will most likely return for a fifth year to strengthen the defensive backfield.

Freshman Clifford Jefferson, along with highly touted recruits Albert Poree and Gerome Sapp should also add to the mix and see some time. West feels that these players will form a solid nucleus to compete on the national scene next year.

"I've heard some good things about a lot of the players that are coming back. I feel that we've got some good athletes in the secondary, some guys that are hungry and want to get out and contribute," said West. "With some good leadership, they can continue to improve and hopefully get us to our goal of competing for a national championship."