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INSIDE COLUMN

**Tomorrow we fast**

Today we fast. Tomorrow we fast. That’s the idea anyway. What’s that old saying? Bishop James Cragin, retired of this diocese and at 85 still going strong, gave an excellent homily this last Sunday. The idea of Lenten Discipline as being focused on others and not merely on sacrificing chocolate or beer. In doing so we should increase our charity and other virtues, and conform our lives to that of Christ.

While there is a certain value in sacrificing something you enjoy, it is only component part of the time or money saved and devote it to others, or make your Lenten discipline an active effort to improve the virtue in your life and your charity to others. This could mean treating security guard and waitresses as hard-working, hard-working beings, or merely imagining Citadel students who throw water bottles onto the arena floor.

Nonetheless, some of the traditional practices should be put into context and not simply taken for granted. Fasting is currently defined as a regular meal and two smaller meals with no snacking. For a college student on the Flex-14 plan, this is ridiculous – you don’t get that much food on a normal dining business. But red meat is hardly the common luxury, and no one really gets anything out of giving it up anyway. Instead, why not abstain from TV? After all, that’s the staple of our society today. Or throw in N64, DVD or the Internet, depending on which you depend on most. Give the time to the Knights of Columbus, Circle K or some other charitable organization. Be mindful of life without these luxuries that we sometimes assume are our rights to have access to but which are in reality useless luxuries that more often distract us from our lives than add to it. And while you’re at it, be charitable to guys who use phrases like “be mindful.”

Lent is an opportunity for reconciliation and penance (and Mardi Gras is an opportunity to do things worth seeking penance for, but try to approach it in a new light this year. Actively seek to reconcile differences with family or friends. Try to reestablish a lost correspondence; have a reunion with separated friends; accept gracefully your penance (and Mardi Gras is an opportunity to do so).

**Quotes of the Week**

David Zachary

Alumni Hall senator, on the Senate’s decision to release the student body presidential results election

"There is a student opinion that the Senate is full of sneakiness and illegitimacy, we should end this."

Danielle Green

Women’s basketball player, on the team’s view of the Big East tournament

"We know we can make it to the finals and can compete with Connecticut."

David Hoherty

Men’s basketball coach, on the technical foul called against the Irish after a fan threw a water bottle on the court

"It was a tough time that call, but we shouldn’t have been in that position."

Tom Biolichini

Senior, on his experiences with Notre Dame and Bengal Bouts

"I like about this sport...is that you’re giving it your all. You go out there with so much to lose...It’s very humbling."

**Outsides The Dome**

UCLA students protest proposed same-sex marriage ban

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**Grand jury indicts New Mexico student**

LAS CRUCES, N.M.

A New Mexico State University graduate student and Border Patrol agent was indicted on four counts of extortion and fraud by a Grand Jury Thursday. Leonel Baz, 22, was arrested in January for extortion and fraud for using his position as a Border Patrol agent to recover stolen property. "The Grand Jury found there was enough evidence to indict him on four charges of extortion and fraud," Jeff Lahman, assistant district attorney, said. Baz was accused of using his job status, threats and intimidation to coerce three women and their families into giving him money and jewelry he believed they stole from a girlfriend. Lahman said this case is very complicated and is related much to the state of mind of Baz. Lahman also said that he alleged com­mit the crimes. Baz was arraigned a week from Monday and from there the case will go to district court where he will be tried. Lahman has posted part of his bond with the court and is back at work with Border Patrol. Lahman said the Border Patrol most likely have to follow certain procedures and that is why he is able to continue working.

**Clinton nominates Columbia prof**

NEW YORK

Columbia Law Professor Gerard Lynch has been nom­inated by President Clinton to serve on the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. Lynch, who teaches criminal law at Columbia, would try both civil and criminal entry-level cases in this position. Senate confirmation hearings on the appointment have not yet been scheduled. "This is a tremendously impor­tant job and a tremendously important responsibility," Lynch said. "It’s an honor to be nominated." Lynch hopes to stay on at Columbia even after assuming the judgeship but did not speculate as to how large his involvement with the school would be. Nominating a professor to a district court position is somewhat unusual, Lynch said, due to the perception that acade­mics would be better suited to the abstract legal wran­gling of appellate courts. Lynch, however, likes the idea of trying cases. Lynch was a clerk to Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan after graduating from Columbia Law School and was a member of the federal commission on the Iran-Contra affair, heading up the prosecution of General Oliver North.

**National Weather**

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Tuesday, March 7. Lows average high temperatures for the day.

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State dept. urges caution abroad

Special to The Observer

As the time approaches for spring break, college students are getting ready for that much anticipated trip abroad. Most will have a safe and enjoyable adventure, but for some, the trip will become a nightmare. A number of ruined vacations are caused by one or more of the following: drugs, alcohol or disorderly behavior.

Each year, more than 2,500 American citizens are arrested abroad — about half on narcotics charges, including possession of very small amounts of illegal substances. A drug that may be legal in one country may not be legal in a neighboring nation. Some young people are victimized because they may be unaware of the laws, customs or standards of the country they are visiting.

Besides drugs, alcohol can also get U.S. citizens in trouble abroad. Students have been arrested for being intoxicated in public, committing theft or using or possessing a firearm. Young Americans go abroad assuming that local authorities will overlook such conduct. Many believe that they are immune from prosecution in foreign lands because they are American citizens. The truth is that Americans are expected to obey all of the laws of the countries they visit, and those who break these laws sometimes face severe penalties.

Disorderly or reckless behavior is also to be avoided. In many countries, conduct that would not result in a arrest here in the U.S. constitutes a violation of local law. It is crucial that young Americans be aware of this when they are enjoying their time abroad.

Being arrested is not the only thing that can happen on a foreign vacation. Young Americans have been killed in automobile accidents, drownings and falls because of heavy drinking and drug use. Sadly, others have been raped or robbed because they have found themselves in unfamiliar locales and incapable of exercising proper judgment.

To have a safe trip, avoid risky behavior and become familiar with the basic laws of the country. To obtain more information about traveling abroad, check the Department of State’s web site at http://travel.state.gov.

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**U.S. to aid flooded Mozambique**

**Associated Press**

WASHINGTON

The Clinton administration plans to announce debt relief for Mozambique, which has been ravaged by catastrophic floods. Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers said on Saturday that the United States responded too slowly to the humanitarian crisis caused by the floods.

Spokesman James Foley said the Clinton administration planned to account that many of the assets had to be redeployed to Europe from southern Africa — "a major undertaking."

"We've deployed them as quickly as possible," he said Monday.

But some critics believe the response should have been faster, noting that assets are still being deployed more than two weeks after the flooding reached crisis stage.

Mozambique's first female senator, Graca Machel, spoke briefly of what many in southern Africa say were failures by the United States and other Western powers. "It seems the world now has no conscience when it comes to human life," she said. "We need something to force the United States to speed up its response."

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It was not until Feb. 25 that a second surge of water carried rivers to overflow, a much greater disaster than had been initially anticipated, he said. At that point, he said, the U.S. Agency for International Development activated a 24-hour operations center and began mobilizing the disaster assistance response team.

Foley said AID contracted locally and quickly to hire three helicopters and six fixed-wing airplanes, which began flying on March 1. In recent days, he said, AID has contracted 11 civilian helicopters and small aircraft.

Also, a 14-member boat rescue operation from Miami, Fla., began rescue and delivery operations Monday, and a 15-member Coast Guard team of water-rescue specialists will arrive shortly.

Foley noted that President Clinton has authorized a drawdown of $37.6 million in defense articles and services to support military humanitarian assistance efforts in the region.

The AID operation involved six heavy lift helicopters and small boats to conduct search-and-rescue operations.
**World News Briefs**

**Strikers and students raid, vandalize rector's building**

A month after police broke up a nearly yearlong strike at Latin America's largest university, more than 100 rebellious students sang revolutionary songs and scrawling slogans on a university building Monday, seeking to get out and spray-painting walls with red dust. About 120 strikers who refused to leave their homes to hide their identities screamed at university employees to evacuate the building and forcibly remove some of the reporters and photographers who tried to cover the takeover, reported Mexican broadcast stations Monday.

**U.N. human rights chief will travel to Chechnya**

**United Nations**

The U.N. human rights chief said Monday she will conduct an investigation in the war-torn province of Chechnya.

**Boy recovers after piercing his heart with a pencil**

**Heleina Mont**

A 12-year-old boy whose heart was pierced by a pencil as he lay on the bed to catch a football is recovering after 2 1/2 harrowing hours of the pencil throbbing at every beat in his chest. "I kind of felt it go in, but it didn't hurt." Nathan King said from his home in Helena. "So I looked down. Then I started yelling for Mom. I was yelling 'Mom, Mom, I'm gonna die.'" Crying and struggling to breathe, Nathan stumbled into the kitchen with the eraser protruding 2 to 3 inches from his chest. He collapsed in front of his mother, Lorri Farley, with the pencil still piercing into the heart. It was Nathan's birthday, Feb. 23.

He was afraid it was going to be him next," Lisa Davidson said of her second-grade son, Tim. Room 6, where the shooting occurred, had been cleaned and repainted. Trauma counselors with teddy bears were in each room to help the children, and by the lunch break, some children were skipping on the sidewalk out of the way. Plainclothes and uniformed police officers were inside and outside the school. School Superintendent Eta Rutherford said officials wanted to increase security without having too strong a police presence and scaring the children.

**Mich. school reopen after shooting**

**Associated Press**

**Mount Morris Township, Mich.**

Greeted by teddy bears and extra security, Buell Elementary School children returned to class Monday for the first time since a first-grader was shot to death in her classroom.

Children and parents alike expressed fears at first about returning to the school where 6-year-old Kayla Holland was killed Feb. 29, allegedly by another first-grader. "He was afraid it was going to be him next," Lisa Davidson said of her second-grade son, Tim.

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**Brazil**

**Brazil's colorful carnival draws crowd**

**Associated Press**

**Rio de Janeiro**

Hundreds of thousands of revelers flooded the streets in cities across the country Monday, the second day of Brazil's yearly pre-Lenten celebration.

A highlight was Rio's parade, which continues non-stop until Tuesday morning. But that event wasn't without its notable sidelines.

TV actress Angela Bismarck covered herself in Brazil's national colors and nothing else, almost getting arrested for insult-
Candidates prepare for ‘Super Tuesday’ showdown

- Republicans still battling, but only an upset will keep Gore from Democratic bid
- Last-minute campaigning sweeps the nation

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

George W. Bush's fortunes in New England and Ohio could be early signs to forecast whether Super Tuesday voting from Maine to California will clinch the Republican presidential nomination or force him into another round against the challenge of John McCain.

For Democrats, there is less suspense. Only a miracle of upsets, beginning from the first votes counted, can keep Al Gore from effectively sealing that outcome. And Bill Bradley doesn't really expect that, for all his talk of a Harry Truman-style reversal for his waning campaign.

There are 11 presidential primaries, caucuses elsewhere, decisions in 16 states across the time zones, Northeast to Wisconsin to the West Coast. California is crucial on March 7, as it may be again on Nov. 7, when the next president is chosen.

The 162 Republican delegates that would be committed to the GOP winner there represent 16 percent of the votes needed to win the nomination. Polls rate Gov. Bush well ahead of Sen. McCain among the Republican voters who will award those delegates.

There is a separate, all-candidates preference vote, and that is closer. Winning it will be a telling point and an argument for electability there - something any candidate would want to win that nomination. Bush would slogs on to the Northeast to Midwest, to the next president is chosen.

After losing to Bradley in New Hampshire, a contest he had chosen as a testing point for a comeback. Bush is making two million dollars, yet Bush<br>remain in Bush's favor. “I think McCain remains dangerous,” Arnold said. “In California, we see the extraordinary result of McCain winning the popular vote while Bush actually takes the primary. An embarrassing Bush would slug on to the nomination. But it would be fail-safe that he doesn’t have the centrist votes needed to win in November.

Such a split decision in California is possible because its primary is open to all parties, but decided by states that determines only by Republican votes. McCain, therefore, could hypothetically win the popular vote, with the support of independents and Democrats crossing over to vote for him, yet Bush would take the 162 delegates by winning the votes of registered Republicans.

On the Democratic front, former New Jersey Sen. Bill Bradley continues to lag far behind Gore, trailing the vice president in every state.

After losing to Gore in the Iowa caucus and the New Hampshire primary, Bradley was dealt another defeat last Tuesday, when he lost Washington's non-binding primary, a contest he had chosen as a testing point for a comeback. “Bradley simply did not run a very effective campaign,” Arnold said. “Tactically, he failed to win people over. Strategically, he made bad choices.”

Bradley’s appeal would overlap with his. “We would have a very different mission and he is talking about the same thing.”

The front-runners, Bush and Gore, are both courted by Jewish voters, in New York, as Gore's rival, Bill Bradley. Socialists are testing points for a comeback.

Gore, in New York, told a Jewish organization he would be a “good and able and loyal friend” to Israel in all situations.

Public opinion polls had Gore ahead of Bradley virtually everywhere. Bush had built a strong campaign, but he was trailing the vice president in Rust Belt states, running against campaign, “a talking point and an argument for electability there - something any candidate would want to win that nomination. Bush would slogs on to the Northeast to Midwest, to the next president is chosen.”

“The more of this is an expectations game,” McCa said. “But that game is over. Bush said the attention on Wednesday morning will focus on the bigger picture: how many votes each candidate won. Gore has 482 Democratic delegates, according to Arnold. Bush has 170 GOP delegates. McCain, 105, with 1,034 needed to win.

Neither leader can mathematically clinch the nomination on Super Tuesday. There aren’t enough delegates. Either Bush or Bradley could settle the contest by winning enough states and delegates to force his rival to quit.

Democrats assign their delegates to states in proportion to popular votes, by state or district, so Bradley will claim a share even in a Gore sweep of the 15 Democratic contests on Tuesday.

"If we have to win a couple of states," Bradley said, "we could win in nine states and 50 delegates in California and New York. Bradley’s next step is probably out of the campaign. The Super Tuesday delegates represent about 60 percent of a nominating majority in each party. While the number is the number to watch, counting it up will go far into election night and the early morning hours on Wednesday. The California polls open until 11 p.m. Eastern time, and three Western caucus states begin reporting at midnight.

New York offers the second richest trove of delegate votes, 243 to be apportioned between Gore and Bradley based on their popular vote, 181 in a more complex Republican primary and McCain’s strength will take longer to count after the polls close at 9 p.m. The Republican primary is really 31 separate contests, in each congressional district, without a statewide contest.

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Jet skids off runway in California

Associated Press

BURBANK, Calif. — A day after a jet carrying 142 people tumbled off a runway and skidded to a stop just short of a gas station, everyone was talking more about what could have happened than what did happen.

Just before landing at Burbank from Las Vegas, Flight 1455 pumps at a station was going to get into a crash.

“We saw the plane was going to crash into the gas station and the gas station was going to get into a flame,” said Abayomi Omolewu, airport shuttle bus driver.

“Then we turned around to grab his cell phone, but because of the smoke, he couldn’t use it to call,” said Omolewu and others ran toward the plane where they helped frightened passengers climb down off the wing and off an emergency chute.

The 54-ton jetliner still had about 1,900 gallons of fuel in its 5,311-gallon tanks.

“People were very frightened, we just put our bodies on the plane, everyone was very happy, very pleased about the whole thing,” the cardinal’s spokesman, Joe Zwillinger, said after Monday’s presentation of the document.

President Clinton signed the proclamation on Tuesday and in a statement said, “For more than 50 years, Cardinal O’Connor has served the Catholic Church and our nation with constancy and commitment.”

Clinton recalled O’Connor’s early days performing parish work in his native Philadelphia, his service as a military chaplain in Korea and Vietnam and his 16 years leading the New York Archdiocese.

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Cardinal O’Connor receives Congressional Gold Medal

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Cardinal O’Connor on Monday joked that he was presented with a Congressional Gold Medal, the nation’s highest civilian honor.

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Hacker alters Gallup Internet site

Associated Press

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“Ailing Cardinal John O’Connor smiled and joked Monday as he was presented with a proclamation awarding him the Congressional Gold Medal, the nation’s highest civilian honor,” Zwillinger said after Monday’s presentation of the document.

President Clinton signed the proclamation on Tuesday and in a statement said, “For more than 50 years, Cardinal O’Connor has served the Catholic Church and our nation with constancy and commitment.”

Clinton recalled O’Connor’s early days performing parish work in his native Philadelphia, his service as a military chaplain in Korea and Vietnam and his 16 years leading the New York Archdiocese.

The medal is the highest civilian honor awarded by Congress, and both houses rushed to approve it for O’Connor, mindful of his precarious health.

“O’Connor is recuperating from brain tumor surgery last year.” Zwillinger said the 80-year-old cardinal was “feeling better the last few days but still weak and not able to resume a regular schedule.”

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Gallup indicated it now believes AntiOnline wasn’t involved, but it acknowledged that it originally considered it to have been altered by cranes Monday and towed us the crash.

The pilot, a Southwest veteran since 1988 with more than 18,000 flying hours, will be interviewed Tuesday, said Jeffrey R. Rich, the NTSB’s lead investigator. The weather was clear at the time of the crash.

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CZECH REPUBLIC

Protesters hurl eggs at Albright

+ Students object to her message of making financial sacrifices

President Albright urged Eastern Europeans on Monday to play a bigger role in bringing democracy to Serbia, after aPS atterg a glimpse of Albright said, speaking in her. Suddenly, two men shouted in the crowd of well-wishers had hurled eggs from falling into the wrong cost."... is not without prevailing opinion was democracy to Serbia, Gutierrez, who is marshaling several of the lawsuits pending here against Pinocchet. This request involves Chile's most prominent human rights case: the so-called "caravan of death" of October 1973, when military officers toured the country, dragging scores of dissidents from jail, executing them or making them disappear.

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Court backs Indiana on Good Friday

Associated Press

WASHINGTON The Supreme Court on Monday rejected a challenge to Indiana's designation of Good Friday as a state holiday. The denial of review, which was not accompanied by any court comment, allows the state to continue giving its employees that day off. A practice begun in 1991.

The designation had been attacked as a violation of the constitutionally required separation of government and religion.

The justices similarly turned away a challenge in January to a Maryland law that requires the annual closing of all public schools on Good Friday.

Always two days before Easter, Good Friday is the Christian holiday that commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus. But some courts have ruled that designating the day as an annual holiday has a legitimate, non-religious purpose.

Indiana's law was challenged by taxpayer Russell Bredenbaugh of Bloomington. His lawyers told the court that at least 14 other states have laws making all or part of Good Friday a legal holiday.

They are California, Delaware, Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Wisconsin.

Some of those laws have been struck down after being challenged in court.

After Bredenbaugh sued in 1997, a federal magistrate threw out the case without a trial. A three-judge panel of the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the dismissal last July, by a 2-1 vote.

A separate panel of that same appeals court previously had struck down the Indiana law that provided for school closings on each Good Friday.

Indiana's main purpose in designating the state holiday is to provide a long spring weekend, the appeals court panel found.

"Indiana does not celebrate the religious aspects of Good Friday," the court said, "for Indiana, the holiday has absolutely no religious significance." To Indiana, Good Friday is nothing but a Friday falling in the middle of the long vacationless spring -- a day which employees should take off to rejuvenate themselves, the panel said.

The dissenting judge said the state should not be allowed to choose Good Friday as the spring holiday every year. But the two-judge majority noted that the designation gives state employees a three-day weekend after a "during a time which typically involves travel, shopping, cooking and family gatherings."

Jury convicts three N.Y. policemen

Associated Press

NEW YORK Amid heightened tension between the police and the black community, three white officers were convicted Monday of a cover-up in the attack on a Haitian immigrant brutalized with a broken broomstick in a stationhouse bathroom.

The guilty verdicts in one of New York City's most notorious cases of police brutality came after four white officers were cleared in the shooting of West African immigrant Amadou Diallo, an unarmed black man who died a barrage of 41 bullets.

In Monday's verdict, former patrolman Charles Schwarz, 34, and officers Thomas Wiese, 36, and Thomas Bruder, 33, were found guilty of lying to investigators to conceal Schwarz's role in the 1997 attack on Abner Louima, who suffered severe internal injuries.

"Not only are we now getting convictions of police on misconduct, but actually for the conspiracy. This is a real blow to the blue wall of silence," said the Rev. Al Sharpton.

Louima cousin and family spokesman Samuel Nicolas said: "This is not a happy occasion for us. We are not opening champagne bottles." But he added, "Now we can start the healing process."

The officers' convictions carry up to five years in prison. No sentencing date was set.

Schwarz also could get life in prison when he is sentenced for his 1999 conviction on charges of holding down a handcuffed Louima as fellow Officer Justin Volpe sodomized him with a broken broom handle.

The latest trial, prosecutors sought to show that the three officers hid behind a "blue wall of silence" within the department.

"The verdict today should send a message within the police department that there is no greater betrayal of the badge than to ensnare a fellow officer in a web of lies and deceit," said Loretta Lynch, U.S. attorney.

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Deep moments in required classes

Mary Beth Ellis

Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes

I have struck up an e-mail friendship with a college freshman, to whom I often allocate certain pearls of wisdom that only a Real World-embattled graduate is capable of dispensing, such as how to magically transform a five-page paper into a seven-page one by changing the font. She is grateful for my assistance and shows it by whining about a great deal about her required courses, I take this as an offense and a challenge. Nobody out-whines me where cores are concerned:

Class: Biology. Took Place: Every frickin’ day of the week. Usefulness Rating: Would sooner drink formaldehyde than have to smell it again.

This course consisted largely of a man who wore the same four sweaters on a regularly rotating basis and talked at length about how cells divide. At one point he showed a film which graphically depicted mating rituals of the American housefly. The fact that this was immensely disgusting was all anyone remembered on the midterm. A fetal pig was also dissected. No one enjoyed this except for the man in the sweaters.

Class: Spanish 101. Took Place: Way the hell in the morning. Assignment: Studied Spanish. Core: Foreign language course, in which students signed in for their prescribed one hour a week with a proctor, then hunched in carrels with a language headset and a text book, and one 125 vocabulary words, rote memory, accent-perfect responses in the spaces provided.

This theory applied for perhaps a grand total of four seconds of the required 27 hours of my Language Lab time. Within a week I discovered the Listening Skills answers conveniently placed in the back of the book, the amazing physical resemblance between the textbook tape and, say, a personal mix tape containing Earth Grooves and Toad the Wet Sprocket and the fact that the proctorstructor did not in fact give a damn as long as everyone was checked in, wearing headphones and holding some sort of writing instrument, I am pleased that Spanish 101 managed to inject joy and meaning into the life of at least one human being.

Class: The History of Western Civilization. Took Place: Way the hell in the past. Usefulness Rating: Too many guillotines to tell.

The textbook for this course contained an entire section entitled “The Use of the Hand Plow,” and that’s all you need to know about that. Otherwise, the most pivotal event of Western Civilization took place at noon on Wed., October 4, 1995, which was the starting time for a lecture on Chartemagne — and the designated hour at which the verdict in the O.J. Simpson trial was to be announced. A mammoth battle raged between the professor, who wished to lecture, and the students, who, fully cognizant of the verdict’s impact upon the nation’s judicial system and American society in general, wished to get out of hearing the lecture. A truce was reached when two “reporter” students were permitted to listen to the verdict on a radio in the professor’s nearby office while actual learning took place for the rest of the class. It should be noted that everybody hated this arrangement except for the two reporter students. At 12:15 p.m. just as Chartemagne was conquering Saxony, a great “OOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO” was heard from the professor’s office, immediately followed by the stamping appearance of the reporting students, who screamed, “not guilty!” before flopping angrily into their respective seats. The professor was mildly stunned and the reporting students were near tears, but the lecture continued anyway.

I will say one thing for the cores. They kept me busy between weekend.

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DILBERT

I’VE BEEN ASKED TO QUANTIFY THE BENEFITS OF OUR KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS.

SCOTT ADAMS

I MEASURED OUR INTERNS’ HEAD TO SEE IF IT GOT BIGGER.

THE HIGHER DRAUGHT COEFFICIENT MEANS WE LOST A LITTLE IN THE SANDBAGGING FETCHING DEPARTMENT.

R. Buckminster
architect, engineer and social philosopher

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“If I ran a school, I’d give the average grade to the ones who gave men all the right answers, for being good parrots. I’d give the top grades to those who made a lot of mistakes and told me about them, and what they learned from them.”
Letters to the Editor

"War on drugs" is ineffective

The United States has a higher percentage of its population imprisoned than any other country in the world. The number of prisoners is expected to double over the next few years. We cannot build more prisons to house the rising number of prisoners, so we need an alternative solution. This is where the question of rehabilitation comes into play. While not condoning drug use, we still believe that rehabilitation should be the main focus of our drug policy.

Each year, the number of inmates increases, and we are running out of space. We need a better solution. Rehabilitation programs could be established in every state. These programs would provide education, job training, and mental health services to inmates. This would help them become productive members of society after they are released.

The problem is that rehabilitation programs are often underfunded and lack the resources necessary to be effective. However, if we are serious about reducing the number of inmates, we need to invest in rehabilitation programs. This is the only way to truly address the root causes of drug use and addiction.

Our Catholic community, a caring community, can look at the wrong of a fellow student and while not condoning drug use, we still believe that rehabilitation should be the main focus of our drug policy.

Warren H.W. Skipper Dallas, Texas March 4, 2000

UHS is endangering students

I would like to respond to Ann Thompson's letter to the editor, published in The Observer last Friday. The author of the anonymous letter, whom I assume is Ms. Thompson's colleague, claims that her college is really the American crime rate to be dropping sharply each year. The majority of these prison inmates are non-violent drug offenders. These non-violent prisoners are held for long periods under mandatory sentencing laws while murderers and rapists are released after serving a fraction of their time. The government, through its war on drugs, is a war on a segment of the American population. Most other countries regard their drug use as a medical problem similar to alcoholism. I wonder why so many people would be in prison if alcoholism or cigarette addiction were treated like other drug additions.

The problem is this: The government, through its "war on drugs," has so demonized illegal drug use that it is impossible to speak about solutions other than incarceration. Yet this "war" has not been able to reduce the availability of drugs and is counterproductive. In fact, the U.S. is still the single largest consumer of illegal drugs in the world after 10 years of "war" — a "war" which has so far cost over $500 billion of taxpayers money.

People use illegal drugs for the same reasons they use legal ones. Humans have the same fundamental needs for drugs of one sort or another. This is a fundamental aspect of human behavior which can be traced back thousands of years in almost every culture.

The question in our time should be one of personal accountability. Obviously "driving while intoxicated" should be a crime for it endangers the lives of others. But should someone go to jail because they drink responsibly in the privacy of their own home? This analogy holds true for other forms of drug use. The simple fact is that the "war on drugs" is a war on a large segment of the American people. It is unsustainable as no amount of legislation can modify human nature. It is a waste of our money and is destroying more lives than it is helping.

Reverend H.W. Skipper Dallas, Texas March 4, 2000

Holding out hope in students and alumni

Our Notre Dame Family, we address you as members of our family. Our brothers, sisters, friends; we came to this school in the pursuit of more than an education—we came in pursuit of a community in which we could all feel accepted. Hand picked by the admissions office, each of us worked hard to get here and work harder each day to stay an integral part of this community. But we are not perfect. We make mistakes, jost off friends, get ejected from football games for doing pushups in the stands, and even get thrown out of lecture halls for spilling things. We are human, what can you do?

We expected a Catholic community, a caring community, to look at the wrong of a fellow student and while not condoning it, forgive. We are just as frustrat ed as anyone else at the outcome of the Syracuse game. We are even more upset, however, with the reactions of our fellow students in the student body. The name-calling, finger pointing and blame game were turned onto one of their own. We wonder if you would react the same if it was your roommate, your friend—you? We ponder

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March 5, 2000

complaints about UHS that it would probably take an entire edition of The Observer to print each one. A close friend of mine, who will remain anonymous, suffers from a severe and potentially fatal heart disease.

She first noticed something was wrong when she experienced chest pains—different and much worse than the pains I suffered from last February. When I was sent to have an X-ray taken of my chest cavity, I walked into the room to find the X-ray operator seated at her desk in the doorway for about a minute and a half. When she finally looked up, I asked her to have an X-ray taken of my chest cavity. She told me she was busy and would not be able to take care of me for a little while. I then asked her if she would be available to take care of me in about 20 minutes and she said yes.

I then said, "Well, I have some open communion here today, I would love to be able to say it." She continued to look at me and then said, "I'm sorry, but I can't do that."

Fortunately, my tale does not end on the X-ray table. About a week later I began to experience the same symptoms that had initially any day after receiving medication from the infirmary. I told the same doctor that this was a repeat occurrence and that I thought it was something more serious than inflammation. She said it was nothing and had the nurse give me shot, more prescriptions. Roughly 45 minutes after I received the injection, I experienced a violent attack of pain not only in my chest but in my neck and stomach. My friend dialed 911 and I was rushed to St. Joe's and stabilized.

The doctor at St. Joe's told me that my lung tissue was a little bit inflamed. As a result of all the problems she has had with her health, my friend went to St. Joe's for her check-ups, which is a terrible inconvenience for her. She no longer believes that anyone at UHS has a shred of medical expertise and will only go there in the most dire of circumstances. This is the state of health care on the campus of America's top Catholic university. Ms. Thompson called the UHS a "FAB" occurrence; perhaps blood samples are not often misplaced, but University Health Services has made too many mistakes to be considered an adequate health care center. I do not feel that anyone who voices their dissatisfaction of the medical attention they receive at UHS is simply having "an inappropriate response" to the situation.

Ms. Thompson encourages open communication so that "constructive changes" can be made, but the rest of her argument states that a student will be castigated every time they voice their displeasure. Our method of communication for Ms. Thompson: The University Health Services is a pathetic representation of the medical profession and a disgrace to the University of Notre Dame. The administration needs to recognize this and do something about it.

Matt Lee Sophomore, Kough Hall March 6, 2000

Tuesday, March 7, 2000

Observer
CONCERT REVIEW

Bands at Stepan show are ‘decent,’ varied

Vertical Horizon & Stroke 9 perform to an interesting mix of concert-goers

By COREY HARTMANN
Scene Music Critic

From Notre Dame students to high schoolers, the Stepan Center was packed on Friday night as Vertical Horizon and Stroke 9 took the stage. The crowd, which included a mix of students, faculty, and music fans from the area, seemed to be having a great time. The energy was high, and the atmosphere was electric. The night started out strong with the local band Stepan 9, who got everyone's head bobbing but didn't have too much crowd reaction. Stroke 9 was next on stage, and was probably the highlight of the evening. Hailing from San Francisco, Stroke 9 is enjoying the popularity of their hit "Little Black Backpack" and "End of the Road," which has been climbing the airwaves across the country.

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When I read Andrew Jones’ article two weeks ago about music at ND dances and on the radio, I was shocked and dismayed by the inaccuracy of his opinions. It seems hypocritical to criticize rap while praising the Red Hot Chili Peppers, and Ralph’s Band and Phish. He stated that while he ran occasionally listen to rap, we, as a campus, can not actually consider it music. He claimed that rap was only about ridiculous or unoriginal topics like prostitution, drug use, or “ghetto life in general.” Finally he stated that rap is overplayed at dances and that it turns us into mindless zombies flailing our bodies around to random beats and phrases put forth by rap icons.

Mr. Jones’ evaluation — listen to solid material groups like Dave Matthews Band and Phish — both of which he feels are great music — I suppose. Well if I can’t be made to say ugh at a party, I am glad that I am not invited. I will respond to Jones’ arguments in the short amount of space that The Observer has blessed me with.

Rap music is music, plain and simple, and this is the only point on which I am not flexible. Going back to its roots in the late ’70s and early ’80s, rap came about as an evolution of blues and jazz. Many struggling artists lacked the resources to buy instruments or DJ equipment so they created styles like beat box to enable them to still make music. From the laid-back grooves of Q-Tip and Moe DeF to the in-your-face style of Master P and Snoop L. rap has shown a diversity and brilliance that places it alongside all other genres of music. With perfect harmony of lyrics and beats that make people want to dance and learn every word, rap has the ability to take hold of people and draw them in. Despite what Mr. Jones believes, it does not take a 15-minute guitar solo to make music good. Music is what drives people, what puts them in different moods, what makes them want to dance and celebrate. It is not only music, but great music to many people. Jones next tries to point out that rap music is only about ridiculous or unoriginal topics like drugs and prostitution. Groups like Public Enemy created beats and lyrics that expressed the plight of a race that was still struggling despite efforts of the civil rights era. NWA and 2PAC gave a voice to the thousands of Americans that face police brutality while no one listens, and answers the people that think discriminating against criminal justice system are only isolated incidents. In the ’90s, Tupac, Puff Daddy, No Limit Records, DMX, Eve, Jay-Z and many others have provided testimony of the problems and enjoyments in the lives of rappers and the people that they feel close to. Read The Source magazine and you will find articles about rap but also about the situation in South Africa, the death penalty, Health Insurance for the underclass, and effective programs for urban renewal.

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In a year of subscribing to the Phish newsletter in high school, I think the most interesting thing I read about was whether or not one of the members should cut his hair. Can we honestly criticize rap for its “silly” topics while praising Phish? Consider the numerous “serious” Phish topics. This group has a ten-minute song where they endlessly repeat the name David Bowie. Another popular song is about a weasel named Fee that just wants to be free. There’s yet another song where the most intelligible statement is “a picture of nec-tar.” Can Andrew Jones criticize the misogyny and drug culture and pulsating rhythm in rap while advocating “Give it Away” by the Red Hot Chili Peppers, a song that itself promounces prominently from a hand that talks about or alludes to drug culture in half of their songs? And the drug use of groups like Phish and Dave Matthews is a matter of public record. I would say that all music has its imperfections, but no one should venture to say that rap is the least cultured form of music because it doesn’t tone down its lyrics. There is the issue of rap music being overplayed as well as Jones’ request to stop hearing it (the talk also talks about pop and 80’s music but focuses mostly on rap). Jones makes a bold statement by saying that maybe we listen to rap so much because of diversity issues on campus. This is pretty much insulting and non-sensical because it ignores the fact that many people actually like rap music. He gives no reason why the racial composition of campus would prompt us to listen to more rap. Jones speaks on our behalf by saying that although the Dave Matthews Band is overplayed, we would rather hear that at dances than rap. I, however, wholeheartedly disagree. I think Dave Matthews produces great music, but from the people I have talked to and by my own opinion, a real party would not last four songs into any “Dave” album without a large portion of people leaving the floor. Furthermore, I disagree that rap is played ever half the time at any party. I would say that it is pop and random stuff like the Grease megamix, which I will unite with Andrew Jones in debating.

Finally Jones states that Phish concerts prove that people can dance to the music, but I would point out that falling around in a post-induced semi-slumber is no more dancing than what people supposedly do when they hear rap music.

In conclusion, I am a fan of all the groups mentioned above and feel that you accept all musicians’ flaws and brilliance. One should not point out the shortcomings of a genre they do not like while ignoring the problems with their own taste.

I close with one question. How can you enjoy dancing in a large group of people if everyone is worried about stepping on someone’s Birkenstocks?
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Women's Big East Championship
Connecticut advances to finals with 79-54 win

Associated Press
STORRS, Conn. Tamika Williams had 16 points and anchored a dominating defense as No. 1 Connecticut beat Boston College 70-18 in the semifinals of the Big East tournament. UConn, (29-1) will play Rutgers for the title Tuesday. The defending champion Huskies have won the last six tournament titles.

It was BC's first appearance in the semifinals since 1990. The No. 17 Eagles haven't been to a final since 1987 when they lost to Villanova.

Williams got most of her inside feeds from Svetlana Abrosimova, who finished with a career-high 10 assists.

The Huskies outscored Boston College 50-18 in the painting using a deep and talented bench to wear down the Eagles (25-8). UConn reserves accounted for 39 points.

UConn's defense pressured BC into 16 first half turnovers, and on the offensive end, the Huskies went inside to Williams early and often.

With UConn up 4-4, the power force scored eight of the next 14 points. Sheal Ralph and Asjha Jones combined for six of the 14 run to give UConn its biggest lead of the half, 20-4 with 12:48 remaining.

Five straight BC turnovers kept the Eagles scoreless for nearly five minutes.

The Eagles' inside game began to heat up midway through the half, and the spark was sophomore forward Becky Gottstein, who finished with 19 points. Three of BC's last four field goals and the Eagles trailed 34-23 at the break, but would lose the opener.

The Huskies continued the pressure in the first half, but the second half was no different.

They opened with a 12-4 run on five inside baskets and a pair of free throws to give up 46-27 with 13:52 left. UConn led by as much as 32 in the period.

UConn capitalized with 30 points on 25 BC turnovers.

Gottstein was playing in her third straight game scoring returning from a right ankle stress fracture that sidelined her for six weeks.

Before the injury she led the conference with 10 rebounds in a game and was the second leading scorer on the team. She got five boards in the first half, but was held to a pair in the second.

UConn outrebounded the Eagles 39-31 and Abrosimova and Kelly Schumacher had six apiece.

Alissa Murphy had 13 points for the Eagles.

The Magic held a 51-38 rebounding edge, led by former Wizard Raren Wallace's 16 rebounds. Orlando had 18 offensive rebounds to just six for the Wizards.

The Magic's reserves, nicknamed "The Magnificent Seven," scored 37 of the team's 87 points. Maggette came off the bench to lead a 14-2 second-quarter run that helped the Magic take a 52-49 halftime lead.

UConn rolling in the second half, scoring 15 of his 19 points to help the Wizard stay close.

Notes:
• John Howard played his 15,000th minute in the first quarter.
• The Magic now are 15-26 when Wallace wears his hair in cornrows.

NBA
Garrity seals win for Orlando with buzzer beater

WASHINGTON
Pat Garrity made a fadeaway jumper from the top of the key as time expired to give the Orlando Magic a come-from-behind 87-85 victory over the Washington Wizards on Monday night.

Chucky Atkins scored seven straight points for the Magic to turn an 82-78 deficit into an 85-82 lead in the final minute.

Washington rookie Richard Hamilton made a 3-point shot with 12.2 seconds left to tie the score. The Magic then called timeout and Garrity was played for Garrity, who got the ball at the top of the key, wheeled and threw up a jumper that went in as the buzzer sounded.

Garrity finished with only five points, shooting 2-for-6 from the field. Atkins came off the bench to lead the Magic with 15 points. Bookey Corey Maggette added 14.

Hamilton had a career-high 25 for Washington.

Orlando has beaten Washington in 10 of their last 12 meetings and did so this time without Ron Mercer, who was not in uniform because of an ankle sprain suffered in Sunday's loss against Boston.

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Basilica of the Sacred Heart
Ash Wednesday Liturgies

Sunday, March 12
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First Sunday of Lent

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**Frequently Asked Questions:**

**Where do the traditions of Mardi Gras and Ash Wednesday originate?**

*By Fr. Peter Rocca, C.S.C., Rector of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart*

**M**ardi Gras is the day before Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. Today, however, it is traditionally known as "Shrove Tuesday," because it was the day on which "shrift" or confession was made in preparation for the great fast of the Lenten season of 40 days. Shrove Tuesday is called in French Mardi gras "Fat Tuesday," in allusion to the fat ox which is ceremoniously paraded through the streets on this day.

In Catholic countries Mardi gras is celebrated as the last day of the carnival, with feasting and merrymaking, of which, in England, the eating of pancakes alone survives as a social custom. The day had been called at one time "Pancake Tuesday."

In the U.S., the festival season preceding Ash Wednesday and the Lenten season particularly associated with New Orleans is known, of course, as Mardi Gras. The season begins New Year's day and concludes with parades, pageantry and a ball on Shrove Tuesday.

The choice of a period of forty days of penance and preparation for both the faithful as well as catechumens seeking baptism at Easter is a deliberate imitation of Jesus fasting in the desert for forty days and forty nights. As the Sundays of Lent were never intended to be fast days, six weeks of six days each week (+36 days) needed the supplement of four more days. Hence the season was moved backwards to Wednesday, later known as Ash Wednesday.

It had been decided at a very early time that the special penance for those guilty of serious sin should start at the beginning of Lent. Penitents donned a penitential garment and had ashes sprinkled on them. Then came the rite of expulsion from the church. The wearing of special penitential garments and the sprinkling of ashes as an expression of sorrow and repentance were already familiar to the Old Testament and pagan antiquity. Jesus himself refers to this practice (see Mt. 11:21). The early church also was familiar with the practice (e.g. Tertullian and St. Cyprian).

Although the institution of public penance disappeared toward the end of the first millennium, the custom of imposing ashes was restored and applied to all the faithful. Clerics and laymen had ashes sprinkled on their heads; women had a sign of the cross made with ashes on their foreheads. From antiquity and the Old Testament down to the most recent church documents, this action has been seen as a symbol of transiency, sorrow and penance. The first reading ----------------------of this day from the Old Testament and pagan antiquity. Jesus himself refers to this practice (see Mt. 11:21). The early church was also familiar with the practice (e.g. Tertullian and St. Cyprian).

The three traditional stages needed for a true change of heart during Lent are repentance, conversion and reconciliation, themes mentioned time and time again by Pope John Paul II as particularly appropriate during this Holy Year. The chief means to achieve such a change of heart has traditionally included prayer, fasting and almsgiving, as prescribed in the gospel reading for Ash Wednesday (Mt. 6:1-6, 6-18).

The key word for this day is "turn." This turning manifests itself in outward signs: fasting, almsgiving, prayer. But the essential turning is inward.

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**Happy J2K!**
Green, Vikings try to lure Marino to Minnesota

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS

At least one team in the NFL doesn’t think Dan Marino is washed up.

Dennis Green is trying to lure the league’s career passing leader to Minnesota, where he would become the Vikings’ eighth starter in eight seasons.

Marino turns 39 this year and has spent his entire 17-year career in Miami. He is considering retirement, but also considering the Vikings’ offer.

“Dan called me, and Dan said that the Vikings had offered him a contract and he was thinking about it,” Green told WAFN Radio in Miami.

“Before Minnesota called, I think Dan was going to retire,” Carter said from his home in Boca Raton, Fla. “I think it really rekindled some interest that he had maybe four or five months ago.”

Carter also said Marino was concerned about uprooting his children.

Marino was offered Minnesota’s starting quarterback job last week in talks with Green, two sources close to Marino and speaking on condition of anonymity confirmed Monday.

Marino, who has never won a championship, most likely will decide by the end of the week, one of the sources said.

The offer was first reported Sunday night on ESPN and Fox Sports Net, citing unidentified sources.

“I am just flabbergasted,” Dolphins president Eddie Jones said.

“I have no idea about Dan Marino and any report about him going anywhere. I know nothing about where Dan’s head is at or what he plans to do.”

But Jones said for the first time Monday that if Marino plays next season, the Dolphins want him.

“Danny has been told he can come back,” Jones said.

Green didn’t return phone calls from The Associated Press on Monday. Last week, he told his staff not to discuss the team’s quarterback situation in light of heavy criticism of his declaration that Daunte Culpepper, his top draft pick last year, would enter camp as the projected starter.

But Green told WAFN Radio in Miami he’d love it if Marino and the Vikings pursued their elusive championship rings together.

“We think this is a perfect merger of a guy who wants one more year to get it done the right way and a team that’s looking for that one guy who wants one more year to get it right,” Green said.

The Vikings haven’t offered Jeff George a contract, even though he went 9-3 after coming off the bench last season to replace Randall Cunningham, who was demoted 5 1/2 games into his new $28 million contract.

George’s agent, Leigh Steinberg, said he assumed the Vikings would make a push for his client’s return once they freed up enough cap room.

Steinberg said he was flabbergasted by the Vikings’ pursuit of Marino instead.

“Do I understand what’s going on in Minnesota? No,” Steinberg said. “Usually when a guy goes 9-3 and takes his team to the playoffs, the team tries to extend his contract very quickly. It seemed like a marriage made in heaven.”

Cunningham has refused a big pay cut and probably will be jettisoned June 1.

Marino, who has not attracted much interest from other teams, threw 12 touchdowns and 17 interceptions in 1999, by far the worst ratio of his career. He also missed five games and most of a sixth because of a neck injury.

In the playoffs, Marino led the Dolphins to a 20-17 victory over Seattle in the first round. But the team was embarrassed 62-7 the next week against Jacksonville, when the Dolphins trailed 38-0 before Marino even completed a pass.

After the most lopsided loss in Dolphins history and the most miserable afternoon of his career, Marino said: “I’ve never experienced a game like this in my life. Even as a kid, I’ve never had a game like this.”

Marino is the most prolific passer in NFL history. In 17 seasons, he has completed 4,967 passes for 61,361 yards and 420 touchdowns, all NFL records.

But injuries have taken a toll, and Marino’s quarterback rating of 67.4 ranked 30th in the league.

He became a free agent last month after voiding his contract with Miami. The Dolphins then signed free agent quarterback Jay Fiedler.

The Vikings haven’t had the money to do much in the free agent market. But Marino’s agent, Marin Demoff, had discussions with the team on a contract that would fit within the salary cap.

Marino, who had a mediocre 1999, could sign a deal with easily reachable incentives that wouldn’t squeeze the Vikings too much.

The Vikings, who have shak­en up their roster and coaching staff this offseason, are hoping Marino won’t pass up a shot at playing with Carter and Moss, who thrived last year with the equally strong-armed George.

When the Dolphins signed Fiedler to a three-year, $2.8 million contract, it seemed clear Marino had played his last game in Miami.
Husky fever alive as UConn plays for Big East title

Tim Casey
sports writer

STORRS, Conn. — It’s nearly an hour before the start of the Connecticut-Boston College semifinal game of the women’s Big East tournament on Monday.

Steve and Karen Wilson stand in front of the South entrance of the Gampel Pavilion, their elbows resting on a three-foot high concrete wall. The married couple, residing nearby in Chaplin, Conn., are finishing the last of their double-dunk spectacles before entering the Gampel Pavilion.

“I don’t even need a ticket to see this,” said Steve Wilson.

The Wilsons said they’ve been season-ticket holders for the Huskies’ basketball team since the mid-1980s.

“We have an upper-level seat,” said Steve, “but we just don’t go. We’re lucky enough to get their tickets through Karen’s brother’s company. We’ve just been lucky enough to sit on their connections, they would be sitting on their couch, watching the game with their three daughters.

“We watch all the games,” the Wilsons said. “We were fortunate enough getting tickets.”

The Wilsons weren’t the only Connecticut fans getting ready to enter Gampel Pavilion before tipoff.

As thousands entered the North entrance, they were greeted with high-fives by the team’s mascot, a man named Husky.

Rutgers fans fanned out from fans of all walks of life, parked miles away from the stadium.

Ticket scalpers searched for any interested buyers. There were lines, and lines were scarce before Husky games. It’s a far cry from the Irish home games, where you can’t give away enough tickets to fill the Joyce Center.

All the scene is reminiscent of that an hour before an Irish home football game.

“Except the crowd,” said Steve. “It’s the biggest game in town. It’s UConn Rocks, that phrase expresses the feeling of many in Husky Nation. It’s the biggest game in town and it’s the biggest game of the season.”

And it’s not limited to just the women.

The men’s team, the 1999 National Champions, regularly sell out all their games. The team still chants an ever-present “U-C-O-N-N-U-C-O-N-U-C-O-N-U-C-O-N!”

To witness the atmosphere of Husky Nation, take Route 195 North from Storrs, follow 84 west to 91 South in Storrs and you’ll be in New York City’s famous Madison Square Garden, the site of this weekend’s men’s Big East tournament. Once there, you’ll be surrounded by a swarm of blue and white tee-shirts, hats and jerseys, anything with a UConn logo. They could sell Connecticut toilet paper and these fans would be willing to pay for it.

In last year’s conference championship game against St. John’s, you could have sworn it was a Husky home game. Never mind that St. John’s is a few miles from the Garden.

Tonight, the Connecticut women face Rutgers in the tournament final. Rutgers, eighth in the nation beat a very good Notre Dame team 81-72 in overtime on Monday night. The Scarlet Knights play an aggressive defense and feature one of the conference’s top players in Swawastha Stewart.

The last time the two teams met, the Huskies squeaked out a 65-60 victory.

It’s different this time, this is the Big East championship, a title the Huskies have won each of the previous six years.

And it’s at home, where the Huskies have won 73 Big East games in a row.

When in service at night on ESPN2 look for a “UConn Rocks” poster.

Steve and Karen Wilson were able to get tickets for the final.

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

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Gilmore.

Down by eight with 14:28 left in regulation, Gilmore came off the bench and scored nine straight Knights’ points to keep her squad within a basket of the Irish, 40-38.

“When my shots started falling, I said to myself, ‘It’s about time,’” said Gilmore. “I’ve been struggling with my shooting for some time.”

But Gilmore’s streak wore off, momentum began to swing the way of the Irish. Notre Dame took advantage of Rutgers’ center Tammy Sutton-Brown’s foul on the court because of a fourth foul and took the ball inside to run up its lead to eight with seven minutes left to play.

But with three minutes remaining, Sutton-Brown checked back in and momentum changed again. Shutting down the Irish in the lane, the Knights dominated on offense and took the lead 61-58 with 2:33 seconds remaining.

As guard Danielle Green drove down the lane with a clear shot at the hoop, Stewart sent guard Alicia Ratay to the line with just the foul. The stoic freshman nailed the two free throws, cutting the deficit to one, 63-61.

The Irish fouled Stewart immediately on the in-bounds play, sending her to the line with 34 seconds remaining. The senior hit both, pushing the Knights’ lead to two, 62-60. Irish center John’s hit both free throws to tie the game.

Rutgers had one last chance to score in regulation, but a lay-up from Stewart bounced around the rim and out, sending the game into overtime.

The Knights took control on offense in overtime, leading the whole way.

“We just wanted it more tonight,” said Stewart. “We out-hustled them the whole time.”

Finding themselves down, the Irish were forced to foul, but the Knights were solid from the line, distancing themselves from the Irish by nine points with a minute left to play.

The Irish could not find a good shot as the Knights tightened their defense as the final seconds ticked off the clock and Rutgers advanced to the final round of the tournament.

Riley led the Irish with 20 points from the paint and Ratay chipped in 15 from the outside to pace the squad.

“Most teams have double teamed me all year,” said Riley of the Knights’ defense. “I was just happy to be able to score or get the ball to Julie [Henderson] or Niele [Ivey] when I could.”

Stewart directed the Knights' offense with 23 points and Sutton-Brown added 17.

The Irish struggled on the boards all night. The Knights outrebounded the Irish 39-27 and took advantage of many second and third looks on offense.

Rutgers, which averaged regular-season losses in Villanova and Notre Dame in the tournament, will have a chance to make up for its loss to Connecticut earlier in the season when the Knights meet the No. 1 team tonight in the tournament finals.

“We’re just trying to survive and advance,” said senior Knights’ guard Tasha Pointer, who had eight points Monday. “We’re just taking it one game at a time.”

The Irish have almost two weeks off to regroup before they begin their run for the NCAA title.

“I don’t know what this does to our tournament hopes,” said Irish head coach Muffet McGraw of her team’s loss. “I think we deserve a home game, but we’re probably a second or third seed.”

The NCAA selection committee will release the tournament seedings Sunday.
Women's lacrosse

Irish pull away from Pioneers with late surge

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

The Irish scored seven unanswered goals in 17 minutes as Notre Dame broke open a 5-4 first half lead into a 18-7 victory over the Denver Pioneers Sunday in Colorado. With 20 minutes left in the first half, the Irish led by just one goal. The slow start, however, did not concern captain Lee O'Shaughnessy.

"It usually takes us a little bit to get rolling but we usually pull it out," O'Shaughnessy said. "I guess it just took us until then to get into our groove."

O'Shaughnessy scored two goals in the first half and two goals in the second half to lead the Irish in scoring. The junior from Alexandria, Va., who led the Irish in goals last year with 56, also picked up an assist.

The slow start for the Irish did not surprise O'Shaughnessy either. The Irish tended to start slow last year as well.

"We have just always had a hard time starting right off the bat," she said. "But I think we started a lot quicker (Sunday) than we usually have."

Starting three freshmen Sunday also played a factor in the slow start. Although the Irish practiced in the fall and defeated Virginia in an exhibition last weekend, the Irish are still adjusting to playing with each other.

"It's just getting comfortable with each other," O'Shaughnessy said. "It takes a whole season to get comfortable with each other really."

The three freshman who did not start — Angela Dixon, Danielle Shearer and Kelly McCardell — all played well for the Irish.

Dixon scored three goals and added an assist. Dixon's three goals placed her third on the team in goals — behind O'Shaughnessy and sophomore Alissa Moser who each had four.

"I was really happy for her," O'Shaughnessy said about Dixon. "I was glad she stepped up for us but she still has to get her freshman nerves out of her. She played well in practice with us so I was glad that she wasn't too scared or too nervous in her first game."

Shearer tied O'Shaughnessy for the lead in points with two goals and three assists.

McCardell, who played with the U.S. under-19 national team this summer, started on an Irish defense that yielded just 23 shots and won the groundball battle, 34-23.

McCardell also picked up an assist.

In her first start after transferring from the University of Massachusetts, Irish goalkeeper Tara Durkin made 11 saves.

Junior goalie Carrie Marshall looks to deny an opposing attack player. Marshall tallied seven saves during Sunday's game while splitting time with Massachusetts-transfer Tara Durkin.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Janney leads Quakers to 10-7 victory over Irish

By STEVE KEPPLE
Sports Writer

Despite jumping out to an early 2-0 lead, the Notre Dame men's lacrosse team was upset by Pennsylvania on Saturday 10-7.

The Quakers' defense came on strong after the quick Irish opening, rendering the explosive Irish attack scoreless for 15 straight minutes.

Penn scored the next five goals, three of which were scored by last season's Ivy League leader Pete Janney.

Janney led the Quakers with three goals.

After going up by two early on, Notre Dame seemed to believe that it would roll over Penn much like they did Penn State.

"We weren't prepared. They had scouting our offense and we didn't even get to look at any tape of them," said junior Dave Ulrich. "We came out thinking we were going to blow them out."

The Quakers, with their one-on-one defense, confused the normally balanced Irish offense all day.

Penn's defense had prepared well for Notre Dame's attack and gave them trouble on defense while their underrated offense kept control of the ball for much of the afternoon.

"They had the ball the whole time, and the few times we'd get it, we would panic and try to do too much," said Ulrich, who led the Irish with three goals.

"Their defense was really tough. Our guys who normally score were shut down."

The Notre Dame defense was in control, but Notre Dame's offense still had some good chances. The Irish, however, failed to capitalize, similar to the first half of the Penn State game.

"We definitely outshot them. We just couldn't capitalize," Ulrich said. "I think we played hard but we didn't execute."

The Notre Dame defense struggled, giving up 10 goals, but goalie Kirk Howell did come up with 14 saves in another solid performance.

The loss will not hurt Notre Dame's standing in the Great Western Lacrosse League, since Penn is not in the League, but team members stressed the loss was not without consequence.

"We need to win games like this to be successful," Ulrich said. "This loss doesn't affect our league standings, but it could come back to haunt us down the road if we end up in a tie."

The Irish will travel to Colorado for two matches next weekend. They face University of Denver on Saturday and Air Force Academy on Mar. 13.

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Sophomore Kas Hoag gets ready to take off from first base during a game last season. The softball team claimed the title at last weekend's State Line Classic.

Irish shutout competition

By RACHEL PROTZMAN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame softball went undefeated with four shutouts this weekend to grab the championship title at the State Line Classic in Bristol, Tenn.

Sophomore pitcher Michelle Moshel was named the tournament MVP with 14 strikeouts in 11 innings while allowing just three hits. Also joining the all-tournament team were Melanie Alkire, Jaarab Myers and Andria Bledsoe.

"I was real pleased with the performance of the team this weekend, in particular the pitching staff," head coach Liz Miller said.

The Irish, now 11-4 overall, kicked off the weekend with a 4-0 win over Tennessee. Pitcher Jennifer Sharron held the Volunteers to three hits while striking out seven.

Freshman Alexis Madrid singled and eventually scored while junior Alkire also singled to drive in Sharron in the third to give the Irish a 2-0 lead. Juniors Lizzy Lemire and Danielle Clayman both singled to drive in runs in the fourth to give the Irish a 4-0 win.

Notre Dame grabbed its second win of the day with a 1-0 victory over Virginia Tech in the eighth inning. Moshel struck out 12 while allowing just one hit to grab her first shutout this year. Freshman Bledsoe singled in the top of the eighth to send in Myers for the win. With the tying run on third in the bottom of the inning, Moshel held on to force a foul out and a strikeout for the Notre Dame win.

"The Virginia Tech game was a pitcher’s duel all the way," Miller said. "Moshel pitched a great game.

Alkire led the Irish with her career’s first solo home run and a two-run homer in the Notre Dame 8-0 win over Kentucky. Myers also grabbed a two-run homer and Jennifer Kriech finished with two doubles to add to the Irish offense. Alkire allowed just three walks with four strikeouts in the 24th no-hitter in Notre Dame’s history.

Notre Dame grabbed its fourth shutout and the championship title with a 3-0 win over Virginia Tech on Sunday. Alkire, Kriech and Myers all drove in runs to aid the Irish win offensively while Sharron and Moshel combined to allow just four hits, one walk and nine strikeouts.

"We didn’t give up a run the entire weekend and that’s remarkable," Miller said. "Plus we had an extremely strong defense, but there’s always room for improvement. We need to be able to keep down bunts and hit change-ups.

Notre Dame will play again on Sunday in a double header against San Diego.

"We have a lot of games over spring break," Miller said. "This is a regrouping week for us."

Softball

Water polo club posts 3-1 weekend

Observer Staff Report

Competing against the powers of the Big Ten brought the best in the women’s water polo team this weekend.

The club opened with a 13-2 thrashing of Minnesota in the opening round, before falling in a tight 13-10 contest to host Wisconsin. Sophomore Lauren Kurzmir tallied five goals to keep the team within striking distance for the entire game.

Notre Dame rebounded in the next round to defeat nemesis Illinois 6-4, and closed the weekend with a 5-3 victory over Northwestern. Liz Parolin was named the outstanding Irish player for the weekend.

Figure Skating

The figure skating club’s synchronized team finished a very respectable eighth in the team nationals at Plymouth, Mich. this weekend. In its debut season, the club placed ahead of established teams such as Providence and Oswego State, and narrowly scored a seventh place at Princeton.

Defending champion Miami (Ohio) outdistanced the field, with Delaware and Michigan finishing second and third.

Senior Lindsey Ray was the driving force behind the team’s success and growth. She leaves a team that is anxious to improve its ranking at next year’s nationals.

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**Tennis**
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our strength, but as we practice more and more, I think we can get back to where we were.

Coming into Sunday's showdown with the No. 21 Kentucky Wildcats, the Irish were running on fumes. Having played six matches in the previous nine days, Notre Dame was exhausted but nevertheless found a way to rise to the occasion, pulling out a 7-2 win.

"I was really happy with the way we came together," Dasso said. "Everyone picked it up a notch."

Notre Dame roared through the singles portion of the match, losing nary a set, in establishing a 6-0 lead that rendered doubles play meaningless.

"We were very tired," Louderback said. "I think emotion and guts played a big role in some of those matches. To not lose a set against Kentucky - that's impressive."

Dasso dropped just one game in drilling the Wildcats' Carolina Mayorga 6-1, 6-0. Becky Varnum, Kelly Zalisinski, Nina Vaughan, Lindsey Green, and Katie Cunha all scored easy straight set wins, and the rout was on.

The Irish, however, continued their struggles in doubles, dropping two of three matches.

"Losing Kim (Guy) really does hurt," Dasso said. "But I think Katie [Cunha] can step up and play well."

![Junior All-American Michelle Dasso drills a backhand return in her 6-2, 6-2 victory over Ohio State's Kristy Daccoll at No. 1 singles Sunday.](image)

**NBA**

Rockets’ Barkley hired as TV analyst

Associated Press

Charles Barkley will start his new job as TV analyst Tuesday, even though he still wants to return to his old job before the end of the season.

Barkley has been hired by Turner Sports to work as a studio analyst on NBA broadcasts. He will make his debut Tuesday night, then will work only occasionally the rest of this season before picking up a greater workload in the next two seasons.

Barkley still hopes to return from a serious knee injury to play one more game for the Houston Rockets, their season finale against Vancouver on April 19.

"My objective is to play in the last game of the year," Barkley said Monday on a conference call to announce his hiring. "I want my last recollection of basketball to be a positive one, and I want to walk off the court under my own strength in my last game."

Barkley ruptured a knee tendon Dec. 8 in a game at Philadelphia, an injury that was expected to keep his out for the rest of the season and end his career.

"It bothers me that I'm not going to be playing basketball anymore. There's no substitute for that," he said. "If I hadn't gotten hurt in Philadelphia, I was going to play next year because I was so mad I got hurt."

Barkley, a 16-year NBA veteran, said he chose the job at Turner over a similar job at NBC because he felt Turner wanted him more.

Turner televises NBA games on the cable networks TBS and TNT.

Barkley's deal runs for two seasons after this one, coinciding with the length of Turner's broadcasting contract with the NBA.

Barkley also will be available to provide his own humorous brand of contributions to Turner's other sports broadcasts, including the 2001 Goodwill Games, Atlanta Braves baseball, NASCAR races, professional golf and tennis.

The network is still not certain exactly what role Barkley might have outside of NBA telecasts, Turner Sports president Mark Lazarus said.

On NBA broadcasts, Barkley promised to bring his own unique blend of charisma, humor and insight without being overly negative.

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BASEBALL

Irish post 2-1 record at Hormel Foods Classic

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Writer

Playing in its second tournament of the season, the Irish baseball team improved its season record to 4-2 as it won two of three games at last weekend's Hormel Foods Classic at the Metrodome in Minneapolis, Minn.

On Sunday, Notre Dame defeated a Georgia team that came into the tournament undefeated before falling to Minnesota on Friday. Notre Dame was led by junior right-hander Aaron Heilman, who finished with a career-high 12 strikeouts while only allowing one unearned run in eight innings.

"(Heilman) was basically the story of that last game," head coach Paul Mainieri said. "He totally dominated that game and we scratched for enough runs to be able to win."

The Irish went up 3-1 on a double by junior shortstop Alec Porzel before adding three insurance runs in the ninth off sophomore pitcher J.P. Cavey. Cavey allowed two runs on four hits in six innings in defeating No. 24 Wake Forest, 8-5.

"The story of that game was Scott Cavey," Mainieri said. "Wake Forest has one of the top teams in the country, wining back-to-back ACC championships, and for Scott to go out there and pitch that, well, it was fantastic."

Stanley and fellow sophomore third baseman Andrew Bushey each had three hits to lead a 16-hit attack against the Deamon Deacons. Notre Dame hosts Manchester College today at 4:30 p.m. at Eck Stadium, with sophomore Matt Buchmeier as the starting pitcher.

Notre Dame used clutch hitting and power pitching to post a 2-1 mark at the Hormel Foods Classic at the Metrodome in Minneapolis, Minn.

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8. Koppell of "Nightline"
9. Sudden jolt
10. All the way across
11. City of Rome, or its bishop
12. Boise's state:

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1. Computer operator
2. Pasta sauce brand
3. Omen
4. Man who's not yet a full partner
5. Common pitfall dish
6. Souvenir promise
7. Piggies
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9. Windows
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11. Carnet of "The Honeycombers"
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WOMEN'S BIG EAST CHAMPIONSHIP

Rutgers rallies to knock Notre Dame out of tournament

By KERRY SMITH
Assistant Sports Editor

Rutgers knows about battling back against Notre Dame. When the two teams met in the regular season, the Scarlet Knights dug themselves a 19-point hole and fought back to gain the lead, only to lose in overtime.

But this time it was different.

With the Irish up by nine with four minutes left in regulation in Monday night's Big East semifinal tournament game, it looked as though the No. 6 team in the nation would advance to meet Connecticut in the final.

But the Knights had a different idea — they thought of their recent overtime loss to the Irish on home turf and never looked back again. With 12-straight points by the Scarlet Knights, Rutgers tipped the scales in its favor for the first time since the opening minutes of the first half with 43 seconds left in regulation. The Irish forced overtime in the final seconds, but could not defend against an explosive Rutgers' offense, losing 81-72.

"The (regular season) loss was a heartbreaker," said Scarlet Knights' guard Shawnetta Stewart. "It feels real good to beat them tonight."

"It was a tough week," said head coach Jay Louderback. "I'm happy with the way we rallied in the end."

"It was a tough week," played tremendously of her opponent with a rare 6-0, 6-0, 11 No. 1 singles win over Shera Wiegler, in match that lasted a mere 45 minutes. "She's played tremendously of late," Louderback said. "She has improved, it seems, with every match."

"I think we'll get better with more practice time," Louderback said. "It's hard to get a rhythm going when you're not playing together."

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