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FacultY Senate
Members approve Student Life report

Group also asks ND to join Workers' Rights Consortium

By JOSHUA BOURGEOS
Assistant News Editor

The Faculty Senate passed two resolutions Tuesday dealing with a report to the Ad Hoc Committee on Academic and Student Life and the Progressive Student Alliance request for the University to take further action against sweatshops.

The committees on academic affairs and student affairs drafted the report debated at the meeting. The report intends to inform the Ad Hoc Committee on Academic and Student Life on the faculty's role in the integration of academic and campus life. The Ad Hoc Committee will then write a report on the issue in April.

The Faculty Senate Report to the Ad Hoc Committee on Academic and Student Life suggests that there should be "either the reorganization of the Campus Life Council (CLC) or the formation of a new body to replace it (i.e., CLC) to oversee the integration of Academic and Campus Life."

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Faculty Senate chair Jean Porter leads the group's meeting Tuesday. The Senate voted to support the PSA's campaign for Notre Dame to enter the Workers' Rights Consortium, an anti-sweatshop organization.

After debating the inclusion of a diversity clause, the Senate voted to endorse the report by a vote of 26-3. The report will now go to the Ad Hoc Committee on Academic and Student Life.

Aaron Kreider of the Progressive Student Alliance (PSA) attended the meeting and presented the Senate a proposal that asked the University to withdraw from the Fair Labor Association (FLA) and join the newly formed Workers' Rights Consortium.

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It's just a place, right?

In three months, I'll be gone. I realized that the other day when an envelope filled with commemorative information met me at the mailbox. It was my college mortality.

And when I opened that envelope, and read such dry material about how exactly Notre Dame is going to kick me out, I began to cry. It wasn't a sad event. It was just a small trickle. Enough to make me notice a change in my emotional well-being, but not so much that I couldn't wash it away out of explaining why there was a tear running down my cheek. (It was a piece of dirt, I would probably say.)

Anyway, I suppose it's just the woman who's been hiding deep down in my soul for such a long time. I've never pretended not to be a sensitive person. But I've never pretended to be a big fan of loving Notre Dame and everything that came with it.

I've visited the Grotto when I needed spiritual renewal. I visited the Main Building when it reopened. I went to all the home football games. But really, I would have made those trips if I were at any other school. It was really my spirituality, my curiosity and my interest in sports that instigated them.

So why did I cry when I discovered that I was on my last gasp of 'Notre Dame'? It's because everything I thought was important in my life was somehow infected by this place. I've been here for three and a half years already. And I've grown attached to it. I don't want to cry when I sit with my fellow seniors for the last time since freshman orientation. I don't want to cry when I discover that I was never a big fan of loving Notre Dame. It's because everything I thought was important in my life was somehow infected by this place.

But a source close to the investigation said that the University will now only submit the documents asked for in the letter, it will not seek to challenge the investigatory process.

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NEW YORK

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PHILADELPHIA

In a scathing letter to Penn's Institute for Human Gene Therapy on Friday, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration says that the Institute's defense of its handling of the clinical study that cost an 18-year-old man his life and refused to lift the ban on gene therapy at the university.

In the 20-page warning letter addressed to IHGT director James Wilson, who led the study, federal regulators charged the researcher with having "failed to fulfill his obligations as the sponsor" of gene therapy studies, and accused him of violating federal human research regulations.

"We are disappointed that the FDA appears to discount a number of the responses to those charges filed by the IHGT," University of Pennsylvania officials said in a written statement issued Friday.

The warning comes six weeks after the FDA charged the Institute with 18 possible violations of federal research protocol breaches and placed a ban on all gene therapy at Penn. IHGT officials responded to the allegations last month and an external committee of scientists is expected to release its findings by mid-April.

Packer apologizes to Duke students

DURHAM, N.C.

Through an e-mail to two students, Billy Packer said he never intended "to disparage Duke University or its students." CBS basketball commentator Billy Packer apologized Monday to two Duke students for sexist remarks he made to them at a home more than a week ago. "I am sorry you were offended by my comments," he entered Cameron on Feb. 26," Packer wrote in a brief e-mail to Trinity junior Jen Feinberg and Pratt junior Sarah Bradley. "It was never my intention to disparage Duke University or its students." Bradley and Feinberg responded to that e-mail by asking Packer to apologize Wednesday. "We were pleased to see it. It was actually sort of stunning when I saw it pop up in my e-mail," Feinberg said. "We're glad to have it resolved." CBS had no official statement on the incident, saying that it was between Packer and the students. Packer, who was criticized in 1996 for calling basketball star Allen Iverson a "tough monkey," declined further comment Monday, calling it "a personal matter."

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Members discuss future of Dalloway's clubhouse

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
News Writer

Construction updates, a visit from the newly elected Notre Dame student body president and vice president and introduc­
tions of new Board of Governance members highlight­ed the Saint Mary's BOG meeting Tuesday.

The Historical Preservation Committee had a meeting to dis­
cuss the future of Dalloway's, Saint Mary's clubhouse. At this point, there are no definitive plans to tear it down, but it may revert back to the Sisters of the Holy Cross if the current transaction goes through. In this transaction, Saint Mary's would get a new clubhouse and also the softball and soccer fields for develop­ment. The school hopes to break ground on a new clubhouse soon.

In more construction news, the major renovations in Regina Hall may begin as early as spring break. Nancy Midden, current Saint Mary's student body presi­dent, announced that BOG would help the Jubilee Community Commit­mment Committee by sub­mitting feedback on the student body's behalf.

The committee was established in December to examine docu­mentation going back to 1975, Midden said. It also sought to make recommendations based on their findings. The committee submitted their suggestions to the Administrative Council and is now looking for feedback.

Angle Little, student body vice president, announced several activities for Women's Month in March.

Some of the activities planned include a study break, a service project called "Restaurant Closet," which will focus on pro­viding women with business attire who would not otherwise be able to afford it.

"Carolyn Kelley did a really good job setting this up," Little said. Kelley is the representative for Women's Studies on the Student Academic Council.

In other BOG news:

- Brian O'Donoghue and Brooke Norton, Notre Dame's student body president and vice president, officially intro­duced themselves at the meet­ing.

- Current student body vice president Michael Palfumo was also in attendance, along with Saint Mary's student body presi­dent-elect Crissie Ronner and vice president-elect Michelle Nagle.

O'Donoghue and Norton's visit served to wrap up the controvers­

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Prof wins book award

Special to The Observer


Crafton received the award, in the history and culture category, during ceremonies Feb. 14 at the Royal Society in London. His book was chosen from among five finalists, which in turn were collected from among 283 books repre­senting 11 countries. The Kraszna-Krausz awards alternate annually between books on photography and on moving images.

Crafton joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1997. He graduated from the University of Michigan in 1969 and received his first master's degree from the University of Iowa. He earned his second master's and his doctoral degree at Yale University.
Dennis lauds Salvadoran martyrs

By NELLIE WILLIAMS
News Writer

On Nov. 16, 1989, six Jesuit priests and two women in El Salvador were mercilessly gunned down.

Tuesday, Sister Marie Dennis, director of the Maryknoll Peace and Justice Center, came to Saint Mary's from Washington to tell their story. "Like grapes of wrath," she said. "They were holy people of God."

The "grapes of wrath" were Ignacio Ellacil, Segundo Montes, Nacho Martin-Baro, Juan Ramos, Nelson, Amanda Lopez and Joaquina Lopez y Lopez. The two women killed were Elba Ramos and her 15-year-old daughter, Celina.

"These people were missionaries of Christ, followers of Jesus. They were seeds of new life," Dennis said.

The country of El Salvador is filled with poverty. In a very complex situation, the government and military control most of the wealth and had wanted the poor to stay in poverty, Dennis said. As long as there was poverty, there was economic and social power in El Salvador.

The Jesuits, however, spoke out against the unjust government and the Farabundo Martín Liberation Nationalist.

"[The Jesuits] were given to dedicated service," Dennis said. They taught in the Central American University in El Salvador and were theologians, sociologists and psychologists.

"They were able to stand in the light of the poor," Dennis said. "They always, always talked about justice. They believed it was possible to bring in peace and justice. Their beliefs and hopes for the poor of El Salvador cost the Jesuits their lives.

The strength of their action terrified authority," Dennis said. John Sabreno, also a Jesuit who taught at the university with the other six, was away in Theophany when his brothers were killed.

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Dennis said people should be challenged, especially at this time in Lent to think about the martyrs and our own lives.

"We need to place ourselves before the crucifix and ask ourselves honestly what we have done and what we are going to do for the poor," she said. "It is not possible to keep on living in abundance. We are wanting more and more while millions of people are dying day by day.

She also said that people need to find "places to walk with the poor" and allow them to change and become more human. People need to challenge themselves to take down barriers that separate them from the crucified ones, she said.

Dennis emphasized that even in her own life she had a hard time dealing with a poor family. Her heart went out to them, yet she could not find within herself the courage to invite them to her home.

"I was embarrassed to invite these children to our home because we had so much more than they did," she said. "The marต are a cloud of witnesses to the gospel," Dennis said. "They are seekers of a new life for us — the martyrs of El Salvador."

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was a very great blessing to so many," Hesburgh said.

McCormick graduated from Chicago University in 1945 and obtained a master's degree in theology at that university in 1953. In 1955, McCormick was ordained into the priesthood, and in 1957, he obtained his doctoral degree in theology from the Gregorian University in Rome.

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The committee had as part of its resolu­tion allowing smoking lounges in the resi­dence halls.

Newcomb said, "The administra­tion apologized but explained that they were going to change that and ban smoking in the halls. Why did they have the task force if they knew what they were doing? I think it was a true infringement on our rights."

The policy came from an effort by both the administration and health services to encourage healthy behaviors by the student body according to Karen Ristau, vice president and dean of students.

"It really came from our desire to stand up against something that is not healthy," she said. "There is so much advertising aimed at young women that we want­ed to take a stand."

The policy is an effort to help non-smokers avoid sec­ond-hand smoke and encourage smokers to avoid the unhealthy behavior.

"I really am a non-smoker as a strict non-smoker. I can walk through my residence halls and outside my classmates without hav­ing to hold my breath," Kosel comm­mented.

Some smokers agree that this policy will help them curb their habit by keeping them from smoking in their residence halls.

"I think it is a good idea and able to be able to smoke in the residence halls," said Emily Koehl, a smoker. "I really have quit if they can't smoke at night in their rooms.

Many non-smokers who live next to smokers are pleased that their neighbors will not be able to smoke in their residence halls, helping to cut back on the second-hand smoke intake.

"I live next to a smoker and I hate it," said fresh­man Karen Schaff. "Whenever she smokes, it drifts into my room and the entire hall reeks of it. I like the idea of the non-smoking dorms. It isn't fair for nonsmokers to have to breathe that smell. We should be able live without that incon­venience."

Many smokers feel that the administration is infringing on their rights.

"I really feel frustrated," Barnett said. "I don't want to ruin anyone's health, but I don't think Saint Mary's has the right to tell me what I can and cannot do... I think it's an individual choice, not one that should be forced on us."
Chile

Policy and protesters face off in front of the Chilean presidential palace Saturday. The protesters were demonstrating against former dictator Gen. Augusto Pinochet, who returned to Chile Friday after being held in England, where he evaded extradition to Spain for trial on human rights charges.

Pinochet to face trial as ordinary citizen

Associated Press

Less than a week after returning from confinement in Britain, the ailing Gen. Augusto Pinochet faces 72 lawsuits for human rights abuses, including six filed Tuesday with the Santiago Court of Appeals. Chief Justice Hermán Alvarez dismissed warnings by critics that strong military support for Pinochet might interfere with the pursuit of justice. "Citizen Augusto Pinochet can turn the same page as any other Chilean," Alvarez said. "The courts do not accept pressure." He added, however, that "this is indeed a complex situation that requires prudence." Fernando Barros, a spokesman for Pinochet through most of the former dictator's 16-month detention in Britain, warned that trying Pinochet "will bring instability to the country." A day earlier, Judge Juan Guzman, who is handling the suits, asked the Santiago court to strip Pinochet of his congressional immunity so he could be tried in the case known as "the caravan of death" — the killings and disappearances of 72 dissidents in the days after the Sept. 11, 1973 coup that brought Pinochet to power. Among those who filed new suits on Tuesday was Maira Contreras, the secretary of former President Salvador Allende, whom Pinochet ousted in the coup. A report by the elected government that succeeded Pinochet in 1990 established that Contreras' 20-year-old son, Enrique Rupter, was arrested in front of the presidential palace the day of the coup "and executed by agents of the State. His body was found on the banks of the Mapocho River by the end of the same month."

Another new suit was filed by Yolanda Avila, the widow of Jose Liendo, a leftist accused of organizing guerrillas in southern Chile and executed a few days after the coup. Attorney Francisco Bravo said Liendo had been executed after "a highly irregular" military trial. "A text of the procedures was never found, and Liendo was not provided with a lawyer," Bravo said. According to the official report, 3,197 people were killed or disappeared for political reasons during Pinochet's 17-year reign.

Jurors debate date-rape drug poisoning

Associated Press

Detroit

Jurors began Tuesday deliberating the fate of a man accused of causing the death of a 15-year-old girl by slipping a date-rape drug into her soft drink. Joshua Cole, 19, is charged with three counts of felony poisoning, each carrying a possible life sentence, and involuntary manslaughter. Manslaughter is punishable by up to 15 years behind bars.

In closing arguments Tuesday, defense attorney John Courtright told jurors that his client acted out of ignorance but did not intend to harm the teenager. He said Samantha Reid's death was a "tragic accident." "No one would knowingly hurt themselves or their friends," Courtright said. "Sometimes things happen that shouldn't happen, and it's a tragedy."

Prosecutors say Cole and three other men gave the girl soft drinks secretly spiked with gamma-hydroxybutyrate during a party Jan. 16, 1999. Samantha died the next day. Her friend Melanie Sindone, now 16, fell into a coma but recovered.

Courtright asked the jury to consider Cole's actions the night of the party and afterward — carrying the unconscious girls from the apartment to a van and calling their parents from the hospital when others urged him not to.

Wayne County assistant prosecutor Doug Baker said in his closing argument Monday that Cole knew GHB was potentially harmful, because he told police investigating that he had tried it once and gotten sick. The trial is believed to be among the first in the country resulting from a GHB-related death.

Two other men — Nicholas Holtschlag, 18, and Daniel Brayman, 18 — are each charged with involuntary manslaughter and two counts of felony poisoning. A third, Erick Limmer, 26, is charged with poisoning, delivery of marijuana and possession of GHB.

Arizona Democrats participate in first-ever Internet voting

PHOENIX

Arizona Democrats on Tuesday started what they believe is the future of voting — using the Internet in the nation's first such balloting in a binding election for public office. Maricopa County Supervisor Mary Rose Wilcox cast the first vote from state party headquarters at 12:01 a.m. By mid-afternoon, about 7,000 people had voted and the Web site was recording about 100 votes every 5 minutes. To vote, registered Democrats visit Election.com, which leads them to the Web page where they can vote. They have to enter a personal identification number along with state and date of birth. On primary day, other voters will have to go to one of 124 polling places where they can use either a traditional paper ballot or computer.
McEvoy: Northern Irish youth face host of challenges

By AMANDA GRECO

Though conflict in Northern Ireland is nothing new, the youth there are encountering more uncertainty, inter-community, inter-intra-communal violence and segregation than ever before, according to Siobhan McEvoy, who spoke Tuesday at Notre Dame's Kroc Institute.

McEvoy, a visiting fellow at the Kroc Institute, examined young people's political attitudes and experiences, violence and interests in the war-torn province. She spent the last several months in Ireland interacting with mostly Protestant youth and conducting interviews with other information. While there, McEvoy witnessed firsthand the violence process, as well as the optimism of young people for a peaceful future.

Northern Ireland's peace process is generally seen as spanning the last seven years, McEvoy said, with 1995-98 being considered the conflict resolution era and 1998 as post-settlement.

This current method looks to see that actions taken are viable with the young. "No group is more charged with carrying the peace process forward than the youth," she said.

Knowing that more than 40 percent of Northern Ireland's population is younger than 24, McEvoy said that the youth hold significant potential for the peace process. "People believe the ages of 16 and 24 are more likely to have witnessed and participated in sectarian violence. When McEvoy surveyed 12- to 17-year-olds, she found that 76 percent felt that this violence was directly linked to religion. Twenty-five percent said they had to hide their religion from others; 27 percent had received threats because of their religion. 47 percent purposely avoid certain places out of fear; more than half understand religion as a source of violence.

These violent attacks, however, stem not only from members of opposing sects, but also from the police and paramilitary soldiers who supposedly prevent violence.

"The youth are acutely subject to police brutality and community sanctioned punishment in many areas," she said. These violent attacks continue unabated in post-settlement-era Ireland. Eighty percent of 16- to 25-year-olds have experienced physical, verbal and sexual harassment.

"Religious-related violence remains an immediate experience in the peace process for many, McEvoy said. Though it seems the youth should be interested in turning their leadership away from violence, their political allegiances lie overwhelmingly with either the Democratic Unionist party or its Republican counterpart, Sinn Fein, both of which are seen as highly militant groups.

The youth are frustrated that there are few real opportunities for engagement other than the sectarian or extremist groups," McEvoy said. "They have very few perceptions of political efficacy," she said.

The major challenge for peace builders, she said, is to accommodate and constructively harness the diversity of the youth.

"The young are starting a process of change but active participants in the transformation process," she said.

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Keys receives prestigious Olin fellowship

By SAM DERHEMER
News Writer

Mary Keys, assistant professor of government and international studies at Notre Dame, won't have to worry about grading any papers or tests next year. She won't have to worry about preparing any lectures. In fact, she won't have to worry about teaching class at all.

Keys was named as one of eight John M Olin Faculty Fellowship grant recipients by the National Association of Scholars (NAS). The grant, awarded annually, is for any junior faculty members who has completed his or her doctoral and who works in the social sciences or related fields, provided he or she has some research interest in political theory, public policy, American government, American foreign policy or the historical study of government or economics. While on leave, the fellowship will step in and cover the costs of Keys' salary at Notre Dame and benefits for the entire year. Keys will then be able to take the year off from teaching to concentrate on her Olin project, "Virtue, Law, and the Common Good: The Relevance of Thomas Aquinas."

"I really love to teach, and I'll miss the regular contact with students," Keys said. "But I hope to return to the classroom in a year with more energy, and at least a few new insights."

The process of winning the grant was a daunting one. Keys was first nominated for the award by fellow Notre Dame government professor Michael Zuckert. She then had to submit a description of her intended research project and publication plans, a copy of her curriculum and a copy of an existing published book chapter or article she had written. After that, the decision was left solely to the discretion of the NAS selection committee.

Keys was notified she had been chosen in late January of this year. "It's a wonderful opportunity to complete by first book. I also hope to write a new article or two over the course of the year," Keys said. "It's also nice to know that some scholars outside of Notre Dame find my research project important and interesting enough to fund."

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California bans gay marriage

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - California's overwhelming ban on gay marriage is being cracked down on juvenile crime and rejected an overhaul of camping financing Tuesday.

Those proposals were just some of the social, political and pocketbook proposals on the California ballot Tuesday. Voters also reaffirmed their desire to keep gambling on Indian land and rejected an attempt to repeal the hotel room tax imposed by director Rob Reiner.

With 17 percent of precincts reporting, 1,009,656 voters, or 66 percent, supported the gay marriage ban, known as Proposition 22, while 521,460 voters, or 34 percent, opposed it.

California, like every other state, does not license gay marriages. Proposition 22 bans recognition of gay marriages performed in any other state.

Similar ballot measures passed in Alaska and Hawaii in 1998, and signatures are being gathered in Colorado and Nevada. But the stakes, as always, seemed higher in the nation's most populous state.

The issue galvanized politicians and church leaders on both sides, with each side claiming they were fighting for families. Supporters raised about $8 million and opponents about $5.5 million.

Proposition 22 was sponsored by Republican state Sen. Pete Knight; the opponents included Knight's gay son.

"Probably it's a small town upbringing and the fact that I've been going to church all my life," said Lewis Cain of Sacramento, who voted for Proposition 22. "It just seemed like the right thing to do."

Reiner returned to the political theater to oppose the measure that would have repealed the 50-cent-a-pack cigarette tax he campaigned for in 1998. With 14 percent of precincts reporting, the measure had 966,711 yes votes, or 71.1 percent, and 402,039 no votes, or 29 percent.

The original tax - designed to fund early childhood development programs - squeaked through,prompting cigarette retailer Ned Roscoe to launch the repeal effort. However, the tobacco companies failed to jump in and the campaign never grew.

Also on the ballot was a second attempt to legalize gambling on Indian land. With 19 percent of precincts reporting, there were 1,071,630 yes votes, or 64 percent, to 609,740 no votes, or 36 percent.

A similar measure passed in 1996 but was struck down as unconstitutional. This time, the measure sought to amend the state constitution in a version supporters hoped would stand up.

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**West Bank**

**Arafat, Barak meet as independence deadline nears**

- Leaders hold summit in hopes of restarting stalled peace efforts

Associated Press

**RAMALLAH**

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian leader Yasir Arafat met in Ramallah on Tuesday to try to settle their differences over the stalled peace efforts.

The two met in Savyon, an affluent suburb of Tel Aviv, a secrétaire Palestinian official said. Separately, an Israeli official confirmed that the meeting had taken place but gave no further details.

President Clinton's top Middle East diplomat, Dennis Ross, arrived in Israel earlier in the day on his second visit to the region in as many weeks. He had left last month over a disagreement in an intermin troop withdrawal from the West Bank.

Ross also returned after prompting speculation that he was carrying new proposals for both sides.

The Palestinian official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Ross was to attend the meeting.

The official said the meeting was spurred by the peace-making efforts of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, who called Arafat and Barak on Monday to discuss a new package of Egyptian and American ideas. The proposals include some minor Israeli concessions.

In the land dispute, Palestinians wanted the interim troop withdrawal from 6.1 percent of the West Bank to include populous suburbs of Jerusalem. Israel refused, saying discussion of the suburbs should be undertaken during final status negotiations on the city, claimed by both sides as a capital.

Arafat suspended final status talks last month over the issue, saying that if he could not trust Israel on relatively minor issues, there was no point in negotiating the major issues.

Earlier Tuesday, Arafat told his legislature that he would declare Palestinian statehood this year, with or without Israel's consent. He said Israel must stop procrastinating if it wants to meet a September deadline for a peace treaty giving it a say on the terms of statehood.

"This is the moment of truth. The government of Israel must stop dictating and wasting time," Arafat declared. "We will only accept the implementation of the agreements and will settle for nothing less than our full rights."

The Palestinian leader's speech was interrupted by hearty applause, especially where he said 2000 was the year of Palestinian independence.

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Associated Press

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**JAPAN**

Subway derails, kills 2

Associated Press

TOKYO

A subway train derailed and hit an oncoming train during rush hour Wednesday, killing two passengers and injuring at least 19 others, officials said.

Three of the injured were rushed to hospitals unconscious following the 9:03 a.m. crash between the Toei Asakusa and Toei Shinjuku lines at JR Shinawaku Station in western Tokyo, one of Tokyo's busiest subway lines, was not immediately known, said spokesman Ryuichi Isozaki.

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Bush outpaces McCain in Super Tuesday primaries

 Associated Press

 Cruising across the regions, George W. Bush won five Super Tuesday primaries in an accelerating drive to vanquish John McCain's political insurgency. "It's a huge step toward the nomination," the Republican presidential candidate said as McCain struggled to broaden his base toward independent-minded New England states.

 Bush won in Ohio, Georgia, Missouri and Maryland by double-digit margins — and broke McCain's hold on the Northeast with a narrow victory in Maine. McCain won in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Vermont as voters in 15 states participated in the year's largest night of Republican presidential contests.

 New York and California were yet to be counted.

 Bush said he did not consider himself the certain nominee. "My frame of mind is to keep moving," he told. The AP as the campaign moved swiftly to nine primaries in the next seven days.

 Bush relied on party faithful while McCain drew from independents and moderate Republicans. McCain's gamble of criticizing conservative Christian leaders may have backfired in key states, while Bush's visit to a South Carolina university with a history of anti-catholic views seemed to be a beneficial campaign issue for McCain in some states.

 With Super Tuesday voting, the general election began to take shape: Vice President Al Gore bid to sweep 16 Democratic contests, pushing Sen. Bill Bradley to the brink of withdrawal. McCain's situation was not as dire, but his candidacy was flagging with a tough week of Bush-friendly contests lying just ahead.

 Looking past McCain to a potential fight with Gore, Bush congratulated the vice president for his Super Tuesday victory, but said, "He is the candidate of the status quo in Washington, D.C., and he has a tough case to make in the general election."

 Several McCain advisers, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the Arizona senator would take stock of his campaign Wednesday when he travels to his retreat in Sedona.

 Some aides planned to recommend the senator depart the race, while others looked for him to forge on to the nine primaries coming up.

 In the next seven days, McCain himself embraced his victories in the Northeast and held out hope in New York.

 "Clearly, we have done very well on the East Coast," he said. Neither candidate could accumulate the margin of 1,034 delegates Tuesday, but Bush hoped for a string of victories that would drive McCain from the race and allow him to turn his attention to the nomination and gaining the GOP front-runner in head-to-head polls.

 Gore dominates Bradley in elections

 Associated Press

 Al Gore swept past Bill Bradley in an unbroken string of states on Super Tuesday, pushing his rival to the brink of withdrawal in the Democratic presidential campaign. "In this election, we are the party of the mainstream," the vice president said swiftly turning his focus toward November.

 Gore won from New York to Georgia to Ohio and at several stops in between, regularly gaining 60 percent of the vote or more. Seeking to shut out his rival, he also bid for victory in California, the biggest prize on the busiest night of the primary season.

 "The war, I lost," Bradley said succinctly. The former New Jersey senator telephoned Gore with his congratulations, and said he would announce his plans within a week of Bush-friendly contests.

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 George W. Bush
 Republican presidential candidate

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Don't displace blame; be responsible

Kimm Martin
Reflections of a Nice Girl

As I sit here watching Monday Night Raw, I can't help but think about the type of age we live in where it is so easy to place blame everywhere but on ourselves. I love it every time the Rock says "cardboard" and "rootypoo." I watch in anticipation of seeing who will be thrown headfirst into a table. It is violent, and it is entertain­ment.

Realize, though, that my 22-year-old brain understands that this is a show. I am disgusted, however, when the camera pans the audience and I see kids no older than 10 holding up their middle finger and saying "suck it." Last year, a young boy who could not have been older than 9 accidentally killed his younger sister. He was imitating a wrestling move he saw on one of the many professional wrestling shows on television. The public was so quick to blame those entertainers.

Crusades have been launched emphasizing that violence in television shows and video games is the cause of such tragedies. The real tragedy is that the WWF is not to blame. That child should not have been watching the program in the first place.

I recently saw an episode of Jerry Springer, whose show is notorious for its ridiculous brawls. I have to say, it was a little disappointing to see that they now edit out the fight scenes. If you watch Jerry Springer, you are watching to see who is going to fight. The hilarity is the fact that this show is a complete mockery of humanity. Viewers cannot believe that these people exist. The audience is there to see a show. A show that is crazy, wild and unlike reality. It is not real. Yet, Springer has been the subject of scrutiny when the values of America are the crusades of the day. Here is a man who is making millions capitalizing off of fights between "porn stars in drag with a sexy secret in tell." Critics often ask, "What kind of message are we sending to the children who see such programs on television?" I ask this: What kind of parent would let their 6-year-old watch Springer in the first place? Don't condemn the man who is making his living by giving his audience what they want to see.

After the Columbine tragedy, newspapers circulated that the two obviously troubled teenagers who killed several people may have been influenced by the heavy metal music they listened to. This idea is ridiculous. The concept of right and wrong is instilled in each of us at birth. What happened that day in Colorado was done by two people who knew exactly what they were doing. Without regard or respect for human life they acted out of their own free will. Marilyn Manson did not pull the trigger. A short time after the Oliver Stone's movie "Natural Born Killers" was released, a man committed murder, citing that his motivation formed after viewing the violent and graphic film. Lawsuits were brought against Stone. The media chastised him for creating such a violent and gruesome story that resulted in the loss of human life. What the media failed to mention was the millions of other people who saw the movie and did not kill anyone.

It is horrible that this crime was committed, but it is just as scary that someone one could actually be released for committing such an act based on the defense that "Oliver Stone made me do it." Displacing blame is not just a societal vice.

Consider this situation: A girl friend tells her boyfriend that she is tired and is going to sleep on a Thursday night. He later finds out that she went out to Heartland and danced the night away. She returns and discovers that a friend of his saw her there and told the boyfriend.

So what does she do? She calls her friend, yells at him and accuses him of involving himself in business that is of no concern of his. She never apologizes for her actions but displaces the blame.

How many times have we known about a test for weeks, not studied for it until the night before, barely passed it and then adamantly blamed the professor for making the test so hard? That's right, it must be his fault — not our own — that we did not do well.

If we do not start taking responsibility for our own actions in minor situations like these, we will never accept the responsibility in the future when it really counts. It starts with us. It starts in the home. Certainly outside forces with negative factors fuel growth. Only we plant the seed.

So the next time your 5-year-old cousin says "suck it," don't blame WWF president Vince McMahon.

Kimm Martin is a senior at Saint Mary's College. Her column appears every other Wednesday. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

DILBERT

Scott Adams

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Culture is roughly anything we do and the monkeys don't." — Lord Raglan

Wednesday, March 8, 2000
Inconsistent view of homosexuality misleads students

On Tuesday, the people of California voted on Proposition 22, which makes it clear that "every marriage between a man and a woman is recognized in California."

A generation ago, and recognized for the past two millennia, the truth of that proposition would have been regarded as self-evident. Today it is doubted because of a cultural redefinition of the nature of homosexual acts, of the homosexual inclination, and the sanctity of marriage and the family.

More to the point, one may fairly question whether the California proposition, if approved by a majority at Notre Dame. This is so because for several years, the administration has permeated the campus with a view of the subject that is incompatible and misleading.

Let's review some basics. Homosexual acts are intrinsically wrong. As the Letter on the Pastoral Care of Homosexual Persons, issued with the approval of John Paul II in 1986, states: "It is only in the marital relationship that the use of the sexual faculty can be morally good. To choose someone of the same sex for one's sex activity is to nullify the rich symbolism and meaning, not to mention the goals, of the creative and sexual design in the human inclination is not a sin."

As the 1991 Letter states, "Although the particular inclination of the homosexual person is not in itself a sin, it is a more or less strong tendency ordered toward the disordered sexual act, and thus the inclination itself must be seen as an objective disorder."

The Catechism sums it up: "The number of men and women who have deep-seated homosexual tendencies is not negligible. This inclination, which is objectively disordered, constitutes for most of them a trial. They must be accepted with respect, compassion and sensitivity. Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided. These persons are called to fulfill God's will in their relationship with men and women: "You shall not have sexual relations with a man as with a woman;" (Leviticus 18:22). It is for this reason that the Catechism on family, 2357, states that 'the inclination toward those acts be anything but disordered. If the inclination is not disordered, why may it not be acted upon?' Since the administration does not recognize the inclination as disordered, it infers that the prohibited homosexual acts are an arbitrary edit of an insensible Church's doctrine. The acts, and the inclination to them, are 'intrinsically disordered,' not because of 'official Church teaching,' but because they are contrary to nature and the will of God."

The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, last May, forbade Sister Jeanine Gramick and Father Robert Nugent to engage in homosexual ministries because of the inherent evil of homosexual acts and the objective disorder of the homosexual inclination are doctrinally unacceptable." Sister Jeanine's speech at Notre Dame last week was co-sponsored by the Counseling Center. That makes you wonder what kind of counseling they do over there.

The administration misleads students into regarding the teaching of the Church as an arbitrary restriction on a well-ordered inclination. And it discourages students from coming to potentially helpful resources. The Student Union Board stated last fall the President: "We ask that Campus Ministry invite Courage to campus. This organization was founded by Catholic priests to minister to the homosexual community. Courage is truly pastoral! It presents participants with the truth of the Catholic Church while ministering to them through group support and loving care, bringing them into the Catholic community."

Don't hold your breath waiting for our leaders to allow Courage on campus. When the Maristian Center sponsored a series of speakers in the fall of 1997, including Father John Harvey, the founder of Courage, Campus Ministry and the Counseling Center took Observer ads to discourage attendance. The efforts of Courage and similar groups are politically incorrect.

The administration's orthodoxy of political correctness prevails over the pastoral needs of students. "(A)departure from the Church's teaching or silence about it, in an effort to provide pastoral care," says the 1986 Letter, "is neither caring nor pastoral. Only what is true can ultimately be pastoral. The neglect of the Church's position prevents homosexual men and women from receiving the care they need and deserve."

And it leads to distorted ideas on the nature of the human person, marriage and the family. One may fairly wonder how the folks at Campus Ministry and the Counseling Center would have voted on Proposition 22.

Professor Rice is on the Law School faculty. His column appears every other Tuesday. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

We should practice forgiveness

I just wanted to write a little note of encouragement to the "waterboy." We all have our moments of life that we wish we could take back. I know I have had my share. Everyone makes mistakes and the only thing that we can do is realize them, admit it and try to go on as best we can. To everyone else, give the guy a break; no one can do anything about it now and he was not the only one who threw an object at that game. Let's all forgive him and move on with life. I believe he has been more than necessarily punished with every student, faculty member and alumnus calling for his head on a platter.

It's a pretty sad situation when the University has to provide measures to protect the waterboy. We are Christians! Let's practice that fundamental concept our faith is based on: forgiveness.

Amanda Reyes
Senior, Lewis Hall
March 6, 2000

Alumni criticism is a disservice

How ashamed we, as a student body, should feel ourselves. Misconduct at basketball games, poor displays of sportsmanship and self-control and immaturity in the national spotlight have tainted our image. We are no longer the "MVPs." We have let ourselves, our school, our alumni and our historical reputation down.

This doesn't seem like a particularly wrong statement to make. In fact, I am willing to concede, to a large degree, that we, the Notre Dame student body, are lacking in the behavior befitting of a university with such a historical and reknowned reputation.

Notre Dame students have brought a lot of shame to the University in their recent actions at sporting events outside of a simple lack of respect for their opponents, the nature of sportsmanship and the ideals of the Notre Dame community.

This issue has been debated in our school paper for two weeks now. Granted, I, along with all people, am willing to forgive mistakes that were made. I am willing to respect the fact that each person has is entitled to their own opinion. However, there is a certain irony to the recent outbursts in the Response letters to the editor. The student who particularly shocked by the words of one author in Friday's paper, Mark Laughman, must have thought his words of anger would either scare good behavior into the student body, rile lots of support from alumni or turn the student body against the "waterboy" to the point of his death (which I hear is almost a reality, unfortunately).

What I do not understand is this: Did Mr. Laughman really make his point through all of that immaturity? I don't think so. I think Mr. Laughman is ridiculously immature (sorry, sir, I have an opinion too).

Using kiddly words to criticize an obviously immature act by a student is still immature. If you are to go to work, sir, at your high and mighty job, and your peers from rival universities jeering at you bothers you so much that you feel the need to write such a hateful letter to our student body, you should seek counseling.

I, along with a number of my friends who wear clothes bought on sale at JCPenny, live in the near east side of Cleveland, Ohio, and pay out of own our pockets to go to school here. We don't appreciate the arrogance of the lifestyles of some of the students here at Notre Dame.

Generalizing us through your critique of the "waterboy" is a shame to us as we feel we work hard and embody the strong tradition Notre Dame has laid before us. You give all the blame to the "water boy" for ruining everything about Notre Dame you love. I can respect that he destroyed some of that by his actions. However, sir, I must tell you that you blew it for me. I had faith in all the alumni. The shame I see here is that you were ever alune a diploma from Notre Dame to begin with. Please understand that I will not make the same mistake as you.

Laughman has made. I do not believe he is an accurate representation of alumni body on the whole. My personal experiences with alumni through summer service projects, community task forces and public relations have been overwhelmingly positive.

I feel that Mr. Laughman, if nothing else, does a deep disservice to the Notre Dame alumni by the image he has created for himself as a Notre Dame alum.

John Bausers
Sophomore
Keenan Hall
March 3, 2000
Neat places to go on campus

While going to school here you should visit the neat places here on campus, and there are lots. The first is the big tree down by the lake that you can sit in. It used to be called Dead Dog Tree. This is because back in 1789, before the school was here, there used to be a farm here, called McWackenstein's Farm. And McWackenstein's wife got really lonely during the days, so she got nine dogs to keep her company. A raccoon bit one of them, and soon all nine died of rabies. Then the farmers hung them from that tree to remind of just how great dogs are.

Another neat place to go is out behind Carroll Hall. If you are there at the right time you can see helicopters land out on the helicopter pad. Ooohhh. If you've never seen a helicopter land you don't know what you're missing. It wouldn't hurt to bring some grapefruits and corn too and throw it at the propeller.

If you're feeling adventurous, you'll visit the underwater city in St. Mary's Lake. Not many people know about it. Back when Father Edward Sorin was here, there used to be this village of tiny people that lived back in the woods. They would come out at night dressed up like opsums and steal shoes. Well, Father Sorin could only take so much of that, so he dug a giant hole and filled it with the tiny people during the day, while they were sleeping. And then he filled the hole with water that he bored in from Lake Michigan. The tiny people, known as "Hushkins," adapted to the water and started a fantastic fantasy play land and renamed themselves the "Wekkins." Check it out.

There are more fun activities by the lakes. At around 2 a.m. on any night when the moon isn't showing, and it's not raining, you can find a lot of geese on the dock for a wild ride. Each goose will put some of his surprise. You will know that you have found an automatic pump. For all those of you interested, the Notre Dame bookstore Basketball team, Primetime. Referred to as "The Cinderblock Palace" or "Bomb Shelter," it was built in 1957, some speculate as a sort of nuclear shelter with its 18-inch thick cinderblock walls. Ask anyone and they'll probably compare the rooms to those in a prison. And like being attached at the hip, Stanford Hall shares a lobby and a chapel with Keenan Hall, yet one is sure how true it is.

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It is also the home of approximately 280 men, going by the nickname, the Stanford Griffins. They were known as the Stanford Studs until last year when they voted to change it in honor of a beloved past rector, Father Robert Griffin. Now their rector Father Tom Gaugan lends and supports them in more ways than one. Besides emphasizing an involvement in service activities, he plays goalie for the dorm's hockey team. "He's a lively guy, a spirited dude," says hall co-president Eric Glass. To replace the past tradition of "Mr. Stanford," Father Tom originated the After Hours Benefit Bash, which had a successful second run this year in raising money for orphans in Chile. An all-night event, there were live campus bands and plenty of food for all of campus.

Other traditions include StudVegas, a theme dance with gambling. Then there is Man Week, a week long of macho competition in twinkle eating, intersection basketball, bowling and arm wrestling. A less desirable tradition for those born in winter is "taking" in which guys are thrown into the nearby lakes on their birthdays. And the freshmen are also subject to such antics. With many pranks and hazing activities, according to Glass. "It's lots of bad news for freshmen."

It was also bad news for Father Griffin's dog, Corby, according to what seems to be the only story passed on through the years. Though, no one is sure how true it is. As the legend goes, Father Griffin owned a dog who could always be seen following him around. And then one day, some Keenan residents took the dog and threw it down the trash shoot, eventually killing it. (What a nice story to pass on.)

In contrast, Stanford isn't particularly obsessed with proving its pride in the faces of other Dorms like those with their boasted traditions and loud displays. Says junior Pete McCall. "Most are kind of laid back and don't care much about image."
Internet helps fans ‘Get Real’

Associated Press

Clear across cyberspace, a message resonates: "The eight will be great!"

As catch phrases go, this may not pack the punch of "Fifty-four forty, or fight!" or even "Love lose pounds in 43 days!"

But when the Fox family drama "Get Real" returns Wednesday at 9 p.m. EST for its eighth and possible do-or-die run, a Web-rallied brigade hailed the Get Realists will be beating the drums as never before to save the struggling series.

"There? They will be great!"

The Get Realists are the latest example of how viewers can tap the Internet to share their passion for a TV show — and forge a connection with that show beyond just watching it.

"It has brought us together," says Bob Grippo, a data processor in Elmont, N.Y., who coined the group's current battle cry.

The campaign began right after the show's February Sweeps exile in part because of its dismal ratings and little prospect for survival. The Get Realists were tuned elsewhere at that hour. It had become a hobby that ordinarily meant most Nielsen families would not meet in.

"The Internet is a great place," observes another "Get Real" fan, Becky Thursam. "It gets people together who ordinarily wouldn't meet in person."

Thursam had checked out "Get Real" only because of its star, Debrah Farentino, but she immediately liked it. "There's something about a show that is not as high on the Nielsen scale that you can follow," she says by phone from East Lansing, Mich.

A nursing major at Michigan State University and the self-taught designer of a Debrah Farentino Web site, Thursam volunteered to build a "Get Real" fan site. In days it was up and running (http://members.aol.com/getrealfanclub).

As with scores of other sites devoted to TV series, "getrealfanclub" features cast photos, an episode guide, a 200-plus membership roll.

But there's also this site-specific call to arms: "Keep telling your family and friends, tell your next-door neighbor, have your mom discuss the show at the PTA meeting, put up fliers in the community center — anything that will get the show recognized."

Also Reach out to Fox execs with e-mail and petitions.

"It's something we monitor and definitely pay attention to," vows Fox network boss Doug Herzog, who has stuck with "Get Real," bringing it back from February Sweeps exile in part because of its Web faithful.

"This is a small but dedicated group," he says of the Get Realists. "They let us know there is something going on out there. They helped keep hope alive."

"It's really cool," says cast member Jesse Eisenberg, who occasionally visits the Web site and gets a kick from reading the enthusiastic posts. With that sort of affirmation, "you can really save money on psychiatrists," he quips.

Playing nerdy Kenny Green, the 16-year-old actor will be showcased this week when his character contracts a life-threatening illness. By the end of the hour, he can expect to find kudos on the "Get Real" message board.

"I come from a theater background in New York," Eisenberg says. "There, if the reviews are good, you stay open. On TV, reviews matter less, it's more about ratings. But if you build a fan base you can build ratings. The Web site really helps."

"The "Get Real" stars not only track the efforts of the Get Realists, but also cheer them on."

Anne Hathaway (who plays Megan, Kenny's big sister) has typed in her thanks and Grippo remembers. "Eric Christian Olsen (who plays Kenny's free-wheeling older brother Cameron) posted a message that likened the Get Realists' devotion to the unrelenting spirit of the Maccabees two thousand years ago."

A little more recently, CBS' Western melodrama "The Magnificent Seven" spurred some 100 faithful to wage an e-mail campaign and even pen up $1,000 for an ad in Daily Variety ("Return Winning Show to Viewers!").

CBS heard this plea of two years ago and, indeed, the series was back on the air the following winter. Unfortunately, after those few weeks' reprieve, "Magnificent" was done in for good by continued low ratings.

Now, boosted by its e-support, can "Get Real" finally catch on with viewers and win a second-season pickup?

"The next eight weeks are critical," says Thursam. "But as any Get Realistic will tell you, if enough watch those eight, well, that would be great!"

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**NIELSEN RATINGS**

**TOP NEW**

**Week of Feb. 28-Mar. 5**

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**SCENE ASKS**

**What are you doing for spring break?**

"I'm going to Wisconsin to visit my aunt and uncle and their six kids on a hundred-acre farm."

Kate Middleses
Junior, Le Mans Hall

"I'm driving to Clearwater, Fla., with my six favorite people to hang out on the beach and throw my game at some beautiful women."

Steve Kariats
Sophomore, Zahm Hall

"I am going to Vail to ski, relax and have some fun."

Joe Cordi
Freshman, Dillon Hall

"I'm going to New York because my friend is interviewing for an internship. I also have family there, and plus, New York is the bomb."

Katie Trmka
Junior, Le Mans Hall

"I'm going to play ultimate Frisbee in Savannah, Ga., for a tournament."

Paco Miller
Junior, Knott Hall

"We're going to Daytona Beach, Fla., for the cold beer and hot men."

Jamie Stouffer
Holy Cross
Mary Campione
Le Mans Hall

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NCAA Women's Basketball

Huskies win Big East tourney

Bird scores 18 to lead UConn over Rutgers

Associated Press

STORRS, Conn. Sue Bird scored 18 points as top-seeded Connecticut defeated No. 4 Rutgers 85-79 on Tuesday night.

Bird (30-10) has won 11 regular-season titles and eight tournament championships since the 1988-89 season. The Huskies' 19 titles are the most in the country won by any women's or men's program. Georgetown's men are second with 13 titles.

It was only the second appearance in the title game for the Scarlet Knights (22-7). They lost the 1999 final to UConn, 67-59, at the Louis Brown Athletic Center at Rutgers. This win gives UConn a three-game sweep over Rutgers.

UConn overcame spotty shooting in the first half, hitting 17-of-20 from the floor for 85 percent in the second half.

The Huskies never trailed during the game. Bird hit a 3-pointer with 17 seconds gone in the first half to kick off a 7-2 run, however neither team scored in the last minute of the half.

Rutgers finished at 38 percent, hitting 28 percent, bit 9-of-32, Connecticut didn't fare much better, hitting only 8-of-27 for 29 percent. They did hold on to the lead, however, with 10-of-14 shooting from the line.

The physical play during the game resulted in a combined 18 fouls in the first half. Tamika Williams made 8-of-12 free throws in the first 10 minutes, that was all of Rutgers' points. Bird's layup at 15:12 was the last field goal until a Williams' layup with 5:50 to go in the half, between the Huskies were 7-8 from the line.

UConn got its up-tempo game untracked in the second half and cued its shooting woes with an opening 12-2 burst, hitting 5-of-6 in the first five minutes. Rutgers was 1-5 in the same span and had three turnovers.

UConn's Svetlana Abrosimova, who was scoreless in the first half, had eight of her 12 points in the first six minutes. Cash had 13 points and nine rebounds for UConn. Connecticut also dominated the boards, 41-27.

Bird shut down Rutgers' Shawn斯塔uwa using her speed and different players to guard the Knights' scoring leader. She was held just to nine points in the course of the game, six below her average.

Tasha Point and UConn's Ghezereh had 13 points apiece for Rutgers.

Rutgers reached the final with win over Villanova and Notre Dame. Connecticut advanced to the Elite 8 of the Big East tourney. The victory was the 25th straight for Bird and the 28th in a row for St. John's and Boston College.

DE SOTO, Iowa

The National Women's basketball championship tournament could start having neutral sites for first- and second-round games as early as next season.

A proposal to select those sites that have been approved by the NCAA women's basketball committee and the semifinals last year.

The proposal is now before the NCAA championship council, which meets in April.

The proposal calls for the new format to start the 2001 tournament.

"Certainly the management council or the NCAA board of directors could change any proposal that comes in from any sports committee," Bernadette McGlaide, who chairs the basketball committee, said Tuesday. "I don't know if it will stay the same, but that's what we recommend."

Currently, the first- and second-round games are played in the arenas of the 16 highest-seeded teams in the tournament. Those sites are not known until pairings are announced on the day after Sunday, five days before the first games.

First-round games always have been comfortable with that setup because of the home-court advantage, all 16 home teams advanced to the regional semifinals last year, but it felt necessary to change it.

If the new setup is adopted, the 16 sites would be put up for bid and announced several months in advance. Many of the traditional powers that draw big crowds, such as Connecticut, Tennessee and Texas Tech, likely would bid for games and still would end up playing at home.

But games also could be placed in municipal arenas that are not the home court for college teams or they could be awarded to schools that might not make the tournament, thus ensuring a neutral court for all participants.

A school could not serve as a host for more than two years in a row.

McGlaide, an assistant coach for Atlantic Coast Conference, said awarding the sites in advance would give those locations time to promote the games and draw crowd support.

"It's the same thing, with football bowl games," she said. "They have no idea who is going to be in the bowl game, but they're selling the fanaticism that will be in the stadium that week, where we are looking in women's basketball. We're selling to fans.

"There's a lot of fans of the sport out there and they're no longer just going to see the home team play," McGlaide said. "When the next television contract is negotiated, the committee will urge that the regional semifinals and finals be played on different days instead of two.

ESPN, which holds the contract through the 2002 tournament, shows all eight regional semifinals on one Saturday and the four regional finals on the next Monday. The men's tournament, the semifinals are split between a Thursday and Friday and the finals between Saturday and Sunday.

"Eight semifinals and four finals back to back certainly is a tough day, even for the best of basketball fans," McGlaide said. "I think that is one of the priorities we will bring to the table when we negotiate the contract."

Len Deluca, vice president for program development, said that point would be brought up as well.

"When we roll up our sleeves with the NCAA and the conference, we will deeply look at ways to increase the potential audience, and one of them clearly is working on that second weekend of the tournament," Deluca said.

Deluca added that one reason the schedule evolved the way it has was to avoid competing with the NHL and the Academy Awards telecast.

"Those are two fairly significant objects," he said.

Ladies and gentlemen, on this, the 29th day of March, 2000, for the 280th time, the new tournament sites proposed
to the Observer every day for the past four years, 2 p.m. at the Naier Dance House. Deadline for the next day's classified is 3 p.m. All classifieds must be prepaid. The charge is 3 dollars per line per day, including all spaces. The Observer reserves the right to edit all classifieds for content without warning.}

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An Open Letter to the Notre Dame Community from the University's Task Force on Anti-sweatshop Initiatives

The University of Notre Dame has been the national leader on the anti-sweatshop issue for more than three years. Notre Dame was the first university to establish a code of conduct for its licensees and Notre Dame is the only university that actually has monitored factories where its products are manufactured.

More recently, Notre Dame has initiated a pilot program in Mexico and Central America that will incorporate human rights and labor activists, Church officials and other representatives of local nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) into the University's monitoring program. These representatives will help to determine which factories are to be monitored, they will be active participants in the monitoring process, and they will recommend appropriate follow-up actions when problems are found.

The University also has adopted the strongest provision of any college or university with respect to freedom of association and the rights of workers to organize. As this provision is implemented, Notre Dame products no longer will be produced in countries such as China which provide no legal right to organize.

This semester, the Task Force on Anti-sweatshop Initiatives is addressing further issues, notably the living wage and women's rights, and will make additional recommendations on these issues to Father Malloy.

The most recent anti-sweatshop issue to emerge involves the Fair Labor Association (FLA), of which Notre Dame is a member, and a proposed new anti-sweatshop organization, the Workers Rights Consortium (WRC), which the University has been asked to join. On several campuses, sit-ins have been staged on this issue, with activists demanding that the institutions withdraw from the FLA and opt instead for membership in the proposed WRC.

From the beginning, the University has adopted a broad-based, inclusive approach to anti-sweatshop organizations. In addition to becoming a member of the Fair Labor Association, Notre Dame has joined with Harvard to organize an initiative that now includes the University of California system, the University of Michigan, and Ohio State University. Notre Dame also has joined an initiative of the full Ivy Group of Schools and is playing a leading role in forming a consortium of colleges and universities to address the living wage issue.

The WRC at present is in the conceptual stage. An organizational meeting is to be held in April and the Anti-sweatshop Task Force has formally requested that the WRC allow one of our student members to attend this meeting to gather information. The University will consider WRC membership in the same manner as it has considered membership in other organizations. It will consider the WRC's philosophy, planned administrative structure, membership requirements, budgeting and staffing, and other pertinent matters. It is worth noting that several of the institutions which so far have agreed to join the WRC have done so "conditionally," precisely because so many aspects of the proposed organization remain to be determined. In fact, it is not even clear at this point what "conditional" membership means.

Notre Dame will consider joining the WRC, but will need more information concerning the WRC's proposals before it can make a reasoned judgment on membership. At the same time, the University does not believe that membership in the WRC and the FLA are mutually exclusive. Nor does Brown University, which agreed to membership in the WRC while asserting that it will "remain a fully committed member of the FLA." Notre Dame chose to join the FLA after careful consideration and, since joining, has played a leadership role in its university advisory council. Carol Kaesebier, the University's vice president and general counsel, is one of the organization's founding cochairs and has been instrumental in its growth to more than 130 colleges and universities. At the same time, the FLA is less than a year old and hasn't yet had time to prove or disprove its potential. The University's goal for the FLA is to see its members, including its industry members, attack the sweatshop problem on much the same basis as the University is, and the University remains committed to achieving this goal.

In announcing his university's decision to join the WRC, Gordon Gee, Brown's president, said, "I am willing to have Brown join the WRC as a founding member. However, the university will remain a member only if it becomes clear, through the further development of the consortium and the FLA, that the two organizations can operate in a complementary fashion." Should they be forced to choose between the organizations, Gee said, "We will choose the organization that makes the greatest effort to work collaboratively with the other." Given this strong statement by one of the first universities to join the WRC, there clearly is no reason for Notre Dame to believe that joining the WRC would in any way require the University to leave the FLA.

First and foremost, Notre Dame will continue to focus its energies on its own anti-sweatshop initiatives. The initiatives already put in place by the University are well beyond the progress to date of any other college or university or organization of schools addressing the sweatshop issue. While the University will continue to investigate and pursue opportunities as a member of various groups concerned with the issue, its priority will be to carry out and expand its own efforts to strengthen its code of conduct, increase its monitoring activities, establish its pilot monitoring program, and pursue new initiatives with respect to the living wage, women's rights and other sweatshop-related concerns.

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Henderson, Floyd ejected from game

Associated Press

CHICAGO - Say this for the Los Angeles Lakers and the Chicago Bulls: They know how to make a meaningless game interesting.

Ellen Brand scored 31 points and Dikembe Mutombo had 12 points and 21 rebounds, including two free throws with 8:16 left as the Bulls beat the Nuggets in an ugly game featuring two ejections and six technical fouls.

Chris Carell scored six points in the last eight minutes, including two free throws with 44 seconds left to seal the game.

The victory snapped an eight-game losing streak for the Bulls, who won despite shooting a dismal 36 percent. Atlanta lost its third straight despite six players in double digits.

Leandro Flores led the Hawks with 15 points before fouling out with 8:16 left. Dikembe Mutombo had 12 points and 21 rebounds.

Henderson unraveled with his last foul, and he took the Hawks right along with him. With 8:16 left in the game on a one-point lead, he was called for a technical foul on the post to Dick Simpkins.

He argued the call for about 20 seconds before Simpkins guided him back to the bench.

He continued to mutter, refer to Ken Mauer hit him with his second technical.

Henderson had just picked up his first technical in the third quarter.

It was the second ejection of the night. Bulls coach Tim Donaghy ejected Simpkins in the third quarter for arguing two technical fouls.

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Wednesday, March 8, 2000

The Washington Capitals completed their improbable climb to first place, a position they have not held this late in 11 years, by beating the Florida Panthers 4-2 Tuesday night.

Steve Konwalchuck and Adam Oates scored first-period goals, the 13th of the season for both. Peter Bondra netted his 19th and Uli Dahlén his 11th as the Capitals built a 4-0 lead and moved two points ahead of their Southeast Division rivals with 15 games to go.

Viktor Kozlov scored an unassisted goal late in the second and Cameron Toddler tallied in the third for the Panthers, 3-7-1 in 11 games. Pavel Bure, who leads the league with 49 goals, never got in the flow and was a non-factor for a team that played with little intensity after the first period.

The Capitals took the lead, just 2:08 in, on their first shot. Dahlen, working down low in the circle. Rookie David Legwand made it 2-0 late in the period on a back-hander.

Blair Atcheyumn, formally Barret Atcheyumn, netted a goal at 2:03 of the third with a shot deflected by Dahlén's stick.

Chicago pulled Passmore's glove for the third straight time and was penalized at 5:57, and had a two-man advantage at 7:13. But late Predator penalty, but Nashville blocked two point shots.

Blues 4, Coyotes 0

The Blues made 16 saves to record his fifth shutout as the St. Louis Blues extended their unbeaten streak to four with a win against the Phoenix Coyotes.

Turek, with 35 wins, is one of three remaining from last season's team. The Coyotes have won five of 10 games since the team was forced to the ice and put in a backhander on goalie Curtis Joseph, a record for most in a season. Joseph set the mark in the 1993-94 sea-

Jeff Fenech, Michel Handzus, Martyr Perry, and Ryan Scott Young scored for the Blues, 9-1-1 in their last 11. Lubos Bartecko and Pavel Demitra assisted on a goal by Andrei Nikolishin.

Dahlen, an aggressive force throughout the game, was rewarded with a power-play goal when he put in a rebound at 18:44 of the second.

Olaf Kolzig made 28 saves for the Capitals, but wasn't smooth early and survived some hairy moments. Ryan Johnson beat Kolzig with a slap shot in the first period, but the puck trickled just wide of the post.

Kolzig, 24-4-4 in his last 32 starts, was his usual masterful self the rest of the way, making a nice leg save on Jaroslav Spacek's slap shot after a chaotic sequence in the second period.

Predators 3, Blackhawks 1

Sethon, Bortuzzo scored a short-handed goal in the first period as the Nashville Predators snapped a five-game losing streak with a victory over the Chicago Blackhawks. Mike Dunham made 31 saves against Chicago on Feb. 23, the last game.

The Blackhawks, who started a five-game road trip, had won six of their last 10, including victories over top teams such as Dallas, St. Louis and Phoenix.

Nashville moved out of last place in the Central Division, one point ahead of the Blackhawks.

Bordeleau's short-handed tally was only the goal of the first period. He pounded on a loose puck that bounced off Chicago's Anders Eriksson and skated in alone on goalie Steve Passmore.

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La Russa weighs pitching options

Associated Press

JUPITER, Fla. (AP) — The toughest decision "La Russa might have to make this spring is choosing an opening day starter," said Joe Torre.

Kent Bottenfield is coming off an 18-victory season. Pat Hentgen is a former AL Cy Young Award winner. And Alejandro Kille won 19-7 in 1995 for the Houston Astros.

"One of the fun things when you see your rotation is deep enough is you have the possibility that every series you play, you like the matchups all the time, because everybody you send out, you like." — Tony La Russa, Cardinals Manager

Associated Press

Tampa, Fla. — George Steinbrenner is having a hard time watching his New York Yankees. In fact, he can't even sit through the whole game.

The Boss made another early exit from his box along with his guest, television host Bob Phinney, as the Yankees lost to Minnesota 7-5 Tuesday night, leaving the World Series champions winless in six exhibition games.

The day before, Steinbrenner asked out during a 1-5 pasting by Cleveland.

"Nobody likes losing. I don't like losing," Steinbrenner said at the time. "I don't like losing by the numbers we're losing by."

Those are the stats Steinbrenner has seen so far in spring training. New York has been outscored 56-21 and has not held a lead in any game.

"Anytime you're 0-6, that kind of stands out for the Yankees," said Twins pitcher Eric Milton, who started his career in New York organization.

"Anytime you see the Yankees losing, it is a little odd. But it is spring training and you can't go by spring training records."

No need to remind the Boss that the Yankees went 14-15 last spring before rolling to their second straight Series sweep.

"I worry about it? No," Yankees manager Joe Torre said before the Twins game. "Does it concern me? No. Am I going to try and do something different? No. "Losing in spring training is not important. It's important to make sure you play the game right."

Joe Torre

Yankees manager

"Losing in spring training isn't important. It's important, make sure you play the game right."
Starks says good-bye to Bulls

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Chicago Bulls fans won't be able to heckle John Starks anymore. Starks went home to Tulsa, Okla., to await an arbitrator's decision on whether he can forfeit the rest of his salary, leave the Bulls and join a play-off contender.

Starks, who didn't travel with the Bulls for their game at Charlotte on Sunday, left Monday.

"He's got a wife that's pregnant and he's got tendinitis in his legs," Bulls coach Tim Floyd said Tuesday before Chicago's game against Atlanta.

This will allow him to be with his wife and tendinitis, the only way to heal it is rest," Floyd said. "This will allow him to do both."

Starks, 34, offered to forfeit the rest of his $4 million salary, roughly $900,000, if the Bulls would waive him, clearing the way for him to sign with a play-off contender. The New York Knicks and Miami Heat were interested in adding him if he won his case, several league sources said.

But arbitrator Kenneth Dam ruled Friday that the NBA didn't circumvent the collective bargaining agreement when it rejected Starks' request. Because there was no circumvention, Dam said a grievance arbitrator needed to hear the case. Dam is a system arbitrator.

A grievance arbitrator is expected to hear the case sometime this week.

Starks, never a fan favorite in Chicago after his thug-life days with the New York Knicks, has been a lightning rod for criticism since he took a seat on the bench Feb. 27 with tendinitis.

He insisted he's in pain, but he also said he'd play through it if he was on a contending team.

Fans booed him at Saturday's home game. One group chanted "John: go home!" as the game ended. Now they've got their wish.

While putting a few hundred miles between Starks and the Bulls makes him less of a distraction, Floyd said that isn't why he went home.

"I don't think he was 'sent' anywhere," Floyd said. "I didn't think he was a distraction and I don't think we saw it with our team even though we've lost. We've been in game until the final minutes."

The Bulls could still release Starks and let him sign with another team, but they'd have to pay the remainder of his salary. He'd remain shut out of the playoffs, too.

Players released after 11:59 p.m. on March 1 who then sign with another team are not eligible to compete in the playoffs.

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The Observer
Starting point guard Dillon surprises fans in senior year

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Assistant Sports Editor

NEW YORK
Irish point guard Jimmy Dillon surprised everybody but himself this season with his marked improvement.

Last year, Dillon was a reserve who chalked up nearly as many turnovers as he did assists. Now a senior, Dillon holds a steady spot in the starting lineup for the first time in his career.

“You want to say you’re surprised, and I know it surprised a lot of the public,” Dillon said. “But it’s sort of an honor, but a reward for all the hard work.”

And he earned it. He improved his stats in every area of the game this year: shooting, rebounding, defense and most of all assists. In Big East play, Dillon is shooting 47 percent and one of the best assist to turnover ratios in the conference.

“Jim’s a very good shooter, but we have very good shooters on our team, and I think he enjoys settling up his teammates,” head coach Matt Doherty said. “He’s just accepted his role as one to get him into the five-man team, play tough defense, play with a lot of intensity, and he’s done a great job with it.”

The improvement didn’t come easily. Dillon strove to increase his strength by hitting the weights in the summer, and competed in a league with fellow Philadelphia native Matt Carroll, a freshman guard for the Irish.

But gaining emotional maturity was just as significant a development as was physical maturity. Last season, Dillon went through his toughest Notre Dame experience, a one-game suspension for throwing a soda bottle at a bus.

“It was Junior Parents Weekend, and I went out and did something dumb and took my suspension from it,” Dillon said. “It was a home game against West Virginia, and I went home and sat there and realized I wasn’t helping my team and being a part of the game.”

The oldest brother to Dillon exactly what not to do, and he developed better composure both on and off the court as a result. As the team’s lone senior starter, he also became the emotional leader.

“I see him as being the leader on the team,” Carroll said. “If you look at the teams that have won national championships, there had a lot of seniors, usually they are the teams that are real close on and off the court. And I think that’s the way our team is.”

The coaching change from John MacLeod to Doherty opened the door for Dillon’s enlarged role for the Irish. While MacLeod had the team standing on uncertain ground, never sure of his place on the team. Under Doherty, Dillon plays 30 minutes per game (twice as much as last season) and directs the Notre Dame offense.

“Coach has showed some confidence in me to be a starter on this team and being a leader out there,” Dillon said.

“It’s just different from last year because I wasn’t sure how long I was going to be on the court. This year, I know he needs me out there to lead the team.”

Dillon’s poise allows him to act as an on-the-court coach, a role that may prove useful after graduation as he hopes to coach college basketball.

“It’s important that you have upperclassmen who can be leaders because they’ve been through things that the younger guys haven’t been through,” Doherty said. “It’s important to help motivate the team. I can only do so much. It’s got to come from the players.”

Winning is a hunch to Dillon, who hopes the Irish will display in coming weeks how good they are for him, there is no tomorrow.

To myself, I’ve always known that winning’s an attitude, and it hasn’t been there the past three years, and this year with Coach’s mind-frame and showing us believing that we can compete with teams … it’s a whole new ballgame. We had five games left to play this year, and nobody around would ever think that would be possible.

Unlike the team’s underclassmen, Dillon can’t wait until next year for an NCAA Tournament berth and himself and the most come now.

“My career is winding down,” Dillon said. “You kind of look and say you don’t want to take basketball for granted. A loss is a loss, and we want a win. And if you don’t give it all, you know that’s something you start regretting.”

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Hoops played any better, said Murphy, the conference’s leading scorer (23. pp) and rebounds (10.5 rpg).

Tonight’s game is the 13th meeting between the two teams. The all-time series is tied at 6-6, but Rutgers leads in the series 5-2 since Notre Dame joined the Big East. The two teams have never met in the Big East Championship.

“We struggled with them in the past,” first-year head coach Matt Doherty said. “We didn’t match up well with them last time, but hopefully, we’re better than we were when we played them the last time.”

The Irish will also be looking for their first victory in the Big East tournament. Notre Dame has bowed out in the first round in all four years of their membership in the conference. However, the Irish have secured their highest seed ever and tied their best conference mark.

“I hope it’s motivation enough that we’re playing in the Big East tournament, but I think in the back of our minds we know that they beat us badly last time,” Doherty said. “We’d like to show them that we can play.”

Notre Dame is also coming off an impressive victory over Georgetown, which outplayed top-seeded Syracuse in the second half of that game. I think it’s a confidence booster, but we’ll see how we handle it,” Doherty said. “It definitely is a big boost to our confidence that we’re playing good basketball and hopefully we can carry that over to the Big East tournament.”

The Irish have just one win in their last four games, but Doherty remains upbeat.

“I think the last three games we played well we just only had one win because we played the two best teams in the league,” he said. “You can always judge how well you’re playing by wins and losses. I think you have to look at the games themselves and I think we’ve been playing good basketball all along.”

Doherty also seems to have found a lineup that has clicked. Freshman forward Jere Macura has come off the bench to give Notre Dame a big offensive lift and should see significant playing time against Rutgers. The Irish zone has also confused opposing offenses.

“First of all, I think we need to play hard, and I think offensively, we need to execute against their tough man-to-man defense,” Doherty said. “Defensively, we have to contest their shooters and box out.”

Rutgers is led by guard Dahntay Jones, who averages a team-high 16 points. Billet and Jeff Greer also average double figures. The Scarlet Knights have dropped their last three contests, but have been competitive in virtually every game they have played this season.

47 percent, and one of the best assist to turnover ratios in the conference.

“We want to play them,” said Graves who averages 1.13 points per game and is a key assist to turnover ratios in the conference.

It’s going to be a huge game because we want to get a solid win. We still have chances for the NCAA Tournament. We’re going to keep working hard.

We’re going to come out with a lot of intensity.

The winner of tonight’s game takes on Miami in the quarterfinals Thursday.

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Murphy sets standards, wins Big East player of year

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Assistant Sports Editor

NEW YORK
Sophomore power forward Troy Murphy set a new standard for Big East excellence this season, becoming the first player ever to lead the league in both scoring and rebounding.

The conference rewarded him for his efforts Tuesday, honoring Murphy with an award for Big East Player of the Year prior to today's opening of the Big East Tournament in Madison Square Garden.

Murphy gratefully accepted the award, but then did something that really showed his character: He passed on the accolades, sharing his accomplishment with first-year Notre Dame head coach Matt Doherty and the rest of the Irish squad.

"I couldn't have done it without my teammates and coach," the 6-foot-9 Murphy said. "I've had a great time with them. It says a lot. It's hard for me to express. It's been a great year.

Doherty returned the praise. I wouldn't trade him for anybody," Doherty said. "He comes every day prepared to work hard. He loves the game. He wants to be really good, and he's passionate about it. I think that's what's behind him. He's a heck of a year.

"He's right. Murphy's averaging 23 points per game, numbers that designate him as the only player in the nation to rank in the top 10 in both categories. With 17 double-doubles this season, Murphy has become a household name for Irish fans.

Murphy is up for consideration for honors like the Wooden Award and All-American, team possibilities that beggar his mind. "I never expected to be considered for honors like the Wooden Award and All-American," Murphy said. "I never had a dream back in high school. I've played for great coaches, and all the credit goes to them."

Even Murphy's father, Jim Murphy, did not expect Troy to become so good so fast.

"Not so early," Jim Murphy said. "I thought he would hit all of this when he was a junior or senior."

Doherty attributed much of Murphy's success to his hard work. "It's his work ethic and his talent," Doherty said. "God blessed him with size and a shooting touch and an ability to run and jump, and he's made the most of it."

Since Notre Dame hired Doherty as head coach less than a year ago, the relationship between Doherty and Murphy has gone full circle. When Doherty became head coach, Murphy was less than thrilled about the replacement of former coach John MacLeod. Now, he's Doherty's biggest fan.

"He's changed the whole attitude of the program," Murphy said. "He's taken the time to let me know as not only just a player, but as a person. That showed a lot about the character of him as a person."

Doherty views the emotional connection as an essential part of being a coach. "As a coach, a parent, you dream about a connection with your children," Doherty said. "When he says those things, it's very touching because I wanted the whole experience. I don't want just the basketball experience. I want the emotional bond with my players."

Back in high school, Murphy was interested in playing for Kansas, where Doherty was an assistant coach at the time. Although Doherty did see Murphy play, Kansas never actively recruited Murphy.

"I saw him enough where I thought he was a good player," Doherty said. "You never know how good. There are kids I've recruited that I thought were going to be great players that weren't, and then kids that you didn't know, if they were going to be great players and turn out to be great players."

Two years later, Murphy has proven that he is one of the great ones. Every coach whose team has gone up against Notre Dame has struggled to find a way to defend against Murphy, usually with little success.

Even when Murphy is held to a sub-par performance, he still hurts the opponent. In Notre Dame's January loss to Rutgers, Murphy was whistled for a technical foul en route to fouling out, and only shot 5-16 from the field.

Yet Rutgers' coach Kevin Bannon still said, "It's not like there's an answer to stopping the guy. He's too good. He can hurt you in too many ways. The guy is a human double-double. You can't name five guys in college basketball right now."

As Notre Dame prepares for tonight's March Madness match-up with Rutgers, Murphy hopes to prove Bannon's words right.

Troy Murphy is greeted onto the court by teammates and fans. The Irish sophomore is an All-American candidate, and one of just two Big East players to be unanimously selected to the first team all-conference.

Murphy will be key tonight's rematch with Rutgers, Murphy hopes to bring Notre Dame its first-ever Big East tournament win.

**The inside edge**

**Records:**
- Rutgers: 17-13
- Notre Dame: 17-13

**Conference:**
- Rutgers: 8-8
- Notre Dame: 8-8

**Last meeting:**
- Rutgers 76, Notre Dame 51

**Rebounding:**
- Rutgers brings down more boards than Notre Dame, but Irish star Troy Murphy is one of the nation's top rebounders.

**Shooting:**
- Both teams net about 65 points per game. The Irish are streaky - when they're hot, they're unstoppable; when they're not, watch out.

**Ball-handling:**
- Notre Dame claims the Big East cellar for turnover margin, but point guard Jimbo Dillon boasts one of the best assists to turnovers ratio.

**Experience:**
- The two starting lineups combined, list only one senior. The Scarlet Knights qualified for the NIT last season, while the Irish posted a losing record.

**Intangibles:**
- The Scarlet Knights play close to home, but the Irish are hungry for them after suffering their most sided loss of the season to the Scarlet Knights in January. Notre Dame is seeking its first-ever Big East tournament win.

Overall Notre Dame needs this win to keep alive dim hopes of making it to March Madness. The Irish have played well in their past two games, while the Scarlet Knights must bounce back from a tough loss to the West Virginia Mountaineers. If the Irish come off aggressive, it should be their game to lose.
Carlin had issued three walks while hitting a fourth Spartans batter with a pitch. Freshman right-hander Joel Barrus took the loss, allowing the five runs (four earned) on six hits and four walks over seven innings. Stavisky scored the first Irish run, after leading off the bottom of the second with a 2-2 single through the right side of the infield. He moved up on the right field fence. The Irish tacked on a run on a single to right field by senior O'Toole, with a sacrifice bunt for a single. The Irish scored their third run in the third, lifting a 1-1 pitch over the right field fence.

The blast marked the fourth straight game at Eck Stadium in which O'Toole has hit a home run. (He went yard in each of Notre Dame's three 1999 NCAA Tournament games.)

Fielder Steve Stanley followed with a bunt single to the left side extending his hitting streak to six games and junior shortstop Alec Porzel walked on five pitches before Stavisky delivered a 0-2 single to right field, plating Stanley. Right fielder Steve Quaderer then made an errant throw back to the infield, with Porzel alertly scooting home for an unearned run and a 4-0 Irish lead.

Manchester's Blake Collinsworth drew a full-count, one-out walk in the fourth and Carlin hit Jeff Floyd with an 0-1 pitch. Hardiman followed with a walk on five pitches before four straight balls to Pete Britton forced in the lone Spartans run. The Irish tacked on a run on the fifth, when O'Toole led off with a full-count walk, stole second and took third on Stanley's rightside groundout. Porzel then hit a groundball to shortstop Alec Collinsworth, who conceded the run while throwing Porzel out at first. Irish freshman right-hander Brandon Vitoria had an impressive debut, allowing two hits and no walks during the sixth, seventh and eighth innings while recording two strikeouts.

Apple named interim head coach

Chris Apple, assistant men's soccer coach at Notre Dame, has been named interim head men's soccer coach at the University of Rochester.

Apple replaces Mike Berticelli, who died suddenly Jan. 25, following 10 seasons as Irish head coach. Apple will coach the Irish men's team on an interim basis through the 2000 fall season. The University is in the process of searching for a new director of athletics, and that individual will have the opportunity to determine a direction for all Irish athletic teams.

"I'm extremely grateful the University has shown the faith in me to oversee the Notre Dame men's soccer program," said Apple.

"I'm also honored to follow Mike Berticelli, who was my close friend and mentor. Mike's contributions to soccer at Notre Dame and to the game at large have been immense, and I'm thankful simply to have an opportunity to add to those.

Apple has been extensively involved in recruiting his team in four seasons at Notre Dame. He played a key role in the signing of 1999 Big East rookie of the year Erich Braun, a freshman from Frankfurt, Germany, who finished third in the conference in scoring in '99, as well as Andreas Forstner, a freshman from Gerlinden, Germany, who ranked as one of the top first-year defenders in the Big East in '99.

Apple's four seasons with the Irish saw Notre Dame produce a combined 41-31-10 record (.561), including trips to the Big East men's soccer tournament each of his four years on the staff. His first season at Notre Dame in '96 featured the most successful season in Irish history, including a 14-7-2 record and an NCAA first-round victory over second-ranked North Carolina-Greensboro. The Irish finished 17th that season in the final Soccer America poll.

Apple came to Notre Dame in the spring of '96 following two seasons as head coach at North Carolina Wesleyan, where his teams finished 15-2-1 combined during the 1994 and '95 campaigns.

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TOM KEELEY

A DEPRAVED NEW WORLD

JEFF BEAM

You’ve just opened a package from your "What Five-month-old done. Inside:

1. Doesn’t tell you something about himself. Don’t you realize that something is the problem? Call it. We’re alike. I can’t believe I never noticed it before; it’s time to call it.

Call it, what?

Obviously my mom is trying to kill me.

Because I need to stay away from her.

For some, Spring Break comes not a moment too soon.

FOX TROT

BILLS, BILLS, BILLS, BILLS, BILLS, BILLS, BILLS

It would give me an ulcer if it weren’t for one thing.

What’s that?

These aren’t all bills; here’s a catalog.

BILL AMEND

Have you seen our mail lately?

FOX Trot

Crossword

Across
1. Small tip
2. "Drowsy," "stuffy"
3. "What’s the matter?"
4. "A life story"
5. "Little story"
6. "Dance set?"
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3. Nadine's predecessor
4. "Conga" singer
5. "Congo" singer
6. "East Eden" family name
7. French possession
8. Chicken that's a prolific egg layer
9. Far from loading
10. Flat off
11. More terrible
12. Dance set?
13. Lincoln's first Vice President
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15. Some cats
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Answers to Previous Puzzle

1. Rubber band
2. "Time" and "pretty" in song
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Puzzles by Joe Maga

Horoscope

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2000

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:

Lisa Lu (May 20), David Zinn (Aug. 23), Carson McCullers (Dec. 17), Randy Meisner, Cyd Charisse, Kathy Ireland, David Wilkie

Happy Birthday: You will sell it like it is in the year and make amazing strides toward your goals. You must

step into a position of leadership, allowing yourself to accept the glory you deserve for a job well done. For

now, you may be on the outside looking in, but in the future, the difference and certainly something

worthwhile to contribute. Your numericals, 13, 16, 26, 39, 44, 47,

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Put your efforts onto your career. Your personal life will not be going the way you'd hoped. Look into courses that will get your mind off your troubles.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You will gain the most from listening to those with experience. Your ability to

ferret out secret information will be beneficial to the whole family. You will be able to work well with

others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Red tape will be difficult to get through today, but with perseverance you will

try to make others listen to your complaints. Concentrate on completing projects at work. We need

to do some long-distance planning.

CANCER (June 21-July 20): Too much activity will be exhausting. You must talk confusing issues over

to work out your problems at your parent's house. There is a great day to broaden your cultural

knowledge. Don't hesitate to join groups that can expand your horizons. Use your diplomacy and

charm and when dealing with your boss.

LIBRA (Sept. 22-Oct. 20): Proper

formalities or residential moves will be beneficial to the whole family. It will be able to work well with

others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 21-Nov. 20): Set your mind on creative goals. You can

read children by making their activities more interesting. Take a look at purchases that may enhance the

appearance of your home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 21-Dec. 20): Added stress will cause minor illness. Watch your dietary habits. Someone may be trying to outdistance you regarding a project at work. To

CAPRICORN (Dec. 21-Jan. 20): Financial initiatives are likely to fail you. You may be investing in a dubious financial scheme. Your mate

will be too happy if you have kept your dealings a secret.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19): Get caught up on your household chores in order to avoid another disap

pointing encounter. It is best not to question your partner. Keep to your self and don't leave any room for complaints.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You can inspire enthusiasm in others regarding possible money-making projects. You have a knack for coming up with

pitches that are too quick to get the ball rolling. Someone important may back out.

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Irish seek first-ever Big East tournament victory

By BRIAN KESSLER
Sports Editor

NEW YORK
Notre Dame’s impressive 23-point victory over Georgetown last weekend was a relief for sophomore captain Troy Murphy after watching his team drop three straight games down the stretch. But it was the news after the game that really made his day.

West Virginia had just beaten Rutgers, dropping the Scarlet Knights (15-14, 6-10) to the No. 10 seed in the Big East Tournament and setting up a showdown with the No. 7 seeded Irish (17-13, 8-8) tonight at 7:30 p.m. at Madison Square Garden.

Murphy, who hails from Morristown, N.J., was heavily recruited by Rutgers and takes a fair share of verbal abuse every time the Irish play the Scarlet Knights on the road.

“I’m happy to have another shot at Rutgers,” Murphy said about the first-round matchup. “I’m looking forward to that.”

And so are the rest of the Irish. Notre Dame suffered its worst defeat of the season at the Louis Brown Athletic Center in mid-January and will be looking to avenge that 25-point loss.

Rutgers freshman Todd Billet led the way for the Scarlet Knights with 31 points on eight 3-point field goals while Mikn Tompson and Eugene Dabney each grabbed 10 rebounds for Rutgers.

“I guess we’ve got another shot at them,” said freshman shooting guard Matt Carroll, who averages nearly 10 points per game. “Hopefully we can change it and have a different outcome from the last game.”

“I don’t think we could have played any worse and I don’t think they could have seen another day,” said Carroll.

The highlight of the day came in the top of the ninth, as junior right-hander Danny Tamayo made his first appearance in more than two years. Tamayo, who last pitched on March 1, 1998, before suffering an elbow injury that ultimately required “Tommy John” reconstructive surgery, retired Tony Hardiman on a bunt attempt before serving up a flyout from Bill Johnson.

Pinch hitter Nick Chaney then walked on four pitches but Tamayo closed out the game by catching Craig Hersey looking at a full-count, called third strike.

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Sophomore captain Troy Murphy edges around a Georgetown player during the Irish victory over Georgetown last

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame baseball team cashed in on the unseasonably warm weather Tuesday by posting a 5-1 win over visiting Manchester College at Eck Stadium.

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