Spring break tragedy

By MOLLY McVOY
Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's students, faculty and alumni gathered to celebrate the life of Kristi Morris, the woman killed in a car accident over spring break. Saint Mary's community shared stories and memories of Kristi, whom they knew for nearly eight years. Kristi was fearless and young. She was fearless and young. She was fearless and young.

In attendance at the service were not only Kristi's friends, but also the family of Saint Mary's, the other women injured in the accident. Lisa Williams, Sara's mother, shared her memories of Kristi, whom she had known for nearly eight years. "It is such a loss," she shared. "She had such a giving spirit, but she is serving God in another way now. Her grace was in serving others. She's doing different work now. Kristi's, choked back tears to share what stood out in her mind about Kristi. "When I think of Kristi, I don't think of her eyes or her smile, like most people," she said. "I think of her hippie clothes that she made herself. She took the good and

In addition to his duties as athletic director, White handled the reins of the athletic department April 17 and will become Notre Dame's first athletic director to report directly to the university president. White has a wealth of experience in athletics administration. Before holding the athletic director position at ASU from 1996 to the present, White headed the athletic programs at Tulane from 1991-96, the University of Maine from 1987-91 and Lorias College in Dubuque, La. from 1982-87.

During White's five-year tenure at Tulane, the men's basketball team advanced to the post season each year despite a point shaving scheme which had temporarily disbanded the program. He enjoyed more success at Arizona State as the Sun Devils rose from No. 23 in the Sears Director Cup rankings, which ranks schools taking into account all sports, to No. 12. White also turned a $3 million athletic department deficit in 1996 into a $1 million surplus by the end of 1998. At the same time, he increased the athletic operating budget of $16.7 million to $26 million. From 1998-99 223 Arizona State student-athletes earned a 3.0 grade point average or better.

White was selected by the University of Southern Illinois for the women's basketball team in the 1982-83 season. White was invited to serve on the council, formerly the association's highest governing body, and was also the chairman of the conference. White has been on the NCAA Council, formerly the association had a special place, White said. "To be sure, our family is extremely excited by this kind and generous invitation to join the most celebrated university community in the world." "Personally speaking, I am both terrified and honored to be offered this very special opportunity." Kevin White athletic director
**INSIDE COLUMN**

**Popes and prophecy**

On the Ides of March toly coincidentally my birthday last week, nearly 500 people were killed in a deadly confrontation in Uganda. Like some sort of Catholic分支机构, these eschatological radicals believed that the Virgin Mary had promised them that March 15 was the end of the world. And for them, it was.

Though it is easy to dismiss ourselves from this kind of radical action, most of us are still fascinated with prophecies regarding the Antichrist and the Escalation. For those of you who sleep through the better known Nostradamus, some things of the pontiffs coat of arms, pontificate or time to the end of the world. Questionable in Antichrist, the most prominent figure in most prophecies is that of the Pope.

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Not a pleasant thought, is it?

**This Week on Campus**

**Today**

- **Lectures** "Inferno 5 in its Lyric Context," Teodolinda Barolini, 102 Husiborough Library, 4:30 p.m.
- **Lessons** Learn to walk, 301 Rockne Memorial, 8:30 p.m.

**Wednesday**

- **Lecture** "The Role of Business in Overcoming Poverty," Peter and Linda Bleib, Jordan Auditorium, 4 p.m.
- **Concert** Clee Club, Washington Hall, 8 p.m.

**Friday**

- **Dance** Folk dancing, Clubhouse, 7:30 p.m.
- **Films** "Run Lola Run," Annenberg Auditorium, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.
- **Performance** Dance-spring 2000, O'Lagliff Auditorium, 8 p.m.

**Outside the Dome**

Wisconsin will continue to watch Napster

Rust compared university networks as being similar to a highway clogged by a traffic jam.

"There's only so much room for backfires of information to travel on the highway," he said.

Napster takes up a lot of university network space, causing congested traffic and consequently, slows transmission of information.

According to the Students Against University Censorship website at www.savecnapster.com, 198 universities have banned Napster. Among those are several Wisconsin universities, including the UW campuses at Oshkosh and Platteville.

Other universities that have banned the software include the University of Minnesota, Northwestern University and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Illinois freshman treated for meningitis

A University of Illinois student was treated and released during spring break for a bacterial infection that could have quickly led to meningitis. Brian Firfer, a freshman in engineering, was admitted to Carle Foundation Hospital March 10 with a 104-degree fever and rash. He was diagnosed with meningococcemia, an infection that spreads across the country and causes death.

"Universities are noticing that Napster is causing enough traffic on their network that it is slowing things down considerably," Rust said.

Former Indiana chancellor dies at 97

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. Legendary former president and chancellor of Indiana University, Herman Wells, passed away Saturday night from pneumonia and heart failure at the age of 97.

Wells, who had suffered from heart problems, died in his home at about 7:45 p.m. Wells, recently named IU's "Man of the Century," served as university president from 1938 to 1966 and chancellor from 1962 until 1971. Among his many accomplishments, Wells was instrumental in the desegregation of IU, a proponent of academic freedom and developing an overall vision for the campus' architecture. He is also widely credited with improving the cultural atmosphere of the university, initiating the construction of the IU Auditorium in 1941 and developing the School of Music. The university experienced its greatest growth under the leadership of Wells, with the student body nearly tripling from 11,000 in 1938 to 31,000 in 1962. He also widened its scope to encompass the globe, adding study programs such as Hebrew and Folklore: "It's remarkable that he brought all of that to the fore during a time when American isolationism was pretty strong," said IU Vice President Kenneth Louis.

Fierce competition for Napster

As the controversy rages on, campus Internet officials are watching closely the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign's efforts to stop the software.

IU's ban of Napster was prompted by a software company, has developed software enabling users to set up their computers as servers to trade MP3 sound files.

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"Those who think they are nonsense, we are all called to think about this," Wells said.

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Saint Mary’s students fill spring break with service

By KATIE McVOY
News Writer

Last week 11 Saint Mary’s women traveled to Virginia to spend a week in service for the residents of Clintwood, Va. Assistant nursing profes­sor Ella Harmeyer accompanied the students on the trip and Sister Jean Korkisch, who lives in Clintwood, organized the week’s activities.

The women who participated in the trip found it to be a very rewarding experience.

“They were very happy and appreciative they are for all the little things,” junior edu­cation major Genevieve Yavello said.

The women spent the week refurbishing the Food Bank of Dickenson County. The Food Bank, which is the largest food bank in Virginia, serves the residents of the county who are on assistance by pro­viding food and clothing for them. Sixty-eight percent of the resi­dents of Dickenson County are on some type of assis­tance.

The women cleaned rooms previously used for storage. They knocked down one wall, repaired and repainted other walls. The women also painted the outside of the shelter and spent two days distributing food.

The women worked for about six hours each day. In the evenings they enjoyed entertainment as well as dis­cussions regarding the com­munity and the culture of Appalachia.

“It was an eye-opening experience to learn about some of the issues facing these people,” Yavello said. “It was very inspiring for me to see how strong they are.”

K en Childress, a local folk singer, spent one evening with the women singing folk songs and songs of the coal miners.

“I really enjoyed when Ken Childress came and shared with us some folk music of the area,” Yavello said. “He was a great man. He told us stories and got us all involved with the songs. I think everyone would agree that he was very enjoy­able.”

Franchette and Vincent Fanelli also spent the week with the women discussing the Fourth World Movement and Taveri, an organiza­tion advocating children’s rights. Local residents spoke about strip coal mining and clear-cutting and the problems they are causing for the residents of the Appalachian.

“It was really surprising to learn about the strip mining,” junior history major Mary Wald said. “The last owners of the land signed over the rights to the natural resources of the land. The companies that own the rights can now drill under the land and that is making the wells dry up and the people don’t have any water.”

In addi­tion to the prob­lems caused by strip min­ing, the clear-cut­ting is caus­ing flooding and destroying resources for the community. The effects of the presence of these companies in commu­nities such as Clintwood are mixed. The companies pro­vide the only source of employment for the poor towns, but they are ruining natural resources and destroying the environment.

The Saint Mary’s women also visited a local elementary school where they met stu­dents from the area. Many of the young people from Clintwood leave the area after they are educated.

“We export coal, gas and our children,” Korkisch said.

In addition to getting to know the people of Clintwood, the women also got to know each other better. The group spent the week in the same house and took care of their own cooking and cleaning.

“I loved being with the women and getting to know them,” Wald said.


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Williams was doing well and is expected to recover, according to the nursing staff of the Medical Center. She is currently traveling home with her father, according to Lisa Williams, her mother.

"Kristi hit a guardrail. It took down 12 feet of guardrail. It went through the car," her mother said. "She didn't live long, but she lived long enough to say 'Sara, I'm sorry' and I thought 'that's my baby.' That's what she would say and I'm sure that's what was her last thought."

Morris, a resident of South Bend, graduated from Saint Joseph's High School in 1996. Diane Fox, an English teacher at the high school who had Morris for two classes, remembers her as quiet but caring.

"The thing about Kristi, was she went about doing her thing," Fox said. "She never brought attention to herself but she was always there helping people." Fox explained that Morris stopped by the high school on Thursday to visit the staff before she left for break.

"I think that she was very interested in learning, especially in her major," Fox said. "She was looking forward to graduating. She was very interested in service. Morris, a social work major, was a volunteer at the Women's Care Center and taught CCD classes at Holy Cross School. Morris also served as an intern for Child Protective Services and was a pro-life advocate.

"Kristi intended on being here and touching hundreds of lives, and people who never knew her will miss her and not even know."

Margie Wasoski
mother

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There will be a memorial mass in Kristi's honor on Friday at noon in Regina Chapel.

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Don't think of her eyes or her smile, like most people, she said. "I think of her hippie clothes that she made herself. She took the good and the bad and sewed them together and made something beautiful. So, when you remember Kristi, remember patches and how beautiful they can be, especially when accompanied by a beautiful smile, bright eyes and a warm heart."

Sara's mother also explained that Sara shared what Kristi meant to her while she was in the hospital. "Kristi gave [Sara] courage, helped direct her in her life path, made her a better person," she said.

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WASHINGTON

The Clinton administration Monday said it would ban the gasoline additive MTBE, an octane booster that has helped clean the air but has begun to contaminate water supplies around the country. "The time has come to take action," said Carol Browner, administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. "Americans deserve to be able to drink clean water, and never one at the expense of the other." MTBE, or methyl tertiary butyl ether, is now used in one-third of the gasoline sold in the United States, primarily in areas with smog problems. The ban, expected to take up to three years to implement, is a "backstop measure," Browner said.

CLINTON continues mission in South Asia to prevent disputes

NEW DELHI, India

President Clinton's mission to back South Asia away from nuclear-tipped confrontation is beginning wordlessly, at the simple marble monument to India's apostle of nonviolence. With the silent laying of a wreath in homage to Mohandas Gandhi on Tuesday morning, President Clinton was planning to summon the imagery speak for itself. But after that came a series of meetings at which Clinton hoped to persuade reluctant Indian leaders to ban nuclear testing and curb tensions with Pakistan in their bitter dispute over the Himalayan territory of Kashmir. Formally opening the first visit in 22 years by an American president, Clinton was set for a pomp-filled welcome at Rashtrapati Bhavan, the presidential palace.

Leaders of China and Taiwan plan to start negotiations

TAIPEI, Taiwan

In their first public verbal volley, Taiwan's next president and China's top leader agreed Monday that they should negotiate an end to five decades of fighting — but neither budged on major points that have blocked talks. The highly anticipated statement from Chinese President Jiang Zemin said Chen Shui-bian, a former Taipei mayor and opposition leader, as a radical who would declare Taiwanese independence and spark a conflict with China's military just 90 miles across the Taiwan Strait. Since the two sides split amid civil war in 1949, Beijing has given the island a choice: eventual reunification or war.

Pope John Paul II touches a bowl of Jordanian soil held by a youth upon his arrival at Queen Alia Airport in the Jordanian capital Amman Monday. The pope is on a week-long tour of holy places in Jordan, Israel and Palestine.

Pope journeys through Holy Land

AMMAN

Pope John Paul II embarked on a strenuous and spiritual tour of the Holy Land Monday, a frail pilgrim calling for peace and justice for Jews, Christians and Muslims in a region that has seen the three faiths torn by centuries of conflict.

The 79-year-old pope was making a 27-hour stop in Jordan on his tour of Old and New Testament sites that will take him to Israel and the Palestinian territories — visits fraught with controversy. John Paul insists it is a spiritual trip with no political agenda, but he also hopes to be a catalyst for peace and harmony.

"No matter how difficult, no matter how long, the process of seeking peace must continue," the pontiff said on the first day of his weeklong trip.

Upon arriving from Rome, John Paul went immediately to Mount Nebo, where tradition says the prophet Moses first saw the Promised Land after wandering for 40 years in the desert. He stood for five minutes, peering at the Dead Sea, Jericho and the hills of Jerusalem through the afternoon haze.

"Our gaze directed toward Jerusalem let us lift up our prayers to Almighty God, for all the people living in the land of promise, Jews, Muslims, Christians," he said.

"Bestow upon all who live here the gift of true peace, justice, fraternity." The pope slurred his words and his left hand shook as he gripped his silver staff — symptoms of Parkinson's, a progressive neurological disorder. His spokesman, Joaquin Navarro-Valls, said a cut visible on John Paul's forehead happened when he bumped into a bookshelf in his study Friday.

But the pontiff was in good spirits as he began the first trip to the Holy Land by a pope in 36 years, fulfilling one the dreams of his popacy at the time he his church is marking the start of Christianity's third millennium. Abroad his Altalba flight from Rome, Navarro-Valls said he told the pope the media was excited about the trip.

More than 300 suicide victims found

KAMPALA

Prisoners dug a long trench Monday and a bulldozer shoveled charred corpses into a common grave, the final resting place for hundreds of members of a religious cult led by a former prostitute.

Most of the victims apparently were women, and police counted the bodies of 74 children, the interior minister said. He put the total number of dead at 330.

"These are the ones we could count," Interior Minister Edward Rugumayo said. "The others are unrecognizable." Rugumayo spoke to reporters in Kampala after inspecting the burned hulk of the church ball just outside Kanungu, 215 miles southwest of the Ugandan capital. He said that in addition to the 330 bodies found after Friday's fire in the church, five bodies were spotted through a hole in a nearby pit latrine.

Rugumayo said police were sure there were more bodies in the latrine, a walled, communal structure common in African villages, but were awaiting digging equipment to excavate the pit. He did not offer an explanation of how or when the bodies got into the latrine.

Official estimates of the number of deaths have varied between 235 and 600. On Monday, bodies were shoveled into a long trench dug by inmates, but it did not appear that officials were counting victims.

"What emerges out of all this," Rugumayo said of the sect, "is that the authorities never suspected anything." He said the 10-year-old Christian sect, known as the Movement for the Restoration of the Ten Commandments of God, was founded by Cledonia Mwineze, a former prostitute who had the chapel built on the grave of her father. The sect had about 1,000 members in nine districts in Uganda and was legally registered as a non-governmental organization.

"There are still sect members out in other districts, and they are being pursued," Rugumayo said.
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Group questions academic standards

By HELENA RAYAM
News Writer

Campus Life Council members returned from spring break with a light agenda, consisting of a review of old business and an announcement of upcoming plans. Members will research the election rule that requires student candidates to be in good academic standing.

"We're looking into whether it should be a 2.0 or a 1.8 for freshmen," student body president Micah Murphy said. The University's minimum grade point average for freshmen to be in good academic standing is a 1.8 and a 2.0 for other classes. Although freshmen with good academic standing according to the 1.8 standard can run for office, they would be running for offices that they will receive as sophomores. As sophomores, a higher academic standard would be required.

"I think for freshmen especially it should be higher," Ross Kerr, SUB manager, said.

The Source, the University's student organization handbook, states that students must have satisfactory academic standing, but does not explicitly define whether the 1.8 standard applies to the freshmen that run for sophomore offices in student government or other organizations. Likewise, dorms and organizations have varying rules as to what constitutes satisfactory or good academic standing.

Kerr said that because an office will require an increased time commitment, the 2.0 minimum GPA should be the rule across the board.

In Other CLC News:

- Coalition Council representative Michael Fierro announced that 124 high school seniors would attend Spring Visitation Weekend, which is a minority recruitment weekend from March 30 through April 2.

- The Sweatshop Task Force will hold a meeting tomorrow in DeBartolo to discuss joining the Workers' Rights Consortium.

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Republicans launch petition for Dole as VP

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Despite her opposition, supporters of Elizabeth Dole launched a petition drive Monday to make her the Republican Party's vice presidential candidate. "We strongly believe that a Bush-Dole ticket is the best chance for Republican victory in 2000," said Pam Coy, spokeswoman for the National Petition Drive for Elizabeth Dole for Vice President.

"She's going to be like a breath of fresh air in Washington," Coy added. "She has an amazing ability to multitask like nobody we've ever seen.

As part of its effort, the group launched a Web site and mailed informational packets to Republican governors and other party leaders around the country. The packets include a sign-up form, sample letters of support to newspaper editors, display ads and a prerecorded radio spot. While no petition can formally place Dole on the GOP ticket, organizers hope to generate a groundswell that convinces the presumptive Republican nominee, Texas Gov. George W. Bush, to pick the former Cabinet secretary and ex-American Red Cross president as his running mate.

Dole's campaign says it does not support the effort by Earl Cox, a Charleston, S.C. resident who previously tried to draft Colin Powell as president and Dole as a presidential candidate before she launched her own aborted candidacy last year.

"We are opposed to it and we asked them not to proceed," said Stewart McLaurin, a Dole spokesman. "She's not supportive of such a draft or petition drive.

At 5:30 p.m. EST in a meeting room in the Federal Reserve Board Building, several former Dole supporters gathered to hear Dole's former campaign manager, Arnie Fleischer, announce that she will not run for president.

He outlined the three criteria Bush has said he will use to pick his running mate: someone who can be president, who agrees with Bush's political philosophy and who likes him personally.

"Those will be the criteria the governor uses," he said.

"We hope we're going to be able to present our case for the living wage, the FSA and joining the WRC and have a discussion around that," said Aaron Kreider of the PSA, which requested the meeting. "We have let the Task Force since its inception in August, and when Malloy asked to attend, said that he was anticipating a good discussion."

"Any time you have a chance to sit down and talk with people who are concerned about this issue, it's a good thing," he said.

The issue that is likely to dominate discussion is the possibility of Notre Dame joining the WRC. Eighteen schools have joined the consortium, including Indiana University and the Universities of Michigan and Wisconsin.

Many of these institutions have joined after large-scale student activism on their campuses. The WRC differs from the FSA, of which Notre Dame and more than 120 other schools are members, because it contains largely of non-profit organizations. The FSA board is divided evenly between workers rights organizations and corporations that manufacture apparel, with one seat for a university representative. Critics say this heavy corporate presence weakens the FSA's ability to effect change...

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The Task Force is studying WRC membership, according to Hoye, and has requested information on the group's structure, governance and monitoring system. But they have not yet received that information, he said, and thus will likely not make a recommendation before the PSA's deadline, which arrives Monday.

The deadline comes less than two weeks before the WRC's founding conference on April 7. Activists note that the University will be able to play a greater role in shaping the consortium if it is a member at that meeting. Hoye said he had hoped to send a student member of the Task Force to the meeting, in order to gather information about the WRC.

If Notre Dame joins the group, the University must turn over one percent of its licensing revenue, Hoye said, and the Task Force wants to make sure that membership will complement the University's other anti-sweatshop initiatives before signing up.

The Faculty Senate asked the University on March 7 to join the WRC, and Kreider said the PSA would consider a petition and solicit endorsements from campus groups in support of the move.

Sweatshop meeting held today

By TIM LOGAN

On college campuses nationwide, students have been demanding their universities take a tougher stand against labor abuses in apparel manufacturing.

In recent months, those demands have focused on the groups that have formed to combat sweatshop labor. Specifically, activists have asked universities to join the Fledgling Workers Rights Consortium (WRC), an alliance of non-profit, pro-worker groups, instead of the year-old Fair Labor Alliance (FLA), which has both activists and corporations on its board.

Several major colleges and universities have agreed to join the WRC, and at Notre Dame, anti-sweatshop activists will ask University president Father Edward Malloy to follow suit today at an open meeting.

The Progressive Student Alliance has presented a March 27 deadline for Notre Dame to join the WRC, and will discuss the move with Malloy in the public meeting, at 5:30 in 101 DeBartolo University center.

Anti-sweatshop activist Carol Kasehier and William Hoye, chair of the Task Force on Anti-Sweatshop Initiatives will also attend.

The organizers are optimistic that the meeting will be a success.

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Mother of 6-year-old killer defends her actions

Associated Press

MOUNT MORRIS TOWNSHIP, Mich. — Evicted, pushed off welfare and working two jobs to make ends meet, Tamara Owens says she was just trying to help her sons when she sent them to live with her brother.

Now she is left praying both for her 6-year-old son and for the family of young Kayla Rolfand, whom the boy is accused of killing in their first-grade classroom with a gun found at his uncle's home.

"I cry every night for Kayla," Owens said in an interview last week. "It's not fair a mother had to lose a child. They're in my prayers every night."

Prosecutors' depiction of Owens as a neglectful mother who sent her son to live in a "fugitive" is unfair, she said. Owens claimed she didn't know it was a dangerous environment and said she thought it was the best way to ensure that the boys could continue attending their regular school.

"I'm not that had a person everybody is saying I am," she said.

Owens, 29, and her husband, Dedric Owens, who is in jail on a probation violation, were charged with child neglect in the Feb. 29 shooting at Buell Elementary School.

A judge has given Owens' sister temporary custody of the couple's 6- and 8-year-old sons and 5-year-old daughter. A custody hearing is scheduled for Tuesday.

Meanwhile Monday, two men pleaded innocent to federal charges of possessing a stolen handgun police say the boy used in last month's killing. Jammel Andre James, 19, and the boy's uncle, Sir Marcus Winfrey, 22, were ordered jailed on $25,000 bond apiece.

Winfrey's lawyer said his client was unjustly being blamed. "It's clear the government's interested in scapegoats," William Swift said.

Owens said her life had been tough since she became pregnant at 20. With her husband in and out of jail, Owens for a while stayed home with her kids while living off welfare.

But in January 1999, required to work as part of Gov. John Engler's effort to "kick people off welfare," she said she opened two part-time jobs at a mall about 36 miles from her Mount Morris Township home just north of Flint.

The commute required taking two buses each way. On some days, she left home at 8:30 a.m. — not returning until 11 p.m. During those days, family members and friends watched the children while she was gone, she said.

Then, eight days before the shooting, she was evicted for failing behind on the rent. Owens said she couldn't find another affordable place, so she sent her sons to her brother's house and her daughter to her sister's. She wouldn't say where she stayed herself.

"My brother is really responsible. He made sure they ate, he made sure they had clean clothes to go to school, he made sure they took baths and he walked them to school every day," she said.

Allegations of guns and drugs in the house are news to her, she said.

"I never sat in his house for hours at a time. I go check on him, and then I'm gone," she said.

Owens said she feels partly to blame because she wasn't home as often as she thought she should be. But that, she said, is because the state told her she had to work.

"Sometimes single mothers is all kids have, and if you take that single mother from them, then they have nothing," she said.

John Truscott, a spokesman for the governor, said the state probably could have prevented Owens from being evicted.

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Tamarla Owens
mother of killer

Owens said she still doesn't know exactly what happened the day of the shooting. Her 6-year-old son — whom she described as "the most lovely little boy I've ever known" — usually was quick to talk about it.

But she has vivid memories of his response just after the shooting:

"He was like, 'I shot a little girl,'"

and I started crying, then he was like, "Well, Mama I didn't mean to," then he started crying, so we were both crying standing in the hallway just crying. And he was like, "Mama, I really didn't mean to."

Later, she asked him again what had happened.

"I didn't mean to shoot her. Mama, I didn't mean for her to die," her son answered, then started coloring and asked her to read him a book.

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Social notes from a bygone era

Mary Beth Ellis

Changes in Latitude, Changes in Attitude

Authors Note: Grace Hall is home to fax machines and ironing facilities. In this modern era, but in timesworn days of yore (1996), Grace was an actual dormitory, housing actual male students wearing actual khakis. From the viewpoint of Observer’s society pages of that halcyon age we bring you this snippet of that genteel gentleman’s domain—otherwise, look for it only in the memories of plaid-wearing, American Express Platinum Card-waving alumni, for it is no more than a dream remembered, a civilization gone with the wind.

Friday last, Matt Harrigan, of 724 Grace Hall, hosted a delightful soirée featuring lead oboistous music and large quantities of cheap beer. The singular Mr. Harrigan, whose hobbies, according to his dogbook entry, are “music and sports,” co-hosted the evening with his roommate, fellow freshman Mike Warmbsy. Exclusively invited to the intimate gathering were a bunch of guys from Warnmbys’s 20th Century American Literature class and the entire north wing of Regina Hall. Preparations for the evening began as early as 4 p.m. on the day of the soirée, when Harrigan took stock of his posh bachelor digs (enhanced this semester by a fresh coat of beige paint, liberally applied over the summer holiday by the renowned design firm of Natural Light) and the room did not present exactly the well-appointed atmosphere he desired ("Uh, 60°F, it smells like $5JR in here, Warmbsy!" were his precise words, this reporter has learned) An open, airy effect was achieved by removing the four sweatshirts, two pairs of cotton briefs, and 18 Papa John’s boxes that formerly framed the floor of 724 Grace Hall and cramping them into the nearest available closet. A 10-minute search was made of the immediate section for a can of air freshener; as their most resourceful comrades, Craig “Mad Dog” Swepe and Tom “Eupworth” Eupworth were not receiving callers at the time, having repaired to a small gathering down the hall to partake of a rousing round of Rebel Assault II, the gallant hosts made a search of the corridor’s janitorial supply pantry and saved the day with several refreshing squirts of Lemon-Fresh Pledge directed in the general vicinity of their closet.

A day-long, avant-garde décor theme was chosen for the festivities. Harrigan and Warmbsy installed black-light bulbs and a magenta lava lamp, purchased the previous afternoon at the University Park Mall branch of Spencer’s Gifts. These additions lent an enchanting accent to the gentlemen’s fine furnishings, a magnificent 1978-era orange and brown nappy couch with several unidentified stains on the back, and a chic, minimalist table fashioned from an ironing board balanced against two plastic crates.

The first ladies to arrive were glamourously whisked from Regina Hall to Modern Quad via a splendidly orange Transpo shuttle bus. Among the early guests were Amy Townsend, fetching for the 54th time. Harrigan judged the entry to the event standing guard at the door that he kind of knows Mike from the Freshman U, "beats the crap out of the Meister Brew the guys upstairs have."

"You can’t even taste the alcohol! It’s like I haven’t been drinking at all!" loudly added Whittier, who then asked the five people nearest to her if they thought it was really hot in here, too.

The guests were serenaded by, among other notables, Dave Matthews and his band. Donna Summers, D.J. Jazzzy Jazz and the Fresh Prince, and Dsexy’s Midnite Runners. Attempts to move about in time to the music with some semblance of rhythm was van­tarded for a time and enjoyed by all. The evening was brought to a glorious denouement when everybody got out after the last Natural Light disappeared and “Tubthumpin” was played for the 34th time. Harrigan judged the gala an unmitigated smash.

"Next time, though," he said, "we’ll have a strobe light."

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
It's time to laugh at fear

Over break I went to the dentist to get some cavities filled. I hate going to the dentist. I'm terrified of it. Every time I have to go to the dentist, I tremble and worry about the actual appointment coming around. I can barely drive myself there. Siting in the dentist's chair on Thursday I just about pass out. I don't know why I am so scared of the dentist. I have never had a bad, sadistic, or even unpleasant dentist. It's my own personal irrational phobia. I don't even know why I'm so scared of the dentist. I let my mind wander to other things that are afraid of, as though thinking of other people's phobias would somehow lessen my own. During my semester abroad in Spain I traveled a lot with a woman who had a pathological fear of fish. She wouldn't go near them, much less eat one, until her Spanish family tricked her into eating tuna pizza. I remember we were in Barcelona in the Olympic village area where there is a long wooden bridge with gaps between the slats. The water beneath the bridge is illuminated by dozens of bright lights, and you could see hundreds of fish finning around below. She couldn't barely make herself cross that bridge and kept glancing nervously down at times, as though they were suddenly going to rise up and swear her.

Once someone asked her, "What about those harmless little fish that nibble on your toes while you're wading?" She went white and had to sit down before mustering a response. "Those are the worst kind." She is terrified of fish. The other roommates are terrified of spiders. It's really dumb. "nfft ...

While the dentist drilled and I fidgeted, trying to get away without causing myself more harm, I considered the fear I hear most often. I work in the Emergency Department at the Elkhart General Hospital, where one of the things I spend my time doing is talking to people about being in the ER. Many of them, probably half, express a fear of doctors or are afraid of, if not phobic of, needles. This always makes me stop and think, because I am fascinated by all of these things. As a premed major, I plan on centering my life around them. As a premed major, I plan on centering my life around them. This past spring, while the dentist drilled, I tried to picture this "dance". It's silly. It's just silly, yet, but I think it's interesting, that the things we are most afraid of are those we guard, and that the things we are least afraid of we admit openly. I walked into the dentist's office and told everyone I talked to that I was scared — the hygienist, the dentist, the dental assistants, the waiting area. Although nearly everyone qualified them with "it's silly" or "This is really dumb, but ... " all of the people I polled for this column quickly announced their biggest fears. I am not nearly so open about other, more minor fears, like airplane crashes or heights. My ice cream friend could associate her phobia with a concrete event or a greater fear, but the majority of us had no explanation for our fright. That notwithstanding, our fears are deep-seated. And they aren't really funny. I can laugh about my dentophobia, but don't make jokes about rest canals around me. Or I will become your biggest fear.

Kate Rowland is a senior math and German major. She has always been afraid of the article "fats" as well. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Letter's to the Editor

Honor donors in church

I wish to respond to the letter of Salvador Hernandez in The Observer March 8, 2000. The letter in point was headlined "Don't discriminate in church.

Apparently the writer was deeply offended that she was asked to sit in a side aisle at a 5 p.m. mass at the Basilica, as a portion of the main aisle was reserved for the participants in the Scholarship Fellowship Recognition Weekend. I would like to point out that the attendees were about 250 in number hardly taking up the bulk of the Basilica. As for a wedding, a special group, it is customary to give the honorees the privilege of sitting together.

Thomas J. Couney
Clas of '93
March 14, 2000

Let's end the graffiti dance

The Graffiti Dance was a memorable point in my Freshman Orientation at Notre Dame last summer. Unfortunately it was memorable for all the wrong reasons. Besides becoming very good at finding a place left on my shirt for people to sign and relating my name, dorm and probable major, I came away with nothing more than a t-shirt full of names that meant nothing, phone numbers that would never be called, and disbelief in the fact that the graffiti dance was supposed to be the highlight of official freshman Orientation social events.

So, what is so bad or wrong about this time honored tradition at Fresh O? Well, I guess not that much if you don't want to consider that we hold a "dance" were no one is dancing. Go watch the graffiti dance and there is absolutely no one dancing. Barely audible music and throngs of people walking around searching for that next phone number to fill up the remaining space on their shirt does not constitute a dance. Fine, so perhaps all that is needed is to change the name of the event. Well, let's try renaming them... how about "Waste of Time on Basketball Courts.

Recent meetings have brought the downturn in the current "dance" into the spotlight. At the most recent CLE meeting our very own Student Body President Elect, Brian O'Donoghue gave as his reason for keeping the "dance" the following statement. "There is a meat market mentality, but no one gets rejected." I guess according to Brian it's okay to accept a meat market mentality. Let's really sit back and think what is meant by the phrase, "meat market mentality." The phrase implies that those at the dance, both male and female are viewed not as potential friends, but as pieces of meat, and thus call for the respect given to a piece of meat.

I believe that our student body and especially those freshmen of the future here at Notre Dame deserve and should demand BETTER than a "meat market mentality" for those who are becoming part of our Notre Dame family. Further discussion is needed to search for an alternative to this currently accepted "meat market" of a culminating social activity for freshmen at our University. Walking away with a shirt full of names and phone numbers does not help anyone orient themselves to any aspect of Notre Dame.

Maureen Gottlieb
Freshman, Gareagh Hall
March 8, 2000

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CONCERT REVIEW

Oasis gets back to basics in Japan

By SEAN KING
Scene Music Critic

Oasis continued its string of sold out concerts across Japan March 5, delivering a hard-hitting 90-minute set to over 15,000 befuddled fans. After an often tumultuous and self-evaluating two years for this band, Japan is the perfect place to get back to just playing blue-collar rock ’n’ roll and letting the rest take care of itself.

Nobody outside the United Kingdom has more consistently supported Oasis than the Japanese. After the Gallagher brothers’ presence nearly caused riots on the Tokyo subway during their first visit here in 1994, younger sibling Liam felt fit to declare, “...Japan was mega. It was like a ‘67 Hard Day’s Night!” The quote was of course a direct reference to the 1963 Beatles film, in which Liam’s idols are endlessly chased through the streets of London by adoring female fans. Liam’s initial Japanese euphoria of six years ago may well be behind him now, but the band’s latest album, Standing On The Shoulder Of Giants, has been nonetheless resting comfortably atop the HMV Tokyo album chart since its release here on Feb. 21. And wherever you go, you cannot avoid hearing the album’s first single “Get It Out” at least once a day.

Oasis take the stage in near apocalyptic fashion, as the translucent curtain and the semi-danceable “****in’ In ‘The Bushes’ breaks the pre-show jitters at an almost deafening volume. The aforementioned “Go Let It Out” is then followed by the mellow, atmospheric “Who Feels Love.” Many people count this song among their new album favorites, but this slow a song shouldn’t be played this early on. Oasis quickly alone for this minor glitch with a string of heavy-handed bits that includes “Superersonic,” “Shakermaker” and 1995 B-side cult favorite “Acquiesce.”

After a bit of a lull with harmless enough new tracks “Sunday Morning Call,” “Where Did It All Go Wrong” and “Gas Panic,” the evening shifts into sing-along fare for good by way of “Roll With It.” “Stand By Me” and “Wonderwall.” The easy highlight of the night is everyone clapping and down in unison to the T. Rex-like “Cigarettes And Alcohol,” complete with a pseudo impromptu jam session of “American Woman” latched on for good measure. As if to allow everyone to regain themselves after that one, older sibling and songwriter Noel set-ties into the reflective “Don’t Look Back In Anger,” only to have first starter Liam soon return for a fist-clenching rendition of “Live Forever.”

As if to spell out the obvious, Oasis closed the night with “Rock ’n’ Roll Star,” a song written long before they even began to realize their eventual fate of being near-permanent fixtures on the world celebrity circuit and the front pages of Britain’s most rancid tabloids.

The show’s only notable disappointment is the absence of any of the new in-your-face tracks like “Pat Era Money Where Yer Mouth Is” or “I Can See A liar.” But, there’s no reason to be too concerned. Tonight, we’re all rock ’n’ roll stars; it doesn’t get much better than this.

ALBUM REVIEW

Compilation CD offers the best of the London club

In the vast mental wasteland that is known as pop music, there are two beacons that serve as guides for those who seek Complete Mindlessness. The first is Oasis and his robohype, having polluted our airwaves in the dance music scene. The second, far less menacing Essence of Mindlessness, is dance music. When one wants to simply get down, ignoring all other qualifications that would otherwise be required for something to be considered art, it is not necessary to look any further than the nearest Eurotrash discotheque.

Every year the biggest DJs in Europe come out with new offerings, and these are most consistently swallowed whole by a culture that centers around the club scene. Entire walls of music stories are covered by Club Compilations, all of which are virtually the same, containing around 40 or so essentially similar songs.

The Club 2000 dance hits release is no exception. Available in virtually any record or grocery store here in London, Club 2000 is a perfect taste of the club scene, without having to pay an outrageous cover to be surrounded by a sea of trendy, black-turtleneck-clad British people and clumsy American tourists. From the very beginning of this two-disc, 43 song compilation, it is clear that there will be no attempt at profundity made as the original mixes of these songs are presented in a continuous manner, ideal for a three-hour dance party or torture session.

The first three tracks are the strongest on the release — one need not go much further to understand what “clubbie” in the new millennium is all about. The Artful Dodger is positively Dickensian on “Rewind.” The Wamdue Project chime in with the hit of the season, “King of My Castle.” And Bob Marley vs. FunkStar De Luxe’s bastardized version of “Sun Is Shining” shows that in full combat, Funkstar De Luxe is able to utterly destroy the old Soul Rebel.

From there, one becomes literally entranced by the continuous and monotonous disco beat, which reverberates through the soul until it becomes absolutely unbearable. But disco-dancin’ music is not really about expression. It’s not about sitting around and finding important social messages in the mixes. Rather, it is about drunken, ecstatic hedonism, sweaty bodies grinding against each other on an illuminated floor, and about finding that certain special someone sexy enough to wake up next to just once in a lifetime. For this, the music is perfectly conceived, and I count myself lucky for having had the opportunity to experience the London disco scene in its entirety. Disco is not dead. It is constantly renewing itself in ever-more mindless and repetitive forms. And God Bless us all for that.

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ALBUM REVIEW

Campus band sets the ‘standard’ with new CD

One of the greatest things in the world is when you buy or come across a CD that you know absolutely nothing about, listen to it and then really enjoy. The only thing I knew about American Standard is that they were a campus band, had just released their first album and apparently had a gig at Benchwarmer’s. After listening to their CD for the first time, I also came to another observation. I really wish I had gone to Benchwarmer’s to see them play live.

The band, consisting of vocalist Holly Hoffman, lead guitarist Chris Osses, rhythm guitarist Dan Purvino, bassist Tom Hayes, and newly appointed drummer Grant Ramony, has come a long way since their first gig at the NAZ Battle of the Bands last April. Despite being together for just three weeks, the band, then known as Sarcastik Bite, made a very impressive showing at its first public appearance.

After taking the summer off, the band came back into the new school year with a new perspective and a new name, American Standard. During the fall semester, the band built up a strong reputation as a live act by playing numerous shows at Corby’s, Benchwarmer’s, house parties and other campus shows. With requests for an album pouring in, the band entered the studio a little earlier than planned. And now, after creating a fan base, the band has their debut release available for anyone to hear their fresh, original grooves.

The CD, released and self-funded on the band’s Big City Records label, starts off strong with some of the band’s best songs, “Keep Away,” “Every Time I Win” and “Perfect Girl” are all fast, up-tempo songs with great lyrics and beats.

The album continues on with songs like “Lucky,” “Hold On Tight” and “4 Million Miles.” “Minnesota One,” however, was the song that I listened to over and over. “Minnesota One” and “Every Time I Win” are probably the band’s strongest marks on the album. But the band’s greatest asset would have to be the sweet yet edgy, versatile voice of lead singer Hoffman. Her voice has a Gwen Stefani-like sound, but still unique enough to blend perfectly with the band. This talented young singer, who can tackle anything from Guns ‘N Roses to The Cardigans, has the potential to lead American Standard to larger venues, even outside of good ol’ South Bend.

I think these guys are going to be around for a while. They sure deserve to be. The band, however, currently marketing its album on the Internet, has recently stumbled upon other bands with the same name. In addition to the trademark infringement issue with a certain toilet manufacturer, fans should watch for another name change sometime soon. Armed with a yet-to-be-decided new name, the band will fine tune their live show for a national tour in the summer of 2000.

UPCOMING CONCERTS

South Bend

American Standard Fieldhouse Mall Mar. 21
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Cupcakes House of Blues Apr. 7
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Posies - Alive Before the Iceberg

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Irish luck runs out in Detroit

By RACHEL BIBER
Sports Writer

Heading south was no vacation for the Irish men's tennis team as they made their annual trek to the prestigious 16-team Blue-Gray Classic in Morgantown, Virginia. Thirty-sixth-ranked Notre Dame finished the tournament event tied for fifth and improved its dual record to 4-3, but lost to 11th-ranked University of Alabama in the opening round.

The Irish put up a hardware fight to capture the doubles point against the Virginia Cavaliers. "It's a new experience," said Paul Poulin, Irish head coach, "and we're lucky to have driven to the tournament in our own van." The Irish were able to defeat two teams in the opening round.

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Irish look for redemption with solid NIT performance

With the Irish shut out of an NCAA tournament bid, Matt Doherty's club has united around the common goal of earning redemption by winning the National Invitation Tournament. They've put their 'A' game faces on and the Irish appear well on their way back to playing in Midtown Square Garden, after beating the Michigan Wolverines 75-66 in the first round and the Xavier Musketeers 76-64 in the second round.

"We want to prove the Committee wrong by not letting us into the NCAA tournament," sophomore forward Harold Swanagan said. "We're out to prove something. That's our mindset every game. We're going to go out there and play our hardest and show everybody that we could have played in the Tournament. They made a mistake."

Getting a couple or five victories in the NIT would surely show the selection committee that the Irish were worthy of another look.

"We feel like we're out here with something to prove," Murphy said. "We want to prove in the NCAATournament that we belonged in there, and maybe make them think twice about what they did. Xavier was a team that was a bubble team, and we beat them. We're just trying to show people that we should have gotten in." Notre Dame shock off the disappointment of missing the NCAA tournament by focusing on extending their season in the NIT.

"Everyone would like to go to the NCAA tournament," Doherty said. "But the fact that we're here, we're going to make the most of it. Our kids shock that NCAA deal off and were able to come out and beat Michigan and Xavier."

The Irish aren't content to put away their uniforms for the season just yet. Although they've already posted more wins than any Notre Dame team in the past 10 years, they want to keep improving their record.

"Most people, I think, if we lost today, would say, boy you had a good year," Doherty said. "You threatened to make it the NCAA tournament. You made the NIT. You beat Michigan and lose today. It's okay. I told them at pre-game meal — I don't want that thought creeping into your head. "Yeah, people feel you had a good year, but I want more," Doherty said. "I want 20 wins. I want to win on national TV. I want to keep playing. I want to practice tomorrow. We had a little gut check there, and our kids came through..."

Doherty got his 20 wins with the victory over Xavier, and now he's looking for No. 21.

The Irish are out there playing so they wind up with no regrets come the end of the season. They're going after every rebound and playing defense like their life is on the line.

"The kids, they're tough," Doherty said. "They compete. Did you see them diving on loose balls? I mean, that was fun. Matt Carroll, Jimmy Dillon, David Graves. I just think they're a tough group of kids."

Sophomore David Graves must have been starved for a little redemption Monday. He led the Tery Notre Dame effort early, scoring 21 of his 24 points in the first half, and fighting for nine rebounds in the victory. Guards Jimmy Dillon and Matt Carroll were all over the floor for the Irish, diving for every loose ball and some that weren't.

The other two Irish starters, Murphy and Swanagan, played substantial minutes despite recent injuries. Swanagan scrambled for seven rebounds and scored seven points in 26 minutes of play after hurting his knee in the Michigan game. Murphy sprained an ankle in practice Sunday, but battled back to score 21 points and nine rebounds in a physical 36 minutes on the court.

Nobody on Notre Dame's men's basketball squad wants to close out the season without an NIT championship banner to hang in the Joyce Center. But it won't be a cakewalk getting there. "Just because we're on the bubble doesn't grant us the right to win this NIT," Doherty said. "The NIT's pretty strong and probably stronger this year than it's ever been because teams like Notre Dame, Vanderbilt, Virginia, Villanova, didn't get into the NCAA tournament. I don't want the guys to have any regrets."

Three more wins, and they won't.

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Irish
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free. And after each game, she
washes the sweaty accessory into
the crowd for some lucky fan.
The Irish’s pre-game routine
would make the Armed forces
proud. Prior to each game, dur­
ing stretching drills, the Irish
players sit in a certain order in
the circle. On the road the order
is different from the home games
but is always consistent.
“Your have your away positions
and your home positions,” Hin­den­son said.
Then as they head to the Joyce
Center from their stretching
exercises in the P IT, the team
sings a special song, always the
same one, out loud. Last year the
song was “It’s so hard to say
Goodbye” by Boyz II Men. This
season, it’s a secret.
“We’d rather not say what the
song is,” said a group of players
including Henderson, Meghan
Leahy and Imani Dunbar. “But
Nile [Ivey] is the best singer.”
While they won’t reveal their
lucky pre-game song, the Irish
players did acknowledge that
their team song (which is differ­
ent than the pre-game tune) has
changed from Stato’s “Tuang
Song” during the regular season
to Sonique’s “It feels so good” for
the NCAA’s.
As they prepare for warm-up
drills, Henderson leads the team
but Kellyy Siemon must go first
in all the drills. Except for the
free throw shooting drills where
Henderson goes first and Alicia
Batay shoots third. Henderson
also launches the “Attitude of a
Champion” sign in their locker
room first before the team enters
the arena.
During the NCAA tournament,
the Irish become even more
superstitious. The players ap­proached
McGrory before the season
began, asking for the green uni­
forms. It wasn’t an easy propo­si­tion, as they first had to get
approval from the administra­
tion. The powers-to-be complied
with their request but stipulated that they
only wear them on certain occa­sions. This weekend’s games
was the fourth and fiftieth times they
were the new uniforms on the
season, the first three coming
earlier in the season in victories
over North Carolina and Liberty
in the Wachovia Women’s
Invitational and a loss at Purdue.
After winning the first two
games in the NCAA’s wearing the
green, the Irish have come up
with a sensible conclusion.
“We’ll wear them as long as we
can,” Henderson said.
In addition to the green uni­
forms, the entire team paints
their nails green for the tourna­
ment, including the managers,
trainers, and anyone associated
with the team. Even the males
have one of their pinky fingers
decorated in green. Radio
announcer Jeremy Gray has also
been coerced to paint his pinky.
A new tradition also began this
weekend. Just as they were
about to head to the sidelines for
the beginning of Friday’s game,
Ivey and Erika Hartey began to
dance a jig. The rest of the team
followed the duo’s lead, huddling
in a circle and showing some
dance steps. Accordingly, the
Irish gathered for their rendition
of the jig before Sunday’s second
round victory over George
Washington.
These are only some of the ritu­
als followed by this successful
Irish team, which heads to
Memphis this weekend for the
Sweet Sixteen against Texas
Tech and then possibly
Tennessee.
Henderson explains the team’s
reasoning behind keeping some
of the train’s superstitions a
secret.
“No can’t tell all of them,”
Henderson said, “because they’d
jinx us.”
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KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

Notre Dame women’s tennis team had its ups and downs during spring break play. While many students took to the beaches, the Irish women took to the courts as they headed west to battle with the 49th-ranked Cougars of BYU and the ninth-ranked Wave of Pepperdine.

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WOMEN'S NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP

Notre Dame pulls away from San Diego in first round

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associated Press

The No. 2-seeded Notre Dame women's basketball team (26-4) opened NCAA tournament play with an emphatic 87-61 win over San Diego (17-13). The Irish owned the game from start to finish. They jumped out to a 10-1 lead on two quick baskets by junior All-American Ruth Riley, two free throws by freshman Alicia Ratay and two buckets by senior Julie Henderson.

"We really didn't feel like we were doing much on defense," Riley said. "We needed to pick it up a lot with our intensity and getting out on the shooters.

In the second stanza, the Irish clamped down defensively. They held the Toreros scoreless from the field for nearly eight minutes.

"That was exactly what we were looking for," McGraw said. "We had some miscommunication in the first half and they got some open looks. We wanted to work on our switches a little bit more and get a hand in their face. I think that with a hand in their face, that's why they shot so poorly for those eight minutes."

Senior guard Danielle Green finished off the stretch with an off-balance driving lay-up that extended the lead to 66-40.

"I was looking for Ericka (Haney)" Green said. "She was open for a second there and I just threw it up in there. It was just all reaction."

McGraw enjoyed the luxury of giving her bench significant playing time.

Four players scored in double digits for the Irish — Riley, Green, Ivey and reserve Kelley Siemon with 13. All 12 players on Notre Dame's roster scored in the game.

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"We never looked back," Riley said. "They never looked back."

"My teammates knew that (Jessica Gray) was a little shorter than me," Riley said. "So they were looking for me inside, and I was just happy I was able to connect."

The Irish increased their lead throughout the first half. Senior guard Nicole Ivey scored nine of her 14 points in the first half, and Riley had 12 of her 14 in the opening period.

San Diego was no pushover, though, as they orchestrated a 16-7 run in which six Toreros scored.

"They never quit," Notre Dame head coach Muffet McGraw said. "Every time we thought we could put them away in the first half, they came back. We have to get away from the point of being up 15 and let them back in the game. And that's where we need to get that killer instinct."

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Irish win two before ending week with loss

By STEVE KEPPEL
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men's lacrosse team struggled in its three-game stretch last week.

The Irish started off by beating both Denver (12-8) and Air Force (10-6), despite inconsistent play on offense and defense. But the poor play of the Irish caught up with them against Loyola as they were blown out by a score of 12-2.

Against Denver Notre Dame got out to a quick 4-0 start in the first period. John Harvey sparked the lead with two early goals and finished the afternoon with his first career hat trick.

Despite the early lead, the sporadic play of the Irish enabled Denver to edge their way back into the game when the Irish defense gave up six goals in the second and third periods.

"We had the chance to put them away and we didn't," Notre Dame head coach Kevin Corrigan said. "We are not finishing when given the opportunity."

With the game tied 7-7 entering the fourth period, the Notre Dame attack broke out of their shell and scored four quick goals to give them a commanding lead.

"It was nice to come out in the fourth quarter and execute," Corrigan said. "We are playing well at times but we should have shut them out in the first half when we had the chance."

Two days later Notre Dame took on an 0-4 Air Force team that hadn't beaten the Irish in 12 years. Junior Tom Glatzel led the Irish offense and tied a career high with five goals. The Irish took a 10-2 lead into the fourth period. But, with the chance to put the Falcons away the Notre Dame defense gave up four quick goals letting Air Force right back in it.

"We didn't play that well but we did what we intended to do which was win," said Corrigan. "We were easily in control and we would have liked to finish it off with more pizzazz. We need to be more consistent."

The inconsistency of the Irish would come back to haunt again as they suffered a huge 12-2 pounding from a highly ranked Loyola team. Loyola came out fired up and scored two goals in the first 15 minutes. Instead of fighting back hard, the Irish gave up an unprecedented eight goals in the second period.

"We let them finish the game in the second quarter," said Corrigan. "We lost poise and didn't execute and we can't put ourselves in that position."

The Irish got on the board in the third period with a goal from Chris Young, but it wasn't enough as they ended the day with only two goals, the second fewest in the 19-year history of the program.

"Their defense played harder than we played and we shot poorly," said Corrigan. "We were just out hustled and outplayed."
Men's Basketball
Notre Dame claims first postseason win since 1997

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

The Irish men's basketball team triumphed in a total team effort Wednesday that allowed it to win its first-round National Invitation Tournament win over Michigan 75-65.

Everybody on the floor played a big role in the victory, as the Associate Men's Irish shared the wealth with a balanced box score.


Harold Swanigan shot a perfect 3-for-3 from the field. Ivan Kartelo fired up in the second half, and he had a back of a night rebounding the basketball. Doherty stressed in a time-out the point that if Notre Dame lost, its season was done.

"Coach just said we've got to pick it up," Carroll said of the lecture in the huddle. "He said if you want to play tomorrow and keep on playing throughout the whole season, you've got to pick it up and start playing. Or else this is going to be the end right here."

Carroll started off an eight-point Notre Dame run with two 3-pointers early in the second half. Murphy added two free throws to put the Irish ahead 46-41 with 14:39 to play. Ahead 56-49, the Irish turned the ball over on an offensive foul by Murphy that left Doherty pounding his fist into his hand. The Wolverines' Gavin Groninger nailed a 3-pointer, and a missed basket by Graves on the Irish end of the floor turned into another two points for Josh Asselin as the Wolverines closed the gap to 62-60 with under 7 minutes remaining.

Murphy hit four free throws in a row for his final points of the night in put the Irish back ahead by six. Graves fouled Michigan's Kevin Gaines, sending him to the line to knock down a free throw. Back on offense, Graves began to pull out all the stops, putting away a 3-pointer on a pass from Carroll. Graves pulled down another rebound, and swiped the ball from Michigan to leave the Wolverines high and dry on two straight possessions.

With the Irish ahead 69-63 and 49.6 seconds remaining, Murphy fouded out of the game. Gaines hit the second of two free throws to pull the Wolverines to within five, then Notre Dame lost the ball off of Billins' leg. Graves got yet another rebound, however, to assure the Notre Dame victory.
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shot 41 percent, crashed the boards and grabbed nine offensive rebounds. Xavier's second and third shot opportunities resulted in a 36-23 edge in attempts.

Sophomore David Graves caught fire in the first half, connecting on 8-of-11 field goals and scoring 21 points before the break.

"The guys were setting some tremendous screens for me and their big men weren't helping off the screens," Graves said. "I was getting open and so I kept shooting it. It felt great so I kept putting it up.

The Musketeers, however, did a good job limiting Troy Murphy's touches in the first half. The first-team All-America was held to just two shot attempts and nine points.

"We wanted to stop Murphy, but we felt to win we would have to guard the three-point line and it's evident we didn't do that," Prosser said. "It's not like we said we wanted to stop Murphy and let the other guys beat us."

However, it was Murphy and the supporting cast that did the Musketeers in. Xavier took a 45-44 lead with 16:27 left in the game, but Notre Dame came storming back with a 15-4 run to build a 10-point lead midway through the second half.

The Irish did a good job of breaking the Musketeers' press and running their half court offense. Graves was called upon to break the press on several occasions.

"Coach really studied their press," Graves said. "It's their main defense and they practice it everyday, so we had to pick it apart. It was tough for them to press us, since Lochore spaced the spacing so much. He put me on the wing and ran some isolation for me. We had to get the ball up somehow.

Notre Dame's half-court execution, however, struggled in the late stages of the game as they were held scoreless for nearly six minutes. The Irish made up for it with stifling defense that allowed just six points over those six minutes.

Murphy made two big hoops down the stretch and clutch free throw shooting helped the Irish pull away.

"There was too much time left and we had to score," Doherty said. "We were either tired or tentative, but I was concerned. They cut it to three, but Troy went back door and made the basket and I think that was a big play.

Murphy, who was playing with a sprained ankle, finished with 31 points and nine rebounds. Graves, however, led the way with 24 points and seven rebounds.

The Irish shot 47 percent from the field and 53 percent from beyond the arc. Notre Dame also outrebounded Xavier, 41-30.

Maurice McAfee paced Xavier with 18 points on 6-of-15 three-point shooting. Kevin Price had 11 points and Lloyd Price added 10 in a losing effort for the Musketeers.

Center Harold Swanagan is fouled by Kevin Frey as he goes up for a layup in Monday night's NIT game against Xavier.

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18-point lead midway through the game.

"I came out really aggres­

sive. I think that has been missing from me all season," said Green. "I am pleased that my teammates were looking for me. I finally had that ener­

gy. passion and enthusiasm. I just need to continue that and the team needs to continue that throughout the rest of the tournament.

The Irish struggled in the opening minutes of the con­
test, however. Taking the ball to the basket early, the Colonials earned a quick 8-5 edge on the Irish and forced center Ruth Riley to the bench with two personal fouls.

But the Colonials' perfor­

manee went down hill from there as George Washington missed 16 consecutive shots and allowed Green to key a 14-0 run for the Irish.

"We started off well and when you play the Irish your main focus is to get Riley in foul trouble," said Colonials head coach Jo McKeown. "If you can do that, then you don't want to let their other players hurt you and I thought Green destroyed us in the first half. She had 16 points and she got them at times when it really opened the game up.

The Colonials were unable to get their shooting back on track and finished shooting just 28.3 percent from the floor on the night.

"I think [Notre Dame] played well defensively," said Colonials guard Marla Egleston. "We got a lot of good shots. As a team we make them all the time — sometimes they fall and sometimes they don't, that's part of the game. Tonight was not one of thegood days for us.

Sluggish defense only exacerbated the underdog's poor shooting. The Colonials committed 30 fouls and sent the Irish to the free-throw line 45 times.

Ivey, who was only 5-8 from the floor, added 10 points from the Irish from charity stripe.

"Niele is the key to our team. She showed that tonight," said Irish head coach Muffet McGraw. "She did a great job of controlling the tempo. She knows when to slow down and pick up the pace. She knows when to shoot and when not to. She played a really intel­

ligent floor game tonight."

The second half wasn't any nicer to the Colonials than the first. Able to produce enough offense for only one serious run midway in the second half, the Colonials went on an 11-4 run, but the Irish answered with an 18-5 run of their own and maintained a 30-point lead for the final minutes of the game.

Riley, who sat out most of the first half, played a big offensive role in the second half and finished with 14 points.

Guard Alicia Ratay, who went 3-4 from behind the arc, added 11 points, making for five Irish players in double figures. Henderson's 14 points marked a season high and matched her career high-scoring record.

With the win, the Irish travel to Memphis, Tenn. to take on No. 3 Texas Tech in the Sweet 16 this Saturday.

Senior guard Danielle Green goes up for a layup in Sunday's victory over George Washington. Green paced the Irish with 16 first half points.
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8. 28-Down hardon
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WOMEN’S NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP

Victory over Colonials sends Irish to Sweet 16

Seniors help Notre Dame avoid NCAA elimination

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Editor

With the NCAA tournament posing a do-or-die situation for the Irish, seniors Danielle Green and Julie Henderson are playing every game like it’s their last.

And that’s precisely the reason why Tuesday’s Mid-Atlantic Regional second round game against George Washington wasn’t Notre Dame’s final appearance on the court this season.

With Henderson and Green at the helm, the second-seeded Irish knocked out the No. 7 seed Colonials from tournament action with a 95-60 routing at the Joyce Center.

“We knew it was our last game in the back of our minds,” said Henderson. “When I got out there in the last three minutes I realized this was the last time on the Irish floor. It was a little emotional. I was happy our team played well.”

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Women’s NCAA Championship

Victory over Colonials sends Irish to Sweet 16

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