Grant sparks internship program

University-wide project will focus on entrepreneurship

By HELENA RAY

The College of Business (COB) received a $100,000 grant from the Fwing Marion Kauffman Foundation to start an internship program that gives students entrepreneurship experience.

"This is quite an honor for the University to receive the grant," said Jim Falkiner, director of the Kauffman entrepreneurship internship program.

Notre Dame and 17 other schools were selected for the grant from among 82 applicants. The University will now match the $100,000 grant, making the total funds for the program to $200,000. The money will benefit 20 students through 25 national summer internships and another 25 in South Bend during the academic year.

"The students will learn right at the grassroots level what it takes to start a business," Falkiner said.

Students receive a $10 an hour, which includes the $5 paid by the grant and the other $5 matched by the employer. Graduate students may receive more compensation.

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Transformed into a sweltering hall of musical competition, Senior Fraz rocked with punk, folk, jazz and classical melodies Friday night at NAZZ. The annual battle of the bands and solo contest entertained foot-tapping crowds into the wee hours.

Winners included Sexual Chocolate, which borrowed back-up singers from the Glee Club (above) for its rendition of Bohemian Rhapsody.

Jose Vodicka (left) finished third with her original guitar pieces.

For more NAZZ coverage, see Scene, page 16.

photo by MARY CALASH

Prospective Belles sample school at Accepted Day

By SARAH RYKOWSKI

Saint Mary's seventh annual Accepted Student Day on Campus was the largest ever, attended by 215 students and their families.

"It's a unique day for Saint Mary's," student body president-elect Christin Bonner said. "The students were able to experience the Saint Mary's community firsthand."

Accepted Student Day on Campus, a tradition founded by Mary Pat Nolan, director of Admissions for the College, is a day for decided and undecided students whose applications have been accepted by the College to visit and learn about the campus.

"Today was a day for them to make the decision about where they want to go," Renner said. "Hopefully we were able to answer their questions."

The day opened with a Mass for accepted students and their families in Angela Athletic Facility. Students then had the opportunity to visit stations in the sports center and to inquire about different departments: collegiate athletic and extra-curricular.

Representatives of Residence Life, Office of Financial Aid, Health Services, Campus Ministry, the Ireland and Rome Programs, Center for Academic Innovation, Athletics and Student Government Association were on hand to meet with parents and students.

"We went really well," Colleen Collins said. "We had a wonderful turnout. The students I spoke to seemed very excited, motivated and enthusiastic to come to Saint Mary's."

Collins is the chairwoman of Volunteers in Support of Admission (VISA), which staffed the event and has also been responsible for contacting prospective students.

Accepted students who attended the event had a variety of reasons for applying to Saint Mary's. For many, the visit reinforced a decision to attend the College.

"I think it is a beautiful campus," said Emily Ysasi, a Wyoming, Mich., resident.

According to the Admissions office, students came from 20 states to attend Saint Mary's Accepted Students Day. Not every student who received an acceptance letter from the College was able to attend, however. Members of the Class
Clear Thursday Friday

**MICHIGAN ENGLISH CLASS ABOUT HOMOSEXUALITY CRIBS FROM HISTORY**

ANN ARBOR, Mich.

An English class offered for the fall semester has drawn considerable criticism from across the nation and prompted one Michigan interest group to lobby state legislators. The University of Michigan Press is considering removing the book from its catalogue.

The book, titled "How to Be Gay: Male Homosexuality," was written by Glenn, a member of the American Psychological Association's Committee on Gay and Lesbian Concerns. The book has been criticized for making light of the plight of gay men and for using inflammatory language.

**WASHINGiTONG**

WASHINGTON

The Georgetown Solidarity Committee put the readbook labor issue back onto the desk of university president Father Leo O'Donovan this week. In a surprise move, the group demanded Georgetown remove Father O'Donovan from the Fair Labor Association (FLA) last December.

Topping the list of concerns was a request for Father O'Donovan to be removed from the FLA until the association "adopts measures that satisfy the principles set forth in the May 1999 I.C. resolution." If Georgetown were to withdraw from the FLA, it would join the other major universities that have chosen to pursue other avenues, including the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Wisconsin. Georgetown joined the FLA in May 1999.

The letter also advocated that Georgetown join the Worker Rights Consortium, a non-profit organization that supports and verifies foreign compliance with codes of conduct developed by colleges and universities to ensure goods are produced under conditions respectful to the basic rights of workers.

According to the letter, "The major problem with the I.C. resolution is that it is beyond dispute that, structurally, universities have more power and more flexibility within the I.C. than within the FLA. In the absence of any difference between the approaches of the I.C. and the FLA, we are inclined to support the I.C."

"We have maintained that the FLA is inadequate and ineffective," said McPeden, former president of GCS "boardrooms versus a grassroots approach to the issue."
Asian-American journalist, CEO speaks at AAA banquet

By JASON McFARLEY
News Writer

It was a celebration of heritage Sunday night at the Morris Inn as an entrepreneur Jeff Yang gave the keynote address at the Asian-American Association's (AAA) annual faculty-student banquet. Yang, a 1989 Harvard alumnus, is CEO of A-Media, a company dedicated to the Asian-American market. He is also the founder and publisher of A-Magazine, a bimonthly publication with a North American circulation of over 200,000.

Priscilla Wong, AAA advisor, said she chose Yang to speak because he is a good role model. "He is in pursuit of defining who he is, and he helps others get a sense of what it is to be Asian-American," Wong said. "In some ways, he is like a mentor." Yang, however, did not always take such an active role in his community. He said that the lack of fellow Asian-Americans in his Staten Island, N.Y., neighborhood left him somewhat estranged from his race.

That was especially true when he entered college. "I had the opportunity to start a campus publication dealing with Asian-American issues," Yang said. "But Yang changed his mind when he got the opportunity to start a campus publication dealing with Asian-American issues. Yang said the work opened his eyes to the breadth of diversity both inside and outside of his own community.

Yang also said he wanted to find ways to bridge gaps between these communities. That was the idea behind the founding of A-Magazine. "I wanted to help people construct a sense of identity in a nation where color lines are often drawn at black and white. I wanted the words 'Asian-American' to hold meaning," Yang said.

A-Magazine began in late 1983 as a quarterly publication, fully sustained by fundraising events and staffed by dozens of volunteers. "People me able to relate to and outside his own community.

But by 1994, Yang said he had to make an important decision. "I had to ask myself if I believed in the magazine and its cause enough to devote my life to it. I had to make it a full-time effort," Yang said.

Over the past six years, A-Magazine has grown to become what Yang called "a means of sharing in a common purpose and eliminating racial discrimination and injustices through understanding."

"We continue to find ways to cover the complexity of issues concerning a North American Asian-American community of 11 million people," Yang said.

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of 2004 who have committed to Saint Mary's are located in 37 states and eight foreign countries. "Your class will represent every region of the country," Nolan said. "Future students will make presentations following the general session. "You are a very talented and very active group of women," Nolan said. Lauren Smith, a prospective student from Columbus, Mich. "This day has totally cemented my decision to attend Saint Mary's." Undecided students also were impressed by the College's friendly environment. "What I really like about there is that everybody's friendly and everybody knows everybody else," Jessica Hunt, from Deer Park, N.Y., said. "I'm worried about the distance." Parents also were impressed by the Admissions Office's efforts. "They send you T-shirts and posters; it's like they like you," said Carol Weiss, a parent from Westford, Pa. The focus of the day is to make students feel accepted not just by the Admissions Office by the College in general, said Jennifer Freeze, campus visit coordinator and assistant director of Admissions. Renner, who headed one of the tours, mentioned that the small size of each tour group was made possible by the large number of volunteer VISA tour guides. "We had small tour groups because we had so many volunteers," Renner said. "I was able to answer all their questions. Even the tours were personalized. I think our individual stories influence their decision in the end." Weiss agreed with Renner. "It's true," Weiss said. "The students do the recruiting." Renner was very excited by the turnout of current and future students at the event. "I look forward to welcoming them to the Saint Mary's community," she said. "I am so happy that people chose to get involved on this day and share their own experiences at Saint Mary's." Intern
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The program does not include housing, but Falkiner said Career and Placement Services has information about low-cost housing in dorms of other universities.

The Kaufman internship program is open to all Notre Dame students regardless of major. "We want every student to have the opportunity to say, 'Yes, I'm interested,'" Falkiner said. "No, I'm not," Falkiner said. "He said the selection process is rigorous. Students must fill out an application and also provide their resume, two letters of recommendation and a essay. Selected students will be interviewed after their application is reviewed.

Falkiner said he strongly encourages women and minorities to apply for the grants.

The Kaufman program will operate through the Gigot Center, which acts as a support center for entrepreneurial ventures in CDF.

The kick-off meeting for the program is Tuesday at 6 p.m., in Room 160 of the College of Business. At the meeting Career and Placement Services representatives will offer assistance for writing resumes and essays. Jim Davis, the program center director will also be available to provide information to interested students.

Applications can be obtained at the Tuesday meeting or from 224 CBH. They are due by 4 p.m., April 12. This will not be a one-year deal, organizers hope.

"Our intention is to make this an ongoing program," Falkiner said. Since the University has received the grant for one year, it can only apply once more and then is expected to implement the program on its own. "If we have demand for it, we definitely want to increase the number of students who can receive internships," Falkiner said. "We are committing ourselves to making our Kaufman Program the best."

Graduate students vote today for GSU representatives

The Graduate Student Union will hold its annual elections today from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. College of Science students can vote on the first floor of LaFortune Student Center, College of Arts and Letters students can vote in the Hesburgh Library main concourse and College of Engineering students can vote in the Fitzpatrick Hall lobby.

More information is available by calling 631-6963 or sending e-mail to exp@gsu.nd.edu.

Ghilarducci reappointed to Presidential committee

Teresa Ghilarducci, associate professor of economics and director of the Higgins Labor Research Center at the University of Notre Dame, has been reappointed to membership on the advisory committee to the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) by President Bill Clinton.

The PBGC advisory committee, to which President Clinton first appointed Ghilarducci in 1993, advises the Corporation on its policies and procedures relating to the appointment of trustees in termination proceedings, the investment of monies, schedules for the liquidation of terminated pension plans and other issues.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Fire damages Campus View apartment

A fire caused by an electrical short broke out at the 1800 block of Irish Way, Campus View Apartments, shortly before 6:30 p.m. Friday.

The fire began when an exterior light shorted and ignited the eave of the building, fire department officials reported. The small fire caused approximately $300 in damage. No injuries were reported.
**World News Briefs**

Clinton, Assad can't make Israel-Syria peace

President Clinton and Syrian President Hafez Assad failed during three hours of face-to-face negotiations Sunday to nail down an agreement to restart negotiations between Israel and Syria for a landmark peace treaty. "The differences are significant and important and obviously more work needs to be done to bridge them," while House spokesman Joe Lockhart said. He characterized the meeting between Clinton and Assad as "a face-to-face summit in six years as — "very useful. But at the same time, he said, "We don't believe it would be productive" for Syrian-Israeli talks to resume at this point. "It is impossible to predict when those talks might resume," he said.

Albanians protest in U.S. sectors of Kosovo

PHILISTINA, Yugoslavia

Hundreds of ethnic Albanians gathered at three sites taken by the main U.S. Army base in Kosovo on Sunday to protest the release of a suspect on murder and weapons smuggling charges. The protests over the release of Xhavxi Hasani took place along Kosovo's border with Macedonia. The demonstrators objected to the release of Hasani, an ethnic Albanian from Vitina, who was transferred by NATO peacekeepers to the custody of U.N. police on Saturday. Police intended to extradite him to Macedonia to face murder charges, though it is unclear whether he was actually sent to Macedonia. No injuries were reported. Ethnic Albanians in Vitina have complained that American soldiers have harassed them, leaving some suspected of violence and subjecting women to inappropriate body searches.

Putin close to victory in Russia

MOSCOW

Vladimir Putin appeared headed for a narrow victory Monday in Russia's presidential election after a surprisingly strong showing by the Communists threatened to force him into a runoff vote. While Putin would almost certainly win a second round, it would have been a humbling setback for the former KGB offi­ cer, who has soared from nowhere in become the nation's most popular politician in a few months. Putin's call to strengthen the authori­ ty of the state and the security forces worried some Russians, who fear the country's demo­ cratic reforms could be rolled back. With 69 percent of the vote counted, Putin was leading by more than 51 percent, enough to ensure outright victory and avoid a second round against the next highest vote winner, Communist chief Gennady Zuyevanov who was second with 30.37 percent.

**Jerusalem**

One-upmanship marks pope trip

Associated Press

Pope John Paul II has faced press and boycotts on some of his 91 foreign trips, ranging from street demonstrations in Western Europe to a boycott by Buddhists in Sri Lanka. But it's doubtful that he's gotten an earful like this one before.

The disputes unleashed during the pontiff's six days in Israel and the Palestinian territo­ ries were rarely so urgent for papal trips, which are often scripted down to the smallest details of protocol and speech exchanges.

There was nothing in the Holy Land this week an dramatic as what happened to John Paul's 1983 trip to Nicaragua, when the ruling Sandinista movement disrupted a papal Mass. Instead, he heard a steady drone from Israeli and Palestinian straking out their rival claims.

One Muslim leader boycotted a meeting with him. Another stalked out early from an inter­ religious encounter, angered by a rabbi's remarks claiming — erroneously — that the pope endorsed Israeli control of Jerusalem.

And from the moment the pope landed, Israeli officials lost no opportunity to remind their distinguished guest that Jerusalem, including its traditional Arab eastern sector seized by Israel in the 1967 Middle East war, is the Jewish state's undivided capital.

Church officials insisted it was healthy. Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said John Paul saw "a photograph of the sit­ uation." He got a look at the reality.

Said a Brooklyn, New York, Catholic morning show host who attended the stormy inter-religious meeting, with its mix of Hebrew and Arabic: "It don't make sense. It's just as well. But the pope has been around. I don't believe such things face him.

Just before the pope's plane took off for Rome, Navarro-Valls said the overall impres­sion was that the trip was a success.

**OPEC to decide fate of oil output**

Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria

OPEC oil ministers were close to reaching a consensus Sunday on the need to boost output in order to rein in galloping petroleum prices and mollify the United States and other oil-importing nations.

Although the ministers refused to confirm the size or timing of any such increase, Kuwait's oil minister, Sheikh Saud Nasser al-Sabah, said OPEC is likely to raise its official production by as much as 1.7 mil­ lion barrels of crude a day.

The 11 ministers from the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries will meet Monday to decide whether to extend cuts in output made in 1998 and 1999 that have propelled oil prices to their highest levels since the Persian Gulf War.

The United States is hoping for an even bigger increase in production than what appeared to be under dis­ cussion. High prices for gasoline and home heating oil have become a hot political issue in this American elec­ tion year, and Washington has applied intense diplomatic pressure to try to persuade OPEC member countries to open their taps further.

OPEC ministers met privately in small groups in an effort to resolve differences ahead of Monday's semi­ annual meeting.

"We are arriving to a consensus," Venezuelan Oil Minister Ali Rodriguez told reporters at a downtown hotel. He refused to elaborate.

Al-Sabah, the Kuwaiti minister, said later that OPEC members were talking about a possible increase of 1.2 million-1.7 million barrels a day.

However, any official increase would not be as large as it may seem due to the more than 1 million "unofficial" barrels that OPEC mem­ bers are currently pumping each day. This cheating on production quotas means that a daily increase of 1.7 million barrels would only add about 600,000 barrels of actual new oil to the market.

OPEC produces more than 26 mil­ lion barrels of crude each day, or about 35 percent of the world's sup­ ply.

The U.S. and other oil-importing countries are hoping OPEC will raise production by 2 million-2.5 million barrels per day. Many oil analysts warn that OPEC won't produce enough to let consuming nations replenish their meager oil invento­ ries and simultaneously meet higher seasonal needs for gasoline.

The United States has been lobby­ ing hard for a production increase to stabilize domestic fuel prices that recently hit nine-year highs.

American consumers now pay an average of $1.59 per gallon for unleaded gasoline, an increase of nearly 60 cents since prices bot­ tomed out at 99.8 cents per gallon in February 1999, according to a Lundberg Survey of 10,000 U.S. gas stations released Saturday.

**Gulf states ready for cheaper oil, gas**

Associated Press

KUWAIT

With major oil-producing coun­ tries poised to increase their out­ puts, the challenge to Iran and the Arab countries in the Gulf would be how to soften the blow of lower crude prices on their economies.

The 11 member states of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries are expected to agree at a meeting in Vienna, Austria, Monday to 10; the produc­ tion curbs they imposed last year. If they agree to raise their outputs substantially, as urged by the United States, the move would lower oil prices, which earlier this month hit a nine-year high of $34.37 a barrel.


None of the Gulf countries that rely on oil can afford another price collapse, with a consequent larger budget deficit, oil reces­ sion. But some states, such as Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, can bite the bullet if they have to.
Los Angeles — "American Beauty," a dark comedy about suburban alienation and family dysfunction, won five Academy Awards Sunday night, including for best picture, best director (Sam Mendes) and best actor (Kevin Spacey).

Mendes and Spacey were coming off a double Oscar win for their previous film, "Bohemian Rhapsody." Mendes, who wrote the screenplay for "American Beauty," said the film was inspired by his own family's struggles.

"We had this kind of unsettled relationship," Mendes said. "I think we all have that in us."

Mendes also thanked Spacey for his role as the kind-hearted but tyrannical 1950s suburban father, "I just think he's the best actor in the world," Mendes said.

The film's success came after a long battle with the film's domestic distributor, Miramax, over the film's release.

"American Beauty" won for best picture, best actor (Kevin Spacey), best actress (Angela Bassett), best supporting actor (Billy Bob Thornton) and best supporting actress (Catherine Keener).

"American Beauty" is a comedy-drama about a married couple's midlife crisis, and how it affects their children and community.

Best Actor: Kevin Spacey, "American Beauty"

Best Actress: Angelina Jolie, "Girl Interrupted"

Best Supporting Actor: Billy Bob Thornton, "American Beauty"

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**UGANDA**

Logistics stall cult death inquiry

Associated Press

The investigation into the suspicious deaths of at least 491 members of a Christian doomsday sect was tangled in logistical confusion Sunday as a leading legislator speculated that sect leaders were behind the deaths.

Local police guarded a half-open grave at the sect's remote compound in southwestern Uganda, awaiting the arrival of a pathologist from the capital of Kampala and investigators from a nearby town to continue exhumating the burial pit.

But Uganda's chief pathologist never left the capital, police said.

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Meanwhile, a team of investigators standing by for the pathologist in Rukungiri, 19 miles from the compound, were never informed of the delay.

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**LEBANON**

Troops battle as leaders try for peace

Associated Press

BEIRUT

Israeli troops and allied militiamen battled Lebanese guerrillas late Sunday as President Clinton met Syrian President Hafez Assad in Geneva, Lebanon security officials said.

Officials of the pro-Israeli South Lebanon Army militiam said they detected guerrillas infiltrating the Israeli-occupied zone and opened fire with tank cannon and long-range artillery. Eight guerrillas were killed or wounded in the ensuing battle in Wadi Niswi, a valley north of the occupied zone, they said.

Lebanese officials said there was heavy fighting, but they could give no details.

The fighting took place as Clinton and Assad talked during three hours of face-to-face talks Sunday to nail down an agreement to restart negotiations between Israel and Syria.

Syria is the dominant power in Lebanon and maintains some 30,000 troops in the country.

Earlier Sunday, Iranian-backed Hezbollah guerrillas fired at five positions in the Israeli-occupied zone, while Israeli shells damaged seven homes in the market town of Nabatieh, Lebanese officials said.

Israel has promised to withdraw from Lebanon by July. Prime Minister Ehud Barak told his Cabinet on Sunday that a unilateral withdrawal would cost Israel $4 billion for all the additional security that would be required, an official said on condition of anonymity. A withdrawal with Syrian and Lebanese compliance would cost $24 million, Barak said.

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L.A. prosecutor pulled off job

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

A prosecutor who urged his superiors to file conspiracy charges against several police officers was pulled off the task force investigating corruption during an internal memo examining eight pounds of cocaine from a police evidence room.

Since then he has given investigators a litany of wrongdoings in the Rampart Station's anti-gang unit, saying fellow officers repeatedly falsified evidence, framed innocent people and lied under oath to win convictions.

To date, more than two dozen officers have resigned, been fired, or been relieved of active duty, and 46 criminal convictions have been overturned. But no officers other than Perez have been indicted so far.

Police Chief Bernard Parks and others have criticized Garrett for not moving swiftly enough to file charges against crooked officers. Garrett, who faces a recall run-off election, has said he won’t jeopardize his re-election.

Within days, Rosenstock was pulled off the task force; he now handles routine, low-profile cases.

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Associated Press

SIVA REKA, Yugoslavia

Smirred in camouflage green, that turned their features into swirling blobs of green, it was hard to tell the difference between Lance Cpls. Nick Downey and Jeremy Diola.

Then there were the matching fatigues decorated with medusa-like trains of burlap. They’ll use Monday as the sticky backing for branches, grass and leaves, creating moveable camouflage blankets that will help them blend into Kosovo’s harsh, rugged terrain.

Diola, of Santa Cruz, Calif. and Downey, of Edinboro, Pa., are among the 1,100 U.S. Marines taking part in NATO war games named Exercise Dynamic Response 2000.

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What does it really mean to "practice virtue?" And why would anyone try to live a "virtuous" life?

When we listen to the media and the people around us talk about being successful in life, the word "virtue" doesn't usually get mentioned. And when it does come up, it can meet with a VERY cynical reception. So, living a life of virtue nowadays requires a lot of courage.

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**Tuesday, March 28, 2000**

**7:30 p.m.**

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Study: Louisville police fail to report use of force

Newspaper report exposes systemic flaws

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky.: Police in Louisville don't always report their use of force against suspects, and the system for monitoring that use of force has serious flaws, according to a 10-month investigation by The Courier-Journal.

Arrests reports obtained by the newspaper for a story Sunday show officers routine-

ly "struggle with," "tackle," "fight," "wrestle with" or "pepper spray" people without filling out a use-of-force report. The document is intended to be an official, detailed statement to the police command on why and how force was used.

Officers are required to file the reports under certain circumstances, and commanders are then supposed to review them.

But when officers do properly report the use of force, the department performs no analysis of how, when, where, how often and against whom its officers use force, the investigation found. As a result, top commanders lack tools necessary to discern trends, improve training or identify potential problem officers for counseling or discipline.

Although there are no legal requirements to do so, "the recording and analysis of officers' use of force is a necessary tool to control any excessive actions," Geoffrey Alpert of the University of South Carolina and Michael Smith of Virginia Commonwealth University wrote recently.

The Courier-Journal began its review last year, after the death of a black jail inmate and the shooting of an unarmed black teenager generated calls for more civilian oversight of Louisville police and fueled a community debate over police conduct.

City police arrest records, use-of-force reports and civil-complaints filed from 1996 through 1999 were examined.

Of the 848 times during the past four years police officers did report instances of force used against a suspect, only three times did commanders deem the force to be unjustified.

That means that fewer than 1 percent of the cases were disapproved, a rate that national authorities on police say is extremely low.

Studies show that the incidence of excessive force varies, but all put it well above 1 percent.

In hundreds of other instances -- the newspaper found more than 600 that occurred during the last two years alone -- officers said in arrest records that they used physical force, but they did not document it on a use-of-force report.

The underreporting of force appears to happen in large part because the use-of-force policy is written too narrowly, experts say.

Both Ron Ricucci, the city's public safety director, and Doug Hamilton, who was police chief from 1994 to 1999, said that if officers don't fill out reports when they're required, it's the responsibility of first-line supervisors -- sergeants and lieutenants -- to demand that they

"I feel pretty confident with the reporting system that's in place today," Ricucci said.

But after the newspaper showed Ricucci a sampling of arrest reports describing fights between officers and suspects -- all occurring between July 4 and Oct. 14 -- and the department was told that 210 use-of-force reports in any of those cases, Ricucci said he was concerned.

"I feel pretty confident with the reporting system that's in place today," Ricucci said.

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Fr. Tom McDermott, CSC - Uganda
@ Morrissey Hall, University of Notre Dame

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THURSDAY, March 30, 2000 7:30-9:00PM
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Ms. Bayinnah Bello - Haiti
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Archbishop Oscar Rodriguez - Honduras
@ the Center for Social Concerns - Refreshments Served

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CUBA

Castro: Elian will return to father

Associated Press

HAVANA - Elian Gonzalez declared Sunday that the Miami relatives of the 6-year-old Cuban boy they were fighting to keep in the United States had lost. (Elian Gonzalez is pictured in a file photo.)

The Cuban boy will return to his father, who is in Cuba.

"The Cuban mafia has lost," Castro president Fidel Castro declared at the rally, held during a congress of the pro-government Federation of University Students, known as the FEU. "Elian will become a member of the FEU," he added.

The U.S. Justice Department late Friday told Elian's relatives in Miami that they have until noon Monday to agree to a speedy appeal or the boy will be repatriated back to his father in Cuba, according to family spokesman Armando Gutierrez.

In Washington, a federal official close to the case confirmed that the Justice Department plans to give the family's lawyers until April 3 to file the appeal.

Elian has been at the center of an international tug-of-war since the November, when he was rescued by fishermen who found him lashed to an international tug-of-war since the November, when he was rescued by fishermen who found him lashed to an

In an apparent bid to increase American support for their battle to keep Elian in the United States, the Miami relatives last week allowed television journalist Diane Sawyer to spend two days with the boy. The ABC News program "Good Morning America" plans to air the first of several reports Monday.

A Spanish-speaking child psychiatrist, with no prior connection to the case, accompanied Sawyer on the visit, the television network said.

Additional portions of Sawyer's report will likely be aired on Tuesday, and on "20/20" Wednesday, the network said.

IRAQ

U.N. liaison to Iraq leaves job post

Associated Press

BAGHDAD - The outgoing head of the U.N. humanitarian program in Iraq on Sunday said his criticism of sanctions against the country was not an attempt to whitewash the regime of Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein.

Ilan Von Sponeck, who has frequently spoken out against international sanctions on Iraq, said that on Sunday he and Saddam had "a very philosophical discussion about the tragedy of his people."

The comprehensive sanctions as practiced against Iraq have failed," Von Sponeck said.

The official Iraqi News Agency said Saddam had welcomed him back to Iraq anytime. "The president said I don't need a visa anymore," Von Sponeck told the Associated Press.

Von Sponeck is due to leave Iraq on Wednesday because he is stepping down as chief coordinator of U.N. aid programs in Iraq. The German announced his resignation last month in protest at the devastating effects of the U.N. sanctions imposed since Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990.

Von Sponeck has also criticized the U.N. sanctions, which he said does not meet the most basic needs of Iraq's 22 million people.

Who's the only Big Five firm named three years in a row to FORTUNE magazine's list of the "100 Best Companies to Work For in America"?

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Keeping up with Bob Jones

Mike Marchand

Questionable Freedoms

On February 2nd, Republican presidential front-runner George W. Bush made a campaign speech before students at South Carolina's Bob Jones University. Bob Jones' bylaws forbade interracial dating until they were recently repealed. However, its president stands by his claim that Catholicism is a heretical cult. Since his visit, Bush has been near-slanderously scrutinized as a bigot and a racist by liberal headhunters in the media. Attacks have even been made in The Observer, twice by Gary Carsons on Feb. 12 and 29 and most recently by Jim Kwiat on March 9.

The attacks come off as a bit overblown. Bob Jones' racism and anti-Catholicism became public knowledge only after Bush's stop; therefore, it's a pretty safe bet that neither Bush nor whoever scheduled the stop for him knew about the university's beliefs until after the resulting brouhaha. Bush's apologists, afterwards in anyone who might have been offended testify to that. Ignorance is no excuse, however. I think of it this way: suppose Bush came to Notre Dame instead of Bob Jones. With our administration's discrimination policies towards gays and lesbians, would we be labeling Bush a homophobe if he stumbled here? Probably not, because despite the administration's antics, the vast majority of students aren't homophobic. Bush only explicated his views to non-racist students; he didn't condemn bigoted beliefs in front of their racist administrative.

I don't pretend to believe or intend to prove here that the Bob Jones stop was anything but an act of political stupidity. However, inhering from this isolated instance that Bush is anti-Catholic or racist is at best a far-fetched stretch. The anti-Catholic charge is easily shouldly only partially countered by the facts that G.W.'s brother Jeb, the governor of Florida, is a recent convert to the Church, and that Bush's constituency, the state of Texas, has millions of Hispanic Catholics.

The attack that Bush is a racist is a small part of a massive attempt by many on the left to define all Republicans as racists. Last year, Vice President and Democratic presidential front-runner Al Gore played the race card before a crowd comprised mostly of African-Americans by emphatically explaining that Republicans "don't want to count you in the census" which is blatantly false.

In the Gore/Bradley debate at Harlem's Apollo Theater on February 22nd, Gore went on to state that the "real enemy" was "the right-wing extremist Confederate-flag waving Republicans," a shameless attempt to dress all Republicans in white sheets and hoods. Some critics have even gone so far as to state that by stoppimg at Bob Jones, Bush was actively pandering to the "racist vote" with no evidence of that, but pesky things like evidence haven't stopped liberal pundits from maligning Bush, then using that as a springboard to attack all Republicans: "Waste goodbye to that fantasy of a more inclusive Republican Party," "Cranked The New York Times, Bob Herbert after the Bob Jones incident.

The attacks on George W. Bush were and still are motivated by political gain and not an effort for racial or religious good feeling. The problem is, underneath the vicious slingers is a hidden bargain between the Democratic presidential contenders and a demagogue who is partially responsible for the racial tension in New York and elsewhere, the Reverend Al Sharpton.

Among Sharpton's greatest hits are a false accusation of Steven Pagonos, a white processing attorney, of kidnaping and raping a black teenager in 1987. He was found guilty of defamation and fined $6,000, but he has yet to apologize and helping to incite a riot in Brooklyn's Crown Heights district in 1991. All of this is in addition to a 15-year career of anti-Semitism. Sharpton was allowed the honor of asking the first question at the Harlem debate. Bradley and Gore practically pushed each other out of the way to appease Sharpton, and try to score votes from those people who support him.

On Feb. 2, George W. Bush made the political lapse of speaking at a racist institution. This mistake was seized upon by political Rainbow pushkins who attempted to make political hay of the situation and spin it into gold. With all evidence pointing to the fact that Bush's stop at Bob Jones was just an oversight, they attempted to paint Bush an either a racist or one who is friendly to the votes of racists.

However, 20 days later, Bill Bradley and Al Gore directly and openly pursued the support of Al Sharpton, whose public career of racism and bigotry dwarfs any one associated with Bob Jones. But yet the prevailing message is to beware of a phantom Bush/Bob Jones alliance. What voters should truly be wary of are those people who attempt to malign George W. Bush while his own candidates are truly guilty of aligning with an intolerant bigot, Al Sharpton.

Mike Marchand is an off-campus junior English major who wrote this column on the Monday after spring break when his truck broke down on the way back from Wisconsin. His column appears every other Monday and his e-mail address is Marchand33@nd.edu.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Notre Dame is hiding the facts about sweatshops

The momentum has shifted. In December, when the Progressive Student Alliance (PSA) first made an official proposal for Notre Dame to join the Fair Labor Association (FLA) and the Worker Rights Consortium (WRC), the FLA had 130 schools and the WRC only had two. After three months of student activism, there are now 230 schools in the WRC (including Michigan), and four have left the FLA.

Firstly, the WRC’s position against joining the WRC is that it lacks bylaws, a budget, staffing guidelines, etc. First, the WRC’s approach which is to involve universities and Third World human rights groups in sweatshops specifications. Secondly, the WRC is more stable relative to the FLA than it might appear.

Today, the WRC has more members than the FLA did when Notre Dame joined it. During our year-long involvement in the FLA it has failed to monitor a single factory, elect a full governing board, certify a FLA monitor or even write the procedures that monitor workers will follow. While the WRC is growing exponentially as yet, the FLA is losing members as fast as it gains them. Joining the WRC is a very small risk for the University, and one that could greatly benefit to workers around the world. I can almost guarantee that with the backing of thousands of dedicated anti-sweatshop activists and experts, the WRC will not fail. But if it does, Notre Dame is only required to pay our membership dues on an annual basis and we can easily withdraw.

Our administration’s secondary argument is that they do not want to release monitoring reports. The WRC requires their release so the public will know what factory conditions are. Sweatshops have thrived because they have been hidden from public view and our administration wants to keep it that way. This is not because our administration is rich, but because they are reluctant to take a stance in favor of worker rights that might oppose some donors who want us to give them $35 million (Mendoza) or $39 million (D’Amato) to Notre Dame. While I would argue that apparel corporations who have exploited workers in sweatshops for decades do not deserve our trust, our administration is reluctant to stand up to these corporate abusers.

Notre Dame’s anti-sweatshop position is contradictory. On the one hand we have agreed to the strongest right to organizing clause in the country. Notre Dame did this in recognition that the best way to end sweatshops is to empower workers, by allowing them to organize. By contrast, Notre Dame wants to use its license power to directly tell companies what standards to enforce, without consulting workers. While using our license power is necessary, Notre Dame should hand over to the workers as much power as possible. The right to organize is one step. An additional step is to require disclosure of the conditions at every factory they are required to visit. If they do nothing, they should be able to show everyone in the world what their working conditions are. They can then try to improve them through comparisons with other factories, and by making sure that “concerns” are not generated by American anti-sweatshop activists.

However, Notre Dame opposes public disclosure of working conditions, probably because we are unwilling to openly criticize sweatshop corporations. Another step towards ending the contradiction is to join the WRC. This would empower workers because worker-rights advocate groups sit on its governing board instead of the FLA’s union-bashing apparel corporations.

In response to Whitman’s attempt to discredit the anti-sweatshop movement and PSA, most workers would rather have anti-sweatshop activists sitting on a governing board than being locked out corporations. Atheist and/or Marxist activists are doing far more for workers than Christian CEOs. As a complete sidenote, most modern Marxists agree that Marxism has never been implemented, and just as most Catholics do not follow many teachings of the Old Testament, neither do all Marxists agree with everything Marx wrote (e.g. religion is not always the opiate of the masses). Anti-sweatshop activists include a wide range of moderates, liberals, progressives, anarchists, feminists, Marxists and many faith based organizations. The goal of the anti-sweatshop movement is to improve the conditions of workers by exposing and reforming the harsher tendencies of capitalism, not abolish it. In this article, I hope to address the mistake of only empowering the workers fits in with Catholic Social Teaching, whereas relying on sweatshop corporations to set the rules and hiding monitoring reports from the public does not. Though I think this is self-evident based on the Catholic principles of respecting the dignity of the human person, the option for the poor and subsidiarity. The urging of Malloy to commit Notre Dame to joining the WRC by April 1, so that we can participate in its formation and demonstrate moral leadership on this critical issue.

Aaron Kreider
Think, Question, Resist

A blatant abuse of power

Lately the environment has been really nice here at Notre Dame. The weather is nice and people socialize more outside. Unfortunately, there has been an issue that has been annoying my friends and I. To put it simply, I feel that the Notre Dame Police Department has been abusing their power recently.

First of all, I just want to say that they are not a “real” police department, they are merely a security unit. I guess that they use the fact that it says police on their cars and try to show some authority that they don’t necessarily have.

Just the other day my friend was driving down Edison Avenue and was stopped for speeding. It turns out that it was the Notre Dame Police. The officer gave him a ticket for speeding. After careful examination we discovered that it is not a ticket but a complaint to the local police department. My friend went to the local court to set up a court date and found out that Notre Dame officers, being merely security guards, can’t give tickets off campus.

On another occasion, one of my other friends had his parents come over for the weekend. As a birthday present they left him a brand new car. Since my friend had a long schedule on Mondays he decided to wait until the evening or until Tuesday to buy a parking decal and register his new car. Until he has his 62 decal he parked in the visitor’s parking lot. This seems appropriate since he just got the car and had nowhere else to park. The day had not gone by and he received 2 tickets! One for parking in the visitor’s lot and one for not having a parking decal. This came to a total expense of $65.

My situation is that I keep getting parking ticket. I sometimes go run errands during the day in between classes. Since it is so hard to find a place to park in DZ I just leave my car in the visitor’s lot for just an hour or two. Well until recently this was never a problem. Now I have three tickets. If all that the security guards — not police officers — do is go around and give parking tickets or even worse go off campus to give speeding tickets then I say lower their funding, maybe they’ll find better things to do with their time than to abuse their power and pick on us students.

Jeremy Beau
Sophomore
Kane Hall
March 23, 2000

Creeps aren’t the only cause

This letter is directed at the comments of Mr. Donaldson, who wrote a letter on Friday, March 24th concerning the meat market mentality that he believes pervades Notre Dame’s campus. In the interest of honesty, I must admit that for the most part I agree with you. I don’t think, however, that this phenomenon is particular to Notre Dame but is simply an integrated part of life at most colleges. It was certainly the case at my undergraduate.

What perplexed me the most about your letter, however, was your apparent need to take a jab at the law school and its students — my classmates. Would your point about this campus being a meat market have been any less valid without what seems to be nothing more than a sidelong comment on your part!? There was no special need to defame law students to elevate your position. The simple truth is that there are over 300 students at this law school, with over 1,000 large group of people, most of them are great, but a few of them are creeps. I’m sorry that the creeps have given you the wrong impression about the rest of us at the law school, but even so, please don’t point your finger at them when you discuss the meat market mentality you find at this school.

Like I said, it’s college. It’s a bar. The law students, even the creeps, are no more culpable for the atmosphere at Senior Bar than is anyone else who frequents the place.

Lindsay Selendie
Law student
March 24, 2000

Let us know what you think! Write a letter: viewpoint.1@nd.edu
A modest Jimmy Fallon entertains ND crowd

By JOHN HUSTON  
Scene Writer

Jimmy Fallon is a rising star. As a cast member of Saturday Night Live, he has begun to get more prominent roles since he joined the show in 1998. After an interview that was difficult — at first, his agent wasn’t very good about returning phone calls but did mention the hotel where Fallon planned to stay when he was in town.

A call to the front desk at about 4:30 p.m. Saturday quickly got transferred to Fallon’s room where a grumpy “hello” answered. He was taking a nap, but politely said, “It’s no big deal,” and scheduled an interview for later.

Jimmy Fallon may indeed be a rising star, but his feet are firmly planted on the ground.

“Sexual Chocolate”

“SLN’s Jimmy Fallon spoke with Scene after his performance on Friday. Stadorn has not altered this well-known’s modesty and ability to be down-to-earth. Jimmy relayed personal stories about his childhood and college years during the interview."

A modest Jimmy Fallon entertains ND crowd

By AMANDA GRECO  
News Editor

NAZZ, the Battle of the Bands, went off this weekend surprisingly well. Everything ran smoothly and on schedule. The turn-out was more than expected and there were many injuries reported.

Surfing haw haw reported.

SNL’s Jimmy Fallon

Jimmy Fallon was joined by a troll, a guitar, and his phenomenal impersonations on stage as he entertained a full house at the Library Auditorium.

“This is totally for fun,” he said. “This isn’t for the money. I never cared about money.”

In fact, Fallon said that if his acting career doesn’t pan out, he has something to fall back on — living with his parents.

“I could work at the post office,” he said. His parents had already had him take the exam, he added. So much for that computer science degree.

 Fallon’s future looks pretty bright, so he won’t be “going postal” any time soon. He has a role in the upcoming Cameron Crowe movie, provisionally titled “Stillwater,” which is set for release in October.

Fallon’s main job right now is SNL. He and his fellow cast member Horatio Sanz, who joined the cast the same season as Fallon, share an office and have already appeared in several skits together.

“He’s awesome, man. He’s crazy,” Fallon said.

The two love the freedom of being able to come up with any skits, and having the money of NBC behind the show to be able to build the set and provide the costumes. It’s like Christmas each week.

“I mean, we could write a skit about a man who lives in this worst-room,” Fallon said, grabbing the chair behind him. “You can do anything you want, the whole thing is great.”

Saturday night, Fallon delivered many of his dead-on impersonations for which he is most known, including Jerry Seinfeld, Adam Sandler, Gilbert Gottfried, Chris Rock, Eddie Murphy, as well as music impressions of U2, Alanis Morissette, Blink-182 and the Fugles, among others.

“I was always singing into the mirror at home,” he explained.

He said his first impersonation was at age two of James Cagney. “My mom has a tape of me saying, ‘You dirty rat.’ He said.”

Despite being SNL’s seemingly brightest star, popularity frightens the imperially humble Fallon.

“I don’t want to be too big,” he said. “I don’t want to blow up.”

He doesn’t like doing interviews. He seemed to regret having done a recent interview with Rolling Stone, because “obviously people are going to read it.” He said. He doesn’t even like going on the Late Show with David Letterman or Late Night with Conan O’Brien, though he loves both shows. “I get too nervous.”

Besides, he said, “I’m not a good interview.”

Whether or not that’s true, and even though he said “awesome” or “amazing” to describe just about everything, his good nature and positive attitude is apparent. He comes off as being genuine and enthusiastic.

During his Saturday night performance, he mentioned high school. Someone in the back of the auditorium yelled, “Yeah, Saugetites!”

“Go to Saugetites!” Fallon asked.

“Yeah!”

“We’ll talk later, I’m kinda busy now.”

Judging by the crowd’s response to the show, Fallon will be busy for quite some time.

And the NAZZ winners are...

The solo category had an interesting result as two contestants tied for first place. The winners are:

First Place - Justin Dunn
First Place - Christian Parilla
First Place - Joe Vitale

The bands this weekend:

First Place - Sexual Chocolate
Second Place - The Mud River Bluegrass Society
Third Place - Lazy Blue Method

John Tuthill of Sexual Chocolate said, “We are very excited to finally be chosen as the winning band, but we felt it really could have gone to any number of the participants because there were so many great acts. We were just happy to be a part of such a fun and exciting Notre Dame tradition. Thank you everybody for coming out and supporting all the bands.”

Christian Parilla tied with Justin Dunn for first place in the solo category at the NAZZ battle of the bands this weekend. Prizes were given to the top three performers in each category, band and solo.
Don’t fear the reefer

Scene reviews two books that attempt to shed some light on this controversial plant

By Brian McLaughlin

Last work, literally dozens of wary, wide-eyed books and nervy goggie were thrown my way by fellow classmaters and dorm mates. So I didn’t have some word growth on my forehead, or drink mixers sticking out of my nostrils. All the strange looks were because of the two books I read last week. Offbeat Marijuana and Highlights: the Illustrated History of Cannabis.

It seems that key-words such as "marijuana" and "cannabis," as well as illustrations of bongs and of course the notorious hemp leaf, still carry with them a plethora of unspoken, but vehemently negative connotations that cause many people to respond with fear or even anger. The problem is that more often than not, this response is an automatic reflex resulting from both ignorance and brainwashing. The brainwashing comes from the popular stance on marijuana in this nation, which is the same popular stance on the devil — it is evil, evil IIIV.

And of course, the ignorance I speak of derives almost entirely from that brainwashing since we as young people are rarely given many facts about the true nature of marijuana and the plant it comes from. These two books attempt to shed some light on the subject in an effort to dispel some of the unwarranted hysteria and unfortunate lack of knowledge about marijuana and the cannabis plant.

Offbeat Marijuana, by Saul Rubin, is a comprehensive examination and investigation into all the facets of cannabis culture, including the plant's history, its uses, effects and its legal timeline. While claiming to approach the issue objectively, it is obvious that the book is written from a liberal, pro-marijuana standpoint, going so far as to label anti-marijuana legislation as a "governmental conspiracy." Yet even though it speaks from a biased viewpoint, Saul Rubin still manages to bring up a large amount of compelling evidence to make his argument somewhat convincing.

A great deal of the book is devoted to examining the fact that the "war on drugs" approach to marijuana, revealing that much government action was unfairly brutal, and took form as propaganda which ignored and even contradicted the true facts about marijuana. These facts are examined even further in Rubin's chapter on the scientific studies of marijuana which numbers a number of interesting facts such as "It is impossible to die from a marijuana overdose, it is also nearly impossible to get a true addiction to marijuana (alcohol or tobacco addiction is 10 times more likely), and besides lung damage which isn't even as severe as that incurred by cigarette smokers, there is virtually no other way in which pot permanently damages the human body."

The book also goes on to praise the many beneficial uses of marijuana as medicine, as well as hemp, the drug-free portion of the cannabis plant which is nevertheless still illegal to grow due to the stigma held regarding marijuana.

However, while Offbeat does a good job of making an informative study on marijuana's true nature, there are some problems with its argument. Rubin's weak writing skills often fail to prove why certain issues he discusses are relevant, and sometimes the writing is so muddled it almost seems that he contradicts himself. Also, the book is somewhat repetitive, and its partial view of the matter at hand gives the reader reason to believe that with some errors, Rubin holds back the whole truth.

Highlights, by Carol Sherman, Andrew Smith and Erik Tanner is much lighter reading and is constructed more like a coffee-table book than a true non-fiction text. The scope of the book is a much smaller-scale than Offbeat as it concentrates mainly on the history of the cannabis plant. However, even though this book may not discuss cannabis as completely as Rubin's book does, it certainly does a much better job with the matter it discusses.

Highlights succeeds at taking an objective stance on the issue and its discussions therefore provides us with much more in-depth and comprehensive than Offbeat's. Yet despite its impartial orientation, even Highlights suggests that the general public opinion of marijuana may be unfair and that marijuana may not actually be as harmful as people believe. As suggested by the title, pictures figure in highly in this book, depicting a number of powerful images concerning marijuana's historical role. The only complaint about this book is its brevity.

While Offbeat Marijuana and Highlights would obviously seem more appealing to marijuana smokers, I would recommend it more strongly for non-smokers. For although the books offer useful information for smokers by letting them know exactly what they are putting into their bodies, the books are actually more geared towards the public people about a subject that society at large has preferred to keep under wraps. Whether you support or condemn marijuana use is your own choice, since marijuana is subject to personal taste and opinion.

However, before you form your opinion, you must first learn what it is truly that you are forming opinions about.


Tech Column

The digital divide

The rich get richer, while the poor keep getting poorer! This is a cliché that you no doubt have heard at least once in your life, and now this division of social class has found its way into a new area of human existence — the Internet.

A great debate has erupted over the ability of everyone, rich or poor, to have access to the wonderful world of computer technology, everything that comes with it. Currently, the magnificent minds of Silicon Valley are trying to figure out ways to bridge this gap, but are still far from eliminating it.

According to a study outlined in the 1997 book, The Two Americas, this is staggering. According to the research, 24 percent of people without high school diplomas and 37 percent of low-income people are interested in using the computer to obtain product information. This compares to 64 percent of college graduates and 69 percent of those earning more than $50,000 per year. For any lower-income families, a computer (seven percent), in comparison to those making between $30,000 and $50,000 (32 percent). Of those making over $50,000, usage increases to 53 percent. Finally most staggering of all, households earning less than $15,000 per year are ten times more likely to be surfing the World Wide Web then those making less than $30,000 per year.

With this disparity blooming possible equality, how can we hope to tackle this problem in America, not to mention world wide, where households in developing countries have it even worse? The quick answer is to admit defeat and give up trying to bridge this huge gap. It is important to worry about equality, but this is a cheap way out.

The real problem that is underlying this one is the general one that most Americans face when it comes to large governmental or socio-economic problems — apathy. It is far easier to sit back and allow the government, or some other person, to deal with the problem that is really not too big of a deal. All that we need to do is allow ourselves to not be taken back by the sheer size of the problem, but rather, ask what we can do to just help out a little bit in our own cities or neighborhoods. I am sure that like me, you had your first interactions with computers in your school libraries, and that you were usually given the computers in your own home. This is what we need to do with the lower-income families who do not have the ability to bring the computers into their own homes. We need to donate not only our old or slightly used computers to these families, but more importantly, our time. If we have the knowledge of computer use, we should share this knowledge, not use it as a way to make the gap larger. By helping the next generation or girl next door get a computer, we learn more about ourselves and help to foster the need for knowledge in their lives.

The computer has without question changed the way we work, live and play. It has penetrated into households with a stronger thrust than that of the television. The digital divide is no doubt a problem, but with falling personal computer prices, public school programs and companies enjoying a tax break for donating computers, it is one that people are sitting up and taking notice of. The inclusion of educational things from companies that have not had the fortune of a Notre Dame education, is one more thing that will help destroy the gap that is separating the "haves and have-nots." Of course, you could just finish reading this column and go on your merry way, which is fine too. You will simply have to accept America’s big digital gap.

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Senior midfielder Stedman Oakley (No. 4) couldn’t get Notre Dame the victory this weekend. The Irish men’s lacrosse team dropped its second straight contest.

Irish drop second game in a row

By STEVE KEPPEL
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men’s lacrosse team lost its sec­ond straight game on Sunday to Hofstra by a score of 8-7.

The Irish allowed five unanswered goals in the second quarter that put them down by four, failing to ever gain the lead. Once again the Irish failed to put together the full 60 minutes of play needed to win.

“We’re just not consistently making the plays that we need to make,” said head coach Kevin Corrigan.

“Part of our problem in the second quarter is that we are not keeping our com­pos­ure. We are playing good lacrosse and good teams make you run. What you do is don’t give up more than they make; you don’t give them anything easy to extend the run and we are doing the total opposite.”

Hofstra came out quick in this one with sophomore Joe Kostolansky scoring the first goal of the contest in the first minute of play.

The Irish picked it up in the last half of the quarter scoring three goals to go up 3-2. The Irish run was led by junior John Harvey who scored two of the three goals and ended the day with his second career hat trick.

The second quarter was a whole different story for Notre Dame as they were outplayed and outscored 5-0. Kirk Howell played well in the goal but the defense seemed tentative and the Flying Dutchmen took complete advantage by going on an unstoppable run scoring a total of six unanswered goals.

With the score 8-3 it looked as though Notre Dame might be in for a repeat performance of last week when it lost 12-2 to Loyola.

But instead of throwing in the towel the Irish came out in the second half and took control scoring four straight goals in a strong attempt to come back. Junior Steve Bishko led the Irish run with two goals, giving him a total of four on the season.

The Irish continued to play well in the fourth quar­ter but could not capitalize on a few scoring opportuni­ties that could have tied it up.

“We played very well in the fourth period as well as the third but we just couldn’t cut our opportuni­ties,” said Corrigan. “We had four lay-ups in the fourth quarter and you can’t not score on those opportuni­ties. If we score on even three of the four of those we look better in the fourth quarter than we did in the third quarter.”

“The Irish had the chances. In this gaffe; Dry just couldn’t take full advantage of their opportunities. “We’re not finishing,” said junior John Harvey. “We are getting the shots but we are just not finishing.”

“We’re doing the things in practice that we have to do,” Corrigan said. “We had a good hard week in prac­tice last week and we got considerably better than we were a week ago and we need to do that again this week and prepare our­selves not just for Ohio State but for the rest of the season. “There’s only one way to play the game and we are starting to figure that out,” Corrigan said. “Now we have to just keep working at it and get more consist­ent and do it for 60 min­utes and not except any­thing less than that.”

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Fitzpatrick, Jurkowski earn academic honors

Special to The Observer

Senior swimmer Ray Fitzpatrick and hockey player Andy Jurkowski have been named to the GTE Academic All-District V first team for the fall/winter at-large program. Both are now eligible for national honors, which will be announced April 18.

Fitzpatrick owns a 3.68 grade-point average and is enrolled in the College of Science with a major in math. He won the 200-yard freestyle at the 2000 Big East Conference meet, while cap­taining the Irish to their second consecutive runner-up finish. A nine-time all-Big East selec­tion, Fitzpatrick is a seven-time Bean’s List honoree and could become the first men’s swim­mer to earn Academic All­America honors.

A seven-time Bean’s List stu­dent, Jurkowski has a 3.86 cumulative grade-point aver­age as a finance major in the College of Business. He is the fifth Notre Dame hockey player in the last three years to earn Academic All-District honors. Jurkowski helped the Irish reach the 2000 Central Collegiate Hockey Association semifinals for the first time in his career.

Four Notre Dame student-athletes also were named to the academic all-district sec­ond team. Senior soccer player Jenny Streiffer, cross country runner Alison Klemmer and swimmer Elizabeth Burger were joined by junior hockey player Mike Carlson on the dis­trict second team.
**ROWING**

**Irish win two races in regatta**

The Notre Dame women’s rowing team competed in two regattas this weekend. The first took place on Saturday against Louisville and Indiana. Notre Dame was victorious in two of the four races it competed in, winning the varsity four and the varsity eight. The Irish also placed second in both the first novice eight and the second novice eight with times of 6:46.70 and 7:27.20, respectively.

On Sunday, Notre Dame took on Michigan State at Margaret Bricker Park in Mishawaka, Indiana. The Irish placed first in the third novice eight with a time of 7:21.20.

The next home regatta will be Sun., April 2 against Drake.

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**WOMEN’S TENNIS**

**Netters return to action against Jayhawks**

By KEVIN BERCHOU

Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women’s tennis team will be well rested when they take to the courts this afternoon against the Kansas Jayhawks at the Eck Tennis Pavilion. The match constitutes the first in nine days for the Irish, who are eager to return to play.

“We’re really excited to be back,” sophomore Becky Varnum said. “Everyone is pumped up to get back out there and play.”

Junior All-American Michelle Dasso will lead the Irish back into battle. Her strong play of late has allowed the Irish to climb in the national rankings, and her teammates will look for her to set the tone.

“She’s been awesome as usual,” Varnum said. “She’ll be the key for us.”

Though the Jayhawks have had their ups and down this season, the Irish women expect a struggle. Despite being just 9-5, Kansas is coming off a quality win over No. 28 South Florida in what may have been its best performance of the year.

“We expect a tough match,” Dasso said. “For some reason they are always really fired up to play us. It’s a match we should win, but we’re going to have to play hard.”

The key to the match appears to lie in the singles portion of play. The Irish boast a considerable advantage in singles competition and will be looking to exploit that edge. Notre Dame’s top three players, Dasso, Varnum, and senior captain Kelly Zalinski are markedly better than Kansas’ top trio of Brooke Chiller, Cheryl Mallaiah, and Monica Sekulov.

“We need to get out and play well in the singles,” sophomore Lindsey Green said. “If we have a lead going into doubles we’ll be in great shape.”

Dasso agrees. “We really do have an edge in singles,” she said, “And it’s going to be important to have that lead heading into doubles.”

Both players are particularly concerned with obtaining a lead entering doubles play, because the Irish have shown weaknesses in the tandem format. Since an injury to junior Kimberly Guy several weeks ago, the Irish have been unable to find the right doubles mix.

In an effort to recapture the magic of its early season doubles play, Notre Dame will once again juggle its lineup. Dasso and Varnum will again play No. 1 doubles, followed by Zalinski and Green at No.2, but at No. 3 doubles, freshman Katie Cunha will be paired with sopho-

more Nina Vaughan. Cunha and Vaughan have never played together, and their inexperience could favor the Jayhawks in a close match.

Coming off their longest break of the spring, one might think that the Irish would be rusty. Dasso feels that’s not at all the case. “I think the break will help us out a lot,” she said. “We had a lot of matches in a short period of time so I think we really earned it.”

After being left to flounder by the Pepperdine Wave in its last match, Notre Dame will look to reprise its winning ways today as they will be refreshed when they attempt to clip the Jayhawks’ wings.
Tarheels Final Four-bound after string of upsets

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) - The supposedly misguided team that some said didn't even deserve to be in the NCAA tournament is headed to the Final Four, led by a coach who suddenly seems like a genius.

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North Carolina is riding a season-best four-game winning streak that includes victories over the South's top seed, Stanford, and fourth-seeded Tennessee. The Tar Heels join West champion Wisconsin as the first No. 8 seeds in the Final Four since Vilanova won it all in 1985.

North Carolina will play Florida on Saturday in Indianapolis in the national semifinals. The Gators beat Oklahoma State 77-65 on Sunday in the East final in Syracuse, N.Y.

"I'm proud of the team," Guthridge said. "They've been through some tough times and they've kept me up. This is a thrill you never get tired of." Tulsa (32-5) didn't go down easily. The tough defense that has been the Golden Hurricane's trademark kept them in it even when leading scorer David Shellen and emotional leader Eric Coley were in foul trouble, and then again when they opened the second half missing eight straight shots.

Even after the Forte-led run put North Carolina up by 10, never-say-die Tulsa challenged again. Freshman Donte Swanson scored six straight points in the final two minutes to make it 57-55 with 21 seconds left.

Coley was gone after fouling Cota in the inbounds pass, and he hit one of two free throws to make it 58-55. Shellen took a wild 3-pointer with eight seconds left that would have tied it, but missed badly.

"It wasn't drawn up like that," said Shellen, whose 1-for-9 outing epitomized Tulsa's poor shooting. "But they didn't switch and I just tried to make a play because we didn't have much time."

Forte grabbed the rebound and was fouled. As the teams walked to the other end of the court, 7-footer Brendan Haywood held his massive arms straight up and waved to the crowd. Forte drew more cheers by making the game's final point.

Tulsa ended the greatest season in its history, having set a school record for wins and advancing its farthest in 12 NCAA appearances. The Golden Hurricane's previous four losses had been by a combined seven points, none by more than three.

"It's a sweet feeling because of all the goals we've met," Coley said. "But sometimes you're going to lose. It's tough as a senior, but I hope the other guys got a taste of it and will be back here next year."

Swanson hit 0-of-8 shots and led Tulsa with 15 points. Marcus Hill and Brandon Kurtz each scored 11.

North Carolina was much bigger than Tulsa, but the Golden Hurricane were a lot faster. That balance kept things close.

Tulsa played tight man-to-man defense and often had two guys defending the ball. Wide-open shots were few and far between for the Tar Heels, but with patient, good shot selection they made 44 percent.

North Carolina's defense ended up being the difference. Guthridge switched between man and zone, and was able to prevent Tulsa from getting into a rhythm. The Golden Hurricane shot a season-low 37 percent.

"They were much quicker on us, so we wanted to switch it up just to throw them off," Cota said.

Forte's big boost began with a jumper that made it 41-39. Fellow freshman Julius Peppers made two free throws with 8:41 left that put the Tar Heels up for good, Forte scored the next six points for an eight-point lead with 6:31 left.

"Once the NCAA tournament started, I was a little nervous for the first game," said Forte, who also holds North Carolina's freshman scoring record.
Notre Dame senior Danielle Green (No. 12) closed out her college career Saturday, scoring 15 points in the Irish loss. The team just missed its first Elite Eight appearance since 1997.

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the Irish finished the first half with a 29-23 edge, but it wasn’t enough, as the Raiders refused to die.

Irish center Ruth Riley scored a team-high 19 points, but the Raiders forced the All-American to foul out in the second half, leaving a gaping offensive hole when the Irish needed it most.

"Credit their defense," McGraw said. "They played hard they handled the pressure and I thought the difference in the game was when Ruth Riley was on the floor and when she was not on the floor — I think we’re two different teams.

The silencing of Riley provided an opportunity for the Irish backcourt to step up, but it didn’t.

Guards Niele Ivey and Alicia Ratay went a combined 2-for-16 from the field, scoring just nine points total.

"We obviously need [Ratay] to score and I thought she played just like a freshman tonight," McGraw said. "She didn’t seem to have the confidence that she normally has.

The Irish had a chance to get a lead on the Raiders with 3:31 left, when forward Ericka Haney hit a seven-foot jumper to bring the score to 57-56, but the Irish never could get on top.

Perfect execution of offense when it counted gave the Raiders a five-point lead with 23 seconds left, and the Raiders held on to advance to the Elite Eight of the tournament.

"I think at this time of year it just comes down to making plays," Sharp said. "And we were just fortunate to make enough plays in the second half to get ourselves a chance to win."

Forward Aleah Johnson paced the Raiders with 18 points, leading four Texas Tech players scoring in double-digits.

Suiting up for the last time in Irish uniforms, Notre Dame seniors Danielle Green and Julie Henderson scored 15 and 10 points respectively.

Notre Dame’s loss ends a season of many successes — the Irish held the nation’s longest winning streak for most of the year and continued their undefeated record at the Joyce Center while peaking at No. 5 in national polls.

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NCAA FENCING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Debic an inspiring force for the Irish fencing squad

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

PALO ALTO, Calif.
The floor shook as the Penn State fencing team stomped their feet and screamed to cheer on their teammate, Ozen Debic.

A few feet away the Notre Dame fencing team screamed “Go” just as loud to inspire their teammate, Szelle.

With the bout tied 4-4, the tension did not have to be higher in the match between two of the top collegiate fencers in the country.

Amid the screaming and screaming, Debic turned to his fans and smiled and stuck out his tongue, seemingly oblivious to the pressure of the match.

The pressure didn’t affect his fencing either as the freshman from Croatia easily won the last touch and the bout against Szelle, 5-4.

“I try to be relaxed,” Debic said. “That is the key to fencing 23 bouts. You have to forget if you lost the bout before. That’s the only way you can maintain your quality throughout the tournament.”

Debic stayed relaxed through the 2000 NCAA Fencing Championships and won 20 of 23 bouts for the Irish.

His record earned him a second-place finish in the round robin tournament and a spot in the four-man tournament for first place.

In the semifinals, Debic cruised through Ayo Griffin of Yale 15-8 to reach the finals against Felix Reichling of Stanford.

Debic stayed with Reichling early but in the end the former German national team member was too strong for the Irish freshman.

“In the bout against Felix, he was more prepared,” Debic said. “He was a better fencer. He is not as good as he was before, he was on the German national team but he was still better today.”

On most days, no one is better than Debic.

He won 42 bouts for the Irish and his single season winning percentage was the fifth-best ever by an Irish fencer.

After the first weekend of the season when he dropped three bouts, Debic did not lose a single regular season bout and won both the Midwest Fencing Conference and the Midwest Regional titles.

Ozen Debic
Notre Dame foilist

Debic adjusted to the NCAA system of four-day tournaments, he was nearly unstoppable.

“It took me a few tournaments to get used to this kind of competition,” he said. “Here, all the bouts are free touch bouts and if you lose them you lose your ranking. Your seeding can go down if you aren’t being careful enough. In the World Championships, if you practice hard and get to the point where you are really good, the 15-point bouts always show which fencer is better.”

Debic enjoys the 15-touch bouts that characterize World Cup events more than the free touch bouts that the NCAA uses in every contest except the finals and semifinals.

Nevertheless, he is still happy with his second-place finish.

“I am satisfied,” he said. “It is such a risky system and the referee aren’t that good. The bouts are too short so if the referee makes a bad call, it can make a very big difference. I lost three bouts that way the first day.”

In addition to adjusting to a new style of fencing, Debic also had to adjust to a new country and culture when he began his freshman year.

Coming from a small town in Croatia, Debic finds the American love of big things puzzling.

“Everything has to be enormous and huge — the bigger the better,” he said. “At first I thought the Notre Dame was huge but then when I went to Penn State and other colleges, I saw that Notre Dame was actually pretty small. I am glad I came here because for American standards it has an intimate atmosphere.”

With the way he has won bouts for the Irish, Notre Dame is glad he came too.

Sophomore fencer Gabor Szelle dominated the 2000 NCAA Fencing Championships, winning a sabre championship in just his second collegiate season.

Freshman Ozen Debic celebrates his win over Penn State’s Donald McGill at the 2000 NCAA Fencing Championships.

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year was I was able to maintain the way I liked to fence throughout the tournament. I think I started out a bit slow but later on I fenced pretty well. I was able to concentrate on the very important bouts.”

Irish head coach Yves Auriol told Szelle that anything less than first would not be acceptable this year and the sophomore from Budapest, Hungary, did not let his coach down.

“I think today he wanted it,” Auriol said. “He had a lot of determination. I told him he could not be second.”

Although Szelle’s bout against Krochmalski was very close, Szelle said he never worried about the outcome.

Szelle was familiar with Krochmalski’s style since he had seen the Wayne State sabreman fence many times before during the regular season.

Fencing in the same group, Szelle got an even better look at Krochmalski on Saturday and Sunday. When it came time for the championship, the freshman was more than prepared.

“We were from the same region so we know each other pretty well,” Szelle said. “He hasn’t beaten me in a 15-touch bout.”

Szelle was actually more concerned about his semifinal opponent, Ivan Lee of St. John’s, than Krochmalski.

While Krochmalski was a familiar opponent, Szelle had only faced Lee once before.

Although he had beaten Lee in their previous meeting, Szelle did not know what to expect in the semifinals.

“I think this time I did a pretty good job,” Szelle said about his second meeting with Lee. “I was able to stop him but he didn’t fence very well. He can fence much better than this.”

Szelle’s championship was the crowning achievement for the Notre Dame men’s saber.

Auriol has often said the Irish sabre squad was the best in the country and Szelle championship combination with junior Andrej Bederskis’s fifth-place finish is the culmination point on a great season.

“It was the highlight of the weekend,” saber captain Clay Morton said. “It shows that we weren’t wrong in thinking that we were the best sabre squad in the nation.

The Irish also averaged their only loss on the season, to St. John’s, by winning 37 bouts to the Red Storm’s 32.

Bederskis regretted that Bederskis did not join him as a first team All-American.

Bederskis finished the day with as many victories as Lee but finished fifth behind Lee on indicators.

“I think what Andrej did was very nice,” Szelle said. “He did a very good job. He just got very unlucky. If he could have won one more bout, he could have been in the top four. He was definitely one of the guys who deserved to be in the top four.”

While Penn State won the overall team championship, the Irish sabre squad shut out the Nittany Lions in round two of the round robin tournament.

Bederskis and Szelle teamed with Krochmalski won six straight bouts and cut the Penn State overall lead to 13.

The sabre team has proven itself to be so good that it expects big wins over Penn State. Losses to the Nittany Lions are an embarrassment for Szelle.

“Last year it was basically the same thing,” he said. “Except last year, I lost one bout to Penn State — which is a good point.

Although Bederskis is going abroad next year, Szelle returns for the sabre squad which also features two potential All-Americans in sophomore Andrej Crompton and freshman Matt Frabjanc. If NCAA rules didn’t restrict schools to two new gun weapons, both Crompton and Frabjanc might have qualified for the Championships this year.
NCAA FENCING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Krol closes out career with title

Senior fencer Magda Krol came out victorious in this weekend's NCAA Championships. She earned 64 career victories in four years competing in the Championships.

PAUL ALTO,CALIF.
When the final score was tallied for the fifth and final time, senior Magda Krol pumped her fist in the air and screamed in triumph—just like she had 63 times in the NCAA Championships.

Mike Connolly
outside looking in

The men's team All-American. Ozren Gabor from St. John's, State. "We know what to expect from them."

Andrzej Bednarski who won 1 7 out of 20 Sabre bouts, the Irish nearly caught Penn State's Felix Reichling. Viviani said.

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and this year, the way it went with us bring so far behind us coming back, I am pleased with the guys."

After the women's competition ended Friday, the Irish were in fourth and any chance at a national title seemed nearly impossible. When the men's competition began on Saturday, the Irish forgot about the scoreboard and just concentrated on winning bouts.

"With that big of a deficit, you can't even look at it," freshman épéeist Jan Viviani said. "Things would either happen or wouldn't happen. You can't think about it too much."

The men almost made it happen.

Viviani won 17 bouts for the Irish to finish fourth in the round robin and earn first team All-American letters for the Irish. With strong contributions from second team All-American Andrzej Bednarski who won 17 sabre bouts, freshman Forest Walton who finished 14 wins and sophomore Brian Casas who won nine épée bouts, the Irish nearly caught the Nittany Lions. Penn State's lead, however, was just too great to overcome.

"The women gave us too big of a disadvantage to Penn State," the Irish head coach John Auriol said. "Twenty-six bouts was just too much. I thought we could do it, but we were a little short." 

In head to head competition with Penn State, the Irish won nine of 12 matches. The Irish foil team split with Penn State while the épée team downed the Nittany Lions 3-1. In sabre, Szelle and Bednarski each went 2-0 against Penn State's Demartini. For Szelle's 37 combined wins were the most by any sabre squad. The foil and épée squads both earned second place combined finishes.

In individual competition, Szelle won the championship in épée with a 15-12 win over Brian Krochmalski. Szelle defeated Ivan Lee of St. John's 15-12 in the semifinals.


Viviani lost a tight semifinal match 7-6 in overtime to Alex Boyblat of St. John's. After winning the first overtime, Viviani knew that Boyblat, the 1999 épée champion, would be tough to beat in a second overtime. "I guess I was nervous about overtime," since he was the one who had to do something," Viviani said. "He had to do some action and I didn't know what it was going to be. I think I just missed. I don't even think he hit me. I think he hit the floor but that just is was happens when you have a director that can't see or hear."

In the semifinals, Viviani faced Boyblat's teammate, Duran Levi. Viviani dominated the bout early on and built a large lead. Trailering by seven, Levi seemed to give up and started dancing on the strip and lowering his guard to give Viviani easy touches. Finally, Levi stepped back from Viviani and refused to engage the fencer. Viviani was not pleased with Levi's antics.

"I didn't like that at all," he said. "When he was dancing, that was different, but then he was just standing there and the back of the strip. But Jan stayed calm and did what he had to do."

After the director issued Levi a red card for refusing to engage Viviani, the St. John's duelist finally began fencing again. But Viviani held off Levi's attacks and won the bout 15-12 to win the bronze.

On the first two days of competition, nerves and inexperience proved to be too much for the Irish women to overcome. While senior Magda Krol finished with a 16-7 record and a fifth-place finish, no other Irish woman finished higher than ninth. The other five Irish women were all competing in the NCAA Championships for the first time.

"I think that if I thought a little bit more and took my time, I could have done better," freshman Liza Boutsikaris said. "I was rushing everything. I was too tense and nervous."

Boutsikaris earned honorable mention All-American with a 12th-place finish in foil. Krol earned second team All-American and became the fourth Irish women's fencer to earn All-American honors four times. Boutsikaris and Krol's 28 combined victories were good for fourth among women's foil squads.

In épée, Anna Carnrick and Meagan Calli both earned honorable mention All-American with a 10th place finish and the women's épée squad combined for fifth place overall.

Freshman Natalia Mazur also took home honorable mention All-American with a 10th place finish in women's sabre. Junior Carianne McCullough won nine bouts to finish 19th. The women's sabre squad finished seventh overall.

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Associated Press

Cowboys in 77-65 win

Syracuse, N.Y. Florida filled the final spot in one of the most unlikely Final Fours in years, winning despite yet another higher-seeded team.

With seven sophomores and freshmen in the 10-man rotation, the fifth-seeded Cowboys beat third-seeded Oklahoma State and its seven seniors 77-65 Sunday in the East Regional final.

Led by 34-year-old coach Billy Donovan, the Gators will play resurgent North Carolina, which beat Tulsa 59-55 in the South Regional final, on Saturday in Indianapolis.

Wisconsin, like North Carolina an eighth seed, will play Michigan State, the only No. 1 seed left, in the other semifinal.

The Gators’ only other trip to the Final Four was in 1994, when most of the current players were in grade school and Donovan was about to become the youngest head coach in Division I at Marshall.

Using the same press that wore down fourth-seeded Illinois in the second round and top-seeded Duke in the regional semifinals, Florida (28-7) forced Oklahoma State (27-7) into turnovers and also changed all five players, and the lead was back to 54-42 after Oklahoma State turned the ball over on three consecutive possessions.

Alexander hit another 3 to cap a 7-0 run that made it 56-53 with 7:56 left, but Florida scored the next seven points. Sophomore Mike Miller scored the last five, making two free throws, grabbing the rebound on a missed jumper by Oklahoma State then buying a 3-pointer with 6:16 left to make it 63-56.

"We didn’t have much gas today after the Duke game, but we found a way," Billy Donovan, Florida coach.

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The closest the Cowboys got the rest of the way was eight points.

Miller led Florida with 14 points, and Udonis Haslem and Dontell Harvey added 10 each.

Fredrick Jonzon had 14 points for the Cowboys, while Alexander added 13 and Joe Adkins 12, eight in the final minute.

Miller, selected the regional’s MVP, won the opening-round game over 12th-seeded Butler with a game-winning drive at the buzzer in overtime, the Gators’ only close game of the four in the regional.

The most impressive was the 87-78 win over Duke in the semifinals, the school’s first ever over a top-ranked team.

"We didn’t have much gas today after the Duke game, but we found a way," Donovan said.

There was no drama in the final as the Gators took control early and never let the Cowboys in it.

LPGA

Webb stinks after Nabisco victory

Associated Press

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. It was the only time Karrie Webb stunk in four days. Webb shot a 2-under 70 Sunday for a 14-under 274 total to win the Nabisco Championship by 10 shots over defending champion Dottie Pepper, then jumped feet first into the murky water at the 18th green in the traditional winner’s celebration.

"I think right now, but I’m very happy that I did," said Webb, bounded in a thick white robe, with her feet bare and her hair plastered to her head after the trophy presentation.

Pepper insisted the watery conclusion with a friendly shove as Webb approached her for a handshake. Webb’s caddie joined her in the lake, and singer Celine Dion bowed in to shake hands with both of them.

"If I can advise Karrie on anything, I’d get on some antibiotics right now," said Pepper, who said she had "green something" in her ears a month after her victory plunge.

Pepper shot par-72 for the third straight day to finish at 4-under 284, one shot ahead of Meg Mallon.

Cathy Johnston-Forbes and Michelle Redman tied for fourth at 2-under 286. Helen Dobson and Chris Johnson tied for sixth at 1-under 287.

Aree Wongsukriet (pro-nounced Wahn-gloo-KEE-it), the 13-year-old Thai sensation, wound up tied for 10th at 1-over 289 after a 75 that included a two-stroke penalty on the 14th hole.

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Sampras overcomes upset stomach to win

Associated Press

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. — When Pete Sampras hit his best backhand of the day on the biggest point of the match, he did not raise a fist, shout with glee or otherwise celebrate. Instead, he slowly walked to his changeover chair and threw up.

Sampras overcame an upset stomach and an upset bid by 19-year-old Swede Andreas Vinciguerra on Sunday, winning 5-7, 7-6 (3), 6-4 in the third round in the Ericsson Open.

The gutsy performance was reminiscent of Sampras’ victory in the 1996 U.S. Open quarterfinals, when he took control of his backhand while playing “like a madman.”

“I threw up, I felt fine. I was in much worse condition when it happened at the Open,” Sampras said.

Pete Sampras tennis player

“It just kind of came on in the third set, and after I threw up, I felt fine. I was in much worse condition when it happened at the Open.”

Sampras, who won the Open that year, is seeking his first tournament title of 2000. He advanced to the third set.

Rusedski, who beat Byron Black 6-1, 7-6 (4), is 1-7 against Sampras.

American Jan-Michael Gambill upset another Swede, fifth-seeded Magnus Norman, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3. Yevgeny Kafelnikov beat Fernando Meligeni 6-4, 6-3.
MIDWEST region semifinal game against Texas Tech. The ball had just been inboundsed, some 70 feet from where she was standing.

Then the whistle blew. The officials decided the Irish foul was on Riley for her 5th foul with the Lady Raiders ahead 64-58 and 1:42 remaining on the clock at the Pyramid. It was just posting up and I looked down and I said (Shanise Pierson) was on the ground," Riley said. "I guess maybe I was in the wrong.

Pierson had her own version of the now infamous flop.

"She had pushed me down before," Pierson said. "I wasn’t going to take it this time. They called the foul and I went my way."

Just like that, Riley’s tournament came to an end prematurely.

No such assignated game against Tennessee. No Final Four in front coach Muffet McGraw’s hometown of Philadelphia. Sure, there was time left, but that final 1:42 was a mere formality. Texas Tech went on to defeat Notre Dame 69-65, denying the Irish their first Elite Eight appearance since 1997. For all the talk about Niele Ivey’s leadership, Alicia Ratay’s shooting abilities and the Irish’s balanced scoring, this was Riley, their first team All-American center, who is the team’s catalyst.

"We’re two different teams with and without Ruth," McGraw said.

Never was it more apparent than in their final game of this memorable season.

Without Riley on the floor all assets of the Irish’s game deteriorate.

When point guard Ivey brings the ball up from the perimeter, she can always count on her presence. Dump it into Riley and you’ll get one of three things. She’ll either be in good position to score from the block. Or she’ll draw contact and get to the foul line where she shoots better than 80 percent. Or when double and triple-teamed, she can feed an open key or Ratay on the perimeter for open jump shots.

And on defense, the Irish suffer even more when Riley is on the bench. The twin-tower Big East defensive Player of the Year, who ranked fourth in the nation in blocks (1.7 per game), is an unparalleled one-on-one defender.

But it’s her presence that may cause even more concern for the opponent. With Riley manning the middle, Notre Dame’s perimeter defenders have more flexibility. They can challenge the shooter and play a little more aggressively without worrying about getting beat. If the offensive player gets a step on them, key, Danielle Green, Ratay and company know Riley is behind them, eager to help her teammates. Even if she doesn’t block an opponent’s shot, her presence makes them think twice before driving into the lane.

On Saturday, Riley scored 19 points on 8 of 12 shooting, 3 of 4 from the line, grabbed seven rebounds and blocked four shots in 27 minutes.

In the 13 minutes she was on the bench, the Irish were outscored 28-20.

"I didn’t think there was any way we could win that game with her on the floor," Sharp said.

So the Raiders attacked Riley, switched defenses, implementing a full-court press as well as running some half-court sets.

The plan didn’t work at the beginning of the game. Neither did anything else Texas Tech tried.

Notre Dame raced out to a 17-0 in the first six minutes of the game. Riley scored nine in a row in that span and the Irish looked like they were on their way to face Tennessee in a nationally televised ESPN game on Monday.

The Raiders had different ideas. They scored the next 17 points, holding the Irish scoreless for nearly 10 minutes.

"We hit the biggest drought we ever hit," McGraw said.

From that point on, the biggest lead of the game was an eight point Notre Dame margin, 40-22 with 14:56 left.

Every foul call on Riley was a cause for celebration on the Tech sidelines and for the small but consistent fans located opposite the bench, behind the press table. And for the Raiders’ band, which tried to fit into the atmosphere of Memphis by sporting fake sideburns and playing a few Elvis tunes.

Riley’s first foul came at 11:17 of the first half. She was immediately replaced by Henderson. Riley went back in the game a few minutes later but was "overwhelmed," said for her second

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Every tournament has its upset, but few are more surprising than the 69-65 win Texas Tech pulled out against Notre Dame in the Sweet 16 round of the NCAA tournament in Memphis Saturday.
It wasn’t the difference in the seedings that made Notre Dame’s loss seem at first incomprehensible to Irish fans — the Irish were a No. 2 seed and the Raiders were third.
Before the game tipped off, it was billed as either team’s game to win, but after the Irish scored the first 17 points of the contest and held the Raiders scoreless for the first seven minutes, things looked bleak for Raiders head coach Marsha Sharp and her squad.
But as quickly as the Irish had poured it on, the 27-5 team went dry and the Raiders shot their way back into the game, running off 17 unanswered points of their own to tie the game.
“We were just trying to keep focused when we were down by 17,” said Texas Tech center Planet Pierson. “We kept playing hard and thinking we were going to be okay — we were getting a lot of shots but they just weren’t falling.”
Pierson sparked the Raiders comeback with an open look at the basket on a fast break with less than 14 minutes remaining in the first half. Teammates Krista Dickerson and Amber Tarr followed her lead and cut the Irish edge to 10 with another lay-up and a three-pointer in less than a minute, giving the Raiders the emotional edge they needed to get out of their slump.
Texas Tech coach Jeff Walz knew the game would be tight, but he said he was pleased with his team’s execution.
“We really felt like we needed to press a little bit early,” Sharp said. “We were having so much trouble creating offense and we were looking for any way we could to make the game more up tempo to score a few easy buckets.”
The Raiders also had some help to get them back in the game — the familiar ghosts in Notre Dame’s closet came back to haunt the Irish. Turnovers and foul trouble debilitated the squad, allowing the Raiders to hang with the Irish before taking the lead for good with less than eight minutes remaining.
“Texas Tech didn’t shoot the ball extremely well, but they seemed to when they really needed to,” said Irish head coach Muffet McGraw. “I thought that a number of their players stepped up and played extremely well. They just had a great balance.”
Despite the Texas Tech run, see BASKETBALL/page 25

NCAA FENCING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Penn State sends Notre Dame home in disappointment

Irish take second in national championships

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer
PALO ALTO, Calif.
The Irish fencing team stormed back from a big deficit during the last two days of the NCAA Fencing Championships this weekend, but their comeback fell just short Sunday and Notre Dame finished in a tie with St. John’s for second place.
Trailing Penn State by 26 bouts entering the last two days of competition, the Irish rallied to close the deficit to four but could not pass the Nittany Lions. Penn State won its sixth consecutive national title and the Irish took second for the fifth straight year.
“We gave them a nice run,” Irish head coach Yves Aurial said. “I guess it’s not fun to be second.”

Sophomore Gabor Szelle stakes claim as best U.S. sabreman

By MIKE CONNOLLY
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PALO ALTO, Calif.
In just his second year fencing for the Irish, Gabor Szelle had one thing left to prove — he was the best collegiate sabreman in the United States.
Now he has nothing left to prove. With a 15-12 victory over Jakub Krochmalni in the finals at the NCAA Fencing Championships, Szelle won the title that just barely eluded him as a freshman when he lost to St. John’s Keith Smart in the finals.
"I feel pretty satisfied," Szelle said. "The difference compared to last

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