Government professor Susan Ohmer said that it was "far better for Clinton to make his own deal in advance rather than leave his face in Bush's hands." Daniel Lipinski, also a government professor, added: "General W. Bush needs as much cooperation from Democrats as possible. He wants to put the Clinton scandal behind him.

As part of the agreement, Clinton admitted that some of the responses he gave in a deposition in January 1998 for the Paula Jones case regarding the intern Monica Lewinsky were false. "I'm sure (Clinton) didn't want to tarnish his last few days in office," said Lipinski. "He was able to spin it. Some people say he admitted it and some say he didn't... Everyone has an opinion about Clinton and everything that happened within the last few days went along with what they already thought about him. In addition to receiving immunity, Clinton granted pardons to more than 150 people during his last few days in office. Some of the more prominent figures pardoned include: Susan McDougal, who was jailed as a result of the Whitewater scandal; former Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Henry Cisneros; heiress Patty Hearst Shaw who robbed a bank in 1974 after being kidnapped by political radicals; his half-brother Roger, who admitted to dealing cocaine in Arkansas; and former director of intelligence John Deutch.

Arguably, one of the most controversial pardons by Clinton was that of Marc Rich, who has resided in Switzerland for the last 17 years avoiding charges of trading with Iran in violation of sanctions and tax fraud. Law enforcement officials have expressed their opposition to the pardon because it did not go through the proper Justice Department channels, but instead was sent directly to President Clinton. Rich's lawyer, former White House judicial council vice president Henry Cisneros was the settling home of the mysterious Molly's Drive-In, which explained the club's unique organization.
INSIDE COLUMN

Elect-a-poser

I often wonder why we even have elections. It is disheartening to think that once again, we as a student body will fool ourselves into thinking that voting a new ticket into office may bring visible change.

With less than half of the student body voting in yesterday's primary, it is clear that most students have given up hope — and understandably so. I don't know which is more depressing, endorsing a ticket that do nothing but continue to change, or voting a new ticket into office may bring visible change. I am not convinced that the Administration will change. I often wonder why. we even have elections. It is disheartening to think that once again, we as a disgruntled student body.

The Smith/Andre ticket wanted to reduce grading standards. While most students are tired of being ripped off by ridiculous prices, trying to negotiate up a steep corporate ladder is hardly being mugged by ridiculous prices, trying to

The Zeidler/Henisey ticket proposed extending parietals to 1 a.m. Two words — yeah.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Kiffin Turner
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QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"Their jobs seem to have minimal impact, they could be a chimera and it wouldn’t matter." — Senior Emmett Malloy on the position of student body president or vice president

"The right saw those nuns and me in a sort of way as communists amidst a real struggle." — Father Timothy Scully on his experiences in a Chilean community

"Women are half the human pool of skills and talents." — Sandra Harding feminist and scientific theorist on the role of women in science

"It’s not Notre Dame’s fault. It’s just the way the calendar falls." — O’Neil senator Bill Ferreira on the inability to reclaim a lost study day during the fall 2004 exams week

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Activists protest Bush’s anti-abortion laws

University of California-Los Angeles activists assembled in Meyerhoff Park on Friday to protest President Bush’s reinstatement of an anti-abortion law.

The policy requires non-governmental organizations that receive federal funds to agree to neither perform nor actively promote abortion as a method of family planning in other nations.

"We want to make sure that women in developing countries have access to all reproductive health care and the same rights we have here in the U.S.,” said Steven Emmert, senior vice president of Planned Parenthood in Los Angeles, one of the speakers at the rally. Students and sympathizers gathered to listen to speakers and then marched as a group protesting what they called anti-reproductive rights legislation.

The rally began with speeches by representatives from Planned Parenthood and the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights League.

The group rallied against the reinstatement of the Mexico City Policy — known to critics as the “global gag rule” — by the Bush administration.

Holding signs and fitted with gags over their mouths, the group then marched in silence to the Federal Building on Wilshire Boulevard.

"It’s not foreign policy to influence other countries’ methods of family planning by cutting off funds,” said Angela Sveda, a fourth-year English student who coordinated the rally. But U.S. State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said the effect of the policy will not be as drastic as its critics portray it.

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University of California-Davis

Examiner claims death not suicide

DAVIS, Calif.

An independent medical examiner has confirmed what Andrew Wieman’s family has suspected all along: that their 20-year-old son was a victim of homicide.

The Wieman’s hired forensic pathologist Dr. John Cooper who examined the body of the UC Davis junior in Eureka, Calif. last week and found “compelling evidence” to conclude that Wieman did not commit suicide. “This is not a suicide, could not be a suicide and in fact is a relatively vicious crime,” Cooper said during a press conference Friday. He conducted the autopsy with the permission of the Yolo County coroner.

Although Cooper did not reveal details about the nature of the wounds, he explained that the injury patterns were not consistent with suicide. The pending investigation prevents Cooper from releasing further details. “The Wiemans were, of course, disturbed by the extent of the injuries and by the nature of them, but they were not at all surprised to hear the conclusion,” Cooper said.

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Student alters grades, faces felony

EVANSTON, Ill.

A Northwestern University student facing a theft charge was arrested and expelled after breaking into his professor’s office and attempting to change his grades appeared Feb. 1 at Circuit Court in Skokie on a felony charge of burglary. Vincent Rosso, 20, confessed in December to breaking into his computer science professor’s office with a crowbar, attempting to change his grades by altering his professor’s computer file and stealing his class notes. The professor, said Lt. Glenn Turner of University Police. He is scheduled to appear at Circuit Court in April after completing a two-month psychological evaluation requested by his defense attorney, Turner said. Ass. Prof. Jennifer Schoef arrived at her third-floor office the Friday of finals week of fall quarter, to find her office door open, the door handle almost broken off, and her laptop computer missing. Schoef said. By comparing a hard copy of the grades with the file, Schoef determined that three students’ grades had been changed.
Raymond comments on South Bend schools

By ALYSON TOMME

Alarmed by the condition of South Bend schools, the superintendent of the South Bend Community Schools Corporation outlined impending future difficul-
ties of public education Monday afternoon.

Raymond focused on issues of integration and curriculum of public schools in her lecture enti-
titled, "The States of American Public Education."

"Twenty years ago, the theory was that it was not a fair, equi-
table education," Raymond said regarding the separation of races in schools. "The issue today is not racial balance, it is instructional equity."

Many students commute to other schools that are more academically
favorably than their local schools.

"Today, there are 13,000 stu-
dents on buses, twice a day," she said. "Children become disassoci-
ted with their neighborhood school."

Rising students to achieve a racial balance is not a new phe-
omenon to Raymond. She said, "that in today's society it pre-
vents parents from attending teacher conferences and prohibits many children from participating in extracurricular activities.

Instead of spending money to reach a racial balance, funding
should be given to basic academic skills.

"This district has the worst test scores I've ever seen. If children were blinkered, they couldn't get any lower," she said. "The goal is to get all schools on the same page."

The Title I program, which provides
its services to economically disadvantaged children, is a prime example of what is wrong in South Bend, according to Raymond.

"The concern is that it's different in all schools," said Raymond. "She believes standardizing the curriculum of the Corporation is the answer."

Currently, teachers have complete
freedom in deciding what courses
are given and with the high mobility of students in South Bend, they are not guaranteed to be on a level playing field with students from another school.

"South Bend, then, is aiming to
align with the Indiana academic standards that standardize across the Corporation."

"If children are going to come up with, it will be better. Now, we have noth-
ing," Raymond said.

She lauded the recent Bush's recent education plan, Raymond pointed out inconsistencies she sees in the plan.

"The Bush plan gives states more control over their edu-
cating system, allowing them to make their own plans, yet it pro-
vides for national accountability standards."

"An administered test is no way to treat a child," Raymond said. "I worry about the dumbing down of the curriculum."

Moreover, under Bush's plan, test scores would control funding.

"The worst your scores, the more money you get for education. For the schools that don't do well, funding is suspended," Raymond said. "I think high stakes testing is too limited."

Besides instructional equity and national education reform, Raymond discussed other problems plaguing the nation's schools.

Discipline is a terrible prob-
lem.

Every week, she receives letters and comments regarding the lack of discipline within schools.

Numerous expulsions occur each year in South Bend schools, and with the Supreme Court's permis-
siveness in students' rights' cases and a general breakdown of respect for authority, the expulsion rate is not improving.

South Bend presently is researching alterna-
tive programs, such as a life choic-
es night course and after school jobs with local businesses.

Keeping an updated and devel-
oped staff is another difficulty.

Teachers often cannot keep up
with the advancements of technology.

"Many teachers are lagging
behind because they haven't received the approach for technology," Raymond said.

"This is an issue (student body president
Michelle (Nagle) and I wanted to
address so this wouldn't have
happened."

Nagle wanted the Board take action on the issue of the stereo-
types and not burn bridges,

"If children want to hold it on the College's campus, the Board will have to vote on it."

"Student body presi-
dent Crissie Renner sug-
gested that the Board consider
if other students have not seen the Re-ve
in their lives."

"If we're trying to build relationships between Saint Mary's and Notre Dame and if that's what is getting people's money, then why get rid of the Re-ve?"

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Stochastic programming

Student body presi-
dent Veronica Kessenich said the Re-ve
was not held and why they inter-
act with the Board because they inter-
act with the Senate, but under certain pro-
visions.

"Because it is 67 percent of those who responded want to keep the Re-ve on campus, then we should endorse the Keenan Revue but under cer-
tain conditions," said Keenan. "Those conditions should be that if we respect the men of Keenan, then we should respect us and show
us that they are men and not bitches, then we can let the Re-ve stay on campus."

The statement agreed on by the Board and voted for unanimously reads, "We the Board of Governance acknowledge student opinion in continuing the operation of the Keenan Revue in O'Laughlin auditorium. Additionally, we support continuation of Student Government Association members sitting on the Keenan Revue Council Board."

In Other BGS News:

Student Activities Board Coordinator Allison Webb provided an update regard-
ing the planning of the new student center.

"A lot of things that were talked about at the planning meeting were structural issues, and the Re-ve is the biggest issue."

"It was particularly impressed with what they called the 'Student Government Suite' which had offices and storage space for community projects."

The project will be completed in two phases. The first phase will involve renovation of the Dining Hall. The second phase will involve the completion of a large social space for dances, a TV lounge and a stage, and an off-campus kitchen area.

The committee is still working on dates and fund-
ifying for the project.

Elections for class boards are
approaching. Informational meetings will be held in the Chamelion Room in Hagar College Center on Feb. 14 and 15. Platforms will be due on Feb. 20 by 5 p.m. Campaigning begins on Feb. 21 and ends on Feb. 25 with elections on Feb. 26. Meet the Candidates night will be held in Carroll Auditorium on Feb. 21.

The Student Diversity Board is sponsoring a forum in the allocation of space as a way to open up discus-
sion on campus. The title of the forum is "Just how much is diversity and how do we talk about it?"

An informational meeting for the 2001-2002 BGS will be held at 8 p.m., Thursday in 303 Hagar. Applications will be available beginning today and are due March 2.
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**World News Briefs**

**Hussein: America has failed:** President Saddam Hussein said Monday that the United States has failed in its confrontation with Iraq because it has not found allies inside the country to overthrow his government. Saddam said that since the Persian Gulf War that drove Iraqi troops from Kuwait in 1991, the United States has not been able to find support from within Iraq to topple him.

**National News Briefs**

Virginia prisoner freed by DNA: Earl Washington Jr. walked out of prison Monday after spending 9 1/2 years on death row for a murder he didn't commit. Largey illiterate and with an IQ of 69, Washington confessed to the 1982 rape and slaying of Rebecca Lynn Williams even though no fingerprints or biological evidence tied him to the crime. However, DNA tests showed he was wrongfully convicted.

**Florida removes Confederate flag:** The Confederate flag that has flown at the Florida Capitol since 1978 has been removed. The flag was retired quickly Feb. 2, in contrast to the uproar in other states over the Confederate flag, which some say symbolizes Southern heritage but others contend represents slavery. "The governor believes that most Floridians would agree that the symbols of Florida's past should not be displayed in a manner that may divide Floridians today," Gov. Jeb Bush's spokeswoman Katie Baird said.

**Indiana News Briefs**

More Hoosiers going on to college: Indiana's national ranking in the percentage of high school graduates who attend college has jumped from 42nd in 1986 to 29th in 1998. According to August 2000 figures published in Postsecondary Education, 37 percent of Indiana seniors in 1986 attended college the following year. This figure rose to 61 percent of seniors in 1998. "This is a radical change that required a lot of effort by many people over a long period of time," said Nick Vesper, director of policy and research at the State Student Assistance Commission of Indiana.

**Zambia**

Dispute over venue halts meeting

A summit on Congo's month war has been postponed, a top Zambian official said Monday, after Rwanda refused to attend and accused Zambia's president of bias. The summit had originally been scheduled for Tuesday in Lusaka. However, an aide to Rwandan President Paul Kagame said Monday that Kagame would not attend a summit in Zambia because he believes President Frederick Chiluba is no longer an impartial mediator on the conflict.

Rwandas and Uganda were backing rebels in their 2 1/2-year war against the Congolese government. Zimbabwe, Angola and Namibia have sent troops to fight alongside Congolese government forces.

The time and place of the meeting remained in dispute. Chiluba, who had been mediating ongoing talks, opposed a change of venue, the Zambian official said on condition of anonymity.

Nearby Malawi and Tanzania have been suggested as alternative venues. Rwanda accused Chiluba of compromising himself by allowing 6,000 Congolese troops and allied Rwandan Hutu militiamen back into Congo after they retreated into Zambia to escape a rebel offensive in November.

Rwandan representatives did not attend a meeting in Lusaka Monday of regional defense and foreign ministers to discuss the war.

Chiluba had called Tuesday's summit to revive the stalled peace process in the wake of the assassinations last month of Congolese President Laurent Kabila. Many hoped his son and successor, Joseph, would help put a 1999 peace deal back on track.
L'Arche, after Noah's Ark, is a worldwide network of 110 communities in 30 countries, made up of people with disabilities and those who come to share life with them. Its mission is to create homes where faithful relationships based on forgiveness and celebration are nourished; to revel the unique value and vocation of each person; and to change society by choosing to live in community as a sign of love and hope.

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Specter hints at Clinton impeachment

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Former President Clinton, who survived a Senate trial on whether to remove him, could technically face new impeachment charges over his last-minute pardon of fugitive financier Marc Rich, a senior Republican on the Senate Judiciary Committee says.

Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, interviewed on "Fox News Sunday," said legal research led him to believe a former president "technically could still be impeached." He did not suggest what the specific charges might be.

Clinton spokeswoman Julia Payne shot back: "Give me a break. What's clear here, by the continued piling-on of the Republicans on President Clinton, is that what they'd like to impeach is the eight great years of progress and prosperity the American people enjoyed under him."

Legal scholars were divided on whether the Constitution allows Congress to pursue an impeachment case — either over a president's use of his pardon power or against a chief executive who has left office.

The Senate's second-ranking Republican leader, Don Nickles of Oklahoma, opposed a new impeachment case. But he did raise the possibility of using other methods to remove the former president's pension, office rent allowance and other administrative expenses.

Under questioning, Specter said: "I don't think that it should be done, but President Clinton technically could still be impeached." He added, "I don't think that trial would take too long."

Specter said Clinton "avoided a conviction on impeachment the last time around because he had not lost the confidence of the American people, and we didn't want to shake up the government, but he's not in office anymore."

In impeachment proceedings, the House brings charges and the Senate tries the case. Specter said "someone" in the House could soon talk about possible articles of impeachment. "No, I don't have anybody in mind," he added.

Clinton was impeached by the House in December 1998 on allegations of perjury and obstruction of justice involving testimony about his affair with White House intern Monica Lewinsky. In February 1999, the Senate voted to acquit Clinton, with Specter opposing his removal from office.

Rich was among 140 Americans pardoned by Clinton two hours before he left office on Jan. 20. He has lived in Switzerland since just before he was indicted in the United States in 1983 on charges he evaded more than $45 million in taxes, fraud and participating in illegal oil deals with Iran.

Republicans have noted that Rich's former wife, Denise, was a major contributor to the Democratic Party and to Hilllary Rodham Clinton's Senate campaign. Denise Rich also reportedly donated some $450,000 to the former president's library foundation.

Democrats have not defended Clinton's pardon decision. "I think either the president had an incredible lapse in memory or was brain-dead when he did that one," Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware, rankling Democrat on the Judiciary Committee, told Fox.

Clinton has insisted that Rich deserved the pardon on the merits.

Specter suggested the former president could be stripped of "the emoluments of office, such as the substantial sums being spent on the library, such as the bodyguards, such as his pension."

At a Judiciary Committee hearing Wednesday, Specter plans to seek support for a constitutional amendment that would give Congress the power to overturn a presidential pardon by a two-thirds vote. The president's power to pardon is absolute under the Constitution.

Hungary's gypsy radio hits the air

Associated Press

BUDAPEST

A new sound joined the Hungarian airwaves Sunday with the launch of Radio C, a station run by and directed at the city's large Gypsy population.

At the stroke of midnight, the haunting sound of the Gypsy hymn went out on the air, followed by Gypsy poet Jozsef Darvas Chilli telling listeners in both Hungarian and Romany they were tuned to Radio C at 88.8 on their FM dial.

The station, on the air for a trial period but in the running for a permanent frequency, represents the second place in Europe for Gypsies, or Roma, to have their own full-time radio broadcasts. Several such stations already operate in Macedonia.

Broadcasting currently is limited to the 30-day license granted by the National Radio and Television Supervisory Body. Radio C — the C for copyright, emphasizing the originality of having a Roma station — is competing with two Christian evangelist stations for a frequency and a seven-year license.

Hungary has more than half a million Roma, most of them marginalized and poor. Though known world-wide as Gypsies, the United Nations, other international organizations and the ethnic group themselves prefer the same Roma, which means "the people" in the Romany language they speak.

Although they are Hungary's largest ethnic minority, state-run radio and television currently run only a 30-minute weekly magazine program on issues affecting them.

"We are going to have news, music, talk-back programs, interviews, but our focus will be the Roma. If there are new developments in any social welfare area, that will be our leading item, not some national news," said assistant editor Maria Bogdan, 25, a Roma from the southern town of Pecs.

Bogdan sees Radio C as fulfilling a vital education function. She also says it's a station with a mission.

"So many of my friends have left the country, mostly for Canada, to start a new life," she said. "We think the Roma should stay and feel they have a chance to have a decent life here."

In addition to social issues like housing, jobs, and social policy, Radio C will open discussion of racism and other topics relevant to the Roma population.
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Gene map may create discrimination in health care

**Employees voice fears about genetic testing in workplace**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Mapping the human genome opens a new era for medical science — and a new frontier for potential discrimination.

New genetic research may make it possible to identify an individual's lifetime risk of cancer, heart attack and other diseases. Experts fear that this information could be used to discriminate in hiring, promotions or insurance.

Employers and insurers could save millions of dollars if they could use predictive genetics to identify in advance, and then reject, workers or policy applicants who are predisposed to develop chronic disease.

Thus, genetic discrimination could join the list of other forms of discrimination: racial, ethnic, age and sexual.

**Genetic discrimination is drawing attention this week because of the first publication of the complete human genome map and sequence.** Two versions, virtually identical, were compiled separately by an international public consortium and by a private company.

The journal Nature is publishing the work of the public consortium and the journal Science is publishing the sequence by Celera Genomics, a Rockville, Md., company.

Fears of such discrimination already are affecting how people view the medical revolution promised by mapping the human genome. A Time/CNN poll last summer found that 75 percent of 1,218 Americans surveyed did not want insurance companies to know their genetic code, and 84 percent wanted that information withheld from the government.

"There has been widespread fear that an individual's genetic information will be used against them," said Sen. Bill Frist, R-Tenn. "If we truly wish to improve quality of health care, we must begin taking steps to eliminate patients' fears."

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission filed its first lawsuit challenging genetic testing last week in U.S. District Court in the Northern District of Iowa.

Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad was charged in the suit with conducting genetic testing on employees without their permission. At least one worker was threatened with dismissal unless he agreed to the test, the agency charges.

The EEOC said the genetic tests were being run on employees who filed for workers' compensation as the result of carpal tunnel syndrome, a type of repetitive-motion injury common to keyboard operators. Some studies have suggested that a mutation on chromosome 17 predisposes to the injury.

A survey of 2,133 employers this year by the American Management Association found that seven are using genetic testing for either job applicants or employees, according to the journal Science.

Many experts believe the only solution to potential genetic discrimination is a new federal law that specifically prohibits it.

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Treat your valentine to a Big Mac

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va.

I can make your life better. Here are some of my ideas for making your Valentine’s Day extremely special. You can thank me later, after my suggestions substantially improve your life.

Don’t go to class-

ning. Get on, people, the day-off colonial significance.

You can let little things, such as your education, get in the way of celebrating this holiday. This may upset your professors and TAs because they are probably better about Valentine’s Day. So escaping your obligations will require a bit of finesse. I recommend sending the following letter, which assuredly will earn you sympathy.

“Dear (Insert TAs’ name): I have somehow become more important to be than your class this Wednesday. Please don’t take offense. I’m sure if you were in a committed relationship or were planning to spend Valentine’s Day with a special someone, other than the class, you would be skipping your own class.

Well, not everyone can be as cool as I am. I wish you the very best. I’ll see you next week, and I’ll be shedding tears of pity for you since you have to go to class tomorrow. Sincerely,

(Insert Your Name)”

This approach weaves a balance of direct explanation with an ounce or two of sarcasm. If the professor is the pathetic plight that your TA or professor surely will be dealing with on February 14, last year, this approach worked like a charm. My TAs liked my letter so much that, later in the semester, they allowed me to answer questions, even when my hand was not raised. Some of them even felt comfortable enough to joke around with me by calling me a “jerk.” It’s a good thing we

connected on such a personal level, because they seemed able to handle it when I hurled some funny names such as ‘tool, imp and the like.’ That at least, too. You could give your boyfriend/girlfriend a nice potted plant. It’s much more than an organic chemistry textbook, but it will do the same work. If you get the potted plant hurled at your face, it is probably because your partner is eager to get it planted in the ground right away. If this happens, it is urgent that you find a pot of water to put in the ground, but forget to water them. And a dead plant is the same thing as a dead gift, which does not bode well for your relationship.

Try to avoid such traditional gifts as jewelry and cards and chocolates because they are so unoriginal and probably will be met with a bad-natured slap across the face. It also probably will spell the end of your relationship.

To go to. Nothing says class like McDonald’s. Buy your guy/girl a Big Mac, share some fries, and the whole event can be topped off with a romantic kiss over the Ronald McDonald placemat. If you’ve seen the commercial, you’ll know that true love begins at the McDonald’s drive-thru. But valentine’s is a special day. You take off school so go inside and soak up the atmosphere.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Misrepresenting Molly

We are writing in response to yesterday’s article featuring three Notre Dame Clubs, specifically the section covering Molly’s Club. Although this article was humorous in a fanciful sort of way, its falsehood struck us as unaccustomed, to say the least.

First and foremost, Club founders and President Molly McShane have never refused any student who has come to the Molly’s Club to meet the editors and staff. On the contrary, she wishes to spread the joy that is Molly’s Club as far as it can possibly reach.

Secondly, the Club numbers have never been estimated anywhere near 40 people. The true number is right around 140 official members. One could hope that when faced with such a substantial number of interviewees, a writer would use them as the valid sources. Unfortunately, one of us was contacted by The Observer to comment on the Club, and her interview was twisted to meet the cosmetic goals of Mr. Beggs. It is disappointing to see the integrity of Molly’s club trampled on with so little justification. There is so much more to Molly’s Club that should be pointed out. For example, the Club has members from all over — on campus and off. There are alumni representatives in the class of 2000, a Canadian ambassador and chapters being started at Boston College, University of Miami-Ohio, University of St. Thomas in Minnesota and even across the ocean thanks to members recently traveling abroad. Each member of Molly’s Club is encouraged to take an office, and we have among us a Club security guard, an on-campus recruiter and even a Club liaison to the Church of Jehovah’s Witnesses. No one in Molly’s Club is asked to do anything against their will, so everyone is responsible for choosing his or her own office. It’s all just a part of the Club.

That Molly’s Club has received a lot of slack for our controversial ways, but none so disturbing as the article written in The Observer yesterday. Please use the information provided to you in this letter to reform your opinions concerning Molly’s Club and consider joining us in our mission to bring the University and the world together in love. All it takes is an e-mail, sent to mmcshane@nd.edu. Together in Bifonkoulousness.

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Bengal Bouts create ‘blessed closeness’

“This was the only thing that made law school worthwhile,” a law student told me, “so I think that somewhere along the way, he lost his way.”

The Holy Cross mission, on which the student's father worked, has a long tradition of serving the poorest people on earth. The mission's work has been recognized with numerous awards, including the St. Francis Medal. The mission's efforts are supported by contributions from individuals, foundations, and corporations around the world.

The Bengal Bouts have been an important part of the mission's work for many years. Every year, students from the University of Notre Dame come to South Bend to compete in the Bouts.

Incidentally, visitors are welcome at the practices in the JACC. Throughout the program, safety is a primary concern. If you like the XFL—the Xtreme Football League—which signals our culture’s descent to a new level of violence and voyeurism, you won’t like the Bengal Bouts. The practices and the bouts are tightly monitored by medical personnel under the supervision of Dr. John Hagerty, University chief of medicine.

Enterprising big brother. Such people of the truth about San Francisco's population consists of the largest percentage of college graduates in the country, you would think they could come to this obvious conclusion on their own. This could be the reason why 16 million people traveled to San Francisco annually to tell the locals how horrid their city really is.

The $5 billion the tourists bring with them produces for the San Francisco mayor a grand plan to live and nothing like San Francisco.

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Richard Riddle
CONCERT REVIEW

By TIM BODONY
Senior Music Critic

So much of independent rock's appeal comes from its defiance of "the rules." An artist presenting a vision on a stage means mere to indie rock fans than flashing lights and album sales. But in their quest to blaze new paths through the music world, just how far are indie rockers willing to go to assert their independence, and who will follow along?

The two indie rock heavy-weights on stage at Chicago's Metro Theatre last Friday, Pedro the Lion and Low, provided very different answers to these questions. Both bands presented their music with a naked minimalism, relying on simple harmonies instead of elaborate compositions. But their motivations seemed worlds apart. While Low appeared to keep its music simple for simplicity's sake alone, Pedro the Lion made use of it as a means to a greater end.

Pedro the Lion is the brainchild of David Bazan, who played all the instruments on the band's latest release, "Winners Never Quit," built in a drummer and keyboardist along for the ride. From the moment Bazan stepped to the mic, his nine-song set was a gripping study in contradictions, telling the tale of a man with strong convictions who always seems to draw the short straw. In between songs, the tall and muscular Bazan led a little lion of a band to a full cheer from the crowd. Amazingly, he managed to sound exactly as if he feels "out of his league" on the Metro stage.

But once the music started, Bazan showed tremendous command, rhythmically driving away at his electric guitar as he cathartically sang of loneliness, desperation and loss. His words resonated with anyone who embraces the loser within, yet still seeks salvation and escape to a better place.

This might mean "escaping the trouble of the present age" by hiding at the bottom of the sea ("Of Up and Comings Monarchs"), or finding solace in the Gospel promise that in heaven the last will be first, with Jesus handing out "a crown of diamonds for a race well run." ("Slow and Steady Wins the Race").

But most compellingly, Bazan's songs illustrate the rocky and crooked path leading to this point, obstructed by the infidelities of loved ones and unfulfilled ambition. In his presentation of these songs to an audience, Bazan simply wants to share his stories with others, and though his messages are often bleak, the music is not a perpetual downer. Bazan leads Pedro the Lion through a full range of emotions, sometimes screaming with anger and sometimes whispering with hope, but always forthright and honest.

The Minnesota minimalist trio Low, on the other hand, presented music that was far more contrived and bound. One can deduce the essence of the band simply from its name, or more accurately, by placing an "s" in front of it. Low's modus operandi is to create music that flows like molasses, and in doing so bring out all of the stark beauty that faster music skims over.

They employ very little instrumentation (one guitar, one bass, two drums and a cymbal) and drive their songs with simple vocal harmonies and chord structures. An emotional release of all the stored-up tension never arrives, and as songs appear to climb towards a peak, the band cuts them back down into a valley. The volume was so soft at times that the cash registers at the bar were by far the loudest sound in the theatre.

Could there be brilliance behind all this eccentricity? Perhaps, but the utterly lack of energy produces more yawns than quizzical reflections.

Avoiding the traps and cliches of pop music is one thing, but other innovative minimalist groups like Godspeed You Black Emperor, not to mention Pedro the Lion, manage to do it without sacrificing aggression and explosiveness. They take listeners on a wild roller coaster ride as opposed to a monotonous walk around the block.

ALBUM REVIEW

Ska-punk kings Less Than Jake mature for Borders

By BRIAN KORNANN
Senior Music Critic

Two years after its last release, Less Than Jake has returned to the ska scene with the release of its eighth album, Borders and Boundaries.

True to its road-dog image, the Gainesville, Fla. band spent the last two years touring with Twisted Sister, Blink 182 and Bon Jovi (seriously). Due to its rigorous touring schedule and some personnel changes within the band, it took a year and a half following the release of Borders and Boundaries for the band to return to the studio. Despite these setbacks, the album was definitely worth the wait.

In addition to making the label jump from Capital Records to Fat Wreck Chords there are many other differences between Borders and Boundaries and previous Less Than Jake releases. The band chose to team with punk legends Bill Stephenson (Black Flag, Descendents, All) and Stephen Eggerston (Descendents, All). With these two behind the production on the album, one notices an immediate difference of quality from any previous Less Than Jake album.

The bass and guitar come through very cleanly on the album, as does the horn section of the band. In addition to sounding much cleaner, the album does a better job of capturing the live Less Than Jake sound better than any of its prior releases.

On Borders and Boundaries, the band also shows more musical maturity than any of its prior releases. This is most evident in the band's shift from three-chord punk ska, to more of a rock 'n' roll sound. The shift in sound is comparable to the shift the Pogues made a few years ago to play a much more blues oriented ska then traditional ska.

About eight of the 15 tracks on Borders and Boundaries showcase this new sound. On first listen, the standout Less Than Jake fan may feel the first few tracks are slower and somewhat lacking, but the album grows on you quickly.

The album itself flows well, with the songs leading easily into each other. No track sticks out alone as being out of place or weaker than the rest. This combined with the fact the entire album clocks in just shy of 41 minutes makes the album a relatively quick and very easy listen. Borders and Boundaries opens with "The Takeout" and closes with a bang. The first three tracks on the album, "Magnetic North," "K echoes" and "Suburban Myth" are outstanding, serving well to introduce the listener to what to expect from the album as a whole — an excellent mix of rock 'n' roll and ska sound.

The final three songs on the album, "Last Hour of the Last Day of the Week," "Rigger Picture" and "Faction" are faster than the other songs on the album and help close out the disc with a bang, leaving you wishing there was one more track to listen to.

Borders and Boundaries is an excellent album, one that will appease both the hardcore Less Than Jake fans, as well as the majority of who picks up the album for a casual listen. Overall, the album rates as Less Than Jake's second best effort to date, behind the groundbreaking Losing Streak which helped to establish the band as a leader in the then developing ska scene. Any fans of Less Than Jake will enjoy this album and should add it to their collection.
Furious Relationship helps ATDI break-out

By SAM DERHEIMER
Associate Scene Editor

They've become the icons of the blossoming genre of emo-rock (emotional rock), the latest trend in indie rock. Opening for bands like Rage Against the Machine, At The Drive-In has amazed fans, critics and fellow musicians alike with performances so full of energy and passion, they've been touted as everything from the saving grace of rock 'n' roll to the new Machine. At The Drive-In has amazed fans, critics and those souls are apparently full of a whole lot of passion. As should be expected of any band labeled "the new Nirvana," At The Drive-In's style is not easy to define.

Neil Strauss of Rolling Stone recently called At The Drive-In "too punk to be metal, too art-rock to be punk, too pop to be art-rock, too smart to be pop and too stoned to be smart." In a nutshell, there you have ATDI.

The thing about ATDI is, it could care less what is the status quo. Here is found the beating heart of ATDI's mission—heavy doses of poignant social messages converted into furious punk-rock rhythms.

The only real problems on Relationship arise when the band abandons this structure. With a6 grabbing slow pace at times and uncharacteristic fluffy guitars, "Invalid Litter Dept." is by far the biggest failure on the album. As the band sheds its intensity, it loses much of what makes ATDI such an attractive force. Bixler's vocals quickly deteriorate from powerful and insightful to artsy and pretentious. A similar problem is found in the likewise slower "Non-Zero Possibility." For the most part, Relationship of Command is a remarkable example of innovation in a tired and seen-it-all-before rock scene. The energy and musicianship present on tracks like "Cosmosaut" and "Pattern Against User" more than make up for what is lost on songs like "Invalid Litter Dept." ATDI has successfully captured more raw emotion and energy on this studio album than most bands could ever hope to achieve performing live.

Whether or not At The Drive-In truly is the saving grace of rock is yet to be seen. But to understand At The Drive-In is to realize that it really doesn't matter anyway. ATDI will continue to make searing, honest punk-rock music whether they end up on TRU, or not (in truth, they probably wouldn't want to go even if they had the chance). In the end, that is the ultimate draw of this band, that is the edge that will always keep them one step ahead of anyone else. Passion like ATDI's can not be faked. Passion like ATDI's is what raises some bands to rock 'n' roll gods, while those that lack it quietly fall to the wayside. It is passion like ATDI's that makes Relationship of Command an extraordinary punk-rock album.
WASHINGTON
Bad ball-handling beat bad shooting.
Playing most of the game without injured point guard Anthony Medley, Villanova overcame 23 turnovers and a rare missed free throw by point guard Gary Buchanan to upset Georgetown (No. 16 ESPN/USA Today, No. 18 AP) 59-56 on Monday night at Villanova.
Villanova’s Michael Bradley dunked over the Hoyas’ Michael Sweetney for two of his 24 points. Bradley shot 7-for-10 from the field.
Despite recent injuries to Medley, Brooks Sales and Ricky Bryant, the Wildcats (15-8, 6-5 Big East) won their third straight and can start thinking about the NCAA tournament again.
We’ve had so much adversity. The good thing is we’ve been able to take challenges and rise to the occasion,” Lappas said. “Our kids have just done a great job of responding.”
Georgetown, coming off its worst Big East loss Saturday at Providence, missed 10 of 27 shots in the second half.
Villanova’s turnovers toll by shooting just 27 percent. The Wildcats (15-8, 6-5) were 3-for-24 from the field in the second half.
Georgetown had 14 points and was the only Georgetown player in double figures.
The starting backup tandem of Hunter and Braswell both shot 3-for-10 from the field and backup center Lee Scruggs was 2-for-5. The Hoyas were 7-for-14 from the field in the first half.
The Hoyas took the lead for good on Aaron Matthias’ jumper that made it 53-51 with 3:18 to play. Sweetney’s foul and one with 1:13 to go to increase the lead to four. After Hunter made one of two free throws to cut the lead to 3, Sweetney made the big 3-pointer.
Bradley scored 13 points in the first half, Wright took over from there, scoring four straight inside baskets against a porous Hoyas defense.
Georgetown missed 10 of its first 13 shots and had 10 turnovers as the Wildcats controlled the game from the opening tip-off.
Trailing 29-17 late in the first half, Georgetown sandwiched a 11-0 run around halftime and added five more points during a 13-minute span. Anthony Perry and Gerdy Bilbo made back-to-back 3-pointers to give the Hoyas a 45-36 lead with 5:52 to play.
On Bradley, a non-factor for some 20 minutes, reasserted himself and scored six in the second half as he assisted Martell on consecutive baskets and out of the Villa
can in front of 49, 49-54. to go.
“I think everybody has got to realize we’ve got to step it up. We’re in a part of the season where we’re having to play our best, where we’re having to play tough teams in the conference.”
Craig Esherick
Georgetown coach

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NHL
Senators upset Islanders to end 5-game losing streak

OTTAWA
Alexei Yashin scored two of Ottawa’s three power-play goals Monday night as the Senators beat the New York Islanders 3-1 to end a five-game winning streak.
Ottawa moved into a tie for first place overall in the Eastern Conference standings with Idle New Jersey at 70 points.
Yashin opened the scoring midway into the first period, and added his second goal of the game and 26th of the season early in the second.
Defenceman Karl Rachunek set up both of Yashin’s goals.
The Senators have lost just once in their last 21 games against the Islanders since Feb. 12, 1996. Ottawa has won 15 wins and five ties against New York over that period.
Marian Hossa scored his 22nd goal in the first period as well. Senators converted three of seven power-play opportunities against goalie Rick DiPietro, the first pick overall in last June’s NHL draft.
Bill Muckalt scored his eighth goal 1:33 after Hossa put Ottawa ahead 2-0 to briefly draw New York within one.
DiPietro, who fell to 0-5, was pulled for an extra attacker with just over three minutes left in the third.
AnGeoal Janni Hurme stopped 36 shots to win his third straight. Hurme, in his first start since Jan. 25 against Boston, has stopped 94-44 in 18 games.
Hurme then took a pass from Rachunek and wrangled a shot past DiPietro on Ottawa’s second power-play of the game. Hurme made it 2-0 as he followed up his shot and poked the puck past DiPietro from the edge of the crease during a delayed penalty call against New York with one second left in Craig Berube’s blocking penalty.
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Undefeated Notre Dame holds on to No. 1 ranking

Associated Press

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Notre Dame stayed No. 1 Monday in The Associated Press women's basketball poll, which had the same top four as last week and two newcomers near the bottom.

Georgia and Iowa State moved into the positions right behind the leaders, while No. 23 Washington and No. 25 Iowa joined the poll for the first time since the 1997-98 season. Neither had a winning season a year ago.

Arizona and Clemson dropped out.

Notre Dame (22-0), the only unbeaten team in Division I basketball, received 39 of a possible 40 first-place votes from the national media panel after beating Pittsburgh 72-58 in its only game last week.

The Irish had 999 points in the voting — 41 more than No. 2 Tennessee, which received the other first-place vote.

Tennessee (25-1) topped 100 points in both of its games during the past week, including a 103-73 victory at then-No. 6 Florida on Sunday. The Lady Vols have won 14 straight since a Dec. 30 loss at Connecticut and are just three victories from their fifth unbeaten Southeastern Conference season.

They beat Mississippi 119-52 in their other game.

Connecticut (22-2) stayed in the No. 3 spot and despite losing at home to Florida State.

Georgia climbed two spots to fifth after a 92-55 victory over South Carolina, and decisive wins over Oklahoma State and Kansas State sent Iowa State from ninth to sixth.

No. 11 Rutgers, No. 12 Xavier and No. 13 Louisiana State each moved up one place. Texas Tech fell three spots to 14th after seeing its 41-game home winning streak ended by Texas.

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Iowa (14-6), coming off a 9-18 season, has made giant strides under first-year coach Lisa Bluder and is tied for second in the Big Ten. The Hawkeyes beat Purdue 96-87 and followed the upset with an 82-71 victory at Minnesota to run their winning streak to six.

Clemson, 25th last week, dropped out after splitting two games. The Tigers lost to North Carolina State 100-99 in overtime on a basket with less than a second remaining and beat Wake Forest 72-55.

Purdue fell two places to seventh after losing at Iowa. Louisiana Tech stayed at No. 5. Florida dropped three spots to ninth and Oklahoma remained 10th.

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Iowa (14-6), coming off a 9-18 season, has made giant strides under first-year coach Lisa Bluder and is tied for second in the Big Ten. The Hawkeyes beat Purdue 96-87 and followed the upset with an 82-71 victory at Minnesota to run their winning streak to six.

Clemson, 25th last week, dropped out after splitting two games. The Tigers lost to North Carolina State 100-99 in overtime on a basket with less than a second remaining and beat Wake Forest 72-55.
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LEXINGTON, Ky. — Tony Franklin, fired after the season as Kentucky's offensive coordinator, said Monday he was uncomfortable with some of the school's recruiting practices.

Franklin said he spoke with Sandy Bell, the school's assistant athletic director for compliance, about possible recruiting improprieties in the football program. Coach Hal Mumme resigned earlier this month during a school investigation into recruiting violations.

Franklin said that although he was fired by Mumme the day after the Wildcats' season-ending loss to Tennessee, he told Mumme about a heated argument on Oct. 15 he would not be returning to the program.

"I've been portrayed as a vindictive, fired coach," said Franklin, a longtime high school coach. "I am vindictive because I was fired. I made up stories because I was fired. I leaked information because I was fired... I made a choice to leave the University of Kentucky because I no longer supported the head coach."

The school has admitted uncovering many secondary violations and a few the NCAA may consider major. It is expected to release details of its internal investigation soon.

Former assistant coach and recruiting coordinator Claude B assett in January admitted sending $1,400 in money orders to a Memphis high school football coach and improperly cashing a $500 check donated by a booster to help fund Mumme's summer football camp.

"I do believe Sandy Bell has a very tough job," Franklin said. "She doesn't have subpoena power or the ability to make people tell the truth. They have to go from one lie to the next and try to figure it out." Franklin also talked at length about a derisive atmosphere in the program that was fostered by Mumme. Franklin said Mumme, B assett and former defensive coordinator Mike Major were extremely close and often took sides against many of the other assistants.

"As you know, some of us were fired for recruiting violations. But if I didn't, that was nearly as bad as knowing and allowing them to continue," Franklin claimed.

"Coach Mumme rarely asked me to do anything as far as recruiting, " he said. "In the recruiting field, we all knew that we were supposed to do exactly what (B assett) told us to do. There were just some things I would have been uncomfortable with and that I would not do."

Neither Mumme nor B assett could be reached for comment Monday night.

Kournikova virus clogs system

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A computer virus purported to be an electronic photo of Anna Kournikova overwhelmed e-mail servers throughout Europe and North America on Monday.

The virus slowed down e-mail communications at Trend Micro Inc., said the company released within a few hours, the virus.

Within a few hours, the virus hit Europe and Asia as rapidly as last May's "I Love You" virus, which caused tens of millions of dollars in damage worldwide. More computers could be infected on Tuesday in Asia.

"Everybody and their brother and sister-in-law are infected with this thing," said David Perry, director of public education at Trend Micro Inc. "Last year, everybody wanted to be loved. Apparently many people want to see a JPEG (picture) of Anna Kournikova."

The virus, which appears to have originated in Europe, comes as an attachment named "AnnaKournikova.jpg.vbs" and carries the message "Hi: Check This!" But it does not actually contain a photo of the tennis star.

Graham Cluley, senior tech-nology consultant at Sophos Anti-Virus Inc., said the virus writer speculated Kournikova's sex appeal and "the average fantasy of the guy who sits in front of the computer terminal."

The virus can automatically send copies of itself to everyone on a recipient's address book. It spreads primarily through Microsoft Outlook e-mail software on Windows computers.

Many anti-virus companies developed software updates to filter out the new virus.

Microsoft spokesman Adam Sohn said the company released a security update in June, shortly after the "I Love You" virus, that generates a warning any time a computer program attempts to access Outlook's address book.

Vincent Wesley, director of the Symantec Anti-Virus Research Center, partly attributed the virus's spread to timing.

"Close to Valentine's Day, anything that is thought to be romantic will get people's attention more than normal," he said. "They are expecting messages from friends, maybe pictures of each other or cards. People lower their guards."

BOILING

Tyson bites at chance to fight champ Lewis

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Mike Tyson said Monday he's ready to fight heavyweight champion Lennox Lewis this summer, telling his manager to start negotiations as soon as possible for a fight that could be the richest ever.

"The fight still faces huge hurdles, but could be made," he said, but Tyson and Lewis are now both on the record as saying they want to fight sometime this year.

"Mike would love to have this fight as his birthday gift," manager Shelly Finkel said of the former heavyweight champion, who turns 35 on June 30. "If Lennox is serious about making this fight, there's nothing avoiding it happening on our end."

Lewis' business manager, Adrian Opar, said Sunday he was ready to begin talks for the fight, but said he wasn't sure if Tyson's camp wanted the fight.

Finkel said he called Tyson on Monday and got the former champion's approval for the fight.

"Let's get it on," Finkel said, as saying. "The fight could surpass the second Tyson-Evander Holyfield fight of all time, with revenues of more than $100 million and purses of $30 million for each fighter. But, despite the willingness of both fighters to meet, it is still a long way from reality. Lewis is under contract to HBO, while Tyson has a contract with Showtime, and unless the cable channels can come to an agreement there will be no fight. In addition, the two camps would have to agree on purses, with both fighters feeling they should get the bigger payday."

"I believe we're worth more because we bring the money," Finkel said. "Mike is the biggest attraction here."

Lewis has said all along he wants to fight Tyson, but has been reluctant in his latest comeback to commit himself to a challenge for the WBC and IBF titles.

Tyson, currently suspended for testing positive for mari­juana after his October fight with Andrew Golota, said prior to that fight that he needed three or four fights before taking on Lewis.

That apparently has now changed, though, and Finkel said Tyson will be ready by his next fight, which will be in late April or May against David Skol.

"We're ready to make the fight. If Lennox is free to make it, we're ready to sit down immediately," Finkel said.

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NCAAMen's Basketball

Rams coach will not return after 10-44 record

Associated Press

SOUTH KINGSTOWN, R.I. Jerry DeGregorio announced Monday he will not return as Rhode Island's men's basketball coach next season after a 10-44 record that is the worst two-year stretch in school history.

DeGregorio, in the second year of a three-year contract, will finish the season with the Rams while the school looks for a new coach, athletic director Ron Petro said.

"There has been increased public speculation about Jerry's future and he believed that such speculation is hurting our ability to recruit. We share that concern," Petro said. "In offering his resigna­ tion now, Jerry gives the university the ability to begin the search for a successor before the season ends."

The decision on what will be done with the rest of the coaching staff will lie with the new coach, Petro said.

DeGregorio said he had not anticipated some of the challenges he faced. The Rams have been plagued by personnel losses because of injuries and academic problems.

"It's part of coaching. It's part of life," DeGregorio said. "We'll move on and we'll be OK. Things will get better at U11. That I can assure you.

"This has been the worst rewarding years of my life." DeGregorio said. "I don't regret my tenure as head coach."

Petro would not discuss financial arrangements made with DeGregorio, who makes $130,000 a year. DeGregorio, simply said that "both sides are satisfied." The Rams have five remaining regular-season games.

DeGregorio's previous head coaching experience was at the junior college and high school levels, was signed in 1999 after Jim Harrick left for Georgia.

The Rams are 5-19 this season, including 1-10 in the Atlantic 10, and have lost 11 of their last 12. The Rams were 5-25 last season, the worst record in 25 years. That losing season came after the school had played in three straight NCAA tournaments.

DeGregorio's supporters argued that the players' injuries and academic problems have prevented the coach from showing what he can do.

Three players — Id Brown, Troy McGraw and Taversi Bell — were lost for part or all of the season, due to academic problems.

The off-court problems reached peak Saturday in a game against Dayton when Womack, who was re­ hired by the team in December, was sus­ pended.

DeGregorio apparently did not tell anyone of the action before the game.

After the game, DeGregorio confirmed he had suspended Womack but would not elabor­ ate. The Rams' next game is Wednesday against George Washington.

"Therefore, it is with regret that I announce that Coach DeGregorio has decided to step down as head coach at the end of the season," Petro said. "We are able to move by the start of the next season, it would be in the best interest of the program to submit an application to the NBA by March 1."

Heisley told the Vancouver Sun there is a $200-million-plus offer from a party wish­ ing to buy the team and move it to the United States.

Heisley's losses had previ­ ously been estimated at $30 million, but Stern said they could be $40 million.

St. Louis Blues owner Bill Laurie tried to buy the Grizzlies in 1999 with plans to move them to St. Louis.

"(Vancouver) really, genuinely loves basketball," said Griffiths. "But at some point there is an expectation of performance."
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without too much tactics. It just comes down to how good shape you are in.”

Debic said he will be in even better shape for his rematch with Reichling this spring.

Overall, the men had a very successful weekend. Only the men’s epee squad dropped a match as they lost 4-5 to Air Force, a team they beat 8-1 last weekend.

Epee captain Jan Viviani once again led the Irish with a 14-1 record. He finished his sophomore season with a 44-4 record and now stands at 75-11 for his career. His .852 winning is the best epee winning percentage in Irish history.

In sabre, 2000 NCAA champion Gabor Szelle posted another strong weekend with a 10-1 record as the sabre squad cruised to another perfect weekend. Only Ohio State proved to be a challenge as the Buckeyes pushed the Irish in a 6-3 Notre Dame win. The sabre squad blanked North Carolina and Air Force while picking up 8-1 and 7-2 wins against Stanford and Duke, respectively.

The women’s team lost its first match since the opening weekend as they fell to No. 3 Stanford 17-10.

Auriol said his team did not fence its best this weekend.

“If you are fencing a team as good as Stanford, you need to fence at your best, otherwise you have no chance,” he said in a prepared statement. “We didn’t have that extra spark this weekend.”

Sophomore All-American Natalia Mazur said the team was shocked when the match ended and they ended up on the losing side.

“I don’t think they were tough,” she said. “I think we just had a brain freeze or something. They really weren’t tough. It was a series of weird bouts. We just couldn’t believe what happened.”

The Cardinal dominated the Irish across the board in the match, beating the Irish 6-3 in foil and epee and 5-4 in sabre.

Mazur was the only women’s fencer who posted winning records against every team en route to a 10-3 weekend record.

Despite the loss to Stanford, the women finished the regular season successfully as they defeated Air Force, Ohio State, Duke and North Carolina.

In two weeks, the Irish host the Midwest Fencing Conference Championships as they tune up for the NCAA Championships at the end of March. With the best men’s team in the country and a strong women’s team, Debic thinks the Irish can finally move past the No. 2 finish they’ve been mired in for 5 seasons and return to the top.

“We have a chance at winning the NCAA even though we don’t have the best women’s team,” he said. “If the girls step it up and we fence our best, we can still win.”

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Charity
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have to do. They are also full-time students with homework, campus jobs and friends to keep up with. They have found the time to give back to a community that has supported them in the good times, even if not in the bad.
We could all learn a lesson from the kids and the athletes at Sunday’s party.
The athletes have the right idea. If they can find time in their busy schedules to support a local volunteer effort, so can we.
Making a basket, crossing the goal line, and spiking the ball over the net for a point are definitely reasons to cheer. But community outreach is the real way to score.
What can these kids show us? Well, on Tuesday, February 13, they showed the families that were present how an athlete is more than just a body. An athlete is a heart and a soul as well. And an athlete will give her heart and soul to a little boy or girl who needs her help.
Many of the athletes you watch have given time to help the community. Stand up and cheer for them, not because they are national champions, but because they are champions of the community.
The opinions expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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Bergman at No. 1 singles.
"Many are ready to play and were really inspired to go against the eighth ranked team in the country."
The win over the Demon Deacons marks the highest ranked team the Irish have defeated since 1996, when they beat fifth-ranked Texas 5-4. The Irish improve to 3-1 against the Demon Deacons, winning three of the last four.
After their impressive victory on Saturday, the Irish then took on a solid North Carolina team led by No. 11 Marlene Mejia.
North Carolina came out tough and surprised the Notre Dame women by winning the doubles point, beating Cunha-Guy and Green-Vaughan 6-2.
The Irish rallied, however, sweeping the singles matches and winning 6-1. The singles play was highlighted by a 6-0, 6-1 thrashing of Mejia courtesy of Dasso and an important victory by Guy who improved to 18-5 in singles matches this year.
“We were a little bit down after we lost the doubles point but we didn’t let it ruin the rest of the matches. We who defeated Kate Pinchbeck 6-2, 3-6, 7-6 (8-6) in a tough three-set tiebreaker.
"Everyone just fought so hard, whether they were winning or losing, and we ended up playing really well."
With the three victories this weekend, the Irish have won five in a row and are set to break into the top 10 before they travel to Wisconsin for the National Indoor Team Championships next Thursday.
"I think we will be in the top 10," said Varnum, "but most importantly we will get a good seed next weekend at the National Indoors. Our goal is to make it past the second round this year."

Men’s Soccer
LaRose earns 3rd-team All-American honors

Special to The Observer
Connor LaRose, a three-year starter and captain of the Notre Dame men’s soccer team in 2000, was named to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA/ADivenes Men’s College Soccer All-America Third Team.
LaRose was among 67 collegiate players honored after being named to the Men’s Scholar Athlete North Central Regional first team.
To be considered, a student-athlete must have attained junior varsity status during his senior year.
Four seasons, a pre-professional major enrolled in the College of Arts and Letters.
LaRose earned a 4.00 grade-point average (one of two men’s soccer players) during the fall semester and owns a cumulative 3.449 grade index following seven semesters at the University.
Teammate Dustin Pridmore, also a midfielder/defender, joined LaRose on the North Central Regional Scholar Athlete Team as a second-team honoree.
Pridmore played in 16 games and earned 15 starts in his final season. One of the team’s tri-captains in 2000, he scored a goal and dished off two assists for four points in his senior season.
Pridmore, who played in 55 games and made 39 starts during his career, finished with 10 goals and five assists (15 points).
A finance major in the Mendoza College of Business, he earned Dean’s List distinction following the 2000 fall semester after earning a 3.533 grade-point average and has a cumulative 3.343 grade index.
Stanford University’s Ryan Nelson was named the Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year and was joined by three other Cardinal players named to one of the three Scholar All-America teams. Former Stanford University head coach Bobby Clark was named head men’s soccer coach at Notre Dame on Jan. 29 of this year.

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The Huddle, LaRose’s Student Center
Men's Tennis

Irish falter against Duke, regroup with Iowa win

By Rachel Biber

After falling to fifth-ranked Duke 6-1 on Saturday, the 30th-ranked Irish men's tennis team regrouped for a convincing 7-0 defeat over Iowa on Sunday.

Notre Dame, which now stands at 4-2, knew a victory over Duke on Saturday was a long shot, but did not bow down to the Blue Devils without giving them a scare.

"I think we were a little disappointed with Saturday's outcome, but I don't think we were upset about our effort," Irish junior Casey Smith said. "We tried really hard and we played hard, but just didn't get the points we needed to get, and that's the way this sport goes. I think everyone played well, and it was a learning experience."

The Irish narrowly missed securing the doubles point against Duke to gain a 1-0 lead, but two Blue Devil comebacks at Nos. 2 and 3 doubles reversed the outcome.

Smith and Luis Haddock-Morales at No. 2 doubles and the pairing of Matt Daly and James Malhame at No. 3 doubles both saw early service breaks slip away, while Duke captured victory in both matches 8-5.

Despite the missed opportunities, the 30th-ranked Irish duo of Talarico and Taborga pulled out an impressive win over Duke's 25th-ranked team of Andres Pedrosa and Ted Edringer by the score of 9-5 (10-8), after recovering from a 2-0 deficit in the tiebreaker.

"It felt like we were a lot better team doubles wise (than Duke)," Talarico said. "We've let a lot of teams just hang around with us, and we should be beating a lot of these teams a lot easier, but it just works out that way. We've had a couple of really close matches, but we've squeaked out. I just think we need more discipline on both our parts, just to really make sure we stick to the basics, because that's all doubles is — basics really."

Duke pulled ahead 2-0 when second-ranked Marko Cerenok downed Haddock-Morales 6-4, 6-1 at No. 3 singles.

Irish freshman Matt Scott cut the lead in half with a 6-3, 6-4 victory over the Blue Devil's Alex Bass at No. 6 singles, but Duke then won a pair of straight-set matches at Nos. 2 and 3 singles to clinch the win.

The 6-1 victory was completed when Duke's 11th-ranked Ramsey Smith rallied to beat 95th-ranked Casey Smith at No. 4 singles, while Talarico was defeated at No. 4 singles in another three-set match.

Although the opportunities were there for the Irish to come away with an historic upset, the squad was not disappointed.

"They were a good team," Notre Dame head coach Bob Bayliss said. "I am disappointed we didn't capitalize on an opportunity, but I think the better team won, because they won three matches in straight sets. I don't think you can say that because we didn't win the close matches we should have won. I'm not saying that at all. The reality is, the way the tie was there, we just weren't quite up to it."

The 7-0 drubbing of Iowa on Sunday was a positive turnaround around for the Irish, but one that was expected over the unranked opponent. However, Notre Dame also suffered a loss when Talarico went down in the No. 1 doubles match with a sprained ankle, making his appearance in next week's matches against Michigan State and Kentucky questionable.

Talarico stayed on the court with teammate Taborga for a come-from-behind victory over Iowa's Tyler Cleveland and Street Waters, basing the duo's record to 5-1 in dual-match play.

The win completed the sweep of the doubles for the Irish, with a second-set, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4 win the No. 1 singles match.

Cleveland defeated Irish All-American Ryan Sachire last year, and the match-up was also intensified due to the fact that Smith and Cleveland have a history dated back to their junior playing days.

Smith trailed 2-0 in the first set tiebreaker before winning seven of the last nine points to win the first set, and then led 5-1 in the third set before Cleveland pulled within 5-4. Cleveland overcame six match points, while Smith fought back to break his opponent's serve to complete the victory and improve his singles record to 5-1 on the year.

"In a way, it's like I really wanted to win, but it's also difficult to play someone I'm friends with, and that I've known since I was 12," Smith said. "It puts you in a weird situation because you want to win, but at the same time you feel bad when he's not playing well."

Playing with a 5-1 lead in the second-set, the momentum seemed to switch to Cleveland's side of the court, but Smith was able to stay focused.

"I didn't consciously get tight, I just didn't go out for the ball like I should have. When you are playing at No. 1, and you're playing at this level, you have to be playing at 100 percent the whole time. It's not like I dropped off a ton, but it's just that I let up a little bit, and that was enough for him to comeback."

Haddock-Morales rounded out the 7-0 blanking of Iowa with a comeback win at No. 3 singles by the score of 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.
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**WOMEN'S TENNIS**

Irish look to jump in poll after 3-0 weekend

By STEVE KEPPEL
Sports Writer

It was a great weekend for Notre Dame women's tennis as they went 3-0 and will most likely move into the top 10 this week. The Irish lost only one team point as they defeated Virginia Tech 7-0 on Friday, eighth-ranked Wake Forest 5-0 on Saturday, and North Carolina 6-1 on Sunday. The weekend was once again highlighted by the play of Michelle Dasso as she improved her career record to 121-31, one victory shy of a school record.

Dasso led the way for the Irish in No. 1 doubles and singles and did not lose a match the entire weekend. The third-ranked all-American is on a roll this spring after impressive performances at each tournament. Dasso also plays a key role in team competition.

"She's a huge asset to the team, she really gets us going and I don't think we would be the same without her," said Dasso's doubles partner, Becky Varnum.

Varnum, a junior, also played well this weekend. She went undefeated in both doubles and singles at the No. 2 spot behind Dasso.

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An athlete's schedule:

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- 9 a.m. - practice
- Noon - lunch with the team
- 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. - class
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- 7 p.m. - practice

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Inside Saint Mary's Sports

The Saint Mary's student athletes have a table or an activity going on Sunday. No matter what these teams did during the season, they ranked No. 1 with the kids who attended that party. This is what athletics should really be about. Sure it's fun to watch athletic events and cheer for our team. But why? It's because athletics can bring us together as a community.

The Saint Mary's student athletes, not only this weekend, but all year, show how athletics can bring a community together. They are all healthy (well, most of the time) women who are using their gifts to help those that are less fortunate than they are.

Mind you, athletics is not all Saint Mary's athletes

**SPORTS AT A GLANCE**

- at Syracuse: Wednesday, 7 p.m.
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- Men's Swimming:
  - at Big East Championships: Uniondale, N.Y.
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