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**Suspected fire forces evacuation, no residents hurt**

By NOREEN GILLESPIE

A suspected fire forced the evacuation of nearly 150 Holy Cross Hall residents Monday evening after a resident reported seeing smoke in a basement shower stall.

A blown fan motor in a section of duct work filled the south basement bathroom with smoke, said Notre Dame fire chief John Antonucci. Notre Dame Fire Department was the first to respond to the call at approximately 9:10 Monday evening and found hazy smoke in the bathroom but no flames upon responding, members of the battalion said.

Seven fire trucks and one ambulance responded to the call, including members of the South Bend Fire Department.

"The (smoke) pretty much contained itself by the time we got here," said South Bend Fire Department battalion chief Chico Rodriguez.

"It was just a smoke scare," Holy Cross resident Jamie Roark was showering in the south basement bathroom when she heard the fan backfire and saw the room fill with smoke.

"I was washing my hair, and I heard a zap noise," Roark said.

"The room was filled with smoke, and it was becoming almost like a haze. I couldn't see the rest of the bathroom."

Roark escaped unharmed, and notified neighbors on the basement floor of the dorm to contact Saint Mary's security. No residents were injured, but one security officer was treated for smoke inhalation, according to Holy Cross hall director Laura Sobieck.

Residents were allowed back in the building at 9:55 p.m., and Saint Mary's physical plant personnel were examining the fan motor after the fire battalions left campus.

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**New center promises more social space**

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER

The new Coleman-Morse Center's architecture and features dazzled those who walked into the building on its first day of service to students Monday.

The building is more than an architectural sight, however, bringing together three of the most frequently used student services on campus: Academic Studies, Campus Ministry and First Year of Studies.

In addition to the offices themselves, there is study and social space available to students. A large lounge on the first floor, named in honor of Doreen and Jerry Hammes who recently donated $1 million for a Campus Ministry endowment, has space for studying or relaxing and is open 24 hours a day, closing every morning at 4 a.m.

The lounge is furnished with tables and chairs for studying, couches and a big screen TV for those seeking a break from their work, free popcorn and soda provided by Campus Ministry and two fireplaces. On Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, there will be food service available in the lounge from 8 p.m. until 3 a.m.

"I'm thinking about making it my new study space," said sophomore David Choe. "I used to study at LaFortune, but everybody goes there. This is open 24 hours and it's more relaxed. We need more 24-hour space for hanging out or doing homework."

Campus Ministry has offices on the first and third floors of the building, and a considerably larger amount of space than in the previous offices.

"We never thought it would turn out as beautiful as it has," said Father Richard Warner, director of Campus Ministry.

The center has united Campus Ministry, which was previously housed in the Hesburgh Library, and the basement of Badin Hall.

"Before, retreats were run out of the library office. We were disconnected from the Radin office and so many people there were involved in the retreats," said director of retreats Father John Herman.

Those going on retreats will now pick up paperwork and depart for the retreat from the same location on the first floor of the center. The new retreat office also provides more office space for those hosting retreats.

"A lot of the people involved with the retreat are rectors and we didn't have a place to work from. Here, we can have meetings for retreats and can organize them. It will do a lot to help us improve our current programs and start new ones," Herman said.

A new Campus Ministry organization, PLAN, also has space on the first floor. Students in PLAN will serve as hosts to students from 6 p.m. until midnight each night, restocking the lounge refreshments and also providing information about Campus Ministry programs.

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**HEADING TO THE ROCKIES**

**Irish forward Kelley Siemon sails toward the basket during Monday night's 88-54 win over Michigan. Siemon and the other Irish seniors played their final home game. The win advances the Irish to the Sweet 16 in Denver, Colo, where they will take on Utah Saturday.**

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**Are parents the cure to school violence?**

According to Observer columnist Charles Rice, parents are the strongest link to change.
For Jake's sake

There are some days when I think that despite having lived 21 years, I still don't understand the world at all. A conversation with my mother this weekend made Sunday one of those days.

On Saturday, March 17, Jake's heart passed away from complications of a lifelong battle with Fanconi Anemia. He was just 10 years old. Jake was a fifth-grader who attended school with two of my younger brothers and matriculated in the parish in Cincinnati, Ohio. Though I did not know him, it was impossible for me not to know him in the small city of Saint Bernard, Taylor Creek. Jake's picture was printed on stickers we wore at parish festivals to raise awareness. He appeared on television and the radio to educate the public about Fanconi Anemia and to raise money for research.

Jake kept our parish informed about how Jake was doing through a Web site that they updated daily with journal entries detailing the last months of his life. On Monday, he wrote about the day that he was permitted to have the media in his home. The entry goes on to say, "When I returned home last Wednesday, it excitedly details the story of when my mother showed me one of those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer."

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PROVIDENCE, R.I.
A coalition of student groups that stole nearly 4,000 copies of The Brown Daily Herald Friday said it plans to continue to take action against The Herald until the newspaper meets its demands, according to a press release the group issued Thursday.

"Our action was to remove The Herald from on-campus locations and distribution," the release said. "We will continue to be active until the paper meets our demands.

The coalition had demanded The Herald donate the $725 cost of a full-page advertisement to the World relief fund. The coalition and the board of directors of the Brown University student coalition met Saturday night. "The group's dispute with The Herald grew into a massive campus controversy and garnered national media attention over the weekend following the coalition's action on Friday.

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Brown U. group to continue action against paper

University of Florida

Publisher eyes Earnhardt photos

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International week events begin today

By JASON McFARLEY
News Editor

Multicultural programs and activities will be part of the third annual International Week, which kicks off today at Notre Dame.

Sponsored by the University's department of International Student Services and Activities in conjunction with campus multicultural clubs, the events will last through Saturday.

"The purpose of the week is to showcase the cultures, traditions and talents of international students," said Maureen Fitzgibbon, director of the ISSA.

Today organizers are sponsoring a trivia contest beginning at noon in the LaFortune Student Center. Also, two showings of the Japanese film "Maborosi" are scheduled for 7 and 9 p.m. in Montgomery Theatre.

On Wednesday, another film, "Bulgarian Animation," will show at 2 p.m. in the theatre.

On Thursday, the International Women's Club will give book readings from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore.

The international village will be the highlight of events Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the first and second floors of LaFortune. The film festival continues Friday with "Waking Ned Devine" and "Leningrad Cowboys Go America" showing in Montgomery at 6 and 8 p.m., respectively.

An international sports tournament from 7 to 10 p.m. in Hult's Sport Center wraps up Friday's events.

The international village continues from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday in LaFortune. Then, a culture fest at 7:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Library will feature dances, poetry, songs and other enrichment activities.

All programs are free and open to the public.

Fitzgibbon said she hopes to see increased participation in this year's International Week.

"We're hoping that the Notre Dame community as well as the larger community will take part in it," she said.

ND band appears on "Live with Regis and Kelly" show

By ERIN PIROUTEK
Senior Staff Writer

While in New York supporting the Notre Dame men's basketball team at the Big East Tournament, several members of the band and cheerleading squad made an unexpected appearance on the television program "Live with Regis and Kelly." The event was live, and although they didn't get tickets to the show, Philbin and co-host Kelly Ripa welcomed the band into "the house." And so began a chain reaction. The next day, several cheerleaders, band members and leprechaun Mike Brown tried to get tickets for the midnight show, which the band members were invited on, along with the Notre Dame on-air basketball announcer, Mike "Doc" Emrick.

Although they didn't get tickets to the taping, Philbin brought them onto the stage at the end of the program to cheer for Notre Dame.

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By NICK PHIILBIN
News Writer

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lounge refreshments and also providing information about Campus Ministry programs. "The Center for Social Concerns will operate a satellite office out of the first floor. Academic Services for Student Athletes has also taken office on the first floor and has larger facilities than their previous space in Brownson Hall."

"This is really meant to be a student-centered building," said Kate Halischak, director of Academic Services for Student Athletes. "For the first time, we have a dedicated tutoring space within the office complex, which makes us able to schedule tutoring more efficiently."

The first floor contains a student lounge called "Dame Our Mother where a variety of masses will be held, including Rejoice! and masses for the retreat team. On Fridays, there will be mass and reconciliation in the chapel. There is also a small women's prayer group that will have permanent cultural displays and also has a small prayer room that is open to all, but is especially targeted for Muslims to use during their Friday prayer."

First Year of Studies now occupies the second floor of the center after 31 years in Brownson Hall. "Instead of being in a non-descript building overshadowed by the Dome and Basilica, we are now out on South Quad. We are going to be a lot more visible," said Kevin Rooney, assistant dean of First Year of Studies.

In addition to a more preferable location, the new office provides more space for academic advisement and peer mentors and brings the office closer to the Learning Resource Center, a place where freshmen can get assistance in their classes. "Freshmen can walk right out the door and sign up for tutoring," said Rooney.

Another new feature is that some first year classes will now be taught outside First Year of Studies offices in five small classroom rooms. Currently, First Year of Studies Dean Eileen Kolman teaches her math class in the building, but next year the rooms have a full schedule of first year courses. In the evening, these rooms will be used for tutoring and collaborative workshops by the Learning Resource Center. "We are delighted to have more inviting facilities and a more comfortable environment for everyone," Rooney said.

The University Writing Center moved from the basement of Brownson Hall to the second floor of the center. Campus Ministry's expanded space will allow it to provide more resources to students. There is a new catechetical resource room designed to aid students who teach religious education in local parishes. A new choir library contains 100,000 sheets of music used by the various choirs and new choir rooms were also built. The rooms are primarily for our eight different choral groups who are practicing for a long time in the Earth Science building. We also want to make the new facilities available to student groups who want to use it. "We want to make everything available to all the people we serve," Warner said.

The $14 million, 66,670 square foot building was underwritten with gifts from two alumni. Although commonly referred to as the Coleman-Morse Center, the building actually contains two centers. The Thomas A. Coleman Family Center for Campus Ministry memorializes the family of Thomas A. Coleman, a 1956 graduate and member of the Board of Trustees until his death last year. It also serves for 32 years on the Mendoza College of Business advisory council and provided funding for the renovation of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart in 1990. The James and Leah Rae Morse Center for Academic Services was funded by a gift from James Morse, a 1957 graduate of the university and captain of the 1956 football team, and his wife. Morse was the voice of Notre Dame football on ABC in the 1960s and has served on the Colleague of Arts and Letters advisory council since 1981. "It really is a whole new era in student services," Warner said.

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Teachers visit campus as students

Special to The Observer

Teachers from South Bend and Mishawaka public and private elementary, middle and high schools will become students themselves in the coming months as they join the Spring 2001 seminar series Teachers as Scholars at the University of Notre Dame. Teachers as Scholars brings kindergarten-through-12th-grade teachers into the university classroom and into seminars where engaging scholarly content returns participants to the role of learner. The program deliberately steps away from the teacher-training focus on teaching tools, and aims, instead, to refresh each teacher's love of learning.

The spring Teachers as Scholars series begins Tuesday, March 20 with "The Politics and Economics of Income and Wealth Inequality," led by Teresa Ghillarducci, associate professor of economics. The seminar continues March 27.

Six two-day seminars are planned through May. Each seminar is led by a Notre Dame professor, held during the regular school day, and designed for lively scholarly discussion.

Participating teachers are encouraged to select a seminar on the basis of their interests, regardless of the grade level they teach or area of content expertise. Other spring seminar topics are:


- "Women as Citizens in American Politics," with Christina Wolbrecht, Pacyee Dee Assistant Professor of Government and International Studies, April 24 and May 1.

- "Teaching the Humanities in the Art Museum," with Diana Matthias and Shannon M fuller, professional specialists with the Suite Museum of Art, April 25 and May 2.


- "Inequality in Latin America," with Victoria Sanford and Greg Downey, assistant professors of anthropology, May 9 and May 10.

The program is held in conjunction with the South Bend Community School Corp., School City of Mishawaka, and the Diocese of Fort Wayne/South Bend schools. Funding is provided by a grant from the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, Notre Dame's College of Arts and Letters and Nanovic Institute for European Studies, and by the Muesnel - Ellison Memorial Trust Foundation.

You're reading the 2001 Associated Collegiate Press National Newspaper of the Year.
**Rallies protest Basque attacks:** Thousands of Spaniards around the country observed a minute of silence Monday to protest the latest killing blamed on the armed Basque separatist group ETA. In Madrid, lawmakers gathered outside Parliament to condemn Saturday night's car bomb blast that killed a policeman in the Catalan town of Roses. A large rally was set for the evening in Madrid.

**Cuba produces own Bacardi rum:** Cuba produces its own Bacardi rum, according to a statement by the government-owned state-run company Havana Club. The company said the problem had been resolved.

**Passenger breaks agent's neck:** Witnesses saw an airline ticket agent's feet fly up when a frustrated passenger hurled a break agent's neck. John Davis, 29, of Fredericksburg, Va., is charged with aggravated assault and could face up to 10 years in prison if convicted. The Continental Airlines ticket agent, Anthony Sottile, landed on his head and has lost most of the mobility in his neck.

**Judge withdraws from trial:** A third Lake Superior Court judge has recused himself from presiding over the murder trial of a man accused of plotting to kill several of the trial's key witnesses and the original judge. Walter "Billy" Richeson is accused of murder­ ing a Crown Point man and of plotting to kill several key witnesses in his trial for that crime. Police say Richeson also plotted to kill the original judge and deputy prosecutor assigned to the case. Judge Thomas Stefanik has now decided not to take the Richeson case.

**United Kingdom**

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On Monday, European Union agriculture ministers were to meet in Brussels, Belgium, to discuss how to fight the disease. British Agriculture Minister Nick Brown was expected to explain his country's efforts.

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**Macedonia**

Albanian rebels bombard town

Heavy weaponry echoed eerily through deserted streets as Macedonia's second-largest city — besieged by ethnic Albanian rebels fighting for greater rights — fell under a government-imposed curfew and a new sense of dread.

Macedonian forces continued the bombardment throughout the night and into a sixth straight day Monday, apparently concentrating on areas north of the city. As curfew hours ended, some city buses and cars returned to the streets but most stores remained shut.

On Sunday night, only a handful of people and even fewer cars crept through the streets. But the overnight curfew ordered by Prime Minister Ljubco Georgievski, along with restrictions on movements in the region, did nothing to stop the booming volley of fire between government forces and the insurgents.

Macedonian gunners unleashed sustained artillery and mortar strikes on the hillsides above Tetovo, lobbing large-caliber mortars at the insurgents nestled strategically in the scrubby woods.

"Macedonia will win this battle without giving up a single foot of our territory. And after the victory, Macedonians and Albanians will continue to live together — as they must," Georgievski said in an address to a nation he said "is rapidly changing itself."

Georgievski accused the United States and Germany, whose troops patrol the neighboring Yugoslav province of Kosovo as part of NATO's contingent there, of not doing enough to stop the rebels.

"You cannot convince us that the chieftains of these gangs are unknown to your governments, nor can you persuade us that they cannot be stopped," he said.

Italian minister for the capital, Skopje. "I do not know what to say about them. I do not know even if we can trust them or not," said Shefik Azizi, 25, after guiding a group of fellow ethnic Albanians.

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**Guth blocks EarthLink e-mail:** Hundreds of thousands of e-mails sent by EarthLink Inc. customers to America Online accounts were rejected and lost over a peri­ od spanning at least 10 days, EarthLink said Monday. An AOL spokesman said software designed to restrict junk e-mail, or spam, was to blame. After conferring Monday, the companies said the problem had been resolved.

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Jackson, Simon earn 2nd inductions

Hall of Fame also honors Aerosmith, Queen, Steely Dan

Associated Press

NEW YORK

The hobbled Michael Jackson and a sweetly nostalgic Paul Simon made their second entrances into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame on Monday, joined by fellow inductees Aerosmith, Queen and Steely Dan.

Fifties vocal group The Flamingos, soul singer Solomon Burke and "La Bamba" singer Ritchie Valens were also honored at a New York ceremony.

Jackson, already in the Hall of Fame with his brothers as a member of the Jackson 5, was honored for a solo career that includes "Thriller," whose Lance Bass said, "To me, the gift of music has been a great blessing, from the time I was a child." Jackson said.

Simon is also a Hall of Fame member for his work with Art Garfunkel. His solo career has included hits such as "Still Crazy After All These Years" and "Graceland," both of which Jackson broke his foot falling down the stairs while dancing recently, and, despite estimates has falling down the stairs while dancing recently, and, despite economists predict the Fed's chief policy-making group, the economy, including a solid housing market, still-low unemployment, which stands at 4.2 percent, and modest job growth.

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The reclusive duo of Donald Fagen and Walter Becker, performing "Black Friday," asked the audience if it had any questions, then rattled off the early comparison at them. Steely Dan's first album after nearly two decades off, "Two Against Nature," won the Grammy for album of the year last month.

"My 21 children, 58 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. 'Let's go on.'"

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The Federal Reserve is poised to cut interest rates for a third time this year in an effort to keep the record U.S. economy moving. Economists say a half-point cut is needed now, they believe, given the continued weak state of manufacturing and the cautious mood of consumers, whose spending accounts for two-thirds of all economic activity.

Another reason: the huge sell-off that has been occurring on Wall Street, where the Dow Jones Industrial Average last week suffered its biggest weekly drop in 11 years. If paper losses make consumers feel a lot less wealthy and they stop spending, that could put an end to the 10-year streak of uninterrupted economic growth, analysts said.

That's why many private economists predict the Fed's chief policy-making group, the Federal Open Market Committee, will aggressively cut short-term interest rates at its meeting Tuesday. An afternoon announcement of the decision is expected.

Economists, however, are divided over how big the rate reduction will be: either a three-quarter-point cut, something Wall Street investors are hoping for, or another half-point cut. With inflation remaining low, economists said the central bank has plenty of room to act.

"The question we are all asking ourselves is does the economy drive the stock market or is it the other way around?" said Carl Tannenbaum, chief economist for LaSalle Bank/ABN AMRO.

"Our view is that both because of the skittishness of the stock market and also because of looming trouble overseas, especially Japan, our central bank has to be aware of the downside risks of this environment," Tannenbaum said. "As a result, while a half-point cut might be enough for business activity, it won't be enough for market psychology, so three-quarters is the likely outcome."

But others believe a half-point reduction is sufficient, given some positive signs for the economy, including a solid housing market, still-low unemployment, which stands at 4.2 percent, and modest job growth.
Senate debates campaign financing

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Senate supporters of limiting political donations narrowly overcame their first challenge in their drive to bring about the most significant changes in campaign spending laws in a quarter-century.

The vote opened two weeks of debate on legislation offered by Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Russell Feingold, D-Wis., that would ban loosely regulated "soft money" donations that corporations, unions and wealthy individuals give to political parties.

The millionaire amendment was defeated only after Democrats in intense discussions, sought on the Senate floor, persuaded three of their members who had voted in favor of the amendment to change their votes. Democrats publicly promised they would work on a compromise version that would be taken up Tuesday.

McCain said the original amendment, offered by Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., would increase rather than decrease campaign spending and was a "meat-ax approach to a problem that requires a scalpel." But he said he thought a satisfactory compromise could be reached.

Two of the three who switched their votes — Sen. Jon Corzine of New Jersey and Herb Kohl of Wisconsin — are millionaires who finance their own campaigns. Corzine won his race last fall after spending a record $60 million of his own money. The third was Sen. Robert Torricelli of New Jersey. Domenici, the chief proponent of the millionaire amendment, said a compromise he and Sen. Mike DeWine, R-Ohio, were considering would allow a tenfold increase in the $1,000 individual contribution limit for candidates running against opponents who use more than $1 million of their own money.

The larger issue was the future of campaign spending laws, with supporters of McCain-Feingold asserting that the integrity of the nation's election system was at stake. Opponents said First Amendment free speech rights were at risk.

"This is the beginning of two weeks of a wild ride," said Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., the leading opponent of the various McCain-Feingold bills that have failed to win Senate support over the past six years.

Bush pulls Clinton's judicial nominations

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

President Bush Monday officially dumped the last of President Clinton's leftover nominations, raising questions about the future of the first black appoint­late judge in the circuit with the most minorities in the nation.

But the president left the door open that Roger Gregory, who was the first black judge on the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Va., when appoint­ed temporarily by Clinton, could get to keep his job.

"Some of these individuals will be considered for positions in the Bush administration," White House spokesman Scott McClellan said. "No one should be considered ruled in or out at this point."

Bush officially withdrew 62 executive and judicial nominations made by Clinton since the beginning of his admin­istration, including Gregory. The 4th U.S. Circuit — comprised of Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia — includes more minorities than any other circuit in the nation.

"President Clinton appointed a highly qualified, well­respected lawyer in Roger Gregory," said Julia Payne, the former presi­dent's spokeswoman. "It's clear that Roger Gregory met every qualification to be on this court except for the right­wing lunatic fringe."

Clinton gave Gregory and more than 42 other nominees recess appointments after they weren't considered by the Senate last year. But the recess appointment only allows the nominee to serve until the end of the year, so Clinton renominated Gregory and some other judicial candi­dates not considered by the Senate Judiciary Committee before he left office.

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A committee of senior admin­istration officials led by Gonzales has interviewed more than 50 candidates in a drive to fill nearly 100 vacancies over the past few years for the judicial vacancies," said Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich.

Other judicial nominees whose names were withdrawn included former Iowa Attorney General Ronnie Campbell, who wanted a position on the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals; lawyer Enrique Moreno of El Paso, Texas, to the 5th U.S. Circuit; Kathleen McCree-Lewis, who would be the first black woman on the 2nd Circuit; and promi­nent Honolulu attorney James Duffy for the 9th Circuit.
ALGERIA

Scars of war haunt divided population

Associated Press

Tizi Ouzou

Idr Benyounes writes newspaper articles by day and hunts killers by night.

The 40-year-old journalist lives in Tizi Ouzou, a sprawling town nestled among the green hills of the Kabylie region in northern Algeria. The forested hills may be picturesque, but they also provide shelter to dozens of Islamic rebels, who regularly kill civilians and soldiers as part of their decade-long campaign to force the creation of an Islamic state like Iran.

Benyounes is a "patriot" - the term used here for civilians who have taken up arms to defend their homes. His daily life is still shackled by the terrorist threat, even when he is away from the reality of fear and violence that has terrorized this north African nation since 1991.

Just 60 miles away, in a cyber cafe in the capital, Algiers, there are signs of a past and by the violence that seems to have receded within Algeria, at least in some regions. President Abdelaziz Bouteflika, who was elected in 1999, offered an amnesty last year to rebels who surrendered and about 6,000 insurgents accepted.

But a few thousand rebels are still committed to arms, ignoring the authorities' efforts to woo them home from their mountain hide-outs. "When foreigners come and see this is a proper cyber cafe ... they say, 'Oh, there is that kind of thing in Algeria as well,'" Benyounes said. "The Internet has also changed the Algerian mentality. Before, we did not communicate much."

Benyounes's Algeria is a world away from the reality of fear in isolated villages, but in a country covering an area nearly as big as a quarter of United States, contradictions are inevitable. Just two hours by plane from home, Algeria stretches from the Mediterranean to the Sahara and its vast oil and gas reserves that give the country its foreign clout and make its stability a regional and international imperative.

Once the country held an exotic cachet, especially among the French, who ruled here until 1962. Writers like Algerian-born Albert Camus and Andre Gide brought the romance of Algeria to a wider public.

Now, the country is almost synonymous with brutality and death after 10 years of internal warfare pitting Islamic militants against security forces, with civilians caught in the crossfire. The conflict has claimed more than 100,000 lives.

The violent insurgency even reached France, where 10 people were killed and some 250 injured in a wave of bombings in 1995. The killings served as a graphic reminder that the shadow of France's 130 years as Algeria's master still hung over Europe.

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But a few thousand rebels are still committed to arms, ignoring the authorities' efforts to woo them home from their mountain hide-outs. It is impossible to know exactly how many there are, but their ranks are regularly thinned by men like Benyounes, who shoot to kill. "We are trying to preserve life. If we let them live, thousands of lives are in danger," he said, speaking in French. The rebels exist in groups of four or five, but join forces for large attacks. They are financed by black market businesses and the collection of protection money - their "revolutionary tax" - from potential targets.

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Supporters of Aristide protest, block streets

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PORT-AU-PRINCE

Backers of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide demanding the arrest of opposition leaders blocked streets with flaming tires and rusted cars Monday in protests that spread to the capital's suburbs.

Opposition leaders said Aristide supporters shot at their party offices in the capital and stoned opposition members, injuring three of them with rocks. An independent radio station, Signal PM in the suburb of Petionville, said it received death threats.

"Our lives are in jeopardy," Gourgue said Monday. "The government and the police have abandoned the country to street thugs."

As Aristide supporters shouted for the arrest of Gourgue and other leaders on grounds of subversion, the U.S. Embassy urged people to remain calm in the impoverished Caribbean country riddled by years of instability.

"The situation is deteriorating rapidly. We have entered a cycle of violence and political terror," said Edouard Paultre, a member of a civil leaders committee who has tried to mediate among the political rivals.

Aristide's government has said demonstrators who engage in violence should be arrested, but Aristide himself has not spoken out against the latest clashes, involving supporters of his Lavalas Family party.

One called for the arrest of Gerard Gourgue, the head of the "alternative" government set up by the 15-party Convergence opposition alliance to protest Aristide's May election victory.

The elections gave Aristide the presidency and his party an 80 percent majority in the parliament. The opposition has rejected offers to join Aristide's government, saying the elections were fraudulent.

The Organization of American States has also said 10 Senate seats won by Aristide party members should have gone to a second-round vote, and millions in international aid have been put on hold over the results.

Some protesters reportedly stoned passing cars while others tried to set fire to a gasoline station in the Port-au-Prince suburb of Delmas, where two unidentified men were wounded in gunfire between rival political groups, the private Radio Metropole reported.
Citizens barred from voting claim injustice

Associated Press

GEORGETOWN

Guyanese of African and East Indian descent voted Monday in elections that have driven the races apart, prompting accusations of fraud and raising the possibility of violence.

By afternoon, an angry crowd of about 200 blacks had gathered outside the headquarters of the black-dominated People's National Congress opposition party, saying their names were omitted from voter registration lists. Amanda de Vent, 22, said she had a paper stub indicating she was registered properly. "But my name is not on the list, and I can tell you that one in every family on my street is not on the list," she said. "I'm very angry."

Some blacks said they suspect a vote-rigging conspiracy by the governing party of President Bharrat Jagdeo, who like the majority of his supporters is of Indian descent.

"They haven't got my name on the voter's list." said Vickram James, 32. "They haven't got any information about me."

Vickram James, Guyanese citizen

Forming long lines beginning at dawn, Guyanese turned out in large numbers to vote. Many said they hoped to leave the polling stations early and return home before any violence.

Before the vote, Guyanese crowded markets to buy food and water in case of unrest. Some Guyanese of Indian descent also said they were unable to vote. "They haven't got my name on the voter's list," said Vickram James, 32. "They haven't got any information about me."

Both Jagdeo and black opposition leader Desmond Hoyte of the People's National Congress have expressed concern about the accuracy of the voter lists. The elections commission says it has largely corrected discrepancies.

After the last election in 1992, the opposition said the vote was rigged to favor the Indian-backed governing party, prompting race riots and bombings. One died and several were injured.

Bloodshed also followed voting in 1992. Four black protesters were shot and killed by police and dozens injured.

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MEXICO
Fox supports official legalization of drugs

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY
Struggling with the corruption and violence caused by drug trafficking, President Vicente Fox says the solution might be to eventually legalize drug use.

In an interview published by two newspapers Sunday, Fox indicated agreement with a police official who suggested last week that the only way to win the war on drugs was to legalize drugs—eliminating the profits and violence caused by illegal trafficking.

But the president quickly qualified that statement, saying Mexico could not move alone and indicating he did not expect such a step soon.

"When the day comes that it is time to adopt the alternative of lifting punishment for consumption of drugs, it would have to come all over the world because we would gain nothing if Mexico did it but the production and traffic of drugs...continued here," he said.

"So humanity some day will see that it is best in that sense," he said in remarks also reported by El Sol de Mexico.

On Monday, Fox spokeswoman Martha Sahagn was asked to elaborate.

"The president was very clear in what he said, that drugs and drug smuggling is a serious affair not only for Mexico, it is an affair that affects many countries in the world," she said. "...We have to follow this problem closely, in a joint and global manner, taking solutions at the appropriate times."

Fox has vowed to cooperate closely with the United States against traffickers who have used Mexico both as a transit route and production site for narcotics.

On Jan. 24, the new president announced a "great crusade" against drugs, saying, "I pledge a war without mercy."

Fox promised to overhaul the nation's corrupt prison system and to follow a Mexican Supreme Court ruling last week that removed barriers to extradition of Mexicans for trials in the United States.

Yet some Mexican experts—including Fox's Foreign Secretary Jorge Castaneda—have long suggested that the drug war is being lost and that some drugs should be decriminalized.

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Are the Bengal Bouts about generosity or glory?

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Preventing violence in schools with parenting

If your dog bit someone, you could be civilly and perhaps criminally liable even if the dog had never bitten anyone before. Is your duty to control your dog greater than a parent's duty to control his child? The question arises in the wake of the Santana High shootings in Santee, Ca. Charles Andrew Williams, 15, with a pistol as an adult for killing two students and wounding 13 with his father's revolver.

At common law, the parent (or guardian) could be liable for injury caused by his child even if he had not notice of the child's dangerous tendency and failed to prevent the injury by reasonably controlling the child. Most states also impose parental liability by statute, up to a stated amount, for a child's torts or, in some states, "criminal negligence." This type of criminal liability on parents for crimes committed by their minor children, especially with firearms, is an anachronism. Their efficacy as a measure of parental negligence on the part of the parent and the parent's act or failure caused the child's act.

Parental liability laws are sound in principle. They are difficult to enforce and their efficacy is debatable. "Punishing parents for their children's behavior," wrote Professor Naomi Cahn of George Washington University, is "retribution, rather than prevention and rehabilitation. It sends a confusing message to juveniles that they are responsible for their actions yet... not fully culpable because it is their parents who have failed to exercise... super vision."

Stricter enforcement of parental liability would probably reduce juvenile deaths. Nor is it likely that those killings would have been avoided by stricter parental, police and metal detectors at schools and other measures which addressed another issue. Santana High had taken precautions. Students could report threats anonymously, the principal had SWAT training and a sheriff's deputy was on part-time duty at the school. Seven full-time supervisors patrolled the campus. Extra parental, radio and speakers were in place to spread word of trouble quickly. Parents encouraged students to get along, including one called, "Names can really hurt us."

Such efforts are worthwhile. But, as Education Secretary Rod Paige said, "It's beyond guns. The guns may be the instrument of the violence, but they're not the cause of the violence." One cannot explain the collapse of the American family. Marsha McPeck, director of the City of Santee police said, "Sometimes I'm missing in those kids' lives. They're on their own. Their parents work all the time. Their peers have become family."

Former Education Secretary William Bennett states, in his Index of Common Sense, "A child conceived in the United States who has a 50 percent chance of not being brought to term, because of abortion... If that child is born, there's a 33 percent chance he will be born out of wedlock. And for children who are not born out of wedlock, there's a 50 percent chance that their parents will divorce before he is 16."

"The scale of marital breakdown in the West since 1960 has no historical prece de..." he said. "The breakup of the American family is the most profound... social trend of our time."

Two other causes were noted by Denver Archbishop Charles Chaput in his 1999 Senate testimony on Columbine. "First... we've lost our common sense... The reasonable person under stands that what we eat, and drink and breathe will make us healthy or sick. In like manner, what we hear and... see fills us up... or drags us down... Common sense tells us that the violence of our music, our video games, our films and our television has to go somewhere, and it goes straight into the hearts of our children to bear fruit in ways we can't imagine... until something like (Columbine) happens."

"Second, the real problem is... in us, and it won't be fixed by v-chips... We've created a culture that markets violence in dozens of... ways, seven days a week. When we build our advertising campaigns on... selfishness and greed, and money then becomes the universal measure of value, how can we be surprised when our sense of community erodes?... When we answer murder with more violence in the death penalty, we put the state's seal of approval on revenge. When the most dan gerous place in the country is a mother's womb and the unborn child can have his or her head crushed in an abortion, even in the process of being born, the... message is that life... may not be worth much at all... Certain kinds of killing we enthrone as rights and protect by law... When we live this kind of contradiction, why are we surprised at the results?... I don't think this (the Columbine murderers) will be the last... Nothing makes us immune from that violence except a relentless commitment to respect the sanctity of each human life, from womb to natural death."

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But I'm also willing to bet that the artist didn't focus time and energy in a shallow... but in a way that really gets to the heart of the matter. And if that portrayal of art is the only way people can truly learn. When people con demn an artwork without giving it proper consideration, they are not only cheating the artist out of a voice. They are cheating themselves out of an education.

Richard Jensen
Saint Mary's College
March 14, 2001

Art is an enigma

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Contrary to what might be a popular belief at Notre Dame, not everyone is Catholic. And the portrayal of Christ as a woman is anti-Catholic, then so be it. That fact alone doesn't automatically nullify the artistic merit of the work. Nowhere does it say all art must glorify Catholicism.

But what if the sole purpose of the work is "to create shocks and arguments, not to further religion," as Shawn Newberg claimed in his letter on March 8? I'm willing to bet that Ghillian didn't "dislike Mama's Last Supper" with its creator prior to condemning it. I'm willing to bet that most people who are offended by this work didn't consider the reasons why the artist would portray Christ in such a bizarre manner. But I'm also willing to bet that the artist didn't focus time and energy in a shallow attempt to stir controversy.

Perhaps people perceive the work as "outrageous" and "disgusting" because its re presentation is unfamiliar. According to this logic, it would be right to judge another person's paintings as "anti-Catholic." I think the artist's beliefs are irrelevant.

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By ARIENNE THOMPSON
Scene Music Critic

The concept of artistic growth is a complicated thing. Though hard to achieve, many have managed to fulfill the task of maintaining an artistic persona from album to album while still allowing room for creative and musical growth—take artists like OutKast and Erykah Badu, for example. Unfortunately, however, Ruff Ryder’s first lady Eve fails to expand her style, and with her second release entitled Scorpion, displays exactly what a stagnant, uninspired hip-hop artist sounds like. The words “sophomore slump” never rang more true than on Eve’s most recent release. Well, DMX’s ridiculous album Flesh of My Flesh was a close second, but that is beside the point. Getting back to Eve, Scorpion is a sad collection of trite and uninspired tracks. Teeming with unoriginal skits, overused beats, and elementary lyrics, this album falls short of any promise as a hip-hop domination that Eve may have mentioned on her debut release.

The produced beats are tired, as is Eve’s own material. She fails face first into the cliché “niggas and bitches” mentality, leaving little room for true hip-hop fans to take her seriously. Though this sub-culture has made her rap brethren (performers such as Master P, Juvenile and Nelly) megastars with mega money, something about Eve speaks to a talent able to transcend such nonsense. Never kicks off with the MTV friendly “Who’s That Girl,” in which Eve once again brags about her unparalleled skills and abilities. Infused with the sounds of brass, the production on this track adds some depth to an otherwise shallow song, but not enough to salvage it. Throughout the album, production credits include Ruff Ryder’s in-house prodigy Swizz Beatz and Grammy winning producer Dr. Dre. However, these two do little to rescue Eve from herself, as she becomes bogged down by her own stale lyrics.

Guest appearances by other artists also provide little relief on this album. The guitar-twanged “Blow Yo Mind” credits Gwen Stefani, but on close listening, it’s hard to tell if the falsetto lead singer of pop-ska band No Doubt actually showed up for the recording of the song. Fellow Ruff Ryder DMX surfaces on the annoying “Scream Double R” to contribute his big bark and little bite to the album, proving his disappointing status as the new pop-rap artist of the year. Nevertheless, on the most surprising and misplaced track, Eve enlist the help of Bird’s kids... Marley, that is. All parties involved had good intentions for “No, No, No,” but lackluster lyrics and Eve’s bad attempt at being a reggae singer make this track a failure among many. It is as if she set out with the goal of mixing various musical genres on the album, but did so with very little direction or planned artistry.

Overall, Scorpion does very little to impress the listener. Though Eve’s forceful delivery and unashamed confidence have already made her a star, she will have to do much more on any future albums to solidify her status as a real rap artist.

ALBUM REVIEW

Silkk’s new way offers little new substance to rap

By LAURA ROMPF
Some Music Critic

Movies with the biggest stars aren’t always the best pictures, and CDs with the biggest rappers aren’t always the best albums. In Silkk the Shocker’s fourth album, My World, My Way, he raps along with Master P., Snoop Dogg, Mystikal and Trina, but of the album’s 23 songs, only a few emerge as quality tracks. In the album’s best song, “Lie,” Silkk raps alongside older brother and executive producer Master P. The song’s upbeat tempo fits Silkk’s slower flow and the lyrics are more refined than many other songs on the album. The catchy chorus provides a perfect break between verses.

The first single off the album, “That’s Cool,” is tearing up the charts on BET’s top 10 as well as MTV’s R&B video countdown. Silkk trades verses with Trina, who was first introduced while rapping alongside Trick Daddy last year. Trina and Silkk play well off each other, trying to one-up others of what they can do in a relationship. The pair aren’t as comfortable with each other as Amii and JayZ were in “Can I Get a ...,” but the song is sure to climb the charts.

Several tracks on the album appear to be filler songs in which the production falls as short as the lyrics. “Funny Guy” and “Haters” do not have catchy beats and the lyrics sound as if they were freestyle or written quickly. Perhaps Silkk should have cut more songs and condensed the album.

Track six “Pop Lockin’” starts strong with Snoop’s rapping teamed with a catchy chorus and background beat, but overall the beat becomes worn out and the lyrics offer nothing new. “Uh Ha!” is a strong song. Silkk’s arrogance shines through, but he backs it up with his lyrics and flow. Slay Sean raps along with Silkk and says, “They way I live makes ‘em wanna change their life. See my girl, makes ‘em wanna change their wife.” The two “No Limit Soldiers” proudly boast of yachts and Cadillacs that rapping mogul and producer Master P. has helped them earn.

The songs “What’s Heaven Like” and “The Day After” show Silkk’s deeper side. In “What’s Heaven Like,” Silkk laments over his brother who was killed. He asks God to judge him for his heart and not his actions. The song is ok, but seems to be searching for sympathy.

However, in “The Day After,” Silkk’s lyrics are stronger and offer hope. He says, “There’s always sunshine after the rain. There’s always happiness after the pain ... No matter how hard it might look today, there’s always the day after.”

There are strong tracks on My World, My Way, but without Tupac’s lyrics, Dre’s producing, and JayZ’s rapping skills, Silkk’s newest album dishes up several songs that won’t even be main-course hits. Overall, Silkk brings nothing new to the table and most of the songs will remain unheard leftovers.

My World My Way
Silkk The Shocker
Priority Records
Rating
ALBUM REVIEW

Latest Aerosmith falls short of usual standards

By MARY SPEARS
Scene Music Critic

An old issue of "Rolling Stone" once called Aerosmith's work "comic book escapades set to song." Listeners shouldn't expect anything different from the band's latest release, Just Push Play. No deep lyrics or introspective thought here — Aerosmith merely wants to make its fans sing along, and feel a little dirty about doing so.

Of course, this is a welcome respite from Aerosmith's brief foray into power balladry with the absurdly bad album in four years? It's enough to make even a non-fan hum along.

The problem with Aerosmith is, where do one start criticism of one of rock's most prolific band's first album? This song kicks off with one of those delightful Steven Tyler-isms, which continues throughout the entire song. It's enough to make even a non-fan hum along. Hopefully, this song will never see release as a single — most critics haven't, apparently. It's a gift.

The following track is arguably the best on the album. "Sunsine" is yet another strong, imaginative song with Alice-in-Wonderland-based lyrics. Tyler refers to such crazy imagery as the "carnival trying to cop a plea" and "chasing that rabbit up her body tree." It has a great chorus, and it's a definite mood-lifter. This song can make you smile.

Sadly, the second half of the album doesn't quite measure up to the first, which, despite a few off spots, is still defi nitely good. "Under the Skin" and "Liv Lies" are good songs, but nothing worth downloading from Napster. The remaining four tracks are decent at best, although it is fairly interesting to hear Live

On its own merits, Just Push Play could be considered a very good rock album — just don't try to compare it to any of rock god Aerosmith's previous work.

Tyler's backup vocals on "Avant Garden" — and nice to see that awful Tylenol pun in the title. Still, Aerosmith, even as its most mediocre, easily beats out most bands of today. The lyrics on this album are great in a sick sort of way, and the ballads are listenable — for ballads. Plus, it's the perfect type of CD to play while one is, say, driving across the country on the way back from spring break.

Buy Aerosmith's new album, but don't expect the world. Don't even expect the best album this band has ever produced. Just expect a lot of good, dirty, loud fun done the Aerosmith way and done well.

UPCOMING CONCERTS

South Bend
Bela Fleck & Marc Perigal
- Morris Perif. Arts
Mar. 20

Indianapolis
Ani Difranco
- Murat Egyptian Room
March 21

Jagged Edge
- Murat Egyptian Room
March 21

U2
- Murat Theatre
March 31

Chicago
Pat McGee
- House of Blues
March 31

Godsmack
- Vic Theatre
April 4

Amy Ray
- Metro
April 12

Old 97s
- House of Blues
April 13

Cowboy Mouth
- Metro
April 14

Sok of Us All
- Metro
April 19

At The Drive-In
- Riviera
April 19

Guster
- Riviera
April 20

NEW RELEASES

Today
Old 97s - Satellite Rides
End of the World
Trick Daddy - Thugs R Us
The Cranberries - Bury the Hatchet

March 27
Buckcherry - Time Bomb
Tupac Shakur - Until the End of Time
Ben Harper - Live From Mars
Pete Yorn - Musicforthemorningafter

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Henderson agrees to one-year deal

Associated Press

PEORIA, Ariz. — Rickey Henderson and the San Diego Padres agreed on a one-year deal Monday that will pay him $250,000 if he makes the club.

The agreement, the career steal leader who is closing in on other marks, was at the Padres' complex, general manager Kevin Towers said. The rest of the team had the day off.

"I know there was a Rickey sighting," Towers said.

Henderson spent about three hours at the Padres' complex, but not before getting thrown off his way to Peoria, where he went through spring training with the Padres in 1996 and '97.

"They done built new freeways," he said. "I had to flag a guy down on the highway and ask him, 'Am I going the right way?'

Henderson took about 100 swings in batters' cage and ran some sprints in the outfield.

He hadn't taken batting practice off a machine in 2 1/2 weeks, he said, but had been taking 300 swings a day off a batting tee with the ball on a string.

"I've always thought spring training was too long as it is. I just need enough to get my timing down," he said.

Henderson is closings in on two major records. He is three walks short of breaking Babe Ruth's career record of 2,662 and needs runs scored to top Ty Cobb's record of 2,245. He also is 86 shy of 3,000.

Henderson was ignored by teams all spring before the Padres, one of his many former teams, offered him minor league deal.

Henderson, 42, will have to play his way onto the 25-man roster.

"I don't know how much money, more than the major league minimum," Henderson said. "The contract doesn't include any allowances for playing time, just the standard Padres pay for things like making the All-Star team or winning a Gold Glove, Towers said.

San Diego manager Bruce Bochy said he envisions Henderson as a backup outfielder or pinch-hitter, but certainly is not ruling out a starting spot in the lineup for the man considered the greatest leadoff hitter in baseball history.

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Henderson was not re-signed by the Seattle Mariners after last season and has played in teams in a 22-season career that has included four stops in Oakland.

He said he's hoping to come off the bench for the Padres and never demanded a long-term contract.

"You can't tell me I'm wrong or you go get all the bench players from every team and we're going to be there," he said. "In a sport out of all the teams, I'm not going to be one of the ones that leaves.

Henderson said there's one thing that no one can take away from him.

"Wherever I went, that team won. I don't care if they were in last place; they won when I got there. I don't want to project anything, but I'll say even a team like this, I don't believe we're going to win," Henderson began his career with his hometown Oakland Athletics in 1979.

Maury Levine

Safeco sustains $400,000 damage after earthquake

Associated Press

PEORIA, Ariz. — The earthquake that rocked the Puget Sound region last month caused about $400,000,000 in damage to Safeco Field.

Mariners Chairman and CEO Howard Lincoln said Monday that Safeco's anti-earthquake devices worked as the engineers intended and the stadium did not sustain any structural damage.

"But we have had quite a bit of cost of seismic damage, probably close to $400,000," Lincoln said.

"All sorts of stuff. TV's falling down. Cracks. Falling bookcases. The list goes on for two pages. With a property that big with that many things going on, we're not surprised to see that kind of size of damage," he said.

The Mariners have used the $517.6 million stadium for the past 1 1/2 seasons.

The Mariners wind up their spring training March 29 in an exhibition game against the Los Angeles Dodgers in Los Angeles.

"The roof was designed with earthquake tolerances in mind. Everything in the roof was supposed to work to protect it from earthquake worked," Howard Lincoln

Mariners' Chairman and CEO Arizona. They open their second full season at Safeco on April 2 against the Oakland Athletics.

Following the quake on Feb. 28, the Mariners were concerned mainly about Safeco's retractable roof.

Although some engineers had opened and shut the roof and found that it worked fine, Lincoln said.

"The roof was designed with earthquake tolerances in mind," he said. "Everything in the roof that was supposed to work to protect it from an earthquake worked. We are still trying to repair the damage Safeco sustained, but Lincoln said he was confident that "99 percent of the roof" would be corrected in time for Opening Day April 2.

"We want to keep Safeco looking perfect," he said.

Leaf and Tampa Bay

Bucs revise contract

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Ryan Leaf will try to jump-start his career by signing a restructured contract with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

The second pick in the 1998 draft who was released after three disappointing seasons with the San Diego Chargers, agreed to take a pay cut and remain with the Bucs, who claimed him off waivers.

Leaf's base salary for next season was scheduled to be $1.5 million. Without the new deal, which team spokesman Reggie Rogers said runs through 2003, the quarterback would have counted $2.8 million against the salary cap.

The hefty number included $1.3 million of a prorated bonus that guaranteed the team would pay Leaf for his last two seasons of a contract.

Leaf signed as a rookie.

Leaf delayed a scheduled visit to Tampa after Johnson's signing.

He met with coach Tony Dungy last week and also spoke with offensive coordinator Clyde Christensen and quarterback coach Jim Caldwell.

The Observer accepts classifieds every business day from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the News Observer, 124 South Davis Hall. Deadline for next-day classifieds is 3 p.m. All classifieds must be prepaid. The charge is 3 cents per character per day, including all spaces. The Observer reserves the right to edit all classifieds for content without issuing refunds.
**FENCING**

Notre Dame comes out on top with 12 NCAA qualifiers

By MIKE McCULLOUGH

The Notre Dame fencing team qualified the maximum 12 fencers thanks to a strong showing at the Midwest Regional Fencing Championships on March 10.

"I was a little bit nervous before the tournament because I knew the competition would be tough but everything worked pretty good," head coach Yves Auriol said. "I was a little bit surprised but I am very happy we have 12." Although two of its top fencers did not compete, Notre Dame still became one of only two schools to earn 12 spots in the NCAA Championships beginning this Thursday. St. John's also qualified 12 fencers.

"If we didn't qualify 12 we wouldn't have a shot at the national title so it was pretty good," Auriol said. "But I am very happy we have 12." "Andre Crompton wants to be in the championship," Auriol said. "He has been fencing for two years and never got there. The key is for him not to get too nervous and get the job done. He is a strong competitor and a great fighter, I think he is ready." Milo is one of two freshman qualifiers on the women's side. Full time Maggie Jordan qualified in her first collegiate season as well. In a meet as pressure packed as the NCAA's, experience is important, according to assistant coach Janusz Bednarski.

"We have a very young team in some wings like Destanie and some other fencers. We will see how they stand the pressure," he said. "It is big pressure to go for a national title. The one thing with young fencers is that they can jump above sometimes, we hope. It's true that if you don't have NCAA experience you can go both ways - up or down. It's hard to predict how the nervous system will stand the pressure but we hope they will fight like Fighting Irish." McCullough said it is nearly impossible for first time fencers to understand the pressure of the NCAA Championships. As a first time qualifier in 2000, McCullough said she didn't quite understand the importance of every bout.

"I didn't expect that every single bout means so much," she said. "Every time you go out there, you have to keep in mind that you have to do everything you can to win that bout. You can't lose the close ones. But cause if you lose a 5-4 bout, you have lost a lot for the team. Basically you have to go out there and beat everyone you can and tally it up at the end." Luckily for the Irish, nine of the 12 fencers they send to the Championships fenced last year. The men's side returns a pair of first team All-Americans in Jan Viviani and Ozren Debic. Debic finished second in foil at the 2000 Championships while Viviani took third in epee.

The most experienced fencers on the men's side are Brian Casas and Andrzej Bednarski. Both fencers enter their third championships with Bednarski winning All-American honors at his two previous Championships.
Women's Swimming
Irish earn All-American honors

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Associate Sports Editor

It was an All-American weekend for the Notre Dame women's swim team.

At last weekend's NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships, Heather Mattingly, Kelly Hecking, and Marie Labolysky each earned Honorable Mention All-American honors. Mattingly qualified for the national meet by placing high enough at the NCAA Zone Diving Meet on March 9 and 10. She took third on the three-meter springboard and finished eighth on the one-meter springboard.

At nationals, the junior diver began her weekend by placing 15th in the one-meter competition. Mattingly earned her All-American status by virtue of her 12th place finish on the three-meter springboard.

Junior Kelly Hecking concluded her season with a solid finish in the 100- and 200-yard backstroke events. Hecking started her weekend by taking 18th in the 100-yard backstroke. Her time, 55.37, was four-tenths of a second off her school record 54.98 set at last month's Big East Championships. A day later, Hecking swam a 1:58.02 in the 200-yard backstroke, earning her a 13th place finish.

In both backstroke races, the eventual champion, California freshman Natalie Coughlin, set an American record.

Marie Labolysky wrapped up a sensational freshman season by turning in solid performances in her three events. Her weekend began with a 20th place finish in the 200-yard individual medley. Labolysky earned her All-American honors with her performance in her best event, the 400-yard individual medley. The freshman placed 11th and 13th in the 400 and 800 freestyle.

The freshmen wrapped up her weekend by finishing 31st in the 1,650-yard freestyle. Labolysky swam 17:03, well off her school record of 16:32 set at last month's Big East Championships.

The NCAA Championships marks the conclusion of the season for the women's swimming and diving team. They finished 9-1 in the dual meet season and earned their fifth consecutive Big East title.

Track
Grow, Shay earn NCAA honors

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Associate Sports Editor

Irish track stars Liz Grow and Ryan Shay had a unique destination in mind for last week's spring break — the NCAA Indoor Championships.

Grow and Shay both earned All-American honors at the national meet on March 9 and 10. The meet was held at the University of Arkansas.

Grow had a solid weekend opener, placing sixth in the third preliminary heat of the 400-meter dash. She ran 53.42, her second fastest time of the season, and managed to qualify for Saturday's final.

In the final, Grow didn't run as fast as she had Friday. She ended up finishing eighth with a time of 53.73, nearly four-tenths of a second of her school record 53.3. The junior finished 1.36 seconds behind champion Demetria Washington of South Carolina.

However, Grow still secured All-American honors. She became the first Notre Dame female sprinter and only the fourth female track athlete to earn such status.

Meanwhile, Shay, who competed in his first indoor track and field championship meet, earned his fourth All-American distinction in the 5,000-meter run. Shay entered the 5,000 seeded fourth, but he finished ninth place. His time, 14:02.35, was about ten seconds off his school record 13:52.66 time set a month and a half ago. Shay finished 60 seconds behind the eventual champion, Alabama's David Kimani.

This is the fourth time Shay has earned All-American status, but it is the first time he has garnered this honor at the indoor championships. He earned All-American distinction for the past two years at the outdoor championships in the 10,000 meters, and has also taken All-American honors in cross-country.

Both Shay and Grow have two weeks to prepare for the outdoor opener on March 30.

Shay, the Irish sprinters and jumpers, including Grow, will most likely head to Stanford. Meanwhile, Shay and a few other top distance runners will travel to Stanford. The rest of the Notre Dame track team will probably compete at Purdue.

Gay and Lesbian Alumni/ae of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College proudly announces its Fifth Annual GALA-ND/SMC Memorial Grants

GALA-ND/SMC is now accepting applications for the Fifth Annual GALA-ND/SMC Memorial Grants. Two $2,000.00 grants will be presented to students of Notre Dame and/or Saint Mary's College to honor leadership and to support the students' participation in a six-to-eight-week summer service project benefiting the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered community. Projects at agencies providing services to individuals with HIV/AIDS or agencies providing services to gay and lesbian youth are encouraged.

The deadline for applications is Wednesday, March 28, 2001. Grant applications are available at the Center for Social Concerns at Notre Dame, the SURV Office at Saint Mary's, or by e-mail request from: GALAND/SMC@aol.com. Names of grant recipients will be kept confidential pending their consent.

Past winners have included students from both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College. Grant winners have performed a variety of summer service projects including: the AIDS Project Los Angeles; the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office in Boston; Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders in Boston; Better Existence with HIV in the Chicago area; AIDS Referral & Information Services in San Jose, CA; performing civil rights research in Cape Town and Johannesburg, South Africa; and archiving a collection of lesbian newspapers from a collection held at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

It is anticipated that the grants will be conferred at the OUTreachND April Follies by representatives of GALA-ND/SMC on April 7, 2001 in South Bend/Mishawaka.

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Retreat Information

Monday, February 26 through March 26
Sign-up Freshman Retreat #35
(March 30-31, 2001)
Pick up applications
at 114 Coleman-Morse Center
or print one out online at
www.nd.edu/~ministry/freshmanform.html

Monday, March 5 through March 30
Sign-up Senior Retreat #6
(April 6-7, 2001)
Pick up applications
at 114 Coleman-Morse Center
or print one out online at
www.nd.edu/~ministry/seniorform.html

Beginning Monday, March 19 through March 23
Sign-up Senior Retreat #66
(April 20-22, 2001)
Pick up applications
at 114 Coleman-Morse Center
or print one out online at
www.nd.edu/~ministry/ndeform.html

This Week in Campus Ministry

Monday-Tuesday, 19-20, 11:30 pm-10:00 pm
St. Paul's Chapel, Fisher Hall
Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday, March 20, 7:00 p.m.
Badin Hall Chapel
Campus Bible Study

Tuesday, March 20, 7:00 p.m.
Coleman-Morse Center, Room 330
Confirmation - Session #10

Wednesday, March 21, 10:00 p.m.
Morrissey Hall Chapel
Interfaith Christian Night Prayer

Friday, March 23, 7:00 p.m.
Hesburgh Library Auditorium
Matt from MTV's The Real World

Friday, March 23, 8:00 p.m.
Coleman-Morse, First Floor Lounge
807 - A New Mass on Friday Nights

Saturday, March 24, 10:00 a.m. - 6 p.m.
South Dining Hall & Coleman-Morse Center
No Greater Love: a new half-day retreat
filled with music, prayer and renewal.

Friday-Saturday, March 23-24, 7:00 p.m.
Fatima Retreat Center
Marriage Preparation Retreat #4

Sunday, March 25, 11:45 a.m.
Basilica of the Sacred Heart
RCIA Mass

Sunday, March 25, 1:30 p.m.
Zahn Hall Chapel
Spanish Mass
Presider: Rev. J. Steele, csc

Given the recent debate about the Knights of Columbus' statue of the Madonna and Child, this is a good time to look again at the place of images in Christian worship. Notre Dame is famous for several images which mark the religious identity and purpose of the University. From Our Lady of the Lake (on the Dome) to Our Lady of Lourdes (the Grotto) to Christ the Teacher (Hesburgh Library) and many others, Notre Dame is visibly dedicated to the work of the Kingdom.

As most of us know, the Main Building was built (some would say miraculously) in about 4 months in 1879 after a disastrous fire destroyed the previous building. The rapid construction was a testimony to spirit of Fr. Sorin and the devotion to Notre Dame by the Holy Cross Community, the alumni of the University and many Catholics especially in Chicago who were grateful to Notre Dame for its assistance in the wake of the Chicago fire. Originally, the present building did not have a dome. Some years later Fr. Sorin had the dome built against much opposition from within the community. It was argued that this was a frivolous expense especially when there were other pressing needs. Sorin went ahead anyway because he wanted to show the world "why we have been successful here.

The dome is a tribute to Our Lady whose intercession helped him through many a dark night.

In a tradition which stretches back to the early Church, we Christians ask one another to pray for us in times of need. The bonds of friendship and communion we have in Christ do not end in death but are made stronger. Statues and images of the saints, then, are reminders to us of the ongoing participation of the entire body of Christ, from the Apostles to the present, in the building of the Kingdom.

The Statue of the Madonna and Child in memory of the victims of abortion is a powerful reminder of just who are the victims of abortion, both the mothers and their children. It is, moreover, a dedication of the cause for human life to Jesus and his Mother. In raising this image we Catholics recognize that the Kingdom is not possible without the protection of life, especially the cause of abortion both for the mothers and the children. It is, moreover, a dedication of the cause for human life to Jesus and his Mother. In raising this image we Catholics recognize that the Kingdom is not possible without the protection of life, especially the cause of abortion both for the mothers and the children.

Ever wonder why we as Catholics do what we do or believe what we believe? Please send us your questions, comments and suggestions to ministry.1@nd.edu.
Irish rise to all-time high at No. 2 in national rankings

By MIKE CONNOLLY  
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men’s lacrosse team is ranked second in the latest USILA/AXTN Division 1 rankings thanks to a 3-0 record against three top eastern schools over Spring Break. With wins against No. 8 Loyola, No. 24 Rutgers, and No. 7 Virginia, the Irish earned their highest ranking ever.

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The Irish led 6-0 at halftime on four Glazier goals and two by Steve Bishko. After the relatively easy win against Rutgers, Notre Dame traveled south to face national power and then-No. 7 Virginia. Notre Dame trailed in the third quarter for the third time this season but battled back to pick up an 11-8 win. The Irish also trailed the Quakers and the Nitany Lions in the third.

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The Irish closed the three-game trip through the east against Loyola. In a game that Corrigan called the toughest of the trip, the Irish jumped out to a 7-3 halftime lead and never looked back.

"The Loyola game was tough because it was the end of the trip and our third game in 10 days," Corrigan said. "It was against a very good team — a team that doesn’t lose in March — they have been very good at home and very good in the early season."

The win against the Greyhounds was the second straight for the Irish. Last spring, Notre Dame upset Loyola in the first round of the NCAA tournament. The Greyhounds may have had revenge on their mind but Notre Dame’s early lead put an end to those thoughts, according to Corrigan.

"They came in with an idea that they wanted to pay us back a little bit but at the same time, once you get past a certain point in the game, you settle down and get past all that," he said. "That was there early but we still jumped out to an early lead on them so I don’t think that was a big factor."

What was a big factor in both the wins against Virginia and Loyola was the play of Howell. The third-yard starter made 18 saves against Loyola and 14 against Virginia.

"He did keep us in the game," Corrigan said. "I don’t want to take anything away from our guys, we made enough plays to win but we made a lot more mistakes than you are normally going to get away with. Kirk was there to erase a lot of those mistakes."

Notre Dame faces its first challenge to its top ranking Saturday against Hofstra in New York.

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BASEBALL

Irish end break undefeated

By JEFF BALTRUZAK  Assistant Sports Editor

Eight, 7-0-1, 13-2-1, 1959, 600.

The eighth-ranked Notre Dame baseball team finished their California road trip over spring break with a 7-0-1 record on their way to winning the Pepsi/Johnny Quk Classic in Fresno.

The Irish are now 13-2-1 overall, their best record since the 1959 squad went 14-2.

To top it off, head coach Paul Mainieri captured his 600th career victory on Saturday, directing the Irish, who wore green jerseys to mark St. Patrick’s Day, past Portland State 7-6 to win the Classic. “I don’t think about [my 600th win] much,” said Mainieri. “But I’m proud of it because it shows what outstanding players and assistant coaches we have.”

But for a brief moment in the eighth inning on Saturday, it looked as if Mainieri might have to wait on his milestone win. The Irish led 3-1 heading into Portland State’s at bat in the top of the eighth, but the Pilots strung together four runs on starting pitcher Danny Tamayo.

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Women's Basketball

Notre Dame quietly celebrates victory

This time, the celebration was not excessive. More than 18 months after Bobby Brown's infamous fraternity gesture led to a key penalty during the football team's heart-breaking 26-22 loss to Michigan, Muffet McGraw raised her two index fingers towards the Joyce Center crowd after Monday night's 88-54 win over the Wolverines.

That was it.

No shouting, no screaming, no showboating.

Just a signal, a signal McGraw hopes to flash once again six days from now in Denver.

Steve Denon
Assistant Sports Editor

Michigan coach Sue Guevara said on Monday, "I don't think there's any doubt about that."

No surprise there. All season, coaches, players, and experts have pegged the Irish as perennial national champions. And deservedly so.

But to just watch at the games on the annual Irish and Italian holidays and assume Notre Dame is the team to beat is absurd. Sure, the Irish embarrassed Alcorn State and Michigan. But one school's claim to fame begins and ends with Steve McNair and the other is best known for the second-best collection right now.

Nothing new really emerged from the victories. Ruth Riley is the best women's player in the country. Niele Ivey is greatly improved. Jeneka Joyce and Alicia Ratay are deadly perimeter shooters, and the bench provides more depth than in past years.

"Yada, yada, yada," Guevara said. "We tried to throw everything that we possibly could at them and they responded to everything we threw at them. They have a lot, a lot of weapons."

Let's just give Guevara a job in the Notre Dame public relations office.

That's not to say that the Irish do not deserve the praise. They do. Tennessee is without its best player and Connecticut is without its best two, so Notre Dame is one of the tournament favorites.

These next two weekends will provide the ultimate setting.

These next two weekends will also show whether this year's Irish team can handle the ultimate pressure.

Last year, Notre Dame opened up a 17-point lead against Texas Tech in the Sweet Sixteen but eventually lost. Nineteen days earlier, in the Big East tournament semifinals, the Irish led Rutgers by nine with four minutes left, before falling in overtime.

When the pressure heated up, the Irish melted like South Bend snow.

So far this season, the Irish have had only one sub-par performance, the 54-53 loss to Rutgers. They beat top-teen teams Purdue and Georgia early in the season, dominated Connecticut on Jan. 15, and hung with the Huskies on their home court earlier this month.

What's the difference between 2000 and 2001? "We've a lot more poised," Ivey said. "Having the experience, knowing that what happened last year can happen again. We're not overlooking anyone."

"We're a lot more mentally focused this year. In the past, we would panic when we were down. No one would really step up. Last year we were looking around, waiting for somebody to do what we often do as a team. That says a lot for our chemistry.

Chemistry, intangibles, focus, stepping up. These terms cannot be measured and serve as typical clichés. And they had little to do with this past weekend's dominating performances. But when the Irish match up with a comparable squad, a team with similar or superior talent, the oft-repeated clichés become somewhat important.

"I just can't say enough about this team," Ivey said. "We've just having a lot of fun right now. Maybe we're a bit too happy."

Two more wins and the Irish will advance to their second Final Four in five years.

Two more wins and Niele Ivey will return to her hometown.

Two more wins and the entire team will celebrate.

Excessively.

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"She talked about working hard on defense every day in practice because that's something that she really needs to improve on," McGraw said. "I thought today she did a great job in the zone."

Amanda Barksdale continued her post-season surge for the Irish. Following her first career double-double in Notre Dame's round one victory over Alcorn State, the sophomore contributed five points and seven rebounds in 15 minutes.

The biggest cheers of the night came when sophomore walk-on Karen Swanson stepped on the floor with 2:09 remaining. With Swanson's jump shot in the game's final minute, each Notre Dame player has scored in every Irish game so far in this NCAA tournament.

"I was not happy with the bench early in the season and they have really worked hard to prove me wrong," McGraw said. "That's the kind of attitude that this team has. They don't quit."

While the Michigan coach credits the Irish defense, she was disappointed in her team's inability to find the basket.

"You don't have to be a graduate of Michigan or Notre Dame to look at the stat sheet and see five-for-33 from your five starters is going to be tough," Guevara said.

Only six Wolverines played significant minutes in the game, a factor that proved deadly in the game's final minutes. With Notre Dame using its deep bench and playing successful in the transition, Michigan just couldn't keep up.

"That's what happens when you're trying to stop transition," Guevara said. "You work your tail off and you get tired."

ECDC Registration

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Missed shots turned into missed opportunities for an Irish squad that had earned a berth in the tournament's second round Friday with effective shooting against Xavier.

With 7:11 remaining and the Rebels leading 47-46, Murphy, who led the Irish with 17 points, took the ball to the basket with a classic dunk, but instead of getting the go-ahead bucket, the ball clanged off the rim and turned into a basket for the Rebels at the other end of the court.

"This is what you play for," Humphrey said. "And we just didn't make plays when it counted.

The Irish missed on their next two possessions as the Rebels extended their lead to five, but two free throws from Carroll brought the Irish back within a possession for the tie.

Humphrey, who started the game with three airballs and three turnovers, quickly turned up the heat, grabbing a crucial bucket and drawing the foul. Just 51.2 percent from the line, Humphrey nailed the shot, backing up, expecting a foul. "I'll live with that [shot]," Humphrey said. "I thought I had a great job defending. That's not who he's been. He knocked down an NBA 3 and I can't be upset with that. He's a fearless young man.

The Irish had an opportunity with 24:5 remaining to tie when Humphrey found himself under the basket with an easy lay-up. The ball rolled out, however, and after trading foul shots at each end of the court the Sanders came up with the block that effectively ended the game.

"I don't think that shot lost the game," Humphrey said. "I can't hold my head down for it. We play a lot better."

The loss is bittersweet for an Irish squad that has come so far and accomplished so much this season. With Brey at the helm for just one season, the Irish finished with a 20-10 record, a Big East West division championship and their first NCAA Tournament berth in 11 years.

Women's LACROSSE

Irish earn wins over break

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame women's lacrosse team concluded a successful spring break trip with an 8-3 win at Harvard on Sunday, as the Irish beat the Crimson for the first time in three meetings. Senior Laetitia O'Shaughnessy led the Irish attack with two goals and three assists, while sophomore goalie Jen White made 14 saves, while allowing just three goals. Notre Dame improves to 3-1 with its third win of the week-long trip and returns to action when it opens its home schedule with a 1:00 p.m. game against Denver on Sun.-March 25.

Notre Dame broke a 2-2 tie with the final two goals of the first half and then scored their first four goals of the second half to build an 8-2 lead with less than a minute in the game. Harvard led 1-0 before O'Shaughnessy and sophomore Danielle Shearer scored twice in 20 seconds to give the Irish a 2-1 lead. The Crimson tied the game, but juniors Natalie Loftus and Helene Dufour scored back-to-back goals to put Notre Dame ahead 4-2 at halftime.

Freshman Kassen Delano and O'Shaughnessy each scored in the first five minutes of the second half, as the Irish pulled ahead 6-2. Neither team could find the net until sophomore Kelley McCord scored with 1:39 remaining in the game. Junior Alissa Moser closed out the scoring for the Irish.

Notre Dame's defense held Harvard scoreless for a span of 26:23 until the Crimson scored the game's final goal with 27 seconds left for the 8-3 final margin. Notre Dame held a slight 23-22 edge in shots but a career-high 14 saves by White paced the Irish to the win.

On Saturday, the Notre Dame women's lacrosse team built a 6-2 halftime-lead and held on to beat host Boston College 8-7. Shearer led the Irish with three goals, and Loftus scored both of Notre Dame's second half goals to provide the decisive scoring for the Irish.

Shearer scored her first goal just 42 seconds in the game on an assist from O'Shaughnessy, and the pair combined again later for a 2-0 lead. After the Eagles scored their first goal, the Irish scored three goals in a span of 2:59 - one each from O'Shaughnessy, sophomore Angela Dixon Alissa Moser - for a 5-1 lead. Shearer's third goal at 5:20 put Notre Dame ahead 6-1 before a late goal pulled Boston College within 6-2 at halftime.

Neither team could find the net in the second half until Loftus scored the first of back-to-back goals at 15:03 and recorded the eventual goal-winning goal 34 seconds later to give the Irish an 8-2 lead. Boston College then began its comeback with two goals to pull within 8-4. The Eagles scored at 1:32 for 8-5 and made it 8-6 with 39 seconds left. Boston College then scored with 10 seconds remaining to cut the lead to 8-7, but Irish senior Sarah LeSueur won the ensuing draw to allow Notre Dame to run out the clock for the win.

While played all 90 minutes in goal for the Irish and made 11 saves. Notre Dame had a 26-23 advantage in shots.

On Tuesday, March 13, the Notre Dame women's lacrosse used three goals each from four different players to beat host Virginia Tech 19-8, and win its Big East opener in the first year of Big East women's lacrosse. The Irish, who out-shot the Hokies 31-19 in the contest, led 6-1 just 15 minutes into the game and held a 12-4 halftime advantage. Senior and preseason all-Big East selection O'Shaughnessy had a goal and five assists for Notre Dame.

"We are pleased with the way we played," said Irish head coach Tracy Covne. "We want to be competitive in the Big East, and for us to play this well and this well on the road is very encouraging. We still have room for improvement in many aspects of our game but this is a great start to our first Big East season."
Notre Dame adjusts for NCAA tournament appearance

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN

Shaking up their starting lineup following mid-January losses to Kentucky, Syracuse and Saint Joseph's, Notre Dame up for an eight-game winning streak. But after the Irish endured their only three-game slide of the season, head coach Mike Brey figured releasing David Graves into the starting five might get the Irish going again.

It did, and just in time for Notre Dame's first NCAA Tournament appearance in 11 years. "We made an adjustment in the lineup," Brey said, "and that certainly helped us."

Graves moved to 13 first-half points and the Irish (20-9 heading into Sunday's game) jogged to an 83-71 win over Xavier (21-8) in the opening round of the Big East Tournament.

Graves, a junior, and sophomore guard Matt Carroll possessed the Midas touch, as putting the ball in their hands was like finding the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. The backcourt pair put 16 of 18 shots through the hoop for 41 points, Carroll leading the way with 21. "I was shooting the ball well all week," Graves said. "The easier shots you take, the higher percentage you have.

The Musketeers have felt the dagger of Graves' long-range shot before. A year ago, he sliced Xavier for 14 3-pointers, eight of which came in the first 21 first-half points. But Xavier hadn't really been bitten by Carroll, who scored 13 in last season's showdown.

Both years, the Irish ended the Musketeers's season in 2000 with a double-digit margin of victory, both in the second round of the NIT, in 2001 in the first game of the NCAA's. The Irish entered the tournament after an early exit in the Big East Tournament and two regular-season losses, leading many pundits to predict a short trip to March Madness. The "experts" picked 11th-seeded Xavier to upset Notre Dame, seeded sixth in the Midwest Region, but the Irish were having none of the quick trip home they experienced by losing to Pittsburgh in the Big East Tournament.

"After we lost in the Big East Tournament," said senior point guard Martin Ingelsby, "we knew it was one-and-done."

Instead of being done after one game Ingelsby helped his teammate score by dishing off nine assists. They did it with the kind of balance Brey had envisioned at the season's start when he deployed the even scoring distribution of Notre Dame's 1978 Final Four team, the only one in school history.

Junior forwards Troy Murphy, an All-American, and Ryan Humphrey, a Big East third team selection, did their part. They combined to add 34 points to the Irish scoreboard along with 14 rebounds, although Murphy was just 6-for-17 from the field.

"Murphy's a disadvantage to just about anybody in the country because you have to pay so much attention to him," Xavier coach Skip Prosser said. "Sometimes you've got to pick your poison."

The balanced box score and razor-sharp 63 percent shooting gave the Irish an NCAA Tournament victory for the first time since 1989.

Xavier opened the game with a six-point lead before Notre Dame got its juices flowing. The Irish put together a 22-3 run, keyed by Carroll driving deep twice for a lay-up and finger roll, Graves knocking down a 3-pointer and two lay-ups and Murphy hitting a fall-away jumper and throwing down a slam dunk for an exclamation point.

"The spurt in the first half," Prosser said, "we had 12 points for a long time."

The Musketeers never recovered.

LIFE IN THE REAL WORLD

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Ole Miss experience leads to win over Notre Dame

KANSAS CITY, Missouri The Ole Miss men's basketball program is one step ahead of Notre Dame's, and the Rebels remained one pace ahead of the Irish on Sunday. Ole Miss, making its fourth NCAA Tournament appearance in the past five seasons, had experience in its corner. Wide-body senior center Rahim Lockhart entered this year's Tournament with two past toursneys under his belt, and he used his seasoning to give the Irish fits with 24 points and seven rebounds. Fellow Rebel seniors Jason Flanigan and Jason Holmes also were two-year veterans of March Madness, and each played a part in wearing down the Irish.

The Irish looked like rookies to the NCAA Tournament experience. They shot a surprising 29 percent from the field after a red-hot 63 percent touch in the opening round. They managed only six assists and missed several layups, including one in the final minute by Ryan Humphrey.

Maybe the Irish played awkwardly because they didn't recognize the territory. March Madness is a phrase used much more often with women's basketball at Notre Dame in recent years. The men's squad hadn't made the tournament since 1990, and Humphrey, a transfer from Oklahoma, was the only player to have known the Madness. The Irish hadn't even dreamed of advancing to the Sweet 16, which is what they were playing for against the Rebels, in years.

The Rebels played out their one-gait edge on the Irish by recalling coach Rod Barnes harp about playing defense throughout their careers. "If you don't guard," Barnes said, "you're coming out."

Stifling opponents is a trademark for Barnes' teams in the SEC.

"The whole year, we pride ourselves on defense," Lockhart said. "We feel like that's the way we win championships. That was the difference in the game — we came up with the stops we needed to.

"The Irish knew defense was a priority entering the game. "We're of the type of team that we try to score and play with anyone in the country," said senior captain Martin Ingelsby. "But we need defense to make everything work and it makes it more fun."

But the Irish have only had Mike Brey beating defense into their brains since July, and the mentality wasn't quite as deeply ingrained in their instincts as it was for the Rebels.

So in the last minute, with the Rebels up by two, the Irish met their match. The high-scoring Notre Dame offense found itself on a rare off day from the field going up against a team that knew how to get the final stop.

Ole Miss blocked Notre Dame's last opportunity as 6-foot-3 guard David Sanders rattled Notre Dame from the Sweet 16 bracket. Irish sophomore Matt Carroll, Notre Dame's best scorer, went up as if to take a 3-point shot he had hit from the same spot against Xavier. But he had cold shooting against Ole Miss, so when he saw Humphrey going down low, he went for the pass inside, which Sanders slapped away and into Lockhart's hands.

"We're a defensive team first," Sanders said. "Defense is what got us here. Notre Dame didn't play poorly on defense, limiting its opponent to just 59 points, 13 below Ole Miss' average. But the Rebels played spectacularly. They held two-time All-American Troy Murphy to 17 points on 4-of-16 shooting, and stifled Carroll and David Graves into a combined 2-for-17 from the field.

And as suddenly as Sanders appeared for the steal, the one sure thing for Notre Dame, its ability to score, vanished. "Defensively, we gave ourselves every chance to win the basketball game," Brey said.

Ole Miss also had more fresh faces to look to than did the Irish. Nine players logged at least eight minutes of playing time for the Rebels, while only six did the same for the Irish, five of whom played 29 minutes or more.

Come 2002, the Rebels may be no peers for the Irish. Should Murphy, a junior, decide to return for his senior season at Notre Dame, the Irish would be loaded with veterans. They would have all their key players back save Ingelsby at the point, who will be replaced by McDonald's All-American Chris Thomas, trading sheer talent for seasoning and on-court savvy.

And they'll have another year beneath Brey, marking the first time in four years an Irish team has known stability and played for the same coach two straight seasons.

It took just one season to take the Irish from NIT runner-up to one shot away from the Sweet 16. Imagine the Irish after one more year emphasizing defense with a year of tournament experience to draw from.

One more year, and the outcome might have "luck of the Irish" written all over it.

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Please Recycle The Observer.
Irish roll over Alcorn State in 98-49 victory

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Associate Sports Editor

All it took for the 8,553 fans in the Joyce Center to erupt into cheers was the Irish removing their warm-ups. They saw the Irish wearing green uniforms.

"There must have been some luck of the Irish when we unpacked those uniforms," said Notre Dame head coach Muffet McGraw.

No. 16 seeded Notre Dame was simply too tall, too deep and too good for No. 16 seeded Alcorn State as they rolled to a 98-49 victory Saturday afternoon.

The Irish were allowed to wear their green uniforms thanks to a special arrangement with the NCAA. Normally, the higher-seeded team must wear home jerseys and the lower-seeded team must wear away jerseys. But Alcorn State's away uniforms and Notre Dame's home uniforms were both gold, so the NCAA allowed the Irish to wear green, fittingly on St. Patrick's Day.

It was obvious from the opening tip that Notre Dame had a huge height advantage. The Irish had six players as tall or taller than Alcorn State's tallest player, Cherea Umbaugh. Notre Dame completely dominated the inside game. They had 54 points in the paint - led by senior Kelly Faris' 16 and 10 rebounds. The Irish also got some quality minutes from freshman Le'Tania Severe, who registered a career-high four points.

"The height was a big disadvantage," said Alcorn State head coach Shirley Walker. "The Braves tried to take advantage of that by pulling away from the basket, forcing Notre Dame to guard the perimeters. But the strategy backfired as Alcorn State, who took more three-point shots than the Irish, shot a dismal 21 percent from the field, finishing 15-71 and 9-41 from three-point range. "We just missed a lot of shots," said Wood, who shot 4-for-24 from the field and was 0-for-6 from three-point land. "We were in the zone, which we didn't really want to come out of," said McGraw. "When we went man-to-man I thought we stepped up defensively better. I was a little disappointed I didn't go to it earlier."

The Irish had far too much depth for the Braves to handle. Five players scored in double-digits and nobody played more than 30 minutes for the Irish. All 12 players on the Irish roster scored at least two points.

Sophomore Amanda Bankston had the best game of her career. She registered a double-double by scoring 10 points and grabbing 11 rebounds. The Irish also got some quality minutes from freshman La'Tania Severe, who finished with four points.

"It is fun to watch the bench," Riley said. "We see how hard they work in practice everyday, and it was good to see them able to show that on the floor."

Nowhere was this more obvious than when sophomore walk-on Karen Swanson made a difficult five-foot baseline shot. As Swanson, who finished with a career-high four points, ran down the court arms in the air, the Irish bench was on their feet laughing.

The Irish finished shooting 54 percent from the field. Kelly Swanson finished with 13 points and nine rebounds, while Ericka Honev and Alicia Raszy chipped in 14 points and 13 points, respectively. Niele Ivey led the Irish with nine assists.

Karen Swanson rushes down the court in the Irish 98-49 victory over No. 16 Alcorn State during the first round of NCAA tournament play.
Fox Trot

Bill Amend

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Irish seniors say goodbye to Joyce Center with 88-54 win

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sport Editor

The Notre Dame women's basketball team said goodbye Monday night, but it was hardly a sad farewell.

In an NCAA Tournament second-round contest that marked their last game of the season, the Irish topped the Wolverines of Michigan 88-54 in front of 9,597 fans.

For the second time in three days, every player on the Irish roster scored — led by All-American center Ruth Riley's 21 points. The 2000-01 Naismith Award winner made eight of 11 field goals.

Sharon Cosgrove and Jennifer Lawler each added 14 points, and Alicia Ratay and Jeneica Joyce each connected on three treys, including a buzzer-beating shot by Joyce that sent the Wolverines to the locker room on a sour note.

"To hit a shot at the buzzer like that I think kind of breaks your back when you're on defense," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "It was really pleased with the way she played."

Wolverines' coach Sue Guevara agreed.

"That hurt a lot. We were kind of making a mini-run," Guevara said. "With seven seconds left to go, we knew who the shooters are."

Joyce finished with 14 points in 22 minutes, but McGraw was most impressed with the freshman's defense, which helped limit Michigan to 32.9 percent shooting from the field.

Irish unable to pull off key play in 59-56 loss to Ole Miss

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Irish call the play "top." The idea is simple — a pick and roll play designed to leave Troy Murphy or another sharp shooter open for a look at the basket from behind the arc.

It had worked for the Irish in the first half of Notre Dame's 59-56 loss to Ole Miss Sunday in the NCAA Midwest regional at Kemper Arena.

But as the final seconds ticked off the clock and the Irish found themselves trailing by two, the team, wearing their special green uniforms, couldn't get anything special out of "top."

Except a steal.

The stalling Ole Miss defense jammed Murphy up in the middle, and as Matt Carroll opted for an inside pass to Ryan Humphrey instead of the deep shot with seven seconds remaining, Rebel guard David Sanders effectively put an end to Notre Dame's tournament run.

"It was a play they had been running all game," Sanders said. "I was just watching to make sure he didn't get a shot. I think I blind sided him and got a hand on the ball."

It was only fitting that the No. 3-seeded Rebels, a team which focuses on defense above every other facet of the game, earned a trip to the Sweet 16 in San Antonio next weekend with a tough defensive stand.

"We pride ourselves on defense," Rahim Lockhart, the Rebels' two-time All-SEC honoree said.

"We give ourselves every chance to win this basketball game. They made more plays at crunch time than we did." After leading 29-28 at the half, the Irish shot only 23 percent in the second half, going without a single 3-pointer in the final two minutes.

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Off and running

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