Ambassador addresses ‘two Colombias’

By BRIGID SWEENEY

As part of a two-day colloquium on democracy, human rights and peace in Colombia, Ambassador Luis Alberto Moreno addressed a group in McKeown Hall yesterday afternoon, offering goals and plans for the country in the present time.

“Colombia’s problems are very complex and interrelated,” he said. “We need a lot more self-reflection to understand ourselves better, to understand where we want to go and how we want to get there.”

Moreno, who has served as the Colombian Ambassador to the U.S. since 1998, explained the problems Colombia faces. “There are currently two Colombias,” he said. “In urban, modern Colombia, 78 percent of the population lives in 10 cities, and Bogota (the capital city) has a lower crime rate than Washington, D.C.”

The other Colombia, however, struggles with drug trade, a lack of schools and roads, devastation of rain forests and human rights problems. This Colombia encompasses the rural Amazon basin, farming community, which, according to Moreno, “is living in the 19th century.”

In order to combat these problems, he offered several suggestions, including a Human Rights Early Warning System to prevent disappearances, massacres and other human rights abuses.

Moreno urged the audience of professors, authors and human rights activists to resist associating Colombia with other countries that also infringe upon human rights.

“Colombia’s case is unique because, unlike China and other human rights violators, it is a democracy,” he said. “The problem is not a dictator, but rather the pressure of drug traffickers.”

In order to resist this pressure and the resultant lawlessness, Moreno turned to Colombian armed forces.

“We must accept the fact that we still have a lot to do,” he said. “We need better, more accountable armed forces. We need technological advances and troop training to form modern forces that sever all ties with paramilitary groups.”

Moreno also called for a change of attitude in countries’ interactions with Colombia.

“Complaining idly will not get the job done,” he said. “We need creative ideas to increase productivity, strengthen infrastructure, and protect the environment. We need to support free trade initiatives in order to promote growth and job creation.”
Police, mob face off after Penn State loss

Officers in riot gear initially focused on trying to keep people on the sidewalks. After revelers started tossing beer bottles and cans from nearby apartment balconies, King said police were forced to give chase.

The disturbance reached a breaking point at about 11:30 p.m., when crowd members toppled the Stop/Do Not Enter sign in front of Commonwealth Hall. Police then formed a line and pushed south on Locust Lane, yelling people off the street and aiming pepper spray at the crowd.

Officers subsequently used the wedge tactic to divide and disperse crowds gathered on the other side of Locust Lane and in either direction on Beaver Avenue.

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"If [Murphy] decides not to come back, I'll be the first to congratulate him." Head coach Mike Brzy on Murphy's decision on whether to enter the NBA draft or play for the Irish for a full four years.

"Saint Mary's carries a lot of clout and when they do something like this, it influences others to follow." Mike Krak, union representative, on the college's decision to use a non-union firm.
IU construction plans underway near ND

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER
News Writer

Indiana University is finalizing plans for a building on the corner of Angela Ave. and Notre Dame Ave. that will house its South Bend Center for Medical Education and Notre Dame's Walther Cancer Research Center. The Center for Medical Education is currently located in the basement of Haggart Hall. It will be a 9-story building on IU property. IU is responsible for its construction, but Notre Dame will have a long-term lease that lets IU use the building's final design, University Vice President and Associate Provost Jeffrey Kantor said.

The South Bend Center for Medical Education is a branch of the Indiana University School of Medicine and one of eight satellite centers in its medical school. The center has 32 first and second-year medical students who are registered as Notre Dame graduate students and enjoy the same benefits as all Notre Dame students, such as tickets to football games, access to campus housing and campus grade reports. The students complete their education at Indiana's main campus at Bloomington.

The Walther Cancer Research Center in collaboration of the Walther Cancer Institute and the College of Science and studies the treatment and prevention of cancer.

"It is a pre-clinical, fundamental medical research facility — there are no patients," said Kantor.

The space for the new center is being built on the same property. The state-owned facility was closed in 1999 and IU worked in cooperation with Notre Dame to obtain the property from the state. The hospital has been destroyed and planning for the new facility, set to open in 2003, is almost completed.

"We are still designing the interior and have about three more meetings left before construction can begin," said Dr. John O'Malley, director of the South Bend Center for Medical Education.

The new building will greatly increase the center's space and makes it possible that the center's enrollment may eventually increase above the current 32 student limit. "It will at least triple the amount of space we have and it's conceivable that the number of students could increase," said Dr. John O'Malley. Kantor said that when the center moves from its current location in the basement of Haggart Hall, that space will be assigned to the psychology department, where the space is "badly needed."

SMC ‘takes back the night’

By MYRA McGRIFF
Saint Mary’s Editor

In the annual tradition of Take Back the Night, more than 20 students from both Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame campuses joined together Monday night to call awareness to sexual assaults that have occurred on Saint Mary’s campus. The international event is a ritual symbolizing a recovery of space where a specific sexual assault took place. The students formed circles around each site on Saint Mary’s campus where a student had been sexually assaulted.

Saint Mary’s students said prayers, sang chants and read poetry to represent the reclaiming of a space. As specified in part of a chant, reclaiming space signifies two points: one to empower women and two as strength for victims of sexual assault. "Women are given a chance to gather and raise awareness about an issue that affects all of us," said Katie Pyonter, Campus Alliance for Rape Elimination (CARE) officer. "It makes people involved more aware but also provides a spiritual healing and forgiving."

"It makes people involved more aware but also provides a spiritual healing and forgiving," said Lindsay Evans, a participant in the event. The participating students saw the event as an opportunity for people that have been attacked to speak out. "It makes people involved more aware but also provides a spiritual healing and forgiving," said Lindsay Evans. The event was held in the event came not only to heighten their awareness, but also to stand in solidarity with survivors. Although they may not have been assaulted, students felt an obligation to stand up in a safe space for their friends. "I had a friend who was attacked and I knew the guy and it was never reported. I came because I thought it was a safe space," said Evans. Other students have come to share their experiences.

Feeling that victims do not get a voice or a place to feel understood, students wanted to come and experience self-expression without censorship. "I can bring back to Notre Dame, to people that do not feel they have a place to express their feelings, that there is an organization that does empower women to feel safe and express it," said Jana Vendergosti, a Notre Dame fifth year.
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Some students praised the success of Knight's basketball program, while at the same time mentioning some of Knight’s actions.

"He is a good basketball coach but some of his methods aren’t right," said sophomore Mike Vittil.

"I think that he’s a good coach but sometimes he uses a power hungry approach," said sophomore Abbey Conn.

Vittil and Conn were not planning to attend the speech because of other commitments, but both said they would probably be attending if they could. Sophomore Alex Clark similarly said he wished he was going to be able to hear Knight speak.

"He’ll be interesting — controversial, but different is always good for college campuses," Clark said. "You can’t just discount him because he’s a power hungry guy.” Some students were even stronger in their defense of Knight, and said they were looking forward to listening to his speech.

"I think he’ll show a more human side," said Harald Johnsen.

"I want to know why he chose Chicago. I want to know why he threw the chair," said Jas Scarborough, a sophomore.

"All you see is Bobby Knight yelling at people," Johnson said. "I think it would be something good about the guy." The public and the media were both impressed by Knights, according to Johnson. Both Johnson and Scarborough pointed to Knight’s success as a head coach and his ability to recruit players.

"I think he is a good coach — I like Bobby Knight," Scarborough said. He added that one of his friends from high school is currently recruited by Knight to play at Indiana.

Because of his reputation, his speech could lead to a significant discussion on campus, according to graduate student Cristina Mendoza.

"Maybe it’s good to dialogue going on what’s appropriate for adult role models," Mendoza said, adding that she was "frankly surprised that Texas Tech would hire him." Whether or not it will start a discussion about role models, Knight’s behavior certainly has put him in the headlines, particularly when he was fired as Indiana’s coach and then hired to coach Texas Tech.

"Bob Knight’s in the headlines so much, probably recently," said Christ in explaining why he thought Knight would be a popular speaker at the University. Knight is also pointed by growing popularity of basketball at Notre Dame as a reason why the SUB chose to invite Knight.

"Notre Dame is into basketball this year," Christ said. "He’s a figure that’s definitely had a major impact on NCAA basketball, said the SUB. The VIP’s budget and that revenue will cover the entire cost of the event. However, this body right now, in cooperation with the University, mission proposition that one of the three academic freedom resolutions for up a vote, and there was strong sentiment that Greene presented what in effect an amended version of it Monday.

"We shouldn’t be saddened. This is an issue that students have voiced support for," Student Senate representative Seth Whetzel said. "This isn’t a mask or a guise for trying to get this passed because we haven’t passed other resolutions.” Some conferences surrounded the actual vote on the resolution.

When the initial 9-6 vote in favor of the resolution didn’t represent the required two-thirds majority for passage, Brian O’Donoghue, the student body president and usually non-voting CLC chair, voted for the resolution and noted its approval.

A review of CLC bylaws indicated that the chair can only vote to break a tie, so O’Donoghue, an obvious proponent of the resolution, passed his gavel to Brooke Norton, student body vice president, making her the chair. In a second vote, O’Donoghue again voted for the measure, but it failed 7-9. It was then referred to students and professors in favor of the proposal and rectors and administrators in opposition to it.

Another resolution sponsored by Greene and targeting faculty involvement in campus clubs will be up for consideration at the CLC’s April 23 meeting.

The council unanimously approved a resolution on residence hall access Monday.

It calls for universal access by 2003 to dorms for students, residents, faculty through the Lenel system, a swipe-access mechanism. Ten dorms already have the system installed, and the proposal proposes each of those halls to make it available to the Notre Dame community no later than this fall.

"We currently have 27 different access policies. Should this pass, we’d have 18 different policies, which is better than we have now," said Father Dave Schnieder, S.T. Hall reci.
**WORLD NEWS BRIEFS**

**Six charged in Malawi coup plot:** Six people have been arrested on charges of plotting a coup against Malawi's president, police said Monday. The six have been charged with treason and accused of trying to replace President Bakili Muluzi, said Milward Chikwambwa, police commissioner for southern Malawi. Treason carries a death sentence in Malawi, a former British protectorate.

**Saudis ban Pokemon cards:** Saudi Arabia has banned Pokemon cards, saying they show symbols associated with Israel and are harmful to kids. The kingdom has made into a multibillion dollar enterprise that is enormously popular around the world.

**U.S. fighters missing in Scotland**

Associated Press

Two U.S. F-15 fighter jets were reported missing Monday over a Scottish mountain range, the U.S. Air Force said.

The aircraft, on a training flight from the U.S. airbase at Lakenheath, 75 miles northeast of London, lost contact with ground control when they were over the Cairngorms. The Royal Air Force spokeswoman said the planes left Lakenheath at around 12.30 p.m. (6:30 a.m. EST) for a three-hour sortie over the Scottish highlands.

NATO urges restraint in conflict

Associated Press

The Macedonian government came under pressure Monday from NATO and the European Union to show restraint in its crackdown on ethnic Albanian rebels, signaling new momentum for a political solution to end the six-week standoff.

With the battle grounds quiet, NATO Secretary-General Lord Robertson and European Union security affairs chief Javier Solana arrived in the former Yugoslav republic for talks.

Referring to gains made by the Macedonian army in recent fighting, Robertson said on arrival, "They have taken the military highground above Tetovo, now is the time for the government to take the political high ground."

"If Solana, who arrived later, told reporters, "Now is the moment for politics.""

"Objectives cannot be met through violent acts," he said. Robertson and Solana both held talks with Macedonian President Boris Trajkovski.

Macedonian forces dug in overnight after piercing rebel lines and retaking ground held by ethnic Albanians and vowed that their offensive would continue until the rebels were driven out of the country.

The ragtag infantry pushed through rebel positions in a day of fierce battle Sunday that raged in the hills just outside Tetovo, Macedonia's second-largest city, spraying houses with bullets and forcing the guerrillas to pull back.

Even while saying the time had come for a political effort, Solana and Robertson underlined NATO and EU support for the Skopje government's action. NATO has worried that the rebel insurgency could widen ethnic divisions in Macedonia — where at least one-quarter of the population are ethnic Albanians living with a Slav majority — and open up a new Balkan war.

**NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS**

**Plane skids off taxiway:** A Southwest Airlines plane with 141 people on board ran off a taxiway at Baltimore-Washington International Airport Sunday, but no one was injured. Flight 439 skidded onto a grassy field as it was preparing for takeoff to Nashville, airport spokesman John White said. Passengers were taken back to the terminal and checked onto another flight to Nashville, White said. Technicians were checking the plane Sunday night for a cause of the skid.

**Nun murdered by monk:** A nun was found stabbed and beaten to death in a Miami suburb at the Eastern Orthodox Church school where she lived and worked. and an 18-year-old monk confessed to the slaying, police said Monday. Mykhaylo Kofel, a Ukrainian belonging to the Byzantine Orthodox Church, was jailed without bail on charges of murder and burglary.

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**Ethnic Albanians cross the border into Kosovo, fleeing the escalating conflict between government troops and opposition forces.**

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Final Four tickets on sale

A limited number of reserved seats for the 2001 Women's Final Four will go on sale to Notre Dame students at 9 a.m. today at the Joyce Center Ticket Office (Gate I). The Women's Final Four will take place Friday and Sunday in the Savvis Center in St. Louis. Tickets for the collegiate basketball tourney are $100 each, which includes the Friday semi-final game and the championship game on Sunday.

Students wishing to purchase tickets must present a valid student I.D. at the ticket window. Students can present a maximum of six student I.D.s at the time of purchase. Student tickets will be available from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and Wednesday. Beginning Thursday, any unsold student tickets will be sold to those currently on a waiting list held by the ticket office.

Any questions regarding the Women's Final Four ticket sale should be directed to Jim Frishkorn, assistant athletic director, at 631-7356.

CORRECTIONS

- In the Asian Month article, the reference to the Asian Club was incorrect. The club is named Pacific Islanders and Asian Club (PAC). Also, the treasurer, Karla Flores, referred to as Caucasian in the article is Mexican-American. PAC was not mistaken to be the Porn Squad as performers in Troop ND. The Porn Squad performed at the International Festival, not Troop ND's Urban Grove. The Observer regrets the errors.

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Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. A federal jury on Monday decided in the case of a veterans hospital nurse who killed four patients by injecting them with a heart stimulant.

Kirsten Gilbert, 33, was spared a sentence of death by injection. She would have become the only woman on federal death row.

U.S. District Judge Michael Ponsor formalized the jury's recommendation, sentencing Gilbert to four consecutive life terms without the possibility of parole.

He also sentenced her to two 20-year terms for trying to kill two other veterans, and to several lesser charges.

Ponsor could not have overruled the jury to impose the death penalty. Before the formal sentencing, he allowed some relatives of the victims a last chance to speak.

Claire Jagadowski told the judge of the loss of her husband, 60-year-old Stanley Jagadowski: "I still listen for his key in the door. Now I have to face old age alone."

Gilbert declined an opportunity to address the judge. She wept softly when the jury's decision was read.

Her father and grandparents had pleaded with jurors to let her live. Some of her neighbors were thought to be devastating to them and Gilbert's two sons.

"It's a very bittersweet day when you think your daughter is free," said Gilbert's two sons.

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Nikola Dimitrov national security advisor

Macedonia

Troops purge civilian community

TETOVER

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In the most intense fighting in six weeks of conflict with the rebels, the army has broken through a roadblock and moved into the ethnic Albanian village of Gajre, 2 1/2 miles north of Tetovo, setting afire homes suspected of sheltering rebels. Two helicopters strafed the thickly forested hillsides.

After taking Gajre, the troops regrouped and set up positions overlooking Lave, another rebel-held village just north of Gajre. The army says it also taken Tetovo village, an ancient Turkish fortress creating a hill that it said had been a rebel stronghold.

Two soldiers, one police officer and four civilians were slightly injured, government spokesmen Antonio Milososki said.

"This is a fight against the terrorists, not against any single ethnic community."

Police spokesman Stevo Pendarovski said the four civilians were a family residing in a taxi that entered an area of intense combat. He said the army had "captured several terrorists."

While not suggesting all-out victory, Prime Minister Ljubco Georgievski said government forces were doing well, adding that the thrust to "clear the terrain of terrorists ... is being carried out successfully, and already key positions have been taken."

But the army acknowledged that the rebels, who have ties to ethnic Albanian militants in the neighboring Yugoslav province of Kosovo, were formidable and well-armed opponents.

"The commanders on the ground confirmed that we are facing an organized terrorist resistance, including sophisticated weapons, cannon and mortars," Army Chief Brig. Markovski said Sunday.

"The Kosovo situation is the government's offensive — which the government had threatened last week to 'neutralize and eliminate' the rebels — had gone according to plan. "Several terrorists positions have been taken ... we will go on until the final takeover of all terrorist positions." Hundreds of refugees streaming across the border into Kosovo early Monday. Many told of Macedonian helicopters firing on them as they fled their homes.

"While walking through the hills, búsqueda family came across our heads and started firing into the woods which were filled by refugees," said Arie

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Evidence found in Dartmouth murders

Knives in suspect's house stained with victim's blood

Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H. — Knives found in the bedroom of one of the teen-agers accused of murdering two Dartmouth College professors were stained with blood matching one of the victims, according to court documents released Monday.

The two knives were found in a box in the bedroom of Robert Tulloch, 16, of Chelsea, Vt., and Susanne Zantop, 16, of Hanover home on Jan. 27.

"On one knife, DNA consistent with Susanne Zantop was detected," the documents say. "On the second knife, DNA consistent with Susanne Zantop was detected, with a mixture of another source of DNA." The documents say investigators have the boy's fingerprints were on a knife sheath found at the Zantop home.

Police also concluded that footsteps inside and outside the Zantop home matched Tulloch's left boot, the documents said.

The papers released Monday also say that during a search of Tulloch's home on Feb. 16 and Feb. 17, investigators seized "several documents including literature, school essays, and books, including "Der Fuhrer," which addressed the topics of Germany, Hitler and the inaccuracy of America during the Holocaust." Police also saw literature "referencing the Ku Klux Klan and violent computer games. Computers were seized from the homes of both boys.

"The nature of these documents does not undermine their confidence in the innocence of their son," a judge released search warrants and other arrest information after prosecutors said they no longer would fight to keep the documents secret. Earlier this month, a judge released documents describing what led police to the suspects, who were arrested last month at an Indiana truck stop.

Tulloch and James Parker, 16, both of Chelsea, Vt., are accused of fatally stabbing Hal and Susanne Zantop in the professors' Hanover home on Jan. 27.

"It's incomprehensible and inconceivable that Jimmy Parker could have had anything to do with this crime," he said.

Evidence found in Dartmouth murders

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Evidence that many Americans may poison their livers by unwittingly taking toxic doses of acetaminophen has the government considering if consumers need stiffer warnings about the popular over-the-counter painkiller.

It's not the first time acetaminophen, best known by the Tylenol brand, has drawn federal concern. There are warnings not to take it if you consume more than three alcoholic drinks, because the combination can poison your liver.

But the latest worry is about overdoses: taking too much for too long, or mixing the myriad acetaminophen-containing headache, cold/flu and other remedies, or just popping extra pills.

Because acetaminophen is nonprescription, people think "it must be safe and they take it like M&Ms," sighs Dr. William Lee of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas.

Lee's data suggest acetaminophen overdoses could be a bigger cause of liver failure than some prescription drugs recently banned for liver poisoning, such as the diabetes medicine Rezulin.

He tracked more than 300 acute liver failure cases at 22 hospitals and linked 38 percent to acetaminophen, versus 18 percent of cases caused by other medications. In a second database tracking 307 adults suffering severe liver injury — not full-fledged failure — at six hospitals, Lee linked acetaminophen to 35 percent of cases.

Most were accidents and should have been preventable, Lee contends.

The findings surprised Food and Drug Administration officials, who this month began investigating how big a risk the painkiller poses and whether Americans need more explicit warnings to use it safely. They even are seeking data from Britain, where so many people used acetaminophen for suicide that British health authorities now restrict how many tablets people are sold at once.

"It is conspicuous in its magnitude compared to some of the other bad players we've taken off the market," says Dr. Peter Honig, FDA's postmarketing drug safety chief. "We're looking at the data to decide if something has to be done, and what."

Certainly millions of Americans safely take acetaminophen every day. Tylenol maker McNeil Consumer Healthcare calls it one of the safest over-the-counter products and insists liver failure occurs only with substantial overdoses.

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FDA probes Acetaminophen

Acetaminophen by another name

Many Americans may be unknowingly overdosing on the drug acetaminophen, best known by the Tylenol brand, according to a recent study. Many over-the-counter drugs contain acetaminophen, which can cause liver damage if taken in heavy doses. Here is a sampling of drugs that contain acetaminophen.

Prescription medicines:

- Tylenol with codeine
- Percocet
- Vicodin
- Cold and flu remedies
- Bayer Select Flu Relief Caplets
- Benadryl Cold
- Corwin High Flu Relief
- Dranest Cold and Flu
- MyQuil Liquicaps
- Robitussin Honey Flu
- Tylenol Cold and Flu
- Vick's Daygrip Liquicaps

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Protestors reject nuclear shipment

Associated Press

A train loaded with some 60 tons of nuclear waste in six sealed containers crossed into Germany from France late Monday, angrily awaited by protesters along its route to a waste dump.

The shipment is carrying radioactive waste left over after spent nuclear fuel from Germany was reprocessed at a French plant.

Hoping to avert violence, Germany put 15,000 police on alert along the route as the train headed toward its border. About 2,000 officers awaited the train in the border area, and the station at Woerth — where a German locomotive was to be attached — was heavily guarded.

Protesters were camped out awaiting the train's arrival, and police removed a group of people who earlier blocked the track south of Woerth.

In northern Germany, hundreds of people took part Monday in sit-down protests on rail tracks near the waste dump. Some 400 were removed by police, and at least 35 more were detained after loosing ties under a 50-yard section of track. Officials said the damage would not affect the shipment.

The political impact was already being felt in Berlin as the train trundled through France earlier in the day. The Greens party faced cries of betrayal from anti-nuclear activists who are among its core supporters.

Rooted in the anti-nuclear movement, the party now is in the government that approved the first cross-border waste shipment since 1997.

Anti-nuclear activists said authorities prepared at least nine alternate routes for the transport across Germany to be able to skirt protests.

Police braced for a repeat of clashes with protesters that accompanied the last shipment four years ago. They promised tough action against any blockades by demonstrators.

Especially vulnerable was the final 12-mile stretch from a rail terminal to the waste dump, where trucks will transport the containers — each with about 10 tons of radioactive waste sealed in 28 glass casks.

In Valognes, France, a few Greenpeace activists stood watch early Monday as the transport left, firing flares and waving banners against the nearby La Hague reprocessing plant before being removed by police.

Anti-nuclear groups say their aim is to drive up the cost of waste shipments and persuade utilities that nuclear plants are not economical.

"Every transport from La Hague makes another transport to La Hague possible, securing the continued operation of the nuclear power plants," said Rasmus Grobe, a spokesman for a protest group whose symbol, a large yellow X, has appeared on walls and roads across the country.

German and French leaders agreed on a resumption of nuclear traffic last January, with the German government saying it has tightened safety rules for the transports since the previous administration suspended shipments in 1998 because of radioactive leaks on some containers.

ARGENTINA

Congress passes recession measure

Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES After 15 difficult months in office, Argentina's president won initial approval Monday for special powers to tackle a 33-month-old recession that shows no signs of easing.

Argentina's lower house voted 131 to 81 in favor of extending some of Congress' lawmaking authority to President Fernando de la Rua, part of his request for unilateral-decree powers to help revive the economy.

House lawmakers were expected to continue debating the special powers line-by-line later Monday before handing the proposal over to the Senate for final consideration.

De la Rua and Economy Minister Domingo Cavallo have argued that sweeping executive powers are needed to trim taxes, deregulate financial markets, reduce federal agencies and cut red tape in bureaucracy as cost-saving stimulants to recovery.

But House deputies were expected to impose limits, denying the president the power to fire public workers, reduce pensions or sell state assets.

"We will end this long recession and we will resolve the problem of fiscal solvency," Cavallo told Argentina's largest daily, Clarin, before the House debate.

Cavallo has said the success of the government's economic plan could hinge on whether special powers are granted. As envisioned by Cavallo, Congress would have the power to supervise the executive branch only through a committee formed of leaders of the two main parties in Congress.

Opponents argued that special powers go beyond the Constitution and pose a threat to the separation of the executive and legislative branches.

Argentina's economic crisis has trapped South America's second-largest economy in a fog of 14.7 percent unemployment and expanding public debt totaling $120 billion, nearly half the country's gross domestic product.

The economy's continued ill health could pose high stakes for emerging markets. But as a precaution, the International Monetary Fund in December led a $40 billion emergency package meant as insurance against any Argentine default on debt payments.

Last October, Vice President Carlos Alvarez quit after suggesting the administration didn't have the political will to combat an inflation-peddling scandal in the Senate. He was the most visible leader of the left-leaning Frepaso movement, the junior partner in the ruling coalition led by De la Rua's centrist Radical party.

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St. Paul's Chapel, Fisher Hall
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Wednesday, March 28, 1:00 p.m.
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One of the best examples of the mediation or authority of the Church in the New Testament is the Council of Jerusalem. There, in approximately the year 50 A.D., the early church had to decide one of the most important questions in all of church history. Should all Christians have to abide by the Jewish religious ritual laws such as circumcision? If the Council decided in favor, then all the Romans and Greeks would effectively have to become Jews first in order to become Christians. By deciding against imposing circumcision and the many dietary and other laws of the Old Testament, the Church opened itself to the evangelization of all the ancient world.

Much of world history was shaped by this one singular decision, found in Acts 15. The issue was not left to individual Christians to decide for themselves in their own consciences. The decision was made by the apostles and elders of the church gathered together and drawing on the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and their knowledge of Christ and his teachings. The decision was made once and for all, and has never been revisited because Christians recognize the mediated authority of the apostolic ministry of the Church.

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This leaves the question of whether this apostolic ministry continued after the apostles had died. Again, we turn to scripture for evidence of an ongoing apostolic ministry. Paul, writing to Timothy about his call to ministry, speaks of the "gift of God given through the imposition of my hands." (2 Tim 1:6-7) To Titus Paul gives orders to pur up the Church of Crete by appointing presbyters (anecedent term for priests and bishops). (Titus 1:5) Besides the scriptural evidence, the writings of the early church fathers are unanimous in their understanding of the apostolic ministry continuing from generation to generation through the laying on of hands.

One final note, the mediation of the church whether through the formation of teachings or through the ministry of the sacraments never replaces or opposes the immediate and personal relationship between a Christian and Christ which is always necessary and is at the heart of any real conversion. The Church is rather the Body of Christ which gives to the individual believer the spiritual resources to enter into that personal relationship. The church gives us the scriptures, the sacraments, teachings, and generations of witnesses and their testimony to the power of Christ in their lives.

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.

Bible Study

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Molly Strzelcki
Growing Up to be a Kid

Listen, this is how it goes, and this is how I have accepted it for the past four years. There are two, maybe three types of relationship statuses at Saint Mary's and Notre Dame:

1. You are in a committed relationship, which means you are basically married but do not actually live together.
2. You are single.
3. (Which is really a subset of 2.)
   - You are single, but you hook up wherever and however you can.
   - I promised myself that I would not do this, nor would I brush this subject, but I have done it. I am not going to complain about the way things go because it has been done — numeber of times. Dating here is just a subject that is huge and time and thought consuming, so why not?
   - People, just accept it. Dating on these campuses sucks. The previous are your three options and that is how it goes. (Although I have heard the legend about a guy relationship with a girl who barely knew and asking her out to dinner. Just like that. Goodness, I think, though, that it was really a well-worn myth.)

Anyhow, I notice that a lot of people seem to misconstrue what, exactly, when it actually happens, a date is. I can honestly say I am not really sure. But I can tell you what a date is not.

A date is not:
- Sitting around, drinking beer, watching movies and then making out.
- Anything involving Mario Kart, Mario Soccer, Mario Golf, Dream Team 2000, PlayStation or Nintendo 64 games.
- Going to an SYR or formal.
- Things like that.

These are not dates. I do not care if they sometimes involve dinner, flowers, nice conversations, smooches, whatever. They are not dates! They are make-out sessions with G-rated foreplay.

It makes me wonder if other colleges across the nation are like this. Are the schools in this community so academically based that we lose all concept of socializing with the opposite? Are we students so involved with our studies in order to better ourselves for the real world that the capacity for normal dating is like a 747 flying right over our heads? Very, very doubtful.

It is amazing then, to me, that people get married after going through this. How did they manage to meet their significant other while only three months back they could hardly form a coherent sentence or talked so much the affect backed away very quickly?

I would like to add in here that I am not pin-pointing this on the guys. Girls are just as jumpy in the dating scene. The same goes for you. Although, I have noticed that we take it to the opposite end. We are predominantly the ones who chat on and on and on, not leaving you any room to talk. And I understand why, sometimes we do not hold up our end of the bargain in a conversation — because there are those girls out there who, after talking to a guy for five minutes, assume that (ha, ha) they are now dating.

That in mind, I would like to clear something up for anyone guy or girl who would like to add this to their growing weight of doing the right thing.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"She's the sort of woman who lives for others — you can always tell the others by their baited expression."

C. S. Lewis
writer
**Migrant Experiences Seminar increases awareness**

Over Spring Break, 15 of my friends and I went to Florida. Our destination was, however, unusual. As participants in the Center for Social Concerns' Migrant Experiences Seminar, we spent the week in the agricultural town of Immokalee, studying and living with migrant workers.

We lived and worked with the workers who bring most of the United States its winter tomatoes and oranges. Most of the workers that pick these crops are immigrants from Mexico, Haiti or Guatemala. These workers work hard to keep America fed and are paid sub-poverty wages. Agricultural workers are exempt from most major labor regulations: no benefits, union or minimum wage. Their pay is based on how much they pick. Every morning they wait to see if they might be able to get a job in the fields. As the seasons change the workers move to follow the crops. During our week in Immokalee we saw many injustices and problems. We saw small, run-down hovels being rented for up to $200 per week. The workers who lived there could count themselves lucky for finding a place to live. I met a 20-year-old immigrant from Guatemala whose month-long journey to the United States had ended only 15 days earlier and she still had no work. She was sad and lonely, wondering why she came to America; she could have been unemployed in Guatemala. But most of all, we saw hard working, honest men and women living in squalor, trying to provide for their families and feed America.

The Catholic Church calls us to live in solidarity with these workers. Pope John Paul II says that we are called to "restore to agricultural [workers] ... their just value ... To proclaim and promote the dignity of all work but especially of agricultural work." (Laborum Exercens, On Human Work, #21, 1981). We, the participants in the migrant experiences seminar, hope that you will join us in a real way that can make a difference. For over 20 years, the price that a worker received for a bucket of tomatoes has remained at 40 cents. Several years ago, a farmworker advocacy group, the Coalition of Immokalee Workers, negotiated a five-cent raise from most major pickers. All except one agreed to this change: Six L's packing company. Because of Six L's unwillingness to talk about the possibility of increasing their wage, the Coalition is calling for a nation-wide boycott of one of Six L's major buyers, Taco Bell. If Taco Bell was to raise the price of a Chalupa one quarter of one cent, they could more than double the wages of the workers. Please join us in standing in solidarity with these workers by attending an informational and organizational meeting at the CSC on Thursday at 7 p.m. Go to the Coalition's website at www.cisw.org. And next time you take a bite of tomato or pick up an orange, think of those unappreciated workers who supply us with the bounty of food we rely on everyday.

Chris Rupar
Kennesaw Hall
March 26, 2001

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**Students address building plan concerns**

**Non-union builder inconsistent with school values**

We are writing in direct response to the article, "SNC To Hire Non-unionized Workers" in the March 22 issue of The Observer. We are very surprised that Saint Mary's has decided to contract with the non-unionized company, Majority Builders Inc.

We question many of the comments made by our president's financial advisor, Keith Dennis, and are disappointed with the lack of the information provided. As Dennis stated in the article, "four contractors presented proposals that were much higher than the product budget." What is the projected budget for this project? What were the bids of the first four contractors? How much higher were they than the projected budget? What is the difference between the unionized and non-unionized bids? Only one of these numbers were provided in the article. We would appreciate and challenge our administration to provide this information to the larger community.

Dennis also claims that, "four out of the eight sub contractors Majority has chosen for the job are unionized." The sub contractors are unfortunately a minority of the total workforce building our new maintenance building.

As a Catholic institution who values the dignity of all human beings, the hiring of non-unionized workers is contradictory. Majority Builders Inc. assumes that a living wage is a privilege one earns rather than a basic human right. The company does this through a merit system which awards long-term employees with such things as a living wage and health benefits. Beginning employees do not receive such "rewards." By contracting with this company, Saint Mary's is contributing to the devaluing of workers.

As the article states, this decision was made after months of deliberation. Saint Mary's, as a leading force in the South Bend community, is setting a standard that seems detrimental to the larger community.

We are surprised that a college, which just a year ago signed a Code of Conduct in support of unions on the international level, is undermining union organizing at home. As concerned community members we await our administration's response regarding this issue.

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**Unionized workers a Catholic issue**

As a member of the Notre Dame-Saint Mary's and South Bend Community, I am deeply troubled by Saint Mary's College's decision to contract the construction of a new maintenance facility to Majority Builders. Saint Mary's has awarded this project to a company that has consistently undermined the rights and dignity of its workers in paying substandard wages.

Notre Dame and Saint Mary's continue to stress an interest in forging strong partnerships with the South Bend Community. However, in choosing Majority Builders, Saint Mary's tacitly endorses the exploitation of local workers. Saint Mary's has placed its own economic interest above the interests of the community and basic human dignity. As Catholics, we have a moral obligation to make economic decisions and investments that enhance economic opportunity, community life and social justice.

Julie Hodek
Saint Mary's College
March 26, 2001
Indie rocker Yorn emerges through talent and honesty

By MAUREEN SMITHE
Scene Music Critic

When 26-year-old Pete Yorn sang at a school talent show, his friends urged him to put down the microphone. Thankfully, he chose not to heed the advice of his friends and moved to California after college to try his hand at music. The result is something like a fairy tale — for both Yorn and his listeners. This New Jersey native has the potential to become a big city rocker with Musicforthemorningafter, his first major label release.

The product of many hours spent recording and experimentation, Satellite Rides readily affirms Yorn's introverted style and lyrical creativity. With hints of Eddie Vedder and Jeff Buckley in his voice, it is no wonder that "Rolling Stone" hails him as one of the "Next Big Things for 2001."

Opening with the crackle of a needle on vinyl, Yorn establishes a vintage legitimacy that continues throughout the album. "Life on a Chain." - the song he acoustically sang alone to seal the deal with Columbia — is the first of many love-inspired songs. "I was warmed. You were just around the corner from me, and the kind of song you want to listen to in a convertible with the top down and the volume up. Yorn's ballad writing reaches its height with "Lose You." "I don't need a better thing/ I'll settle for less/ It's the secret to him. "Do you wanna borrows his innovativeness? "Someday my voice will reach you/ A voice that's paired with the quickness of For Nancy" confirms Yorn's diverse musical talents.

Yorn takes on a rebel attitude with "Murry," playing with its jumpy beat from the drums and a refrain that defies classification with Satellite Rides. Miller and Ken Bethea's hardest guitar work. The mournful song of "Loser" is one of the most lyrically and acoustically beautiful song on the album, "E2". - proves Yorn's impressive vocal range. "It was easy when you were younger/ You can put it back together/ It wasn't there if you ever wanted it/ But you closed the door and said "goodbye for good."

The hushed tone in his somber acoustics, including "E2" and "Simone," takes the listener on a tour of Yorn's mind, giving his songs meaning beyond the lyrics. Yorn's indie good looks and impressive musical talent make enough make any girl fall instantly in love with him. But to make sure he has his female listener drooling, he adds the secret track "You," a love song so simple and honest it will draw tears. "Someday I'll look into her green eyes and know that she'll come with me/ A girl like you/ Too many things I do not care/ But one thing that I adore/ Is a girl like you/ Yorn has star appeal in every way he has one.

Having contributed to both movie and television soundtracks, Yorn's dabbling in the Hollywood circuit lends legitimacy to his resume. He composed and recorded the score for the movie "Me, Myself and Irene," including the song "Strange Condition" which appears on that soundtrack and on Musicforthemorningafter. The song "Just Another" can also be found on Songs From Dawson's Creek Volume 2. It is hard not to like Pete Yorn. His punchy, emotive voice and honest willingness to speak his truth present a unique appeal. Listen to this bit of advice and follow it buy this CD.

INDIE REVIEW

Old 97's succeeds by breaching musical boundaries

By LAURA KELLY
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If the Old 97's are trying to define themselves with a single album, the eclectic Satellite Rides has accomplished exactly what they wanted.

Their country/rock/British Invasion/pop sound bounces on every track, shifting styles and dynamics even within the songs themselves. From first listen, it's clear the four boys from Dallas are playing more smoothly than ever, and still managing to keep their tunes to the quick radio-length bites that have become their signature.

Several songs from Satellite Rides leap out as instant singles, more traditional rock or pop songs that could become Smash. "King of All The World" is a happy, sing-along tune, with some of Rhett Miller and Ken Bethea's heaviest guitar work. The catchy "Bird in a Cage" has a jumpy beat from Philip Peeples on the drums and a refrain that's guaranteed to stick in your head — "a bird in a hand is worth a bird in a cage is worth a bird on a telephone wire."

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The novelty of commanding a band or performer that blends seemingly disparate styles has worn off by now. Such a process is practically as old as music itself. A truly unique artist nowadays would be one that is easily classifiable, drawing influence solely from one genre, and never leaving the confines of that genre in his or her own music. G. Love and Special Sauce is not one of these artists, yet the Philadelphia band still manages to forge its own distinct sound that is ultimately greater than the sum of its parts.

G. Love has also made his affinity for cooking well known to his fans in a number of tasty songs like "Recipe," "Cold Beverage" and "Baby's Got Sauce." He has even produced a 30-minute instructional video called "Cookin' with G."

On each of the band's five major label releases, Prescott and Clemens have consistently put forth the type of subtle rhythmic maneuvers that make jazz freaks scream with ecstasy. On stage, they command less attention than their more picturesque and flamboyant front man, but their ability to lay down one thick groove after another is undeniable.

One certainty cannot overlook the contributions of G. Love when trying to dissect the band's distinct sound. His guitar playing is noticeably street-schooled, where chord charts are discarded in favor of trial and error methods of moving fingers around the fretboard until it sounds good. His vocal stylings, all too reminiscent of Fester in "The Addams Family," are fluid and seductive, if not totally comprehensible.

Regarding the band's discography, it would appear at first glance that G. Love has gone through a gradual process of maturation. Eight years ago he pronounced himself "the Kool-Aid Kid" who must have his bever­ages refrigerated before he consumes them. He proceeded to tackle larger issues on 1997's "Yeah It's That Easy," including a tribute to a fallen Philadelphia police officer. On 1999's "Philadelphia," G. Love ventured into the realm of spirituality, pulling quotes from Baird T. Spalding's "Life and Teaching of The Masters of the Far East" in the song "Numbers." But truthfully, G. Love has always put forth both silliness and seriousness in his songs, a point he makes quite adamantly.

"I've always written all those types of songs, and some of my earliest songs have had an important social message," G. Love said in a recent phone interview. "Some of the first songs I ever wrote, like "This Ain't Living" and "Eyes Have Milk" (both from the 1994 self-titled debut record), have dealt with serious issues. When people tell me that my music has gotten more mature, I always say that I write songs about my life, which is everything from God to just hanging out."

G. Love shifts into his street preacher mode. On top of a low-fi hip-hop beat, G. Love graphically conveys the view from the bottom, picking up right where "This Ain't Living" left off. In that song, guest rap­per Jasper, entering the mix with a line from Bob Marley's "Buffalo Soldier" and "Lost in the Groove," is back to report that things have changed.

"It was just time," G. Love said in a recent discussion about "Kool-Aid" with Jasper again. "He has such a vocal presence, and he totally took the song to another level." He says the same thing about John Medeski, who contributed vocal parts to almost every song on Electric Mile. His presence helps to give the album a spacier and more layered feel than any of the band's previous recordings, in which studio produc­tion had never been a particular priority. The more polished production and engineering on "Philadelphia" and "The Electric Mile" is something of which G. Love is proud. "I was listening to a lot of our previous records the other day," he said, "and I realized how far we've come in terms of production. Coast to Coast Motel (the band's second album) had no production, which was a mis­take. Yeah, It's That Easy was not well produced, but Philadelphia had production coming together more."

G. Love credits live sound technician Chris DiBenedetto with helping the band get all the sounds they wanted, which on Electric Mile ranges from raw guitar and synth effects to crystalline drums and bass.

"But ultimately," G. Love admits, "no one has been able to figure out how to produce us but us. We're the ones that have to do it."

"I feel the newest stuff the most," he admitted. "It's better, but I play songs from all our records. We realize that Cold Beverage' and 'Sauce' are really popular, but we still don't play those songs every night. You get to mix it up."

And of course, a conversation with G. Love about an upcoming concert at Notre Dame could not be complete without some dis­cussion about the 2001 NCAA basketball tournament.

"I'm sorry about the NCAA," he said at the beginning of the interview, obviously referring to men's team round two exit. "We have a pool going on the tour bus, and I picked Notre Dame to do exactly what they did. But I forgot that I had picked Ole Miss, so I was still cheering for you guys during the game."

To thank him for the love, be sure to catch G. Love and Special Sauce this Friday at Stepan.

To learn more about G. Love and Special Sauce, check out its Web site at www.philadelphon­ic.com.

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**By TIM BODONY Some Music Critic**

Tuesday, March 27, 2001

***Special Feature***

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G. Love

"The Electric Mile" is the latest creation of his other kitchen, the recording studio. As usual, G. Love and Special Sauce throw all sorts of ingredients into their pot: rap, reggae, rock, blues and more, producing a robust and booty-shaking concoction in which no one ingredient predominates over the others.

Like most entrees, the flavor of this band comes from the sauce — the Special Sauce that is. Consisting of Jimi Jazz Prescott on the upright bass and Jeff "The Houseman" Clemens on drums, Special Sauce drives the music from beneath.

On each of the band's five major label releases, Prescott and Clemens have consistently put forth the type of subtle rhythmic maneuvers that make jazz freaks scream with ecstasy. On stage, they command less attention than their more picturesque and flamboyant front man, but their ability to lay down one thick groove after another is undeniable.

One certainty cannot overlook the contributions of G. Love when trying to dissect the band's distinct sound. His guitar playing is noticeably street-schooled, where chord charts are discarded in favor of trial and error methods of moving fingers around the fretboard until it sounds good. His vocal stylings, all too reminiscent of Fester in "The Addams Family," are fluid and seductive, if not totally comprehensible.

Regarding the band's discography, it would appear at first glance that G. Love has gone through a gradual process of maturation. Eight years ago he pronounced himself "the Kool-Aid Kid" who must have his beverages refrigerated before he consumes them. He proceeded to tackle larger issues on 1997's "Yeah It's That Easy," including a tribute to a fallen Philadelphia police officer. On 1999's "Philadelphia," G. Love ventured into the realm of spirituality, pulling quotes from Baird T. Spalding's "Life and Teaching of The Masters of the Far East" in the song "Numbers." But truthfully, G. Love has always put forth both silliness and seriousness in his songs, a point he makes quite adamantly.

"I've always written all those types of songs, and some of my earliest songs have had an important social message," G. Love said in a recent phone interview. "Some of the first songs I ever wrote, like "This Ain't Living" and "Eyes Have Milk" (both from the 1994 self-titled debut record), have dealt with serious issues. When people tell me that my music has gotten more mature, I always say that I write songs about my life, which is everything from God to just hanging out."

G. Love shifts into his street preacher mode. On top of a low-fi hip-hop beat, G. Love graphically conveys the view from the bottom, picking up right where "This Ain't Living" left off. In that song, guest rapper Jasper, entering the mix with a line from Bob Marley's "Buffalo Soldier" and "Lost in the Groove," is back to report that things have changed.

"It was just time," G. Love said in a recent discussion about "Kool-Aid" with Jasper again. "He has such a vocal presence, and he totally took the song to another level." He says the same thing about John Medeski, who contributed vocal parts to almost every song on Electric Mile. His presence helps to give the album a spacier and more layered feel than any of the band's previous recordings, in which studio production had never been a particular priority. The more polished production and engineering on "Philadelphia" and "The Electric Mile" is something of which G. Love is proud. "I was listening to a lot of our previous records the other day," he said, "and I realized how far we've come in terms of production. Coast to Coast Motel (the band's second album) had no production, which was a mistake. Yeah, It's That Easy was not well produced, but Philadelphia had production coming together more."

G. Love credits live sound technician Chris DiBenedetto with helping the band get all the sounds they wanted, which on Electric Mile ranges from raw guitar and synth effects to crystalline drums and bass.

"But ultimately," G. Love admits, "no one has been able to figure out how to produce us but us. We're the ones that have to do it."

"The presence of new material inevitably begs the question of how to treat the classic older tracks that have become cult favorites. G. Love was characteristically cool when asked if he would rather push newer material as his trademark, to avoid being known simply as "the guy that did 'Cold Beverage' and 'Baby's Got Sauce.'"

"I feel the newest stuff the most," he admitted, "but I play songs from all our records. We realize that 'Cold Beverage' and 'Sauce' are really popular, but we still don't play those songs every night. You get to mix it up."

And of course, a conversation with G. Love about an upcoming concert at Notre Dame could not be complete without some discussion about the 2001 NCAA basketball tournament.

"I'm sorry about the NCAA," he said at the beginning of the interview, obviously referring to men's team round two exit. "We have a pool going on the tour bus, and I picked Notre Dame to do exactly what they did. But I forgot that I had picked Ole Miss, so I was still cheering for you guys during the game."

To thank him for the love, be sure to catch G. Love and Special Sauce this Friday at Stepan.

To learn more about G. Love and Special Sauce, check out its Web site at www.philadelphon­ic.com.
Taurasi sends UConn to Notre Dame in Final Four

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH

Loss a star, plug in another. Women's basketball championship, go on another.

The years and players may change, yet it almost always winds up in Omaha after a trip through Lincoln, South Dakota and the Big East for women.

Diana Taurasi, a freshman who didn't even start until UConn lost its two returning All-Americans after losing to Notre Dame in the semifinals Friday night in St. Louis.

UConn's championship aspirations may have been dampened on Monday night.

The Huskies' third straight trip to the Final Four under coach Geno Auriemma since 1991. It has won national titles in 1995 and last season.

Auriemma, who combines the discipline that Auriemma demands with a slick game playing style, the Los Angeles Lakers' playgrounds, had 17 points, 10 rebounds and four assists Monday as the second game of the season between the two longest-tenured women's powers turned into a rout.

"I've never seen a game where I have gotten nervous," said Taurasi, the nation's top high school player a year ago. "I was playing with four other girls, playing carefree.

I was growing up, I never got nervous with girls — they usually played like they were nervous. So I'd just go to the playground and play with the guys.

"There was no doubt she made an open shot if she was open. Our defense is where the scoring would come from. Our strength is our defense. We are who we are there and we went there, but defensively, they just pushed us off the ball."

Taurasi said she says a game not too long ago. "I was back then to the season was where the scoring would come from. Our strength is our defense. We are who we are there and we went there, but defensively, they just pushed us off the ball."

Taurasi's mother, who has 27 points in Saturday's 78-67 victory over Missouri but was limited to seven in Notre Dame's title game, said Thursday she's gotten us back to the national semifinals.

"She's wowed them in the national semifinals," she said. "I think she's gonna need a dress for the game today!"

Douglas, a junior forward, said Taurasi's presence in the lineup allowed the Huskies to go to their floor game a little better than we do.

UConn got its stars open shots led by two points on three shots and was 6-for-6 on free throws.

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Tuesday, March 27, 2001

Rhode Island welcomes Baron

Associated Press

SOUTH KINGSTOWN, R.I. - Jim Baron, the former St. Bonaventure basketball coach with a reputation for rebuilding struggling teams, took over the Rhode Island program Monday. He replaced Jerry DeGregorio, who resigned after the season with a 12-48 record, the worst two-year stretch in school history.

"I knew it would be a challenge, but I've been through it before," Baron said.

The 49-year-old Baron has a 206-202 record in 14 years as a coach. He took over the struggling St. Bonaventure program in 1991 and took the Bonnies to the NCAA tournament two years ago. His team was 18-12 this season, earning an NIT berth.

In 1995, Baron was voted Atlantic 10 coach of the year for guiding the Bonnies to their first postseason berth in 12 years.

Athletic director Ron Petro said Rhode Island needed someone with a track record of recruiting quality student athletes and of turning around teams.

"He will make an immediate impact on our program," Petro said. "He is a well-respected coach and disciplinarian and well-liked by his peers."

Baron has his work cut out for him - the Rams are recovering from academic suspensions, injuries and a 9-23 season.

Baron said he considered bringing some of his assistants to Rhode Island, but he hasn't made any decisions yet.

The athletic department said Baron will be paid a base salary of $150,000. He may earn added compensation through attendance incentives and bonuses that are part of the five-year contract.

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**NFL**

Owners want to end taunting on all levels

Associated Press

PALM DESERT, Calif. — Football’s elders will speak symbolically this week to every kind of football coach — professional, college and high school.

“Taunt no more. they will say." It will be the calm voice of Commissioner Paul Tagliabue, who said of his partner, whose son got a lot of our business, "We have a uniform code and the uniforms are supposed to be the same," he said. "That includes what you wear on your head."

"We have been trying to get to this point for many, many years," Hyde said. "Now I there's a shortage of citizens of Memphis to get behind this effort to show that they fully support the building of a new arena."
**Swimming**

Swimmers make the grade

Special to the Observer

The Notre Dame men’s swimming and diving team continued its tradition of excellence in the classroom during the fall semester and earned an Academic all-star team award from the College Swimming Coaches Association of America (CSCAA) on Monday.

Notre Dame ranked second in the nation for the 2000 fall semester with a 3.324 team grade point average (GPA) just behind BYU. BYU claimed first with a 3.35 mark. St. John’s (3.279), Florida (3.21) and Denver (3.19) rounded out the top five on the CSCAA list.

To earn All-Academic honors as a team, the entire team must average at least a 2.8 GPA on a 4.0 scale. In all, 31 Notre Dame swimming and diving teams met the criteria for the 2000 fall semester. The Notre Dame men posted the top mark in the nation for the 1999 spring semester (3.352) and dropped to second in the 1999 fall rankings.

The Irish were ranked seventh for the 2000 spring semester, but rebounded to the second spot in the fall.

**Carlson, Conway earn academic honors**

Special to the Observer

Notre Dame hockey standout senior Dan Carlson and cross country All-America junior Pat Conway have been selected to the Verizon CoSIDA Men’s Academic All-District Five at Large Team for fall and winter sports.

Carlson led the Notre Dame hockey team in scoring with 17 goals and 25 assists for 42 points, which ranked him ninth among all scorers in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association (CCHA). The senior left wing finished his career with the Irish scoring 52 goals and 132 points to finish 20th on Notre Dame’s all-time scoring list.

He set a school record for playing in more games (158) than any other player in Notre Dame history. Carlson was an honorable mention all-CCHA selection and was named to the league’s eight-man all-academic team.

An Irish alternate captain during his senior season, Carlson owns a 3.49 grade point average with a double major in finance and computer applications and has been named to the Dean’s List in five consecutive semesters at Notre Dame.

Carlson, who hails from Eden, Minn., was an Academic All-American during the 1999-2000 season.

Carlson earned MVP for the Irish in the 1999-2000 hockey season.

Conway took All-America honors at the 2000 NCAA cross country championships with a 36th place finish while helping the Irish to a ninth place.

His 17th place finish at the 2000 NCAA Great Lakes Regional played a key role in Notre Dame qualifying for the NCAA Championships. The junior cross country runner Conway was 21st at the Big East Championships in November where Notre Dame finished fourth overall.

He was also a scoring member of the Irish 1999 Big East Championship squad.

As a member of the men’s track team, Conway finished fourth in the mile at the 2001 Big East Indoor Championships after finishing 10th as a sophomore in 2000.

Conway will be one of Notre Dame’s top distance runners this spring during the outdoor track schedule.

He is a dean’s list student with a 3.6 grade point average in accounting.

Conway hails from Springfield, Va.

Carlson and Conway were among 10 men’s athletes from District Five who now advance to the national ballot for Academic All-America honors.

The fall-winter-at-large team will be released on April 17.

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WOMEN’S LACROSSE

Irish attack freezes Pioneers, 20-2

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Associate Sports Editor

Pity the Denver women’s lacrosse team. It must have thought it left the snow behind them in Colorado, but it encountered another snowstorm in South Bend, Ind. And that was before the Pioneers even set foot in the Loftus Sports Complex for their match against the Irish.

And when Denver finally arrived Sunday afternoon, they found themselves at the mercy of the Fighting Irish. Notre Dame unleashed a blizzard of goals en route to blowing away Denver, 20-2.

The win was the largest in school history for the Irish. It was the first time they scored 20 goals in a single game—a school record—and just the second time they held an opponent to just two goals in a game. The last time the Irish had only two goals scored against them was in 1999, when they beat Davidson 18-2.

The Irish had 19 points in their first three games. It was their first time they scored 30 points in their first three games. The last time was in 1997, their first season.

The Irish began a season 4-1 and added four assists for a school record. The last time the Irish had that was in 1999, when they beat Davidson 18-2.

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With the win, Notre Dame improves to 4-1 on the season, tying the Irish set up a play to try and tie the game. The play broke down, however, and Hofstra goalie J.P. Brazel made the save. Brazel attempted to clear the ball but Irish midfielder Steve Bishko came up with a clutch play to steal the pass. Bishko passed the ball to David Ulrich who spotted his brother Todd Ulrich streaking down the middle.

Todd Ulrich took his brother’s pass right in front of the goal and tied the game with just seconds remaining. It was a pretty clutch play right there,” David Ulrich said.

”It seemed like every time we clawed our way back into it [Hofstra] would put a couple more goals on the board. You have to hand it to Hofstra, they played a great game,” Todd Ulrich said.

Hofstra senior captain David Ulrich took his brother’s pass right in front of the goal and tied the game with just seconds remaining. ”That was a pretty clutch play right there,” David Ulrich said.

It was the first time the Irish had scored for the first time in their collegiate career. The last time was in 1997, their first season.

The senior attack Lael Whitaker and sophomore midfielder Maureen Fischer and Mia Novic, each scored two goals against them was in 1999, when they beat Davidson 18-2.

Three other players, juniors Natalie Lofthus and Maureen Whitaker and sophomore Kelly McCordell each scored two goals. Three other players, Meredith Simen, Lauren Fischer and Mia Novic, scored for the first time in their collegiate career.

Notre Dame played later today, when they travel to head coach Tracy Adams said. ”These next games are the most important games because if we win our conference we are definitely going to the tournament,” Adams said. ”We just have to get back to the basics. All the mistakes we made were basic errors.”

"Failure, to me, is not having the desire to try. Having the desire to try is in its own way success."
WOMEN'S TENNIS

Notre Dame splits weekend matches with SEC foes

By STEVE KEPPEL
Sports Writer

It was a weekend of ups and downs for the Notre Dame women's tennis team as they traveled to Kentucky and Tennessee. The seventh-ranked Irish continued their streak of five straight victories with a 5-2 win over Kentucky on Saturday, but lost a disappointing match to ninth-ranked Tennessee 6-1 on Sunday.

"We played awful this weekend," said senior all-American Michelle Dasso who struggled through injuries. "We played better as a whole against Kentucky and a lot worse at Tennessee."

The Irish came out on a tear against the Wildcats winning the doubles point and taking four of six singles matches. Dasso and Becky Varmum, the eighth-ranked Irish duo, defeated 44th-ranked Carolina Mayorga and Sarah Wittin 8-4, while Lindsay Green and Nina Vaughan picked up the other win over Shannon Stafford and Leigh Bradwell 8-2.

After the doubles matches, the Irish built on their momentum with singles wins by Varmum, Caylan Leslie, Kimberly Guy and Nina Vaughan. Vaughan, who is currently ranked 99th in the country, had the most entertaining win of the day coming back to beat 79th Bradwell 6-2, 1-6, 6-4 at the No. 3 spot. At the No. 1 position, third-ranked All-American Dasso, who has been battling a back injury, lost a rare singles match to 77th-ranked Mayorga 7-5, 2-6, 6-2.

"I wasn't 100 percent physically this weekend but there are no excuses I was very disappointed in myself," said the Irish captain. "I haven't been able to play as much to prepare for the matches. It is very frustrating, I feel like I let the team and coaches down a bit."

On Sunday, the Irish traveled to the hostile environment of Tennessee to face the ninth-ranked Volunteers. Notre Dame started off the day by dropping two doubles matches and losing the doubles point. Dasso and Varmum had the only doubles win, their 11th straight, defeating No. 45 Vilmarie Castelli and Kim Gates 8-6.

"Losing the doubles point is always a little set back but you can't dwell on it and have to be able to take it in singles," said Dasso.

"Tennessee is a very tough place to play," said Vaughan. "The crowd is always rowdy and obnoxious and we were expecting that."

After losing the doubles point, things only got worse for the Irish as they lost all but one of the singles matches while battling injury and loud and fiery players.

Tennessee went up 2-0 with wins over Vaughan and Varmum at Nos. 2 and 3 singles, and clinched the match as No. 65 Alison Ojeda defeated Dasso in straight sets 6-1, 6-0. This marked the second straight singles loss for Dasso, who earlier set the Notre Dame record for most ever singles victories.

"We fought hard in all our matches," said Dasso, "but just got flat outplayed. They were fighters and were really loud."

"It was a tough loss, it would have been a great opportunity to beat another top 10 team but we can't dwell on it. It's time to learn from it now instead of at the end of the season, I would love to see them again in the NCAAs," said Dasso.

The loss is only the fourth this season for the Irish, who had previously won nine of their last 10. They hope to pick up the pieces next weekend as they take on Iowa at home and prepare for the rapidly approaching Big East Tournament.

"We expect to win the rest of the matches but can't take anyone too lightly. We have to expect them to play their best against us," said Dasso.
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SOF$BALL

Softball Irish open at home vs. Broncos

By LIA GARCIA MILHOAN
Sports Writer

The 12th-ranked Irish softball team looks to continue its strong start today when it faces Western Michigan in a 4 p.m. home opener at Ivy Field.

Over Spring Break the Irish (18-3) traveled to Southern California for the KIA Classic and came away with a 7-2 mark while defeating four ranked teams. "It was an overall team effort," said senior Sarah Kirkman. "Everyone did their job well and that made us very effective."

Junior Jenny Kriech said of the Classic, "It helped the chemistry of the team. Spring Break can be a challenge to keep on the field and off the field separate. But we have such good chemistry that off the field can only help us on the field."

"On Spring Break we spend the whole week together and there are two ways to go, said senior captain Jen Sharron. "You can come back and love each other or hate each other. This was the best Spring Break I've had. We had a chance to grow as a group. We won and lost. We learned from both. But everything proved we were able to compete with the elite teams."

Strong pitching and dangerous hitting has keyed the Irish success. Kirkman said, "Up and down the line we're dangerous. Whenever one person was not able to be successful, the next person was. Our whole lineup is dangerous."

Complementing the hitting has been impressive pitching most notably from Sharron and freshman Kristin Schmidt. On the year, Schmidt owns a 0.93 ERA and is 8-1 in six starts for the Irish. Sharron, one of the best pitchers in Notre Dame history, holds a 2.08 ERA and has pitched a team leading 7.2 innings.

Western Michigan holds a 5-8 overall record and is on a three game winning streak coming into Tuesday's game. Most recently, the Broncos swept a doubleheader against Oakland.

Kirkman feels that the keys for the game are for the Irish to come out strong and keep their focus. "If we play our game we should have no problem, but we have to remain focused," she said.

The Texas Rangers will pay shortstop Alex Rodriguez $252 million over the next 10 years. For $23 million a year, you'd think they would have Bill Gates digging grounders out of the hole or at least Bill Clinton.

Rodriguez, also called, roof, hitis nearly 400. He might hit 55 home runs with 180 RBIs, win the Triple Crown, but he, Alex Rodriguez, will not win the World Series, will not bring a ticker tape parade to downtown Dallas, and will not place a golden championship ring on his teammate's fingers in October.

Worst of all, Rodriguez won't even give Texans a reason to turn off the NASCAR race and head down to the ballpark for Gun Back Night. Why did the Rangers invest in Rodriguez? Is it because the stock market is in the crapper and they are looking to diversify their portfolio?

No. It's because the Rangers want to win, and they think Rodriguez will help them win baseball games. And he will. He'll hit, advance runners, help score runs. He'll help win games, but he won't win them himself. Last time I checked, Rodriguez was just one player, albeit an outstanding one, and not even the President of the United States.

The $252 million signals to everyone that the taxpayers expect Rodriguez to produce extra wins for the team. Nobody pays somebody that much to "give it their all" or "try their best."

Little Leaguers give it their all, and all they get is a plastic trophy and a party at Pizza Hut at the end of the season.

Baseball is a team sport. It has been since the 1800s when players used to have huge mustaches and drink mint juleps in between innings. Back then, players didn't even have numbers on the back of their jerseys, let alone names.

The Texas Rangers might as well be called Alex Rodriguez and 24 Guys That Wear the Same Uniform As Him. But that won't fit on the front of a jersey.

It can be very refreshing to see 33 guys playing baseball together, some better and more highly touted than others, but never the less a team. Go to Frank Eck Stadium on Wednesday, and watch the No. 13 ranked Notre Dame baseball team destroy Toledo — together. Watch the team lay down bunts, advance some runners, and score runs together, not wait for an Alex Rodriguez to bash some home runs and then save the free world.

The Irish does not win on overwhelming. Mark McGwire-crazy-on-creative offense, smashing home runs left and right, but rather through solid pitching and intangibles like perfectly executed bunt and runs.

Watch the team support each other. Watch each member of the team make exactly the same salary — nothing. It really is refreshing.

Every member of the Notre Dame baseball team understands the common purpose they all play for, from head coach Paul Mainieri down to the freshmen.

When Mainieri won his 600th college game earlier this season, a reflection of his great success in the coaching profession, all he could do was gush about how great his assistants coaches and players are. That's what people on a team do, that's what people do when they understand that baseball is about being part of a team.

I know I sound like a T-ball coach, but what is baseball without the team concept? Ever try to play one-on-one baseball? It's tough, I tried it once. But then my friend and I forgot the guy who had the ghost runners, were, and all hell broke lose. I attacked him with my plastic bat, and after some brief fisticuffs, we decided to go inside and let MTV rot our brains.

You don't need to go to a Major League game with quarter-billion dollar megastars to see well-played base. ball. There's a team that plays out behind the Joyce Center that will show you how a baseball team is supposed to be.

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Rodriguez's contract defies spirit of baseball

The Texas Rangers agreed to pay shortstop Alex Rodriguez $252 million dollars over the next 10 years.

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named Regional Most Valuable Player.

Notre Dame limited the Commodores to 41.7 percent shooting for the game. McGraw used a 1-3-1 zone defense throughout much of the game to stifle Foster's team.

"I think they did a terrific job with their defense," Foster said. "I think for the first time in a long time, we acted young, but we think they had a lot to do with that. They acted very mature and poised."

Zuzana Klimesova led the Commodores with 27 points, including five 3-pointers. The junior from the Czech Republic also grabbed a game-high 12 rebounds.

"We're ready to move on," McGraw said. "The first thing our players said when we got back to the locker room was 'two more games.' I think they're happy, but not as happy as me. We're ready to get down to business."

The contest started out as a defensive battle. Neither team could find the basket until Ratay hit a 3 at 2:12 into the game. The teams then traded leads until Vanderbilt held Notre Dame scoreless for a three-minute stretch midway through the half. A Klimesova lay-in with 12:44 remaining put the Commodores up 15-9.

The Irish stormed back, receding the Commodores 14-5 over the next four minutes to take a 23-20 lead. The Commodores built that lead to 36-29 when Riley scored down low with 3:35 remaining.

But the Commodores wouldn't go quietly into the night. Behind five points by Jianan D'Ark and four from Klimesova, Vanderbilt outscored Notre Dame 11-4 to end the half. D'Ark's 3-point shot with three seconds remaining knotted the contest at 40 heading into the locker room.

It was the first time this season that Notre Dame had entered the locker room with the game tied, and only the second time it failed to lead after the first 20 minutes.

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Prouder than 1997, McGraw and the Irish advanced to the school's first Final Four. Maybe this is why: the first time, Notre Dame was the underdog.

The Irish were seeded sixth and upset third-seeded Texas in the second round.

From there, they beat second-seeded Alabama and fifth-seeded Georgia Washington before losing to Tennessee.

This time, since the Connecticut win on Jan. 15, a national semifinal berth was expected.

And with the expectations comes daunting pressure. At least that's what the cliché says.

But on Monday night, the Irish remained calm, a characteristic they struggled with last season. They suffered their 11th straight defeat to Connecticut in late February, 2000, to Rutgers in the Big East semifinals after leading by nine with four minutes left and squandered a 17-0 lead to Texas Tech in the Sweet 16.

In this year's Elite Eight contest, they received big nights from Alicia Ratay (17 points on 7-of-11 shooting, including 15 in the first half) and Kelley Siemon (16 points, 7 rebounds and 5 assists). And although she shot just three times and scored only three points, Niele Ivey dished out nine assists and did her usual solid job at the point.

And while the Irish were on a five-game winning streak, McGraw and the Irish ringing off the hook right now.

So is Riley's.

In the match-up between the two best centers in the country, Riley got the better of a frustrated Chantalle Anderson. With 2:27 left, Anderson tried to block Riley's shot but was instead whistled for a foul.

After the first time, Notre Dame In the match-up between fifth-seeded George was and-seeded Alabama and tried to block Riley's shot but McGraw and the Irish ringing off the hook right now.

McGraw said.

So we were so thrilled to be there," McGraw said.

"We took a good look at the film, this team is defi­

tely focused, they have a more business like approach.

"The first thing they said when we got into the locker room (on Monday night) was two more games. They are obviously very happy but they're not as happy as they are. They're ready to get back to work."

But for a few moments on Monday night, a number of players had a chance to mix some pleasure with business.

When Niele Ivey cut the last strand of the net, she stepped down the ladder and gathered with her teammates near center court.

They put their arms around each other, smiled, danced around a little and talked about her.

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BASEBALL

Irish hurlers shut off Panthers, fall short against Hokies

By JEFF BALTRUZAK
Assistant Sports Editor

This past weekend, the Notre Dame baseball team did its best Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde impression, shutting Pittsburgh out 3-2 twice on Friday, but blowing two run leads in the bottom of the ninth in each of its two games against Virginia Tech on Saturday, losing 3-2 and 9-8.

Friday's games followed a familiar formula for the Irish this season, with outstanding pitching from seniors Aaron Heilman and Danny Tanay, coupled with sufficient hitting to win.

Tanay's (3-1), pitching in the early game, allowed only four hits while walking none. He sent 10 Panthers packing with strikeouts, five of which were called third strikes, while throwing just 89 pitches in the seven inning contest.

Junior catcher Paul O'Toole provided the offensive spark for Notre Dame. He smashed a two-run double into the left center field gap that scored two, giving the Irish a 3-0 lead in the third frame. Neither team would have a runner cross the plate for the rest of the game.

Heilman secured his team leading sixth win of the season, allowing just two hits. The All-American was especially vicious in the fifth, when he struck out Panthers Bryan Spamer, Scott Folmar and Tony Halling with only 12 pitches.

"I think the one big thing I did was spotting my fastball," said Heilman. "That let me get ahead of hitters.

But Pittsburgh was never out of the game, as the Irish only led 1-0 until the ninth inning. Shortstop Alec Porzel had two RBIs in the final inning when he doubled home teammates O'Toole and Steve Sollmann.

The Irish's hitting has struggled as of late, and though Notre Dame walked away with the win in the second game on Friday, they left ten runners stranded.

"Our hitting hasn't been that great," said Heilman. "But we know it will turn around."

J.P. Gagne, starting his second game of the season, pitched well the first six innings of the opener with Virginia Tech, but was unable to finish strong in the seventh and final inning of the contest.

The game was a light-hitting affair, with 13 singles, seven by Notre Dame.

The Irish led 2-0 going into the top of the eighth inning, but Virginia Tech singled twice to put runners on first and second. Tech centerfielder Chris Hutchinson attempted to move the runners over, and ended up at first when Notre Dame was unable to field his bunt.

That set the stage for the Hokie's Brad Bauder, who singled down the rightfield line for two runs. Second baseman Marc Tugwell then won it with yet another single.

"I don't think it was anything we did, you have to tip your hat to Virginia Tech for getting those four hits," said Irish head coach Paul Mainieri.

Saturday's second game would seem like deja vu for the Irish. Notre Dame went up 8-6 after a four-run eighth inning, spearheaded by a triple by leadoff hitter Steve Stanley and a double by Porzel.

Sophomore Tim Billmaier also had a homerun in the inning.

But the Hokies would roar back, rallying with two outs in their last at bat. Christian Simmers had the double that put Virginia Tech up for good.

With the losses to Tech, the Irish dropped from No. 8 to No. 13 in the Collegiate Division I poll, with similar drops in the Baseball America and Baseball Weekly/ESPN Coaches' polls.

Though the Irish ended the weekend a disappointing 2-2 to run their season record to 16-4-1, there could be lessons from the Virginia Tech games.

"I think we can take some things out of the two losses," said Heilman.

Tuesday's home game against Western Michigan was cancelled because South Bend's winter dusted Frank Eck Stadium with snow, and the game has been rescheduled for the 24th. The Irish will look to take the field on Wednesday against Toledo at Frank Eck Stadium at 5:05 p.m.

Happy Birthday, Elspeth!
~ Dad, Joelle, Cindy, Shadrich, and Abendego

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Last week

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"I told you so!"

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"I DEMAND THE FANTASY! I Brought Into!"

"MOM SAYS TO SQUINT YOUR EYES."

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HOROSCOPE

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Queen Latifah, Charity Trice, Vanessa Williams, Alex Calli, Jamie Garcia, Wilson Pickett, Baget Cage.

Happy Birthday! You will be off and running this year. Your high energy and filled spirit will help you instant change and put your plans in motion. You will try to do more than is humanly possible, but that's never stopped you in the past. Perhaps that year you will consider delegating some of the less demanding jobs to others and leave yourself open to take care of important matters. Your numbers, 10, 22, 34, 46, 58. ARIES (March 21-April 19): You can rate the value of your home if you do some renovations. Get the whole family involved in selecting the paint colors. Obtain information on who requires an expert. TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Positive action to alleviate concerns about aging can be dealt with through cosmetic surgery or fitness programs. You'll feel better about yourself if you make changes.

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**WOMEN’S BASKETBALL**

**Irish play like Champions**

**Irish earn trip to Final Four with 72-64 victory**

By NOAH AMSTADTER

Sports Writer

The sign in the stands said it all.

Halfway up the Notre Dame fan section, a sign bearing the famous football slogan “Play like a champion today” rose above the cheering crowd.

Behind an All-American effort from Ruth Riley the Irish did just that.

With the Midwest Regional championship game knotted 46-46 at halftime, Riley carried the Notre Dame women on her back, scoring 20 of Notre Dame’s 32 second-half points to push the Vanderbilt Commodores (24-10), 72-64.

The senior finished with a game-high 32 to go along with six rebounds to send the Irish to their second-ever Final Four this weekend in St. Louis. Notre Dame takes on Connecticut Friday evening.

“She was absolutely terrific,” Vanderbilt coach Jimmy Foster said. “She played like the best player in the country. I love her demeanor and her makeup. She’s a quality kid and it shows in every dimension.”

Alicia Ratay also came on strong for the Irish, scoring 15 first-half points, including three 3-pointers. Ratay finished with 17 for the game to go along with five rebounds.

“She kind of got everybody relaxed,” Irish coach Mike McGraw said. “She played really steady and poised. She was hitting some big shots in the first half.”

Siemon added 16 points and a team-high seven rebounds for Notre Dame. Riley, Ratay and Siemon were all named to the All-Midwest Regional team, while Riley was named the game’s Most Outstanding Player.

**Riley plays key role in victory over Vanderbilt**

DENVER

We saw her dominate, dictate, create and celebrate.

We saw her score 32 points, grab six rebounds, block three shots and make the Vanderbilt frontcourt look like a bunch of third-graders.

We saw her with scissors in hand, climbing the ladder, snipping a piece of the net and waving to one in particular.

Guess what we didn’t see?

Ruth Riley’s insides.

“I didn’t really feel that well during the game,” Riley said after Notre Dame’s 72-64 win over Vanderbilt. “It’s been a couple of days. They said it might have been something I ate. I’m feeling a little better now.”

No big surprise there. Add another chapter to the Ruth Riley Story.

National Player of the Year, Academic Player of the Year, Big East Player of the Year, Big East Defensive Player of the Year, Midwest Regional Most Valuable Player.

Now a trip to the Final Four.

“This has been a storybook season,” head coach Muffet McGraw said. “This is my proudest moment as a coach.”

**MEN’S LACROSSE**

**Pride knock Irish from No 2 ranking in OT thriller**

By MIKE CONNOLLY

Sports Writer

Head coach Kevin Corrigan said the men’s lacrosse team’s No. 2 ranking was a big target for all Notre Dame’s opponents for the rest of the season.

On Saturday, Hofstra’s Michael Tierney hit the bulleye.

Tierney scored his second goal of the game in sudden death overtime as the Pride handed the Irish their first loss of the year, 11-10.

The Pride led most of the game by taking advantage of Irish mistakes.

Although Notre Dame made several mental errors in their wins against Virginia and Loyola, Hofstra was the first team to make the Irish pay for their errors.

“Hofstra jumped out to an early lead and whenever we made a mistake they capitalized on it unlike Virginia and Loyola,” attack David Ulrich said. “We just had a lot of mental break downs in whatever we did. It kind of took us out of our game.”

“We made even more mistakes than the past couple of games,” defender Mike Adams said. “In other games, in one area we might have done poorly in clearing or defense but this game, it was pretty poor across the board. We got lucky because we made some big plays but just not enough.”

Although the Pride took advantage of several Irish mistakes, Notre Dame still managed a comeback to send the game to overtime. Hofstra scored three third quarter goals to build a 9-6 lead. Todd Ulrich scored a goal with 45 second left in the third to cut the lead to 9-7.

The Irish opened the fourth with back-to-back goals from John Flandina and Chad DeBolt. DeBolt’s game-tying goal was the first of his career.

Bryan Walker scored his second goal of the game 34 seconds after DeBolt’s goal to give the Pride a 10-9 lead with eight minutes left in the game.

With 30 seconds left, the