ND profs journey to Kashmir to promote, study peace

By ANDREW THAGARD
Associate News Editor

Two Notre Dame professors and members of the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies are traveling to Kashmir Tuesday to promote and study the peacemaking process in the volatile region.

Dan Philpott, director of undergraduate studies at the Kroc and assistant professor of political science, is traveling on behalf of the International Center for Religion and Diplomacy (ICRD), a Washington, D.C.-based nongovernmental organization. Cynthia Mahmood, director of graduate studies at the Kroc and associate professor of anthropology, will travel as an observer for the Institute.

The trip is centered around a three-day seminar on reconciliation in Islamabad on the Pakistani side of Kashmir but will also include meetings with politicians, militants and religious leaders. Their visit comes at a crucial time for the war-torn region, which is controlled partly by India and Pakistan.

Leaders from the two nuclear powers have announced plans to host the most significant peace talks since escalating violence broke out in 1989. Control of the region has been a contentious and often bloody issue since the two nations gained independence from Britain in 1947.

While smaller in scope when compared to the work of government and high-profile international organizations, the mission of ICRD is no less ambitious.

“We’re talking about something much more than a peace settlement,” Philpott said. “Our goal is to build up a movement of reconciliation in Kashmiri society.”

Although Philpott and Mahmood said true peace can only be achieved when the ordinary Kashmiri citizen changes his perception of the situation and opens his heart. The seminar, the sixth in a series led by senior ICRD vice president Brian Cox, includes lectures each followed by group discussions.

The event culminates in a reconciliation service.

“Its purpose is to impart a moral vision of reconciliation on the participants that will occur through a transformation of hearts and rebalancing of broken relationships,” Philpott said.

Ultimately the seminar challenges the participants to look at the suffering of their community in a new way.

ND questions grade inflation

By JOE TROMBELLO
Assistant News Editor

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Student hosts show prospects campus life

By TRICIA de GROOT
News Writer

The freshmen who hosted prospective members of the Class of 2008 last week wanted their guests to feel like just the opposite.

Instead of merely taking the prospective students on a campus tour and informational meetings — activities that any visitor could attend — the hosts did their best to expose the new students to campus life from the inside out.

These host students, selected by the Notre Dame Admissions Department because they expressed an interest in entertaining prospective students at the activities night in September or because they responded to an e-mail requesting host students, said they introduced their prospects to the Notre Dame experience by taking them to classes, showing them their favorite places on campus, bringing them to the opposite sex’s dorms and taking them to special events such as Bengal Bouns and interhall hockey games.

Freshman Joe O’Brien said that his own campus visit as a prospects last year encouraged him to pass along the tradition.

“I was one of the people who was hosted last year, and I thought it was a good experience. He said O’Brien added that showing his visitor Notre Dame’s unique residence hall atmosphere was a first priority.

“I wanted the prospective student to know about the dorm communities and the sense of community that we have for freshmen,” he said. I really emphasized the fact that here we accept everyone and that...
Ready to start

I'd be lying if I said I wasn't scared. After being named the 38th editor in chief for The Observer four weeks ago, my head hasn't stopped spinning.

Hiring department editors, working on the budget and trying to learn everything possible from outgoing editor in chief Andrew Soukup (who took this paper to another level, just look at the honors on today's page three) has made me feel like I'm not ready to take over running the campus newspaper.

But then I look at the people surrounding me, and I know the year will be a success.

My managing editor Meghanne Downes and assistant managing editor Joe Hettler have the same passion for The Observer that I do, maybe more. They know how to put in 30-40 hours a week while balancing a full class load and not going crazy.

These two talented people run the biggest two editorial departments at The Observer, and I couldn't be more blessed to have them right by my side for the journey.

The department editors we have chosen possess a wealth of experience in their individual departments. I have full confidence in them to keep their sections running at the high quality they run each and every day.

Yes, we will make mistakes, and I know my friends along with the rest of campus will point them out. My goal every day is to publish a perfect paper and try not to make any mistakes that we will learn from.

The errors that we will make may not necessarily be of campus will point them out. My goal every day is to publish a perfect paper and try not to make any mistakes that we will learn from.

To The Observer, what seemed like a lifetime ago, I finally received the keys, a handshake and some words of encouragement from my parents.

To think that I never entered my head to go for the job a little more every day.

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FASO sponsors 10th annual Fiestang festival

Bigger, better Saturday evening cultural celebration included dinner, dancing

By KATIE MOUNTS
New Writer

Saturday night marked the 10th annual Fiestang — a Filipino cultural celebration of dinner and dancing that has advanced a long way since its inception.

John Lira, co-president of the Filipino American Student Organization (FASO), has observed Fiestang since its first show in 1995, and said that interest and attendance have improved drastically since then. He remembers when classes had to be brought in to help with the student performance, and that only about 40 people attended — a number that has multiplied since.

Co-president Charlene Ito-Jalain estimated more than 450 students, faculty and community members attended this year’s event. “Each year, it just gets bigger and bigger,” she said.

Lira credited the recent publicity regarding diversity at Notre Dame with helping increase interest.

“There’s a lot of work put into it with months of preparation,” he said. “I was so surprised and so proud of everyone that was involved. ... It was more wonderful than anything I could have imagined.”

The event began with a catered meal of traditional Filipino cuisine, which was followed by a presentation of cultural dances by members of FASO. The First Class Steppers and Ballet Folklorico also made appearances.

“Overall, we were very happy with the show,” FASO co-president Eileen Magno said, “It turned out better than we had expected.”

She attributed some of this year’s success to the change in format to a themed skit. The show’s theme, Time Machine, enabled different dances from different time periods to be shown, she said. Vinalon said that students who had previously been unfamiliar with Filipino culture told her they liked what they saw.

“I feel that a lot of people were pleasantly surprised by how much fun they had,” she said. “The festival gave a little bit of insight into the culture.”

While more improvement means more effort, the co-presidents agreed that it was worthwhile.

FASO’s next event, “Lumpia Night,” will take place on March 25 as a part of Spring Variation.”

Observer honored at convention

Observer Staff Report

MINNEAPOLIS — The Observer was named Best of Show for The Associated Collegiate Press at the Best of the Midwest College Newspaper Convention Sunday, in the category of tabloids at four-year schools. Individual staff members also took top honors at the convention.

Andrew Soukup received a first place in feature writing for the story “Gruddy bound for national championships” from the March 28 edition of The Observer. Scott Brodfuehrer and Meghanne Downes were awarded first place in news writing for their stories “Elam convicted of sexual battery” in the Sept. 1 Observer, and Downes won first place in page design for the front page design of the Oct. 28 Observer.

Soukup also received third place in sports writing for his feature on Darrell Campbell, “Controlling his anger,” in the Oct. 17 Observer.

Trend

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According to Harvard’s student paper, The Crimson, faculty and administrators participated in rigorous discussions to curb the problem, converted the grading system to a four-point scale and capped the percentage of students graduating with honors to 60 percent. Despite their efforts, an article appearing in the Feb. 13 edition of The Crimson reported the inflation again seems to be on the rise — 2002-03 data revealed the mean grade point average to be 3.41 and 47.8 percent of students were in the A range.

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We view not just test scores, said the standards other methods, to better access graduate and law school applications.

“As we make admission decisions, we view not just

the overall GPA,” Roboski said. “We also review the courses and major … the rigor of the college attended, letters of recommendation from faculty and other factors.”

Roboski said scores on the LSAT have proven to be better indicators of first-year law school performance than under-graduate grade point average.

“I believe the LSAT is generally a better indicator because GPAs of applicants cannot be easily compared,” he said.

Charles Kulpa, chair of the department of biological sciences, said GRE scores prove important in the graduate school applications his department reads.

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Charles Kulpa Department chair Biological Sciences

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Faculty said that general applications to medical and business schools have been fairly consistent with respect to GPAs. In addition, Notre Dame professors who have taught at other institutions said they have noticed a difference in Gradual increase in grades means that they have to rely more on standardized test scores, among other methods, to better access graduate and law school applications.

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According to the Office of Institutional Research, the percentage of University under-graduate courses in which half or more students received a grade of A or A- has climbed from 43.6 percent of the spring of 1994 to 64.0 percent in spring 2003. The College of Engineering has experienced the most dramatic increase during this period — from 24.6 percent in spring 1994 to 39.7 percent in spring 2003 — an increase of almost 120 percent. The study showed the College of Arts & Letters having the highest percentage with 74.1 percent in spring 2003, while the College of Architecture had only a 25 percent mark in the same semester.

Faculty in the College of Science, which experienced a rise in A grades from 25 percent in 1994 to 42.1 percent in 2003, said that grade inflation in this decade has tapered off. Charles Kulpa, chair of the department of biological sciences, said he believes inflation in his department has flattened after increasing somewhat during the '80s and '90s.

"We have a number of courses where (the average GPA) is around a 3.0," he said. "In some courses it's higher.

Faculty and students nonetheless have expressed a divergence of opinions over these statistics, with many citing the dramatic increase in student profiles on applications — such as SAT scores and high school class rank over the same time period — as explaining this grade increase. Seventy-nine percent of students entering college in fall 1993 were in the top 10 percent of their high school class and had a mean SAT score of 1238, while 84 percent of students who entered in 2003 ranked in the top ten percent of their class. These students had a mean SAT score of 1359 (the test was re-centered in 1997, partially explaining the rise in SAT scores).

Joseph Walter, chair of the department of pre-professional studies since 1971, said grade inflation began to occur at Notre Dame and across the nation in 1972 with the institution of the Vietnam War draft. "If you gave students Ds and even Cs, they would come in not only expecting to do well in your office and literally cry," he said. "More often than not, they were off to Vietnam. They begging you not to give them that grade. This was true not only at Notre Dame but at other universities and all over the nation.

Walter said students in his Analytical Chemistry class in the 1967-68 academic year earned 19 Cs, four Ds and two Fs. By 1972-73, only one student earned a C, the lowest grade in the class with five grades of B-. No student earned a C or below in a similar course in 1987.

Walter said medical schools have also seen a similar rise in student profiles on applications. He said in the 1950s and 1960s, students generally applied to more than three medical schools and had an average GPA of approximately 2.7. "That student would not be admitted today," he said. "As years have gone by, the training and caliber of students has increased.

Walter estimated that the average GPA of a student currently accepted into medical school is a 3.4. Higher caliber students

Faculty members within different colleges have expressed a diversity of opinions concerning grade inflation. Most have said the rise is primarily due to the better quality of students Notre Dame has been able to accept.

"I'm not sure that it's grade inflation," Walter said. "I perceive it as, the caliber of students are increasing, you are simply receiving better and thoroughly understand the material is important.

"When we have higher courses with a diversity of people, I'm sure there are differences in knowledge and effort, and these differences should be reflected in grades," she said. "It's also important to our credibility as an institution that grades reflect quality. We want to maintain our reputation as being a demanding institution.

Boyd said artificially inflating grades in order not to damage a student's chance of graduate school acceptance ultimately proves detrimental to all parties.

"My approach is making the course rigorous enough that I can feel comfortable that students who get As deserve them," she said. "I have not been influenced by the idea that I should help students get into medical school by giving them higher grades. Giving people that are not academically strong [artificially high grades] is not doing anybody a favor.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Iraqi council misses deadline
BAGHDAD, Iraq - Iraq's U.S.-picked leaders failed to meet a Saturday deadline for adopting an interim constitution but were expected to find compromise soon on contentious issues including the role of Islamic law and the status of women.

Earlier Saturday, the top U.S. administrator in Iraq, L. Paul Bremer, met with members of the Governing Council in an attempt to overcome the differences. An official of the U.S.-led coalition, speaking on condition of anonymity, said a charter could be completed Sunday.

At issue are efforts by conservatives to enshrine Islam as the main source of laws in Iraq, Kurdish demands for that they not lose their self-rule federal region and Shiites attempting to dominate the new government's presidency.

Israeli gunship targets militants
GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip - An Israeli helicopter fired a bullet at a car in the Gaza Strip on Saturday, killing three people - including an Islamic Jihad militant - and wounding 15 others, doctors said.

One of the dead was identified by his family as an Islamic Jihad militant, Ayman Dahiouf. The other two victims were not immediately identified.

The car was pulverized, and Palestinian security officials straitened to keep order around the scene as surging crowds jumped on the wreckage and called for revenge.

NATIONAL NEWS

U.S. steps up bin Laden search
WASHINGTON - The United States is rounding up and questioning the relatives of fugitive al-Qaida leaders to generate information on possible whereabouts of Osama bin Laden and his top deputies.

So far, no information received is unconfined and does not mean the terrorist leader's location has been pinned down or his capture is imminent. U.S. officials caution that rumors of significant progress are overstated.

On Saturday, Pentagon and State Department officials denied an Iranian state radio report that bin Laden had been captured "a long time ago." He is Pakistan's border region with Afghanistan.

Cops grill kin of missing family
TAYLORSVILLE, Miss. - Investigators searching for a family of three who disappeared on Valentine's Day questioned members of their relatives Saturday and searched their property in southern Mississippi.

Earnest Lee Hargan, an adopted cousin of the missing family, was in custody and was being questioned, said John DeBurgh, a state Highway Patrol spokesman.

A 50-member Marine detachment searched a county road on both sides of Leaf River Veterinary Services as part of the investigation. The clinic was given as a residence address by Hargan, whose wife is a veterinarian, Strain said.

LOCAL NEWS

Spring skunks swirl, swamp state
ELKHART - Spring is in the air - and it stinks.

While the groundhog may receive more media attention, some Hoosiers say it's skunks that are bringing the smell of spring. And if the smelly critters are to be believed, it's here.

"We can tell when the snow is out of the ground. That's when all the skunks come out," said Herbie House, who farms in northern Indiana's Elkhart County.

"I've noticed the last three days, all of a sudden, they're moving a lot more big time," he said. "It's springtime."

Perhaps that's because in spring a young skunk's pouch turns to a thought of other skunks. Male of the species travel more during February seeking mates for the annual courting season.

And to a skunk seeking a new den, an accessible basement may be irresistible.

Aristide resigns, flies into exile
Top judge assumes power as capital descends into anarchy; U.S. wants U.N. aid

Haiti's supreme court said it was taking charge of the government, and a key rebel leader said he welcomed the arrival of foreign troops.

"I think the worst is over, and we're waiting for the international forces. They will have our full cooperation," Guy Philippe told CNN.

The U.S. Security Council planned consultations for later Sunday, and the United States hoped it would approve a resolution to authorize international peacekeepers for Haiti, which erupted into violence 1 1/2 weeks ago when rebels began driving police from towns and cities in the north.

A U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said it was not sure how many Marines were expected in the speedy deployment, which President Bush ordered only hours after Aristide fled under pressure from the United States and former colonial power France.

France decided to send a detachment of between 120-140 soldiers to Haiti, said Catherine Colonna, spokeswoman for President Jacques Chirac. She said the troops would arrive on Monday and they would work "in coordination with the United States."

A 50-member Marine anti-terrorist security team has been in Port-au-Prince for several days helping secure the U.S. embassy.

Canadian troops were seen guarding the airport in Port-au-Prince.

Though not aligned with rebels, the political opposition had also pushed for Aristide to leave for the good of Haiti's 8 million people, angered by poverty, corruption and crime.

Ethanol tanker explodes in Atlantic
Blast kills at least 3 crewmen off Va. shore; Coast Guard searches for survivors

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and decide if they want to think words of encouragement. While this seminar is geared to mostly Muslim crew, previous ones have included Hindu, Islamic, and Jewish presenters. To date, 350 people have attended the seminars and 100 graduates have continued to discuss reconciliation within "different ways. The seminars and other works have led to the formation of core groups dedicated to promoting peace on both sides of the line of control that separates the Indian and Pakistani parts of the region. These core groups are what Mahmood calls "a cadre of foot soldiers for peace." The events also have sometimes had dramatic effects on the participants. During a seminar held in June 2001 on the Indian side of Kashmir, a Muslim man had a life-changing experience. Eight years earlier, the man had witnessed the assassination of his father and later his brother and was himself shot repeatedly and left to die.

"He survived the shootings through nine surgeries (but) for eight years he was on a vendetta to find and kill the gunman," Philpott said. "At the seminar he had a transforming experience and ... he stood up and forgave the slayers from his heart and renamed his vendetta." The man, Philpott said, has gone on to become an active core group member and initiate programs that help victims of violence, particularly widows and orphans.

While the results of its work are generally less visible, ICBD has found a great degree of success in a movement with elite and grass roots elements. By meeting with regional politicians, militants and religious leaders, Philpott said he hopes to further develop relationships of trust and create important network works. The trip is of interest to Mahmood in part because it complements her work focusing on war and peace and conflict resolution. Although the two praised the potential benefits of the trip, they also acknowledged the possibility of danger in traveling to the region despite the group not encountering problems in the past.

"We've all accepted that a certain degree of risk taking is inherent to this work," Mahmood said.

Despite the dangerous area and tension between the countries, the group has the consent of India and Pakistan.

"All of the work we've done over there has been done with the knowledge and approval of both governments," Philpott said.

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"I wanted the prospective student to know about the dorm communities and the sense of pride that we have for ourselves. I really emphasized the fact that here we accept everyone and that despite the lack of facts and everything that it's all still fun and exciting," said O'Brien.

Becky Schull-Maguire, another freshman host, said that the family aspect of Notre Dame was most important to her.

"I tried to convey the sense of family and tradition and explain how everyone has so much pride in Notre Dame and is happy that they are here," she said. "I tried to provide a good experience for her because my visit to Notre Dame was when I fell in love with the school."

Freshman Kathleen O'Brien agreed with Schull-Maguire that meeting current Notre Dame students made her prospect feel more welcome.

"I think it's really important for her to get to know the type of people that go here because that is what made the difference for me," Kathleen O'Brien said. "I also wanted her to know what separates Notre Dame from other schools, such as the family atmosphere and tradition."

Tommy Clarkson said that a dose of student life was equally — if not more — important than experiencing the University's academic setting.

"I wanted to make sure that she saw there was life outside of classes and that he got to get an inside look at what the students do during their days," Clarkson said. He added that he had received positive feedback from his visitor.

"I thought it was a pretty good experience he got to see a lot of what the day to day life of a student is," he said. "The prospect asked questions and seemed genuinely interested."

These freshmen will continue to host students until the Class of 2008 makes their final decisions.

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previously worked as an assistant news editor. VandenHoven, a sophomore from Pasquerilla West, is an accounting major from Burr Hall and is currently working with the South Bend Tribune as an academic intern. Kelley, who is currently abroad in Rome, began shooting sports and news last year. The junior English and art history major from Columbus, Ohio, originally lived in McGlinn. Franklin, a Welsh Family junior, is majoring in political science and Arabic studies. The Cincinnati native joined The Observer in January when she was hired as controller. A sophomore accounting, Oak Brook, Ill., Garcia lives in Pasquerilla East.

Harkins, a junior management information systems major from Dillon, originally hails from Canton, Mich. The Observer is still accepting applications for the Web Administrator position. Please direct all inquiries to Lozar at mlozar@nd.edu.

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**Company Briefs**

**Disney shareholders await vote**

LOS ANGELES — Michael Eisner probably won’t lose his job at the annual Walt Disney Co. shareholders meeting this week in Philadelphia but his foes intend to make sure he at least has some doubts about the possibility.

Ex-board members Roy E. Disney and Stanley Gold hope Wednesday to persuade at least 20 percent of shareholders to withhold their approval for Eisner and three other board members. The company is preparing for a close race as high as 30 percent.

Eisner’s re-election to the board is not in doubt because he is running unopposed.

**Sprint to combine tracking stocks**

OVERLAND PARK, Kan., — Sprint Corp. announced Sunday that it will combine the company’s two tracking stocks into a single common stock under the FON symbol on the New York Stock Exchange.

In 1998, the company created a tracking stock for its wireless business, Sprint PCS, which trades on the NYSE under the symbol PCS. Sprint has just over one billion shares and about which trades on the NYSE under the symbol PCS.

**Visa to expand car rental coverage**

NEW YORK — Visa USA announced that it will provide car rental insurance to all of its credit card holders. effective today.

The company, based in San Francisco, said the insurance — also known as collision damage waiver coverage — previously was available only for select cards. **Korean Air**

**Labor Relations**

**Grocery workers vote on contract**

LOS ANGELES — Grocery workers spent a second day Sunday voting on a tentative contract that would end a strike and lockout that has crippled Southern California’s grocery industry for nearly five months.

Thousands of members of the United Food and Commercial Workers union stood in lines to vote, said Barbara Maynard, a UFWC spokeswoman. They had until midnight to vote on the offer, which requires them to pay for health benefits for the first time and includes a one-time bonus but no raise.

The tentative agreement between the union and grocery stores covers 70,000 employees of Albertsons Inc., Kroger Co. and Safeway Inc.

Since Oct. 11, about 59,000 workers have been on strike or locked out. Others continued working at stores by special agreement while the contract was negotiated.

The 4 1/2-month dispute gained national attention because it was seen as a referendum on affordable employee health care. Presidential candidates John Kerry and John Edwards were among those who rallied behind the grocery workers.

Many employees said Sunday they were eager to return to their jobs and voted to ratify the deal, although some observed that the offer was not much different from one the union rejected in October.

It was unknown whether replacement workers would be immediately released if the contract was approved by union members.

An agreement was reached Friday. Workers said the contract offer included a ratification bonus of 30 cents for every hour worked in the year before the strike-lockout began.

Under the expired contract, workers paid no monthly premiums for health benefits and a $10 copay for doctor’s visits and prescriptions.

The new offer includes no premium for the first two years of the contract. Beginning in the third year, however, workers would pay $5 a week for individual coverage and $15 a week for family coverage, according to a union fact sheet given to workers.

Employees said their co-payments would increase to $25 for a doctor’s visit and $10 for treatment at a hospital emergency room.

The proposed agreement differs between current workers and those hired after Oct. 5, when the old contract expired. New employees would receive a lower wage rate, and it would take them longer to get raises, according to the fact sheet.
Emerging from the sea of apathy

One of the greatest legacies bequeathed by the Baby Boomers Generation is the wave of apathy and cynicism embodied by Generations X and Y. Baby Boomers are our parents, our professors and our politicians. What they exposed the true nature of the postwar American utopia, the dream of a collective heroic legacy has left a philosophical void in our generation's souls. Only recently have we begun to turn the tide.

Cultural correctness became the shining light of the disenchanted; moral relativism, the cornerstone of academia; and divorce, the natural consequence of marriage. American leaders, once revered for their strength, turned into one-liners for talk show hosts. Now the largest religion in America can hardly be discussed openly, much less expressed outwardly.

Their minds were opened, now ours are closed — not to the plurality of moral codes and personal philosophies, but to the adoption of a single one that can serve to define the self. Why such reluctance? Perhaps the parallel trend of diminishing personal responsibility offers clues. The "it's not my fault" mantra is now celebrated by everyone from trial lawyers to psychiatrists to opportunistic civil rights leaders with quick-fix solutions to problems that in past could be solved through a bit of personal contemplation and self-motivation. In such an atmosphere, the most difficult thing one can do is develop a personal philosophy that might be blamed for personal shortcomings at some point in the future. Defining oneself on purely situational grounds to maximize short-term gains seems to be the only rational path to follow. Scourged for their purportedly narrow-minded or intolerant world views, traditional liberals and conservatives gave way to the self-proclaimed moderates. The term "moderate" by itself offers little information about one's true philosophical groundings, if they exist at all. Still, a young generation instructed by its elders that the greatest sin one can commit is to insult another's views converged towards this ambiguous center, where comfort generated apathy.

Educators at every level only fed this apathy by instructing their students to deconstruct their hollow viewpoints and embrace a shallow bynum of multicultural understanding that discouraged ideological pluralism in favor of ethnic and cultural diversity. The latter is an essential component of modern society, but the prospect of celebrating philosophical diversity causes many to recoil in fear of offending those with conflicting views shaped by something as fundamental as ethnicity.

Today our generation faces the task of redefining itself through individual rather than collective means. Focusing on how cultural identity helps shape the self is a small step in the right direction, but overcoming the fear of expressing a firm ideological or political view is the most crucial component. We cannot rely on an overwhelming cultural wave of epic proportions; instead, we must look inward and confront the voice in our head that says the easiest path is that of least resistance.

After regaining confidence in our values, the next step is outward expression in a more public forum. Remember that kid in your first-year class who asked all of the stupid questions, knowing his professor would mercilessly shoot him down every time? Despite his ignorance and awkwardness, he was still the bravest one in the classroom. Taking a lesson from his example might prove more enlightening and worthwhile than previously assumed.

While a few professors relish the ability to sweep their students' values under the rug, the free expression of all opinions through forums is encouraged. Letters to the editor must be signed and must include contact information.

Questions regarding Observer policies should be directed to Editor-in-Chief Andrew Sondyk.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Opinions have greater power than strength of hands."

Sophocles

Greek tragedian
Restoring order in Haiti

The violent tenor of Haitian politics is tragically stubborn. After the assassination of Jean-Bertrand Aristide, the most moderate of Haitian leaders, the country has witnessed political divisions and violence, with the political and economic situation in the country deteriorating. Aristide himself was one of the most successful leaders of Haiti, but his government was faced with a coup d'état in 1991, which led to Aristide's flight from Haiti. Despite the opposition's rejection of the government, it should not be violently overthrown again.

Among the poorest of the world’s nations, Haiti had been ruled under military dictatorship by the Duvalier family, from 1957 to 1986, when the country was finally taken over by a democratic government. The New Yorker noted, the goal of the deployment was to "restore[ing] an elected democracy to power." The optimism of Clinton administration and the Haitian electorate, Aristide turned out to be a garden-variety dictator. The National Resistance Front for the Liberation of Haiti has already cemented an amorphous rebel force began to assemble.

What would it be like to be a homosexual student attending Notre Dame? As Things magazine recently did in the Irish Rover, that official club recognition for the Notre Dame Gay-Straight Alliance. We are being made to feel like we are living in the 1950s. How in 1998, it seems to me — and to a lot of other undergraduate students with whom I have spoken a many-many, both in the Main Building and within the student body, in their struggle to cope with the presence of homosexuality at Notre Dame, the official recognition of the Gay-Straight Alliance would...
Hate is an emotion with many faces. It can be blatant and violent, but it can also be quiet and subtle and grow in places where it would never be expected.

Steven Dietz's play "God's Country," performed by the Department of Film, Television and Theater last weekend, and examines the full range of racial hatred. The play follows the true story of a white supremacist neo-Nazi group known as The Order that operated in the Western United States in the early 1980s. The group participated in forgery and robbery in order to raise funding for its anti-Semitic initiatives. The group plotted the assassinations of prominent Jewish public figures. Eventually several members of The Order were convicted of the murder of Denver-based Jewish radio talk show host Alan Berg, that becomes the focus of the play.

Dietz describes the full spectrum of racial hate in his play, moving from intimate personal interactions between Order members and their families, to Order ceremonies and actual transcripts of courtroom investigations. The play moves in an increasingly intense montage of scenes culminating in the conviction of nine Order members. Many of the members portrayed in the play are still serving jail sentences today.

The play was not easy to watch or to perform. "It was intense, it really was," senior Adel Hanash said. "The whole time you have to tell yourself this really happened. This is based off real events."

"We actually had someone walk out of auditions during the skinhead scene," senior Justin Williams said. "They were so upset by it they left."

"God's Country" provides actors with a different sort of challenge from many plays. Dietz uses an ensemble cast in which actors are assigned numbers instead of names. There is no main character or lead, and several actors play more than one role. The play also features a nameless boy and a nameless voice, which are crucial to the play's development. At many points the actors seem to be less individual characters than part of an overarching characterization of hate and the institutions that support or oppose it. The method is particularly effective considering the topic — as the members of racial hate groups band together under a unifying idea. The actors in the play band together to portray a unified concept.

Cast chemistry is an important aspect of a play where the actors have to work together so closely. Many of the actors in the play have worked together before, and their history together showed in how well the cast interacted in last weekend's performance.

Hanash, cast as Actor Three, was one of the few characters that played a single role and did not frequently interact with the other characters. "A lot of my part is just to watch what goes on onstage, and to come together so amazing," he said. "So much of what they did, they had to be at the same pace, on the same level, and it really clicked."

"God's Country" is a play about...
vicious ideologues and rabble-rousers, and all the actors were more than vehement enough for their roles. However, the most rousing scenes, especially those performed by senior Tom Connor, might have been more effective if the play had some scenes of greater subtlety to provide a contrast. By the end of the play the scenes had all reached a volume that was "deafening." "Adele Loveland, Adel Hanash, Lena Caligiuri, Megan Olive, Tom Bacon and Meghann for audience members seated in the front row, only a few feet from a shouting lawyer or white supremacist preacher. Much of the play revolves around a young boy, played by Brittany Bacon, in the FTT production. The boy is the son of Order members and is being brought up to believe in their doctrines of racial hatred. He also serves to highlight the duality in the characters of people who seek to strengthen their love of home and family through unequivocal hatred of other groups. Bacon played the part of a young boy very convincingly, but the play would have benefited from a more developed personal interaction between the boy and his parents.

The lab theater in Washington Hall can be a difficult venue to use effectively, since at points it puts the actors less than a foot from the audience. However, it gives the luxury of choosing where to seat the audience to most effectively watch the play. For "God's Country," director Meg Ryan chose to have the audience sit on either side of the performers. The arrangement can make staging difficult since the actors must always be facing away from some audience members. However, this production of "God's Country" took much of its power from having the audience so close and surrounding the performers. This is a play about hate prospering in small communities in hometown America, and watching the play from close enough to see the labels on Bacon's jeans and smell the cigarettes Alan Berg, played by Adel Hanash, smoked onstage only brought the play closer to home.

"I think this play was probably originally designed for a normal stage, and the technical aspects would have worked better on a normal stage," Williams said. "But being right up in someone's face was an advantage. It made the show much more intense and powerful."

Ryan also used costume color well to contribute to the collective sense of the play. Most of the actors dressed in black and white, and occasionally red or blue, whether appearing in business suits or preaching in robes. Berg stood out in his brown corduroys as someone outside the circle of what was going on, and clearly a victim of dangerous circumstances. The cast only had a month to rehearse before performing its show, and several actors had conflicts with other plays or graduate school auditions in Chicago. The short rehearsal time only made their emotional performance of a difficult play that much more effective.

"To be presented with something like that was a great opportunity," Williams said. "The play itself is not fun, but getting to do something different and portraying a character that I am nothing like is the interesting part of theater."
For Irish this year, the sky is the limit

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The Irish were sharp from the opening faceoff and never let Michigan gain the upper hand.

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We talked before this game, and I said that Michigan was really going to come out and rally around (Ruden)," Poulin said Saturday.

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Men's LACROSSE

Second half barrage lifts Irish in season opener

By PAT LEONARD

Recent meetings between Notre Dame and Penn State have been one-goal victories and overtime nailbiters. The same pattern seemed to take place Saturday.

Behind four goals from sophomore midfielder Matt Karweck and three goals and three assists from senior midfielder Matt Hotell, the Irish took a 7-5 halftime lead and turned it into a 17-7 win at Meiyo Field Sunday, outscoring the Nittany Lions 10-2 in the second half and 5-0 in the fourth quarter.

"This game has been a battle every year," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. "It was the same way today for a half. We shared some goals. At the end of the first half, it was a two-goal lead. It's nothing. In the second half, though, we think we made some plays offensively and shot the ball well."

Notre Dame (1-0) entered the contest ranked No. 1 in the Lacrosse Magazine preseason rankings and No. 14 in the Inside Lacrosse Power Poll. No. 17 Penn State (1-1) had defeat Ohio State 5-4 prior to Saturday's game.

Notre Dame presented a much more offensive threat, with the Irish scoring at least two goals, with four players tacking up two or more assists.

Coming out of halftime with a 7-5 lead, Notre Dame got on the board first with a Karweck goal at the 14:41 mark of the third quarter. After that, it was all Irish.

Follow up recent senior Dan Berger's third goal of the game with 12.80 remaining, junior midfielder Craig Crosland added an assist to set up plays and defeat the Nittany Lions attack, scoring his first goal of the game to make the score 2-1 at the 7:10 mark of the second quarter. He finished with three goals and one assist.

Following a Charlie Perry goal for Penn State at the 6:38 mark of the second quarter, however, the Irish closed the first half with three straight goals. Berger scored off of Howell's assists, and the Irish got two goals after the half, which came after timeouts that Callian called to set up plays in the offensive zone. Hubschmann tallied his second goal 16 seconds after a timeout called with 1:56 remaining, and Berger scored his second of the day at the 1:03 mark.

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HOCKEY

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Associate Sports Editor

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T.J. Jindra celebrates after scoring the first goal in the 4-1 Notre Dame win over Michigan Friday.

"He'll certainly be the best astronaut in that bunch," Poulin said. "It's fitting for that kind of impressive résumé. They've certainly set themselves up to be capable of defeating the country's very best. In discussing the play of his seniors Saturday, Poulin had a quote referring to the only one who didn't play — T.J. Jindra: "When you learn to hate Notre Dame's coach might not have thought it through when he put his backup goalie into the game. But he's the one to blame, and Michigan is the one to thank.

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BASKETBALL

Associated Press
CARLSBAD, Calif. — Tiger Woods made it sound so simple, even after making it look so hard.
"Til all boils down to what my dad always told me when it comes to match play," Woods said. "If you to do is just be better than your opponent that day. All you have to do is win more holes than you lose."

When he tapped in a 4-foot par putt on the 34th hole Sunday, Woods proved again that he has no match.

Spraying his tee shots all over La Costa Resort, unable to take the lead until the 25th hole. Woods turned a terrible tee shot into an unlikely birdie, then roared past putt-starved Davis Love III to win the Match Play Championship for the second straight year.

"It's obviously the best at what he does," said Love, who failed to win a hole over the final 17. "That shows even more in match play. He can play the game no matter what rules you put out there."

Woods won for the 40th time on the PGA Tour in just his 149th start, the most unpredictable format in golf because of the five 18-hole matches required to get to the finals. Jack Nicklaus played 221 events before he won his 40th tournament. Woods earned $1.2 million, the biggest first prize ever on the PGA Tour, and reminded everyone who's No. 1 in the world — and who's the best when the world gets together.

He won for the eighth time in the 14 official World Golf Championships he has played. Even more impressive is his back-to-back victories in the Accenture Match Play Championship, the most unpredictable format in golf because of the five 18-hole matches required to get to the finals.

Woods thrives on this format, right from the first tee, "it's eyeball-to-eyeball," he said. "That to me is a great rush." His amateur record was among the best ever — three straight U.S. Junior Amateurs, followed by three straight U.S. Amateur titles. His professional record is starting to catch up.

Woods is 20-3-3 in this tournament, and 30-5-1 overall in match play. That's why Love knew he was in trouble when he failed to build a big lead in the morning session, missing three birdie putts inside 10 feet.

In Brief

BCS agrees to add fifth game to increase access

NEW ORLEANS — The Bowl Championship Series agreed to add a fifth game Sunday, increasing access for schools not part of college football's most lucrative postseason

The champions of the six BCS conferences — the Big East, ACC, SEC, Big 12, Big Ten and Pac-10 — will maintain automatic berths in one of the five games. The remaining four spots will be at-large berths to be decided by a complex formula using national rankings.

The fifth bowl is still subject to final approval based on market viability, but all indications point to being in place when the new BCS contract takes effect before the 2006 season.

"This agreement is a significant victory for college sports and higher education," NCAA president Myles Brand said.

The current BCS bowls are the Rose, Sugar, Fiesta and Orange. One of those bowls pits the top two teams in the BCS standings in a championship game, which will be the Orange Bowl next season. The Rose, Fiesta and Sugar host the other games.

Oregen president Dave Frohnmayer, a member of the BCS Presidential Oversight Committee, said the fifth bowl would join in the title game rotation. He also said the Rose Bowl would retain its long-standing ties to the Big Ten and Pac-10 champions during years in which it does not host the title game. The other bowls also would have the chance to host conference tie games.

Frohnmayer said existing bowls probably will get the first shot at becoming the fifth BCS bowl. Cities expected to show immediate interest include Atlanta, Dallas, Houston, Jacksonville, Orlando and San Diego.

White House proposes steroid summit

The White House wants to organize a summit of representatives from the major sports leagues and the U.S. Olympic Committee to discuss steroid use by athletes.

Officials at major league baseball, the NFL, NBA, NHL and USOC confirmed Sunday they were contacted by the White House about such a meeting.

The White House had no immediate comment Sunday.

Spokesmen for the NFL, NHL, NBA and baseball said those sports would participate but added no date had been set.

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The Irish broke out of a two-point losing streak and looked to build some momentum in their last two Big East games before the conference tournament. 

UCLA (11-14) lost for the 11th time in 13 games. The Bruins hadn't had back-to-back losing seasons (they finished 10-19 last year) since 1940-41.

The Irish rebounded from a poor shooting performance against Providence Tuesday to make 12-of-26 3-pointers and score 48 percent from the field overall against the Bruins from the start, the Irish were on fire. They went on a 19-4 run, including eight consecutive makes, the Irish hoped would be enough to demolish the Scarlet Knights needed 53-36. Notre Dame didn't get any closer than 12 the rest of the game.

"We've had this problem all year long," McGraw said. "We have struggled to win on the road because we don't have the right attitude when we go into a road game.

Beilein led the Irish with 25 points on 12-for-18 shooting, Meghan Duffy had 14 points and four assists for 5-for-9 shooting.

Cappie Pondexter led the Scarlet Knights with 20 points and four assists. Michelle Campbell added 16 points on 6-for-7 shooting, and Chelsea Newton added 11 points on 5-for-5 shooting.

For the game, the Irish shot 40.8 percent, but Rutgers shot 58 percent overall, the highest mark by a Notre Dame opponent this year.

The Irish guard Chris Quinn drives with the ball against Seton Hall Feb. 14. Quinn had 20 points against UCLA Saturday.

Despite the loss, the Irish remain second in the Big East standings. They can clinch the No. 2 seed in the Big East tournament with a win Tuesday against Syracuse, or with a Villanova loss to Pittsburgh Tuesday.

But the fact remains that the Irish have struggled on the road this season, going 5-9 away from the Joyce Center. At this point in the season I don't feel very good about our finding [what it takes to win on the road all of a sudden]," McGraw said. "I think it's something that each player really has to look and say, 'What can I do better?' Right now nobody's doing their job."

RUTGERS 69, NOTRE DAME 55 at the LOUIS BROWN ATHLETIC CENTER

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three top 25 opponents — Florida Atlantic, Winthrop and Minnesota — by a combined score of 41-15, plus a 12-3 vic-
tory Saturday afternoon over NAIA opponent Florida Memorial.

"It was truly an amazing weekend. Once again we just
played great in every facet of the game," Mainieri said.

"These teams that we've played are really good teams, and in
two of the three of the games, we made them look not so
good. And really I think it was
a case of our kids playing well in
every facet again."

With the four wins on the
weekend, the Irish improved to
6-0 on the season — the best
start for an Irish squad since
1960.

Notre Dame 19, Winthrop 6

The contest with the Eagles
got off to a slow start Friday
afternoon, as the game remained scoreless through three innings, before the Irish plated six runs on seven hits in the
top of the fourth as Notre
Dame sent 10 batters to the
plate in the inning.

Sophomore shortstop Greg
Logan led the Irish against
Winthrop, going 4-for-6 with six
RBIs, four runs scored and a
home run.

First baseman Matt Edwards
was 3-for-4 with two RBIs and
a pair of runs scored and catcher Javi Sanchez went 3- for-5 and also had two RBIs and two runs scored for the
Irish.

Junior pitcher Chris Niesel
was again dominating on the
 mound for Notre Dame, getting
his second win of the season
while allowing only one earned
run over seven innings pitched
with five strikeouts.

"We know what [Niesel] is going to give us every time," Mainieri said. "He had another quality outing and put a lot
of strikes in there and made the
other team try to beat him."

Winthrop got five of its six
runs in the ninth inning Friday
with Notre Dame entering the
inning up 19-1.

Notre Dame 12, Florida Memorial 3

Against the Lions, the Irish
plated runs across the plate in
the first five innings, as Mainieri
played many of his players that do not usually
start against NAIA Florida
Memorial.

Sophomore outfielder Brennan Grogan hit his first
career home run against the
Lions, and freshman catcher
Sean Gaston had a four-hit day.

The loss was the first of the
season for Florida Atlantic,
who fell to 11-1 on the year
and had been ranked as high
as No. 12 coming into the
weekend.

The Irish found themselves in
a 2-0 hole to Minnesota early
before Macri's two-run homer
in the fourth tied the game at
2-2. The Irish would take a 4-2
lead later in the inning on RBI
singles from Grogan and sec-
ond baseman Steve Sulliman.

The Gophers rallied for four
runs in the top of the fifth to
claim the lead at 6-4, but the
Irish tied it up again in the bot-
tom half of the inning.

In their next at bat, the Irish
blew the game open with seven
runs on four hits as 12 batters
came to the plate in the inning
for the Irish. Notre Dame
would add six more runs in the
next two innings.

Freshman right-hander Derik
Olvey made his first career
start on the hill for the Irish,
allowing five earned runs on
seven hits in 4 1/3 innings pitched.

Freshman Dan Kapala got the
win in relief for the Irish,
working three innings and
allowing one run.

The Irish travel to San
Antonio for Saturday's game the
Alamo City Irish Baseball Classic,
where Notre Dame will face
San Antonio and Penn State.

Notes:

• Freshman centerfielder
Danny Dressman sprained his
ankle trying to beat out a bunt
in the game against Florida
Atlantic and was unable to play
Sunday against Minnesota.

• Junior pitcher Grant
Johnson, who is trying to work
back from Tommy John surgery
that sidelined him for all of the
2003 season, was unable to
work over the weekend due to
inflammation.

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begin until Fall 2004.

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knew what I could do. I got my
offs to me and I was able to really take
advantage of that.

The Irish have made a living
knocking off ranked teams on
the road or neutral sites this sea-
son, with No. 1 Boston College,
No. 3 Maine and then-No. 4
Wisconsin in their first three
seasons. This was the first and only
time that Notre Dame had a chance to
come out on top of a ranked team
at the Joyce Center, and in front of two
consecutive sellouts, the team
looked advantage of that chance.

"We always say that each
game is worth two points, but I
think that there are certain games throughout the season
where you look back and say,"
"Okay, that's where we took the
next step," Irish coach Dave
Poulin said. "I think this was a
very big weekend, not just on the
micro level [of this season] but
perhaps even on the macro level
[on the historical program]."

With their wins this weekend,
the Irish moved up in the RPI
rankings from No. 16 to No. 13,
and currently sit at the same
level in the PairWise Rankings —
two of the biggest components in
deciding the 10 at-large bids for
the 16-team NCAA Tournament.
They also took a large step
toward securing home ice in the
first round of the CCHA playoffs —
which goes to the top six
teams in the conference. Notre
Dame currently sits tied for fifth
with Alaska Fairbanks with 29
points, and only one point
behind fourth place Ohio State.
Friday night's game started
with a relatively defensive first
period, as neither team could get
a goal against either Brown or
Michigan's All-American goalie
Al Montoya. The Irish solved
Montoya just 1:17 into the sec-
ond period, when Mike Walsh
tossed a shot at the net that
appeared to hit a Michigan
defenseman before beating
Montoya to the short side.

When Michigan came out in
the second period, it came out
with a vengeance, with Jeff
Tambellini scoring the equalizer
just 20 seconds into the frame.

Lebda picked up an assist on
Amado's first goal of the game at
8:44 of the first period, when
Mike Walsh threw a shot at the
net that appeared to hit a Michigan
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just 20 seconds into the frame.
Less than two minutes later,
Andrew Ebbett gave Michigan
its first lead on the weekend when
he poked a loose puck past
Montoya during a scrum in front of
the Notre Dame goal.

Poulin immediately called a
timout to try and settle his
troops.

"Michigan really rallied
around their young netminder," he
said. "They got us out of our
game in the second period with
those two goals, so we took the
timout to just try and settle
things down some."

Poulin said.

"It's something that we dis-
cussed earlier and something
that the coaches put upon us
and we were able to come
t through.

Notre Dame closes out its sea-
son on the road, traveling to
Lake Superior Stato for a two
game conference series against the
Lakers starting Friday.

NOTRE DAME 4. MICHIGAN 1
at THE JOYCE CENTER

NOTRE DAME 1st 2nd 3rd Total
MICHIGAN 0 0 1 1

SCORING SUMMARY
First Period
No scoring.
Second Period
NO — T.J. Jindra (Matt Amado, Brett
Lebda) 1:17.
NO — Cory McLean (Jon Arcobello)
16:00.
MD — Jason Paige (Paige O'Neill, Lebda).
14:15.
Third Period
NO — Eric Nystrom (Brandon Rogers,
Matt Hunwick) 3:15.

NO — Paige (Jason Schilb, Lebda) 4:27 PP.
Shots on goal: Notre Dame 26, Michigan
1-of-5. Goaltenders: David Brown 2.3 saves out of 24 shots (ND), Al
Montoya 14 saves out of 17 shots, Noah
Ruden 8 saves out of 9 shots (UM).

NOTRE DAME 5, MICHIGAN 2
at THE JOYCE CENTER

NOTRE DAME 1st 2nd 3rd Total
MICHIGAN 0 2 0 2

Shots on goal: Notre Dame 31, Michigan 26. Power plays: Notre Dame 2-of-3,
Michigan 1-of-5. Goaltenders: David Brown 2.3 saves out of 24 shots (ND), Al
Montoya 14 saves out of 17 shots, Noah
Ruden 8 saves out of 9 shots (UM).

Scoring Summary First Period
NO — Mike Walch (Rob Globoke, Lebda),
8:44 PP.
Second Period
UM — Jeff Tambellini (Dwight Holmes)
1:29.
UM — Andrew Ebbett (Jason Brosnan)
2:19.
NO — Neil Komadoski (Tom Galvin,
Michael Birnholz) 13:45.
NO — Amado (Jindra), 16:00.
Third Period
NO — Globoke (Paige, Brad Wanuchick),
7:10.
NO — McLean (unassisted) 17:25 EN.
Shots on goal: Notre Dame 36, Michigan
41. Power plays: Notre Dame 1-of-4, Michigan
0-of-4. Goaltenders: Brown 39 saves out of 41 shots (ND), Ruden 11
saves out of 15 shots (UM).

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Take it back... TAKE IT BACK!!

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ACROSS
29. With 27-Across, get hitched
31. Cigarette residue
34. Ukr., once
35. Flight paths
37. Reason for turning down an invitation
41. Capulet rival
42. Stars and Stripes land
43. Ocean
44. Guess: Abbr.
45. Film director Craven
46. Nightwear, for short
49. Helen's Roman counterpart
51. Carol's mother
53. Jai
54. 2000 teen comedic
56. Implores
57. Nosh
60. Apply
61. Territory
62. In addition
63. Spy novelist Daughton
64. Show clearly
66. Spelling contest
66. Acid
67. Caught, as fish
68. DOWN
1. Machine-gun by plane
2. One's wife, slangily
3. Changes the decor of
4. Actor's whisper
5. Point at the dinner table?
6. Implores
7. Nosh
8. Olympic rapist
9. ___ ___, Tex.
10. Noel
11. Clark Kent's gal
12. Ancient Persian
13. Speed away, with "out"
20. Number of teeth Goody has
22. Popular discount shoe store
23. Tali Aviva native
26. Worthless past
30. Bandy words
33. President after F.D.R.
34. Drunkard
35. Get better, as wine
36. Internet start-up
37. Ishmael's Mate
39. Kinda
40. Wackos
41. Superwhale
42. Drs.' group
43. Flexible, as contracts
44. 1-900-285-5656, $1.20 a min.; or, with a minute; or, with a
45. Discount
46. Get better, as up?
47. Actress
48. Get better, as up? (Jumbles)
49. Mj's period
50. Nabisco cookies
51. Construction
52. Continuously
53. Come
54. Ethel
to 55. Drs.' group
56. Upper people
57. First mate
to 58. Sheep's cap
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FINISH SOOTHE

Print answers here.

Saturday's Jumble Answers:

Saturday's Jumble: DRAFT HOARD FINISH SOOTHE

NOW arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above caption.

EUGENIA LAST

Sharing this birthday: Dulah Sharpe, Rue Howard, Harry Belfonte, Alan Thicke, Kimberly Bay, Robert Boog, Roger Darby.

Happy Birthday! You've got your act together, and it's time to show everyone exactly why. You have to offer. Your showed business sense will impress associates and colleagues. If you are able to work in a straightforward, gaining popularity and a good reputation in your chosen field. This is a perfect year to try new things. You're doing exactly what you want to accomplish. You number: 7, 8, 9, 11, 41, 45.

ARES (March 21-April 19): You can gain approval and get knots, by asking for help and putting a little heart into your speech or request. Rewards, gifts or money from investments, surcharges or taxes can be expected...

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A charge of attitude has probably damaged your home environment. Verbal abuse may lead to walkouts or rash statements you may regret later. ****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Red tape will be impossible to cut up today. You may as well work on projects that will allow you to make progress. In laws or relatives will oppose your intentions. ****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You are better off visiting friends or relatives than entertaining at home.****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Once again you find yourself having problems with co-workers and employers. You are ahead of your time, and trying to stay in one spot is just trying too much. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You may find yourself changing careers. Boredom has led you in new and unique directions, which offer interesting friendships.****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You will be emotional if you have been extravagant or if children or friends take advantage of you. You should channel your efforts into getting rid of bad habits. **

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Cowardly language may cause you to want to get out of the house. You are better off visiting friends or relatives than entertaining at home.****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): This will be a difficult year to deal with co-workers. You are not likely to be treated well, and your boss may make it hard for you to do your work effectively.****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can look into new jobs, but don't count on getting help from someone who may have promised you assistance. Financial limitations will have to be dealt with on your own.***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You won't get the reaction you want from your mate today. Intimacy relationships with colleagues will lead to gossip that could easily affect your position.***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You may divulge secret information without realizing it today. Be cautious not to get involved in office chaos that will cause problems for others.****

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Rude hosts
Irish sweep No. 4 Michigan in crucial home series

By JUSTIN SCHUYER
Associate Sports Editor

Not even green jerseys could stop the Irish this weekend.
The Irish (17-11-4, 13-10-3 in the CCHA) swept Michigan (23-10-1, 18-7-1) at home for their fourth sweep of a CCHA opponent at the Joyce Center this year. None was bigger than this one, though, as Notre Dame convincingly defeated the No. 4-ranked team in the country and first place team in the conference.

Wearing alternate uniforms each night, the Irish first defeated the Wolverines 4-1 Friday wearing their green jerseys. They completed the sweep Saturday in their gold jerseys, defeating Michigan 5-2.

No matter what color sweater, the story was the same, with Notre Dame having the early momentum in each game before Michigan would make a run to either cut into the deficit or tie the game back up. A constant in goal for the Irish through those potent Wolverine offensive outbursts was freshman goalie David Brown.

Brown, who has had one of the best rookie seasons ever in a Notre Dame uniform, was good — and at times great — this weekend, stopping a combined 62 shots in the two victories. "It's just started since the beginning of the year," Brown said after Saturday's game. "Coming in as a freshman, no one really

NO WOMEN'S BBALL Notre Dame 75, UCLA 60
Irish center Tom Timmermans makes a move with the ball against Syracuse Jan. 17. The senior had 20 points against UCLA Saturday.

BY CHIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

Don't tell the Irish hitters they're not supposed to be in mid-season form yet.

Just the second weekend into the 2004 season, No. 10 Notre Dame (6-0) put 53 runs on the board with 57 hits over the course of four games to sweep the Florida Atlantic Classic in Boca Raton, Fla.

"I don't remember us ever swinging the bat this well early in the season," Irish coach Paul Mainieri said. "Usually our hitting is that last thing that comes around. This year it seems like everything is just come right out of the gate getting good swings. We're not striking out very much, we're drawing some walks and we're hitting the ball hard."

The Irish also used solid starting pitching and nearly perfect fielding to knock off

By MATT LOZAR
Associate Sports Editor

The only thing left for Tom Timmermans was to watch — very frustrating.

Notre Dame (18-9, 11-4) started off strong jumping out to an 11-6 lead to start the game, behind six straight points from forward Jacqueline Fitzieast.

However, the Irish were unable to sustain that effort, allowing Rutgers to climb back into the game, scoring eight of the next 10 points. But the Irish scored eight straight points to give them a 24-23 lead with 3:39 remaining in the half. Rutgers responded with two late shots to put them up three at the half.

Irish center Tom Timmermans sinks career-high 20 points in Notre Dame victory over Bruins

Irish stumble in road loss to Rutgers

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

There's no place like home — but don't tell the Irish that. They already know it.

After defeating No. 21 Miami by 35 points at home Tuesday, the Irish traveled to Rutgers and experienced yet another road loss. The Scarlet Knights (17-10, 9-6 in the Big East) shot the lights out (72.7 percent from the field) in the second half, leading them to a 69-55 win.

"We gave them wide open layups and easy shots," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "It was really disappointing to watch — very frustrating." Notre Dame (18-9, 11-4) started off strong jumping out to an 11-6 lead to start the game, behind six straight points from forward Jacqueline Fitzieast.

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