SMC class of '97 ticket violates election policy

By CAROLINE BLUM
Saint Mary's Editor

According to Board of Governors Elections Committee, the Julie Pokorny (President), Laura Lah (Vice President), Karin Connolly (Secretary), and Katie Ellsworth (Treasurer) running for senior class next year, has violated an election policy.

While campaigning, the Pokorny ticket passed out their 8 1/2" x 11" platforms to the entire campus, a violation of Election Poster Policy No. 6 that states, "Any additional handouts must be smaller than the 8 1/2" x 11" flyer.

"We are taken aback by how many people their flyers affected," Elections Commissioner Emily Buffner said. "The flyers could not even reach the campus, a violation of Election Poster Policy No. 6 that states, "Any additional handouts must be smaller than the 8 1/2" x 11" flyer."

The ticket has been rescheduled for July 8.

Sister Prejean’s story

Hollywood lauds Prejean’s story

Sarandon wins Oscar, nun continues crusade against death penalty

By KRISTI KOLSKY
Assistant News Editor

The movie “Dead Man Walking” may have garnered Susan Sarandon the best actress award at the Oscars last night, but after the paparazzi and ticket sales diminish, there will still be the woman who inspired the film.

Sister Helen Prejean has made a lasting impression through her work with death row inmates in Louisiana’s Angola State Prison and has unwittingly found herself in the spotlight as a spokesperson against capital punishment.

Appearing on Oprah and featured in journals across the nation, Prejean exposed more than the criminal. She also exposed the human being behind the victim and the families of victims who must struggle with issues of forgiveness.

Sister Eleanor Bernstein, director of the Center for Pastoral Liturgy at Notre Dame and a friend of Prejean, believes that the movie is a serious issue for contemporary society.

“Sister Prejean never says that a sin is okay. She shows that we can condemn the sin but forgive and offer mercy to the sinner,” Bernstein said.

“The real struggle for human being is to do the kind act to confront the sinner and be compassionate.”

The movie expressed the difficulty, especially for the parents of the victim, to find forgiveness. In addition to her work with death row inmates, Prejean offered assistance to the families of victims to help them find some sense of peace and compassion, justice, mercy and patience means,” said Brother Bonaventure Scully, rector of Keenan Hall.

Scully has followed Prejean’s efforts since she visited Notre Dame in the spring of 1994 as part of a presentation sponsored by Keenan in conjunction with several other dorms.

At that time the movie was a fledgling idea but it emerged into an honest presentation of the issues in Prejean’s book surrounding the death penalty.

“The movie does not tell you what to think about capital punishment but it does challenge you to face the question,” Scully said.

Racial, socio-economic and political factors in addition to issues of Catholicism all emerge in the portrayal of Prejean’s life.

The movie highlighted the fact that most people on death row are either a minority or unable to afford better lawyers.

“It reflects everything about our judicial system,” Scully said.

University raises record sum

Special to the Observer

The University of Notre Dame raised a record $70.2 million in cash contributions in fiscal year 1995, according to the annual report of the University’s Department of Development.

The total, which does not take into account pledges of future gifts, exceeded by more than $5 million the record established in 1994.

“Notre Dame is fortunate—blessed really—to receive such phenomenal support from various constituencies,” said Daniel Reagan, director of development.

“There can be no question that the progress Notre Dame makes is due in large measure to the generosity of our benefactors. We are more than grateful.”

Reported giving totals in the planned giving program, the Notre Dame Annual Fund, and corporate support played a large role in establishing the overall record for cash contributions.

Planned gifts—including bequests, trusts, insurance and other estate gifts—amounted to $11 million, equal to the record established last year. The Studebaker Trust, established for benefactors who include Notre Dame in their estates, numbers 491 members whose anticipated gifts total more than $170 million.

In its 52nd year, the Notre Dame Annual Fund raised a record $143.3 million, a four percent increase over the previous record established in 1994. The fund’s matching gifts program raised a record $11 million.

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**World at a glance**

**LARGEST RACIAL MINORITY**

Russia has dropped a plan to raise import tariffs by 20 percent, clearing the way for a $10.2 billion loan from the International Monetary Fund, The New York Times reported. The loan had been thrown into doubt earlier this month after Russia's finance minister, Vladimir Pspank, proposed the across-the-board tariff increase, contradicting previous assurances to the IMF. But the Times reported Tuesday that a senior Western economist said Russia has now met almost all of the conditions and that the fund's staff is confident that a formal approval is now virtually assured. The loan is linked to a comprehensive plan to reduce the Russian budget deficit and to give Russian President Boris Yelcin an important election-year boost. Last month, the head of the IMF approved the loan in principle but said Russian officials had not fully met the conditions.

**Canadian liberals sweep election**

Canada's Prime Minister Jean Chretien's Liberal Party swept to victory Monday in five of six by-elections for vacant parliamentary seats in eastern Canada.

**Indianapolis 500**

The Indianapolis 500 is the most important race of the year in auto racing.

**Detroit**

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Panel aids selection of major

By SARAH CORRKEAN
News Writer

As a year of adapting to college life for freshmen draws to a close, Saint Mary's students find themselves sorting through a list of possible majors with many unanswered questions.

In an effort to assist students and answer their questions in the early stages of choosing a major, the Counseling and Career Development Center (C&CDC) presented the panel discussion last night.

Karen Manier, assistant director of the C&CDC, along with a panel of Saint Mary's juniors and seniors representing a wide array of majors, guided an audience of Saint Mary's freshmen through the process of choosing a major.

Manier warned the freshmen audience of the many "stumbling blocks" that students may face when declaring a major.

"Some students simply don't always do enough information searches before declaring a major," said Manier.

The panel suggested three guidelines to students choosing a major. First, students should read the information available about the major.

Secondly, students should talk to other students in the major and faculty in the department.

Thirdly, students should experience the major firsthand by taking a class was also recommended. The panel indicated that this will help students focus on those majors that incorporate their interests. In beginning the process, Manier suggests students visit the C&CDC career library. The library offers books on majors and occupations as well as a computer program linked to alumnae to assist in finding internships or providing information on majors.

"Not only do we offer valuable information, but a student assistant is on duty to assist in searches," said Manier.

"By making a visit to the C&CDC library, we can help with any questions and get students started on the road to deciding on a major," said Beth Lang, student assistant.

"The library is a great resource that all students are welcomed and invited to use in making plans about majors in college and afterwards," said Manier.

In step!

Patterson receives Bayer Corp. grant

By JENNIFER FRIEDMAN

Dr. Prachi Dixit of South Bend demonstrates Indian dance at Asian Cultural Night last night.

Steven Patterson, a recent doctoral recipient from Georgia State University, has received a two-year postdoctoral fellowship endowed by Bayer Corp. according to Charles Kulpa, Jr., professor of biology.

Patterson, a postdoctoral fellow in the laboratories of Assistant Professors of Chemistry and Biochemistry Richard Taylor and Bradley Smith at Notre Dame, is conducting research on the "Library Approach to Carbohydrate Sensors."

This fellowship will be administered by Notre Dame's Center for Bioengineering and Pollution Control. The center coordinates faculty research activities in the Colleges of Engineering and of Science.
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ND celebrates Earth Week

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame Environmental Coalition, an informal alliance of campus groups, is celebrating Earth Week with a week full of activities to promote environmental awareness and involvement. "Seeking Environmental Justice: A Panel Discussion on Brownfield Policy," will take place Wed., March 27 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. in Room 120 of the Law School. An Environmental Movie Festival will be sponsored by the Terra Club Fri., March 29 from 8 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. in Montgomery Theater in LaFortune Student Center.

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have caused over ten individuals to easily change their minds."

The Elections Committee met Monday to decide the penalty for the violation, which they collectively agreed would be a deduction of 15% of the ticket's total votes.

"We obviously have to penalize them because all the other tickets played fair," committee member Christine Riesenberg said.

The committee based the penalty on the voter turnout in past elections and an estimation of what of the voter turnout will be today when the juniors vote.

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geneering, Social Sciences and Humanities. The nominees are divided up by division, and each division representative suggests one or two finalists for each award. The committee then meets and decides on two or three overall finalists. The suggestions of the committee are then passed on to Barbara Turpin, the associate dean of the Graduate School, who decides the honorees. "We finally settled on two for the TA award, and three for the independent instructor awards, but we were extremely impressed with the quality of the teaching this year. There were plenty who were above average, but it was difficult to decide who was the best," Genbach said.

For Scully, the issue is a political one. "Politicians play with people's lives to get votes. Instead, it should be a moral issue and we should look at it as educated Catholics.

"Dead Man Walking," said Prejean of her book, "was a sustained meditation on love, criminal violence and capital punishment."

"In a larger sense, [the book] is about life and death itself," she continued. "Are we here to persecute our brothers or to bring compassion into a world which is cruel without reason?"

WHAT'S THE FUTURE OF THIS RELATIONSHIP?

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• Steps in making healthy decisions
• Long-distance relationships

There is no cost for the program, but... Pre-registration is required...
By Friday, March 29
Applications are available at either Campus Ministry Office: Badin Hall or Library Concourse.
Questions? Call 631-5242

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tying $7.2 million. Among U.S. colleges and universities, Notre Dame is second only to Harvard University in both number of matching gifts and total matching gift dollars.

A record $7 million was raised through the Notre Soci­ety, flagship of the Annual Fund.

The society includes contributors of a minimum of $1,000 annually in unrestricted gifts, as well as Founders Circle members, who donate $3,000 or more annually.

Corporate contributions to Notre Dame in 1995 amounted to $18.1 million and foundation contributions totaled $5.9 million for a combined record of $24 million.

More than 50 percent of Notre Dame's undergraduate alumni made contributions to their alma mater, one of the highest participation rates among American colleges and universities.

In total, almost 35,000 alumni contributed $31.3 million to the University.

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that the trial date has been reset.

Herro, an associate professor in the electrical engineering department, was arrested in late October by St. Joseph County police and charged with three counts of child molesting and two counts of sexual misconduct with a minor.

He remains on the faculty at the University pending the out­come of the trial, according to Michael Garvey, assistant director of Notre Dame Public Relations.

From January 1994 to June 1995, Herro allegedly molested the boy numerous times at several locations. Herro was a friend of the boy's family, au­thorities said.

The boy's father informed the county police of the alleged conduct in October after finally persuading his son to talk about it, according to police reports.

Herro remains free after posting $2,000 bond. He has pleaded innocent.

The South Bend Tribune con­tributed to this report.

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New comet attracts skylazers

By CAROLYN THOMPSON

Boston

Other comets have come closer to Earth. Others have shown brighter. But as comets go, Hyakutake, the little greenish fuzzball in the sky, is a heavenly reward for skylazers.

"Suddenly, all of your neighbors who thought you were a little odd hunting for dim, little, distant galaxies in a telescope in your backyard in the middle of the night suddenly can step back 9,000 years, has been drawing countless eyes to the night sky. Internet sites are crowded with enthusiastic observations.

"Boy is this fun," began one message. "Dang, what a sight!" read another. "You simply can't miss this comet. It just jumps out at you."

Not had for a chunk of dirty ice that's been drifting above the solar system for 400,000 years, the brightest comet to pass this close in 400 years. H ailey's Comet returns

A comet came closer to Earth than any other in 17,000 years. H ailey's Comet returns every 76 years. H ailey's Comet returns

"There's something about the appearance of a comet," said Brian Marsden, associate director for planetary sciences at the Smithsonian-Harvard Center for Astrophysics. "I suppose it's the fact that you can have this great distance," just for a little while, and know it's come from a great distance.

Hyakutake is named for the amateur Japanese astronomer who discovered it in January. It is the brightest burning comet since Comet West in 1976. It is visible throughout the Northern Hemisphere.

Observers say there have been few more watchable comets this century, though the much larger Halley-Fope due to pass near Earth next year could top Hyakutake's show.

At Hyakutake's nearest point to Earth — about 9.5 million miles away Sunday and Monday — sky-watchers said it had the brightness of Sirius, the brightest star in the northern sky. Its tail of glowing gases is an estimated 62,000 miles long.

A comet came closer to Earth as recently as 1983, but it was nowhere near as bright. Experts say the comet will start to fade after Monday until the first week in April as it drifts farther from the Earth, but may brighten again as it gets closer to the sun. It should become visible to people in the Southern Hemisphere in mid-May, MacRobert said.

Traveling 198,000 mph as it rounds the sun, Hyakutake's orbit and the gravitational effects of the planets should bring it back this way in about 17,000 years. Halley's Comet returns every 76 years.

"Things like this spur people to look up beyond the surface of our little planet, where we live our little lives," MacRobert said, "and see something of the bigger, wider universe that is waiting for us to just look up."

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ECONOMICS

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CLOSEING OF LENT 1996

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Wednesday, March 27
9:00 p.m.
Regina Chapel
Le Mass Chapel
Holy Cross Chapel

Passion (Palm) Sunday, March 31
No Residence Hall Masses
College Mass - 1:30 p.m., Church of Loretto

Jointed together in one single celebration, we begin this last holy week of East...
Authorities seek Syrian terrorists

BERLIN

Authorities investigating two terrorist attacks in the 1980s are seeking two high-ranking Syrian officials said Monday.

One arrest warrant was issued a year ago for Feisal Sammak, Syria's former ambassador in East Berlin and a relative of President Hafez Assad, according to two Syrian officials.”

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Sammak is suspected of having helped terrorist Carlos the Jackal’s alleged right-hand man, Johannes Weinrich, in the 1983 bombing of a French cultural center in West Berlin, which killed one man and injured 23 others. Weinrich is being tried for murder in the bombing.

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Study: Risk of disease 'small'

By ROBERT BARK

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By JENNIFER MEARS

Governor vetoes bill banning gay marriages

DENVER

Gov. Roy Romer vetoed a bill banning same-sex marriages Monday, saying such unions may portend the end of marriage. "It is one thing to believe, as I do, that marriage is the union of a man and a woman," Romer, a Democrat, said. "It is quite another to believe that committed same-sex relationships do not exist and should not be recognized by society."

"We cannot prohibit or ban those relationships, and we shouldn't use our law to attempt to do so," he said.

The bill won final approval in the Colorado Legislature earlier this month. The bill passed 33-31 in the House and 20-14 in the Senate, so that unlikely supporters could get the two-thirds majority needed to override the governor's veto.

The bill is similar to legislation in other states introduced in response to a court case in Hawaii that could result in a ruling legitimizing gay marriage as early as this year.

Since states customarily recognize each other's statutes, such a ruling in Hawaii could force the other 49 states to grant homosexuals in same-sex marriages the same legal and social benefits afforded to married heterosexuals.

Supporters accused Romer of bowing to political pressure. But Romer, a three-term governor who is running for a fourth term, is already planning to serve another term, called the legislation mean-spirited and unnecessary.

"Let's be honest. Some suppose this bill is just the beginning to single out and condemn the lives of gay and lesbian people," he said.

Leslie Beed and Sharon Espinoza, a lesbian couple, said the governor's action was a step in the right direction. "We're in the long run going to be recognized as a family," Espinoza said.

Will Perkins, chairman of Family Values, accused the veto. "The governor is absolutely unaccountable to the electorate," he said. "This is in the pocket of pro-homosexual interests and is attempting to hold the state hostage."

Colorado was boycotted and labeled the "hate state" after approving an anti-gay-rights measure in 1992 that banned local laws protecting gays from bias in employment, housing or public accommodations.

The ballot measure, written by a group seeking to overturn a voter-approved gay rights law, was struck down by state courts and never took effect.

The U.S. Supreme Court had been expected to take up the challenge this year.

A national group will consider bringing forward a ballot initiative banning same-sex marriages in Colorado.

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Israelis ‘security measures’ leave Palestinians in a bind

Dear Editor:

Yesterday, we visited El Pafawer refugee camp. This morning our house, like many others, will be demolished by explosion. The houses belong to the family of Ibrahim Sarahneh who was responsible for the Ashkelon bombing of February 25.

The house demolitions will leave 35 family members homeless. Sitting inside a makeshift tent near her sealed home, Ibrahim’s mother says she was in the “peace agreement”) to leave the “occupied Territories, but has instead cut off from their treatment. Palestinians are still denied freedom of movement, access to jobs and schools, and the ability to transfer food and resources freely. These practices, called “security measures” by both Israeli officials and by the Palestinian Authority. The policy of separating towns and villages is a direct violation of the 1995 Interim Agreement on the West Bank and Gaza Strip that may render any potential for peaceful negotiations impossible.

For two weeks, all Palestinians were confined to their village or town by hundreds of Israeli checkpoints. At least three infants died at the checkpoints when they were prevented from reaching hospitals. Cancer patients, needing kidney dialysis, and others were cut off from their treatment. Palestinian laborers (in jobs that most Israelis refuse), and will continue to bring in new Thai workers at the rate of 400 per day for the next ten days.

During its 28-year occupation, Israelis forced the Palestinians into economic subjugation, blocking independent development that would compete with Israeli interests. In the wake of the bombings, Israel closed Abu Dis College and Hebron University, leaving several thousand students and hundreds of employees without work. These students’ families had already paid their tuition, a hardship for many. Bethlehem University, where I am teaching, has reopened after two weeks of closure; however, many of our students and faculty living in Jerusalem are arbitrarily denied entrance into Bethlehem, as Israeli soldiers at checkpoints send them back to their homes just five miles away.

These practices, called “security measures” by both Israeli officials and by President Clinton, have created a devastating state of insecurity among the Palestinians who condemn bombings and violence.

 Gesture causing great suffering among an entire population, to punish the crimes of a few, is an outrage that would be tolerated by no civilized society.

This humiliation, if intended to produce “Israeli security”, will likely have a different effect, as the initial enthusiasm for the “peace process” rapidly deteriorates.

Coming only a few months after the partial Israeli “withdrawals”, the reality of continuing domination is setting in, and along with it, a sense of helplessness and growing resentment. If any hope for peace is to be salvaged, the closure must be lifted now.

THERESE SALIBA

Editor’s Note: There is no “quote of the day.”

A word has power in and of itself. It comes from nothing into sound and meaning; it gives origin to all things. By means of the word can a man deal with the world on equal terms.

—N. Scott Momaday
Enthusiastic, talented students have opportunity for role reversal

Dear Editor:

I am writing to ask you to consider spending your next two years teaching in an under-resourced urban public school.

Several years ago, when I was a senior in college, I started Teach For America because I was convinced that a national teacher corps would make America's most talented individuals could fundamentally change our country, by ensuring that more of our nation's young people have an equal opportunity to an excellent education, and by influencing the consciousness of a corps of individuals who will ultimately be among our nation's leaders.

I encourage you to consider this forum. Instead of filling out another application or writing another letter, I hope that you will apply to Teach For America.

WENDY KOPP
Founder, Teach For America

Women's lib life a stale old story

Dear Editor:

We would like to offer a few comments in response to the article written by Laura Grimes, Maureen Kramlich, Colleen Murphy and Elizabeth Jensen, Officers of Feminists for Life (Observer Feb 28). It is not clear to us how these women can be counted feminists at all.

Fundamental to feminism's meaning is the claim to freedom. Women who are limited by patriarchy are feminism's enemy not its ally.

The Feminists for Life's obedience to the Vatican line in the area of women's rights is not only a problem for the literature, it is clear that it is the women themselves in these countries who wish to reduce their power and space in their families and to space their children more effectively. This benefits both the papal authority and that of the Vatican line.

Had Grimes et al. stuck to their point about "pharmaceutical" birth control being, at least arguably, deleterious to women's health, they might have made a useful contribution to the birth control debate. Instead, the point was lost in a stumbling as horse as they prepared to tout "natural" birth control over the artificial.

If, for example, they had come out in support of the "non-pharmaceutical"

CATHRYN FRIEDMAN

May the Force Be With You

Feminist movement takes the floor, addresses current issues

I am sitting here contemplating the "F" word. A forum to be held at Saint Mary's campus this evening. The most significant, of course, was the Belles: Who Are They? which questioned whether or not the "Belles" was the right nickname for the college. The "F" word discussion - the second event planned for the week of the women at Saint Mary's - will not hash out old maxims green. These traditional "Belles" will never embody the the true characteristics of a Saint Mary's women. Neither will the women being feminism, hence the "F" word.

The "F" word forum has the distinctive ability to bear both on the students and faculty to talk about feminism in relation to Generation X. Which is important because our generation challenges defining feminism.

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True. I'm surrounded daily with fellow students in their 20's, and it's safe to say most are afraid of feminism. Afraid not of their gender, but in fear of societal reprimands of claiming to be a feminist.

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I'm not certain if Alexandra's findings surprise you, but I hope her work will help female realize that the women's movement is perhaps not only a movement that has been polarized between the liberal feminist and the more radical movement, but has actually become a female.

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Today they're just too expensive to let them go up in flames. So those participating in the discussion will just raise questions -- complicated questions with contradictory answers -- about how generation feminism is not that all benevolent a classification in our society. There are powerful interests opposed to feminism, like getting a date. Many women, especially at Saint Mary's, feel that feminism only limits the options of who they can "go out with."

And when you live in a confined all-female college community, anything that might scare away a potential date is unwelcome. That is assuming one is heterosexual.

Young women also do not like feminism because of its being reduced to women who are survivors of men's violence. But women and violence against as yet another topic that has been ignored on either Saint Mary's or the country's campus. This is not to say that harassment and date rape occurs. Recognizing this as a women's issue is definitely not a feminist issue. Many women that rape or incest could happen to them.

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Shining the spotlight on campus

The Pom Pon Squad

By MELANIE WATERS
Assistant Accent Editor

S o, you think all it takes to succeed in pom pons is a pretty face and some hips? Think again, as those involved in the Notre Dame pom pon squad. As the group prepares to open auditions for the upcoming year, they are working hard to continuously strengthen both their talent and their positive image for women on both campuses.

The pom pon squad consists of women from both Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s. Annually, the group takes 12 to 16 new members each year, depending on the size of the auditioning group. Pom hopefuls will have the chance to show their skills and talents, which will be held from April through June.

According to new co-captain Shari Prendiville, the first day of auditions will be a clinic to teach the auditioners some of the dance combinations. The next day, the women will perform small group routines to see if they want to develop our talent and gain recognition as a quality musical group.

Turns looks forward to expanding the group’s repertoire, wanting us to appeal not only to the Alumni but to the community as well. "I think we really have something special to offer them."

Interest in Shenanigans continues to grow on campus and around the Notre Dame community. Eliza as the first hip-hop dance group and the group has received an increasing number of requests for performances in the community. This interest, and the desire of Shenanigans members, excite the group’s new officers about future prospects, which will hopefully include a Shenanigan 15-year reunion concert during the upcoming football season. The group also plans to expand and let go, sharing our faith. There are some say that when the Notre Dame and the group numbers as well, embracing a blend of Broadway classics and recent theatrical hits.

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Throughout the year, the pom team performs choreographed routines at the South Bend Tribune's All-Star Basketball Game audience to the Girl Scouts. This year, the only invitational performing group was allowed to halftime at every basketball game but also participation at home games. The members of the pom squad are proud that their talent and hard work have earned them respect. "We've earned the pride of our most important goals is to promote a positive and respected image among all women at Notre Dame and Notre Dame's performance team. Sulistio summarized, "We're proud performers为我们提供积极和尊重的形象在所有的女性在Notre Dame, and Notre Dame's performance team. Sulistio summarized, "We're proud performers"

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The Mechanics of In Vitro Fertilization

By LIZA NYKIEL
Academic Medical Correspondent

On July 35, 1978, Louise Brown was born in the Oldham General Hospital in England to the amazement of the entire world. For John and Lesley Brown, the question of the birth of their daughter was a truly marvelous event for, you see, Louise Brown was the first "test tube baby" born in a test tube. Since that time, further research in the action and mechanisms of the various reproductive hormones have led to a better understanding of fertilization processes and thus enhanced techniques of in vitro fertilization. Fortunately as this advancement may be for childless couples around the world, it has opened a whole new jar of worms in the troubling world of medical ethics.

The term "in vitro" comes from the Latin phrase that means "in glass," which is in contrast to "in utero" or "in the womb.

"I don't think anyone will have to wait for the ovum to be fertilized and transferred to another woman," Griffith said. "We're sort of like public relations agents, trying to portray the club as all girls," said co-captain Robert Prendeville. "We've had a series of charity and volunteer performances this year, which took place this past weekend. Prendeville also stated that as a part of a student-run organization, "you gain so much experience as a person and grow so much as a squad. Everything you have earned, you have earned through your own work." She said that she is so much rewarding because "you feel like you have a voice in everything you do."

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Spurs streak left intact with victory over Nets

By CHRIS SHERIDAN
Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs came fatigued and a cold-shooting fourth quarter to win their fifth game in a row — one short of the franchise record — with a 94-88 victory Tuesday night over the New Jersey Nets.

The Spurs shot just 4-for-17 in the fourth quarter and 37 percent overall, but stayed ahead with a pair of 3-pointers by Sean Elliott and by outbounding the top rebounding team in the NBA.

Elliott had 35 points, one short of his season-high, and came fatigue and a cold-shoot ahead of his season-high, and bounding the top rebounding ahead with a pair of 3-pointers by Sean Elliott and by out

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NEW YORK
Around midtown Manhattan, banners welcome the NCAA's Final Four to New York City. In even though the championship of college basketball is contested eight miles due West across the Hudson River in New Jersey.

The “other” Final Four, the National Invitation Tournament, is here, too, beginning Tuesday night at Madison Square Garden.

But that’s the NIT’s only edge — if there is one. March is for basketball in this area, it’s the Garden, not the newly named Continental Arena, or even the old Madison Square Garden, that is the center of attention. But you can’t blame the NIT for its own problems.

Newark, N.J., March 26 — The Associated Press

Still, the 14 teams, Kentucky and Syracuse.

With the NIT's final four teams by noting that all four that made it here last season — Marquette, Virginia Tech, Canisius and Penn State, made it to the other tournament this year.

Name this year’s NIT’s final four?

Easy. Two football teams: Nebraska and Alabama; St. Joseph’s, which is remembered for a game it didn’t play against Arizona, and Tulane of Conference USA.

Tulane (21-9) and Nebraska (19-14) meet in the first game Tuesday night followed by Alabama (19-11) vs. St. Joseph’s (18-12), with the winners to meet Thursday.

The Northeast Regional is here, too, being played at the Garden.

Are these guys bad?

In the operational line at Monday’s coaches’ news conference was from Tulane’s Perry Clark.

A few points in a few games we'd beat the NCAA,” he said.

But that’s left for Alabama’s David Hobbs to use line always cited at this time of the year: “They’re a bunch of old playing and we’re four of them.

Good: St. Joseph’s twice took Massachusetts into overtime before losing.

And the Hawks showed up for a game at which Arizona was supposed to show up but can be excused because it had been snowing. It was 40 degrees when St. Joseph’s coach Phil Martelli staged the St. Joe’s snow day on the day it was supposed to have been played.

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Tuesday, March 26, 1996

NEW YORK
Around midtown Manhattan, banners welcome the NCAA's Final Four to New York City. In even though the championship of college basketball is contested eight miles due West across the Hudson River in New Jersey.

The “other” Final Four, the National Invitation Tournament, is here, too, beginning Tuesday night at Madison Square Garden.

But that’s the NIT’s only edge — if there is one. March is for basketball in this area, it’s the Garden, not the newly named Continental Arena, or even the old Madison Square Garden, that is the center of attention. But you can’t blame the NIT for its own problems.

Newark, N.J., March 26 — The Associated Press

Still, the 14 teams, Kentucky and Syracuse.

With the NIT's final four teams by noting that all four that made it here last season — Marquette, Virginia Tech, Canisius and Penn State, made it to the other tournament this year.

Name this year’s NIT’s final four?

Easy. Two football teams: Nebraska and Alabama; St. Joseph’s, which is remembered for a game it didn’t play against Arizona, and Tulane of Conference USA.

Tulane (21-9) and Nebraska (19-14) meet in the first game Tuesday night followed by Alabama (19-11) vs. St. Joseph’s (18-12), with the winners to meet Thursday.

The Northeast Regional is here, too, being played at the Garden.

Are these guys bad?

In the operational line at Monday’s coaches’ news conference was from Tulane’s Perry Clark.

A few points in a few games we’d beat the NCAA,” he said.

But that’s left for Alabama’s David Hobbs to use line always cited at this time of the year: “They’re a bunch of old playing and we’re four of them.

Good: St. Joseph’s twice took Massachusetts into overtime before losing.

And the Hawks showed up for a game at which Arizona was supposed to show up but can be excused because it had been snowing. It was 40 degrees when St. Joseph’s coach Phil Martelli staged the St. Joe’s snow day on the day it was supposed to have been played.

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Top-ranked Massachusetts has the most wins in the nation of any major team. It crushed Kentucky in its first game against a team to reach the Final Four and had a big lead over Kentucky by 10 points.

Yet, as a sizable underdog against the Wildcats in the NCAA semifinals, the Minutemen are still one of the last two teams even though they’ve lost just one game.

“We still UMass from little Amherst. Until we win a national title, this is going to happen and that’s fine. I accept that coach John Calipari said Monday. “We don’t play us against the world. We know respect is ours and, obviously, we haven’t earned it yet.”

Part of the problem is UMass never had been to the Final Four before. Kentucky was there 10 times and won five national championships.

When the Wildcats have a deep bench and have pried up huge leads in victory, Massachusetts depth isn’t nearly as impressive and it has been overshadowed at times, including four overtime wins.

UMass, meanwhile, has lost six of their season with a 92-85 win over Kentucky that knocked the Wildcats from the No. 1 ranking.

UMass center Marcus Camby was outstanding in that game with 32 points and nine rebounds. He was on the court Saturday night, the Wildcats won 82-79).

“Camby scored the first three points of the second half and then we went to the locker room and said, ‘Remember Kentucky,’” UMass head coach John Calipari said.

That resolve stiffened as the season progressed. Last year, the Minutemen reached the quarterfinals but squandered a five-point halftime lead and lost to Oklahoma State 68-54 in the NCAA tournament.

This year’s Minutemen began the season ranked first.

UMass (35-1) went into its final game of the season ranked fifth. But it had lost an SEC road game and then waited 48 minutes, compared to the usual 15. There he ran into another anything but a slow game.

“I dreamed of having this kind of experience. Having grown up with that, to be here first-hand is almost unbelievable.”

A crowd of about 5,000 people packed the small Golden Triangle Regional Airport Sunday night to greet the Bulldogs, who earlier in the day beat Arkansas State’s unprecedented run in the NCAA tournament.

“I don’t need to go to the airport to the highway. It was an unbelievable crowd. Jim Ellis, a 1969 graduate of Mississippi State basketball, right now.”

Two weeks ago, many felt Mississippi State had peaked with a win over then-top ranked Kentucky in the SEC conference championship game.

“I knew it to be true and I knew this season — No. 1 Mississippi State basketball with a win over then-top-ranked Kentucky in the SEC conference championship game. Mississippi State sports.”

Ellis said his trip from the airport to campus took 90 minutes, compared to the usual 15. These people are really talking about Mississippi State basketball right now.

Instead, the Bulldogs have topped that with a trip to the Final Four. In a matter of 48 hours, they beat the top two teams in the Southeast Regional semifinals against Connecticut and Cincinnati.

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Wildcats’ tempo might be too upbeat for UMass

By MIKE EMBRY
Associated Press

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Rick Pitino doesn’t want to hear any talk that the Kentucky-Massachusetts game in the Final Four is the true championship.

"Who’s to say Massachusetts or Kentucky is better than Syracuse or Mississippi State?" the Kentucky coach said Monday. "You don’t know that."

The Massachusetts-Kentucky showdown is the headline attraction at Saturday’s semifinal at the Meadowlands.

And that why Pitino is not in favor of seeding teams after they reach the Final Four.

"I think what makes college basketball so great is that it’s unpredictable," he said. "I know we have our hands full with any of those opponents."

During the season, Kentucky lost 92-82 to Massachusetts and split against Mississippi State, winning 74-56 and losing 84-73.

While Kentucky is favored to win the national title, Pitino isn’t sure his Wildcats should be in that role.

"I think they’ve been in Margaritaville too long," Pitino said of the oddsmakers. "Maybe they should concentrate on other areas because they’re not three teams in this Final Four beat us."

"I don’t care what you factor in. I’m from the old school when it comes to this. Forget the rhetoric, forget who’s up and who’s down, who’s afraid and who’s not afraid, the game is won or lost on the court."

"I won’t say Mississippi State is better than us because we beat them once. But they beat us late in the year when it counts more. And Massachusetts beat us. So, I can’t speak for Syracuse, but you definitely have to make Mississippi State and Massachusetts big favorites," he said with a laugh.

Kentucky has steamrolled into the Final Four, winning by an average margin of 28.3 points.

"It’s just that your style takes over and then suddenly it goes wrong," Pitino said.

The closest game was the 83-63 victory over Wake Forest in the Midwest final.

"They can play because that’s their style or they can play like Wake Forest, a different style," he said. "Then eventually if your style starts to win, now they’re forced to play that style. And that’s when you see lopsided victories."

"It’s not because you’re that much better than that team. It’s just that your style takes over and then suddenly it goes the other way with the big numbers."

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Thomas, Sox expect to 'hurt the competition''

By RICK GANO

"You tell people no," said Frank Thomas, tall, muscular and strong with an engaging smile, puts up with the attention it's part of being a big-time star with a big-time paycheck.

"There is a point where you don't feel like doing things and you tell people no," said Thomas, whose first five seasons with the Chicago White Sox have been five of the most consistently powerful in the game's history.

"I've learned to say no at the appropriate times. A lot of things that I do are very small in my mind, so it's not that hard for me to sign an autograph or something like that because it's second nature.

He can be a normal guy, too. He can soak his ankles in the eye for the strike zone, he's a big man, who played one season in the American League's Most Valuable Player of 1993 and 1994.

"I've never had a spring training better than this. He's batting .308, with 40 home runs and 111 RBIs.

The combination of power and vision has allowed him to compile at least a .300 average with at least 20 homers, 100 RBIs, 100 runs scored and 100 walks in each of his first five seasons in the majors.

No other player has ever reached those plateaus for five straight years. Ted Williams and Lou Gehrig had those type of numbers for four straight six, anybody.

"Don't believe the hype," Thomas, said, repeating a slogan he adopted several years ago. "Talk about it when it's done, when I'm retiring. In my mind, I'm still a young player. I'm still learning the game and I'm still having fun. I've still got a lot to prove."

Thomas, 27, has not been afraid to voice his opinion on occasion. During the strike, he said replacement baseball would never be a hit with the fans. When the White Sox switched batting practice schedules last spring, he expressed his displeasure, saying it would throw off his routine.

And after the Sox's miserable season of a year ago, Thomas made it known that the team needed to make changes if it wanted to compete.

"Sometimes I speak my mind, but sometimes I'm the majority guy and I never have been. I've learned to say no and learned when to open my mouth," said the American League's Most Valuable Player of 1993 and 1994.

He's never had a spring training better than this. He's batting .308 with three doubles and a home run per game, all pointing to another huge season.

In the No. 1 and 2 singles slots Bob Chessa, ranked fourth in the country, and Dmitry, ranked forty-sixth, edged senior Mike Swayne and Pietrowski respectively.

Chessa won the first set tie breaker, 7-4, and held off Swayne in the second set. 7-5, Mazyka came from behind after losing the first set, to defeat Pietrowski in the second and deciding sets 6-3, 6-4.

Patterson and O'Brien were also defeated in grueling three set matches. Duke's Peter Ayers struggled with Patterson at No. 4 singles in the first two sets, 6-4, 6-2, before dominating the deciding third 6-1.

Tony Thomas who clinched the win for the Blue Devils with a 2-6, 6-2, 6-4, victory over O'Brien in the No. 5 singles position.

Senior Jason Pun dropped four this weekend, as the Irish suffered defeats at the hands of the Tar Heels and Blue Devils.

Tennis

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are 0-2 with them playing inconsistently." After coming off the Blue-Gray Classic in which the Irish went 0-2, they were looking to rebound against a very tough foe in Saturday, the Blue Devils.

Duke outlasted the Irish in a close match by the score of 5-2.

"We played very close to very good teams," head coach Bobby Bayliss remarked. "We lost some very winnable matches."

The No. 2 doubles combination of Jakup Pietrowski and Brian Patterson got the Irish on the right foot as they upset the No. 15 ranked Duke doubles team of Dmitry Mazyka and Sven Koehler.

The Ryan Simme- John J. O'Brien duo clinched the doubles point with a 8-3 win and the Irish looked poised for an upset.

However, the Blue Devils came up with some very strong singles play and overcame the Irish.
Baseball
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off Darin in the first four innings.”

Boston College’s Paul Bibbo wasn’t quite as untouchable, getting hammered for seven earned runs on ten hits in six innings of work. "Leading the offense for the Eagles was third baseman J.J. Brock, who continued his torrid pace at the plate with a 3-3, three RBI performance. A spray hitter, Brock even took one deep, capping off a three run third inning with just his third career home run. Third baseman J.J. Brock also hit the first home run of his illustrious college career. We started swinging the bats right away," said Malmier. "Yarmouth-Dennis has a really short porch in center field. In fact, it’s the sight of my only college homerun. I was telling the guys this, and look what follows suit. Sollmann hits a homerun, Brooks hits two homerruns—all the little guys hit one out." In the second game, it was Dan Stavisky who held the Eagle bats in check, throwing no runs of six hit, shutout ball to earn his second win on the year. Mike Bibbo also got in on the act, going 2-4 with four RBI and two runs scored, and Scott Sollmann hit just the second homerun of his illustrious college career. Hotel Providence saw the Irish’s six game winning streak come to a brutal end at the hands of sophomore sensation Todd Incantalupo, who baffled the Irish for a full seven innings, surrendering just eight hits and two runs while moving down nine.

Providences powerful offense also keyed their win, exploding for nine runs in the fourth inning of an 18-2 dismantling of the Irish. Third baseman Ryan Kloski, who knocked in eight of Providence’s 25 runs on the day, keyed the attack with a 1-3, fifth inning performance at the plate, including a two-out three-run homer in the fourth inning to put the Friars up 4-1.

Freshman Alex Shilliday, along with every other Irish pitcher in the game, was lacking his best stuff on the mound, as the phenom fell to earth in surrendering five earned runs in just three innings. "You have to give them credit—there’s a pretty good hitting team," commented Shilliday. "They hammered us pretty good. I could’ve hit my spots better, and I was up in the zone a bit too much. I know I’m going to get more than just a few opportunities on the year, though." The Irish rebounded in the rubber game, jumping out to a 5-0 lead in the third inning to stop Wheaton for nine runs in the fourth inning of which left the park. Here are some of the stars at the dish over the Irish’s first 20 games: (Team highs are in bold)

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Softball and spring in South Bend do not go hand in hand. The cold temperatures are frustrating for those wanting to venture out to enjoy sunny skies, warm weather and a little bit of activity. Such is the case for the Cardinals who opened the season 0-4. "I think that I will have more confidence in the future and do more good things for the team," said Junior pitcher, Laura Richter. "We were in a hole and our momentum was dead," stated Caprey. "I was useless to be able to show my talents. I got over the nerves and I think that I will have more confidence in the future and do more good things for the team." The second game proved a better day of softball than the first. The Belles’ success was attributed to being more aggressive on the bases as well as an alert defense. Senior pitcher Laura Richter shined for the Belles going 4 for 5 with one double and one home run that cleared the fence. Richter’s third for the season in the only game. Richter contributed a total of 7 RBIs for the game. Senior shortstop Shannon Heise added two doubles for the Belles. "We really came together as a team in the second game," said junior catcher Grethien Moore. "It was a challenge for our defense because a lot of people were running the bases." We reorganized, woke up and became more aggressive on the bases. The Belles continue to prac¬ tice in the indoor facility and are becoming anxious to get on the field. They hope to take it outdoors this week and take two from cross-town rival Bethel College today at 3 p.m. at Saint Mary’s.
Irish presence felt at Olympic trials

Junior Erin Brooks posts an impressive time in backstroke
By BRIAN REINThALER

Like many other Notre Dame athletic teams this year, the Irish swimming team has gained renewed recognition with their conference membership in the Big East conference. However, the team has come recruiting time, and the recent performances of junior backstroke Erin Brooks have probably done just that for the Notre Dame swimming program.

Brooks swims the 100-yard and 200-yard backstroke for the Irish and these two events have kept her extremely busy throughout the past month. In late February, Brooks traveled with her teammates to Pittsburgh to compete in their first Big East Championship meet. The backstroker took first in the 100 with a time of 1:01.78, which qualified her for a spot in the NCAA Championships.

Then, as if being the first Domer to qualify for the prestigious competition in the past two years wasn’t enough, Brooks confidently moved on to her next event and qualified again. This time the junior raced to a time of 1:59.40 to capture the win in the 200 and boost the Irish to a third place finish in their conference championship meet.

Home opener postponed

Sluggers sweep Eagles but split Friars on successful Big East roadtrip
By DYLAN BARMER

Put the home opener on hold.
The Notre Dame baseball team will have to wait at least another day until they usher in the first home game of the Big East era, their scheduled matchup with Wisconsin-Milwaukee having been frozen by the less than spring-like South Bend climate.

In the meantime, the 13-7 Irish can look back with satisfaction at their 3-1 road trip this past weekend, which included a two-game sweep of Boston College and a 1-1 split with last year’s Big East champs, Providence College.

"I thought our players responded to the challenge very well," commented Irish head coach Paul Mainieri. "It was great to win our first two ballgames. Providence is one of the toughest teams we’re going to face all year."

The Irish yielded but one run to the Eagles in Saturday’s doubleheader at Cape Cod’s Dennis-Yarmouth Stadium, cruising to 9-0 and 6-1 wins. Despite their second lost, however, Notre Dame men’s tennis team found out just how tough times can be in Carolina as they dropped matches to the ninth ranked Blue Devils and the twenty-seventh ranked Tar Heels.

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