**Logan Choir opens ND awareness week**

Last night’s performance by the Logan Center Choir was the first in a series of events scheduled for the Notre Dame Disabilities Awareness Week.

A major aim of the week’s activities is to spread awareness of some of the lesser known campus groups.

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**Notre Dame Disabilities Week Schedule of Events**

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**Art reflects womanhood in Women’s Month Exhibition**

The opening reception for the Women’s Month Exhibition at Saint Mary’s was held last night in the LeMans lobby. The exhibition features art works from Saint Mary’s students.

The works reflect many aspects of womanhood, such as exploring faith, perceiving their place in society, and combating exploitation. There are modern as well as traditional forms of expression, in media such as ceramics, oils, tapestry, textiles, metals, and mixed media.

Each piece uses the media in a creative way to make a statement about women, by women.

The exhibit is sponsored by the Saint Mary’s Arts Club and the Student Academic Council in honor of Women’s month. The works will be displayed in the lobby of LeMans hall until Friday.
How was your spring break?

If one more person asks me how my break was, I will scream. Loudly. Throughout high school, I heard how I was always going to be the first one to graduate, but at the age of 18, I found myself in a college dormitory, staring blankly at the ceiling. The thought of being surrounded by people my age, all with their own dreams and aspirations, made me feel like I was living in a bubble.

I tried to make the most of my time off, but it was difficult. I was home for a week, and I had to balance time with my family and friends with time to study for my upcoming exams. It was a never-ending cycle of rushing from one thing to the next.

Despite the stress, I found moments of peace. I went on a hike one day with my dad, and we talked about our hopes for the future. He said that he wished I could have experienced the same things he did in college, but I assured him that I was happy and that I was making the most of my time.

In the end, my spring break was a mixture of good and bad. It was a time to rest and recharge, but also a time to reflect on the challenges ahead.

Heather MacKenzie

Nurse Copy Editor

Israel, Palestinians clash over Jewish neighborhood

Jerusalem

Readying for a showdown, Palestinians pitched tents and Israeli settlers and troops in riot gear set up positions on land in disputed east Jerusalem where Israel plans to build a Jewish neighborhood.

Israel Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said his government would not reverse its decision to start construction of the 6,500-apartment district this week, Israeli radio said ground would be broken Tuesday morning.

"We will not stand up to threats over Jerusalem, we will not stand up to threats over anything," Netanyahu said. He added that Israel was prepared to deal with possible Palestinian violence.

We are preparing for all possibilities," he said.

A senior Palestinian official said violence was imminent, and Palestinian hospitals discharged some patients to make room for casualties from any riots. In the West Bank, dozens of Palestinians stoned Israeli troops to protest the construction of Jewish settlements.

In a goodwill gesture, Israel agreed today to grant landing rights to Yasser Arafat's aircraft in the Gaza Strip. But the agreement applies only to the Palestinian leader and his entourage.

The Americans, who both missed today's deadline to begin talks on a permanent peace accord that would define borders and address the future of Jerusalem, Jewish settlements and land swaps.

However, prodded by the United States and Jordan, Israel and the Palestinians sought to avert violence by agreeing to arrange a meeting this week between Netanyahu and Arafat.

Gore takes trial run as president

Wrapping up his St. Patrick's Day appearance, Vice President Al Gore grabbed a bowl of shamrocks, looked at Al Gore in the face and said, "St. Patrick declared, "On that note, Mr. President."

But it was that kind of day for Gore, the easiest No. 2 filling in for his boss, who was on an appendix. On Monday, he was released from Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas, where he underwent surgery.

"In a good-will gesture, Israel agreed with teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. Before

Dublin celebrates St. Patrick's Day

Dublin, Ireland

Performance art replaced pageantry Monday during St. Patrick's Day celebrations in Dublin, where marching bands shared parade routes with troops of actors posing as sea gods and farm animals. The theme was Irish legend, and actors dressed in boxy costumes celebrated die by running cows and bulls through the streets of the Irish capital. According to legend, bulls respresented royalty and wealth, and cows symbolize devotion and docility. Actors would play a float simulating an ocean wave, while their colleagues posed as ancient Celtic sea gods.

The adventures of Ireland's pirate queen, Granuaile, were recreated on a 30-foot galley, where the queen posed surrounded by 50 clansmen. The battle of Clontarf today, in 1014, when invading Vikings routed the Irish, also was recreated — this time, on bicycles. Other performances featured sea creatures, dragons and clowns. Not all traditions were forsaken, however, with a parade of dancers, bands shared parade routes with troupes of actors posing as sea gods and farm animals. The theme was Irish legend, and actors dressed in boxy costumes celebrated die by running cows and bulls through the streets of the Irish capital. According to legend, bulls respresented royalty and wealth, and cows symbolize devotion and docility. Actors would play a float simulating an ocean wave, while their colleagues posed as ancient Celtic sea gods.

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ND prepares to celebrate 25 years of co-education

By DEREK BETCHER
Assistant News Editor

This year marks the 25th anniversary of co-education at Notre Dame. The student government Gender Relations Department has designated the week of March 17-22 to commemorate the occasion.

Mass at the Basilica, a speech by president emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh, and a panel discussion are among the events planned for the week.

"We have a tradition of talking about tradition, but this is a chance for Notre Dame students to meet the people semi-nally involved in making Notre Dame a co-educational university," gender relations chairman Patrick Belton said. "We definitely want to involve the whole student body in the celebration."

Two main goals underlie the week's activities. The first is simply to commemorate the 25th anniversary of co-education at Notre Dame.

"It's pretty amazing to think that women have only been here 25 years. It'll be special to hear people speak from when it was 92 percent male here, versus a generation ago," said publicity chairperson Stacy O'Brien.

The second goal is to foster discussion on positive and negative trends that have followed the switch to co-education. Wednesday night's panel discussion should provide impetus for that evaluation. With a wide variety of speakers, Belton hopes no perspective will be left unexamined.

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women aren't part of the top administration team here," she told The Observer. "I feel very conflicted. The fact that we've never had a woman student body president has also been a concern of mine."

In addition to what she saw as a lack of role models for campus women, Pettifer cited other impediments along the transition from "conformist Catholic culture."

"The obstacle women face today is that they are still dealing with a very sexist church," Pettifer asserted.

"Talking with these people gives me an incredible sense of continuity. I hope other people can share that experience this week," Belton said.

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Fungus leaves wheat crop unharmed

By JOHN MCCAIN

WASHINGTON

The Agriculture Department lifted its threat of quarantines against Southeastern wheat crops on Monday, saying it was unable to find any evidence a fungus had contaminated the grain.

"We've extensively studied the situation in the Southeast and have concluded that Karnal bunt is not present there," said Terry Medley, administrator of the department's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

The department said it failed to find any hunter wheat kernels in samples, although contaminated rye grass kernels were common. Research has shown, however, that spores from rye grass do not infect wheat.

By DANIEL HANEY

ANAHEIM, Calif.

A powerful new clot-preventing medicine appears to cut the risk of heart attack and death almost in half in people hospitalized with severe chest pain, a medical emergency that afflicts more than 1 million Americans annually.

The drug is one of a new class of medicines that are likely to revolutionize the treatment of unstable angina, an ominous attack of chest pain that is the leading reason for admitting people to coronary care units.

"These are landmark studies that represent a scientific breakthrough," said Dr. Harvey White of Green Lane Hospital in Auckland, New Zealand.

White said the drug will save the lives of 13 of every 1,000 unstable angina patients treated. By comparison, TPA, the leading clot-dissolver, saves 10 of every 1,000 heart attack patients treated.

White directed one of two large studies on the drug, called Aggrastat, that were released Monday at a meeting of the American College of Cardiology.

Dr. Rick Sax, estimated that if all the 1.2 million unstable angina patients hospitalized in the United States each year received Aggrastat, it would prevent between 5,000 and 10,000 deaths and 30,000 to 40,000 heart attacks.

Welcome Back
Hospitality Program Members

This is a reminder of the meetings scheduled for this week.

When: Wed., March 19 & Thurs., March 20
Where: 204 O'Shaugnessy Hall
Time: 7:00 p.m.

These meetings will be brief.
Please remember to bring your personal calendar.
Remember, you only need to attend one of the two meetings.
If you have questions or concerns, contact:

Jennifer Carrier
Admissions Office
1-7505

Colleen Walton
Student Coordinator
4-4986

Celebrating 25 Years
of Coeducation!

Schedule of events:

Wednesday, March 19 – 5:15 p.m. Mass in the Basilica with Father Scully and Father Oli Williams. Women from the classes of 1973-77 will serve as Eucharistic ministers and lectors, with a reflection by Anne Pettifer ’76.

8 p.m. panel discussion and reception – “Coeducation at Notre Dame: Good and Bad Trends”

Featuring Coach Chris Petrucelli, Anne Pettifer ’76, Chris Trutan ’73, Dean Russell

Friday, March 21 – Chicago area jazz band featured at Fieldhouse Mall from 4-7 p.m. (sponsored by SUB)

Saturday, March 22 – 4 p.m. – Join Father Hesburgh as he addresses the student body from the steps of the Administration Building. Rain site is LaFortune Ballroom.

Also featured – Mary Biley, ’72, ND’s first female baccalaureate graduate. Reception to follow.

8 p.m. – George and the Freaks will perform at the 70’s mixer in the LaFortune Ballroom.

Questions? Contact Patrick at 1-7668
Panicked masses flee anarchy

President's poor health opens door for rebels

By BETH DUFF-BROWN
Associated Press

KINSHASA, Zaire

Panicked residents fled the capital Monday while rebels hoisted the national flag over Kinshasa after the world's longest serving president was dead and rumors spread that the 62-year-old Mobutu was dead and remained hospitalized after being admitted for prostate cancer surgery after being admitted for prostate cancer surgery in Thursday's surgery.

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The streets of Kinshasa were

rife with rumors that the 62-

year-old Mobutu was dead and

the military was plotting to

take over the government.

Government spokesman Jean-Claude Biebie Ekalabo called on Kinshasa to

remain calm and disregard "fantasical rumors."

He said Mobutu would return home this week.

Mobutu's son, N'ganza, also

said his father would soon return to "continue the process of containment — of protecting the country."

Ferries from Kinshasa across the Zaire River to Brazzaville, the capital of neighboring Congo, have been full for days and international flights are booked as fearful residents flee. Some foreign shop owners have boarded up their stores and sent their families out of the city.

There is great concern in the capital that if Mobutu dies or the army attempts a coup, riots would break out among soldiers and civilians.

Riots in 1991 and 1993 killed hundreds of people and destroyed many businesses.

The rebels, who accuse Mobutu of robbing his country to enrich himself, have swept across eastern Zaire since September. They say they won't stop until they reach the capital — or the president agrees to negotiate. But Mobutu has rejected rebel leader Laurent Kabila's demand for face-to-face talks, saying he now will only talk or prevent a military coup.

Top generals met in secret Monday, as they did Saturday and Sunday.

Prime Minister Leon Konga wa Dondo and his cabinet held an emergency meeting and met with foreign diplomats Monday.

A source close to the presi­
dency told The Associated Press that the army tried to stop Konga from leaving the country Tuesday. The prime

minister was planning to attend a summit on Zaire, but instead convened a meeting in Western Kenya. The source, who was in Kinshasa, also spoke on condition of anonymity.

The source also said a presi­
dential plane had been requested for Tuesday, perhaps to take Mobutu to his hometown of Globolite, 700 miles northeast of the capital.

But even if the president returns, most observers agree his dictatorship is nearing an end.

"It is threatened, the regime is very threatened," said Rumba Saaiona, president of the Group of Allies of Marshal Mobutu and a member of the transitional parliament.

In its first official response to the fall last weekend of Kisangani, the northeast regional capital and Zaire's third-largest city, the govern­ment said Zairian troops had been attacked by Ugandan forces. Zaire has repeatedly accused Uganda and Rwanda of supporting the rebels, a charge those countries deny.

"All the towns of the repub­lic are on our agenda, but Lubumbashi is our next tar­get," rebel spokesman Raphael Ghenda said in the eastern town of Goma.

A source, who was in Kinshasa, also spoke on condition of anonymity.

Foreign relief workers fled Kisangani ahead of the rebels, leaving 100,000 Rwandan Hutu refugees at Bumbu, 60 miles to the south.

Rwandan Hutus fled to Zaire after the 1994 massacre of 800,000 minority Tutsis, a

under the proposed plan, gender, seniority, disabilities and residence in Carroll Hall are the most important considerations in the application for spots in the D6 parking lot.

Proposa details new D6 lot permit criteria

By HEATHER COCKS

News Editor

A proposal concerning allocation of D6 parking stickers has been finalized and is ready for submission to the Office of Student Affairs, according to Ad Hoc Parking committee member Tom Matzzie.

Students with special needs and all women living on South Quad will be issued D6 stickers if the recommendations are approved; for male students, seniority will be a decisive factor.

"Junior men would enter a lottery to obtain their permits," said Matzzie. He added that all Carroll Hall residents will automatically be granted D6 stick­ers.

"Right now, we're looking at most sophomores and freshmen having to park in D2," specialist Phil Johnson, assistant direc­tor of Notre Dame Security, adding that he anticipates next year's vehicle registrations to mirror the high numbers reached in 1996-97.

"It's an inconvenience," Johnson allowed, "but the

upperclassmen shouldn't have to sacrifice their spot to a second-semester freshman."

Johnson quickly added that the situation will not infringe on each student's right to have a car at Notre Dame, although they might not get the parking sticker of their choice.

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Matzzie asserted that student wishes and recommendations were integral to the process of completing the document.

The committee spoke to campus leaders, such as Megan Murray and IRP co-president Deborah Hellmuth, and allocat­ed spaces based on those thoughts.

"We refused to begin the process without student input," Johnson concurred. "Students developed the recommenda­tions and we sought their ideas."

The current stickers will not be re-distributed, rather, the new policies, will be implement­ed upon commencement of the fall 1997 semester.
Dollar mixed on EMU worries

By RICK GLADSTONE
Associated Press Writer

The dollar fell against the mark and ended mixed in other currency dealings Monday after a number of senior German officials hinted that Europe's plans for monetary union might be delayed.

The remarks by Finance Minister Theo Waigel and three members of Germany's Bundesbank aroused a broad rally in marks by countounding fears in the foreign-exchange market that the January 1999 debut of the euro will be postponed. That would leave the mark as the predominant currency in foreign-exchange market that.

"The theme since trading began was a resurgin mark, and that was due to the EMU delay jitters," said Bob New of foreign-exchange trading at the Bank of New York. "With the mark tak­ off on the way it did, that really dragged down everything else."

In New York, the dollar settled at 1.6894 marks, down 1.6925 Swiss francs, Friday. The dollar settled at 123.66 yen, up from 123.38 yen, due partly to the yen's weakness against the mark.

The demand for marks had the worst effect on the British pound, which tumbled against most currencies and hit the low­ est level against the dollar since mid-October. In late New York trading, the pound cost $1.5885, down from $1.6010.

The pound's weakness resulted partly from Prime Minister John Major's declaration of a May 1 national election, which he is widely expected to lose and end nearly two decades of Conservative Party government.

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Traders said the demand for marks intensified as word spread of an interview with Waigel published Monday in Germany's Bild Zeitung newspaper, which quoted him as saying strict adherence to the EMU criteria is more important than a punctual start-up of the euro.

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Market struggles with Fed’s inflation fears

By BRUCE MEYERSON
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK

A late rebound helped blue-chip shares erase steep losses, but technology and smaller-company shares slid Monday in nervous trading as long-term interest rates crept toward 7 percent in the bond market.

The Dow Jones industrial average recovered from an 81-point deficit to finish with a gain of 20.02 at 6,955.48. Broader measures also rebounded from the day’s lows, but only those dominated by blue-chip and other large companies pulled into positive territory.

With no major economic reports to reinforce the enthusiasm over Friday’s tame reading on wholesale prices, investors found few distractions from worries the Federal Reserve is poised to raise interest rates as protection against inflation.

“There was nothing to steer [the market]. With all the darkness and wind rattling the bushes, maybe there’s monster behind it. You just don’t know,” said Robert Streed, senior investment adviser at Northern Trust in Chicago. Among the factors influencing the market this week include Friday’s expiration of options contracts and end-of-quarter window dressing by portfolio managers, he noted.

The early uncertainty pressured bond prices, boosting the yield on the 30-year Treasury bond — a key determinant of corporate and consumer borrowing costs — as high as 6.99 percent from late Friday’s 6.94 percent. The long-bond yield, which hasn’t been above 7 percent since September, settled at about 6.95 percent.

“We mirror the same schedule as Fort Wayne, so when Fort Wayne went on strike, our plant basically shut down at the same time,” he said.

Soybeans reach eight-year high

By HILLARY CHURA
Associated Press Writer

Soybeans futures prices dropped on the Chicago Board of Trade on speculation that domestic prices have gotten so high that it is cheaper to import crops from South America.

Brazilian prices are expected to remain competitive, especially with Brazil’s announcement late Friday that it would impose a 3-percent tax on exports. A tariff would have made Brazilian beans at least 15 cents a bushel more expensive than U.S. crops.

“There is no need for such a tax now, at a time when Brazil is doing everything it can to stimulate exports,” Agriculture Ministry spokesman Benedito Rosa said.

Brazilian crushers wanted a tax to help discourage exports. They argued that a big boost in exports is depleting raw material to make soymeal and soyoil.

The threat of a Brazilian tax sent soybeans for May delivery rocketing to 8.1/2-year highs on Friday. The $8.49 1/2 close made U.S. soybeans about 15 cents a bushel more expensive than Brazilian crops. Brazil is the second top soybean producer after the United States.

“When beans get back up to $8.50, it works to bring beans in from South America,” said Marty Colgan, a trader at LFG, a Chicago commodity brokerage.

Also late Friday, Cargill, one of the largest soybean crushers in the United States, said it would temporarily close three big plants — thereby curtailing buying — because prices had gotten too high.

Soybeans for May delivery fell 2 1/2 cents to $8.25 a bushel.

Coffee futures prices posted the largest drop in 2 1/2 years Monday as traders speculated that huge shipments to the United States soon will alleviate shortages that sent prices soaring to two-year highs.

On other markets, soybeans futures prices retreated, while cocoa futures gained.

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Talks aim to reassure Russians

By BARRY SCHWEID
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON

In strained pre-summit talks, President Clinton tried Monday to soften Russia's resistance to NATO expansion.

Russia's President Boris Yeltsin called in Moscow for further U.S. concessions and said, "I don't want a return to the Cold War."

The points Clinton took up with Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov included assurances that an expanded NATO would pose no threat to Moscow and promises of a greater voice for Russia in the economic conference of the world's seven leading industrialized democracies.

While Russia cannot stop the alliance from inviting former Soviet allies this summer to join, both Yeltsin and Primakov signaled they remained opposed in principle.

"We can't move any further," Yeltsin said in Moscow. And emerging from an hour-long session with Clinton, hobbed by a knee injury, in a White House sitting room, Primakov said: "Russia will not change its position on NATO."

The differences will carry over to Clinton's summit with Yeltsin in Helsinki, Finland, on Thursday and Friday and to reports to Yeltsin, who told American, Russian and Finnish television networks in Moscow: "I don't want a return to the Cold War, and neither do our people, but to avoid that there must be equal conditions. I'm for a multi-polar world, not one in which the United States would command everyone else."

Urging Clinton to make concessions, Yeltsin said: "Our diplomats have made enough concessions to the United States. We can't move any further. Now it's the U.S. turn to move in order to preserve our partnership."

Despite the rhetoric, the two sides are working on a new relationship between Moscow and NATO, one that McCurry said would be made politically but not legally binding.

If a charter can be completed, that probably would be done at a gathering of Clinton and European leaders in Europe, probably in the Netherlands in late May.

Primakov said the talks would not drop its insistence that the charter have "a binding character," that is, that Russia understand NATO was a real force and would like to have a normal relationship with the alliance.

"Although the talks failed to make any agreement after the summit," Primakov said it was "a great honor" to be received by Yeltsin, "who displayed confidence from knee surgery and while he was not disposed to receive foreign visitors."

During their talks in the Yellow Room in the second-floor presidential quarters, Clinton and Primakov sat in armchairs. The president's knee was in a brace, the result of a wrenching accident and surgery last Friday. He moved his leg back and forth a few times.

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"But the president's knee was in a brace, the result of a wrenching accident and surgery last Friday. He moved his leg back and forth a few times."
Quality of life for elderly increasing

By PAUL RECER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON

America's elderly are not only living longer but more of them are staying healthy enough to enjoy it. A study shows a 14.5 percent decline in the rate of older people who are unable to care for themselves.

A national medical survey taken periodically since 1982 shows that the percentage of people aged 65 and older who are unable to perform at least one of the activities of daily living, such as bathing or dressing oneself, or being unable to perform at least one of the instrumental activities of daily living, such as shopping clothes.

Manton said that people are living longer and remaining active because medical science is learning more about treating the elderly.

"We can deal with the elderly and the oldest in new ways," said Manton. "There is better diagnosis and treatment of the specialized problems that you get in a very elderly population."

Also, older people are now better educated in the ways of health and long life, said Manton. "They are more responsive and they are better medical consumers," said Manton. "They are more likely to preserve life style factors that improve health, such as physical activity."

Human Rights Week

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Diversity Day Celebration

Tuesday, March 18th

Gender, Race, and Coalition Panel Discussion
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Wednesday March 19th

Human Rights: A Local Perspective
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Lou Nanni – Center for the Homeless
7:30 pm Siegfried Lounge

“A Faith Worth Dying For”
Father Michael Baxter
10:00 pm Keenan Chapel

Thursday, March 20th

Resolving Racial Tensions
7:30 pm Center For Social Concerns

Friday, March 21st

Sabor Latino
10:00 pm Keenan Basement

Saturday, March 22nd

Race & Religious Diversity “Fish Bowl” Discussion
12:00 pm Lewis Basement

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Mariachi ND
12:30 pm Lewis Basement

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Major calls for national election

By MAUREEN JOHNSON
Associated Press Writer

LONDON
Prime Minister John Major has called national elections for May 1 that pundits, pollsters and, privately, even political allies say his party is sure to lose.

With so many expecting a loss, and the end of 18 years of Conservative government, the larger question was: Will Britain's left-of-center Labor Party achieve the biggest landslide since it ousted Winston Churchill in 1945?

The prime minister sounded optimistic when he announced the date Monday after informing Queen Elizabeth II, saying: "I think we'll win this election."

Few others did. Bookmakers offered odds of 4-1 against a Conservative victory.

A new Gallup poll, published in Tuesday's Daily Telegraph, put Labor 28 points ahead of the Conservatives. The poll of 1,045 voters, conducted after the election date was announced, had a margin of error of 3 percentage points.

"The economy is doing well. But voters are bored and disenchanted with the Conservatives' long hold on power," while Labor has moved closer to the center and no longer frightens the middle class," said Blair.

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OXACA CITY, Mexico

Six inmates killed in bloody prison riot

By ROSE RA MALES
Associated Press Writer

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Nuclear waste provokes debate

By SHIZUO KAMBARASHI
Associated Press Writer

BOKKASHI, Japan
A shipment of high-level nuclear waste arrived in a northern Japanese port on Tuesday, sparking more criticism of the country's energy program just a week after a nuclear accident.

The Pacific Teal, carrying 20 tons of waste reprocessed in France, docked in a fishing village 350 miles northeast of Tokyo early Tuesday, officials said.

It was the second time Japan has received reprocessed high-level radioactive waste; the first was in 1995. Japan has little capability to reprocess spent fuel, so it sends the waste to Britain and France.

The shipments, however, have been criticized as risky. Environmentalists worry that an accident could lead to an ocean spill, or that the cargo could be pilfered or attacked by terrorists. Several nations along potential routes banned the Pacific Teal from their waters.

The first shipment followed a fire at a nuclear reprocessing plant northeast of Tokyo, which exposed 37 workers to low-level radation.

The plant's operators have been accused of a slow and confused response that may have compounded the damage.

The newly reprocessed waste, stored in 40 containers, left the French port of Cherbourg on Jan. 14 and traveled around the Cape of Good Hope and through the Indian Ocean and South Pacific, said Yuki Tanagi, spokesman for the reprocessing facility's stored operation Japan Nuclear Fuel Ltd.

After an inspection by prefectoral and town officials, the casks will be unloaded and taken to a facility outside Rokkasho, a fishing and farming town of 11,000 people, Tanagi said.

Tupac rebels insist on freedom

Peruvians demand end to hostage crisis

By JOSEFAZIER
Associated Press Writer

LIMA, Peru
Peruvians sounded off with horns, sirens, whistles and church bells Monday, demanding an end to the hostage crisis that has trapped 72 men in the Japanese ambassador's residence for three months.

Negotiations have been sus-

P eruvians insist on freedom for three months.

pered for an indefinite "period of reflection," an effort by the mediators to find common ground between the rebels and government.

The Tupac Amaru rebels insist on freedom for hundreds of jailed comrades, something President Alberto Fujimori says is not negotiable.

The caco phony began at noon. Horns honked, fire sirens wailed and bells in many of the city's 300 Roman Catholic churches rang across the seaside capital. The outpouring came in response to an appeal by family members of the hostages held since Dec. 15.

The noisiest turnout seemed to be around the residence itself, where TV footage showed hostages in windows under a rebel banner reading "People of Peru remember, Fujimori does not govern for the poor, fight for your rights."

Radio reporters said the clamor was substantial in the interior of the country as well.

"They should free the 500 (Tupac Amaru prisoners because the lives of the 72 hostages are worth more than their lives," said Zarela Cornejo, who demonstrated near the residence.

On a fourth-floor balcony an elderly lady rang a small silver bell and shouted, "Cursed you, you让他们 go! Because of you my heart is sick."

Raul Figari, who lives near the residence, said he was attending in "alarming solidarity."

"Negotiation is the only way to solve this but the government jeopardized the negotiations by tunneling under the residence," he said.

On March 6, the rebels dis- continued talks with the government of digging a tunnel. While evidence is strong that it is true, Fujimori has refused to confirm or deny the charge.

Fujimori met Monday with mediators, who have been talking to each side separately in an effort to breathe new life into the talks.

Fernando Rosripigilini, a columnist and frequent critic of Fujimori, said the apparent discovery of a tunnel weakened Fujimori by indicating an inability to find a peaceful solution.

"He must make some con-

cessions," Rosripigliosi said, suggesting that some prisoners whose sentences are nearly complete might be freed.

Meanwile, a special envoy of Japan's prime minister is due to arrive this Monday.

Masahiko Komura is carry-

ing talks from Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto to presi-

dents Fidel Castro of Cuba and Leonel Fernandez of the Dominican Republic.

Japanese nuclear waste on its way to Japan

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JAPAN

Climting visit hib of slave trade

By SONYA ROSS
Associated Press Writer

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Bureaucracy threatens an already lacking intellectual life

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possible to draw attention to something as small as that.

The Feb. 7 issue of The Observer contained an interesting item about the happenings in a Faculty Senate meeting the day before. The writer, Laura Petelle, described what happened as follows: "Faculty Senate member Robert Bliskey's comments on the as-yet non-existent student life committee triggered a meeting otherwise dominated by committee work and community reports. Bliskey's comments came at the end of the meeting, after the senate heard a report from the Student Affairs Committee of the University of Notre Dame." What did SAC's report say? "The committee reported that it spoke with William Kirk, vice president of Students Affairs, on two topics. The first was 'how do you appoint a committee whose sole contribution to student life is the desire to stifle debate wherever it is to be found?'"

If people want to talk about 'student rights,' maybe they should talk about whether students ought to have the right to free inquiry and free debate at a university that so proudly proclaims its 'autonomy' and 'independence' from clerical authority, and its ambitions to become a 'research institution' in the 'Catholic tradition.' Genuine research institutions do not appoint 'student life committees,' whose sole purpose consists in sniffing around for the expression of prohibited ideas and publications and looking for ways to undermine them. And genuine research institutions don't encourage — whether explicitly, by default, or by example — an attitude of intellectual servility and cowardice in their undergraduate population. A genuine research institution encourages undeterred debate and knowledge that unfettered reason will win the day. Are these expectations we can reasonably hope for to have the Students Affairs Committee at Notre Dame? Irfan Khawaja is a doctoral student in philosophy. His column appears every other Tuesday.
Disability Awareness Week celebrates extraordinary people and exceptional volunteers

By MELANIE WATERS
Assistant Editor

In an effort to educate Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s students about disabilities, this year’s Disability Awareness programs include the Graduate School’s project, “Celebrating Life with Disabilities - Physician Assisted Suicide and People with Disabilities,” in the Center for Continuing Education Auditorium. Owen is the executive director of the National Center on Disability and is a renowned philosopher of disability rights movement in the United States.

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On Wednesday, Notre Dame students with disabilities will share their experiences with students at the Disability Information Fair from 12 - 2 p.m. in the Library Concourse. The fair will feature such techniques as voice control, same captioning and alternatives to Braille, as well as skills for student volunteers and students with disabilities.

Yonkof said that Logan Center also operates several support groups in the South Bend area, designed to bring together adults who are able to live independently with minimal supervision. The center volunteer group that matches undergrads with disabled members of the South Bend community, Logan Center is a day-program where South Bend residents with mental or physical disabilities can participate in all levels of therapy and activities. The center features a Head Start program for children, as well as a variety of support groups for adults depending on the severity of their disability.

Yonkof said that the majority of Logan Center’s residents have developmental or physical disabilities in order to improve their mobility and manual skills.

Assistant A ccent E d ito r

Yonkof said. She hopes that the week-long Disability Awareness Week at Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s will bring awareness to those with disabilities as well as parents of children with disabilities.

For many Notre Dame students, e-mail chain letters are among the most popular of chain letters. But you know better than to believe chain letters, for they are fraudulent in every way. Chain letters are fraudulent because they are designed to look real, yet they are deliberately misleading. Chain letters are fraudulent because they promise the recipient some kind of real offer.

If that is not bad enough, Notre Dame’s Office of Information Technologies strictly prohibits the use of campus computer facilities for “any sort of solicitation or chain letter promotions.” (www.nd.edu/doc/General/G0001.HTML)

Yesterday’s event featured a joint choir concert by Notre Dame choir members and the Logan Center Choir. The hats and noses are $1 each, and are still available at the LaFortunc Information desk. Yesterday’s event featured a joint choir concert by Notre Dame students and the Logan Center choir performed a part in LaFortune to kick off Disability Awareness Week.

By JASON HUGGINS
Word Wide Web Companies

During the event, attendees will have the opportunity to participate in various discussions and activities that will help raise awareness about the rights and needs of people with disabilities. The event will feature guest speakers, workshops, and interactive sessions led by disability advocates and experts.

The American Cancer Society (ACS) is greatly disturbed by this letter, however. The ACS says that chain letters are a form of gambling, and sending them through the mail (or by computer) violates Title 18, United States Code, Section 1302, the Postal Lottery Statute.
**College Basketball**

Gophers, Tigers to battle in third round

By DOUG TUCKER
Associated Press Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Clem Haskins must have been a groan from every English professor his school employs.

There is no ‘I’ in Minnesota,” the coach said.

Huh?

Forgotten spelling, Haskins, whose Gophers made short work of Southwest Texas and Temple in the first two rounds of the Midwest Regional, was talking attitude.

The underdog Gophers are in the round of 16, coming off a 76-57 victory Sunday over ninth-seeded Temple. That was Haskins’ 300th win, and the coach can’t thank the Minnesota fans enough.

“The Minnesota fans are un- believable,” he said. “They have played a big part in my 20-plus wins this year. They support us here and on the road. The parents also support us. They understand that I play nine guys, and they support that... We play as a team, and our fans like that.”

They certainly loved the way the Gophers surprised Temple’s heralded match-up zone, which had both teams opponents below their scoring average all season.

Sam Jacobson hit four of the Gophers’ 10 zone-busting 3-pointers while Minnesota center John Thomas held Temple center Marc Jackson to six points, 10 below his average.

“I tried to play the best defense I could and tried to help my teammates out, and my teammates gave me a lot of support,” Thomas said.

“I wasn’t just me. It was a team effort.”

In the Midwest semifinals in San Antonio on Thursday, the Gophers will meet Clemson (23-9), a team they beat 75-65 in a tournament in Puerto Rico Dec. 1.

“It was a tough game, a physical game,” a physical game, Minnesota guard Bobby Jackson said.

“We know they have matured as a team, but we’re coming,” Clemson reached the round of 16 earlier when it beat Tulsa 65-59 with one of the best defensive efforts so far in the NCAA tournament. Shea Shels, who averaged more than 10 points 10 points this year, noted Friday because Tulsa’s career shooting champ, managed just five points.

“They put a lot of pressure on me when I had the ball,” Seals said. “They played hard defensively and did a great job.”

Seals also was hampered by early foul problems, but he declined to criticize the officials.

“A foul is a foul,” he said. “It did take me out of the game. I’m the captain and the senior and I should have stayed in the game but I let it affect me.”

If Seals had been able to make just a couple more shots, the Gophers would be getting ready to play Tulsa. Clemence shot just 32 percent and hit only 1-of-13-pointers. The Golden Hurricanes were only 4-22 from the line.

Clemson guard Meri Clark, who had 15 points against Tulsa, had said he wanted another shot at the Gophers. He thinks playing them once before should work to the Tigers’ advantage.

“I also think they haven’t seen us at our best,” Code said. “We’ve been physical teams, so you can expect a war.”

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Jackson's two free throws iced the game for Florida State.

He had 20 points and 11 rebounds in Florida State's 82-67 victory at Syracuse in the opening round of the tournament.

Michigan State scored eight straight points to pull within 60-59 with 1:42 left on a 3-point shot as the 35-second clock ran out to give Florida State a 63-59 lead with 1:04 left.

The Spartans took their first lead at 62-61 with 5:13 left in the first half.

Michigan State grabbed a 39-38 halftime lead on Kelley's 3-pointer with just three seconds left in the half.

Kelley had 20 points and 11 rebounds in Florida State's 82-71 victory over Michigan State in the second half and control the game for Florida State.

The Spartans, who have now won their most games since the 1986-87 team went 26-11, were forced to foul on defense and gun away from 3-point range on offense.

Arkansas 76, Pittsburgh 71

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark.

Arkansas' smallest player made the biggest plays in the Razorbacks' 76-71 victory over Pittsburgh in the second round of the NIT.

Karren Reid made several clutch plays in the final 2:11, including a steal and pass to set up Pat Bradley's go-ahead 3-pointer.

The 5-foot-10 Reid also fired a pass to Ali Thompson for a basket that made it 71-67, and West added two more free throws to give the Mountaineers a pair of free throws and the ball.

Damin Owens made a layup and West added two more free throws to give West Virginia a 67-60 lead with one minute left and set up the final hectic moments, when the Wolfpack was forced to foul on defense and gun away from 3-point range on offense.

The game was played before a raucous Arkansas crowd of 17,068 that included many fans who couldn't get tickets to regular-season games.

"I never dared to think we would have a crowd like we had," Richardson said. "They are the reason our players played their hearts out."
**Friars, Mocs shock regional**

By PAUL NEWBERRY
Associated Press Writer

CHATTANOOGA, N.C.
Providence? Must be a mistake.

Chattanooga? C'mon, get serious.

Those are the two teams that advanced from the Chattanooga bracket of the NCAA Southeast Regional.

Indeed they are, after one of the most unlikely subregionals in the history of the tournament. On Sunday, either Providence or Chattanooga will be playing for a spot in the Final Four.

"Because we didn't play a lot of high-profile teams, nobody knew how good we really were," Chattanooga coach Mack McCarthy said. "We've beaten two really solid basketball teams. We are better than people anticipated when they see the 14 seed beside your name."

Second-seeded Duke, with all its Final Four history, was sent home on Sunday by No. 10 Providence, which rolled to a 98-87 victory as Derrick Brown scored a career-high 33 points.

But when the Friars are good, they can compete with just about anyone.

"We're going to bring a ton of fans," said McCarthy, knowing his team will be the closest thing to a hometown favorite in Chattanooga. Providence (23-11) has been a hot-and-cold team. When they're bad, they can be very bad, as shown in an early-season loss to Middle Tennessee.

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"They've really big and strong," McCarthy said. "That is a problem for us."

Then again, Chattanooga is on a pretty good roll, too. The Mocs may be a member of the obscure Southern Conference, but they have at least two players who are capable of playing big-time basketball: guard Willie Anderson and forward Johnny Taylor.

Chattanooga has won seven in a row and 19 of 22 since beginning the season 5-7. Like Providence, this is a team that is hitting the big shots. It had nothing to do with our defense.

In a first-round rout of Marquette, Providence shot 76 percent in the opening half against a team that had the best shooting defense in the country.

Against Duke, the Friars shot 56 percent and dominated the boards against the shorter Blue Devils, 43-24.

"We caught a team that was at its best," Duke guard Steve Wojciechowski said. "They were hitting the big shots. It had nothing to do with our defense.

Providence coach Pete Gillen told his players this was going to be their moment in the spotlight, not Duke's. He convinced them to believe they could beat a program which has won two national championships and been to seven Final Fours since 1986.

"I remember when I was in high school and living in California, I had never heard of Providence College basketball," said Croshere, who is averaging 30 points per game in the tournament. "I was always watching Duke in the Final Four. Now, in my senior year, to beat a team like Duke in the NCAA tournament is just a huge accomplishment."

The Mocs are concerned about the way Providence dominated the Blue Devils on the inside.

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Indeed they are, after one of the most unlikely subregionals in the history of the NCAA tournament to help the Friars pull off two significant upsets.

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hadn’t heard about Windegger’s words from his coach. So much for that idea.

But in fact, the only motivation Notre Dame may need for this game is that the only way to keep playing is to win. TCU should present a challenge standing in the way. The athletic Hornets Fords advanced to the second round by whalloping Alabama-Birmingham 85-62 in Fort Worth.

They are a primarily a running team, led downcourt by guard Mike Jones and forward Malcolm Johnson, and they are expected to press the Irish as they bring the ball upcourt.

Although the Irish plan on running the floor, they’ll need to use their size advantage to control the boards and bang in for good position in the half-court offense. Phil Hickey, who started against Oral Roberts in the first round for the Irish, will again get the opening nod at center. Hickey’s big body in the post should be a major asset for the squad.

“Phil will match-up with (Dennis) Davis. Davis is big and strong, doesn’t step out too much and shoot from outside, so I think we’re going to be okay in that regard,” MacLeod predicted.

Pat Garrity, who turned in 16 in the opening round win, will face up against TCU big man Damion Walker.

The Frogs’ freshman is having an impressive inaugural campaign, but Garrity’s height advantage and shooting ability could allow him to have his first big night of the post-season.

“Walker is a great player, putting up big numbers his freshman year,” Garrity evaluated. “I’ve got a couple of inches on him and we both like to get out and run, so I think it’ll be a good match-up.”

Point guard Admore White led the squad with 18 points against Oral Roberts, and as he goes, so go the Irish. White tallied nine assists in the game as well, accounting for the scoring balance that MacLeod has hoped for throughout the season.

“It’s good to see (White) step up and do what he’s been doing. It takes the pressure off of Pat for Admore to step up and be a player late in the game, to make his free throws, to make his jump shots, or drive to the basket like what he’s been doing lately. So Pat may be the focal point, but Admore is sneaking in there and taking advantage of the opportunities that are available to him,” MacLeod said.

Contributions from the Irish bench must come from Gotsch at center and Antonio Wyche at the two-guard. Gotsch, who tallied 15 last game in a reserve role on 7-of-9 shooting, will be an interesting ace-in-the-hole for MacLeod.

“Wyche will spell Pete Miller in guarding Jones, and freshman Keith Friel will also see playing time. Our crowd has really responded to this group,” MacLeod said.

“They’ve been supportive of this team, they’ve embraced the team. We didn’t have a big crowd the other night (3,808), but there was a lot of volume for a small amount of people, believe me. It’s great when you’re at home where the fans are behind you and supportive; it really makes a difference. You still have to play the game, just because the fans are making noise doesn’t mean you don’t have to execute, but it does give you a lift.”

“If there are people in the stands who are as excited about this as we are, then the crowd will be a factor,” Garrity said. “People want to see us playing in March, and the place should be packed.”

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Fencers establish solid position for NCAA's

By DAVID FRICK
Sports Writer

When the fencing squad traveled to Wayne State to compete in the Midwest Regional qualifier March 1-2, its main goal was to place themselves in position to win a national championship. After successfully qualifying the maximum 10 fencers, the team may consider that goal accomplished.

As the meet neared its conclusion, the question was not whether or not 10 fencers would qualify, but which 10. Women's epee, as well as men's foil and sabre, saw Irish fencers battling each other to make it to next weekend's NCAA championships in Colorado Springs, Colo.

The men's foil competition saw sophomore Stephane Auriol come from a fifth seed to finish second to join his captain and three-time Midwestern Foil Champion senior Jeremy Siek. Auriol battled with tenacity in overcoming fellow foilist and third seeded freshman Chas Hayes, who finished fifth.

"I knew at the beginning of the day that I was going to do well. I stayed focused and fenced well the entire day," said Auriol.

"Stephane performed well when he had to. I'm really proud for the way he came back from a lower seeding," said father and head coach Yves Auriol.

The men's sabre produced the greatest drama as three Irish fencers tied for first at the end of the day. Forced to a fence-off, sophomore Luke LaValle and senior captain Bill Lester overcame senior Jeff Wartgow. Though Wartgow was a lower seed, he battled with such effort as to draw praise.

"Jeff fenced absolutely awesome. I've never seen him do any better. It's too bad we couldn't send all three of us," said LaValle.

Wartgow would be competing in his final match in an Irish uniform. Though disappointed that his career was over, Wartgow could enjoy the manner in which he finished.

"This was the best I've fenced at college. The way I fenced makes me want to keep going, but it's nice to go out with a bang," said Wartgow.

Joining these team members in Colorado will be women's epeeist Magda Krol, women's foilists Sara Wubah and Myriah Brown and men's epeeists C.J. Jackson and Brian Stone. These 10 fencers have the confidence and skill to bring a national title back to Notre Dame.

"We are going to whip some tail," said Jackson.

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Applications can be picked up at, and returned to the Student Government Office on the 2nd Floor of LaFortune. Questions? Call 1-7668.
The Irish won all six singles matches and all three doubles matches to defeat the Hawkeyes 7-0. The Hawkeyes fell to 6-3.

No positive signs for Anaheim's Abbott

By RONALD BLUM  Associated Press Writer

The end of Jim Abbott's baseball career might be coming soon. One of baseball's nicest guys has some of the sport's worst stats.

During spring training appearances, he's pitching even worse than last year, when he went 2-18 with a 7.48 ERA, leading the major leagues.

"I was scared to death," told the Los Angeles Times before spring training. His worst fears were not realized.

"She's perfect. Just perfect," Abbott said, admitting to the Times that he counted all her fingers and toes as she was born.

Now, there's a different kind of pressure. It's only baseball, but he is career.

"Coming off a season like last year, it is up to me to prove I can come back from that." He said. "The results have to be there for me. I have to understand that. Keep that in my mind."

He worked all winter in the gym before spring training. In his second spring training, he's coming off a 3.93 average.

"I don't feel any carryovers from last year when I'm on the mound. I know the results have to be there," he said. "For me, it's easier this spring. "It has to be quick because of last year, it is there is no time."

Many fans are pulling for the 29-year-old left-hander, but it's time to let him find his own path. He's always been charismatic, drawing attention since he first came up.
The Irish. Sarah Mathison led innings. Notre Dame pounded handed Notre Dame their fifth number two, stranding 10 run-while Nicols picked up win Allen, who each had two hits. first win of the season, allowing one-run loss of the season. Tournament in San Jose, Calif., tributing two hits each in the continued their hot hitting con- the Kansas gam e, RBIs by Marten and Perkins and Mathison con- the K ansas gam e, RBIs by Marten and Perkins and Mathison con-

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Sooner Classic leads to strong improvement

By ALLISON KRILLA
Sport Writer

After a rocky 2-7 start, the Notre Dame softball team rebounded with a 10-1 victory over Indiana, capturing the Sooner Classic consolation championship in Oklahoma City, Okla., and improving its overall record.

The Irish lost to No. 22 Baylor in the first game of the tournament, nearly pulling off the upset in the seventh inning, leaving the bases loaded after hits by Liz Perkins and Sarah Mathison and a two-out walk to Kelly Rowe. The 3-2 defeat handed Notre Dame their fifth one-run loss of the season. A 7-5 defeat of Kansas snapped a five-game skid for the Irish. Sarah Mathison led the offensive explosion with a two-run homer, the only home run in NCAA tournament play. Marten pounded out eight hits, with Jenn Giampaolo and Perkins contributing two apiece. Kelly Nolen recorded her first win of the season for the Irish.

Another Mathison home run powered the Irish to the consolation finals of the Sooner Classic with wins over Stephen F. Austin and Northwestern. Joy Battersby picked up her first win of the season, allowing only three hits by Stephen F. Austin. The offensive burst out 11 hits in support, led by Perkins, Mathison and Kerrie Allen, who each had two hits.

Wins against Wichita State and Kansas gave the Irish the Sooner Classic consolation championship and a 5-2 record for the tournament. Captain Meghan Murray knocked in one run and scored two more to help the Irish top the Shockers, while Nicols picked up win number two, striking out 10 run-ners in the final six innings for the complete game victory. In the Kansas game, RBIs by Murray, Mathison and captain Katie Marten made the difference for Notre Dame in the 4-2 win. Angela Bessolo retired the final three batters in the seventh after allowing a leadoff single to seal her third win of the season.

Against 13th-ranked Missouri, the Irish rallied five runs in the sixth inning, but fell to a strong Tiger team by a 6-3 score. Pinch-hitter Amy Labue’s two-run single keyed the rally. Marten and Kara McMahon went 3-for-.4 and Perkins and Mathison continued their hot hitting contributing two hits each in the losing cause.

At the National Invitational Tournament in San Jose, Calif., the Irish faced Loyola Marymount and Colorado State in the opening rounds of pool play. The team secured two victories to improve its record to 9-10. Seventh-inning heroics by Jenn Giampaolo in the form of a two-run double, which scored Murray and pinch-hitter Lisa Tully, pulled out the win for Notre Dame. Angela Bessolo improved her record to 4-5 with the win. The 7-4 defeat of Colorado State was powered by Marten and Murray’s 2-2-3 performances at the plate. A 2-1 win over New Mexico completed the Friday sweep for the Irish.

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home court advantage, it was the
day of the Irish. Notre Dame found themselves down
by as many as seven in the first stanza and down by five with
three minutes remaining in the
contest.
With Notre Dame trailing 79-
74 and all the momentum and
the hometown crowd behind
Texas, sophomore guard Sheila
McMillen and Beth Morgan
canned back-to-back treys to
put the Irish on top for good.
On the next trip down the
floor, Morgan looked to dial
long distance again, but she
was fouled as she attempted
another three. Morgan hit two
of three from the charity stripe
to put the Irish up 82-79 with
1:23 remaining.
With just 37 ticks remaining,
Morgan stepped to the line with
a one and one opportunity.
After Morgan's free throws
Texas forward Vanessa Wallace
quickly scored on a layup cut-
ning the lead back to one.
After Wallace's deuce, the
Longhorns fouled Morgan who
finished the game going 14 for
18 from the line. However,
Morgan's first attempt was off
the mark and Texas, trailing by
one, had possession with 19
seconds left.
Coming out of the time-out,
the Irish needed just one de-
fensive stop to make the Sweet
Sixteen. After a Texas miss,
Morgan ripped the rebound and
was fouled. Morgan made good of this op-
portunity at the line as she
knocked down both shots.
"We've gotten better each
year," Augustin said. "This is
definitely the best victory yet
and we're still planning to go
pretty far into the tournament.
Our confidence is pretty high
right now and we're looking
forward to the next game."
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March. No current students were around when the Irish went to the 1992 NIT final. Unless you felt a connection to a team in that other tournament on CBS, past Notre Dame upsets left little hope of the student body being committed to the college basketball asylum. Well, every little thing is going to be all right.

After a solid victory against Oral Roberts last Wednesday, the chance now presents itself to taste a little bit of the insanity other schools gear their entire social calendar around.

For the victory, the Joyce Center was awarded another game despite 2,000 people at the first round meeting. It holds almost 11,000.

The attendance figure of the first round created more slumber than bedlam. Now, with students back, ESPN has just as much right to televise a raucous crowd as NBC does.

You may accuse me of sneaking a roofer past customs, but this should be a big thing and there should only be one thing to say.

Go to the damn game.

If you want to see how the other half lives, buy your ticket at the dining hall. If you don’t know where the Joyce Center is — and judging by this year’s student section, a majority of you don’t — another box office has opened for your convenience.

So before picking up the next chicken patty, pick up an NIT ticket for tonight.

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"It’s a possibility. A good bet as long as the team doesn’t screw it up by giving away the tap shoes." -- Ira M esserman, Associated Press}

Manager Mike Hargrove said Mesa left the team charges regarding rape and other sexual imposition, one count of rape, two counts of gross sexual imposition and a gun charge.

Mesa, 30, has pleaded innocent to one count of rape, two counts of gross sexual imposition, one count of felonious assault and one count of carrying a concealed weapon. He is free on a $10,000 bond.

Rape charges are related to a complaint by two women that Mesa and a friend improperly touched them Dec. 22 after meeting at a Cleveland nightclub.

Police in Lakewood, Ohio, where the complaint was filed, said they arrested properly when they made up a case to get the pitcher out of his home before arresting him Dec. 27. Capt. Alan Clark said they wanted to spare Mesa the embarrassment of being arrested in front of his wife and six children.

Defense lawyer Gerald Messerman said this made the team's situation even more difficult.

"I haven’t heard anything," Hargrove said after Monday’s 5-2 loss to Toronto.

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ND makes Texas see green

By JOE CAVATO
Assistant Sports Editor

When your squad is in the Big Dance, the time has come for your prime-time players to pave the way to the road to the Final Four.

That is exactly what happened last night in Austin, Texas as the Notre Dame women’s basketball team upset the No. 3 seed and host Longhorns in an 86-83 thriller. St. Patrick’s Day is truly a day for the Irish. But for the Notre Dame women’s basketball game, March 17, 1997 is now an historic day. Yesterday’s win combined with their first round 93-62 drubbing of Memphis marks the farthest the women’s team ever has gone in the NCAA Tournament.

Just like they have done all season long, Irish seniors and the first two 2,000 point scorers in school history, Beth Morgan and Katryna Gaither, led the way as they each poured in 29 points. Also stepping up in the spotlight was senior forward Roseanne Holohan who was perfect from the field on her way to 16 points and five rebounds.

“It was awesome,” senior point guard Jeannine Augustin said. “Beating Texas in front of their fans was great. We kept our composure. Katryna and Beth had great games.”

The Irish altered a trick out of Lau Holts big-game bag as they came out with green fingernail polish, hoping to snap some of that luck of the Irish. It paid off as the win pushed their mark to 29-6 on the year.

More importantly it extends their season and gives them a date with seventh-seeded and seventh-ranked Alabama in the East Regionals this Saturday.

Gaither scored 21 of her points in the first half as the hosts had no one who could stop her in the paint. The Irish went into the locker room with a 44-42 lead.

Longhorn Danielle Viglione countered Gaither’s play with her outstanding shooting as she led her team with 19 points on 6 of 13 shooting including 5 of 9 from behind the arc. Despite the fact that Texas was the favorite and had the home court advantage, the Irish made Texas see green.

Student loyalty to be tested against TCU

A funny thing happened on the way home from spring break. Upon returning from the land of ganja (Jamaica as it is otherwise known), a first glimmer at the Joyce Center bulletin board on Juniper had me wondering if people were also tripping around South Bend.

Not because the designers must have been high when they decided to model the sign after the one adorning St. Joe’s across the street.

But because of what the sign said.

Notre Dame vs. TCU in the second round of the NIT.

Not.

NIT.

No way.

Way.

The real shock here may not be so much that the National Invitation Tournament mailed the Irish an invitation. It is the fact that Notre Dame is still basking in a post-season glow after students have returned to campus with their natural brown glow.

No undergraduate at this university has ever been offered the opportunity to be mad in student loyalty to be tested against TCU.

Blue and Gold look to prove they’re worthy of hosting second round

By DAVE TREACY
Senior Sports Writer

Notre Dame’s sojourn into the post-season continues tonight against the TCU Horned Frogs in the second round of the National Invitation Tournament. As unexpected as ND’s success has been, the squad still has its detractors — presently in the form of TCU Athletic Director Frank Windegger.

Windegger, upon learning that his 22-12 squad would have to travel to South Bend for tonight’s game, was quoted by Gil LeBreton of The Fort Worth Star Telegram as saying, “I guess we couldn’t overcome Catholics, Madison Square Garden, and ESPN.”

This seems rather blatant, doesn’t it? Blaming a religion for the NIT’s decision about where to host a basketball game? Well, perhaps the statement will be a proper motivational tool for head coach John MacLeod to pin onto the bulletin board.

Yet it seems rather counterproductive to host a basketball game.

“Well, perhaps the statement will be a proper motivational tool for head coach John MacLeod to pin onto the bulletin board,” MacLeod offered. “Hopefully, we can do something about it on the court.”

In fact, center Matt Gotech admitted that he Point guard Admire White will be counted on to take the pressure off of Notre Dame’s 86-83 victory was made possible in part by Katryna Gaither’s outstanding performance.

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