Duke downs ND in case contest

By MICHAEL LEWIS

Duke University's team of MBA students came out on top at Notre Dame's Invitational Case Competition, held on March 23-25.

According to judges and other students, Notre Dame's team would have been second or third, but for the only winner received recognition.

David Hennekes, a member of the Notre Dame team, said the competition gave the students a chance to see how they compared with groups from other schools. This was something they could not get out of the intra-university competition that determined who would represent Notre Dame at the invitational event.

Hennekes, Richard Crandall, Cheryl Reid, John Drumm and Geoffrey Rohrbaugh comprised the winning team within the Notre Dame competition. Crandall, Hennekes and Reid participated in the inter-university competition.

Hennekes said three students prepared the case, two attended it and three of those five went to competition. The rules of the invitational call for teams of three members.

"Number one, the whole idea of case competitions is to learn how to analyze a situation and develop a solution in a short period of time." said Hennekes.

"They were the weakest in answering questions," Paul Conway, supervisor of the event, said of Notre Dame's performance. "They had a good strategy for the presentation. The judges were apparently impressed with their actual solution was, so they didn't communicate that well," he said, adding that "Ohio State went at answering questions.'

Conway emphasized that different observers would likely disagree with his views of the schools' performances.

As for the winning team from Duke, Conway said they did very well. He said they had a good presentation, a good strategy and a good set up of the problem.

"They presented the alternative courses of action, had a good plan for implementing their strategy and answered any questions," Conway said. "I thought it was between Duke and [the University of] Maryland'.

How to be Hall Presidents...

New Hall Presidents' Council co-presidents Mark Fennell and Katie Marchetti ran their first meeting yesterday. The council addressed upcoming events and described methods for being better hall presidents.

Final Four Action Action

By ALYSSON COOK

Attention Saint Mary's College students. Your tuition will not be increasing extensively next year. Because of the Saint Mary's College Annual Fund — a program which solicits unrestricted monetary gifts from alumnae, parents and friends of Saint Mary's College — each student can breathe a sigh of relief.

The Annual Fund includes the Senior Leadership Campaign and the Reunion Gift Campaign. Last night, committee members of the Senior Leadership Campaign met in Haggard Student Center to find out what exactly they will be doing from April 7 to May 12.

"Before this evening I was unaware of the impact the alumnae donations have on the instantaneous indebtedness," said Ashley Ratcliffe, a Senior Leadership Campaign member. "I am looking forward to giving back to Saint Mary's and encouraging my senior classmates to do the same," she said.

Tuition and fees are the major source of income for Saint Mary's, yet they only provide about 80 percent of operating revenue. It is the Annual Fund that supplies the remaining 20 percent. The Senior Leadership Campaign plays a key role in that 20 percent.

This year's Senior Leadership Campaign is asking members of the class of 1997 to consider an annual gift of $50 during the next three years. This total of $150 is in recognition that the class of 1997 has already graduated.

The $150 sound might sound overwhelming when you look at all of your bills, especially when you're just starting and may or may not have a job yet," said Nellie Sanford Aranywski, class of 1994 and human resources assistant at Bosch Braking System in South Bend.

"If you equate it to all the things you do and divide the $50 a year by 12, it's not even a movie or a pizza," she said.

"We want to educate the younger alumnae to get into the habit of remembering Saint Mary's," said Mary Lou Mullen, assistant director of the Annual Fund. "Their contributions help the College to remain competitive in attracting the caliber of students that keep Saint Mary's ranked by U.S. News and World Report as number one in the Midwest Regional Liberal Arts Colleges and Universities category for the third year in a row."

Most Saint Mary's students benefit from the Annual Fund. In 1996-97, over 66 percent of all full-time students received need-based and/or merit based financial assist...
It's Easter, not Groundhog Day

This past Sunday the priest of the church I went to was the most excited about Easter, not because he is a priest, but because he is a football fan. He asked the kids what they thought Easter was, and he received some funny responses. One of them was that Easter was when Jesus was raised from the dead. The other kid thought it was when they decorated the Christmas tree. Finally a boy raised his hand and said that Easter was when Jesus died on the cross. They were having a laugh and then I noticed that the priest was relieved that they understood the concept of Easter. He explained that Easter is about the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

Some people may not understand exactly what it is we celebrate during Easter. Most people do not realize that Easter is a time to remember that it was because He died that we are able to celebrate His birth. This way, through the celebration of Easter, we solidify our faith. Without the excess commercialization that surrounds Christmas, we can reflect on the importance of one holiday and the mystery surrounding the other. The idea of a child's birth is easier to grasp than His Resurrection. For this reason, we should appreciate the fact that we have had to leave the Easter holiday alone and to discover its meaning for ourselves. In its simplicity, we find our purpose as Christians.

We were able to grasp the importance of this holiday because we are no different than those first graders. It is through the Resurrection of Jesus that we find our faith. Christians are in an important time, and a time to celebrate. But we should not forget the reason that it was because He was resurrected that we celebrate his birth. So, maybe Easter is not as fun as Christmas. I stood there in mass on Sunday thinking that it is probably better this way. Without the excess commercialization that surrounds Christmas, we can reflect on Easter's true meaning. By doing this we are able to celebrate Jesus rising on the third day, not to see His shadow, but to proclaim that He overcame sin by conquering death.

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The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

World at a Glance

TEGUURALPACA, Honduras

A U.S. Air Force cargo plane crashed in busy Honduran street.

President Clinton announced today that press secretary Mike McCurry had to leave the holiday of Easter alone and to work on his knee surgery. Clinton deadpanned that McCurry had "made a fool of himself" by falling down and hurting his knee. "So understanding during Mike's absence," Clinton said. Engskov, 25, is an Arkansas native who works in the press office. "I thought we ought to have a presidential secretary who doesn't have an accent," Clinton quipped. Getting into the spirit of things, reporters asked Clinton if he had any back problems. "Will McCurry ever get his job back?" Clinton asked.

Columbia launch may face delays

NASA encountered several problems Tuesday as the countdown proceeded toward a launch of space shuttle Columbia, the last one to be shot down in a mission that was installed without thermal insulation. Engineers are trying to determine whether insulation needs to be added before Thursday's launch. The shuttle's engines were allowed to freeze in orbit, NASA spokesman Bruce Buckingham said Tuesday. The installation, or freeze bake, would delay the science mission of a duration of one or two days. While the shuttle has flown before without the mission, the 13-day flight is the longest ever. Shuttle crews may feel the effects of long-duration flight, said Michael L. Wash, who was chief of thermal protection systems.

Environmentals go after Canadians

WASHINGTON

Environmentalists said they will ask an oversight panel to the North American Free Trade Agreement to investigate Canada's alleged failure to enforce hydropower regulations intended to benefit fish. Conservation and fishing groups in the United States and Canada said Tuesday the Canadian government is turning a blind eye to violations at hydropower dams in British Columbia operated by the government-run B.C. Hydro. Federal law requires the fish be protected from the dams' operations to reduce impacts on endangered Northwest salmon runs. The Canadian dam operates unsafer, the complaint said.

The complaint is to be filed Wednesday with the North American Commission on Environmental Cooperation, at its offices in Washington, Mexico City and Ottawa.

Hepatitis hits the lunch line

LOS ANGELES

As many as 10,000 Los Angeles youngsters and adults may have been exposed to hepatitis A. Through possibly tainted berries that were also distributed to at least six other states. Frozen strawberry and blueberry fruit cups served last week were delivered to schools in Iowa, Arizona, Florida, Tennessee, Illinois and Michigan, where nearly 200 suspected cases of hepatitis A — a mild form of the virus — have already been reported. The only illnesses so far have appeared in Michigan, the Food and Drug Administration said.

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ND increases tuition by less than last year’s raise

Special to The Observer

Undergraduate tuition and room and board charges at the University of Notre Dame will increase 5.3 percent for the 1997-98 academic year, which is the rate of the University’s tuition increase has declined.

The increase of $990 will bring tuition and fees to $19,800. Room and board charges will rise $360 to an combined cost of $24,820.

In a letter to parents of 1997-98 undergraduate students, Notre Dame’s president, Father Edward Malley, discussed the University’s continuing commitment to increase scholarship aid in order to keep a Notre Dame education “within the economic reach of all students who can benefit from it.”

In the 1995-96 fiscal year, $24 million was put into scholarship endowments, bringing the total market value of those endowments to more than $330 million, Malley wrote. The University will spend $15.5 million for undergraduate scholarship aid this academic year, up almost $3 million from a year ago and more than $10 million since 1990 — a three-fold increase in that time.

Malley added that tuition and room and board charges at Notre Dame remain below those of most comparable private universities. “Maintaining the quality of education at highly selective, private universities is an expensive endeavor,” he wrote.

“The infusion of cultures that’s taking place around the world is a theme that we will be carrying in our food services,” Ellis said.

For Ellis, receiving the ACF award was both exciting and humbling.

“Students today know what is happening in the world, and they want to try different international dishes,” Ellis said. “We’ve gone way beyond beef stew and macaroni and cheese. The infusion of cultures that’s taking place around the world is a theme that will appear in our food services,” Ellis continued.

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**Security auctions found goods**

Observers Staff Report

Missing a bicycle, stereo, or camera? Looking for a used vehicle?

Notre Dame Security is holding an auction tonight to sell the items that have been turned in or recovered from various break-ins.

"We have all kinds of stuff," said Rex Rakow, director of Notre Dame Security. "Jewelry, calculators, CD players... anything that was found and never claimed."

Two old police cars will be auctioned — one Ford and one Chevy Blazer; Rakow noted that they usually go to members of the community. "I think we did sell one to a student, but it's usually the area residents that bid on the cars."

The semi-annual auction is open to the public; according to Rakow, student attendance tends to be lower than that of South Bend residents. "Sometimes, rival dorms show up and try to outbid each other, turning it into a competition or something," Rakow laughed. "But the turnout is always good."

He stressed the good condition of the majority of items up for bid. "The bikes are really rideable, and we have lots of them to sell," Rakow stated.

All items have been in the possession of Notre Dame Security since the auction in September 1996; Rakow encouraged anyone whose property was stolen or lost to come to the auction and replace it.

"People can get really good deals at this event," he asserted.

The doors of Stepan Center will open to the crowd at 6 p.m. tonight.

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ally defended America's medical system, because systems that attempt to move patients through too fast ultimately tend to skimp on important tests and miss serious medical problems. Only in America, he pointed out, could an emergency room doctor be able to request CAT scans and radiology tests in the middle of the night.

In order to give an idea of what it is like to work in an E.R., Walsh described a variety of cases that he might encounter in a typical day.

Among these cases he described multiple victims of a car-crash, a 72-year-old cocaine-addicted pimp, a 16-year-old shot in the head by a tree had fallen. All of these, he asserted, were real patients of his, and the cases he described were an accurate cross-section of the diverse cases encountered in the emergency room every day.

Walsh also discussed the methods of diagnosis and treatment he used for these patients. They ranged from simple visual inspections and quick treatments to complicated scans and invasive surgery. What he continually explained was that without the complex medical equipment available in the modern E.R., a number of these patients' maladies would be overlooked and left untreated.

As for the television version of the emergency room, Walsh gave NBC's "E.R." credit for its realism. "With the exception of that crazy guy that sleeps with all the nurses, Cheonley, it's a qualitatively accurate show... in terms of the cases that come in."

Overall, Walsh presented a picture of an emergency room as a hectic place, where he might treat over 30 patients in an eight-hour shift, and where his correct diagnosis and swift treatment often mean the difference between life and death. It is a difficult job, he said, and requires "gobs of humility" because of the importance of always being correct in treating patients.

Walsh finished by professing his love for his job. "I have unbridled enthusiasm for what I do... I love my work and I think about it all the time."

Walsh's lecture was the fifth in the "Mini-Medical School" series presented by the South Bend Center for Medical Education.
Rwandan refugees on verge of death

By DIANNA CAHN

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THE STUDENT UNION

What is the Senate?

Chaired by the Student Body Vice President, Erek Nass, the Student Union Senate is the most representative "student" body on campus, with a representative from each dorm, and one from off-campus.

Senate's purpose is to address current and long term issues that directly affect students and student life at Notre Dame.

Any student may attend and speak at a Student Senate Meeting.

What is the Executive Cabinet?

Chaired by the Student Body President, Matt Griffin, this group is made up of members of various student groups such as the MPC Co-Chairs, Class Presidents, SUB members, Club Officers, and others.

The goal of the Cabinet is to coordinate all activities occurring on campus.

Student Government's day to day stuff falls under this Cabinet.

What is the Judicial Council?

The JC provides confidential student advising for students going into hearings in Student Affairs. Call 1-4553.
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Navajo families to acknowledge the ancient land

By PATRICK GRAHAM
Associated Press Writer

PHOENIX

The deadline for dozens of Navajo families to acknowledge the land that they live on belongs to the Hopi expired as protesters around the nation criticized the plan aimed at solving a century-old land feud.

Navajo families had until midnight Monday to sign leases acknowledging the rugged patch of desert in northern Arizona belongs to the other tribe. Those who didn't sign lose their claim to the land so they can open it for mining and other uses.

By late Monday, Navajos from more than 60 of the 80 affected homesteads had signed the leases, also called "accommodation agreements," allowing them to stay on the land for 75 years, said Hopi tribal spokeswoman Kim Secakuku. Estimates of how many Navajos live on the disputed land range from 300 to more than 1,000.

"If they don't sign, they don't have any legal rights or legal protections," Secakuku said. "All we can say is we have tried to work with them. We have always been clear that (the accommodation agreement) will always allow them to practice their religion."

In New York, San Francisco and Flagstaff, there were rallies Monday to protest the plan. More than 100 protesters took to the streets of San Francisco, beating drums and chanting to call attention to the plight of the affected Navajo families. Hopi protesters urged the United Nations - in vain - for an independent investigation.

"These are subsistence people who have been denied basic human services," said Marsha Monestersky, a Navajo spokeswoman. Demonstrators at each rally said the plan violates Navajos' religious freedom by requiring permits for certain ceremonies and forbidding them from burying their dead.

"I do think these grave-yard sites of my ancestors are the roots holding me there," said Roberta Blackgoat, a Navajo in Flagstaff who refused to sign a lease.

"I can't leave the sacred words and sacred prayers of my ancestors," said Roberta Blackgoat, a Navajo who refused to sign a lease.

Navajos also contended that Hopi officials want them off their land so they can open it up to coal and mining interests, a charge Hopis deny. The Hopis insist they have the right to make up to $50 million from the federal government by 85 percent of the Navajos agree to the leases. The Hopis plan to use the money to expand their reservation by up to 500,000 acres.

The dispute began in 1882 when the federal government set aside 1.8 million acres for use by the Hopis and other Indians living on the disputed land, which was occupied almost entirely by Navajos who refused to move out. Hopis, however, say they were there long before the Navajo arrived.

Despite assurances from Hopi tribal officials that their religious beliefs won't be trampled with if they sign the leases, many Navajos are still afraid.

"The agreement sounds too good - they have this feeling they can't trust the Hopi tribe," said Ray Russell, who works with the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission.

At the end of the questioning, U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch said: "We're done with this seminar."

The rest of the day was marked by highly emotional responses. Most of the comments, however, have dealt with the blast itself and its aftermath rather than the state of the evidence.

A prospective juror, an agent for photographers and artists, said she's already made up her mind that McVeigh's guilty, based on what she seen.

But the soft-spoken woman said she could still recommend death for whoever was responsible for the April 19, 1995, blast that tore apart the Oklahoma City federal building and killed 168 people, including 19 children.

As jury selection crept along - only 11 prospects had been interviewed after a day and a half - the woman was the latest prospect to reveal strong feelings about the case.

Her emotional questioning, however, gave way to the afternoon's heady questioning of one of the more colorful jury prospects: a philosophy professor who said he was willing to consider the death penalty "just as I'm willing to consider death, but 'I could consider death, also.'"

The most sticky issue centered on whether he would be willing to recommend execution — a requirement to serve on a capital trial in federal court. Given the exhaustive interro-
Futures bright for soybeans

By HILLARY CHURA

Soybean futures prices soared Tuesday after the government revamped its estimates of current stocks, with the new figure pointing to possible shortages by summer. Corn futures also rose.

In other markets, coffee futures rose strongly a fourth session on supply anxieties, and copper futures rose sharply in the previous two trading days.

### Insecticides

The Agriculture Department said it overcounted soybean reserves held in Mississippi in its quarterly stocks report released Monday, boosting the figure by 2 percent. After reviewing the numbers, the agency said that as of March 1, there were 1,856,000 bushels of soybeans left nationwide until the next harvest, the lowest for that date since 1994.

The revision indicates the nation's soybean stocks are in serious danger of depletion by September, "If demand continues at the current pace, prices have to go higher in old crop to ration demand," said analyst Stew Fried at ADM Investor Services Inc. in Chicago.

### Domestics and foreign demand

The USDA estimates supplies will fall to 20-year lows of 140 million bushels, or less than three weeks' supply. Many hoped Brazil's record crop would cut into demand, but a series of port problems has kept foreign reliance on American soybeans high.

Corn futures rose in step with soybeans. With soaring soybean prices, farmers expect to plant huge tracts of that crop this spring, the USDA reported Monday. That has increased worries that the other crops will be overlooked at planting time, leading to tight supplies down the road.

Soybeans for May delivery rose 19 3/4 cents $8.75 1/2 a bushel on the Chicago Board of Trade. May corn rose 3 cents to $3.12 a bushel.

Coffee futures rose to the highest level in three weeks amid concerns supplies could run out. Shipments tightened greatly early this year but have risen in recent weeks as producers rushed in much of their harvest. Some investors believe producers have little coffee left to export.

Andrew Gordon, vice president of Coffee Holding Co. in Brooklyn, N.Y., said there is still supply out there, but it will become tighter by midyear. "If you don't buy now and pay whatever premium, you'll probably miss the boat," he said. "It's like musical chairs, where you have 10 chairs and 15 players."

Mexico and Guatemala had record exports in January and February, and Brazil and Colombia had healthy exports as well. March futures are not in yet, but analysts believe they should be strong, too.

Still, U.S. stocks currently are 30 percent lower than the same time a year ago despite a 90 percent jump in coffee futures since December. Supplies of quality arabica beans stored in warehouses owned by the Coffee, Sugar & Cocoa Exchange in New York at 44 percent below a year ago. May green, arabica coffee settled 3.15 cents higher at $1.94 per pound, the highest since March 12.

The stock market edged lower Tuesday after falling sharply in the previous two trading days.

### Engine manufacturer

Engine manufacturer Cummins expects good market growth.

Ed during the first quarter of 1996, executives told shareholders gathered for the annual meeting.

Cummins will release complete financial results for the quarter later this month.

Cummins, which produces diesel engines for heavy- and medium-duty trucks, also will invest more than $1 billion in new technology, marketing, and other areas, also will invest more than $1 billion in new capital and product development by 1999, with half of the investment being made in southern Indiana.

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'Trigger' molecule for breast cancer identified

By TIM WHITEMIRE
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK
Researchers have isolated a molecule believed to trigger breast cancer, a scientist said Tuesday.

"Levels of the molecule, mitogen-activated protein kinase — or MAP kinase — are between five and 20 times higher in cancerous breast tissue cells than in normal breast tissue cells," according to Dr. Craig C. Malbon of the State University of New York-Stony Brook.

The discovery, reported in the April issue of The Journal of Clinical Investigation, could lead to new methods for early detection and treatment of breast cancer, Malbon said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press.

Malbon said the migration of MAP kinase into the nucleus of a cell signals the cell to begin replicating itself, causing cancer.

"The trip switch is this molecule and its migration into the nucleus," he said.

Previous research has shown that MAP kinase signals cells to proliferate, Malbon said. The new research, he said, established a link between extremely high levels of the molecule and the growth and spread of breast cancer.

Malbon said elevated levels of MAP kinase also were found in the lymph nodes of breast cancer patients whose cancer spread to other parts of their body, making the molecule a marker for those so-called metastatic cancers.

The discovery could allow doctors to test for high levels of MAP kinase in breast cells, allowing detection of breast cancer even before noticeable tumors develop, Malbon said.

And it raises the possibility of breast cancer treatments based on "programmed cell death," he said. In such treatments, doctors would introduce to cancerous cells special molecules designed to "turn off" the MAP kinase cell.

In cases of early-detection breast cancer, such targeted treatment can be preferable to the more scattershot approaches of radiation therapy or chemotherapy, Malbon said.

The two-year study was funded in part by the American Cancer Society and involved examination of tissue specimens from more than 25 patients — some with normal breast tissue, some with breast cancer and some with other breast diseases.

An editorial in The Journal of Clinical Investigation called the researchers' discovery "an extremely exciting finding that has the potential of identifying an important therapeutic target."
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Grandmother-slaying teen begins road to recovery

By MICHAEL HILL

KINGSTON, N.Y. When her grandmother died, 13-year-old Wendy Gardner was supposed to have the last word.

Wendy had planned to say, "You beat me ... now it's your turn to get beaten." But she confessed that even before her boyfriend pulled the kite string around Betty Gardner's neck, plans had gone astray.

"Just do it," she said. Then she fled upstairs and lay down; she sang "Angel Bells" to blot out the car horns below.

Wendy Gardner is polite and pretty with a round face and long brown hair. In school, she earned A's and B's. She plays the flute — pretty melodies — and keeps a diary.

In her, there has fantasized about ripping an old boyfriend's flesh to pieces.

The contrasts — darkness and innocence — are typical of the prostitute mother who died after contracting the AIDS virus. A father who boasted of how his own father dropped dead during an argument between them, according to testimony at Wendy's trial.

Betty Gardner took both Wendy and her sister Kathy into her home in the Hudson Valley town of Saugerties. Wendy was 5, Kathy was 3.

According to a confession Wendy gave days after the killing, the young lovers had plotted the crime for weeks. They lied about marrying — on a boat, five miles offshore so it would be legal; they talked — operating on the emotional level of an 8-year-old, had a rebel boyfriend to complement her own angry and rebellious feelings.

They were perfectly a perfect match," he said. "It's like a lock and key system.

By Christmas 1994, Wendy had essentially lived with Betty and James for two weeks. Betty Gardner ordered her granddaughter home.

According to a confession Wendy gave days after the killing, the young lovers had planned the crime for weeks. They lied about marrying — on a boat, five miles offshore so it would be legal; they talked — operating on the emotional level of an 8-year-old, had a rebel boyfriend to complement her own angry and rebellious feelings.

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On Feb. 21, after nine hours of deliberations, jurors rejected the lesser count of manslaughter and found her guilty of second-degree murder.

Wendy cried and was led from court with a jacket over her head.

Ulster County District Attorney Michael Kavanagh has said he will not seek the maximum sentence of nine years to life when Wendy is sentenced Wednesday. She may serve as little as five years.

But barring a successful appeal, she will grow to adulthood in state custody, and it seems she's trying to make the best of it.

Shes' doing well in school again.

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AUDITORIUM

TOPIC: "FOLLOWING THE PROPHET: PROPHETIC ACTIONS AS THE SOURCE OF LAW."
Staff sergeant charged
with sexual misconduct

By DAVID DISHNEAU
Associated Press Writer

ABERDEEN, Md.
Another instructor at the Aberdeen Proving Ground was charged Tuesday with sexual misconduct involving female subordinates, making him the 11th man charged in the ongoing sex scandal.

Staff Sgt. Marvin Kelley, 33, had improper relationships with six trainees and one female soldier stationed at Aberdeen.

Kelley was also charged with two counts of obstruction of justice, five counts of failing to obey an order prohibiting such relationships, one count of making a false statement, and three counts of adultery, the Army said.

No further details on the charges were released. An Army spokesman Tuesday night did not know Kelley's rank. The other 10 men charged with sexual misconduct at Aberdeen are black; most of their accusers are white.

Also Tuesday, the judge in the court-martial of a drill sergeant facing 25 charges of rape denied a defense request to interview high-ranking Army officials who last fall called for "zero tolerance" of sexual misconduct.

Lawyers for Sgt. Delmar Simpson argued during a pretrial hearing that comments made by Secretary Togo West and other Army officials made it impossible for Simpson to receive a fair court-martial and led Aberdeen commanders to charge him with rape when he may have had consensual sex.

"It is our sense that the Army needs somebody to hang rope on," said defense lawyer Frank J. Spinner.

But the judge, Col. Paul Johnston, said he reviewed newspaper clippings and broadcast news reports and did not believe they showed Army officials unduly influenced Simpson's court-martial.

Simpson, 32, is charged with scores of offenses involving as many as 28 female soldiers. If convicted, he could face life in prison. His trial begins next Monday.

President Clinton, who scored political points in taking on the tobacco industry, targeted liquor distillers' TV ads Tuesday. Clinton denounced TV ads starring children and parents, who he said struggle to explain why his move against liquor ads — which stopped just short of recommending a regulatory ban — did not touch the far more pervasive television advertising for beer or wine.

He acknowledged that his aim, for now, is a return to the status quo last fall — before distillers lifted their 50-year, self-imposed ban on radio and TV ads. Vintners and brewers, a politically powerful lobby that spends millions of dollars in Washington, have freely advertised alcohol.

"I think we ought to start with the principle of no backsliding," Clinton said in outlining his request that the Federal Communications Commission study the impact of lifting the ban and make recommendations for possible federal action.

"We must do nothing — nothing that would encourage more of our young people to drink hard liquor," Clinton said in a Roosevelt Room ceremony with Vice President Al Gore and Defense Secretary Dick Cheney.

Distillers voted in November to end the ban after Seagram's ran a limited number of ads in Texas. Ever since, FCC Chairman Reed Hundt hoped Clinton would pursue the issue, saying that "if there is no difference, if there are problems, the FCC can evaluate whatever evidence comes in."

But White House spokesman Mike McCurry later told reporters the government was not aware of anyone foreseeing a next step that suggests you look at beer and wine. And we're just taking it one step at a time.

Cracking down on tobacco industry ads aimed at children proved a good issue for Clinton in his re-election campaign. Tuesday's liquor announcement, which mostly reiterated past policy statements, was meant to reinvigorate a similar issue, "pro-family" issue Clinton declared upon a Father's Day radio address last year.

But distillers were quick to cry hypocrisy Tuesday. And some groups denounced any distinction between hard liquor's harm and the dangers of beer drinking.

"Alcohol is basically alcohol," said Karolyn Nunnallee, president of the Distilled Spirits Council of the United States, whose members include only 50 of some 1,000 cable stations that had accepted since November.

By contrast, she said, beer commercials saturate the airwaves — $2.5 billion worth since Clinton took office.

"If the administration is serious about children and wants to look at the issue of alcohol and advertising, we have no quarrel about that. But they cannot do it by ignoring 99 percent of the alcohol advertising on television," said Boardman.

Former Sen. George McGovern, spokesman for the National Council on Alcoholism, said the government had agreed that "seductive" beer and wine advertising posed a far greater threat to young people, but he understood the political reality. Clinton faced in coming weeks a major advertising battle.

"I've learned long ago you have to be satisfied with partial steps on an explosive issue like this," said McGovern, who lost a daughter to alcoholism.

On Capitol Hill, Rep. W.J. Tauzin, R-La., chairman of the House Commerce subcommittee on telecommunications, said the House planned to hold hearings on the issue. He is instead pursuing behind-the-scenes negotiations with industry representatives for voluntary guidelines to ban ads and placement that would cover beer, wine and liquor alike.

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Todas Están Invitados
Fear of the apocalypse pervades modern media culture

Thomas Coyne

Kiddies being dropped into the fires of damnation for forging their parent's signature on spelling tests, our lessons in the fun-to-read and easy-to-understand Book of Revelation. Needless to say, after a collective protest from parents whose children couldn't sleep at night with visions enflamed in their pre-pubescent minds of multi-headed beasts, plagues, spear-pierced devils on horseback and Catholic school through Hollywood and the media. Movie companies are capitalizing on endless reproductions of mindless natural disaster ficks and aliens destroy the world movies. Fires, volcanoes, twisters, man eating viruses, earthquakes, mass burnings so devastating to civilisation, etc. And it's not just the movies — television shows are exploiting America's apophasis, crack­ ing out serials about millennium UFO's and approaching doom in the next millennium, aliens coming to live in happy bliss on the third rock from the sun — speculation about the grandiosity of the future and the inevitable collapse is an insatiable market.

And I'm begging for a respite from it all as I can only stomach so much of the fantasia. Blame it on my literacy or my dis­ interest in tear-jerker mythology, but I have a fair heart believing in the apocalyp­ tic scenarios bombarding me at every turn. When was the last time seven twisters tore through your town on a Sunday afternoon? Seen any good dor­ marionates in a highly populated area erupting lately? Sorry about that time the aliens came down to your farm­ house and abducted your wife, but who googled the blame? Before God and government, because according to that guy from the FBI, there might be aliens in caves.

I'm not afraid of a little friendly castration, in my own fashion with the end of the world was born. I prognosticated at the age of 10 in New Year's Eve of the year 1999 at the stroke of midnight, the one time in the cosmos to see them, unless of course you are wearing black Nikes, have a $5 bill and some quarters in your pocket, because according to that guy from the FBI, there might be aliens in caves.

I'm not even sure we have that long. You heard it here (and a myriad of other places — street corners, soap boxes, and websites all befitting of apocalyptic rhetoric: the end is coming! Prepare ye­ selves! The Heaven's Gate debacle should be proof enough that the apocalypse is around the corner. Not to be insensitive or write in bad taste (neither of which I have ever tried to avoid before), but an act of such unbelievable insanity sug­ gests one of two things: either the human species is doomed because there is no limit to the capacity of individuals to refuse to use their brains; or Mr. La Tee Da was right, and we are screwed because we missed the mothership bop­ ping along behind the Hale-Bopp. Either way, it's over for us.

In the tradition of Sports Illustrated's weekly installments of signs of the apo­ calypse, I have come up with a few of my own. And you don't have to look up to the cosmos to see them, unless of course you are wearing black Nikes, Have a $5 bill and some quarters in your pocket, because according to that guy from the FBI, there might be aliens in caves.

The first sign on my "The end is approaching list" would undoubtedly have to be the impending doomsday otherwise known as graduation. Trimming 1.5 months to G-day 1997. The day when credit lines dry up, when bills with your name on them mean you actually have to pay them yourself, when you have to get a job, and I can barely say it, ya, ja, job. And you thought the stuff in the movies was scary. When I walk out of the Joyce Center on that Sunday in May, diploma in hand, draped in my tacky gown and sporting my gaudy tasseled cap, I'm hoping that the parking lot will open up before our eyes. And here's my prediction: to the future — more promise for an English major than the breaks, more chance of a miss for me.

Another sign that something is out in order in the gentle balance of the cosmos is the exigency of the Notre Dame athletic programs. With our flailing football program trying to schedule St. Joe's for the 1997 schedule the military academics proving to be all too mighty opportunists and the only sports bringing any pride to this campus being the traditional Irish tortures of bruising, women's soccer and women's basketball (no offense ladies, it's just a bit out of the ordinary), one of the biggest boys clubs in America is becoming the playground for its loyal daughters, marching onward to victory. Oh, I forgot about men's basketball, but if their success isn't a sign of the apoca­ lyptic, I don't know what is.

I am not alone in my end of the world anxiety — it extends beyond our little campus and has gripped the nation

work of merit, looking at the wasteland of modern cinema that is so ruled by the almighty dollar that it nomimates such tripe treasures as "Jerry Maguire" for best picture. I am a supporter of reeediting the classics, but I lament such a develop­ ment as well — when classics become contemporary, when they replace current creations instead of existing as a refer­ ence point for new and fresh work, they are evidence of the fact that ours is a cul­ ture which is becoming unworlshipped, art­ less, meaningless — a stale society that is running out of stories to tell.

Look at television — we have replaced the art of storytelling, the art that is at the core of who we are and how we understand our existence, with "real life" stor­ ies. We don't want to write stories and construct our lives, we merely want to watch our lives through cameras that capture cops chasing criminals and twenty­thirty experiencing growing pains in plush domiciles. The line between reality and story has become dangerously blurred in this age of multi­media, facts at your fingertips, the real deal in your face, straight from the front lines information explosion. The end is coming for a cult­ ure that has sacrificed its imagination, its creativity and curiosity and opted for docu­ dramatisations, abandoned facts and fig­ ures. Without story, reality is the most bitter of pills. An unoriginal world is one that has become too dull.

Twenty years ago, our world was closer to the reality of global annihilation than ever before, the threat of nuclear war hanging over every head, and yet the apocalypse was rarely discussed and the hanging over every head, and yet the apocalypse was rarely discussed and never romanticized — perhaps because, at the time, the threat was more fact than fantasy. Now that the Cold War is behind us and our anxiety that we are going to turn up into piles of radioactive dust is assuaged, we have invented new enemies. We have found new threats to our sur­ vival in nature, plagues, and aliens. I will never understand why we have to star­ ing at death to feel fully alive. B. Thomas Coyne is a senior Arts and Letters major.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Whoever wants to know the heart and mind of America has but better learn baseball, the rules and realities of the game — and do it by watching first some high school or small-town teams."

—Jacques Barzun
N otre Dame's environmental organizations are celebrating this Earth Day, the largest and most significant celebration of the natural world beginning this Sunday. The events are sponsored by the Notre Dame Environmental Coalition, a relatively informal board that has representatives from each of six environmental groups on campus. The coalition was first organized in October of 1995 by Karen Cardinal, current co-president of the Recycle' Irish.

Cardinal says that the coalition "increases dialogue between groups and allows them to work together much more efficiently in their efforts to increase environmental awareness and concern. Our big objective this semester is Earth Week," Cardinal explains. However, the coalition also hopes to hold a joint festival in the fall when new members can be encouraged to join these organizations.

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Additionally, SEA has investigated issues of local importance such as the use of pesticide on Notre Dame's lawns and the pollution of lead and other heavy metals in the paint of South Bend's older houses. Many of the upcoming Earth Day events are organized by SEA, including an Environmental Mass and a tree-planting project on Sunday. Usually, area residents and students plant between 1,700 and 2,000 trees on a local property. As part of their effort to inform the campus about environmental issues, SEA has a website at http://www.nd.edu/~sea/.

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This is accomplished through environmental commissioners who oversee the recycling programs in their respective dorms. "Irish" do it more than once, but the handle it. The group started the ShamROCK Greenfest, one of the outdoor events featured on the official Earth Week calendar. The Irish Outdoor Club promotes respect for nature and encourages direct experience. The club owns backpacks, stoves, and other necessities for hiking and camping. Past excursions include mountain hiking in southern Indiana and snowshoeing in Michigan. Irish Outdoors will host an Earth Week hike at Indiana Dunes on Sunday, April 13. President Eric Nielsen admits that "this year the club has been pretty much inactive." However, Irish Outdoors hopes to gain new members and become more active next fall. The joint efforts of the coalition should encourage and concern. "Our big objective this semester is Earth Week," Cardinal explains. However, the coalition also hopes to hold a joint festival in the fall when new members can be encouraged to join these organizations.

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**MLB**

**Indians begin season with new look**

By DENNIS GEORGIOS
Associated Press Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. — For the most part, the Cleveland Indians' signature players from the 1995 AL championship team and last year's division-winning club are elsewhere as where the new season begins. Starting pitcher Bert Bellox tied with the Chicago White Sox as a free agent. Bullpen closer Jose Mesa charged with rape, is on trial and will miss at least the start of the season.

Kenly Lofton, Julian Tavarez, Jose Vizcaino, Eddie Murray and Scott Stahoviak are all being traded in a series of deals that began last June.

So, it will be a new-look Indians team that opens the season Wednesday night against the Oakland Athletics, an overachieving team that ended the season 42-39, the first time since 1986 that the Indians were a third-place finisher.

Tigers open season with late inning loss to Twins

By RON LESKO
Associated Press Writer

DETROIT — It was a bad night on the bases and a bad night on defense for the Minnesota Twins.

Pat Meares made sure it was a bad night in the clubhouse, too.

Meares' two-run, two-out single was the long shot of an eight-run inning as the Twins rallied from a five-run deficit on a poor outing by starter Bobbyiday with a 7-2 victory over the Detroit Tigers in a season opener.

The winning rally included one of those potentially costly base-running mistakes for the Twins when third baseman Scott Stovallak for up to four weeks when he broke a finger in the eighth. Meares followed with his first for the final out. Meares followed with his first hit for the final out.

"I guess if you're going to make mistakes, make aggressive mistakes," Meares said. "We're not a team that's going to see every night on three-run home run. We're going to take what we can get and pressure on some of the outfielders to throw guys out. That was just a last second we're going to keep pushing and keep pushing and keep pushing," 

The Twins' rally was also a sign that the Tigers' pitching problems, which could trouble them for the entire season.

Detroit, which set an AL record with 6,638 ERA in 1996 en route to a 109-loss season, has had its own self-inflicted problems with a 5-1 lead on Melvin Mora, who was replaced by fourth and the Tony Clark two-run double in the fifth double.

Starter Doug Brocail, cruising to that point, gave up three runs in the bottom of the fifth. Bill Buttolph, a right-hander, allowed a run and four hits in seven innings.

"Any time you lose a game that you thought you played well enough to win," said Detroit manager Buddy Bell, whose opening-day roster included 11 newcomers, "it hurts," said Detroit manager Buddy Bell, whose opening-day roster included 11 newcomers, "it hurts," said Detroit manager Buddy Bell, whose opening-day roster included 11 newcomers, "it hurts," said Detroit manager Buddy Bell, whose opening-day roster included 11 newcomers, "it hurts," said Detroit manager Buddy Bell, whose opening-day roster included 11 newcomers, "it hurts," said Detroit manager Buddy Bell, whose opening-day roster included 11 newcomers, "it hurts," said Detroit manager Buddy Bell, whose opening-day roster included 11 newcomers, "it hurts."
Bucks snap road losing streak

Associated Press

VALENCER

Glenn Robinson scored 19 of his 25 points in the third quarter as the Milwaukee Bucks snapped a five-game road losing streak with a 102-91 win over the Vancouver Grizzlies.

Robinson, coming off a 30-point performance in Sunday's 99-97 loss at Denver, sparked a 15-1 run at the start of the third quarter as the Bucks won for only the third time in their last 13 games. Robinson, who fouled out with 44 seconds left, also led the Bucks in scoring 30 times this season.

Sherman Douglas added 21 points and nine rebounds as all five Milwaukee starters scored in double figures.

Rookie Shareef Abdur-Rahim scored 21 of his 26 points in the first half for Vancouver, which lost its fifth straight. Lee Mayberry, starting in place of Greg Anthony, scored a season-high 17 points against his former team.

Vancouver lost its NBA-worst 63rd game of the season and 20th of its last 21.

Miaus center Bryant Reeves (tendonitis left knee), the Grizzlies were outmatched down. It didn't help Vancouver's cause when rookie forward Aaron Williams, getting his first career start, picked up his fourth foul early in the third quarter. He eventually fouled out three minutes into the fourth.

Also, Grizzlies rookie forward Roy Rogers had to be helped off the floor when he fell awkwardly late in the fourth quarter.

After leading by as many as eight points in the first half, the Grizzlies fell behind for good when Douglas hit both free throws to make it 54-52 with 1:28 left in the second quarter.

The Bucks then put the game away at the start of the third quarter, going 5-for-7 to open a 70-56 bulge. The Grizzlies, meanwhile, missed their first seven shots, failing to score their first field goal until rookie Chris Robinson hit a 3-pointer with 6:03 remaining.

Vancouver went on a 13-5 run to cut the Bucks' lead to 96-88 with 1:34 left, but failed to get any closer.

The Grizzlies got to the free-throw line only 17 times, including three in the first half, compared to the Bucks' 32.

Milwaukee, in the midst of a seven-game road trip (its longest in nine years), is at Seattle on Thursday.

Please Recycle The Observer
Jackson gives up final year

By JOHN F. BONFATTI
Associated Press Writer

PHILADELPHIA

Temple center Marc Jackson will give up his final year of college eligibility to enter the NBA draft, sources told The Associated Press.

Jackson scheduled a 3 p.m. news conference at the school to make the announcement.

The Atlantic 10 Player of the Year, Jackson, a 6-foot-10, 270-pound junior, was the Owls' leading scorer and rebounder the past two seasons, averaging 16 points and nine rebounds last season.

He will be only the second Temple player to leave school early. Junior Donald Hodge was drafted by Dallas in 1991.

Jackson could declare himself eligible for the draft and go back to Temple for his senior year, whether he's drafted or not, as long as he doesn't sign with an agent.

"We've sat down and talked about his options for some time," Temple coach John Chaney told the Philadelphia Daily News. "He has to make his judgment, based on what's the worse that could happen to him."

Most draft evaluators don't see Jackson as a first-round choice. Don Leventhal, in his most recent rankings, had Jackson rated as the sixth pick in the second round, No. 36 overall.

But Leventhal's ratings don't include several other underclassmen who are expected to announce they will enter the draft, players who figure to be selected ahead of Jackson.

While first-round picks get guaranteed contracts, with this year's final pick in the first round guaranteed a three-year deal at about $1.75 million, second-round selections don't.

Still, Jackson may have other, more lucrative offers in Europe if he doesn't make it in the NBA.

Former Owl Derrick Battie, a solid, but unspectacular college player, made $150,000 last year playing overseas.

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Irish defeat Boilermakers but fall to Volunteers

By BILL HART
Sports Writer
Notre Dame's 12th-ranked women's tennis team had mixed results this weekend, defeating a local rival before falling to a national one.

The Irish began their weekend schedule by defeating Purdue 5-4 on Saturday at Eck Tennis Pavilion. The win ends a three-game skid which began on March 9 with a loss to Wake Forest. In singles play, four players each posted singles wins for Notre Dame. In the first match, Jennifer Hall defeated Purdue's Mary Beth Maggart. They played one set, 6-1, before Maggart retired from play. Senior Tiffany Gates lost a close third match in three sets, 2-6, 6-2, 6-3.

The Irish then swept the last three matches to jump out to a 4-2 lead at the end of singles play. Kelly Zalinski, Darcie Sweet, and Kelley Olson all finished off their opponents in straight sets.

In doubles play, Zalinski and Velasco defeated Purdue's Jennifer Embry and Shannon Tahany at No. 2 doubles, 8-0, to finish off the Boilermakers. The other two Irish duos lost their matches.

On Monday, the Irish faced 29th-ranked Tennessee at the UT Varsity Courts in Knoxville. Despite a tight struggle, the Lady Vols squeezed out the win, 6-3.

The Irish were led by Velasco and Zalinski, who won the only matches of the day. Velasco defeated Margie Lepsi in straight sets, 6-2, 6-4, while Zalinski defeated Kristin Bachochi, 6-3, 6-0. Later on, the two teamed up to claim the only Irish doubles victory of the day, 8-3.

The turning point in the match came at No. 3 singles, where Tennessee's Whitney Dill managed to come from behind to defeat Gates in three sets, 4-6, 7-5, 6-1. They tied the match when Manisha Malhotra and Lepsi, the nation's eighth-ranked doubles team, registered an 8-5 victory over Gates and Hall.

With the win, the Lady Vols improved their record to 12-7 and tied a season high with its fourth straight win, while the Irish fell to 10-8 on the season.

Notre Dame returns home on Saturday to face William and Mary at the Eck Tennis Pavilion. The match begins at 3 p.m.
Expectations too high for this year’s Wildcat team

By MIKE EMERY
Associated Press Writer

INDIANAPOLIS

It turned into a season of great expectations for a Kentucky team that wasn’t necessarily geared up for it. And the Wildcats nearly pulled it off.

Kentucky, returning two starters from its 1996 NCAA national title team, fell in its bid to repeat as champions, losing 64-79 in overtime to Arizona on Monday night.

“A lot of people doubted us all year long, and we just kept coming up with ways to win and ways to win, and we kept advancing,” said forward Scott Padgett. “And I think that shows the true heart of this team. I don’t think we have anything to hang our heads about.”

After a season-opening overtime loss to Clemson, the Wildcats (5-3) relied on 13 consecutive victories before losing to Mississippi. They lost twice to South Carolina in the next 23 games before the championship game.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

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She wasn't about to let that
change.
Already a two-time All-
American, Holdsclaw only
added to her growing legend
by pouring in 31 points, as she led
her Lady Volunteers to a 80-
66 victory over the Cinderella
Irish.
"She was a human highlight
film," praised Notre Dame
couch Muffet McGraw. "I think
she is the best player in the na-
tion."
McGraw may have a good ar-
gument, especially when one
considers the kind of success
Holdsclaw's teams have had.
The 6-foot-2 Holdsclaw
brought four high school state
championships to Knoxville and
hadn't let up since.
Tennessee's 64-59 victory
over Old Dominion in the title
game Sunday night marked the
second time in two years that
Holdsclaw, who tallied 24 in the
contest, could call herself a
"champion." In addition, she
was named the tournament's
most outstanding player.

But it was her dominating ef-
fort against the Irish that really
cemented the award.
Not only did Holdsclaw lead
the game in scoring, she
chipped in a marvelous effort at
the defensive end, particularly
in the second half.
With 17:06 left, for example,
Holdsclaw stripped Irish
guard Mollie Peirick and raced in
the other end and converted the
lay-up. The four-point swing
put the Lady Vols in front 37-
34. They also beat the Irish off the
other end of the floor could not
keep up with Tennessee's taller
ball handlers as Mollie Peirick
and Jeannine Augustin had
trouble with Tennessee's taller
guards, who helped to cause 23
Notre Dame turnovers leading to
21 UT points.
"We've really been trying to
emphasize our defense lately,
and we played with a lot of
intensity," Tennessee coach Pat
Summitt said. "I think we had a
lot of big time plays on defense.
"I thought they had good
pressure on the ball, and that's
the key to good defense,"
McGraw said. "I thought that
for 40 minutes they played very
aggressively, and it was a great
defensive effort on their part."
That defensive effort pre-
vented Irish guards from being
able to get the ball in the paint
to Gaither in the first 10 min-
utes of the second half. Whenever
Gaither got the ball in the
east she usually scored or
was fouled as she shot 10 for 15
from the field and 8 for 8 from
the charity stripe.

The Volunteers extended
their lead to seven points three
minutes into the half, but three
points from Morgan and Sheila
McMillen brought the Irish
back into the contest as
they refused to go quietly.

The Irish got back to within
three, but Holdsclaw took
advantage of an Irish turnover
and deflated long range herself
to give her squad a bit of
breathing room.

Morgan drained another
three to bring the score to 45-
43 with just over 10 minutes
left in the contest. But if it
wasn't Holdsclaw who
answered, it was Abby Conklin
who was 3 of 4 from behind the
arc and had 11 points, or it was
Krya Elzy who added 14 points
of her own.

"We felt really good at that
point but we just needed a de-
fensive stop and some re-
bounds," McGraw said.
But the Irish could not stop
the Volunteers down the stretch
as they shot 52 percent from
the field in the second stanza.
They also beat the Irish off the
boards as they took advantage of
20 offensive rebounds on
their way to a 43-34 edge in
that category. The 14-point
margin marked the largest lead
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Center Katryna Gaither
was dominant in the paint as she
had 14 points in the first half on
her way to a team high 28.
Besides Holdsclaw's 13 for 25
performance from the field she
drew the assignment of defend-
ing Morgan.
"I viewed it as a challenge de-
fensively," Holdsclaw said.
"Going out playing as poorly
as we played is disappointing
but a good team will do that to
you," Morgan said.

Tennessee extended their first
half lead on a jumper by
Holdsclaw with 6:14 left, but
Rosanne Bohman scored four of
her six points on consecutive
trips down the floor and a layup
by Gaither at the buzzer to
bring the score to 29-28 in fa-
vor of the Vols.
Coming out of the locker
room, the Volunteer defense
continued to bound the Irish

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Luck of the Irish runs out

Last Friday night, the clock finally struck midnight for the Cinderella story of the Notre Dame women’s basketball team. But before they were done they made history, and lots of it.

After their 80-66 loss to the eventual NCAA champion Tennessee Volunteers, head coach Muffet McGraw walked into the press conference room. Her opening remarks were not about the team’s 23 turnovers or being beaten off the boards. They were words of pride in her squad’s remarkable season.

“We just finished the most outstanding run in the history of Notre Dame basketball,” McGraw said. “I couldn’t be prouder of these two people beside me (Beth Morgan and Katryna Gaither). I think that they’re both All-Americans. They had tremendous seasons, tremendous NCAA tournaments. I can’t say enough good things about the way they have taken our program from nowhere to the Final Four.”

McGraw went on to comment on the character and heart of her team that overcame numerous adversities in many forms to finish the year 31-7. “Although we’re disappointed, we’re not the only team in the country that has been through what we’ve been through, and to win 31 games is an outstanding accomplishment.”

Accomplishment is something that McGraw, particularly the seniors, know all about. Everyone knows about the school’s top two leading scorers and first two 2,000 point scorers. Adrienne Jordan, to have the best four-year class record in Notre Dame history with a mark of 97-32, good for a winning percentage of .758. The two years before the class of ’97 stepped foot on campus McGraw’s squads were trapped in mediocrity as they had marks of 14-17 in 1991-92 and 15-12 in 1992-93. Morgan saw the most action of her classmates as she became only the third Irish freshman to lead the team in scoring while the team enjoyed a 23-7 record and earned its second NCAA tournament bid. The following year the Irish had a 21-10 mark while winning two of their three games in the women’s NIT. In its junior campaign McGraw’s squad finished second in the Big East conference and won its first NCAA tournament game over Purdue.

This year the Irish began with their best start ever, knocking off two top 10 teams in the WNIT, rising up to a program best seventh ranking in the polls. Their NCAA tournament run, eliminating the No. 3, 2, and 5 seeds, surprised everybody but themselves. It finally brought their accomplishments and intestinal into the spotlight that too many times has gone unnoticed by the national media as well as the students — who probably didn’t realize how good this team really was. “It was a great experience,” Morgan said. “The Final Four is a great accomplishment of our team and our program. Going out and playing as poorly as we did is disappointing but a lot of players go through a program and don’t get a chance to be noticed. As they should be, and now everyone knows how special a team this was as they were one of the Final Four. Despite their loss to the now five-time champs Tennessee, they will be remembered how McGraw will remember them and exactly how they should be — as winners.

Irish senior forward Rosanne Bohman fights off Volunteer defender Niya Butts in an attempt to score in the semifinal battle.
End of the dream

Notre Dame's first ever trip to the Final Four was cut a bit short as the defending champs knocked the Irish out of the tournament and ended their remarkable, record-breaking season.

Katryna Gaither and Rosanne Bohman (above) try to solve the mystery of how to defeat the now five time NCAA champs. Head coach Muffet McGraw (right) walks off the floor after she coached her team to the best season in the history of ND women's basketball.

Katryna Gaither (left) found herself caught in a physical battle as the Vols were a force on the boards as well as on the perimeter as Sheila McMillen (below) and the other guards were hounded by an intense defense.

Jeannine Augustine realizes that their NCAA run has come to an end.
Irish defeat ranked opponent in overtime thriller

By CHARLEY GATES
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men's lacrosse team didn't invent lacrosse (they left that to the Native Americans); they just perfected it. Twelfth-ranked Hobart was the latest victim of the men's campaign, falling 10-9 to the Irish in overtime on Saturday afternoon on a messy Moose Krause Stadium field.

"This was a great win for us," stated head coach Kevin Corrigan. "They were a team that was playing very well, and we beat them."

Hobart was a strong team," Hobart goalie Mike Cullen conceded to describe us at halftime," recalled Corrigan. "They were playing very well. The 'good' Hobart team definitely showed up. Their goalie especially was playing well."

Hobart goalie Mike Cullen finished with 16 saves for the Statesmen, a feat which DeRiso described as "phenomenal."

"To get that many saves is incredible," he quipped. "He really had a tremendous day."

"We knew at the half that they were playing well," explained Dusseau. "But we were playing very well, too. We were getting lots of good opportunities, we were doing everything except scoring. But we knew that the goals would eventually come."

And come the goals did, as the Irish scored four unanswered goals of their own. Sophomore midfielder Brad Owen initiated the run with 13:21 left in the third quarter. Goals from Dusseau, Stedman Oakey, and Ned Webster quickly followed - all came within 1:26 of each other, giving the Irish a 7-6 lead with 9:30 remaining in the third quarter. The lead changed hands several more times, but Webster gave Notre Dame a 9-8 advantage with four minutes left in the contest, but Hobart matched the game with 2:44 remaining and forced an extra stanza.

Notre Dame fortuitously headed into the overtime a man up. "At that point we were just thinking, 'Let's end it here,'" observed DeRiso. "We were a man-up, which is an ideal situation in overtime, and we just wanted to give them no opportunities and to get a goal ourselves."

Notre Dame did not have to wait long. DeRiso tossed a no-look pass to Oakey who quickly whipped a shot that deflected off Cullen and into the net for a 10-9 Irish victory.

"This was important for us," stated Dusseau.

"It was nice, but I don't look at games too carefully during the regular season," stated Corrigan. "Win or lose we still have Hofstra [Friday's opponent] on Friday."

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Irish attacker Stedman Oakey dives across the front of the goal in an attempt to score in the Hobart contest.

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A LONG WAY FROM SOMEWHERE

A Long Way From Somewhere looks at the chaos and comedy of undergraduate life at Notre Dame. The strip centers around the life of A.J., a shy but friendly undergard, and his outgoing roommate (currently unnamed). A.J. is always finding himself caught up in some wacky misadventure (often during his work-study position at the South Dining Hall) and tends to bring his unwiling roomie along for the ride. Whereas A.J.'s love life is perpetually cursed, his suave roommate has no problem with the opposite sex. These two soon develop a strong friendship with Amy, a charismatic biochem major, and William, the nerd across the hall. Other characters include: the ROTC guy, the Stadium Usher, Skippy the Squirrel, the DART machine, and the Talking Ethanol Cloud.

N.D.C.D. BLUES

The main characters of N.D.C.D. Blues are a nameless koala bear and a penguin, and the strip's setting will vary. In general, I will mock events happening around and to me. Since I am a Notre Dame student, obviously Notre Dame events will play a role in the strip's theme. But I'll also explore all aspects of my life here, which means I don't have a problem with the opposite sex. These two soon develop a strong friendship with Amy, a charismatic biochem major, and William, the nerd across the hall. Other characters include: the ROTC guy, the Stadium Usher, Skippy the Squirrel, the DART machine, and the Talking Ethanol Cloud.

Men About Campus

Kevin Trouvini

The Stars o' the Show:

Ron is pretty delusional, and Pete tends to be more sane, as for the moment the guys are just moving into their new place. And like the dorms, all campus comics have to contend with parietals, too. The comic strip also will address some of the politics of ND, such as the stance on gay and lesbian students, the ever-increasing number of sports edifices on campus, along with the basic humor which is a group of four unique men eventually come up with.

Dan Sullivan

John Hlavaty

Jeremiah Conway

The strip is about Ron, Pete, and everyone else's crazy lives here at ND. The Stars o' the Show: Ron is pretty delusional, and Pete tends to be more sane, as does Lisa when compared to her roommate, Jen. Lisa is an engineer, and Jen is an architecture major, although that may change. Crazy Bill is the demented next-door neighbor of Ron and Pete; he's pretty messed up. The Two Giant Squirrels are friends of Crazy Bill on the Bookstore Basketball team. Lenny, a chupacabra, lives in Pete's pillow.

Choose Your Own Adventure

Who will follow in the path of Dave Kellett and Ed Leader as the next cartoonist for The Observer? Each of these candidates has his eye set on being the next. And the decision is up to you.

That's right: your vote will determine which comic strip appears in The Observer.

This week we continue our contest to find the next cartoonist. The ballots for voting will appear below this week. Clip, snip or rip them out during lunch and put them in the ballot boxes located next to the doors as you leave the dining hall. Ballots can also be dropped off at The Observer, 314 LaFortune.

Vote Today!

Submit your vote for your favorite comic strip

A LONG WAY FROM SOMEWHERE

MEN ABOUT CAMPUS

N.D.C.D. BLUES

THE LILYPAD

Place ballots in the boxes by the dining hall doors
**MIXED MEDIA**

**FOLKS ARE FRIENDED AND WORRIED ABOUT YOU, DANI...**

**MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM**

**BEWARE OF DOG**

**DIILBERT**

**IN ORDER TO REDUCE EXPENSES, ONLY THE EMPLOYEES IN ESSENTIAL JOBS MAY HAVE BUSINESS CARDS.**

**JOE QUESADA CROSSWORD**

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**

**YOUR HOROSCOPE**

**YOUR HAPPy BIRTHDaY TO THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE**

**JEANE DIXON**

**B.O.Y., A GUY EATS ONE LOUSY CAN OF CHILLI...**

**CAROL, ORDER SOME NEW BUSINESS CARDS FOR ME.**

**DO YOU BETTER ORDER SOME BUSINESS CARDS TO FIND OUT IF I'M ESSENTIAL?**

**SCOTT ADAMS**

**A "Drink"**

- 12-ounce beer
- 10-ounce wine cooler
- 3-ounce glass of sherry or port
- 4-ounce glass of 80 proof distilled liquor
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**Of Interest**

North American National Casting Championship first-time video showing, filmed in Scarboro, Canada, in 1995. If you're an outdoors person and enjoyed "A River Runs Through It," you'll find this film equally educational and entertaining. The video will be shown today at 7 and 8 p.m. in the Hesburgh Library auditorium and again at 11 p.m. at the Nite Hawk in South Dining Hall. The film demonstrates good casting techniques as taught in Sports' casting and angling class. For more information about the class, contact Reedsports at 631-5400 or 631-5100.

Justice Cruz Reynoso, vice-chairman of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and on Civil Rights and former justice of the California Supreme Court, will speak Wednesday in the Notre Dame Law School courtroom. This is presented by the Hispanic Law Student Association. After the talk, he will be presented with the second annual ND Hispanic Lawyer Award.

A public auction will be held on Wednesday, April 2, 1997, by Notre Dame Security/Police. The auction will take place at 7 p.m. and will be held in Student Center. Doors will open at 6:30. The property to be auctioned will include bicycles, calculators, watches, two vehicles, and other miscellaneous items that have been lost or abandoned on campus.

The USA lists will be posted the week of April 14 in Career & Placement Services. These seniors will find apartment/house-mates in new cities/states. The lists will remain up through the rest of the academic year, check them occasionally to see who's added on from week to week. If you have any questions, call Dale Wenslow, 631-5400.

The CBC's Washington Seminar will hold its final meeting tonight at 6:30 p.m. at the CBC. This meeting is open to all. A panel of local educators, including the superintendent of the South Bend community schools, will join the seminar participants to dialogue.
**Baseball**

**March Sadness**

Senior catcher Mike Amrhein is currently in the midst of a 19 game hitting streak.

Junior Kari Hutchinson looks on in despair as the dream of a national championship for the Irish fades in a 80-66 loss to the Volunteers.

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**Experience leads Tennessee to victory**

By JOE CAVATO

In the battle of old versus new, it was proved that experience does pay off.

The Tennessee Volunteers, winners of five NCAA championships in 11 years and who have made 10 trips to the Final Four, simply had too many answers for Notre Dame. The Irish, who have won five NCAA tournament games and were making their first trip past the second round, saw their dream season finally come to an end.

Chamique Holdsclaw, who poured in 31 on the evening, and a seasoned Tennessee squad that has the experience of playing 18 top 25 teams on the year, were simply too much for the Irish who saw their season end with a 31-7 record.

In the first half both offenses struggled as the Irish shot 35 percent from the field compared to the Vols who shot 32 percent and the 4-4 score with 14 minutes left in the stanza resembled a grade school score rather than a NCAA semifinal.

A relentless Volunteer defense held Notre Dame sharpshooters Beth Morgan in 1 for 9 from the field for just three points.

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**Irish shut down Huskies**

By BRIAN REINTHALER

There is good news and bad news.

The bad news is that three of Notre Dame’s four scheduled Big East contests were canceled due to rain. The Irish had been looking forward to those games, both as a measuring stick for their progress thus far, and as a means to improve their 0-3 conference record.

The good news is that the squad took advantage of the one game that they were able to complete, shutting down the Huskies of Connecticut, 7-2. Due to a 14-9 victory over Central Michigan last Thursday, Saturday’s win over Connecticut gave the Irish a four-game winning streak, which equals their longest of the season.

On Thursday, centerfielder Randall Brooks became the second player in Irish history to tie the Irish record for most hits in one game. Brooks’ five hits keyed yet another offensive explosion for Notre Dame, as the team broke the 10-run barrier for the third consecutive time and pounded out 19 hits against the Chippewas.

The other major highlight from the contest came in two parts from the bat of sophomore Jeff Wagner. Wagner, who won Big East Rookie of the Year honors last season and started strong in 1997, fell into a bit of a slump in recent weeks. However, the sophomore slugging has begun to pull it together.

Wagner went yard for his second and third home runs of the year and was four for five with six RBIs on the day.

"I started off the season well," noted the designated hitter, "but I developed some bad habits." Wagner attributed his turnaround to seeing the ball from the time it leaves the pitcher’s hand.

"When I was in the slump," said Wagner, "I wasn't seeing the ball. I've been working hard on it though and it's gaining momentum.

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**Women's sports on the rise**

There's a trend forming in the sports world. If you don't know about it, ask any of the Notre Dame women's basketball players. For that matter, any of the female athletes.

Starting with the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta and looking forward to this year's inaugural Women's National Basketball Association, the female athlete has begun to receive unprecedented recognition.

Don’t think for a second that it is undeserved either.

Following the '96 games in Atlanta in which the United States won the medal count with 101 medals (Germany was second with 63), the United States Olympic Committee elected the U.S. women's basketball team as the Team of the Year. The women hoopers barely edged out the "Magnificent Seven" women's gymnastics team (who can forget Kerri Strug’s dramatic finish to win the team gold?) by one vote.

It doesn't end there.

In third place was the gold medalist women's softball team, and in fourth, the gold medalist women's soccer team. Remember that the category wasn't WOMEN'S TEAM OF THE YEAR, just Team of the Year.

The same is true here at Notre Dame.

While the male athletes are working hard to maintain the outstanding tradition created long ago, the women are creating their own.

Although Muffet McGraw's squad lost to national champion Tennessee in the semifinals, the team completed a historical season for the program and Irish basketball in general.

A week and a half ago, the Irish fencing team placed second at the NCAA national championships, and leading the way for it was freshman Magda Krol, national champion in the women's epee division.

Right behind her was sophomore All-American Sara Welsh, who placed second in women's foil championship for the second consecutive year.

Add the women's soccer team to that occasion. Although the Irish were edged out of back-to-back national