Tailback Rego leaves ND after ‘problem’

By BRAD PRENDERCAST
Assistant Editor

As the result of an unspecified "personal problem," freshman tailback Cooper Rego is no longer enrolled at the University.

Reports in recent weeks had indicated that Rego’s status on the football team and at the University was in question, because of an off-the-field incident.

Reached last night at his home in New York, Rego confirmed that he left the University "about a week ago."

"I have had some personal problems that I can’t comment on," he said.

Rego declined to offer any other details surrounding his departure.

University administrators declined to comment on the nature of Rego’s departure or whether he had been asked to leave the University by the administration.

That’s something that I can’t talk about," said Dennis Moore, director of Notre Dame Public Relations, "even whether or not it exists."

Patricia O’Hara, vice president for Student Affairs, cited a long-standing policy of her office in declining to comment.

"The Office of Student Affairs has never acknowledged the existence of disciplinary matters or the outcome of disciplinary matters," O’Hara said.

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CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

Resolution examines pro-life funding

BLOOMINGTON, Ind.

An IU Student Association resolution to fund pro-choice activities is the center of a controversy that might define IU's place in political expression on campus. The resolution calls for funding that would reimburse the Women's Center for money it spent on Roe vs. Wade anniversary events in January. IU Students for Life is opposing the resolution. In a letter encouraging IU representatives to vote against the resolution, IU Students for Life wrote, "We urge representatives to vote no, as we urge the university administration to remove the restrictions on both pro-choice and pro-life activities."

The funds would come from the Grass Roots Initiative Fund, IUSA Treasurer Jen Yocum, a senior, said GRIF is self-generated by IUSA through fundraising and is intended for activities, such as political rallies, that do not meet the guidelines for other funding. "People are debating ways to fund pro-life activities," she said. "And if people decided to use the GRIF, we would have to vote on that."

IU's place in political expression on campus is undecided, said McGregor, IUSA senator and WSA member. "We're waiting to see how things develop," he said. "Things have constantly been changing. And I think this is a good example of that."

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USF to suspend two fraternities

TAMPA, Fla.

Two fraternities have been temporarily suspended from campus following a Feb. 1 altercation at the Campus Recreation Center. The Lambda Chi Alpha and Sigma Chi fraternities were discovered in violation of the university's Code of Student Conduct by noel Cohen, assistant director for student activities. The organizations will lose the privileges granted to an organization registered with the Office of Student Activities until Aug. 7, the final day of the summer semester. "This is the university's way of saying we're not approving anymore and we're not working with you," Cohen said. The fraternities have until Wednesday to appeal the decision, but the presidents from both groups were unavailable at their offices Thursday evening. "The university has handed down the decision through Noel Cohen, and we're working through it," said Jeff Fairer, president for Lambda Chi Alpha. "I'll talk more on Sunday. I need to talk to everyone." Sigma Chi president Beth Graham, said she could not comment on the matter.

Each group that wishes to rent out a house is required to sign a contract that states the standards of conduct, the rules and regulations of the University, Jeffries said. Beta vice president Ryan Jacoby said the event was not sponsored by the fraternity and was for charity.

"If you didn't have a student (I) it was more expensive."
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El Niño continues devastation
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — A weekend break that included a little sunshine, a new El Niño-enhanced storm rolled ashore Monday with more rain for drenched California.

And as many as four more storms could strike Northern California this week.

"This year is definitely making a run and is on pace to certainly catch up with the wettest year in history," Bailey said.

In 1982-83, when the El Niño phenomenon was first identified, California had twice its usual number of winter storms.

During an El Niño, warm water normally situated off Australia sloshed eastward to the west coast of South America, adding heat and energy to weather systems. It was named for the Spanish words for "baby Jesus" because it usually his South America around Christmas.

California measures annual rainfall in a "water year" beginning Oct. 1, and most of this year's rain falls during the winter.

Bailey said eight state weather-measuring stations north of Sacramento are already showing 155 percent of a normal year and by the end of the week they could surpass 200 percent.

This week's storms were predicted to be cold ones, producing snow at low elevations in the mountains and producing relatively little runoff.

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Students unhappy with spring break tour group

EVANSTON, Ill. — When Abby Roesch planned her Spring Break for last year, she said she never considered that she would be forced to rough it in Cancun, Mexico.

"I ended up having to sleep on the beach for the first night and carry my luggage around with me," said Roesch, a junior.

Roesch arranged the trip through Surf and Sun Travel, one of many companies that provide travel packages to popular destinations. When Roesch arrived in Cancun, she found that she had been bumped from her hotel reservations and the company was unable to place her anywhere for the first night of her trip.

Junior Courier Relihan experienced similar difficulties with Surf and Sun Travel during last year's spring break.

Relihan said the company was irresponsible and inaccurate from the start, confusing both billing and ticketing information.

"They were an awful, awful company," she said. "I felt that the company from the beginning wasn't very upfront about anything."

Relihan received her plane tickets the morning of her departure, and the plane arrived in Cancun four hours late. The company had overbooked the hotel and Relihan spent the first evening of her vacation traveling among hotels looking for vacancies.

Finally, she and her 15 companions were given cots in the lobby of the hotel she had originally booked. Surf and Sun Travel promised them upgrades in compensation, but never followed through, she said.

However, Shawn Andreas, president of Surf and Sun Travel, said that the company had no dishonest intentions. He said that Surf and Sun is "the largest tour operator in Cancun," sending 20,000 students to the resort town this March.

Andreas said that the problems Northwestern students encountered last year were due in part to timing. NU's spring break fell on the busiest week of spring travel and coincided with the Roman Catholic religious holiday, Easter, and with many Mexican celebrations.

The timing made making hotel reservations difficult, but Andreas did not deny that the company was at fault.

"I'm not trying to pass the blame to the hotels," he said. "It's our contract and our responsibility to see that the company makes every effort to work with the travelers whose plans are changed. Those students bumped from hotels are entitled to properties of equal or greater value, he said, and Surf and Sun offers vouchers for free, additional travel.

This year's official Associated Student Government spring break trip to the Bahamas was also scheduled by way of a company package deal, said Roxanne Ong, ASG vice president of student services.

The package, which is being offered by Student Break Express for $499, includes round-trip airfare, accommodations, and special discounts and offers on entertainment and dining.

Ong said the committee involved in planning the trip has been thorough and cautious in dealing with the company.

Since fall quarter, the committee has researched all aspects of the package, double checking arrangements with contacts in the Bahamas and with the Better Business Bureau. Ong said that Student Break Express's enthusiasm in working with NU was also assured her of the company's viability.

"(Student Break Express) was extremely eager to work with us," she said. "It makes us more confident to work with someone who's constantly following up."

While Ong said she feels certain of the company's reliability, she urged students to avoid package deals whenever possible and to plan trips themselves.

"It really honeys your survival skills," she said. "Going through a company is just a cheaper luxury. And sometimes you get screwed over and that's not right."
Glenn's excellent physical condition will protect his body from the cardiovascular stress caused by space flight. Wehdeberb received a bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering from Notre Dame in 1974. He served as a naval aviator from 1975 until 1984, when he was selected for the astronaut candidate program. He expects his next mission will be in conjunction with the construction of the International Space Station.

One of Wehdeberb's goals in coming to Notre Dame was to emphasize to students the critical importance of the material that they will learn here. "The things that students are learning, they will use all throughout their future," said Wehdeberb.

Fighting plagues African country

CONAKRY, Guinea

There were six of them when they forced their way through the terrified, jostling crowds toward a parked boat at Freetown's port. But as the small wooden craft pulled away from the artillery and gunfire tearing at Sierra Leone's capital, Adama Kamara looked at her children huddled around her and suddenly realized one was missing.

Ten-year-old Fatima was nowhere back on shore in the crowd, lost in the chaotic exodus.

"I don't know where she is," Kamara said a few days later, standing among a hundred or so other refugees in the crowded yard of Sierra Leone's embassy in Conakry, the capital of neighboring Guinea. "I don't know how I'll find her."

Kamara is just one among the hundreds of Sierra Leoneans who have fled their homes since fighting broke out on Feb. 5, when a Nigerian-led West African intervention force started holding at bay angry crowds bent on settling scores with the junta. A mass effort is also needed to clean up the city and bury the war dead.

The toll of the fighting is still being added up. At least 118 people were killed, most of them residents of Sierra Leone and their neighbors. At least 700 more were injured and large parts of the city were left in ruins.

Associated Press

Philadelphia (AP)

Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer is cautiously endorsing a movement among judges to appoint neutral experts to help them sort through contentious scientific evidence, but he advises against overdoing the practice.

A few judges, daunted by cases hinges on highly technical scientific issues and sometimes clouded by dubious expert testimony, have named independent experts to help separate solid evidence from junk.

Breyer on Monday told a meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science that he believes the organization's offer of a pilot program to help judges find neutral experts.

"It's probably a move that's going to happen," Breyer said.

However, in a news conference after his speech, Breyer cautioned against making too much of his comments on outside scientific help.

"That isn't a cure-all, and it can't be used widely," he said.

The AAAAS program will begin as soon as the organization finishes securing a foundation grant to pay for it. It will run for five years.

During the session, the RHA elections with be in conjunction with the traditional ones. We invite the residents to come forward to us with positive and negative feedback because that's who we represent," said Gina Guerrero, regarding the goal of the ticket election.

The RHA elections will be held on Wednesday on the McCandless side of the dining hall. The reason for the change in location of voting is the dining hall-sponsored winter Olympics festivities.

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**NEW ORLEANS**

A barge smashed into an offshore oil platform in stormy weather in the Gulf of Mexico Monday, starting fires on both and injuring five workers, the Coast Guard said. The blast, some 30 miles off the Louisiana coast, was the second one in two days, the first being a fire and explosion in a commercial helicopter that was on the platform and four in an earlier explosion a day later in the Gulf. The capsule was picked up quickly by a passing boat and all aboard were uninjured. The injured workers were ferried to hospitals.

**Associated Press**

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Campus Ministry This Week

Tuesday, February 17, 7:00 pm, Campus Ministry-Badin Office
Campus Bible Study
Finishing the study of Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

Wednesday, February 18, 7:30 - 8:00 pm, Stanford-Keenan Chapel
Taize Prayer

Friday, February 20, LaFortune Ballroom
"A Glimpse Into the Soul": An Art Exhibit
The artwork of Belinda Bryant and Alan Easter will be on exhibit at "Blak Kofee House."

Friday-Saturday, February 20-21, St. Joe Hall
Sophomore Class Retreat

Saturday-Sunday, February 21-22, Five Pines
Hispanic First Year Students Retreat

Sunday, February 22, 4:00-6:30 pm, Alumni Hall Social Room
LTR: Learning To Talk About Race
(Feb. 27-28 Retreat Pre-Retreat Plunge)

Monday, February 23, 5:05 pm, Basilica of the Sacred Heart
Memorial Mass - Justin Brumbaugh

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President prepares for conflict in Iraq

WASHINGTON Creeping closer to conflict with Iraq, White House advisers met Monday to plan a series of public events designed to brace the American public for risky military strikes against Saddam Hussein.

President Clinton, returning from a President's Day retreat in Camp David, began a week of chest pounding by addressing American military leaders and personnel Tuesday at the Pentagon.

The next day, the president's foreign policy team will conduct a town hall meeting in Columbus, Ohio.

"We will be increasing the pace of the dialogue both with the American people and the international community so they will understand our determination to see that Iraq complies with United Nations Security Council resolutions," spokesman P.J. Crowley said.

Clinton was not expected to break new ground in Tuesday's address, but aides said it offered him the best chance to cover it up.

"It's the risk of military action," Defense Secretary William Cohen said.

"Military leaders have said in recent days that they foresee the potential to solve the matter diplomatIcally and put U.N. weapons inspectors back on the job of ferreting out Saddam's weapons.

"The risks to U.S. military personnel and Iraqi civilians in the event of air strikes, military leaders have said in recent days that U.S. casualties should be expected.

"Clinton is expected to echo the words of National Security Adviser Sandy Berger: "There is no cost-free, risk-free option."

"In hopes of preparing Americans for conflict, aides discussed a number of options Wednesday, including a prime-time address.

"Such a high-profile presidential statement is not expected this week, aides said.

"Berger, who will join Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Defense Secretary William Cohen in Ohio, also plans to conduct a round of interviews with Middle East and European journalists.

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Trial of midshipman wraps-up

FORT WORTH, Texas Jurors began deliberating Monday whether former Naval Academy midshipman Diane Zamora was a sociopath who killed a teen-age romantic rival or a helpless bystander manipulated into confessing.

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After votes are counted in March, the party or coalition that wins a majority of seats nationwide will designate a prime minister.

Nearly 5,000 candidates representing scores of parties are vying for 543 parliament seats, with the other two filled by appointment.

The Congress Party, which has governed India for all but five years since independence, has been battered by accusations it is corrupt and out of touch.

The Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party was expected to win the most seats — but not the majority needed to govern alone, which would leave India with another fragmented government.

The outgoing United Front, a coalition of 14 parties that governed for 17 months until it resigned in December, was expected to fare badly after some of its parties splintered.

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FORT WORTH, Texas

Jurors began deliberating Monday whether former Naval Academy midshipman Diane Zamora was a sociopath who killed a teen-age romantic rival or a helpless bystander manipulated into confessing.

Defense attorney John Linebarger told jurors in his closing argument that Ms. Zamora's then-fiance, David Graham, was responsible for the killing of 16-year-old Adrian Jones.

Linebarger described Graham, a former Air Force Academy cadet, as "a macho G.I. Joe" who dominated Ms. Zamora and persuaded her to take the blame.

"There is no evidence to suggest that Ms. Zamora was hit over the head with anything but the butt of a gun that we know was in the hands of David Graham," Linebarger said. "She didn't help. She didn't
**Can We All Just Get Along?**

This is college, right? I have to ask because I really feel like we are all back in junior high again. Instead of complaining about the opposite sex at slumber parties or passing notes, we are just using The Observer.

Bridget Rzezutko

Lately, reading this paper makes me feel like I am baby-sitting. I have to fight myself not to give up at reading this paper makes me feel like I am baby-sitting. I have to fight myself not to give up at reading this paper makes me feel like I am baby-sitting. I have to fight myself not to give up at...
Once again, the United States is preparing for possible military action in the Persian Gulf, and once again, the question is what to do with Iraq and its weapons of mass destruction. As far as bad guys go, Saddam Hussein’s credentials are impeccable. Next to us, he’s the biggest bully in the Middle East — a thorn in the side of Kuwait, the Kurds, and U.S. weapons inspection teams. President Clinton has stated our objective is to "substantially reduce or delay" Iraq’s capacity to deliver weapons of mass destruction. But even if this were feasible, it’s hard to imagine that Saddam’s weapons programs pose such a threat that the lives of Iraqi civilians are in danger. There’s a lot of evidence that Saddam Hussein wants to use, not to deter, bombers, fighters, refuelers and U.S. troops can do. Unfortunately, one thing they can’t do is create peace.

BIG GUNS WON’T WORK

Curiously, the United Nations, for whom the bombs would fall, is urging the U.S. to exercise restraint and seek a diplomatic solution. Ba’ath Party leader of Iraq, Saddam Hussein, is one of our closest Persian Gulf War allies, has said it won’t allow attacks to be staged from its soil and supports from other U.N. nations in its war. The U.S. is also encouraging countries on the United Nations Security Council to come forward and propose a plan. They have a responsibility to that life, and that life has a responsibility to that life.

The only thing everyone can agree on is that bombing Iraq will be of little use. A senior State Department official was quoted in the New York Times: "In reality, I think the best we can do is reduce Saddam Hussein’s stock of weapons." But even if we can now, and he didn’t change his mind about anything. Fewer people have thought about America’s own weapons of mass destruction — the economic sanctions in place against Iraq, which are the heart of this diplomatic struggle. Iraq, with its weapons inspectors until there is a prospect that its economic isolation will end. Air strikes will have limited strategic utility. Sure, at stake in the short term is the credibility of U.S. threats, but in the long term, credibility can only come through responsibility. That the United States is determined not to lift the sanctions as long as Saddam Hussein remains in power is a sign that we haven’t learned from history think. (Just as with the earlier attempt by this administration to have Saddam Hussein going anywhere.) I agree with Patrick Cockburn, who writes, "An end to the embargo and the isolation of Iraq should be discussed at the same time as a real account of Iraq’s non-conventional weapons in the same negotiations."

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**Bombing Saddam Will Not Work**

Sunday that the FBI recently conducted a secret investigation of CIA officials on charges of attempting to murder Saddam Hussein. The Times said that the Iraqi army crushed a covert action program in August 1996, and another program to recruit Iraqi officers to plan a military coup had been destroyed two months later. Thus far, Hussein has used 100 military officers who have cooperated with him heavily and British intelligence analysts doubt that he wants to oust Saddam Hussein would succeed.

**EASY SANC­TIONS TO MAKE, DIFFICULT TO ENFORCE**

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Samantha Snyder
Juseum Howard Hall
February 13, 1998

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**Liberal Not Necessarily 'Pro-Choice'**

We Must Defend Rights of Mother and Child

As I read the recent letter to the editor entitled "Calling all liberals to Show Hearts," I found that many of the ideas expressed by the author identified me. I have long believed that women have the right to choose. The author who rightly equates embracing Christianity with helping others, contradicts his own stance by advocating a "choice" that in fact hurts women and their unborn children. Christians are called upon to help because we recognize the gift of life that God has given to each of us and to protect it at every stage. The author is inadvertently weakening his call to embrace the lives of some of society's most vulnerable members (namely those on welfare, victims of discrimination, and immigrants) by ignoring the plight of two other categories of vulnerable persons deserving of respect — the unborn child and the mother faced with a crisis pregnancy. As Christians, we are called upon to include these two categories of individuals within the scope of our concern. Advocating that women should have the option to abort their unborn children even when we are aware that this choice often subjects them to both short and long term health, emotional, psychological, and spiritual consequences is not an act of concern. Christians are called upon to reach out to women who, as the author states, "do not want, are not ready, or cannot afford to have a baby." Chances are that the attitude of the abortion-minded woman toward the child inside her stems from her perception that she does not have the support she needs to give that child life. As Christians, we need to give her that support, not champion her "right" to abort that child as a victory for liberal thinking. It's time liberals realize that a concern for the abortion-minded woman and her unborn child.

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**Not a Choice It's a Matter of Responsibility**

In reference to a letter to the editor on Friday, Feb. 13, Mr. Glynn begins by asking for "pro-life" to be somewhat ignorant on the subject of contraception. A condom and the pill don’t work quite the same way. A custom merely prevents fertilization, the pill results in the destruction of an already fertilized egg. There is no moral difference between killing an embryodetus right after fertilization or in the eighth month of pregnancy. The pill is just as morally wrong as partial birth abortion. The issue is not the amount of time since conception, but whether a human life is being terminated.

Mr. Glynn believes that a woman has the right to choose without any reason. That's true — up to a point. That point is the moment when another human life becomes present in that body. She then has a responsibility to that body. She has a duty to that child just as parents do to post-birth children and just as children do to elderly parents. Does Mr. Glynn defend a pregnant woman's right to use crack, or a mother's right to use her body to abuse her toddler? If a woman believes so firmly in her right to choose what she does with her body then she ought to begin exercising that right by being extremely careful about whom she chooses to allow into that body. No one (except in the case of rape) forces a woman to become pregnant. No one even forces her to raise the baby. Adoption has always been an option. Pro-choice advocates should abandon their right-to-choose argument, for what it is. Let's face it, this isn't really a question of choice. It's a question of accepting responsibility and at least being willing to refrain from brutalizing a child. I don't know if you publish opinions from non-students, but I really would like to write. I'm a Notre Dame parent who reads The Observer online.

Samantha Snyder
Juseum Howard Hall
February 13, 1998
ACCENT ASKS...

What was the best or worst Valentine’s Day gift you’ve ever received?

“It was a tiny box I got from a guy in eighth grade. When I opened it my mom came in the room and to both our surprise it was lingerie. It was when he asked me to try it on when I got really offended.”
Carolyn Bush
Freshman, Cavanaugh

“I got a fish once. I had to take care of it the whole semester. It was terrible. I ended up giving it to a freshman girl.”
Joe Hand
Junior, Dillon

“The greatest gift was my Tufts hat. I’ll never take it off.”
Jen Green
Sophomore, Breen-Phillips

“I got a vibrating Mr. Potato Head last week, and it was the best gift a guy could get.”
Mike Morales
Sophomore, Knott

“In the second grade Brent Zylka gave me gerbils for Valentine’s Day. Their names were Salt and Pepper. I love the gerbils, but as for Brent, one day while climbing trees he saw my underwear and it was over.”
Amanda Kostner
Senior, Lyons

To buy or not to buy or not...

By ROSS RAMUNNO
Accent Writer

Well kids, you just experienced that hallowed day when you should have demonstrated your true feelings for that special someone in your life. No, I’m not talking about when you get really drunk at Corby’s and hit on that girl from your philosophy class. I’m talking about Valentine’s Day.

Ah, yes, Valentine’s Day. This past weekend was a great source of anticipation, stress and dread for every male biped with the ability to use simple tools (including chimpanzees). I understand why this day worried many of you, but you shouldn’t have had to worry any longer. If you followed the helpful tips and guidelines I am about to reveal, then you probably didn’t screw it up.

Why would you ever need this help? A few short years ago I might have asked the same question. You just get a few flowers, tell her she’s great, and everything works out, right? No — listen to my cautionary tale of woe.

For some reason, a completely rational, intelligent and sentient being can make some pretty stupid decisions.

Three short years ago I was struck by one of those momentary lapses of reason that leaves you scratching your head and wondering how anyone would ever allow you to operate heavy machinery. I sometimes suspect that it was just my true bonehead nature shining through, but for the purposes of this story, let’s just assume that I generally function in the manner of a normal human being.

Let me start by saying, “You should have just gotten her flowers.” I know that this may seem a little mundane, but it is also safe. There is no possible way you can screw this gift up. I think this holiday might have been started by some guy who had the vision to say, “Hey, we need a holiday that the ladies will love and that there’s no chance for us to screw up.” Unfortunately, what this man failed to realize is that, as a rule, we men don’t even need an opportunity to screw something up — we just find a way.

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If you found yourself in this position, the only reasonable solution should have been to go to bed, get up early the next morning and buy her some flowers and candy. The worst possible solution would have been a midnight Meijer run.

But, if you did go ahead and make that midnight trip to Meijer, I hope
you didn't even think about turning your head in any other direction than the floral department. If you did, you probably walked out of there with a $5 gift from the automotive aisle. How do I know this? Because it happened to me. I am a victim of my own inability to finish a simple task without completely losing focus on what I originally set out to accomplish.

I know that right now a few of you are laughing and thinking that this was a ludicrous idea. It would be unusual and maybe even wacky to do something like this for Valentine's Day. Banish all such thought from your head immediately. As I, and surely some of you found this weekend, an ice scraper is not the way to a lady's heart.

Once you pull off something like this, you begin to believe purchasing car accessories for a romantic holiday is acceptable behavior. You may be able to pull off something like this once or twice, but if you continue to act this way you will become a member of what we veterans like to call "The Boys' Club." And if you become a member of this organization you will spend your weekends, as well as your weekdays, with the boys. You eat with the boys, you drink with the boys, you possibly even go out to dinner and a movie with the boys. Does anyone see the pattern here? That's right, a distinct lack of activities with anyone who is not one of the boys. Not that there is anything wrong with spending some time with the boys, but once your name is mentioned with respect to possible canonization in "The Boys' Church," you begin to suspect that something is amiss.

Thus, I hope all of you confused, frustrated souls out there have acted in accord with my words of wisdom, and if not, that you will take them to heart. All of them (well, most of them) are true.

I also hope that you appreciate what I've done for you, because I feel that by helping a few guys out I might have just taken one for the team. In fact, at this very moment there are probably a large number of ladies on this campus who have just added this jerk who bought an ice scraper for Valentine's Day to their list of "guys who deserve lifetime achievement awards for the Boys' Club."

So keep in mind the dangers inherent in your own reasoning. Remember that if you waited until the last minute and grabbed a spur-of-the-moment gift, you have, without a doubt, screwed it up. Don't feel bad; there's nothing you can do about it. But don't lose all heart, there is hope for you if you descend to the depths of The Boys' Club. If you accept your flawed nature and make a conscious effort, you can turn yourself around. Believe me, this year I tried. I think Steve was pleasantly surprised with his Valentine's Day high-speed modem upgrade.

1. The realization that it was not a nightmare: you really were here in South Bend instead of on a deserted beach with sunshine.
2. Roommates can provide an intimate setting of 3 or more.
3. You could always save money by treating your date to slices of delicious pizza at The Huddle instead of a pricey meal at Tippecanoe.
4. You could become the object of a squirrel's affection and drop out of school.
5. You can pick your date up from Saint Mary's in the luxurious United Limo.
6. South Dining Hall offers a great opportunity for romantic, candlelit, home-cooked dinners.
7. You could receive gift certificates to the Beacon Bowl, enabling you to cross it off of your wish list.
8. Parietals. They will either make your date nice and short, much to your relief, or make you cherish that short time together. But either way, by 2 a.m., it's over.
9. Bridget's is closed, so your date can't splurge on a romantic penny pitcher. He or she will have to go all out and purchase Natty Light.
10. Cold, rainy weather assures an evening stuck in the dorms, once again.
11. You and your date can make a special trip to the Gorch Games Room for couples' night.
12. You could get an ice scraper as a gift.
13. Subscriptions to The Observer are readily available.
14. You could send flowers to yourself and get away with it by telling everyone they are from someone from home. Just be sure to hide your credit card bill.
15. A romantic workout at The Rock is always an option.
16. Valentine's candy is now on clearance. Go ahead, pig out.
17. Meijer's is right down the road and open 24 hours, ready for your last minute purchase for that significant other.
18. If Pamela Anderson or Leonardo DiCaprio denies you, you can always flip through the dog book to find a new love interest.
19. You can give your significant other some antibacterial soap to wash their hands after they use the restroom.
20. Drunken hook-ups at SYR's.
North Carolina, Duke, Arkansas and Kansas hold the top four spots in the AP college basketball poll Monday, continuing to separate themselves as the possible No. 1 seeds for the NCAA tournament.
The Tar Heels were again the runaway No. 1 choice with 68 first-place votes and 1,748 points. Duke (2-2), Arizona (22-3) had the other two No. 1 votes and 1,605 points, while Kansas (27-2) had 1,145.

This was the seventh poll this season, including the preseason rankings, for which those four teams held the top four spots in some order.
Purdue (22-4), which beat Indiana and Illinois last week, moved up three spots to fifth and had 1,324 points. Utah, Connecticut and Kentucky — all of whom lost one last game week each — dropped out of the Top Ten, the biggest jump of the week in the rankings.

New Mexico again led the Second Ten and was followed by Washington, Michigan State, Mississippi, Arkansas, Virginia, Nevada, Florida, Massachusetts, Texas Christian and West Virginia.
The last five were Syracuse, Michigan, Villanova, Davidson and Maryland.

Illinois (18-8), the only newcomer to the rankings last week, followed the loss to Purdue that snapped a seven-game winning streak.

The Illini were ranked for seven weeks last season, including the last five in a row, rising to No. 1.

Indiana is the sixth Big Ten team to be penalized by both the league and its conference because of its involvement in a case that may be issued by either a team or the league, but not both.

Sprewell's side also argued that the one-year suspension was too harsh compared with previous penalties issued by the league. They also brought up cases of player-coach clashes in other sports in which penalties were issued by either the team or the league, but not both.

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Sprewell has already missed 35 games, making his suspension the longest in NBA history.

He has filed two grievances, one against the Warriors for remaining the three years of his four-year, $32 million contract, the other against the league for imposing a one-year suspension after Sprewell's coach P. Carlino at practice Dec. 1.

According to a person familiar with Sprewell's argument, his attorneys made a case that this thing may be issued by either a team or the league, but not both.

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**NBA**

**Rodman benched and fined**

Associated Press

CHICAGO

Dennis Rodman was a no-show for a second straight practice Monday, the third time in less than a month the renegade rebounder has missed a workout with the Chicago Bulls. The indisciplines have led to a spot on the bench for the start of Sunday's game and a fine.

"We're not going to wrestle and tussle with this because it's not something major. It's not anything that's causing us to lose," Bulls coach Phil Jackson said Monday at the team's suburban Deerfield practice complex.

"It's not something that is going to cause disruption. We want it as a team that goes into the playoffs in full health, and we can still accomplish that."

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**COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

**Kansas clinches tie for Big 12 title**

Associated Press

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**Malone leads Jazz to fifth straight win**

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY

Karl Malone had 23 points and 10 rebounds as the Utah Jazz won their fifth straight game, 96-90 over the Charlotte Hornets Monday night.

The Jazz announced during the second quarter that they had acquired center Rony Seikaly from the Orlando Magic for Greg Foster, Chris Morris and a 1998 first-round draft pick.

Fans at the Delta Center roared with approval.

Utah survived a big fourth quarter by Glen Rice, who scored 15 of his 30 points in the final 3:04. Rice hit three 3-pointers in less than two minutes and cut Utah's lead to 51-48.

The Jazz made five turnovers in the final six minutes of the third and entered the fourth quarter up just 65-59.

With the win, the Jazz have taken an 82-71 lead with 4:06 to play.

Keeffe had eight points and 10 rebounds in the first half as the Jazz took a 43-39 halftime lead.

Wesley was a one-man show for the Hornets in the first half.

He scored 18 of Charlotte's 39 points on 8-for-12 shooting, while the rest of the Hornets were 8-for-22 from the field.

The Hornets made a 7-0 run early in the third quarter to cut Utah's lead to 51-48.

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With the win, the Jazz have beaten all eight Central Division teams at home this year. Utah is 16-4 overall against the Eastern Conference.

**Stoudamire becomes a Blazer**

**Portland Trail Blazers**

PORTLAND, Ore. — Official. Damon Stoudamire is a Portland Trail Blazer.

The former Wilson High School star had to wait until just before 2 a.m. PST deadline Monday for the Toronto Raptors to confirm the Friday deal that sent him, Walt Williams and Carlos Rogers to Portland in exchange for Kenny Anderson, Gary Trent and Alvin Williams.

The trade was sweetened Monday when Portland added a second-round draft choice that was thrown in. The Trail Blazers had already included first-round picks in both this year’s and the 1999 drafts.

Stoudamire, Toronto’s star player and team captain, was greeted by a near-capacity crowd of 21,140 fans on Sunday, but many of them booed when it was announced before the game his hometown would have to wait to see him in action.

The trade was held up Tuesday to report if he were traded to the Raptors.

Grunwald did not indicate if he planned to do this.

“I spoke to him (Saturday) and told him about the situation here and he had very little to say at that time,” Grunwald said.

“I explained to him how much we liked him as a player and how much we’d like him to be part of our future here.

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maybe even get second. The top six teams will all be bunched together, but we can push past and do better than the other teams. Some of the Notre Dame records have been around entirely too long and I think the majority, if not all of the records are going down, we’ve already broken quite a few and this will be our first ‘shave and taper’ meet.”

The Irish won 10 of 11 individual events, losing only the 200-breaststroke and the 400-medley and 400-freeestyle relays. Notre Dame individual winners were Wes Richardson 1000-free, Rob Fetter 200-free, Russell Preston 50-free, Ray Fitzpatrick 200-individual medley, James Scott-Browne 200-butterfly, John Steffan 100-freeestyle, Scott Zumbach 200-backstroke, Ryan Verlin 500-freeestyle and Herb Hansen one-meter dive.

Notre Dame dominated the 200-freeestyle, placing the top four finishers (Fetter, Ron Royer, Scott Koznar and Steffan) nearly two seconds ahead of the closest UWM swimmer.

This Wednesday through Saturday, the team will head to Pittsburgh to compete in the four-day Big East Championships.

The Irish have finished seventh in the past two seasons, but are confident that they will do better this year and hopefully finish among the top three. To do well, the Irish will rely heavily on former IrishCardwell, Brian Najarian, Royer, and Slade Stolz for leadership and point scoring.

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Others on the Irish team who must perform are Herb Huesman, Ray Fitzpatrick, James Scott-Browne, and Scott Zumbach.

When this year’s seniors arrived as freshmen, they finished 5-9 but have improved their record each year.

“This year has really had a sense of closure, especially during the twilight of my career,” Cardwell said. “We have a really talented class of freshmen, and only four seniors, but I am looking forward to passing on the torch and seeing what the team can do with an entirely new class of freshman.”

Notre Dame swimming has already recorded one of its best season’s in history and the team now heads into Pittsburgh with a great opportunity to start its best Big East finish and put an exclamation point on the end of the season.
West jumps to eighth best in nation

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN

The Notre Dame track and field team will carry strong momentum into the Big East Championships this coming weekend, following on the heels of strong performances at the Butler Invitational and Central Collegiate Championships.

Many of the athletes did not compete at either of these two meets in an attempt to rest up for the strain of running multiple events against top competition in the Big East meet, which has been the team's primary goal since day one of the 1998 season. Those who did compete, however, showed their true colors with some breakthrough performances.

Sophomore Marshaun West jumped 25-1 1/4 in the Central Sports Writer competition at either of these two Collegiate Championships.

Of strong performances at the weekend, following on the heels of championships this coming momentum into the Big East field team will carry strong meets in an attempt to rest up.

Butler Invitational and Central had best indoor jump in school out of 13 teams in the CCC, also ran 22.5 in the 200-meter also in the CCC in Ann Arbor, also ran 22.5 in the 200-meter dash and Kevin Reher ran 7.66 for the 100-meter hurdles. Brown will jump next with top sprinters Errol Williams and Danny Payton competing in the Butler Invitational instead. "These races were great preparation for the Big East, so I'm very excited," said head coach Joe.

"We actually had some kids perform very well at Ann Arbor, but there was no way we were going to do as well as a team because of all the people that we didn't bring."

Field events coach Scott Winsor was pleased with the meet as a whole, although he noted that the absences of Brown ranked 12th in the nation in the pole vault and triple jumper Adrian Erby were sorely felt.

"The throwers didn't have the day that we wanted them to, but they traditionally come up very well at the Big East, so I'm not concerned," said Winsor.

"We had some performances that we really needed — Marshall West in the long jump. Brown will jump next week whether he's ready or not and hopefully, his hamstring will be okay. Knowing Mike Brown, he will be ready."

Sprinters and hurdlers coach John Miller accompanied Williams, Payton, Britt Junker, and Carri Lenz to the Butler Invitational on Saturday in Indianapolis. Williams led the Fighting Irish with a time of 7.83 in the 60-meter hurdles, which converts to being very close to his school record time of 7.29 in the 55-meter hurdles.

He was then 11th overall. Payton won his heat of the 400-meter dash in 49.06.

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players wearing the Blue and Gold fouled out in less than 20 minutes of play. At the Hartford Civic Center, Garrity scored 15 points in just 19 minutes of play but the men in black and white whistled him for five fouls during that span.

Notre Dame's other post players did not have much more success as Phil Hickie fouled out in 17 minutes and Rasmussen in 20. Tonight, the already depleted Irish can hardly afford to lose anyone.

"In the last game we went in there and started off kind of slow and not getting back on defense," Rasmussen said. "We were kind of playing soft and this time we just want to attack them right from the gate."

"They know that both Pat and Phil are very important to our scoring and they just wanted to go at them right away," Rasmussen continued. "They just attacked us right away so this game we just want to try to out push and foul as much."

Despite the imposing numbers put up by the Huskies and being forced to play without Fried, the team remains confident.

"Everybody has confidence that we can go into this stretch and win all the games," Rasmussen said. "We just have to play our game."
**Women's Tennis**

No. 15 Irish remain undefeated

By TIM CASEY
Sports Writer

The women’s tennis team proved it deserves to be mentioned as one of the best in the nation with an impressive 5-4 victory over No. 12 Tennessee.

The 15th-ranked Irish improved their record to 5-0.

The third doubles team, consisting of Kelly Olson and Kelly Zalinski, provided the victory margin with a tight three-setter victory over Tennessee’s Whitney Dill and Erin Lowery. Zalinski also won at No. 5 singles with a convincing 6-0, 6-1 win over Megan Russell.

Freshman Michelle Dasso also won twice, at No. 3 singles 6-3, 6-4 over Dill and at second doubles with Marisa Velasco.

At the top spot, junior Jennifer Hall scored an impressive victory over Manisha Malhotra, 7-6, 6-4.

Notre Dame beat Ohio State on Friday 7-2. The Irish won No. 3 through No. 6 singles and swept all three doubles.

Olson pulled out a tight three set victory at sixth singles, 6-2, 4-6, 6-4. Dasso, Tiffany Gates and Zalinski all won in straight sets at third, fourth and fifth singles respectively.

The closest matches of the day occurred at first and second singles. Hall suffered her first dual meet loss of the season with a 7-6, 3-6, 7-5 defeat by OSU’s Kristy Dragioli. Velasco led a tight three setter to Brittan Harris at second singles, 7-6, 0-6, 7-6.

On Sunday, the Irish shut out Boston College 9-0. Senior reserve Darce Sweet stepped into the lineup at sixth singles and scored a 4-6, 6-2, 6-4 victory over BC’s Kara Swanson.

Velasco, playing at the top spot, won 6-3, 6-2 over Cynthia Tow. In a freshman battle, Dasso proved superior with a straight set victory over Kiren Fernando 6-3, 6-4. Dasso had a perfect 6-0 record for the weekend.

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**ICE DANCING**

**Grishuk and Platov win gold again**

Associated Press

NAGANO, Japan

No sooner had blue-eyed, white-haired Pasha Grishuk dried the tears of joy streaming down her mascara-smudged face, when the sniping began:

"I think we had a better program overall," ice dancing silver medalist Angelika Krylova said.

"I think there was some politics involved," added her partner, Oleg Ovsyannikov.

"For me, they don't bring the sport up," sniffed Natalia Dubova, who coaches the fourth-place finishers.

"They are Russians Pasha Grishuk and Yevgeny Platov. And together they soared above the ice to do our job, and this is what we do. Just skate. As for what is happening outside the ice rink, we don't care." Ah, but they do, or else they wouldn't challenge the pairings. And they aren't even the biggest complainers.

"I always thought Torvill and Dean, Russians Pasha Grishuk and Yevgeny Platov, earned two perfect marks last night. And on this night, no one else matched their speed, power or complex maneuvers. Third place went to France's Marina Anissina and Gwendal Peizerat, ahead of Bourne and Kraatz, who were the bronze medalists in the last two world championships. The Canadians used their rollicking "Riverdance" routine to beat the French couple's passionate portrayal of "Romeo and Juliet" in the free dance, but they were too far behind to move up.

"So, naturally, they griped. "The Olympics is all about the survival of the fittest," Bourne said. "It's about true games and sports. That's not what it is in ice dancing right now. It's about off the ice.""

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**U.S. and Canada set for finals rematch**

Associated Press

This is a grudge match eight years in the making. Time hasn't dulled it. Fiercely has it festered.

"If anything, the U.S. and Canadian women's hockey teams are more combative and competitive than they play for the Olympic gold medal." "We don't want to hear the American anthem. We don't want to see them host our games," Canadian forward Lori Dupuis said. "We want to win the final for those reasons and for the gold medal." "We've gone through a lot with this team," U.S. defender Tara Mounsey confided. "Of course that happens in everyone's mind. You want a gold medal to erase that, leave it in history where it belongs." It will be the fifth time since 1990 that the teams have fought for the title of best in the world — but the first time with an Olympic medal at stake.

In the previous meetings, Canada won cleanly until last April, when the fourth

**Women's World Championship ended with a fluke goal in a questionably refereed overtime game.**

"The stakes rose with the attention given the Olympics. Canada won seven exhibition games leading up to the Winter Games and the United States won six. Each had 37 goals total in the series. Everything seemed even until Saturday's ugly preliminary round game, the last chance the rivals had to size each other up — or perhaps cut another one down to size. The United States won it 7-4 with a six-goal comeback in the final period. The teams also generated 48 minutes in penalties and a controversy over whether a U.S. player had made a snide remark about a Canadian's recently deceased father." The United States, allowing that rude remark to live on, didn't let that bother them. "We're a very focused team and we have a lot to bring to this game," captain Cammi Granato said. In anticipation of another nasty fight, the U.S. team worked on power plays and penalty killing in Monday's last practice. "You've got to be prepared for a man-up or man-down situation. It seems like that's always been the way in the past world championships. It was who capitalized on the power plays," U.S. captain Cammi Granato said.

"It's going to be just like any other hockey game between us in that you're going to see a huge battle back and forth. Once, the teams got along fairly well. Canada's Becky Kellar and Katie King of the United States were teammates in hockey and softball at Brown University. Canada defender Geraldine Heaney joined five U.S. players on a promotional tour for women's hockey equipment last summer. But those days are gone. How far gone?"
Aries: Try to keep your conversation light, and your hands to yourself today. You could offend someone, and it will turn out to be a formidable opponent.

Taurus: Circumstances force you into a community or sharing situation. Feelings of privacy and possessions will not be useful emotions today.

Gemini: You look and act only as good as you feel. Be kind to your body, or it will begin to rebel. Relaxation is the first and best cure, but you may need to go deeper into the health care system to fix what is bothering you.

Cancer: This is your day for fun, whatever that means to you. Play at love, play at art, or just play in the sandbox.

Leo: Today you are run the risk of overdoing it. Put a lid on your bluster and use some of that ego energy for a socially useful task.

Virgo: This is your day of empowerment. Find your voice and begin a dialogue with those you hope to influence. Others will wonder why you have been silent for so long.

Libra: The time has come to face financial issues. You might need to give a little now in order to get a lot later. Materialistic habits may be at the root of your problems.

Scorpio: Your only limit today is the far edge of your imagination. The powerhouse duo of Pluto and Mers are both on your team. Think big, talk loud, and live large.

Sagittarius: Your situation becomes confused today. You feel out of step with others in a parade that goes nowhere.

Capricorn: This is one day when the words "let's do lunch" are a promise instead of a kiss-off. You will overflow with some intangible quality that everyone else wants. Even fair-weather friends are hard to despise today.

Aquarius: This is not a good day to be caught in the glare of public attention. Your basic needs are loud today, and you want to attend to them in private. Friends who can read your moods are happy to leave you alone.

Pisces: Everything pleases you today. Simple tasks and ideas resonate with deep meaning and great importance. Imagine what will happen if you find an activity that you enjoy even under normal conditions.

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Irish strive for consistency as season winds down

Upcoming UConn game crucial for postseason hopes

By JOE CAVATO
Assistant Sports Editor

To say it's crunch time for the Notre Dame basketball team may be a bit of an understatement. After losing three of their last four, the Irish head into the final four games of the regular season knowing that if they will be doing any kind of dancing at all in March it will hinge on the outcome of the next several weeks.

"This is a very important stretch for us," freshman center Hans Basmusson said. "We feel that we are an NCAA Tournament team. We've had our down times and had our up times but we can pull it out."

The eighth-ranked Connecticut Huskies certainly provide Notre Dame an opportunity to prove itself as they will visit the Joyce Center fresh off a 92-67 thumping of Pittsburgh.

Tonight's contest starts a three-game home-stand that head coach John MacLeod hopes will help reinvigorate his squad that currently stands at 12-10 overall and 6-8 in the Big East.

"The fans at home are great," Basmusson said. "They're loud and take the other team out of the game, so having these three right in a row at home is really going to help us and the crowd gets us going."

The Irish will need a lot more than good crowd support if they hope to upset the Huskies who are 22-4 and 11-3 in the Big East. Connecticut has lost away games to St. John's, Miami and West Virginia. Conversely, Notre Dame defeated St. John's and West Virginia on the road but they will again be without the services of the most accurate three-point shooter in the conference in the person of Keith Erie.

"We just need to play our game," Basmusson said. "We need to worry about what we're going to do not what they are going to do to us."

Huskies Richard Hamilton and Khalid El-Amin may give the Irish something to worry about. Hamilton will keep Notre Dame's defense busy as he did in his squad's 84-58 win over the Blue and Gold in early January. Hamilton poses one of the few threats to Pat Garrity's bid for back-to-back Big East player of the year honors.

The junior guard/forward's 22.1 points per game ranks just behind Garrity's 22.8. Hamilton will extend the defense as his 45 percent shooting from behind the arc is just second in the conference to Friel's.

Freshman sensation Khalid El-Amin averages 13.9 points and 4.3 assists per game as he controls the floor for the Huskies. Junior forward Kevin Freeman gets things done for his squad in the post as he chips in 11 points and 7.3 rebounds per outing.

In the 26 point loss to the Huskies earlier this year, three