**ND celebrates with St. Patrick’s Day festivities**

By MATTHEW LOUGHRAN

Notre Dame students can look forward today to celtic fiddlers, a bagpipe band, a multi-talented Irish musician, the blarney stone and an all-ages dance party at Alumni-Senior Club in celebration of St. Patrick’s Day.

The day’s festivities begin with free events planned by Student Activities. At noon in the Huddle area of LaFortune Student Center, Tom Dahill will perform traditional Irish music on the fiddle, button, accordion and guitar. Dahill, who has performed at the Winnipeg Folk Festival, Gaelic Park and Indiana University, Northwest’s coffee house, boasts a repertoire of more than 1000 traditional songs. He will play until 2 p.m.

From 4 until 7 p.m. the Math Club will bring the Blarney stone out into the Huddle area for students to kiss.

Then, at 7:30 p.m. at the State Theatre on S. Michigan Street in South Bend, the Notre Dame Bagpipe Band will open a Celtic Fiddle Festival.

“We are really excited,” said Daniel Murphy, the leader of the band. “This is a premier opportunity for us.”

The Bagpipe Band will play for 10 or 15 minutes before the festival. They will also play during the intermission.

The main act in the festival will be the three celtic fiddlers, Kevin Burke, Christian Lemaître and Johnny Cunningham.

“These guys have sold out 14 of 16 shows across the country,” said John Kerney, of I’ll Learn to Fly Productions, which is sponsoring the festival. “Shows in Washington D.C., Dartmouth, New York, San Francisco, major cities have sold out for this act.”

From 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. Student Activities will finish off the evening with an all-ages, alcohol-free dance party in the Alumni-Senior Club. There will be a pool tournament, a trivia game, Look-alike contests and dart contests. Admission is free and open to every member of the Notre Dame community.

Tickets for the celtic fiddle festival can be bought at the LaFortune Information desk or at the door of the State Theatre. They cost $16 in advance, $18 at the door and $14 for students and seniors.
The truth about St. Patrick's Day

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Harvard junior David Okrent, a physics concentrator in Cabot House, was found stabbed Sunday morning on Beverly Beach in Boston.

Okrent, a native of Everton, Ill., was pronounced dead on arrival at Massachusetts General Hospital shortly after 6:30 a.m. He was 21.

According to the Suffolk County District Attorney's office, a witness reported seeing his dog found Okrent, who had a single stab wound to the neck. Officials said Okrent was still alive when authorities arrived on the scene.

According to several Cabot House residents, students were told at an informational meeting last night that Okrent had been present at Saturday's "Cabot Underground" dance and was last seen at 1 a.m. Any students who saw Okrent after that time are instructed to contact police.

Okrent's death is being investigated by the Massachusetts state police as a "possible homicide," said James M. Bourgeois, press secretary for the Suffolk County District Attorney's office.

Bourgeois did not rule out the possibility of suicide, saying Okrent's wound could have been self-inflicted.

Harvard spokesperson Alex Hupp said the Harvard University Police Department is assisting in the investigation.

Antipsy results are still pending and are expected to be released today.

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Police think death may be suicide

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Philip Gale, a 19-year-old MIT undergraduate, apparently jumped out of a 15th floor window of an MIT science building shortly after 7:30 p.m. last Friday. Gale was pronounced dead on arrival at Massachusetts General Hospital at 8:05 p.m. According to Robert Sales, assistant director of the MIT news office, police consider the incident an apparent suicide. "The case will stay open until the medical examiner signs the death certificate," Sales said. "I don't imagine there is much more to investigate.

Gale is thought to have thrown a chair through the thick plate glass window of the green building before he supposedly jumped. Students in east campus dormitory across from the green building heard the breaking glass. "I heard the glass break, but people had been smashing glass bottles for a couple of days so I didn't think anything of it," said Brian Sniffen, an MIT undergraduate. "Flight after that I heard the crash of something hitting the ground," said Sniffen.

DUKE UNIVERSITY

Minor claims rape at frat party

DURHAM, N.C. — A 16-year-old girl who was visiting a female university student told authorities she was raped March 7 at the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity sorority when attending a mixer between SAE and the Pi Beta Phi sorority. Capt. Charles Nordan of the Duke University Police Department said an investigation is in progress. As a result, no charges have yet been filed. During the mixer, Nordan said, the victim reportedly consumed about five cans of beer and three shots of vodka between 10:30 p.m. and midnight. At about midnight, the victim and a male individual at the function were talking near a conversation area, and the woman reportedly repeated to police that she remembers very little between the time the two began their conversation and when she awoke the following morning. The female student whom the victim was visiting also spoke with police.

Gainesville, Fla. — Phillip Butler had his life planned out. He sang from the songs that would play at his wedding to his first son's name to what he would do in the world of public administration. But while visiting his Tampa home for spring break, the 24-year-old public administration master's student died unexpectedly of spinal bacterial meningitis. Butler, who had just completed his final touches on his thesis project, left Gainesville on the weekend of spring break shoving any notions of silliness, roommate and UF sophomore Rachel Glickman said. On Monday, Butler's obituary was announced. Butler had just moved to Gainesville after developing into a coma by Wednesday night. At around 6 a.m. Thursday, Butler died in St. Joseph's Hospital in Tampa, Glickman said. His family held a memorial service in Tampa on Saturday.

SOUTH BEND WEATHER

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The AccuWeather forecast for South Bend, Indiana, on Tuesday, March 17.

NATIONAL WEATHER

Spinal meningitis takes student's life

The AccuWeather forecast for Monday, March 16.

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Malloy addresses Keough Hall

By TIM LOGAN

University President Father Edward Malloy addressed a wide range of topics last night in an informal discussion with residents of Keough Hall.

Malloy discussed the challenge posed in maintaining Notre Dame's Catholic character, the University's efforts to increase financial aid availability and several residential life issues.

"We're becoming a greater university each year, our greatest challenge is to sustain that improvement and to still take our religious character seriously," said Malloy.

He pointed to the school's unique position as a way in which this challenge can be met.

"I don't think there's any other Catholic university in the world that has the stuff, that has the resources, academic excellence and alumni support, to be a great university and to sustain what it takes to be a great Catholic university," he stated.

But keeping Notre Dame in that position, Malloy noted, will take attention and is important to its unique identity.

"If we lose our Catholic nature, our hallmark will erode and Notre Dame will become just another nice school in the Midwest," he warned.

Pointing to the increased difficulties in paying for college, Malloy said that providing financial aid to students has become "our number one priority," in terms of endowment use.

"Increasing aid is our single greatest need," and as a result, in a "dramatic change," the Board of Trustees has recently increased the payout from the University's endowment for financial aid.

In a question and answer session, Malloy was asked about the possibility of co-ed dormitories at Notre Dame and the apparent exodus of seniors to off-campus housing.

"There has never been sufficient support across the student population to change the single-sex residence system," Malloy said. "Co-residence has advantages and disadvantages. It has less to do with sexual morality and more to do with tradition."

Malloy observed that despite appearances, the "hordes" of students leaving campus in recent years are nothing new.

"People have always moved off," he said. "We try to make on-campus housing a more attractive option, and I assure you that [the present] off-campus apartments will become more decrepit year after year."
Lawmakers question CIA role in drug trafficking

WASHINGTON

CIA findings that its agents had no role in bringing crack cocaine into the United States met with serious contention Monday from House lawmakers who questioned the agency's ability to investigate itself.

"Many of your so-called, the CIA inspector general report and the investigation lack credibility, and its conclusions must be dismissed," said Rep. Maxine waters, D-Calif., during hearing of the House Select Committee on Intelligence.

The hearing was the first since the CIA inspector general on January 28 issued the first part of its report on whether the CIA colluded with allies of Nicaraguan Contras to raise money by bringing crack cocaine into the United States in the 1980s.

CIA Inspector General Frederick Hitz, repeating the conclusions of the report, stressed that the 18-month investigation found no evidence of any conspiracy by CIA agents or assets to bring drugs into the United States.

He added that he had uncovered no information that the CIA in any way obstructed or distorted the arrest or convictions of drug traffickers, including several with Contra connections, who helped start the crack epidemic in urban America in the 1980s.

Allegations of CIA links to drug dealers surfaced in an August 1996 series published by the San Jose Mercury News, which concluded that a San Francisco Bay area drug ring sold cocaine in Los Angeles and funneled profits to the Contra rebels for the better part of a decade.

The newspaper series also reported that two Nicaraguan cocaine dealers, Oscar Daniel Blandon and Norwin Meneses, were civilian leaders of anti-communist commando group formed and run by the CIA during the 1980s.

The executive editor of the Mercury News, Jerry Coggins, later wrote a column that criticized the series, saying it "did not meet our standards" in key areas. Among other things, Copps said the series often presented only one interpretation of complex evidence, oversimplified the spread of crack and used graphs and language "that were open to misinterpretation."

The articles were followed by a storm of protests in urban areas such as South Central Los Angeles, with citizens demanding answers as to whether their communities had been ravaged by drugs to help pay for a foreign policy goal.

"The public remains skeptical," said Juanita Millender-McDonald, D-Calif., who represents some of the poorer areas of Los Angeles. The information in the report, she said, shows that "the CIA turned a blind eye at best to Contra drug activities."

Waters, who represents South Central Los Angeles and has been the leader in pursuing alleged CIA links to drug dealing, blasted the Hitz report, citing extensive findings from her own inquiry of connections between the CIA and the smuggling of drugs.

"This report's sweeping denial of the CIA's knowledge of drug trafficking related to the Contras defies the evidence and the logic that the CIA should have known."
The Palestinian security chief in the West Bank warned Jewish settlers Monday that they would "not leave alive" if they tried to attack areas of Hebron's Palestinian-administered areas again. Col. Idris Rubaj also said that he was suspending security cooperation with Israeli troops in the Palestinian-controlled area of town, stoned by Palestinians. Israeli troops fired rubber bullets on the Palestinians, and two journalists were injured.

Most of the leading figures in the peace process are in Washington for St. Patrick's Day receptions at the White House and in the Capitol on Tuesday. "Any time that you have a chance to bring some focus to an issue, it's valuable," said Sen. Edward Kennedy. "It's a sort of the time for exchanges that we hope will continue to take place." At the same time, Kennedy said, "I think all of us understand here in the United States, this is going to be something that's going to be decided by the people at that negotiating table... But we obviously have a continuing historical interest, and many of us have personal interests as well." David Trimble, leader of the Northern Ireland's major Protestant party, the Ulster Unionists, said during a picture-taking session with Kennedy that the "few days that we're spending here... gives us an opportunity to pause and to reflect" before entering a period of intensive talks.

The undated British Northern Ireland peace supporter projected the word "ENOUGH" onto the side of London's House of Parliament. The peace talks, which began in June, are supposed to conclude in May, with what negotiators hope will be a compromise on governing Northern Ireland that is acceptable to both its Protestant majority and the large Catholic minority. 

Trimble has said that Sinn Fein should be permanently barred from the negotiations. Clinton, meanwhile, was prepared to tell Adams and the other key figures that "the moment is now," said his spokesman, Mike McCurry. The peace talks, which began in June, are supposed to conclude in May, with what negotiators hope will be a compromise on governing Northern Ireland that is acceptable to both its Protestant majority and the large Catholic minority.

McCurry called it "a very critical moment in the Northern Ireland peace process, and one in which the coincidence of St. Patrick's Day and the meeting of all the party leaders here provides the president wish, I think, an important opportunity to help the parties, and the government of the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland, to move the work forward." Steinberg, the deputy national security assistant for President Clinton, was at the meeting as officials and many delegates, including Sinn Fein's chief negotiator, Martin McGuinness, Sinn Fein is a legal political party allied with the outlawed Irish Republican Army.

Older rights and duties...
Women succeed at VMI

Associated Press

LEXINGTON

Angela Myers was coated with mud from her close-cropped hair to her combat boots and barely able to see as she reached the crest of a slippery hillside Monday.

Staggering and gulping for air, the Virginia Military Institute freshman, or "rat," squatted at the upperclassmen waiting for her and said in a soft voice to no one in particular: "I made it!"

More than 200 rats attended the final initiation rite Monday, which capped the torturous seven-month initiation period at VMI. Six of the women who enrolled in August, ending VMI's 158-year all-male tradition, quit during the year and a seventh woman was suspended for two semesters for striking an upperclassman.

Those who made it lived in Spartan barracks under a harsh system of strict discipline designed to test their physical, mental and emotional limits. VMI says the process breaks down inhibitions and builds up confidence, a lenient attitude toward authority either, belting out something like a Southern rebel yell.

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...adviser, told reporters at a White House briefing Tuesday that the president is going to make clear that the window in which to take advantage of this new opportunity now is a relatively short one, and that the administration has got to put their full efforts behind the resumption of the talks that will start back again on Monday.

Also making the rounds on Capitol Hill and expecting to go to the White House on Tuesday were Gary McMichael of the later Democratic Party, which is linked to Northern Ireland's biggest pro-British paramilitary group, and John Hume, leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party. Sinn Fein's larger and more moderate rival for Catholic votes.

There were no reports of arrests. Last week, armed forces chief Gen. Wiranto, newly appointed as defense minister, warned that authorities would crack down on protesters who broke the law.

Several hundred students staged peaceful anti-government rallies Monday at two campuses in Surabaya, 400 miles east of Jakarta.

Last week, students at more than a dozen campuses in several cities held noisy protests against the re-election of Suharto, who was awarded a seventh five-year term by a loyalist assembly.

Under foreign pressure to reform the economy, Suharto hastily assembled a Cabinet packed with allies that critics say is unlikely to push hard on reform.

The IMF bailed aid to the financially battered nation because of fears that Suharto is backsliding on austerity measures he promised to implement. So far, the IMF has handed over 6 percent of a $43 billion rescue package.

Indonesia is supposed to dump monopolies and other trade perks that have enriched the president, his family and associates.

At a news conference, the new trade minister said he believed monopolies can be good for the economy if they function in "the interest of the people."

The minister, Mohammad Hasan, is a confidant and golfing partner of Suharto and headed a plywood monopoly that was dismantled in line with the IMF bailout. He is one of Indonesia's richest men.

The new social affairs minister is Niti Hima, the second daughter of Suharto, and headed a flashy offshore oil and gas concern. A leader of the ruling Golkar party, she is the most prominent of Suharto's six millionaire children, all of whom have built vast business empires under his patronage.

The Suez Canal also reopened late Monday, with 41 ships waiting to sail through the passage way. A canal spokesman said the storm had whipped up high waves on the normally placid thoroughfare.

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Middle East battles ‘50-day wind’

CAIRO

Hundreds of passengers were stranded Monday at the crowded Cairo airport by a swirling sandstorm that grounded planes, forced the Suez Canal to close and was blamed for four deaths in the Middle East.

The storm — described as the worst in Lebanon and the most severe in Jordan in 60 years — washed the hardy tourists with gritty winds, even blowing down a Ferris wheel in Beirut that 15 years of civil war couldn’t budge.

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By Monday night, four airports in Egypt and another in Jordan had reopened. Some passengers at the Cairo airport had been stranded for 24 hours, with Egyptian air-traffic controllers diverting about 30 flights.

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Cohen changes basic training gender policies

WASHINGTON

Defense Secretary William Cohen ordered the Army, Navy and Air Force to house male and female trainees in "separate areas, if not separate buildings" to cut down on improper activity. He also demanded to toughen physical training.

Cohen said Monday he would not require that men and women undergo separate basic training during their first weeks in the military, an idea the services had rejected. But housing — and the process of instilling military values — must be improved, he said. He complained that even though male and female trainees live in separate quarters or on separate floors, doors had been removed at some sites and privacy was inadequate.

"They have not had adequate supervision. . . . There has been an attitude of a lack of discipline. And so what we want to do is maintain the separation during those first weeks of basic training to make sure their focus is on the military aspects and not the social," Cohen said.

Queried about how increased separation might teach young men and women to work and fight together, Cohen shot back, "They don't have to sleep together."

The secretary also told the three services to toughen their physical training and put more emphasis on "core military values" during their first weeks in the military.

The services must increase the number of female recruiters and female trainers; improve selection processes for trainers and counter any notion that a training assignment would be detrimental to a military career, Cohen said. The services must also "develop a system of rewards and incentives" to make working as a trainer more of a step to advancement in a military career, the secretary said.

The Marine Corps separates men and women during basic training. The secretary lauded the Marines for emphasizing the "transformation" that is supposed to take place in turning a civilian into a military man or woman.

Cohen's directives came in response to the December report by a panel headed by former Sen. Nancy Kassebaum Baker, R-Kan. It had recommended separating men and women in the most elemental units of training, as well as separate housing during both basic and advanced training.

Meanwhile, a draft report by the General Accounting Office criticized the way in which the Kassebaum Baker report was conducted. It said that even though the panel held 300 focus groups and interviews, it did not systematically collect the same information from all groups; document the information gathered; or explain how what was learned from the interviews led to the panel's conclusions.

"Given these limitations, the extent to which the committee's work supports its conclusions and recommendations cannot be determined," the draft report said. It was prepared for Rep. Martin Meehan, D-Mass., and was made available to the Associated Press.

The panel was one of several that investigated training in the wake of the sexual abuse that occurred at the Army's advanced training base at Aberdeen, Md., where drill instructors had preyed on recruits.
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**Baby doctor, author dies at 94**

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO

Dr. Benjamin Spock, who wrote the how-to guide for bringing up the baby boom generation, then was branded the "father of permissive-ness" when those young-sters came of age during the turbulent 1960s, has died at 94.

Spock died Sunday at home in La Jolla of respiratory failure. He had suffered a heart attack, a stroke and several bouts of pneumonia in recent years.

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After working in private practice in the New York City and teaching pediatrics at Cornell University, Spock spent two years as a psychiatrist in the U.S. Naval Reserve Medical Corps.

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Education Degree A Necessity

After reading a couple letters to the editor in Viewpoint on Mar. 2 from classmates of mine in the Saint Mary's Education Program, I felt compelled to find out what Mr. Spencer Starks had to say in the Inside Scoop on Mar. 15 and thus write this letter in reinforcement to defend those of us who have chosen the aspirations of becoming career teachers at a $25,000 per year institution.

Four years ago, I chose to come to Notre Dame for many reasons, one of them being that it had a joint education program with Saint Mary's. After graduating from Notre Dame this May, I will be returning next fall to Saint Mary's to finish off my teaching certification with another semester of tuition cost in which I will be basically "teaching." I am still perplexed with the notion of "paying to teach," especially when this country is in need of good teachers AND the fact that teachers receive one of the lowest pay for the most output of time and effort. But it is a career that I have desired since I was in high school.

Any one who says it isn't worth the exorbitant cost of an ND/SMC education that we pay which yields a low salary visibly running from $12,000-$25,000, but I guess one has to literally pay the price to "experience" a ND/SMC education in preparation to become teachers of our future generation. Do anyone wants to help my cause to save the future of America, you know how to confront. Any and all of you will be gratefully accepted.

Teaching is both an art and a science. Not just anyone can go through the process of an education training in both teaching and the content area and expect to be a good and experienced teacher. It is needed as well as the unique personal enthusiasm and skills one has to have to be able to motivate and convey information to students. We've all seen good and bad teachers through our many years in the school system, and if being a teacher is so simple that "classes essential to teaching could all be squeezed into a summer," then why do we still have some teachers who can't "teach.

Being knowledgeable in your field doesn't necessarily mean you can "teach." Anyone. I'm a mathematician and major, and for the most part, none of the classes I've taken here in college will directly prepare him to teach high school mathematics. In a way, I may be out-qualified, but it becomes a challenge when you have to explain concepts to students at their level and back-ground knowledge that they have acquired so they are better able to comprehend. I have so much respect and give credit to elementary teachers who have to deal with energetic, curious and sometimes stubborn kids day in and day out.

I have had numerous teaching opportunities, tutoring over 400 hours to student athletes, observing about 100 hours in the high school classroom, and also volunteering many hours in other tutoring programs. With all these experiences, I have learned and continue to learn as much as I work and I work with students, and yet, I know I am in no way at the level of the lowest level to the most advanced level.

Teaching experience in the classroom is a total mine, even with 13-17 years in the classroom with a viewpoint of a student, it is not enough preparation to handle the everyday demand teachers face with students. Granted, tutoring is not necessarily the same as having the full control of teaching a classroom of students. I think of tutoring as giving the students the simplified short-cut to a better immediate understanding, yet when you are the teacher, you want to give them the long-lasting knowledge of the history and of the who, what, when, where, why, and how fulfillment that they may carry along with their fundamental skills.

Furthermore, in a teacher, you are upholding a professional level of integrity and authority in giving your time and patience to kids of all-abilities ranging from the lowest level to the highest level.

It's always easy to say something looks easy to do observing from the outside window, but until you step into a classroom with 25 pairs of eyes staring at you to teach them, to motivate them, to listen to them, to provide them with their needs, etc... you'll understand what it really takes. And everything you learned in your content area and theories of teaching may make no difference when 25 different personalities are running at you and around you in your mind.

Being a teacher nowadays encompasses so much, especially with the added responsibilities society has put upon us to shape the lives of our youth that some families have abandoned and other social influences have affected. The career of teaching is challenging and consistently changing.

So those who can, do teach. And it is the passion of teaching that has made us enter this rewarding profession.

Bink Huysh
Senior, St. Edward's Hall
March 5, 1998

GLND/SMC Status Quo Unacceptable

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Gays and Lesbians of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College (GLND/SMC), I write to express our disappointment over the recent decision by President Marilou Eldred refusing to grant official recognition to The Alliance at Saint Mary's. President Eldred was presented with a unique opportunity. During her inaugural year she could have done the right thing and made Saint Mary's a better place because of it. Instead, whether motivated by policies or her own personal biases, she chose to maintain the status quo and deny the Saint Mary's community of a vital and necessary student-provided resource within which to openly discuss issues of sexuality.

President Eldred, along with her administrative counterparts at Notre Dame, apparently fail to understand the immense effects of a decision such as this one. Sure, official recognition of The Alliance or a similar student group is important in principle. However, the principle involved is not the only motivating factor in seeking recognition. A student-run group, such as The Alliance or GLND/SMC, can provide a powerful support network that is comforting, welcoming and essential for these students dealing with issues of sexuality. No matter how many professional counselors, health care practitioners, clergy or friends are available, none of them can provide the same degree of assistance and comfort that are afforded to GLND/SMC, can provide a peer support network that is important in principle.

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As part of a still unrecognized organization, we at GLND/SMC have been in the same position The Alliance finds itself in now. The leaders, organizers and members of The Alliance should remain focused and continue their mission of providing their valuable service to the Saint Mary's community. The Alliance can do that without recognition. You have our support and the support of a large portion of the Saint Mary's and Notre Dame community. GLND/SMC looks forward to working with you in the coming months.

Karl J. Eichelberger
Chair, GLND/SMC
Third Year Law Student

QUOTE OF THE DAY

I remember once I drank 49 Guinnesses straight off and I came home on top of a bus. Right on top of the bus, too, not just the upper deck.

—Dylan Thomas, as quoted by Peter Walsh in his book Guinness.
Tuesday, March 17, 1998

**VIEWPOINT**

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**Gays Aren't Nazis**

(Editor's note: This is in reference to a letter to the editor by Emil J. Kiehne printed on Tuesday, Mar. 5.)

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Paul Knoller
Sociology, Adam Hall
March 3, 1998

**Toys for Tots Only Time Will Tell**

Veterans' groups are outraged by the recent disclosure that up to 400,000 U.S. troops may have been exposed to radioactive depleted uranium when it exploded, coating the shell fragments with radioactivity. Nearly one million such shells were fired from aircraft and tanks during brief conflicts in the past 11 years. Reports of leukemia, birth defects, and other health problems have come to light.

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**An Oxymoron if Ever There Was One**

An oxymoron if ever there was one. Unfortunately, these type of "no-questions-asked" interviews are helpful in simply confirming what the audience in any way. If anything, the audience is usually just a rehashing of the story that they didn't do it. This, of course, is the obvious answer to recognize a Nazi $tudent Organization." In the beginning, I thought that there was no such a Nazi $tudent Organization. I tried to imagine...
The 13 hour drive to the mission was exhausting for all, including Chris Butera, Scott Potter, and Kate Duffy.

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Outreach in Appalachia

Notre Dame alumni Walter Smith reads a story to Jonathan Cole, the son of one of the mission employees.

Students, alumni trade break for service

This past spring break, over 200 Notre Dame students and a collection of Notre Dame alumni went to the Appalachian mountains to work on one of 12 different service projects. This is the story of the 11 students and eight alumni who went to the McDowell mission in Gary, West Virginia. Gary has been ravaged by the withdrawal of the coal industry from the Appalachian region.

The McDowell mission was established to serve this impoverished community. During the summer months, the mission works in the area doing various construction projects for the local people. The Notre Dame students and alumni helped prepare for the summer by renovating the mission and beginning the reconstruction of their collapsed warehouse.

One evening, the students and alumni treated the town to a spaghetti dinner, prepared here by Peter Cullen and Walter Smith.

Rebecca Mitsch, Laura Reding and others spent the week working in the basement of the mission.
Scott Potter hangs out over the Appalachian sky to drive in one of the warehouse's almost 3,500 bolts.

After dismantling the collapsed warehouse, the volunteers went to work putting it back together. The job was quite difficult; only three sections could be placed per day.

Walter and Jonathan also spent time playing house under the crucifix in the chapel.

Notre Dame student Katie Wood and Gary resident Anna Gergely lead the entire community in song after the spaghetti dinner.

COURTENAY MYERS and Katie Wood take a break from the 20 degree temperatures to warm their hands by the propane heater.

Photography by John Daily
Woods endorses Wheaties

World of Sports complex by past Wheaties pitcher/catchers Pete Taylor, Paul Jenner and Mary Lou Retton. Woods lives in Orlando and is part owner in the next Reed Tournament. Woods joins an elite list of leg- endary American athletes who have been Wheaties’ spokes­men.

They include baseball’s Pete Rose; tennis’ Chris Evert Lloyd; basketball’s Michael Jordan; football’s Payton and Olympic figure skater, Bob Richards, Jenner and Retton. “What’s kind of cool is that I’ve joined an event that’s had an ath­letic sport,” Woods said. “I’ve always called a ‘wuss’ for playing golf, but I’m here.”

While dozens of other ath­letes on the sports team have appeared on the front of the cereal box, a spokesman’s role is more involved and consists of commercials and public appearances.

The association with the cereal generally lasts a life­time, said Gary Reed, Wheaties’ marketing manager. Anyone who enters the Wheaties’ family is always a member,” he said.

The details of Woods’ con­tract weren’t disclosed. A spokes­man for PepsiCo said that Woods will be seen through contributions to the Tiger Woods Foundation, which helps minority youth interested in golf.

Woods, the youngest winner of the Masters Tournament, endorsements since turning pro in August include deals with Nike, Tisselt, Adidas America and Rolex.

Nicklaus receives redemption

NEW YORK: Jack Nicklaus can play in the U.S. Open this year. On Monday, Nicklaus Special exclu­sions for the next two tournaments through the year 2000.

Jack Nicklaus was not among the four men ex­cluded by the USGA in January, he will never be the Masters. Nicklaus can now extend that streak through the 2001 Masters and pushing it to 157 consecutive major championships.

He has lifetime invitations to the Masters and the PGA Championship and can play the British Open in 1998.

This year’s U.S. Open is June 4-7 at the Olympic Club in San Francisco. The 1999 Open is at Pinehurst No. 2 in North Carolina, and the 2000 tourna­ment is at Pebble Beach.

“From the time I was a sur­prise to Jack,” Nicklaus spokesman said.

Tuttle said that Golden Bear offices in North Palm Beach, Florida, told USA offi­cials he would call him back this week.

Tuttle said that Nicklaus felt the position he was being offered was not right for a young golfer and that he was willing to feel that he was physically able to play before accept­ing.

The U.S. Open is the center­piece of Nicklaus’ season. He decides to play in the Open if not only means he will likely play all four majors but it also means he will play other tournament on a regular basis.

That is likely the decision he will consider over the next few weeks.

Scott Simpson, the winner of last year’s U.S. Open who took the Buick Invitational seven months ago, said that he had played in every Open since he was a 17-year­-old junior player in 1976.

He said that he would play as long as he felt he could.

At Doral two weeks ago, Nicklaus shut rounds of 70, 74, 72 and 77, finishing in a tie for 15th. Strokes behind winner Michael Bradley.

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Loyola ruins team's hopes of unbeaten road trip

By TOM STUDEBAKER
and DAN LUZIETTI

Sports Writers

The break was full of ups and downs for the 11th ranked Notre Dame men's lacrosse team. They ended the week with a record of 3-1 with the only loss handed to them by Loyola this past weekend. The Irish started the week with a trip to Colorado. They first faced the Pioneers from Denver University and won by a score of 12-7. Senior captain Jimmy Keenan put Notre Dame on the scoreboard first, scoring only 21 seconds into the game. The Irish attackers, following Keenan's example, got out to a quick lead thanks to a well-balanced attack. Junior Chris Dusseau scored twice in the first period, and junior Ben Savage and freshman David Ulrich added one a piece to give the Irish an early 5-1 lead.

Notre Dame never lost the lead, despite a strong effort from the young Pioneer team. Denver freshman Mike Law had two goals and one assist on the game. Next up for the Irish was the Air Force Falcons. Notre Dame relied on the strong play of Keenan and Dusseau to snare past the Falcons. Keenan scored a career-high six goals during the contest, while Dusseau tied his career-high by adding four goals.

The Irish again took the lead early, scoring five goals in the first period to Air Force's one. Notre Dame received strong play from senior captain goalie Alex Cole who tallied 10 saves. Ulrich again had a strong contribution adding one goal and three assists.

Although early leads helped the Irish in Colorado, they were not so fortunate in Maryland. Notre Dame was down 12-2 at halftime against a superior Loyola team. It was an important game for the Irish, as Loyola was ranked just above them at 16. The Greyhounds dominated the game, outshooting the Irish 44-19, had 67 ground balls to 31 for Notre Dame and won 21 face-offs to the Irish six.

Ulrich recorded his second hat-trick of the season and added two assists to pace the Irish for a comeback. Keenan and Savage added two goals a piece along with Dusseau adding one. Loyola proved to be too much for Notre Dame as the Irish fell by a score of 16-8, however.

The Irish hope to rebound from the tough loss at home against the Rutgers Scarlet Knights Saturday at 1 p.m. at Moose Krause Stadium.

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Irish soak up three victories

By ALLISON KRILLA
Associate Sports Editor

Heavy rains forced the cancel-
lation of the Irish Baseball
Classic in San Antonio, Texas, but
the weather did little to dampen
the spirits of the Notre Dame
baseball team.

In four games before the del-
uge, the Irish went 3-1, dropping
their first spring break contest to
Southwest Texas, but averting the
loss and taking on wins against
Brigham Young University and
Southern Illinois.

“It’s always pretty good to get
those wins,” said pitcher
Aaron Heilman. “We’re starting
to come together, and I think we’re
going to continue to improve.
Hopefully, we’ll put together an even
longer winning streak.”

Errors plagued Notre Dame (9-
7) in the opening game against
Southwest Texas, contributing to
eight unearned runs and handing
Alex Shilliday his second loss
of the season.

Shilliday followed his career-
best 10 strikeout performance in
the Diamond Classic by fanning
nine over four and two-thirds
innings.

Righthander Brad Lodge led the
Irish to an 8-0 victory over
Southwest Texas the following
day, with a five-hit, seven-strike-
one effort in seven innings of
work.

Notre Dame relied on a bal-
ced offense and the strength of
its pitching staff in the shutout
victory.

Freshmen Heilman and Mike
Naimann closed out the game,
restraining the side in the eighth
and ninth, respectively.

Senior shortstop J.J. Brock
paced a 16-hit attack by the
Irish in their 12-4 victory over
Baylor.

Brock blazed his third home
run of the season, a two-run shot
in the second, and scored four
runs.

“He was getting more games
under his belt, which can only
help us,” Perconte said. “Our
pitching has been good and
we’ve been playing well as a
team.”

Sophomore Tim Kalita (1-0)
earned the win, tossing six
shutout innings and allowing six
hits, three walks and five Ks.

In the first and only round of
the Irish Baseball Classic, the
Irish downed Southern Illinois 4-
3.

Melanie Alkire was brilliant as
she pitched a complete game and
allowed just one run on three
hits for the first win of the year.

Alkire also went 3-4 at the
plate with two doubles, three
RBI and a run scored. Jenn
Gianpaulo hit two hits, includ-
ing a triple, and scored two runs.

She leads the team in batting
with a .309 average.

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Rules governing the competition are available in the Art Department Office.

A total of $500 in prizes will be awarded.

Two copies of the submission must be delivered to the Art Department Office, O'Shaughnessy Hall, by 10:00 PM, Monday, March 30, to be eligible. A student may only submit ONE entry.

But the Irish, the third seed in the bracket play, couldn’t repeat their performance of the previous night, and Tulsa put together a 4-2 victory. Bessolo took the loss for the Irish, falling to 1-6 on the season despite an impressive 2.06 ERA.

The Irish lost 8-0 on Saturday before Big East play gets underway against Rutgers later this month.

Heilman picked up the team’s
first save of the year. Coming up
with two outs in the eighth and a
4-2 Irish lead, the righty gave up
one run, but retired the side in
the ninth with a pair of strike-
outs.

Brock blasted his fourth homer
of the season, a solo shot in the
first to knot the score at 1-1,
besting his total of three dingers
in 1997.

Steve Szczpanski (1-1) allowed
two earned runs over five plus
innings, with five hits, one walk
and one strikeout.

Next up for the Irish are Big
East conference opening double-
headers at Providence and Con-
necticut this weekend.

“We have a veteran team,”
Perconte said. “Most guys on our
team have been through the Big
East season [last year], and we
know what we need to do to win.

“We have a great pitching
staff. That’s what we need to win
in the Big East because we play a
bunch of games in one week-
ed.”

The Irish coach one of the
deepest and most talented staffs
in recent years, and that depth
should carry the team as the
conference season commences.

The Irish beat Chattanooga 9-7,
Tokyo last Thursday, but split a
pair of games Friday night.

Alkire again led the Irish to vic-
tory with two hits, an RBI and a
run scored. Amy Laboe and Lisa
Tully also scored a pair of runs in
the victory.

In the win over Tulsa, fresh-
man Jennifer Sharron pitched
her third complete game of the
season, allowing just one run on
five hits, as she picked up her
second win of the week.

Alkire again led the Irish to vic-
tory with two hits, an RBI and
a run scored. Laboe scored
another pair of runs in the 7-1
win.

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Friday - Saturday, March 20-21

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For information, please contact: Kate Barrett at Campus Ministry (1-5242 or katharine.s.barrett.28@nd.edu); Mark at 4-1933 (mark.f.massoud.l@nd.edu) or Alyssa at 4-1884 (alyssa.l.hellrung.5@nd.edu).

Sunday, March 22, 1:00-5:00 pm, ND Room, LaFortune

"What's The Future of This Relationship?"

A workshop for couples in a serious relationship who want to explore choices and decisions for the future including the possibility of marriage. Pre-registration required, by Friday, March 20. Call 1-5242 for Chris Etzel, John or Sylvia Dillon.

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Happy St. Patrick's Day!
By M. SHANNON RYAN
Saint Mary's Editor

Beginning their two-month road trip over break, Notre Dame seemed to be set on cruise control, advancing to 9-0. After gaining valuable outdoor experience in the Pacific Coast Doubles Tournament in California, the Irish steamrolled Penn, 7-0.

"The doubles tournament was a high level of competition," coach Rob Bayliss said. "We basically made the weekend a transition for outdoor settings."

The Irish were the fourth seed at No. 1 in college competition for the open event in La Jolla, Calif.

The Irish were not in the most conducive situation, arriving at 10 p.m. Thursday and beginning play at 9 a.m. the next morning.

Still, Notre Dame put on a good showing in the tournament that featured college teams, professionals and junior competitors.

Danny Rodlitch and Vijay Freeman advanced to the quarterfinals before losing to San Diego's Sean Patterson and Jakub Pietrowski lost in the second round, as did Ryan Sachire and Matt Horsley.

"The important thing is that we put ourselves into a different situation," Bayliss said. "Playing outside is an extreme hard transition."

Although the modifications seem minor, adjusting to wind and different sounds outdoors takes practice.

"Indoors, you get used to the ball falling exactly where you think it will," Bayliss said. "Footwork tends to be sloppy. Outside the ball keeps moving so they have to keep moving their feet."

The echoes indoors also must be subtracted from outdoor play. Not being able to hear a boom after serves, players often suffer from hurt egos and tend to overhit as a result.

"You don't realize how much you overhit as a result. Playing outside is an extreme adjustment," Bayliss said.

In their first outdoor dual match, the Irish had no trouble adjusting to nature as they breezed by Penn. Although both teams were equally disadvantaged on outdoor courts, Notre Dame had the definite edge.

After winning the double point with three straight wins, the No. 1 and 2 positions proved strongest as Sachire and Pietrowski quickly came up with two-set wins in singles.

Sachire terminated Marc Fiscaro with ease, 6-2, 6-0, and Pietrowski put on a flawless performance to defeat Mike Klahsky, 6-9, 6-0.

"Ryan continued with his high level of play," Bayliss said. "Jakub's been on something of a roll."

Improving his backhand and level of aggressiveness, Pietrowski's self-assurance has boosted along with his win record.

"His confidence has really risen," Bayliss said. "He's hitting with more authority, and his backhand has started to become a weapon."

In addition, the rest of the lineup also was able to defend themselves against Penn.

Senior Jakub Pietrowski proved perfect over break, devouring his Penn opponent 6-0, 6-0.

"We basically made the weekend a transition for outdoor courts," Bayliss said. "So we might have gotten tired a bit," Dhadphale said. "But Michigan played well. They had a lot of depth."

Michigan surged ahead in the first period 3-2, but Dolder knotted the game Michigan's power play proved to be too much for the Irish, and they recorded their third power play goal of the game to earn the 4-3 victory.

"I think they were using a couple of lines, so we might have gotten tired a bit," Dhadphale said. "But we could have won either Saturday or Sunday's game."

Unfortunately for the Irish, they will have to wait until next year to find out.
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Williams races to all-America status at NCAAs

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame qualified two runners for the NCAA indoor track and field championships last weekend in Indianapolis, one of whom came back an all-American. Senior captain Errol Williams placed eighth in the 55-meter hurdles in the championships, while sophomore JoAnna Deeter took 15th in the 3000-meter run. Everyone who finishes in the top eight at nationals receives the title of all-American.

Williams automatically earned the honor by qualifying for the finals. He placed third in his preliminary heat with a time of 7.34 to make it into the finals. His mark of 7.38 left him in eighth place.

Early in the race, Williams was among the top four but dropped back after one of the hurdles slowed him down. Larry Wade of Texas A&M won the title in 7.11. "The race went as well as I could possibly have hoped for," Williams said. "This happening this early in the season (indoors) was more than I had planned on. I was really happy about that." Williams' qualifying time of 7.26 — a school record which was run at the Big East championships — ranked him 12th of 15 entrants heading into the meet.

A Big East champion in the 55-meter hurdles last week, he ran in the 110-meter hurdles in two NCAA outdoor championships. This was his first indoor championship meet, however.

"From a performance standpoint, he ran well," said sprints and hurdles coach John Millar. "Our goal at the start of the year was to get to the finals really at the outdoor championships. This should give him a little something to take with him to the outdoors.

On February 28, the team will take theirkickers and their field-goal kickers to the national championship meet in Jacksonville, Florida. The team has been the subject of a lot of scrutiny in the past, with the departure of former head coach Mike Corley and the recent hire of James Doherty as the new head coach. The team will have to prove themselves in the national championship meet to earn a spot in the NCAA championships.

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"You have to give credit to Notre Dame," Texas Tech head coach Marshall Sharp said about the loss. "They came out with a Final Four mental-
ABIES—You will entice lovers on the 15th and 16th with your passion for life and your quick wit. You will have a greater desire on the 17th and 18th to get involved in educational affairs, cultural activities and travel.

TAURUS—Don't get angry over trivial matters on the 15th and 16th. You mustn't blame others for your own stubbornness. You can achieve plenty on the 17th and 18th if you put your efforts into working on domestic projects.

GEMINI—Get-rich-quick schemes presented on the 15th and 16th are not likely to bring you the rewards you're expecting. Travel and romance go hand-in-hand on the 17th and 18th.

CANCER—Family should take top priority on the 15th and 16th. You can be helpful if you listen to the difficulties your loved ones are experiencing. Mix business with pleasure on the 17th and 18th, socialize with colleagues and clients.

LEO—Friends may need to loan you on the 15th and 16th. Take the time to invest in yourself on the 17th and 18th. Make the physical and mental changes required in order to raise your self-esteem.

VIRGO—Don't make unrealistic promises on the 15th and 16th. Changes regarding your own self-awareness are evident. Family members may take advantage of you on the 17th and 18th. Don't offer help or ask for it.

LIBRA—Loosers are likely on the 15th and 16th if you get involved in joint financial ventures or if you aren't careful with your belongings. Don't rely on others to give you an honest opinion on the 17th and 18th.

SCORPIO—Keep an open mind on the 15th and 16th. Research before making any commitments. You will get taken on the 17th and 18th if you get involved in joint financial ventures. You must be careful whom you deal with and whom you lend things to.

SAGITTARIUS—You will have trouble expressing yourself on the 15th and 16th. Stick to your own projects and avoid making decisions. Evading issues on the 17th and 18th will not save you from disruptions on the home front.

CAPRICORN—Don't gamble on the 15th and 16th. Loss is likely. Financial limitations will be depressing and restrict your life style. You may have a secret enemy on the 17th and 18th. Be careful what you say to whom.

AQUARIUS—Travel will bring you knowledge on the 15th and 18th. Do careful planning. Mix business with pleasure on the 17th and 18th before you sign any contracts.

PISCES—Your persuasive talent on the 15th and 16th will help convince others to your point of view. Deal with red tape issues on the 17th and 18th. Handle them as quickly as avoid damaging your reputation in the interim.

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Cinderella Irish continue fantasy season

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Last year, the women's basketball team shocked everyone by advancing to the Final Four and becoming the Cinderella of the NCAA Tournament. This season, the Irish are proving that the glass slipper may still fit. A 78-64 win over No. 8 seed Southwest Missouri State in the first round set up a matchup between Notre Dame and top seed Texas Tech, who acted as host for half of the first and second round games in the Midwest region.

The Irish had their work cut out for them, as the sixth-ranked Lady Raiders were led by Alicia Thompson, who tallied 39 points in Tech's 87-75 first-round victory over Grambling State. In one of the most shocking upsets of the weekend, however, Notre Dame defeated Texas Tech 74-59 to advance to the Sweet 16.

"We had less perimeter shooting in the first half. We really didn't change our strategy that much in the second half. We had less perimeter shooting, and concentrated more on the inside," coach Muffet McGraw said. "She's an uphill battle from the start, as both teams jockeyed for the lead.

Notre Dame's tenacious defense kept Tech's perimeter shooting in check, as they went 3-for-17 from beyond the arc for the game. In the paint, the Irish swarmed Thompson and Angie Braziel, the two key inside players for Tech. As a team, the Lady Raiders shot just 27 percent from the field in the second half. Then, with 10 minutes remaining in the game, Notre Dame went on a 12-0 run to take a 55-44 lead and never looked back. They amazed me," McGraw said about the team's performance. "I'm proud to see our team come out with such poise, to come out and beat a team like Texas Tech."

On the offensive end, Notre Dame was led by Riley, who scored all 23 of her points in the second half. After picking up her second foul, she did not receive another for the rest of the game. "It was really frustrating to sit on the bench," Riley said about her thoughts in the first half. "I felt like I had to come out the second half and do something for the team.

During the first half, the height of the Irish team was carried by junior Sheila McMillen and freshman Kelley Siemon, with 13 and 10 points respectively. Senior Mollie Peirick had a game-high 11 assists in 34 minutes of action, while junior Diana Bradyjanz posted nine for the Irish.

Thompson, a first team all-America forward, was unable to duplicate her effort in the previous game, scoring 17 points to lead the Raiders. She led two other Tech players in double figures, with Braziel tallying 11 points and Julie Lake scoring 12.

"They really concentrated on the post area, because we did well there (Friday)," Thompson said. "They knew where to stop us and they did.

With the loss, the Lady Raiders (26-5) became the sixth team in as many days to fail to advance on their home court. On Saturday, Stanford fell to 16th-seed Harvard in the first round of West region action.

Danielle Green and company hope to build on their win over Texas Tech to satisfy championship dreams.

Icers fall short in CCHA semis

By CHAREY GATES
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The Notre Dame hockey team came within a lucky bounce of advancing to the semifinals of the Central Collegiate Hockey Association playoffs. The Irish dropped a heart-breaking series to Michigan in two games to one. Both losses were by one goal.

"It really could have gone either way," said junior forward Aniket Dhadhale, who notched his 25th goal this season on Sunday afternoon. But the Irish completed the eighth-best turnaround in CCHA history, improving on last year's 6-20-1 mark by 15 points this year.

"It is good to see that we're making progress," Dhadhale said.

The Irish can point to many other statistics to demonstrate the improvement they have made this season. They averaged 8.5 more shots per game, improved their power-play percentage 6.2%, and were the first-panalyzed team in the CCHA, yielding only 4.03 power plays per game.

The Irish also finished with an eight point first period scoring margin, compared with the 13-point first period deficit of last season. Notre Dame was also only one of two teams to finish in the top four overall in power play percentage and penalty killing.

"We were a young team this year," Dhadhale said, "and next year we are looking to make even bigger strides.

On Friday night at Yost Ice Arena, the Irish captured the first game of the playoff series with a 4-2 victory. The Irish jumped out to a 4-0 lead by the end of the second period. Freshman defenceman Mark Eaton, strong candidate for CCHA Rookie of the Year accolades, started the onslaught in the first period with his 11th goal of the season. Early in the second period, sophomores John Dwyer flicked home a high shot from the slot, pushing the lead to 2-0. Freshman forward Ryan Dooler and sophomore defenceman Nathan Borega closed out the scoring for the Irish.

Stellar senior goaltender Matt Eisler turned in a tremendous third period, stop ping 15 Wolverine shots, including a penalty shot by CCHA leading scorer Bill Muckalt.

"Eisler was the key all weekend," Dhadhale said. "My mindset coming into the game was trying not to do too much. This year, I have a great team in front of me, I just wanted to let the team win this game, which they did."

"This was an enormous win for our young program," head coach Dave Poulin added. "We have been building confidence over the last four years. We played very well."

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