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ND unveils program to monitor licensee factories

By TIM LOGAN

In an attempt to ensure compliance with anti-sweatshop provisions in Notre Dame's merchandising programs, the University announced that it will hire an accounting firm to monitor factories worldwide where Notre Dame clothing is made. The independent anti-sweatshop initiative will be accompanied by the creation of an on-campus task force to address the issue of sweatshop labor...

Associate News Editor

The Independent...
Letter urges university to adopt anti-sweatshop code

Schools and universities have been under increasing pressure to stop doing business with companies that are accused of exploiting workers and workers in third-world countries. The current situation represents a far-reaching critique of the economic system as well as a challenge to the core values of the university.

The move to boycott sweatshops is based on the belief that our universities should not profit from the exploitation of workers. Many international human rights organizations have called for the boycott of sweatshops and a number of universities have already taken steps to avoid supporting the exploitation of workers. This is an important step in the right direction.

The letter urges universities to adopt such a code of conduct and to make it clear that they will not do business with companies that are accused of exploiting workers. It is a strong statement that reflects the values of the university and the importance of human rights.

I urge all universities and institutions to support this movement and to adopt similar codes of conduct that promote the rights of workers and the fair treatment of employees. We must work together to ensure that the workers are treated fairly and that their rights are respected.

We need to do more than just boycott sweatshops. We need to support workers' rights and to work towards a fair and just economic system. This is a crucial issue that affects us all and that requires our collective action.

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Group receives expense update

By COLLEEN McCARTHY
Saint Mary's News Editor

An update of expenditures and a visit from the director of Saint Mary's Security highlight ed Tuesday's Board of Governance (BOG) meeting.

Anne Marie Buche, executive treasurer, presented a current budget report detailing the amount spent by the board so far this year and the amount remaining for the rest of the year.

Having spent $102,514.37 of the 1998-1999 budget, BOG is left with $23,622.63 to finish out the year.

"I recommend trying to have at least $5,000 remaining for startup costs for the new board," Buche told the group.

The board had a larger amount of money to work with than usual this year due to increased enrollment, explained Sarah Siefert, student body president.

Because a fee is assessed in tuition costs, this increase helps fund the student government budget.

Rick Chlebek, director of Saint Mary's Security, also addressed the board Tuesday, raising con cerns about campus security.

He suggested the board combine recommendations from the Perfors consulting group with ideas from students and Saint Mary's Security to present to the administration.

Chlebek submitted a list of security and safety improvements for board members to review and amend. Suggestions included increased lighting on campus as well as sidewalks in the circle outside Holy Cross Hall and along the road that runs between Holy Cross Hall and the security building in Regina Hall.

"Right now, with no foliage on the trees, it looks as though the campus is illuminated just fine," said Chlebek. However, Chlebek asked board members to accompany him on a campus safety walk after spring break to address areas of safety concern on campus.

"As young ladies, you might be more apprehensive to walk in some areas on campus than I would because they are dark," said Chlebek.

If the board works with Security to submit safety recommendations, there is a good chance these recommendations will be addressed and possibly implemented, Chlebek said.

"We have an administration now that is willing to listen to recommendations and that may be interested in implementing some of these recommendations," said Chlebek.

Board members will join Chlebek for a campus safety walk on March 16.

Debate team wins at Eliot invitational

By SHANNON GRADY
News Writer

Entering its 100th year on campus, the Notre Dame debate team has shown no evidence of aging.

The team finished first at the Eliot Invitational hosted by Washington University in St. Louis by winning the parliamentary debate and impromptu speaking titles and the sweepstakes overall.

The sophomore duo of Priarita Clements and Kate Hartman won the tournament's showcase event—the individual debate competition.

Overall, the team posted a record of 6-2.

"The final round was magical," Clements said. "I'm just tickled pink that we won. At Notre Dame we are about championships in all areas. If debate can add to that reputation—even a little bit—then all of you deserve praise.

The Notre Dame debate team scored 370 overall points, 40 points ahead of the second place team at the Feb. 12-14 event. This is the team's second first-place finish this year after capturing the title at the College of DuPage last month.

Chris Huck, a Notre Dame law student and coach of the team, said he is "immensely proud of these kids."

"This victory, coupled with last month's triumph at DuPage, is just a tremendous message to the region. This was an even bigger tournament than last time," Huck said.

Huck added that these tournaments are good practice for the national tournaments that will be held later in the year.

The success represents something of a turnaround for the team. Notre Dame dominated debate in the 1990s, but the activity declined over the years. Thanks to the team's young members, that trend seems to have been reversed.

Ensuring participation is a key to success, organizers said. The debate team advertises during Activities Night, and Huck teaches a debate class. The class is offered second semester and is listed under Film and Television. It is an informal class that counts toward extracurricular credits.

Huck said that anyone can join the debate team to learn how to become a better public speaker. No prior debating experience is needed.

"The girl I consider our best debater did not debate in high school," Huck said.

He emphasized that debate is a valuable skill and is useful in any profession. The debate team hopes to offer a showcase later in the year to demonstrate the specific events in which it participates.
Temperatures fall, grain prices rise

**Baby wheat vulnerable to winter cold**

Associated Press

Wheat futures jumped nearly four percent on the Chicago Board of Trade Tuesday, as forecasters for below-normal temperatures this weekend in major winter-wheat growing regions deepened concerns about crop damage.

Corn and soybeans also advanced strongly. On Chicago mercantile, cocoa tumbled to its lowest level in nearly three years, while crude gained.

Wheat rallied as market participants noted recent drenchers in the Plains have left crops emerging from winter dormancy particularly vulnerable to just such a cold spell that is forecast to arrive in the area by week's end. The National Weather Service said deep-freeze forecasters are calling for below-freeze nighttime temperatures in areas that account for some 75 percent of the U.S. wheat production.

Warmer weather helped some of the crop emerge early from the ground, leaving a larger portion vulnerable to late-season frosts because of a lack of insulating ground cover.

The gains were made on the back of a sharp advance on Monday tied to an improved outlook for the season in the near term — for export business. Egypt over the weekend made a large purchase, while Pakistan was considering buying about 300,000 metric tons from either the United States, Australia or Canada.

Corn and soybeans benefited from heavy fund buying by investors racing to cover positions following Monday's unexpected increase in U.S. stocks. Soybeans advanced after the government reported export expectations jumped 14 percent last week, although market participants expect gains to be limited today on reports of increased exports from Brazil.

In the meantime, dry weather in South Texas and parts of South Africa could hinder late production, reducing overall yields, analysts said.

Wheat for May delivery rose nine cents to $2.33 3/4 a bushel. May corn rose 4 1/2 cents to $2.15 3/4 a bushel. May soybeans rose 8 1/2 cents to $4.71 1/2 a bushel.

Cocoa for May delivery fell to lowest in nearly three years on the Board of Trade of the City of New York amid worries for crops arriving from Ivory Coast and Ghanian, the world's largest producing countries.

The peak consumption period, in which chocolate makers buy cocoa to make their goods, is winding down with the completion Easter holiday production. The heavy buying season is not expected to increase dramatically until late summer, when manufacturers begin gearing up for Halloween candy-making.

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Two Americans, six other tourists killed by rebels

KAMPALA, Uganda Rwandan rebels kidnapped and slaughtered eight foreign tourists, including two Americans, in a string of attacks turning a peaceful expedition into a forced march of terror and death, a U.N. official said Tuesday. Witnesses said Tuesday the dead also included four Britons and two New Zealanders, according to diplomats. At least a half dozen other tourists survived the attacks.

The rebels are "looking for Americans and British," said Hussein Kisumbi, manager of one of five tented camps at the Rwindi Impenetrable forests and a survivor of the attack. They killed four women and four men with knives, machetes and axes.

State Senate approves school takeover

LANSING, Mich. Under tight security, the state Senate on Tuesday passed a bill allowing Detroit's mayor to take over the city's troubled schools from the elected school board. Eight of the Senate's 15 Democrats joined all 22 Republicans to pass the bill 30-7. It now goes to the House, where talks are taking place to make the bill more palatable to Detroit residents. State police kept watch at the State Capitol.

Several major obstacles. It must be debated by Yeltsin's administration and the parliament.

However, the draft document still faces several "reform hoards."

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A group of Russian lawmakers proposed a

An Iraqi man searches through rubble after U.S. warplanes bombed communications centers that control an oil pipeline Monday.

Airstrikes jeopardize Iraq's oil exports

Associated Press

About half of Iraq's oil exports are in jeopardy after U.S. warplanes hit two communications centers that controlled the flow of oil through a key pipeline, an Iraqi official said Tuesday.

The damage from the strikes Sunday and Monday is so extensive that it will take a "long time" to resume pumping oil through the pipeline to Turkey, Hussein al-Fattal, head of operations for Iraq's Northern Oil Company, said. Officials tried to pump oil on Monday but failed, al-Fattal said. "We tried but we lost communications and control," he said.

The U.S. military has said American planes may have hit several sites in northern Iraq, including both of the two strategic centers. Al-Fattal estimated damages at $2.5 million.

The pipeline carries about half of Iraq's oil exports. Al-Fattal estimated the damage has cost Iraq at least $2.5 million.

Crude oil futures gained on the New York Mercantile Exchange amid speculation U.S. airstrikes on communications centers in northern Iraq had damaged a key oil pipeline and delayed pumping indefinitely.

U.S. and British planes, which patrol no-fly zones over northern and southern Iraq, have been striking Iraqi targets almost daily since late-December. The allies have said they are attacking military targets in response to Iraqi firing at the planes or bunkering its radar systems on them.

April light sweet crude rose 27 cents to $12.51 a barrel. April heating oil rose .54 cent to $2.48 a gallon. April unleaded gasoline rose .46 cent to 38.44 a gallon.

ELECTION 2000

Buchanan declares presidential bid

Associated Press

MANCHESTER, N.H. Pat Buchanan, the pugnacious conservative whose insurgent campaigns hobbled Republican front-runners in 1992 and 1996, launched a third White House bid Tuesday with a pledge to fight "a moral deficit that has become America's great enemy within."

Suggesting that the Clinton administration has contributed to "a polluted and poisoned" culture, Buchanan delivered a full-throated attack on the Democratic White House.

"This temple of our civilization has been desecrated, used to shake down corporate executives, to lie with abandon to the American people, a place to exploit women," he said.

He promised to stand against unfettered imports, freewheeling immigration, abortion, euthanasia, expanded judicial powers, a shrinking American sovereignty, at times, his own party — all familiar themes of a Buchanan candidacy.

Though he has a history of exceeding his predictions, many GOP strategists and conservative activists believe Buchanan's third race won't be charmed. Working against him this time: a swelling field of like-minded candidates, a greater demand for money and a relatively late start.

"I love Pat and I agree with much of what he stands for. But I can't construct a scenario where he has a chance to win," said Paul Weyrich, a leading conservative intellectual from Washington.

"It's like, bo-hum," said the Rev. Lou Sheldon, a conservative leader from California. "He's failed twice and will a third time."

Buchanan was hearing none of it.

"We need a new patriotism in America that puts country first, a new conservation of the heart that puts people first, and a new set of priorities where our party stands for something higher and greater than the bottom line on a balance sheet," he said.

A crowd of at least 300 yelled, "Go Pat, Go!"

"It is our calling to recapture the independence and lost sovereignty of our republic, to clean up all that pollutes our culture and to heal the soul of America."

And, to that end, I declare my candidacy for president of the United States."

Closing with his tradition al battle cry, Buchanan grabbed the hand of his wife, Shelley, and shouted: "As we say, money up and ride to the sound of the gun!"

"Pat can win if Washington doesn't democ rize him," said Tom Hamilt on of Braintree, N.H.

Buchanan's third campaign began where his others peaked, in this first-in-the-nation primary state.
Japan

Jobless rate hits record high

Associated Press

Japan's unemployment stood at an all-time high of 4.4 percent in January for the third straight month, as a record number of people lost jobs due to corporate restructuring and bankruptcies, the government announced Tuesday. The number of people seeking unemployment benefits rose by 340,000 in January from a year earlier to 1 million. That was the highest number since the government began compiling the data in the current form in 1984, the statistics bureau of the Management and Coordination Agency said.

The total number of jobless in January was 2.58 million, up by a record 600,000 from the year-earlier month, the agency said. Also, the number of people out of work after voluntarily departing from their previous jobs rose by 180,000 to 1.07 million.

The agency had originally reported December's jobless rate at 4.3 percent.

Russia

Companies criticize U.S. steel agreement

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

American companies that rely on Russian-made steel, a labor union that blames imports for widespread layoffs and a Russian exporter all told the Clinton administration Tuesday that they don't like import limits negotiated by the two countries.

The U.S. and Russia have agreed to various import limits on 16 different types of steel.

The agreement, which has not yet been finalized, would essentially roll back exports of those products to around 1997's levels.

Andrew Dillon, president of DSC Limited of Trenton, Mich., Implor International Trade Administration to make an exception to the steel on which his business depends.

He said Russia buys from Russia because it's difficult to get a reliable source of U.S. produced slab steel. Integrated mills use all they produce and other manufacturers buy as much as mini-mills are able to turn out, he said.

"No steel mill wants to sell slabs — it's the low link on the food chain," he said.

Andrew Dillon, president, DSC Limited.

IMF expects new loan agreement

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

A new loan agreement with Brazil is imminent, the head of the International Monetary Fund, Michel Camdessus, said Monday.

Camdessus told the Institute of International Bankers that economic revisions and structural reforms to underpin the revised accord have largely been completed. He said negotiators from the two sides are working out final details this week.

But it could be several more weeks before the IMF and other lenders release the second $9 billion installment of the $41 billion rescue package assembled in November for Brazil.

"We are now at a final stage of putting together necessary amendments to our arrangement of last November with Brazil, to introduce the changes required by the floating of the real," Camdessus said.

Last January Brazilian authorities let Brazil's real float freely against other currencies, standing a flow of reserves which were leaving the country at a rate of about a billion dollars a day.

"We have advanced a lot. We are now dealing with the nitty-gritty of the arrangement. The agreement will be a solid one," Camdessus said.

He reassured his audience of private-sector bankers they will not be required to play any formal role under the new agreement between the IMF and Brazil but said they may be asked to help in the future.

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Lewinsky will talk on tonight's 20/20 interview

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON
Monica Lewinsky is finally getting her say: about President Clinton ("I pity her") and her regret for hurting Hillary and Clinton ("a very sensual man ").

The trial offers the nation her apology for hurting whose trysts with the president Clinton ("I pity her") and Linda Tripp ("I pity her ").

Lewis would finally bring an end to everything because both of them had worked at the White House, working autom atic social promotion.

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The Daily News in New York also published excerpts from the interview on Tuesday. The newspaper said it had obtained a partial, unedited audio tape of ABC confirmed its story, but objected strongly in its

The first lady's spokeswoman, Marsha Berry, had no comment.

Barbara Walters of A.B.C. News won the first interview with Lewinsky since the former White House intern burst onto the headlines on Jan. 21, 1998. Lewinsky, who received immunity from prosecution for cooperating with investigators, was prohibited from speaking publicly until independent counsel Kenneth Starr's office gave the go-ahead.

The interview was timed to help promote her book: "Monica's Story," written with Princess Diana biographer Andrew Morton — which goes on sale Thursday.

White House spokesman Barry Tuov refused to comment. Asked if Lewinsky's words would finally bring an end to the story, Tuov said: "I think I can safely say 'No' to that."

ABC released brief excerpts from the interview on Tuesday:

"Is Bill Clinton a sensuous, passionate man?" Walters asked the 25-year-old woman.

"Gosh, I'll probably get in trouble for saying this," Lewinsky began before describing the president as "a very sensual man" who feels confused because of his "strong religious upbringing."

"I think he struggles with his sexuality because I don't think he thinks it's OK," she said. "I think he tries to hold himself back. And then he's not anymore."

Lewinsky had stinging words for her former friend, Linda Tripp, who secretly taped recorded their telephone conversations about the president and turned them over to Starr's investigators.

"I pity her," Lewinsky said. "I would hate to be her.

Lewinsky said she was drawn to Tripp at the Pentagon because both of them had worked at the White Housenow, where Lewinsky longed to return. She said she confided the affair to Tripp after her controversy: as "You're just the type of girl the president would like" and "I bet you could have a baby with him."

Bush may run for presidency in 2000

AUSTIN, Texas

Bush may not be getting enough buzz from his split with Pat Buchanan, the conservative

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Study: Light trucks pose greater danger

Associated Press

DETROIT - Officials at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration say more research is needed to determine what can be done to make so-called light trucks less dangerous in collisions with cars after releasing their latest crash test report.

Sport utility vehicles, pick-ups and minivans pose a greater risk of injury and death to drivers and passengers in cars, according to the report, released Monday.

The government agency conducted four tests involving offset front-end crashes between 1997 Honda Accord sedans and four other vehicles.

1998 Chevrolet S-10 compact pickup, a 1997 Dodge Caravan minivan, a 1997 Ford Explorer SUV; Toyota Motor Corp. said its sales rose 14 percent on surging demand for its Odyssey minivan and SUVs; Toyota Motor Corp. was up 19 percent; even struggling Nissan Motor Corp. managed a four percent gain.

At Ford, car sales fell six percent, a reflection of consumers' increasing attraction to larger, more versatile and safer trucks. But Ford's robust truck numbers were better than some analysts expected and helped it break the company's February sales mark set in 1996.

"The market's been roaring and there's no discernible interest in the sedan," said Bob Rewey, vice president of marketing and customer relations, Infiniti, helped drive Nissan's truck gains.

DaimlerChrysler said its car and SUV sales were up nearly nine percent, while truck sales rose seven percent. Combined SUV sales at the German-American automaker were up 19 percent.

The Jeep division set a February record.

Jamie Jameson, vice president of sales and marketing, said SUV demand remains strong despite increased competition. DaimlerChrysler's SUV sales were up 19 percent, led by the recent Jeep Grand Cherokee and the Dodge Durango.

"We're selling every one of those puppies we can build," Jameson said.

Honda's February sales total outpaced the record set in 1998 and was led by the automaker's best truck sales ever - up 75 percent and beating its previous truck record set last August.

The redesigned Odyssey minivan, made in Canada, had the biggest gain.

"Usually we see things cool off in the first quarter, but there wasn't even a pause this year," said Dick Dickie, vice president of American Honda Motor Co.

Toyota posted double-digit gains across the board and gained to break last year's February record. Strong sales of the Camry and Corolla helped boost car sales 16 percent, while big increases in demand for the Sienna minivan and Land Cruiser luxury SUV led to a 24 percent gain in trucks.

Strong sales at Nissan's luxury division, Infiniti, helped push car sales up 16 percent, while its truck sales rose 46 percent, led by the Grand Marquis, Mystique and Tracer posted modest gains.

Sales of Ford's highest-volume car, the Taurus, were down 23 percent, despite $500 rebates.

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Senate examines Y2K threat to business, medicine

WASHINGTON

The Senate dedicated Tuesday to the Year 2000 computer problem, looking at threats ranging from small-business bankruptcies to Russian missile malfunctions.

"Forecasting Y2K is a lot like predicting weather," Sen. Christopher Dodd said. "You can only track the storm and watch the effects."

Dodd, D-Conn., and Sen. Bob Bennett, R-Utah, who head a special Senate panel on the Y2K problem, issued a 160-page report outlining serious potential problems in health care, energy supply and government services if action isn't taken to change computers by the end of the year.

They also emphasized that, for most Americans, disruptions in vital services will be minimal. People can expect, Bennett said, "a bump in the road, but it will not be crippling, and it will not last for an undue length of time."

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Biomedical devices, the report said, are the "Trojan horses in the health-care industry's compliance."

Malfunctions in blood gas analyzers, for example, could shut down operating rooms.

While the pharmaceutical industry is generally well prepared, 80 percent of ingredients used in drugs come from abroad, many from countries that could face serious Y2K disruptions, the report said.

Bennett said telecommunication and power systems are in relatively good shape, but there's a real reason to worry about oil imports from such major suppliers as Saudi Arabia, Venezuela and Nigeria. All are 12 to 18 months behind the United States in addressing Y2K problems.

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I’m stepping out of the closet. Most of you will never look at me the same way again, and if my parents ever find out, they will disown me. I have not denied it, but I think it’s time that I acknowledge who I am and carry on with my life. I’m a Republican.

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**Letter to the Editor**

In a recent issue, The Observer ran several articles regarding the topic of affirmative action. With our privileged and rather sheltered lives here at St. Mark's, it is easy to praise affirmative action for its role in bringing different background candidates and the idea of race seems to have had negative things to say in our vein. Admittedly, life would be boring if we were all the same...

However, the articles—and, it seems, a large part of the sentiment surrounding affirmative action—recognizes how harmful affirmative action is. It denies opportunities to those in the "majority"—opportunities they need just as much as minorities do. At the same time, it wrongfully suggests that affirmative action is necessary to succeed without outside assistance.

Perhaps the most striking claim made by one of the articles was that affirmative action does not entail "preferential treatment and unfair advantages for minorities and women." Far from fiction, preferential treatment is at the heart of affirmative action plans. Let me share a few stories that I hope will convince you of this fact.

In the middle 1970s, my father took the civil service exam to become a firefighter in the City of Buffalo. At heart of civil service is the concept of merit-based hiring. Hiring the set of the ranking list. Simply, "the best person gets the job." When my father took the exam, he placed 36th out of several thousand applicants, so he should have immediately been hired. Unfortunately, because of minority hiring preference, he had to wait several years for a job—a job that never would have been offered to him if it were not for my father's sex.

Minority applicants who were ranked over others did not get preferential treatment only years after the list expired. Only several years ago, one of my uncles took the civil service exam (remember, the goal of civil service is objective hiring) to become a police officer in the City of Buffalo. Recently, hiring the set of the police officer exam (even more so preferential toward minorities than that exam) to hire more women, even though they had the qualifications and the abilities to be hired. That is, despite the fact that white males constitute the majority of applicants, in cases of affirmative action, all other factors being equal, they must be hired. That is, despite the fact that white males constitute the majority of applicants, in cases of affirmative action, all other factors being equal, they must be hired. That is, despite the fact that white males constitute the majority of applicants, in cases of affirmative action, all other factors being equal, they must be hired. That is, despite the fact that white males constitute the majority of applicants, in cases of affirmative action, all other factors being equal, they must be hired. That is, despite the fact that white males constitute the majority of applicants, in cases of affirmative action, all other factors being equal, they must be hired. That is, despite the fact that white males constitute the majority of applicants, in cases of affirmative action, all other factors being equal, they must be hired. That is, despite the fact that white males constitute the majority of applicants, in cases of affirmative action, all other factors being equal, they must be hired.

One of the articles in The Observer also praises the fact that more women are being offered "preferential treatment in the police department. That's great—if they deserve the jobs they are given. Many people do not know that physical standards are lower (read, preferential) for women than they are for men seeking the police officer physical exam) is not comparable to that of men. Affirmative action has everything to do with setting different—that is, unequal—standards for which women have the same chances of becoming a police officer. We need to stop trying to find equality of opportunity in a system that inherently is unequal. We need to end affirmative action.

Leah Ashe
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**University of Maryland**

The Pig's Gotta Be Penned Up

Did you ever wonder what it was like to live in Communist Russia or Hitler's Germany? Well, you already know part of it. Despite the popular misconception that we live in a democratic country, this country has become a police state. Marital law has been declared and all concepts about "the law" turned on their heads.

OK, so maybe it's not that drastic, but let me explain where I come from. When you see a police officer following behind you on the road, do you feel safe? Do you feel safer because you know that they are looking out for your safety and security in the population? Or, do you get paranoid and worried about what you might be suspected of doing?

I'm just saying, it's the latter. Wouldn't it be better if we could say "Get out of the way!" than let them think that we are suspecting them of doing something illegal?

I have a black friend who gets pulled over at least once a month just because he drives a nice car. The story is always the same. "I see your license, etc.; "Sure, officer." "What are you going?" "Home, officer." "You got anything in the car?" "The story is always the same. I see your license, etc.; "Sure, officer." "What are you going?" "Home, officer." "You got anything in the car?" "Sure, officer." "What are you going?" "Home, officer." "You got anything in the car?"

I'm just saying, if I were a cop, I'd stay away from doughnut, just because of the stereotype. How's that? If I am ever being mugged I want a cop, I'll say, "Officer, I need a doughnut."

The worst is when you fight a ticket. What happened to innocent until proven guilty? Unless you bring in extensive charts, witnesses, and expert witnesses, you're pretty much at the fates of the police. All you want is to plea-bargain for a lesser fine. Any cop can give you anywhere from a ticket to a warrant if it is unwaranteed and you refuse out of 10, they're gonna pay some kind of fine. Some justice.

A majority of cops are on some absurd power trip. They don't understand that the people they pull over are not criminals. If you are coming back from the District, my friend and I were both pulled over by a couple of these officers in our cars we're thrown to the ground at gunpoint.

Obviously, this is all just a story, but it is based on what I have experienced. People who have been pulled over for no reason should fight these tickets, just like white people do. People of color should fight these tickets, just like good white people do. We have a right to fight for our freedom, to fight for our rights, to fight for our civil liberties.

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There was a great deal of intrigue surrounding the need for Jimi Hendrix to produce an album for Capitol records to be released in 1970. Most of this stems from the all too common practice of musicians to sign any contract that comes across the table. But now, after a little over 10 years, the definitive Sebadoh has arrived.

"Is the definitive Sebadoh any good?"

Sebadoh has been known as the king of the lo-fi indie music scene since the conception of such albums as H (1991) and Bubble and Scrape (1993). These albums formed around a strong contrast in music — the acoustic folk melody and sneering rants. Barlow soon replaced the place of Gaffney and his rants. Barlow soon became known as that guy who wrote the smash hit "Natural One" as part of his side project called Folk Implosion. Sebadoh gained even more notoriety with "Ocean," the first single off of an amazing Harmacy record.

Now it's 1999, and Sebadoh has risen again with another new drummer, Russ Pollard. With a new drummer comes another new style for the band.

Gone are the days of screaming lyrics. Gone is the old spirit of Sebadoh. Like every alternative band today, Sebadoh has adopted the sound of the '90s. Songs like "It's All You" and "Flame" ring less true with the addition of electronic samples and tracks that are not included on the 1992 Band of Gypsys, which contained performances from the last two shows and was the last album that Lou Barlow authorized for release. Live at the Fillmore East contains releases from all four of the Fillmore East shows.

If you are a fan of Hendrix, you have no doubt heard recorded versions of many of the songs on these CDs. But at the time that they were performed, they were completely new to the crowd and somewhat new in the band. It was this point in Hendrix's career where he had only begun to experiment and let his creativity flow.

Live at the Fillmore East gives you a glimpse of an inspired artist who strived to be completely free with his music and pushed it to new levels. Hendrix incorporated elements of rock, R&B, soul and funk to create a very complex and new sound. You need not be a fan of Hendrix to sit in awe as you hear the music unfold.

Of note on this release are two alternate versions of "Machine Gun," a song that is heralded as one of Hendrix's greatest single achievements, as performed by the Band of Gypsys. Also included is a cover of Howard Tate's R&B song, "Sigh," which the band elevated to a new level — a very funky song.

This is a great set of CDs, containing some of the best music ever performed, in my humble opinion. With that said, I would have liked to see even more of the performances released, possibly in the form of a boxed set of the concert performances. However, this would entail a large number of CDs and would inevitably be very expensive.

It is also important to note that Live at the Fillmore East is more of an addition to the 1970 release of Band of Gypsys. Band of Gypsys represents the hand-picked songs for release and contains some of the better versions of the songs on Live at the Fillmore East. Such is the case with "Who Knows," which is one of the best songs performed at the concerts. The two albums together represent an important collection in music history.

James Schuyler
Let's say you have an episode of MTV's "Celebrity Deathmatch" featuring women in rock. Here's what would happen — Gwen Stefani over jaded, no doubt; Alanis over Gwen; Courtney Love over Alanis and in the championship round — Sleater-Kinney's Corin Tucker over Courtney.

Never heard of Sleater-Kinney? You will.

Last year, the fem-punk trio, consisting of vocalist Tucker, guitarist Carrie Brownstein and drummer Janet Weiss, was included in SPIN magazine even dedicated a lengthy article to the band. Sleater-Kinney is pop music, though edgier, harder and more danceable. Named after a street in their hometown of Olympia, Wash., the women rejected countless major label offers to stay close to home with the independent Kill Rock Stars label.

No one plays with more raw passion and vulnerability than Sleater-Kinney. They could be the illegitimate daughters of Patti Smith, playing as noisier, louder, harder and catchier than just about any other women in rock.

"I felt compelled to buy her second effort. But I might expect this album to sound anything like Living With Ghosts, an album that featured only orange. Or maybe kiwis, or honeydew, or anything just as bland. While her poppier second effort cannot be directly compared with her purely acoustic debut, it is nonetheless evident that the stellar songwriting and vocal prowess that characterized her first album have waned, only to be replaced with an overproduced backing band.

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To do the album justice, I must say that the songs are certainly charged, most of the album actually consists of slower numbers. "Carry Me" is a mournful yet poppy dirge, similar in many ways to Sarah McLachlan's "Sweet Surrender." "Christian," a guilty ballad, despite being compromised by synthesized drums, is the most radio-friendly. The two shouts on the album are the most radio-friendly.

bacco and the raucous chorus to make this the album's best song.

I liked Patty Griffin's first album so much that I felt compelled to buy her second effort. But I started to worry when I noticed the critics praising her "expanded" sound. My worries were confirmed. I'm not sure where Griffin was trying to go with the sporadic Flaming Red, but I think she might have had the radio dial in mind. Nonetheless, her latest effort can't destroy her past — I will always hold a special place for the phenomenal Living With Ghosts.

Jim Kelly

** (out of five)
Big East coaches want to change tourney format

Associated Press

NEW YORK
Big East coaches all agree that since the league expanded to 13 teams in 1990, its conference season tournament just hasn’t been fair.

The addition of Rutgers, West Virginia and Notre Dame forced the change in the tournament format to include a four-game first round for all teams, but the top three seeds.

To a man, the coaches agree the championship will always be one of the teams that only plays three games.

"To win four games on four straight days, even for a terrific basketball team, is one heck of an accomplishment. I just don’t know if many teams have ever done that," said Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun, whose Huskies (25-3) are the top seed in the tournament for the fifth time in the last six years.

"The extra day of rest before you start trying to win the Big East and then playing the following week, it’s a huge advantage.

The other teams with a bye into Thursday’s quarterfinals are Miami (21-5) and St. John’s (23-7). It’s a new area for Miami coach Leonard Hamilton. "I haven’t gotten to that day, but I’m sure it’s going to be nice," he said.

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"People want the Big East to go to the Sweet 16," said point guard Wayne Turner, a team leader. "But when I look at the stats from South Carolina-Mississippi game, Florida all head for this weekend."  Sunday’s toURN Am Ent. ""It’s a new area for Miami,"" Turner said. ""We’re a much better team's with a bye into Thursday’s quarterfinals are Miami (21-5) and St. John's (23-7)."" It’s a new area for Miami coach Leonard Hamilton. ""I haven’t gotten to that day, but I’m sure it’s going to be nice,"" he said.

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"If we can win two games in the tournament on a four-game losing streak, may even need a second chance to win one game to get to the tournament and they’re fine with that. We want to go there and win a couple of games."

Rutgers coach Jim Boeheim could feel confident his Orangemen would get an at-large bid, barring a shocking loss to Boston College. Still, there was something to campaign for the rest of the conference.

"With so many back and forths in the league it comes down to where did you finish," he said. "Our conference has three top 10 teams (No. 3 Connecticut, No. 9 Miami and No. 10 St. John’s) and a lot of other good teams. The conference deserves as many bids as possible. Providence and Rutgers can play their way in."

Connecticut, which won its opener over Miami last year as a 13th seed, needed a first-round win to keep its 23-year postseason streak alive because a team cannot be invited to the NIT with a sub-500 record. "The NIT would mean a lot to me personally and a lot to the program," said Hoyas coach Craig Elshirik, who replaced John Thompson following his sudden resignation during his 27th season at Georgetown. "Back in January, we were fighting for our lives to play consistently. We had a good month of February, winning some games. Give an awful lot of credit, if we do end up in the tournament, to the players for what they went through with the change."
Country’s Giants strike out

Associated Press

PEORIA, Ariz. — First things first for Garth Brooks.

“You might want to get a helmet,” San Diego Padres manager Bruce Bochy said the country singer as he headed out for his only at-bat in the club’s intrasquad game on Tuesday.

Five pitches later, Brooks was back in the dugout, apologizing to his teammates for striking out on a neck-high fastball from non-roster right-hander Salvador Rodriguez.

He didn’t deliver a hit, but he at least knew what was going on out there. He even managed a couple of foul balls.

“It was cool,” Brooks said a few hours later, when most of his teammates were long gone.

“I guess four out of the five pitches I was proud of. The last one I wasn’t. That’s the one I’ll remember. I was there. That’s why I was apologizing to my teammates. The guy on first has to be moved over and it was my job to do it.”

After whiffing, Brooks tapped the front of his helmet with his bat and motioned toward Rodriguez, 24, who played in the Mexican Leagues last year, as if to say, “Nice job.”

When Brooks got back to the dugout “he said he was sorry,” said scout Jeff Gardner, who was managing Brooks’ team.

“He’s such a good guy. He honestly feels like he let us down by striking out.”

Heck, Brooks even apologized to reporters later on.

“I know what I was doing. He just brought it a little harder than he did the first one,” said Brooks, who’s in camp on a non-roster basis to live out his fantasy and help kids-start baseball-related charitable foundation. “He battered me. He shook it off twice, so I knew he was coming with something I hadn’t seen. I’m sorry guys, I apologize to you, too. I don’t know what the ball I was thinking. It was clearly a ball.”

When he makes a mistake in batting practice, Brooks usually tells pitchers, “Pretty pitch,” “I’m sorry” or “My fault.”

This was his first real game situation. Brooks tried to take Rodriguez’s second pitch to right field, but fouled it into the screen covering the first-base dugout. He hit a weak foul down the third-base line, then took ball one.

“I’m not proud of the statis- tic, but I am proud of the at-bat,” said Brooks, who admitted he’d be thinking about it for a while.

“There’s a lot of pressure with that being the first in the majors, and the pressure from the fans is something I’ve never had to deal with before. I mean, I’ve never had anybody win it. It would have been a good home run.”

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Helton gives Rockies power, leadership

Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz.

He has talent, wealth and every reason to be brag, but Todd Helton cannot bring himself to utter words of self-promotion.

Instead, Helton rests his chin on the top of his bat and speaks in the humble tone of a man who has something to prove rather than one who represents the future of the Colorado Rockies.

“I’m definitely not what you’d call a star by any means,” Helton said before signing a four-year, $12 million contract Tuesday. "I don’t like to talk about it. It’s kind of awkward for me. I don’t want to be put into the spotlight.”

Helton, 25, emerged from the shadows last season by hitting .315 with 25 homers and 97 RBIs. He led all rookies in the major crown categories and finished second to Chicago Cubs pitcher Kerry Wood in the NL rookie of the year voting.

Wood finished nine points ahead of Helton in the closest vote in 16 years. While the residents in Helton’s hometown of Knoxville, Tenn., absorbed another perceived snub — Tennessee quarterback Peyton Manning finished second in the 1997 Heisman Trophy voting — Helton moved on quickly.

Was I disappointed? Yeah. For about two seconds,” he said. “Did I think about it again? No. I just get sick of hearing people talk about it.”

“If I was going to win it, I didn’t want to win it for myself. I wanted to win it for the Rockies because they’ve never had anybody win it. It would have been a good home run.”

Recognizing the talent in front of them, the Rockies avoided the rushed, no-spring training and asked if he could come in later — and would have been willing to think about signing a long-term contract if needed.

“It sort of blew me away,” said. While genuinely flat- tered by Colorado’s interest, Helton was clearlycomfortable talking about becoming a millionaire as the negotiations played out during the first two weeks of spring training.

Helton and the Rockies eventually agreed on a four-year deal that will pay him $750,000 in 1999, $1.3 million in 2000, $4.95 million in 2001 and $5 million in 2002.

“I hope I outplay my contract,” Helton said when asked if he feared the contract would become paltry in the age of exorbitant salaries. “That will mean the Rockies saved money and I’m playing well.”

The road to a six-figure contract unfolded slowly for Helton, a former first-round draft pick who was a two-sport star at Tennessee.

Playing with the pressure of replacing two-time All-Star Andres Galarraga, Helton in his first month in the majors, hitting .259 with no homers and $2.5 million in 2000, $4.95 million in 2001 and $5 million in 2002.

“We’re not normal people and that’s what I call it,” Helton said. “Some people are just naturally talented and naturally so good, it may bring tears to your eyes. But don’t worry, you can always just say it’s the onions.

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**Clippers still winless as Finley leads Dallas, 112-99**

**NBA**

DALLAS

Michael Finley scored 28 points and A.C. Green had 19 points to help the Clippers start the season high as the Dallas Mavericks kept the Los Angeles Clippers winless at a 10-3 overall victory on Tuesday night.

Finley added 18 points and Steve Nash and Gary Trent Jr. each had 16 to lead the Mavericks to their fifth victory in the last seven games.

Green, Trent and 17-year-old Taylor added 18 points and 13 rebounds each for the Clippers, who fell to 0-17 and remained only NBA team without a victory. The 1988-89 Miami Heat had 18 points in the league record for the worst start, opening 0-17.

Derrick Martin scored 14 points, Rodney Rogers and Tyrone Nesby added 13 each as the Clippers got as close as 97-87 on Rogers’ layup. But Finley scored 10 points off 10-for-13 shooting to lead the Blazers in the first half.

The teams stayed close in the first overtime, one of Malone’s patented turnaround jumpers went long, and Rider grabbed the rebound to force a second extra period at 94-94.

Hardaway’s 3-pointer gave the Blazers a 97-95 lead with 1:57 left in regulation, but Houston’s jumper tied the game with 34 seconds to go. In the final seconds of regulation, Ewing missed a 12-foot and the Heat missed four shots, including three by Stylist.

Trail Blazers 102, Jazz 100

Rasheed Wallace scored 22 points and sank two free throws with 17 seconds left in the second overtime Tuesday night as the Portland Trail Blazers fought off the Utah Jazz 102-100.

Portland prevailed in the matchup of the teams with the two best records in the NBA, improving to 6-0 at home and 10-3 overall. The Jazz dropped to 2-17, their worst start in franchise history.

Rasheed scored 10 points in the final quarter, all on free throws, and 17 to help the Trail Blazers to their first win of the season.

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man defense that prevented the Irish from taking the outside shots. For a team that averages 16 three-point attempts per game, Notre Dame displayed Ivey's absence with only seven.

Even with its Big East championship game-record 50 points, Connecticut's defense won the game. "It's our defense that wins games for us," said Auriemma. "It's hard to play us and beat us at full strength, especially when [Notre Dame] doesn't have her."

The Huskies capitalized on Ivey's absence from the opening tip-off. With freshman Sherishu Hills starting in her place, Auriemma's defense targeted outside shooter Shelia McMillen, keeping her to just 2-6-7 shooting from the field.

"They put a lot of pressure early on," said McMillen. "And I think early on we just didn't adjust right away."

By the time they worked to spread the defense, Connecticut had already handed the Irish a double-digit deficit—one they could not overcome.

Unable to pose much of a threat outside, the Irish relied heavily on their post players—Ruth Riley, Kelley Siemon and Lute Henderson—to generate 43 of the team's points.

Other than Henderson's nine points, the usually hot Irish bench went cold Tuesday. It contributed only four points to Notre Dame's effort.

McMillen never rested Tuesday night, playing all 40 minutes. Riley was also on the court for most of the game, only coming out late in the second half because of foul trouble.

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all-tournament team honors, but their effort wasn't enough to lift the Irish to an upset victory.

"Our defense was pretty good, but Notre Dame made it look bad at times when they attacked the basket," said Auriemma. "We were able to keep the pressure on the whole game though and we took advantage of the opportunities we got."

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"It's our defense that wins games for us," said Auriemma. "We were able to keep our concentration and our defense in check."

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Despite playing almost the entire game, Ruth Riley was unable to lead the Irish to victory last night versus UConn.

Despite the extended playing time of McMillen and Riley, the offense was unable to keep up with the Huskies, and Notre Dame's defense could not keep the "run and gun" Huskie attack in check.

The deep bench on Connecticut's side of the court kept the team fresh at both ends of the game and able to avoid the Irish's quest for a victory.

While the Irish came off the season's biggest loss and Ivey's injury, UConn hit the game at its season's peak, sifting the Irish with two huge losses in as many days.

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Payton feels better

Associated Press

CHICAGO

The condition of Chicago Bulls great Walter Payton has stabilized and he is sleeping better, an aide said Tuesday.

The Hall of Fame running back, the NFL's all-time leading rusher, had been experiencing increasing nausea and muscle pain until last week when his condition "levelled off," said Ginny Quirk, vice president of Walter Payton Enterprises Inc.

"He has stabilized, the doctors gave us official word of that Thursday," she said. Payton continues to live in his South Barrington home and has had less trouble sleeping lately.

Payton is suffering from a rare liver disease and needs a liver transplant. A number of friends have offered their planes to fly him to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., on an emergency basis when a liver is available.

Men's Tennis

Irish to take on No. 54 Spartans

By NATHANIEL DENICOLA

Today the Notre Dame men's tennis team looks to continue its streak of success as they travel to Michigan State to take on the 74th-ranked Spartans.

After the Irish took down the Buckeyes and the Hawkeyes, the Irish have been on fire. They blanked Iowa 7-0 last Tuesday, convincingly defeated Boise State 6-3 on Wednesday, smoked Ohio State 7-0 for their second shutout of the season and, for good measure, triumphed over Indiana 4-2 on Monday.

The Spartans stand in the way of a five-game winning streak, which would be a season high for the 24th-ranked Irish. Michigan State currently holds a 2-3 record after suffering 6-1 defeat to Florida last match.

In San Antonio, Rodman ran into Jordan and Tim Duncan, two individuals who embody leadership. Only through those two individuals were Rodman and his side show kept at bay on the court as his life became more extravagant off the court.

Rodman comes to a Lakers team that just fired its head coach, Del Harris, and does not have a leader of Jordan's or Jackson's magnitude.

With his successful NBA history, O'Neal cannot command Rodman's respect. Bryant is only 20-years-old. The rest of the Lakers are either too passive, too old or too scared to try to control Rodman.

In the words of Van Exel: "If he [Rodman] comes in with his great rebounding, sometimes he always brings to the game, he's going to be great for that team. If he comes in with all his antics and just about tells Bryant, 'I'm going to make Rodman the show, he's going to kill the game.'"

Barry Miller and Rodman flirted with the notion of a "Rodman day" and for having more entertainment value than efficiency. However, Rodman is too valuable to the Lakers, but sitting courtside was none other than Jordan, sitting next to Jack Nicholson, snickering at the game he left behind.

Maybe he was laughing at Barkley and his comments; maybe it was at Bryant trying to take his place; or maybe it was at the Lakers face with Rodman.

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THIS IS WHERE IT GETS GOOD
McKeown, Stanley lead sluggers past Southern Illinois

NEW ORLEANS, LA

The Notre Dame baseball team exploded for seven runs in the third and fourth innings on its way to a 15-5 win Sunday afternoon over Southern Illinois, in final-day action of the University of New Orleans Invitational at Privateer Park.

Notre Dame (3-4) scored a pair of runs in the third inning to force a 2-2 tie before taking the lead for good with a five-run fourth. Senior lefthander Chris McKeown (1-0) pitched three scoreless innings in relief of junior righthander Scott Cavey to record the win.

McKeown scattered three hits over the three innings while recording three strikeouts and no walks. Junior rightfielder Jeff Perconte paced the Irish offense with a 4-for-4 day at the plate, four runs scored and two RBI. "Chris was really the key to that game," said head coach Paul Mainieri. "He pitched so magnificently out of the bullpen.'

Southern Illinois (3-3) used three hits to score twice in the bottom of the first inning, but Cavey kept the Irish within two runs in the second inning, when he stranded runners at second and third.

Notre Dame tied the game in the third inning, thanks to a double down the leftfield line by freshman catcher Paul O'Toole. Perconte's RBI single to left and a run-scoring double to right by surging freshman centerfielder Steve Stanley, who racked up four hits before the day was done.

"I think special recognition should be given to Stanley, who had such a rough start," said Mainieri. "Through the first five games of his career he hadn't had a base hit. Then on Saturday he had a couple of hits before getting three hits and a sacrifice fly on Sunday. It was really good to see him getting it going.

Irowing briefly regained the lead with a run in the bottom of the third, after a triple and RBI groundout, but Cavey then worked out of another jam by stranding two more Saluki runners.

Junior leftfielder Jeff Felker drove in Notre Dame's first of five runs in the fourth inning, with a bases-loaded single through the left side of the infield that plated senior first baseman Jeff Wagner, who had walked, went to second on a fielding error and took third on an infield single by junior DH Matt Nussbaum.

O'Toole then drove home freshman third baseman Andrew Drevline with a sacrifice fly for a 4-3 lead, followed by RBI singles from Perconte, Stanley and Wagner.

Perconte doubled with one out in the seventh and slide third on a ball-four pitch to sophomore second baseman Alec Porzel. Stanley then plated Perconte with a single and Porzel later scored on a wild pitch before Wagner singled home Stanley for a 10-3 Irish lead.

Notre Dame tacked on four more runs in the seventh, highlighted by a Porzel triple that plated O'Toole and Perconte. Stanley followed with a sacrifice fly before junior shortstop Brant Ust sent an opposite-field shot over the rightfield fence for his third home run of the season.

A single run in the eighth umped the Irish advantage to 15-3, after Felker reached on an error, went to second on a single by freshman catcher J.P. Drevline and scored on a throwing error. Facing a potential end of the game by the 12-run rule, SIU came up with two runs in the bottom of the eighth versus freshman righthander Matt Buchmeier, cutting the lead to 15-5.

Irish sophomore All-America righthander Aaron Heilman threw just four pitches while shutting down the Salukis in order to close out the ninth.

The Irish sluggers travel to San Antonio, Texas, this weekend. They will take on highly-ranked Penn State on Saturday before Saturday and Sunday.

"I feel really good about our team. I feel like on Saturday and Sunday we really showed our potential," said Mainieri. "The key for us is going to be whether or not we get consistent pitching. If we do that we're about ready to put it all together."
Seniors Wyche and Hickey lead by example

By JOEY CAVATO
Assistant Sports Editor

"It wasn't supposed to happen like this. Two of their classmates weren't supposed to leave after one season. Younger players were supposed to fill the void and contribute to the rebuilding process, but that didn't happen either. The only constants throughout Notre Dame's first four years in the Big East conference have been senior captains Phil Wyche and Antoni Hickey. Neither has been spectacular, but both solidly played their supporting roles. Pat Garrity and Troy Murphy filled their biographies in the media guide with awards and honors, but Hickey and Wyche contributed the foundation of Notre Dame's rebuilding. "When I came to Notre Dame, I wanted to be a part of the rebuilding," Wyche said. "I thought our class would be a big part of the program getting back to where it used to be. Unfortunately, due to transfers and injuries and all kinds of things, it didn't work out quite the way I planned." "There's been a lot of adversity," Hickey said. "It would have been easy to just quit or transfer but that's not Tony and our chemistry. We stuck through it and we wanted to be part of this foundation that was the beginning of the Big East." Stuck through it they have, and they have also given more to this team than what one usually looks for in the statistics. "I let you that together they haven't missed over five practices in four years and last says a whole lot," MacLeod said. "Dinged up and banged up they continue to battle. They have really been great representatives for the team and the University." "They've been leaders in the locker room," Troy Murphy said. "Phil has really helped me out as far as talking to me about players coming up and referees and how to deal with different things in the league. He's been so valuable to me personally just helping me out and Tony is probably the funniest guy I've ever been in my life and he's a great guy. They've both made me feel at home when I first got here and they've really helped me out in adjusting to college life." Things definitely would have been easier for Hickey and Wyche had the Gary Bell, Doug Gottlieb and Keith Friels stuck around, but Hickey and Wyche don't shy from hard work. "They want the team to win, I guess that's what sets Antoni and Phil apart," MacLeod said. "Do they want to score? Sure. But if David and Troy and Harold can score and help us win and Phil and Tone are on the floor they'll take it. It's about the team, not so much about who scores the points. Tone and Phil both would say they're glad these freshman came here." Hickey and Wyche have not lead the team to great accomplishments such as 20-win seasons or NCAA Tournament bids, but their four years have not been unproductive. "These two kids have done a lot of things that people don't talk about," MacLeod said. "They've helped youth programs. They spent a lot of time with young kids. They're not full of themselves. They're well-respected. How can you not respect two kids who work as hard as they do?" After being a part of all the Big East "firsts" for the Irish, Hickey and Wyche would like nothing better than to lead the Irish to their first Big East Tournament win today against Seton Hall. "We had a lot of ups and downs in my four years here," Wyche said. "But I think we made great strides in being competitive in the Big East and I think we got better each year in the conference." "This is a must-win game for us," he continued. "We have a chip on our shoulder knowing that we haven't won a game yet. It is something that we're getting real geared up for." After the Joyce Center crowd gave Hickey and Wyche a standing ovation on senior day last Sunday, Murphy put an exclamation mark on the victory. He hustled down a pass from Graves and brought the crowd to its feet with a tremendous dunk. Graves and Murphy had big smiles on their faces, and when they were taken out of the game they were greeted by Hickey and Wyche. "This freshman class is what I envisioned our freshman class doing," Wyche said. "They have a solid foundation for the future and I definitely think we're heading in the right direction. We're right there and I think we need to make that next step to put over the top." "Hopefully we created a good foundation that was successful for the other guys," Hickey said. "It's great and that's what I wanted. I wouldn't trade my four years for anything. It's been a great experience." "Hopefully it just carries over," he continued. "It would be a good transition. That's all I ever wanted to see was to see Notre Dame be successful and I think it definitely headed in the right direction." MacLeod knows that Hickey and Wyche are also going in the right direction. "They're going to make a contribution when they leave Notre Dame outside of basketball, and they already have," MacLeod said. "They've gained a great deal of respect they've grown. You can't help but really respect what they've done."
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Irish on a roll, not looking for one of their games this season with a hand injury. "In the past, we always depended on others to carry the load, but this year is different. Everyone has contributed all season." While they played the game like any average contest, four Huskies players -- Svetlana Abrosimova, Asha Jones, Shea Ralph and Tamika Williams scored in double digits. And unlike UConn's average regular season game this year, most of coach Geno Auriemma's players were healthy and in uniform.

It was a different story for the Irish, as Notre Dame dropped its 10th-straight loss to the Huskies because of a short bench.

Losing point guard and the leading scorer Niele Ivey for the tournament Monday night with a knee injury, the Irish certainly were not playing their usual game. Notre Dame faced a man-to

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