ND professor earns prestigious position

By JESSICA DAUES
News Writer

Peter Garnavich, Notre Dame physics professor, is currently enjoying the professional privilege of his life as a member of the Supernova Intensive Survey team, a select group of astronomers who are using the Hubble Space Telescope to watch a celestial occurrence, the debris from a collision such as this in our galaxy. Remarkably, Garnavich and his colleagues were able to observe the gases and the condition of the star before it exploded. Earlier this month, Garnavich and his colleagues were able to observe the gases begin to glow as they were bombarded by 40 million-miles-per-hour debris. On Feb. 2, four new knots of superheated gas appeared for the first time. "The real fireworks show is finally starting, and over the next 10 years things will get spectacular," said Garnavich. "It helps that the Hubble is giving us an unparalleled view." The Hubble Telescope allows Garnavich and the members of his team to observe and gather more accurate information about the rings than any other telescope on earth. "The air in the atmosphere is constantly moving, which scatters light and blurs the view of the images of the telescopes here on earth," said Garnavich. "The Hubble Telescope, on the other hand, is above the atmosphere. We can get a clearer picture by using the Hubble Telescope." Joining Garnavich are Supernova Institute Survey team members Robert Kirshner of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, Nick Suntzeff of the Cerro Tololo Observatory in Chile, George Soenborn and Jason Pun of NASA Goddard Space Flight Center. Later this year, the team plans to use the Hubble to make follow-up observations and watch what is considered to be the one of the biggest celestial collisions ever seen.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Catholic isn't all that counts

In choosing to attend Saint Mary's, I was fully aware of its Catholic affiliation. However, as schools that explicitly pride themselves on the diversity of the student body, I was pleasantly surprised that Saint Mary's and the Notre Dame communities would be open to other faiths and cultures as well. Though both schools receive much of their funding from Catholic organizations, one would hope that such "liberal" schools would not try to impose their beliefs on their attendants. To me, this does not seem to be the case.

One of Tuesday's letters to the editor proposed that admission to Notre Dame be dependent not only on grades, test scores, etc., but also on the students' compli­ance with Catholic doctrines. The writer suggested that students must agree with Catholic doctrine to attend.

I am retirees with the Catholic stance regarding sex as well, but do not restrict my sex on campus. Possibly the administration truly believes that if the students go out to parties with alcohol, they are breaking campus policy. It is true that students often do walk around in inebriated states on a Friday night, follow the sound of loud music and people, and try to find them. Perhaps I am one of the few realistic people who see that within a large university, there will be a group of social young people, sex happens. My friends tell me that at their non-religious affiliated schools, they need no further than their RA's for advice, information, condoms, etc. It is appalling that this community doesn't even offer the opportunity for students to be safe if they do engage in the forbidden intercourse.

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MIT receives $350 million gift for brain research

MIT officials said brain research has great potential to improve human health and quality of life. They also said that the institute will offer opportunities for undergrad­uate and graduate students in work with the program.

The new institute will be named the McGovern Institute for Brain Research. Its founding director will be MIT Professor Philip Shaffer, former chair of the MIT biology depart­ment and a 1993 Nobel laureate in medicine.

MIT plans to construct a new building to house the program. The new institute will have a team of 16 researchers, 10 of whom will be new faculty members. The faculty members will hold appointments in departments related to brain research, such as biology or electric­al engineering.

FADDA drug-question policy changes

Students who leave the new drug offense question blank on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) can still receive financial aid because of a U.S. Department of Education decision last week. In response to more than 100,000 applicants who left the question blank, department officials decided to add a warning in the Student Aid Report to those who didn't fill out the question. Under the new rules, applications missing a response for the question that asks if the stu­dent has ever been convicted of any criminal offense will be processed, but students must still officially tell officials if they have been convicted. Before, schools would not process applications that did not provide an answer to the question, said Lisa Cain, spokeswoman for Student Financial Assistance for the Department of Education. Cain said students who left the question blank thought it didn't apply to them, which slowed the process­ing of the forms. The question resulted from the Higher Education Act of 1998, and was intended to stop stu­dents convicted of selling or buying drugs from receiv­ing aid.
Observer announces top positions for '00-'01

By FINN PRESSLY
New Writer

Noreen Gillespie and Tim Logan will serve as managing and assistant managing editors, respectively, for the 2000-2001 academic year, editor in chief and assistant managing editors, respectively, for the 2000-2001 Observer's Editorial Board. 

With the editor in chief, the managing editor and assistant managing editors are ultimately responsible for the editorial content and daily production of the newspaper.

Gillespie, a LeMans Hall sophomore, is from Newtown, Conn. A political science and sophomore, is from Newtown, Conn. A political science and...
Panel: Diversity is essential for understanding others

By KRISTEN ALLEN

Students spoke about the importance of going abroad and being open to new cultures at Wednesday's student-run forum, "McCulture: Americanism vs. Cross-Culturalism."

"To enjoy cross-culturalism, you need cultural diversity," said Carol-Luc Jonard, a French exchange student at Notre Dame.

Going abroad not only opens students to new cultures, it also gives students a better awareness of their own culture and identity, the speakers agreed.

"Cross-culturalism is founded on friendship and mutual trust," said freshman Annamarie Binde mage, an American who lived in Germany for eight years. "Understanding itself and promoting it is the basis for personal identity and international peace."

"Going abroad is first interesting because you learn about the French culture and also about your own culture," Jonard agreed.

"Embracing oneself in a new culture is not always an easy thing to do, however. You need to be daring to step out of your own self because it's scary to be faced with new ideas and choices," said junior Lina Sidrys, who studied abroad in France and is of Lithuanian origin.

Sidrys also warned of the danger in having too strong a national identity because of the risk of ignoring the identity of others. She emphasized the importance of awareness and understanding.

"The key to cross-culturalism is looking through a different lens to view culture from a different angle," she said.

"It's the idea that people are the same the world over but you have to look at your own identity to be able to fully understand different cultures," said Angela Cantu, a junior who spent a year in Spain, agreed.

"We [the United States] are one of the most diverse and developed countries in the world and mutually one of the most ethnocentric," she said.

Cantu also spoke of nationalism in Spain and the difference between Spain and the United States. "Spain's essence is clear on the collective, 'Guelga de ser espanol'— pride of being Spanish," Cantu said. "It's a very passionate and unifying force—a concept of self that seems so clear to them and yet so muddled for us."

Many countries are resentful of the United States, senior Tim Keller said. He spent the summer working for Honeywell Corporation in Moscow. He discussed the Russian perception of Americans and the need for better education.

"Compared to communism, democratic Russians have to worry for the first time about where they are going to work, where their children will be educated, and where they can obtain healthcare. Under the communist regime, all these needs were provided by the government," he said.

"Other countries are exporting their goods to Russia, so much so that Russian-made consumer goods are almost nonexistent. The result is a severe cash outflow resulting in continued stagnant domestic development," said Keller.

"It doesn't really matter what field you're going to work in," said Binde mage. "Cross-culturalism is going to help you personally, and in your career."

The discussion panel consisted of five students of different cultural backgrounds and experiences. McCulture is a student-run forum sponsored by The Nazario Institute for European Studies.

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By MICHAEL HARRISZ

Members of Tuesday's panel emphasized the importance of experiencing other cultures to understanding the world and oneself.

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fairly. "It was not just a quick, spur-of-the-moment election. Information was passed along to freshmen. Monday's results were thrown out, and the voting was totally redeemed. It was a fair election," Dovidio said.

While Moscona said the process of taking part in two elections was very frustrating, he echoed Dovidio's sentiments.

"I think the Election Committee member handled this situation in the best, most fair way possible," Moscona said.

The Moscona and Foley tickets will join the 2001 tickets of Rachel Germeraad and Elliot Nelson in Thursday's run-off elections. Voting times are 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m.
TEHRAN, Iran

Authorities on Tuesday ordered a partial recount of votes cast in Tehran during parliamentary elections to "dispel anxiety" about possible fraud, state media reported. The official Islamic Republic News Agency said the recount would be done in the next five days in the presence of observers from the Interior Ministry and the Guardians Council, which supervises elections. Reformists allied to President Mohammad Khatami won the top 29 positions in a slate of 30 seats allotted to Tehran in the Feb. 18 elections. The 30th seat who finished 31st, IRNA did not say how with hard-liners. The recount apparently was won by former President Hashemi Rafsanjani, a once popular leader who faced dismally because of his increased association with hard-liners. The recount apparently was ordered because of complaints by a candidate who finished 31st. IRNA did not say how many ballots would be recounted.

**MOZAMBIQUE**

A Mozambican family stranded on a small island in the flooded city of Xai Xai waits to be rescued as water levels in the area continued to rise Tuesday.

**Floodwaters trap Mozambicans**

Associated Press

LIONDE

Thousands braced Tuesday evening for a third terrifying night stranded in trees and on rooftops surrounded by swiftly flowing muddy water that stretched for miles in every direction. Most people trapped near the submerged village of Londe had not eaten since early Sunday, when they fled a 6-foot-high wall of water that surged through Mozambique's already flooded Gaza province. South African helicopters working from dawn to dusk for three days seemed by Tuesday to only have made a dent in the numbers needing rescue. The helicopters had rescued 550 Mozambicans by noon Tuesday, in addition to the 4,800 plucked from floodwaters the previous two days, said South African Air Force Capt. Hugo Wetch. From one tree alone, a helicopter hoisted an old man and six women with their babies on their backs to safety onboard, where they sat staring blankly ahead, still in shock. Some frightened victims hid when the helicopters approached. Others refused to be rescued. While Sithole said the helicopter terrified him, but that he was very glad to be brought away from the water. "But now I may die because my stomach is empty," he said, adding that he had not eaten since Saturday night. Some people managed to build platforms in the trees, and tied bicycles and other belongings to the branches. Some managed to get their goats up into the trees; slaughtered them and cooked the meat over fires made on metal sheets. Others had only the clothes on their back.

The helicopters dropped their human cargo on a stretch of road just feet above the rising flood waters, where many milled around in shock, looking for relatives.

Aid workers, who estimated about 1,000 people had been brought to the road, tried to usher the crowd to a village on higher ground.

**Six-year-old boy murders classmate**

Associated Press

MOUNT MORRIS TOWNSHIP, Mich. A 6-year-old boy shot a little girl to death in their first-grade classroom Tuesday, a day after they may have scuffled on the playground.

In a school shooting made especially shocking by the age of the young­sters, the boy fired a Bul­let from a .32-caliber gun inside a rural Elementary, near Flint, 60 miles from Detroit, striking his 6-year-old classmate in the neck. She died a half-hour later. The boy was taken into the custody of the state child welfare agency. Prosecutors did not say how they think he got the gun, though they said it had been reported stolen in December and was in the boy's home. President Clinton said he was told the boy's brother gave him the weapon. It was unclear whether the shooting was acciden­tal or intentional. "It would appear from the investigation so far that there may have been some sort of scuffle or quarrel on the playground the day before the shoot­ing between this little boy and this little girl," Genesee County Prosecutor Arthur Busch said. Regardless of what the investigation reveals, it may be impossible to bring charges against the boy, the prosecutor said. But he said someone may face charges for enabling the boy to obtain the gun. "There is a presumption in law that a child ... is not criminally responsible and can't form an intent to kill. Obviously, he has done a very terrible thing today, but legally, he can't be held criminally responsible," the prosecu­tor said. "We will get to the bottom of how that gun got into that little boy's hands."

The boy is by far the youngest gunman in a series of deadly school shootings that have rocked communities around the country over the past three years. In 1998, two boys, 11 and 13, opened fire at a mid­dle school in Jonesboro, Ark., killing four girls and a teacher.
Bush takes all Virginia delegates, leads Republicans

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Va. — George W. Bush forged a winning coalition of Republican regulars and the religious right Tuesday to deal rival John McCain a stunning defeat in Virginia.

Even as next week’s 13-state presidential showdown loomed, the Texas governor declared, “We are one step closer to having a united party.”

The see-sawing Republican presidential race was fought also in North Dakota and Washington state, but Bush won the bulk of the day’s delegates, 26, in the capital of the Old Confederacy.

“I’ve proven I can bring Republicans out in big numbers,” Bush told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. “We are expanding our base without destroying our foundation.”

McCain congratulated Bush, but dismissed the victory as part of “a Southern strategy” for a candidate who won’t win elsewhere. However, McCain is looking ahead to next week’s “Super Tuesday” voting. “We have a broad section, a cross-section of America voting all on the same day,” McCain said.

The Texas governor won because Republican voters overwhelmed independents and Democrats who crossed party lines in support of McCain, a warning sign for the Arizona senator as he prepares for New York, California and Ohio in 10 other states conducting GOP contests.

One day after McCain labeled certain evangelical leaders “agents of intolerance,” religious conservatives accounted for 20 percent of the Virginia vote. They backed Bush 8-to-1, prompting the governor to say, “The voices of Virginia rejected the politics of pitting one religion against another.”

McCain’s best showing was in the Washington suburbs, the most moderate region in the state, according to surveys of Virginia voters conducted by Voter News Service, a consortium of the AP and television networks. Bush beat him elsewhere.

On the Democratic side, Bill Bradley and Vice President Al Gore squared off in Washington state. No delegates were at stake, but the former New Jersey senator hoped for a symbolic victory to breathe life into his troubled campaign.

With 89 percent of the Virginia precincts reporting, Bush had 295,348 votes, or 54 percent. McCain had 233,051, or 43 percent, and Al Gore had 3 percent.

Bush won all 56 delegates with his victory in Virginia, giving him a total 149 compared to McCain’s 96 so far. A candidate needs 1,232 delegates to win the Republican nomination.

Bush’s victory fit a pattern set by early primary victories. McCain wins if non-Republicans sway to GOP primaries, the Texan wins if Republicans dominate their primaries and caucuses.

In New Hampshire and Michigan, site of McCain’s two victories over Bush, Democrats and independents accounted for about half the total vote. In South Carolina and Virginia, two Southern conservative states won by Bush, two-thirds of the vote came from self-identified Republicans.

Virginia’s results may serve as a warning for McCain as the campaign heads into states such as California and New York that bar or place restrictions on non-Republican voting.

In upcoming primary states, Democrats will conduct competing elections that could siphon votes from McCain.

The Arizona senator had hoped to follow his victory last week in Michigan with an upset in Virginia to fuel his momentum headed to March 7 contests, a “Super Tuesday” of voting that could shape the contest.

Backed by Gov. James Gilmore and the rest of the Virginia GOP establishment, Bush could not afford a loss in Virginia after leading in polls for weeks.

Bush dismissed suggestions by McCain’s campaign that the victory reaffirms only that Bush can win Southern conservative states. “I won Iowa. I won Delaware. We’ll see what happens March 7,” Bush said.

Even as votes were cast in Tuesday’s contests, where a total 87 GOP delegates were up for grabs, the Republican candidates camped out in “Super Tuesday” states.

Trailing among Republicans in delegate-rich California, McCain reversed course and decided to participate — by a satellite TV hookup — in a Los Angeles debate on Thursday in advance of next week’s voting there. The Bush camp said he might also take part by satellite.

The increasingly bitter campaign is pitting McCain and his coalition of independents and Democrats against Bush and the GOP establishment. McCain may have widened the divide by strongly criticizing certain evangelical leaders and portraying Bush as a captive of the religious right.

McCain also attempted to tie Bush to a conservative South Carolina university that has espoused anti-Catholic views.

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**Sister Jeannine Gramick, SSND**

Sister Jeannine Gramick, a doctorate in teaching from UPenn and a doctorate in teaching from UPenn and a masters in Math from Notre Dame. She will be visiting Notre Dame to speak about the implications of a recent Vatican order prohibiting her from counseling gay and lesbian Catholics. She will discuss the repercussions of the Vatican decision, including human rights, Catholic teachings on homosexuality, and privacy of conscience.

"I am asking my Notre Dame Sisters, other women religious, lesbian and gay Catholics and their families, our US Bishops and all the people of God to help me find creative, collaborative ways to lift the burden of this directive from my shoulders. I believe that creative solutions to the dilemma I am facing will ultimately be advantageous to lesbian and gay Catholics and the whole Church."

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**WASHINGTON**

**Drug bill faces stiff resistance in House**

**Amended Press**

It will probably take five years for intensified U.S. efforts against Colombian narco-traffickers to succeed, the Clinton administration's top anti-drug official told Congress on Tuesday.

Larry McCaffrey, director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, offered the assessment as he and other administration officials defended President Clinton's proposed $1.6 billion plan to fight coca producers and their heavily armed guerrilla allies in the South American country and its neighbors.

Though some of the money would be for continued anti-drug efforts in nearby Peru and Bolivia, the bulk of it would go to Colombia, which U.S. officials say is by far the world's leading cocaine producer.

So far, despite support by House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-III., Clinton's plan has run into significant skepticism in Congress. Critics say they fear the proposal could lead the United States into another open-ended, Vietnam-like intervention, and that the money would be better spent trying to curb the demand coming from America's drug users.

"I personally think we have to think of it as a five-year effort," McCaffrey told members of the House Appropriations Committee's subcommittee that oversees foreign aid. By then, he said he believed there would be "substantial reductions of drug production."

Subcommittee Chairman Sonny Callahan, R-Ala., said that while he supports the administration proposal, it is in serious trouble in Congress because of unanswered questions about long-term strategy and other concerns.

"If the bill were to be brought up before the House today, it wouldn't pass the House," Callahan said. Rep. Nancy Pelosi of California, the subcommittee's ranking Democrat, said she opposed the current plan and warned that its approval would mean "a five to 10-year commitment which will cost U.S. taxpayers in excess of $5 billion."

 Colombian government efforts to combat coca growers and the 22,000 leftist rebels and right-wing paramilitary groups who protect them have had little success recently.

The $1.6 billion Clinton wants, to be spent this year and next, would be used to provide Colombia with 63 helicopters and for training, intelligence assistance and other aid to the country's military. It also includes money to entice Colombian coca farmers to produce other crops and to buttress the country's judicial system.

With some lawmakers warning that the proposal could result in American troops being killed, McCaffrey said only Colombian forces would carry out military operations. Currently, there are up to 200 American military personnel in Colombia, a State Department official said.

McCaffrey said, "There is no thinking at all, zero, for U.S. military intervention in Colombia," he said. "About 90 percent of the cocaine used in the United States is grown in Colombia and even through the country. McCaffrey said that while coca production in Peru and Bolivia has dropped in recent years, it has grown in Colombia from 230 metric tons in 1995 to 520 last year, he said.

Clinton's proposal is part of a spending request he has made to Congress for the current fiscal year that has grown to $5.2 billion. About half the total is for U.S. operations in Kosovo and the Balkans, while much of the rest is aid for American victims of last September's Hurricane Floyd and other disasters and for international debt forgiveness.

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SAME GOES FOR THE CONSEQUENCES.
Ireland

Divorce rate rising in predominantly Catholic Ireland

Associated Press

Dublin

Three years after divorce became legal in this traditionally Roman Catholic nation, Maura O'Reilly has found that breaking up Irish-style is not so hard to do.

"Here's all my divorces, under D," the 42-year-old O'Reilly says, painting in her Rolodex the names of a dozen people—including her own fiancé—who she has helped guide through Dublin's busy family law courts over two years after her own divorce.

"I was opposed to divorce for much of my life, on religious grounds. It takes a decade in a humiliating, abusive relationship to wear that faith away," says O'Reilly, a former legal secretary.

Divorce, which became legal in Ireland after receiving only a razor-thin majority in a 1995 referendum, looked unlikely to cause barely a ripple in a society that, despite its majority adherence to Catholicism, has a pragmatic streak longer than Dublin's River Liffey.

"We live in the real world. We know some couples won't resolve their difficulties, and that maybe it's the right thing that they should break up," says Liz Farly, a counselor for Accord, the Roman Catholic Church's network of marriage guidance centers in Ireland.

"We don't say divorce is against church teaching. We never say to a couple that they have to stay together, or that, yes, it's right to split. But I'd be in favor of honesty in personal relationships, and banning divorce never prevented separations or second unions," Early says.

More than 9,000 people—about two-thirds of them women—filed for divorce from 1997 to 1999 in Ireland, court records show. The number is far fewer than the 20,000 that had been predicted.

That's partly because Irish law requires divorcing couples to demonstrate they have lived apart for at least four years. Applicants usually first negotiate a separation agreement—for decades the only legal recourse available to estranged couples.

As a result, it is common for couples to live together outside marriage, particularly in the cosmopolitan capital. Last year, some 30 percent of births in Dublin occurred out of wedlock, Ulster's prime minister, Bertie Ahern, reflects this confused reality. A Catholic, he separated from his wife two decades ago and travels internationally with his one-time secretary and longtime partner, Gella Larkin. He has dismissed suggestions that he divorce and remarry.

"Living together has become very socially acceptable in urban Ireland," says the Rev. Gordon Linney, Dublin archdeacon of the Anglican Church of Ireland.

"Linney's denominations, a tiny minority in Ireland, never called divorce or remarriage a sin. But in deference to the country's long-dominated Catholic values, Anglicans have obtained divorces in Britain rarely were permitted to remarry in Irish services until after the 1995 referendum.

Linney says he conducted only one marriage involving a divorce in the first four decades of his ministry, but has performed about one a year since 1995.

"Whether or not the government had introduced divorce legislation here, the reality of marriage breakdown was there for everybody to see," he says.

"The institution is probably in better shape today to the extent it's more honest. When I was growing up, an awful lot of marriages were absolute shams, with women in particular trapped with violent husbands. That's changing."

O'Reilly went through that ordeal. In 1979, she married a man who abused her physically and emotionally and had a string of girlfriends. Her 1989 separation left her raising four children alone.

Still, she never considered divorce until her estranged husband started harassing her and her new partner, a retired Irish army officer who was also separated and had custody of his two children.

"I thought a divorce would get rid of him for good," she says of her ex-husband. "I wanted something to say he's really gone — it's legal. But when you've kids together it's never really over."

With her background as a legal secretary, O'Reilly learned enough about filling in the right forms to become the home-grown divorce adviser in her north Dublin neighborhood.

People have sought her advice, particularly on how she managed to prove her court papers, for $4.

"There was a time in my life when I needed help desperately and got it, and now I'm glad to be in a position to return the favor," she says.

But regular Catholic churchgoers like O'Reilly remain conscious of their divorce status. She speaks quietly so that a group of elderly women nearby can't hear.

"They look like 'no' voters," she says. "I had a friend who said after the divorce, 'I'm not talking to her — she's ex-communicated.' But she was joking. I think, and mostly people accept your situation for what it is."

Making peace with her church was less straightforward. O'Reilly felt uneasy about what others would think if she received Communion, or whether the priest might publicly refuse her.

So she went and talked to him. The response renewed her faith.

"He was very understanding," she says. "He told me, 'Maura, what I'm going to say isn't for everyone, but it's for you. You're in a loving, supportive relationship and that's good — so don't stay away from the altar.'""

O'Reilly also appreciates her new love, Dave Ward. She gushes about how gentle and funny he is, about the engagement ring flashing on her finger, about the new car and deposit he's provided for her new suburban home — and about their plans not to marry and share that home for several years yet.

"It's not a case of one bittern, twice shy, really," she says. "We've agreed to wait 'til the children are grown, so we can have our nest to ourselves.'"
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STUDENT UNION BOARD

The Student Union Board is now accepting applications for all non-executive positions on the 2000-2001 board. Applications can be picked up outside of the SUB Office in 201 LaFortune, and must be returned no later than Monday, March 6.

the executive council

underneath it all is the executive council, comprised of the directors of each sub department and the board manager. this crazy group covers all the essentials — including steering sub toward its vision of providing for the notre dame community. the exec board bares it all for the sake of the masses.

the controlling department

money, money, money! the wise sub controllers eat, sleep and breathe finance, they keep our budget out of the red, and a tight grip on the purse strings, the controllers are the real professionals of sub... but don't worry, they sometimes do loosen their ties and get crazy with the rest of us!

the department of operations

at the center of sub is the operations department. keeping the office running smoothly is their forte. they are sub's own cheerleaders, keeping morale and spirits high (and, yes, they can do a mean tootch.)

the department of creativity

this wild and wacky committee puts the flair in sub. they draw the crowds in with their creative advertising and eye-catching gimmicks. our graphic designers achieve the feat of promoting all of sub's events.

movies

grab your microwave popcorn and 56oz diet coke! the big screen is here! blockbuster hits such as "star wars: the phantom menace," and "austin powers" provide guaranteed excitement every weekend.

concerts

sub's concerts committee brings big name bands right here to campus. famous entertainers such as the barenaked ladies (see, fit right in with the theme!), toast the wet sprocket, indigo girls, beck, rusted root, third eye blind, cowboy mouth, and others have headlined in recent years.

special events

the special events commission puts on nutty events ranging from pumpkin painting to comedians to other fun stuff pertinent to the time of year they bring all kinds of fun to notre dame.

antostal

this wild and wacky committee organizes antostal (the blowout spree of activities before spring finals set in). fun stuff like bouncy boxing, big wheel races, jousting, and jello pits are just some of the crazy events that make this the "best college spring festival" in the country!

campus entertainment

looking for a little entertainment? search no further! this crazy commission sponsors loft shows featuring up and coming bands. past performers include the drovers, smoking popes, archers of loaf, and push down and turn. campus entertainment also spices up notre dame thursdays with acousticafe! and don't forget nazz in the spring!

college jazz festival

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ideas & issues

are you just dying to see and talk with headline personalities? well, sleep tonight knowing that this is the mission of the ideas and issues committee! they feature big names such as james earl jones, ben & jerry, elizabeth dole, robert kennedy jr., billy joel and newt gingrich.

THE BARE FACTS ON COMMITTEES

services

did someone say there's no such thing as a free lunch? well, they had better talk to sub's services commission! how about free coffee, free laundry, free massages, and other stuff...free!!!

the programming department

sub programmers are the brains behind this whole project. (don't tell the other departments this!) when programmers put on their thinking caps, watch out — magic happens! they plan all of the cool sub events, like concerts, lectures, festivals, and movies. (i told you they were smart!)

stadium operations

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cultural arts

ever dreamed of being a chinese acrobat? ok, neither have i but this stuff is cool! cultural arts promotes awareness of these fun kinds of things, including music, literature, drama and dance. they also sponsor trips to see plays in chicago, on-campus touring groups, and more!
Please come join us in a vigil of hope for the healing and speedy return of our good friend Conor Murphy, a sophomore in Zahn Hall who was this week diagnosed with leukemia. Stop by the Grotto today to light a candle and add to the ongoing prayer for healing. Also, please contribute to a journal of encouragement which will be there and which will be sent to him. The vigil will culminate in a liturgy at the Grotto at 6 p.m. today, Wednesday, March 1st.

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Announcing the Year 2000 Annual Awards of the Albert Ravarino Italian Studies Travel Scholarship

Thanks to a generous gift from the Albert Ravarino family, the Italian Studies Program is pleased to announce the year 2000 annual competition for travel in support of summer research and foreign study in Italy. Grants will be made in amounts not to exceed $3,500, and will not normally cover all expenses. Notre Dame graduate and undergraduate students who are planning to pursue research or a formal program of summer study in Italy are invited to apply. Students must have completed at least one year of Italian language. The course work will normally be in Italian; will involve the study of Italian language, literature, and culture; and must be applicable to a student's degree program at the University of Notre Dame.

Recommended programs for foreign study include, but are not limited to: Loyola University in Rome, Boston University in Padua, UCLA in Pisa, Miami University in Urbino, Columbia University in Scandiano. Interested students are encouraged to consult the materials on Italian foreign study in the Department of Romance Languages, 343 O'Shaughnessey Hall.

Students are invited to submit a letter which should include:
1) an explanation of how the proposed research or foreign study will enhance their degree program at Notre Dame;
2) a personal statement indicating their background, interests, and long-term goals;
3) a description of the research project or the program they intend to follow;
4) a budget indicating the costs involved;
5) the names of two references.

Application Deadline: Friday, March 10th, 2000
Albert Ravarino Italian Studies Travel Scholarship Program in Italian Studies, 343 O'Shaughnessy Hall, University of Notre Dame.
"He's got a nice booty, a six pack, blond hair, blue-eyes. Oh! And he's tan from surfing." That is the ideal boy among the girls with whom I have grown up. Yet my relatives tell me, "Don't marry an American (meaning Caucasian) because you'll only end up in divorce." But there are very few Filipinos and minorities in Newbury Park, Calif. And when I gather with other Filipinos, I am considered "white washed" because of where I live and the way I dress and talk.

However, when I am around Caucasian boys, I feel unattractive because I look different. So basically, I am stuck. Those are the feelings of the confused adolescent I used to be. At times I would wonder if I was not trying hard enough to suppress my Filipino heritage in order to seem more normal and, therefore, more attractive. At other times I would wonder if I was Filipino enough to be accepted by my "own kind."

Dating two of other races has helped me to clear up my confusion on inter-racial dating. I had always considered inter-racial dating a good thing because it seemed natural to me — my mother is half-Italian, half-Filipino and my siblings and cousins prefer to date Caucasians. But only recently through my experiences have I developed a more in-depth opinion on this issue. While heritage adds to a person and his or her character, it does not make the person.

Race or ethnicity can add to a relationship, but it does not make the relationship. Rather, personality and character is what should draw two people together. Racial differences should not limit a person from discovering a beautiful and compatible companion. While my family has tended to have a bias towards same-race dating, it has been accepting of inter-racial dating with Caucasians. My aunt has been married to an Irish man for more than 20 years. Looking at their relationship, I find it encouraging because my aunt does not suppress her Filipino upbringing to be more compatible with his husband. Rather, my uncle embraces the Filipino culture and attempts to learn as much as he can about her wife's heritage. My uncle, out of love, has stepped outside his "comfort zone." In return my family has accepted him. However, family can often add tension to an inter-racial relationship. I remember my relatives' reaction to my first boyfriend, who was Persian. "Be careful, they don't treat women right." "He might seem nice now, but just be careful." Much of this ignorance came from the media, but it was difficult bringing him into my family. I became a threat to his family, too. His father would threaten to stop paying his college tuition if he continued to see me. Apparently his father felt that "Filipinos are disgraceful Christians who mistreat Muslims." I had never felt so enraged and so misunderstood. Rather than letting the anger get the better of me, though, I used it in a positive manner.

During that relationship, and during subsequent relationships, I shared Filipino customs, traditions and foods with those I dated. In the process, I learned more about who I am and became prouder of my heritage. In return, it has been just as important to learn about my partner's heritage. Personally, I have always had an affinity towards cultural awareness and learning about new people and traditions. Learning about a partner's heritage helps me to understand him better as a person. Moreover, my family and friends learn to be more understanding and accepting.

By advocating interracial relationships, I am also advocating cultural awareness. Yet as I stated earlier, heritage does not make a person; it adds to or detracts from his or her character. Geographic upbringing and the demographics of your environment also are strong influences on one's personality and interests. My sister considers herself more compatible with a Caucasian (blond hair, blue-eyes) man from the suburbs than she does with a Filipino who grew up in the city. When looking at my sister's relationship, I have observed that she is with her boyfriend not because of his race but because of their common interests — interests that have been influenced by their geographic upbringing.

"Love is colorblind." I'm sure you've heard that before, but have you really thought about that statement? Sometimes I think we create boundaries and set limits on love. While love itself is colorblind, the love between two people can be colorful. Sharing cultural differences, and embracing diversity makes relationships richer. It can also add to the excitement of dating. However, it is easy to assume things about people based on their appearances.

Setting mental boundaries prevents me (or anyone) from a wonderful and even life-changing encounter. I find it more fulfilling getting to know people rather than avoiding race.

Jennifer Guintu is a student in the First Year of Studies, The Office of Multicultural Student Affairs column appears every other Wednesday. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Be wary of horrible hospital care

Call me somewhat biased in my opinion, but my 73-year-old grandmother, Marguerite McFarley, seems to me to be thoroughly fair in the individual to the world and, on occasion, some of her relationships. Go ahead, ask her how her dog was, and of the past 24 hours she'll recount the good, the bad, and the ugly.

Oh, I've heard all sorts of gripe but lately at the top of Grandmother's list are two things: nurses and hospitals—not all of them but indeed a very "ugly" few. Of course, Grandmother hasn't sworn off medical treatment altogether, it's just that going to get it makes her think twice now. More specifically, if those in charge of administering care fail to perform their duties. Just so we're on the same page, we're talking neglect, generally. She is not one to cry foul if that happens. She simply gets angry. With still more seriousness, she also mentioned seeing some very painful consequences.

After listening to her, the nurse apparently decided Grandmother's bladder was finished. She flung the wash cloth at the woman in the tub and walked angrily out of the room. There you have it, three scenarios, three inexplicable and wholly unnecessary outcomes. But I propose another scenario. One day, months after her stay at the hospital, my grandmother sees a picture of Hospital X's president in the local newspaper. He and a patient are mugging for the camera while a photo caption reads, "just prior to hospital X's cleaning of the coin laundry.

Yet realizing that she got the shaft from Hospital X's staff, my grandmother asks to speak to the president. She is denied, because all Grandmother wanted to do was talk to a representative from the president's office. Grandmother is not satisfied with this option and for the year she asks for correspondence and phone Hospital X to set up an appointment with the president. She is denied time and again.

The truth of the matter is, how is the event really happened. It's a shame, too, because all Grandmother wanted to do was tell the Big Cheese about her experiences at the hospital.

She didn't want to get involved in a lawsuit. She didn't want any of the nurses in question to lose their jobs. She just wanted to tell her story. Given the circumstances of her hospital visit, the very least Big Cheese could offer her is her ear.

Bottom line here; well, that's hard to say. I could tell you that President X deserves the chance to tell his or her story. Or I could warn you to be cautious when it comes to investing your trust in medical care providers.

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Some changes
I'd like to make

There are some good and some bad. It comes with the territory. If you have nice grass, you probably have nice weeds. If you enjoy cheese-cake, you probably have fat thighs. Just like Brev Mikkoan told us. Every Rose has its Thorn. Notre Dame has some thorns too. But I think we can try to trim them off and spend more time smelling nice.

Here are some suggestions:
I think the girl's dorms should be locked up during the day. Everyone knows bad stuff only happens at night.

Easier to cool the campus in North Quad about bad gender relations. Well, that might be due to the fact that the boys are locked out of the girl's dorms. And in the big scheme of things, men are still basically the predators and we are the ones to go out and hunt for girls. Along those same lines, I encourage all girls to cut through boys dorms on their way to class so we can all get a good look at you.

I would also like to propose something for the ROTC people. If they are going to look all too serious in their uniforms anyway, they might as well walk out, "Hello, two, three, four" all the time when they are wearing their uniform. They would look a lot more professional. I also think that more people would be interested in joining ROTC, programs if they gave out poppers earlier in the program. Then we could have a Notre Dame gym class that would have parties where crazy band guys fire bullets out of their mouths. Yet another conventional desire. I have to have a shoe store on campus. Currently there is one only length and one style of shoes that can be bought at the bookstore. At the Notre Dame shoe stores. There is a lot more out there.

One neat religious change: Drill a hole in "Touchdown Jesus'" mouth, and in the winter we could blow steam out of it to make it look like he is breathing.

College is often a time where a lot of us lose touch with our little kid inner selves. To remind us of the simple joys in life, I propose that we put in a room about the size of Debartolo one. Light Bright Art Class.

The floor would be two feet deep in light bright parts. That could even be a youth would be a room about the size of Debartolo one. Light Bright Art Class. And what about sledding? That is a fun activity, but there are virtually no sledding hills around here. So let's build a Mount ND. I'm sure there is some money lying around somewhere for this. We could put Mount ND right by one of the lakes, and in the summer we could put a giant water-slide on the mountain that pours out into one of the lakes.

A few more quick ideas are a "Maintenance meet the snow day," waterbeds in the dorms, another college within the University for clowns and a "kiss me if you're ND" shoelace store on campus. Currently there is one only length and one style of shoe that can be bought at the bookstore. At the Notre Dame shoe stores. There is a lot more out there.

In the spirit of David Letterman's recovery from quintuple bypass surgery, the folks at "Late Night" have fun with a Letterman dummy. The show won big numbers during the sweeps month, though Dave's hospitalization probably wasn't planned.

Let's sweeps sweeps into the garbage

For the past four weeks, television writers have been blessed by pure, never-before-seen quality (presumably) television. Things happened on our favorite shows that didn't typically happen. It was a special four weeks, in TV land.

And here are the landmarks:
- Maude Flanders died on "The Simpsons." "Cops" and "The X-Files" merged into one show (for only one episode).
- Somebody married a multi-millionaire on a show appropriately titled: "Who Wants to Marry a Multi-Millionaire?"
- There was a homosexual kiss between two male gay characters on "Will and Grace.
- David Letterman returned from quintuple bypass surgery, Santana larked everyone's behind at the Grammy's.
- "Voice of the People," perhaps in the most exciting two episodes in "ER's" long run as NBC's top show, something happened that changed the lives of two of the show's characters. This something brought in 39 million viewers, making it the most-watched show since the last episode of "Seinfeld." And what was this something? It was the stabbing of youthful doctors John Carter and Lucy Knight. Carter, who's been with the show since its inception, did not die. Knight, who is finishing up her second season on the medical drama, did it. Certainly was riveting television, and unfortunately, it is taking a hiatus.

If you look at today's date, you'll notice it is the first day of a new month. It's March, and that means that it's time for that pure television of last month to be lost in springtime, until it comes time for the television season to end in May.

Why? Why is this so? Why do television executives tease us with this stretch of great TV, only to let us down with a long stretch of reruns, reruns and more reruns?

While it's pretty much a given that it's all done for money, sweeps periods are where advertisers reevaluate where they want to put their money, based on ratings and demographics and all that other stuff. The normal television viewer doesn't really care about why such calamity occurs.

Now I know we can't blame anyone for putting Letterman in the hospital, and allowing him to come back at the height of February sweeps. And the Grammy's are a traditional awards show. But the other sweeps "events" seem to be over-hyped, super-dramatic, expensive things of TV adrenalin that, while viewers love it at the moment of release onto the airwaves, falls flat soon after.

So come tomorrow, when everyone switches to WNLO- Ch. 16 to watch NBC's famed Must See TV, a hushed wave of disappointment will spread across not only this campus, but America. For we will see an old episode of "Friends." We will see an old episode of "Fraiser." We will see an old episode of "ER." (This is why there were no "Scenes from the next "ER" shown after last week's show, by the way).

And to know the only reason this unfortunate shift in programming is that the calendar has shifted from February to March, I am at a loss for words. Though I do understand the basics of the economy behind commercial television, I am also a committed television viewer.

So my plea, to the TV writers and producers who probably will never read this column, is: Forget sweeps. I know this will never become a reality. If only the energy got into giving us an hour of that disappointing "what could have been" episode of "Friends" was devoted to making the other Thursday night comedy "Jesse" as more consistently funny sitcom. If only Letterman could have saved a few bypasses for April. But, as I have said, this will not happen. Though it would be a step in the right direction of making television more viewer-friendly and more enjoyable to watch, it will never happen.

And that, perhaps, is the most unfortunate aspect of being a television-watcher. Things never go the way you want them to go.

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BP: Everybody knows your name

By JACQUELINE BROWDER
Assistant News Editor

You can see it from the towers of Grace and Flanner. You can see it from the library and from Stonebenge. You can see it from the doors of Lafauinte. You can even catch a glimpse of it from the North Dining Hall. Are we talking about the Golden Dome? No, we’re talking about Breen-Phillips Hall, a small dorm with a big presence on Notre Dame’s campus. Breen-Phillips, located on the southeast corner of North Quad, is one of the oldest dorms on campus. Built in 1939 and converted to a women’s dorm in 1973, BP is home to some of the most talented and vivacious women on campus, according to its residents.

“The women of BP are all over the place,” freshman Leigh Bothe said. “Whether a girl is celebrating a birthday or going through a difficult time, there is always a tremendous amount of support.”

The spirituality in BP takes precedence as well. Each Sunday and Wednesday, residents gather in the chapel of St. Francis of Assisi to attend mass. “Mass is a place where our residents come to be shaped as Christians and to affirm their faith,” Davidson said. “This commitment to their faith influences their everyday actions and personal choices.

This commitment was lauded when BP received a special Apostolic blessing in 1994 from Pope John Paul II. BP also has a great history of interhall sports championships. Winning interhall titles in soccer, basketball, football, and most recently, volleyball, the Babes uphold an upstanding athletic reputation on campus. Legendary football coach Frank Leahy even had an office in the halls of BP.

As for tradition, BP celebrates the opening of football season with an annual tailgate breakfast where the women can be seen marching to North Dining Hall in their pajamas. BP’s mascot, formerly the Banshees, was changed this year to the Babes as a clever play on the dorm’s rather robust reputation.

“Having the not-so flattering stereotype of the Bay of Pigs gives BP a fun loving and spirited attitude and distinguishes us as a dorm,” said junior Kerry Donovan. As one of the smaller women’s dorms on campus, BP is a place where “everybody knows your name,” said freshman Jessica Manske. “I feel like I’ve gotten to know most of the freshman here as well as a lot of upperclassmen, which I don’t think I would have gotten to do had I been in a larger dorm.”

This past weekend, BP held its third annual beach party, a night of music, dancing and tropical fun on an otherwise rainy February night. The spirited Babes spent most of the afternoon decorating their sections, turning the dorm into a tropical paradise. Jimmy Buffett would have been proud to call home. More than 70 percent of the dorm attended, making BP’s winter SYR a great success and a lot of fun.

“There is a great sense of community here. I love being involved in the dorm because you get to meet so many people you wouldn’t otherwise get to interact with,” said hall co-president Mary Ellen Wilson.

RA Jamie Fanning agreed. “Breen-Phillips is the most unique place I’ve ever lived,” she said. “If I had the opportunity to do it again, I would live here. I love living here, and wanted to be an RA to give back what BP has given to me. However, I feel like I’ve only gotten more out of it. BP just keeps on giving to you.”

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Source: Nielsen Ratings
Miller's 24 points lead Pacers to victory over Pistons

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS - Reggie Miller scored 24 points and falen Rose had 20 as the Indiana Pacers overcame a 15-point absence of Dale Davis and Al Harrington to beat Detroit 115-105 Tuesday night and extend their home winning streak to 23 games.

Grant Hill led the Pistons with 37 points and Jerry Stackhouse added 32, but they got little help from their teammates.

Davis sat out with a pulled hamstring and Harrington had a bruised calf muscle. Both scored 18 points and grabbed 13 re bounds, Mark Jackson added 13 points and 13 assists and Austin Croshere, playing for Davis, added 12 points.

The Pacers have not lost at Conseco Fieldhouse since December 2, 1997, and beat Boston 107-99 on Thanksgiving Day.

Chris Webber hit two baskets as the Pacers scored the game's first six points, but Cr aton scored seven points to pace an 18-3 Indiana run over a 10-2 flurry late in the second quarter to extend the lead to 33-23.

Stackhouse missed all seven of his shots in the first half, but 6-7 from the free throws and 10-12 from 27 feet away gave the Pacers an 81-70 lead.

Both teams played for the first five minutes, but the Pacers raced ahead on two free throws by Kobe Bryant and successively scored the 87-85 with 34.3 seconds to go.

After Da mion Stoudimore missed a 17-foot jumper, O'Neal was fouled and made one of two free throws to lead 88-85. Webber pushed another lead to 93-87.

The Pacers got a two-point lead to end the first quarter, but the Grizzlies started the second half with an 11-3 run over the first six points.

Bill House had five points and six rebounds in the first period, but it was attendee Joe Smith who led the Pacers with 20 points and 10 rebounds.

The Game ended 116-112 in overtime, the Grizzlies leading by 11 and the Pacers 11 points behind.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Rockers re-signs with Atlanta for 1 year

Associated Press

KISSIMMEE, Fla. - John Rocker, suspended until May 1 for his offensive comments against gays, foreigners and minorities, agreed Tuesday to a one-year contract with the Atlanta Braves.

Terms of the contract were not immediately available. The 25-year-old left-hander was one of the Braves' lowest-paid players last year at $217,500.

Rocker had 28 saves, one short of the franchise record, but does not have enough major league service to be eligible for arbitration. That severely limited his bargaining power and probably meant a contract of $300,000 to $350,000.

The players' association has appealed Rocker's suspension, which covers all of spring training and the first 28 days of the regular season. A decision by arbitrator Shyam Das is expected this week.

The Braves also signed outfielder Freddy Garcia to a one-year deal. He has a chance to make the team as a bench player.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

McGraw nominated for Coach of the Year

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame women's basketball head coach Muffet McGraw has been named one of 15 finalists for the Naismith Women's College Basketball Coach of the Year Award. It is the second straight year the 13-year Irish mentor has been a finalist for the award.

The winner, selected by Naismith's National Advisory Board members, NCAA Division I coaches, former Naismith Award winners, NCAA Division I conference commissioners and media representatives, will be presented with the award on April 8 in Atlanta, Ga.

McGraw has guided the Irish to a 24-3 record and 15-1 mark in Big East Conference play this season. Notre Dame has enjoyed a top-10 ranking throughout most of the season. Currently, the Irish are ranked sixth nationally after spending six weeks at No. 5, their highest ranking in school history.

McGraw, who owns a 265-113 ledger at Notre Dame and 373-154 overall mark in 18 seasons, has led the Irish to seven consecutive 20-win seasons. This year, the Irish won a school-record 20 straight before losing to top-ranked Connecticut on Sat., Feb. 26, in their regular-season finale.

McGraw has led Notre Dame to four consecutive 20 NCAA tournament berths and six overall. Her 1997 squad made the school's first and only Final Four appearance, while the 1998 team advanced to the Sweet 16.

The other finalists are: Geno Auriemma (Connecticut); Joe Ciampi (Auburn); Bill Fenelly (Iowa State); Mark French (UC Santa Barbara); Gail Goestenkors (Duke); Sue Gantier (Louisiana State); Andy Landers (Georgia); Rene Portland (Penn State); Marsha Sharp (Texas Tech); C. Vivian Stringer (Rutgers); Pat Summiti (Tennessee) and Kay Yow (North Carolina State).
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would sit on this stage area before games. It was the most relaxed way to be on the court to enjoy basketball.

The oldest of four children, he remembers watching the games of Philadelphia to watch college games when he was a young child and two uncles. On Saturday or Sunday afternoons, they would watch the Big Ten broadcasts on the Palestra. And then every year, Becker, his cousin, and uncle would go on a road trip to watch basketball.

But now, instead of good-natured heckling from behind the basket, Becker was forced to quit. During that same time, he was dating a girl named Jud McOwen.

The highlight of his tenure occurred the Thursday after the集中在 the Grace Office to talk to co-ach and ask about coaching. McOwen approached the Becker. They decided that Ryan, along with the two undergraduates, his sister Caitlin and her friend Jack Nickles, would handle the coaching duties for the game. The present coaches sat in the stands while the future took over. For a few hours, at least.

"I had said to him about coaching in a game some time later," Becker said. "I was asking if he would put me on that game, he comes up to me and tells me I'm in charge."

Becker said he decided to become accustomed to roaming the sidelines that day.

"After a month of that J어치이ing at Villa," Becker said, "I knew that I was going to try it."

McOwen and Becker had an idea. The Villa coaches who also served as athletic director and coach for soccer and lacrosse met with McOwen and suggested Becker write a letter to McGuff. Becker was about to write a letter to see if she had a spot open on her coaching bench. A few days after arriving at Notre Dame for the second semester, Becker says he was walking in the office, asking McGuff what she believed was the best way to break into the coaching profession.

Three days after sending the letter, Becker responded, asking Becker to stop by the office. The Villa coach said she would love to meet with Becker that evening.

"She said the best way to learn how to coach is to do it and by getting experience," Becker said. "Then she asked if I wanted to work with them, I was totally flabbergasted."

Watching the great ones
Becker said he had a major part in Becker's life. He started playing basketball at age 6 with aspirations of being a star player. But fate took over early in his high school career.

After playing for the freshmen team at Bishop Becker, he played junior varsity and varsity teams. He was diagnosed with arthritis at age 3, the pain in his knees shortened his athletic career.

"I never really let that tamielze me," Becker said. "My dad died when I was 15 years old, but I continued to work,

He still plays for the Zahn team and competes in pickup games. And he still dreams of trying out for the Baltimore Orioles.

More than a year has passed since the meeting with the Villa coach. Becker hopes to try out for the Bishop Becker basketball team. He was recently chosen by his coach to try out for the Bishop Becker basketball team. He was recently chosen by his coach to try out for the Bishop Becker basketball team.

"There's something about coaching that really gets in your blood if you like it," he said. "I just can't get it out of my system."

People ask me about running this play. And I don't know what to tell them. They're just taking time to show me why we can't play this way. They're amazing.

I can't believe how much Coach McGraw knows about basketball," he continued. "She knows everything. I've met so many guys who can do a good job. And she is so passionate about the game. That's what I love most about her."
RecSports "Champion Student Award" recipients are selected by the Office of Recreational Sports. Honorees are chosen for their involvement in RecSports, including excellence in sportsmanship, leadership and participation.

Under the leadership of President Diana Mastej, the Equestrian Club has been ranked second in Region Vi and among the top twenty teams nationally for the past two years. One of the club's for qualifiers for Regionals this year, Diana, a junior, has excelled in open flat and open fences, the highest class of competition in each event, the last three years. Last year Diana was ranked third in Regionals. She has finished first or second in the majority of her events this year, and was second in Cachionne, signifying the top open rider in the region. She is determined to finish first next year on her mount, Comet. Diana has also played co-rec broomball has a member of a campus team and also staffed the Equestrian Club booth at Late Night Olympics. A Business major, the Carmel, IN native plans a career in management information systems.

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TAMPA, Fla. Darryl Strawberry's stall was empty Tuesday. It figures to remain that way for a long time.

"Reality is a pretty hard thing," Dave Cone said. "One day after Strawberry was suspended for one year because he tested positive for cocaine."

I'm depressed today," said Cone, perhaps the Yankee closest to Strawberry. "It's tough watching close friends stumble again. Because he's suspended and won't be a Yankee this year doesn't affect our friendship. I'm sure everybody in here feels the same."

Commissioner Bud Selig imposed the ban and did not make any provision for the troubled star to return early for good behavior. It is the third cocaine-related penalty of Strawberry's career.

"First and foremost, he's got to get his life on track and get his addiction under control," Cone said. "What we can do is as friends is to try and convince him there are things to look forward to."

While they hope he can come back next year, Strawberry's teammates know there's a chance his baseball career is over.

"I just don't know at his age," first baseman Tino Martinez said. "I think this was going to be his last year anyway. I think it would be hard to miss the whole year and come back."

Martinez said he thought Strawberry would be "intrigued" by a future opportunity to work with one of the Yankees' two minor-league teams based in Tampa.

"I think we have a designated hitter for the two-time World Series champions this season at a salary of $750,000. I think we have a designated hitter in camp, even if it's a number of people doing one job," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "We just go on. We're going to miss him, no question, but you don't have him and you can't do anything about it."

Instead, Strawberry's third drug suspension since 1995 left his future in doubt. Family friends who spoke with Strawberry on Tuesday said he was depressed.

"A baseball career means nothing at this point," shortstop Derek Jeter said. "You have to take it one step at a time. He has to do it himself. He has to want to do it, and I feel he wants to do it." Strawberry is a career .259 hitter with 335 home runs and 1,000 RBIs, and a legacy of tape-measure shots. The NL Rookie of the Year with the New York Mets in 1983, he seemed headed toward greatness.

By the end of the 1991 season, at the age of only 29, he already had 280 home runs and 832 RBIs. But legal trouble slowed him while drug and alcohol problems almost stopped him. He had stays in the Smithers Center and the Betty Ford Center. Then, during the 1994 playoffs, he was diagnosed with colon cancer.

"I think this is his major problem is taking care of his illness before he thinks about doing anything," outfielder Tino Martinez said. "He's been having a tough time over the last couple years. We hope he gets helped, and that's our main concern."

Strawberry returned last season and hit .377 with three homers and six RBIs in 24 games. He hit .333 (5-for-15) with two home runs in the postseason, and the Yankees celebrated their second straight Series sweep with non-alcoholic beverages, out of respect to Strawberry.

Strawberry was suspended in 1995 for 60 days following a positive test for cocaine use. In 1999, Selig ban him again from April 24 to Aug. 4 after Strawberry was arrested for cocaine possession and soliciting a prostitute.

Strawberry later pleaded no contest to the charges and was undergoing regular drug tests as part of his legal punishment. His Jan. 19 test came back positive and led to the latest penalty.

"I didn't envy the commissioner," Cone said. "Last year was supposed to be a year suspension and it was reduced to 120 days. It's pretty hard to make a strong argument this penalty was to harsh."
Duke guard Dunleavy returns home to fight mono

Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. Mike Dunleavy Jr. has been sent home to recover from mononucleosis, meaning Duke's top reserve probably will miss next week's Atlantic Coast Conference tournament.

The 6-foot-7 freshman is to rest in Oregon, and coach Mike Krzyzewski said Tuesday he hopes Dunleavy will be back in time for the NCAA tournament.

It can take weeks and sometimes months to recover from mononucleosis, a blood condition that leaves a person fatigued.

"He is still away from being with us," Krzyzewski said. "He is still tired. You just can't get a handle on it. I don't think he'll be back for the ACC tournament."

The No. 4 Blue Devils (22-4) are 1-1 since the Dunleavy was diagnosed with the illness. He was averaging 9.5 points and 4.2 rebounds in 25 minutes. Even if Dunleavy can return by mid-March, his effectiveness could be limited after missing more than three weeks of practice and games.

"I think the reality now is we don't have Dunleavy and that changes the roles of everybody and it changes our team," Krzyzewski said. "But we have to adjust to that because we're not certain he is coming back. Mononucleosis is very difficult to pin down and how quickly a kid can recover."

The absence of Dunleavy added minutes to an already overworked trio of Chris Carrawell, Shane Battier and Jason Williams. Carrawell and Williams played 40 minutes each in an 83-82 loss to St. John's on Saturday, while Battier logged 38.
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shooting will be crucial for the Irish. Beth Providence and Miami used long distance shooting to fire up game-deciding runs against Notre Dame.

"Against Miami, it was a mental breakdown," Doherty said. "Against Providence, it was a guy who was ridiculously hot and there's not much you can do against that.

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Syracuse has five players who average in double digits — Thomas with 13.8 points per game, Jason Hart with 12.0, Damien Brown at 11.4, Ryan Blackwell with 10.6 and Shumpert at 10.4 points.

While Shumpert's shooting buried the Irish in the last meeting, Thomas has the potential to shut the Irish down defensively. Last season's Big East Defensive Player of the Year, the 6-foot-9 senior ranks second on the all-time list of block leaders in the conference.

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Notre Dame's go-to guy is Murphy, who is a potential All-American. Murphy leads the Big East in scoring with 23.1 points per game, as well as rebounds at 10.5 per outing. When opponents find a way to keep him down, the Irish usually sink as well.

The Orange going to be running through my mind, my last time stepping on the court at the Joyce Center," Dillon said. "It's going to be an emotional night, and we're going to try to block it out as much as possible, and our goal is to get a victory against Syracuse."
Searching for answers to mysterious sports questions

If you watch sports long enough, some things will start to jump out at you. They might seem weird or crazy or just not make a whole lot of sense. You can pontificate your own theories but must usually accept that a definitive answer will be hard to come by.

In the spirit of this search for the proverbial holy grails of the sporting world, I thought I'd share a few of those questions that are picking at that mostly-empty space I like to call my sports brain. Feel free to provide your own answers.

Let's start off close to home under the Dome with Notre Dame football. At game one next year against Texas A&M, is the band going to play the "Bob chant"? If they do, how many people will actually make the little "B" and "D" with their fingers? Will it be all freshmen doing it? Of course, if no one else did do it, would the freshmen just pick it up on their own and burst out in joyous melody with the 1812 Overture?

Moving over to the Joyce Center, what does it mean when the basketball public address announcer calls a foul a "common foul"? Maybe I've just revealed a gross deficiency on my part in basketball lingo, but in eight years of playing organized basketball and a lifetime of watching it, I've never heard that designation anywhere else. Is saying it's "common" actually a fancy name for blocking or reaching in?

Next, basketball at any level: Where just about everyone is a Basketball but moving on to the Casualty, what does it mean? Where does it come from? When someone shoots an air-ball, why does it seem like nine people stand back motionless and watch as one guy from the offensive team, and no more than one guy, makes a move for the ball? This will happen anywhere from Alumni Hall at Indiana University, where the Hoosiers beat Michigan State this weekend on what any shooter would deem a "pass," to your neighborhood court where just about everyone is a chuckler.

Going with the theme of basketball but moving on to the professionals, how good is Vince Carter, and how good is he going to get? We saw him win the slam dunk contest by elevating both himself and Isaiah Rider's "East Bay Funk Dunk" to a different universe. Then, on Sunday, he dropped 51 points on Phoenix on a variety of dunks, drives, free throws, and, most impressively, fade-away jumpers a la Michael Jordan.

Now, I'm the biggest Jordan fan in the world, and I don't think we'll see his likes again. That being said, MJ didn't add that shot to his bag of tricks until much later in his career. Carter has it in year two. Watch out.

Speaking of professional sports, professional football will apparently have a new face in the crowd when the World Wrestling Federation sponsors its own league. Here, the roles of question and answer are reversed. The WWF's "The Rock" is asking me, "Do you smell what The Rock and the WWF are cooking?" to which I can only reply, "No, seriously." While the NFL gets out the sand bags and mason jars to try and wait out the storm of attention this new league will bring, I must ask: How have the last two Super Bowls included the Rams, the Falcons, and the Oilers (a.k.a. the Titans)? How did the Rams win Super Bowl II? Where did their quarterback, Kurt Warner, come from?

Well, we can answer that last one: arena football, which brings up another interesting point. The upcoming arena football season was recently canceled due to some sort of labor disagreement. The questions: How does arena football go on strike? Does anyone really watch it to begin with? Will you really miss it if it's not there? Maybe they just figured they'd get out of town before the WWF football train comes rolling through.

This is the sort of stuff that's been weighing on in my mind for the last few days. You might have some questions of your own now, like: Does he think this was at all funny or informative? Why did I flip the page to read the rest of this? What does "Fox Sports… Almost" mean? Whose this guy's bar- anyway, anyw ay? All good questions.

I'm just happy I can't hear all the answers.

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By BRIAN BURKE
Sports Writer

The lightweight fighters came into the Joyce Center for Tuesday's Bengal Bouts semifinals looking to secure a shot at a championship. Many of the top seeds moved on, but the finals will feature a pair of surprises.

120-pound division
James "Piracha" Fumagalli had no difficulty overcoming Michael "Mr. Bubbles" Dixey in the first bout at 120 pounds, securing a win by unanimous decision. Fumagalli had the smaller Dixey backpedaling throughout the fight, and when Dixey dropped his hands, the top seed landed multiple hooks to the head. By the third round, Fumagalli landed enough hooks for Dixey to be given a standing-eight count.

In the other 120-pound semifinal, Shawn "Knockout The Old And Bring In The" Newberg also earned a unanimous decision by employing an effective strategy. For most of the first two rounds, Newberg allowed Sam "The Dan" Buonadonna to chase him around the ring and hit Newberg in the hands. When Buonadonna tired, Newberg capitalized with jabs and straight combinations to the head.

130-pound division
It was all about momentum when top-seeded Jason "The Sweet Sensation" McMahon clashed with Matt "The Don" Fumagalli in the first 130-pound bout.

At different points in the explosive first round, each fighter almost knocked out the other with wide-open hooks to the face. McMahon first landed a stunning blow that sent Fumagalli backwards, but Fumagalli soon answered. The second and third rounds were much of the same. Each time McMahon seemed to do damage, Fumagalli responded and controlled the end of each round. In the end it was Matt Fumagalli coming away with the upset-split decision.

"I knew his hooks were awesome at the beginning," Fumagalli said. "I was dropping his right hand, he kept hitting me with those hooks, but I kept concentrating on keeping my punches straight.

When Buonadonna tired, Camillo "Rollin'" Rueda in the finals. Buonadonna took a split-decision victory over Michael Conto in his semifinal fight. The contest started off slowly with neither fighter able to land anything substantial as both moved in and out. Eventually Conto became more aggressive, throwing hooks and uppercuts, but Buonadonna was able to work inside, staying low and using a stiff jab.

140-pound division
Mike "The Motor City Madman" Waldo did not plan to out-box second-seeded Anton "Tom of Bricks Poundin Down Ya Face" Kemps in the 140-pound semifinals. Instead, he prevailed with brute force.

Setting the tone from the start, Waldo came out swinging furiously, landing plenty of hooks as the two fighters stood toe to toe. The fight soon turned into a slugfest that Waldo needed to win.

Kemps connected on his share of hooks and jabs, but Waldo got the best of most exchanges, as well as the surprising victory by unanimous decision.

Top seed Kurt Wilson put an end to the surprise run of freshman Josh Coleman in the other semifinal bout of the division with a split decision. Coleman moved around a lot, sticking and moving, but unlike his quarterfinal win, he had trouble landing combinations. Wilson backed up Coleman and landed a few more hard shots, which made the difference.

Fumagalli will face the second seed, Camillo "Rollin'" Rueda, in the finals. Rueda matched a split-decision victory over Michael Conto in his semifinal fight.

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150-pound division
Senior captain J.R. "Maddog" Mellin continued his march to the finals with a unanimous decision over Tom "T.K." Owens at 150 pounds.

Mellin adopted a more aggressive approach in the semifinals, moving in and out less, and trading hooks with Owens. Although he controlled the fight enough to win, Mellin did take more shots than in his quarterfinal bout.

I wanted to try out my power a little bit, too," Mellin said. "I kept seeing these brouters in my weight bracket. It's sort of like playing chicken out there, you just keep hoping he's got less than you do, and he's gonna fall through before you do." Owens was able to answer some of Mellin's hooks when the two stood in close, but the captain never got into serious trouble.

Presenting a formidable challenge for Mellin in the finals will be Dennis "The Natural Disaster" Abdelmour. Abdelmour turned in a dominating performance, knocking out "Cold Hand" Luke Stanton. Abdelmour backed up Stanton in the first round, landing continuous hooks to the head leading to a standing-eight count. By the second round Abdelmour had scrapped technique and proceeded to hammer the head of Stanton, resulting in another standing-eight.

Stanton was unable to work through the barrage from Abdelmour and in the third round was finally knocked down, stopping the fight at 56 seconds.

Abdelmour now has two knockouts in as many fights.

Matt Fumagalli (left) absorbs a right hook from opponent Jason McMahon during Tuesday night's semifinals. Fumagalli upset the top-seeded McMahon, recording the split-decision victory.
**MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL**

**Former manager Anderson joins Hall of Fame**

Associated Press  

**TAMPA, Fla.** Sparky Anderson had a choice. Would his Hall of Fame plaque show him wearing a Cincinnati Reds cap or a Detroit Tigers hat?

"It was so hard," he said Tuesday after being elected by the Veterans Committee. "I spent nine years in Cincinnati and 17 in Detroit, and they treated me like a king in both places."

In the end, the only manager to win World Series championships in both leagues chose Cincinnati. He did it to thank former Reds general manager Bob Howsam.

"He hired a 35-year-old nobody knew and he had the courage and fortitude to do that," Anderson said. "Had he not done that, I doubt very much that I would have managed in the major leagues. And I owe that to him."

Anderson's election ensures a Red-letter reunion on induction day. Big Red Machine first baseman Tony Perez and longtime Cincinnati broadcaster Marty Brennaman were previously selected.

Along with Anderson, the Veterans elected Negro leagues outfielder Turkey Stearnes and 39th century infielder Bid McPhee, who played his entire career in Cincinnati.

But Ted Williams, Stan Musial and the rest of the 14-member panel had a lot more trouble deciding which former big league to elect — be it Bill Mazeroski, Gil Hodges, Dom DiMaggio, Mel Harder or Tony Oliva.

So for the first time since 1993, it did not choose anyone in that category.

"We hoped someone would be there, we really did," first-time member Hank Aaron said. "It just got too hard. Maybe next year.

Afterward, the chewed-up pens and half-eaten cake in the meeting room told the story. Despite five hours of discussion and two tough ballots, it was a shutout — it took 11 votes for election, and Mazeroski just missed with 10.

"It built my hopes up, but not to the point where this is a big letdown," said Mazeroski, working as an spring training instructor for the Pirates in Bradenton, about an hour south of Tampa.

"There was a lot of push in Buffalo and by the Pirates, and I appreciate all that. I just didn't happen," he said.

Anderson, who turned 66 last week, was elected in his first of eligibility. Third on baseball's career victory list, he is the only manager to post 100-win seasons in both leagues.

"I never wore a World Series ring, but I will wear this one every day until I die," he said from his home in Thousand Oaks, Calif. "That, to me, is how much difference there is between the World Series and Hall of Fame."

Anderson will become the 16th manager inducted into the shrine at Cooperstown, N.Y., on July 23. He has been to the upstate New York village, but has never set foot inside the Hall of Fame.

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Becker lives his coaching dream with Irish

By TIM CASEY
Sports Writer

Ryan Becker stood on the Joyce Center court, talking with some coaches and players during water break at a recent practice. The women's basketball team had just finished another set of drills on a chilly afternoon in mid-February and needed a rest. Becker, a sophomore and unpaid student assistant, moved toward head coach Muffet McGraw to ask her a question. Then, out of the corner of his eye, Becker noticed a familiar face.

"I said to coach McGraw, 'That's Digger Phelps!'" Becker said excitedly. "And she looks at me and nonchalantly says, 'Yeah. It was unbelievable.'"

Walking out through the tunnel was Phelps, former Irish men's basketball coach, local resident and current ABC/ESPN college basketball analyst. Phelps headed out to McGraw, an old friend, and chatted for a few minutes. In the midst of their conversation, McGraw had a question for Phelps regarding a few minutes. In the midst of their conversation, McGraw had a question for Phelps regarding a certain defense. She needed someone to act as an offensive player on an imaginary opposing team.

Eli Becker.

"We went over a 2-1-2 zone and I was in the corner with the ball," Becker recalled. "Coach McGraw was asking [Phelps], 'If you had to coach a team, what happens?' Then, out of the corner of his eye, Becker noticed a familiar face. "I'm just telling them that we've bounced back before," Notre Dame head coach Matt Doherty said. "We lost two games in Pennsylvania and bounced back to beat Connecticut and Seton Hall. Hopefully we can bounce back from these two losses."

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Defending against outside

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Volunteer assistant coach Ryan Becker enjoys a laugh with senior point guard Niele Ivey at Tuesday's practice.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Seniors prepare for last game

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Assistant Sports Editor

After sky-diving from elation and excitement with wins over Connecticut and Seton Hall to disappointment and discouragement with losses to Providence and Miami, the 1999-00 men's basketball team is looking for a life jacket to prepare it for a bumpy ride against Syracuse.

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Bioliichini picks up big win over Dietrich

By BILL HART
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In one of the most heavily anticipated bouts of the evening, top seed Tom "The Tulsa Bomber" Bioliichini defeated Tom "How Ya Like Me Now?" Dietrich in a battle of two aggressive boxing styles in the 175-pound division.

Bioliichini's agility, combined with an impressive reach, allowed him to press the bout to the golden corner early in the first round. Later on, fatigue set in and prevented Dietrich from taking advantage of opportunities early in the final round. The off-campus senior will look for a third title against Sorin junior Josh "The Sandman" Thompson, who earned on the side of caution early before ending his fight against Steve "The Angry Pirate" Pfeiffer with a flurry of punches in the third. A comeback by Pfeiffer was only prevented by the sound of the final bell.

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