Vigil held for cancer-stricken student

By KATE STEER
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To say that the past week has been a rough one would be an understatement for Notre Dame sophomore Conor Murphy. Murphy was diagnosed with leukemia last Friday. After his diagnosis, he returned home from Washington, D.C., where he has been studying, to Cleveland, Ohio, where he will begin chemotherapy today at University Hospital.

Murphy's doctors have narrowed his condition to one of two types of leukemia: acute myeloid and acute lymphocytic.

"Since this diagnosis, we've all been praying for him," said sophomore Steve Napleton, a close friend of Murphy. "He's in good spirits. I don't think there's any doubt in his mind that he's going to overcome this."

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Members of the University community gathered at the Grotto to hold a vigil for Conor Murphy, a Notre Dame student who was diagnosed with leukemia Friday.

Group votes to disclose student body election results

By LAURA ROMPF
Assistant News Editor

In a 17-7 vote, the Senate opted to open the results envelope from the run-off election for 2000-2001 student body president and vice president.

Tallies revealed the Brian O'Donoghue/Brooke Norton ticket won 56.3 percent of the vote, the temporary run-off was invalid and doesn't count, senators said. Norton was glad to see the results.

"I'm really glad everyone in the student body has been given the opportunity to see the run-off results," vice president-elect Norton said.

"There is student opinion that the Senate is full of sneakiness and illegitimacy, we should end this," said David Zachary, Alumni Hall senator.

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**OUTSIDE THE DOME**

U of Texas researchers find new cancer test

**AUSTIN, Texas**

University of Texas researchers have developed a more efficient method of detecting cervical cancer that could give doctors a faster interpretation of their patients' gynecological health.

Rebecca Richards-Kortum, a professor of electrical and computer engineering at the UT Department of Biomedical Engineering, and Michele Follen, a professor of gynecologic oncology at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, created a fiber optic probe that shines light on the cervix and displays what it detects on a computer screen.

The probe, which has been in development for 10 years, will provide instantaneous results, unlike the current method of examination, the pap smear. Pap screenings, which look at abnormal abnormalities in the cervix, require a nurse to use a small brush to swab the lining of the uterus to collect tissue for examination under a microscope. Although the procedure takes only a few minutes, samples must be analyzed in a lab, and results take between several days to 10 days to arrive.

The new device will also be a pain-free replacement to colposcopy, a method that involves scraping the uterine lining when abnormal cells are found during a pap smear. Richards-Kortum said the device has the potential for diagnosing other forms of cancer as well.

"This technology will have broad applications to other organ sites, such as the oral cavity and lung," she said. The probe is currently undergoing a $8.9 million, three-year trial financed by the National Institutes of Health in which 1,800 women in Houston and Vancouver, British Columbia, will participate.

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**Yale withdraws from FLA after rally**

In one of the largest anti-sweatshop demonstrations to date, about 300 to 400 Yale University students rallied Tuesday to demand that their administration withdraw from the Fair Labor Association (FLA) and join the Workers Rights Consortium (WRC). Both the FLA and the WRC are organizations designed to monitor overseas sweatshops, but activists said clothing manufacturers have too great an influence on the FLA.

"We think the FLA is a sham," said Yale senior Amanda E. Bell, one of the organizers of Tuesday's rally. "We think it's a public relations ploy by the corporations. We would like to see Yale take a moral stand by withdrawing." Harvard student Alain S. Ryan Jr., the administrator most responsible for sweatshop policy, said he supported the Yale students' right to rally, but that the action would not affect Harvard's support of the FLA. "I'm glad to see the first amendment exercised in New Haven," he said. "This clearly is a matter of concern to students, administrators, universities, everyone. If they can get students together for a rally, then more power to them."

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**MADISON, Wis.**

Two University of Wisconsin-Madison students were arrested Monday for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of narcotics with intent to deliver. Police later estimated the street value of the seized narcotics, mainly marijuana and Psilocybin mushrooms, at nearly $65,000.

The Dane County Narcotics and Gang Task Force responded to a call and obtained a search warrant for the apartment. Chris Lambrew and Michael Goot, both UW-Madison juniors, were arrested Monday after tenants told authorities of an odor coming from the apartment. A statement from the task force said they seized 7.5 pounds of "Dank Nugget" marijuana and 2,000 grams of Psilocybin Mushrooms as well as $2,915 in cash and numerous pieces of drug paraphernalia from the apartment.

Lt. Bill Housley of the Dane County Sheriff's Office said the three students were arrested when he and police entered the apartment Monday night.

Lt. J. Rice of the Madison Police Department told the Daily Cardinal that police were tipped off about the activities of the three students by a concerned citizen.

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Grant allows ND prof to research disease in Haiti

- Streit devoted to examining diseases affecting the poor

By MARIBEL MOREY

For years, Father Thomas Streit has devoted time to researching diseases affecting the poor.

Streit, a Notre Dame biology professor, has now taken his research to Haiti, where he is researching diseases affecting the poor.

"The main goal and focus is prevention. We are trying to stop it from going to the next generation," said Streit.

As a researcher and Holy Cross priest, Streit has shared his faith with the Haitians. "The country is troubled in many ways, but the people are wonderful. The strength with the family and faith is prevalent. Blessed are the poor," said Streit.

Streit has been living on and off in Haiti and researching elephantiasis since 1993. This mission in Haiti, however, is temporary. Ultimately, the Haitian government will take most of the responsibilities, while Notre Dame and the Center for Disease Control are currently providing the infrastructure by training the Haitians on disease control and prevention. Notre Dame and the CDC provide the technical and teaching expertise to the natives. In the past year, the center has received trained from the Dominican Republic and Brazil. Streit hopes the center will serve as a resource not just for Haiti but also for the infected countries in the region.

Streit said there is a distinct difference between public health and acute care. Streit believes that he can save a lot more lives by researching and prevention, rather than treating people's everyday acute needs. Streit is also very excited to see Notre Dame students get involved in the prevention of elephantiasis in Haiti.

The Student International Business Council is aiming to market, manufacture, and distribute medicines to prevent dengue hemorrhagic fever, the center's main focus in Haiti. The Student International Business Council is currently providing the infrastructure by training the Haitians on disease control and prevention. Notre Dame and the CDC provide the technical and teaching expertise to the natives. In the past year, the center has received trained from the Dominican Republic and Brazil. Streit hopes the center will serve as a resource not just for Haiti but also for the infected countries in the region.

The only research party involved in this issue, Notre Dame interests in Haiti extend to dengue hemorrhagic fever, a virus by mosquito that can kill people.

Additional research possibilities include in Haiti intestinal parasites, bacterial infection of the stomach and malnutrition.

Streit has been fascinated by tropical diseases since high school, and he is happy to be fulfilling his dream by mixing his faith with his work. "Lack of knowledge and poverty are huge contributors in Haiti," said Streit.

This project is seen as yet another preventive measure for the disease in Haiti. The proposal from the Council still has to go through the Notre Dame administration.

"If there's a community of people dedicated, you can turn an idea into action," said Stephanie Rosenzal, SIBC Director of Marketing.

Streit welcomes any student interested in helping in Haiti during any break. This experience will "expose you to a different culture, government, and ecology," said Streit.

"After spending time in Haiti, you come back as an activist for the people and protecting the environment."
In 1977 Gramick and Nugent co-founded "New Ways Ministry", an organization that works to reach out to gay and lesbian Catholics.


"These voices made their way to the Vatican," she said. Then, the Vatican requested a report from Gramick's provincial. Gramick quoted from the report, which said, "We think it would be counterproductive to diminish this ministry in any way." Gramick and Nugent resigned as leaders of "New Ways Ministry" in 1984 but they continued to hold workshops and retreats about homosexuality across the nation.

The Vatican requested another report in 1985, and again the local report said that no action was necessary.

Then, in 1988, the Vatican appointed its own commission, which spent years in investigations and hearings, and released the decision to ban Gramick and Nugent's ministry in August 1999.

Church leaders wanted Gramick to publicly affirm her support for the Church's position on homosexuality. Still others believed that since the Church is right, they should let the public know the information, even when it doesn't agree with the Church.

"Now, we don't preach that a lot. That's why I say it's one of the best kept secrets in the Catholic Church," Gramick said.

A disagreement based on conscience, however, must be seriously considered.

"It's a very strongly held personal conviction of truth or what is right," said Gramick. Public ministers are not required to articulate their individual beliefs. Gramick refused to answer an audience member's question, "Do you accept the Church's teaching on homosexuality?" just as she had refused to answer the same question from the Vatican.

"I choose not to make my conscience public," Gramick said.

The Church position is that people are called to follow their conscience, even when it doesn't agree with the Church.

"We will feel much more involved in our Church," said Gramick noting the benefits of decentralization.

By disregarding the local reports, the Vatican did not adhere to this principle, Gramick said.

Gramick has a masters in math from Notre Dame and a doctorate in teaching from the University of Pennsylvania. The lecture was sponsored by the Progressive Students Alliance, the Catholic Center, the University Counseling Center, Call to Action, GALA and OUTreachND.

Because this is a public document, we should let the public know the information. It is our document now, not the Vatican's," she said. In the end, out of 24 senators chose to see the report.

Dan Poite, campaign manager for the Hanover-Meek campaign, thought seeing the total accomplishments nothing. "I am proud of Hunt and John for standing up for what they believe," he said. "If everyone would have followed their lead, we'd all be doing better.

However, O'Donoghue was glad to see the results. "Conor's circumstances have brought us even closer together and reminded us of what's really important," Father Jim Lies, rector of Zahm Hall said earlier this month.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Young killer lived among guns, drugs

MOUNT MORRIS TOWNSHIP, Mich. The 6-year-old boy who killed a first-grade classmate used a stolen gun he apparently discovered loaded and lying around in a bedroom at the "tophouse" where he was living, investigators said Wednesday. Authorities focused on possible criminal charges against any adults who gave the boy access to the .32-caliber pistol he used to shoot 6-year-old Kayla Rolland on Tuesday morning, a day after the two apparently had scuffled on the playground at Buell Elementary School. The boy is too young to understand what he was doing, and probably won't be charged, the prosecutor said. After the shooting, the boy put the gun in his desk and went to the school office. Superintendent Ira Rutherford said. After police questioned him, Police Chief Eric King said, "he sat there drawing pictures."

Nigeria president urges unity

As reports of new clashes that killed 200 people, Nigeria's president on Wednesday derided religious violence that has wracked his country, mourning that Nigerians have lost "their sense of moral outrage." A police official in the southeastern town of Aba said at least 200 people were killed Monday in revenge attacks following rioting and clashes between Christians and Muslims in the northern city of Kaduna that killed more than 300. The latest bloodshed occurred when residents of Aba, nearly all of them Christians of the Ibo ethnic group, attacked Muslim Hausas after the bodies of 60 killed in Kaduna were released home, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. His account could not be independently confirmed.

Uruguay

President Jorge Batlle sworn in

MONTEVIDEO Jorge Batlle was sworn in Wednesday as president of Uruguay, promising cost-cutting and other austerity measures to fight the economic slump bedeviling this small South American country. Batlle (pronounced BA-tlay), a 72-year-old lawyer, took the oath of office at a ceremony attended by a half-dozen South American leaders, as supporters of his Colorado Party held flag-waving celebrations in the streets. "The year ahead is going to be a difficult one...there are challenges we will meet with success," Batlle said in his inaugural address. He said he would maintain strict monetary and fiscal policies while whittling away at a budget deficit, cutting bureaucracy and holding inflation to single digits. He also repeated pledges to cut $300 million in public spending. "Above all, government must reduce expenses," Batlle stressed.


President Jorge Batlle sworn in

Pennsylvania gunman kills 2, surrenders

WILKINSBURG A gunman who reportedly flew into a rage over a broken door went on a rampage Wednesday, shooting a maintenance worker at his apartment and customers at two fast-food restaurants before surrendering to police during a hostage standoff. Two people were killed and three critically wounded.

Ronald Taylor, 39, of Wilkinsburg, was arrested in an office building after he kept police at bay for about two hours, holding four or five people in wheelchairs hostage at a senior health care center. During the standoff, more than three-dozen children from a third-floor day-care center in the building were evacuated, along with other workers. Taylor, who was not immediately charged, was to be arraigned Wednesday night.

Police refused to comment on a motive, but a worker at Taylor's apartment building said the suspected gunman was angry that workers had not repaired his broken apartment door fast enough. He said, "You're all white trash, racist pigs," maintenance worker John DeWitt told The Associated Press.

DeWitt said he left to work on another apartment but later saw one of his colleagues carrying another maintenance worker, who had been shot. DeWitt said he saw Taylor, who is black, walking toward the restaurant.

The shooting spree began about 11:15 a.m. in this working-class suburb about nine miles east of downtown Pittsburgh. Police, responding to a call at the man's home, followed him to the restaurant and chased him into the office building. Four people were shot at the Burger King and McDonald's restaurants in the borough of about 21,000 people.

Wilkinsburg police Chief Gerald Brewer said two people were dead and three were in critical condition in Pittsburgh area hospitals. At least two of the victims were shot in the head, said doctors at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Presbyterian.
Women discuss hardships

South Bend women speak of challenges of raising children, finding jobs

By NICOLE HADDAD
News Writer

Students were given the opportunity Wednesday afternoon to listen as two women described their personal challenges in raising children and earning a living in the South Bend community.

Guest speakers Yvonne Hudson and Dawn Chapla both focused on the importance of making the right decisions as young women.

Describing her life before coming to the Center for the Homeless, Hudson stated she was a single mother of five girls and addicted to drugs.

"With no help and no job, I found myself wandering aimlessly," she said.

After undergoing a house fire and losing everything— including her children to the government, Hudson came out of her denial and stepped into the Center for the Homeless. She attributes the Center for helping her find out many things about herself.

"Life had brought me so many hardships. My mom was gay, and there were many other things where I just needed acceptance," Hudson continued. "My oldest daughter, 15, was pregnant and ran away."

After leaving the Center, however, Hudson was informed of her new position working at WNIU radio station. But even with this new job, Hudson still found that she still encountered struggles everyday. "I had to learn to keep away from certain people, places and things—it's like bowling, just knock down the pins," Hudson said. "Brandy interacts with the Center. Through speeches and activities, Hudson says that she will never forget where she came from.

Dawn Chapla shared her experiences about her younger daughter Brandi who learned the difficulty of raising children as a single mother.

"Brandy was very bright, but had a poor self-image," Chapla said, "and this affected her whole life and the choices she made."

Chapla also shared her experience working at United Way, where she interacts with unions of the community and representatives from the welfare reform panel.

"Seeing more women working in the community, I am also seeing more domestic violence," Chapla said. "There are issues in the home of control and jealousy—and this leads the children to be more at risk."

In speaking of welfare programs, Chapla said the reform has helped many people get back to work "but they are still poor." She said she believes the jobs available today "simply do not offer livable wages with the benefits."

Chapla said the most important thing for people to look at are the issues that help the community.

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Gore, Bradley abandon hard-line debate tactics

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

Bill Bradley and Al Gore agreed on more than they disputed Wednesday night, abandoning hard-line tactics in a mild debate often aimed at the Republicans—almost as though the Democratic contest already was settled.

Bradley insisted that it was not that he still expects to take off against Gore in the Super Tuesday primaries in which 15 states select Democratic delegates next week.

Gore said he took nothing for granted. "I do think that the elections this coming Tuesday will likely be decisive for the nomination," he said in a CNN post-debate interview. He leads the public opinion polls in all the upcoming states, and the debate was Bradley's finale in California, most critical of the Tuesday primary states.

"Clearly, I have to win several," Bradley told CNN. He said he will campaign now in New York and New England.

His tone in his 10th debate with Gore recalled that of their first, in New Hampshire more than three months ago, when he shunned confrontation, before the lines hardened and the face-to-face sessions turned angry.

"People tell me that I was too tough in the last debate," Bradley said after this one. "It's all in the eye of the beholder."

He said he had been determined to correct Gore misrepresentations. But he added:

"Tonight's debate set a tone for the kind of presidency I'd like to have."

He did contend that the administration's failure to take "action about six months ago" and release oil reserves had led to current soaring prices at the gas pump.

Gore replied that the use of the strategic petroleum reserve to increase supplies and ease prices is not off the table. But first, he said, there should be quiet diplomatic pressure to get more OPEC oil flowing.

Nothing to compare with earlier debates, in which the former New Jersey senator had accused Gore of lying about his own record, and about Bradley's proposals, notably on health care. That issue, a point of bitter dispute before, came up only briefly in this debate.

There was one flareup when Bradley accused Gore, as he had before, of voting in favor of preserving a tax exemption for then-segregated Bob Jones University in South Carolina.

Gov. George Bush has been under constant criticism for speaking there last month. Gore said the vote involved racial quotas, and he opposes them.
What Really Matters?

There are few events in our lives that cause us as much pause as being confronted by our own mortality. We are rarely forced to consider what our lives, as they are, mean; nor are we often compelled to consider how much we actually mean to each other. We, on this campus, recently received the kind of news that ought to cause us pause, and that ought to compel us to consider what's important, what really matters to us. One of our number, Conor Murphy, a sophomore from Zahm Hall who has been studying on the Washington semester, was diagnosed with leukemia this past Friday. On Saturday he was flown from Washington to his home in Cleveland where he has since entered the hospital for more tests and treatment.

There is a degree, obviously, to which this is about Conor, about our concern for him and an unabashed appeal to all of you for prayers for him. But my reflections here are as much about us, and about the introspection and self-reflection that has been prompted by the news of Conor's impending battle; an introspection that is not only personal, but communal. I am struck by how Conor's news has redirected and reoriented the conversations and questions of so many. I am surprised by the depth of the conversation that is taking place in the wake of the news; and I am deeply moved by the intensity of our prayer in these days.

On the night he learned of the leukemia, I spoke with Conor on the phone and he asked me to go to the grotto and to light a candle for him. His words were reminiscent of Tom Dooley's in his letter to Fr. Hesburgh of so many years ago. Conor said that while he knows that his prayers are heard from his hospital bed, it would mean so much more to be at the grotto. But what struck me most about our conversation was Conor's suggestion, even as he was grappling with his own problems, that he was concerned about how he would tell his closest friends. Finally, we decided that it would be best to bring as many of them together as we could and inform them all at once via speaker phone. While it was a very painful thing to be there, it was at the same time, a rare privilege. After Conor had shared the news of his leukemia each of the guys went around and spoke their words of encouragement and support. Before we hung up we gathered in a circle, joined hands and offered a prayer of support and healing for Conor.

It was an important moment in the lives of each of the men present and, I trust, in Conor's life as well. For his friends, and for all of us who know and love Conor, the events of these past few days have caused us to reevaluate our priorities. It has become, perhaps, painfully clear, that all that really matters and the only things that will ever give us any consolation or joy are our relationships. And that while we may legitimately pursue other things, like wealth and fame and success, none of them will mean anything unless we have intimates in our lives with whom to share them. Conor's circumstances have reminded us of that fact, and have caused us to speak the truth of our lives with more clarity and conviction. I am impressed by how much more often I have heard the word "love" used in speaking of their mutual affections, especially for Conor, in the wake of his illness.

We are very proud of our brotherhood in Zahm Hall, as you undoubtedly all too well know; and more generally, we as a community speak of our membership in the Notre Dame Family. That "brotherhood" and that "family" have taken on new meaning for many in these days. It may be Conor's gift to us that we are more attentive to one another, that we know more than ever our need for one another, and finally, that we love one another even if we rarely speak the words.

It's clear that if we've learned anything it's that our relationships are all that really matter. And perhaps we know, now more than ever, our need for the ultimate relationship, of that with our God. Conor knows it; his family and friends know it; it's time that we all knew it. We need God. We need to attend to our respective relationships with Jesus Christ if we are to make any sense of these days, if we are to see in it the paschal mystery being played out before our very eyes.

I visited Conor in Cleveland on Monday and I am quite certain that he would not want us feeling sorry for him. He is remarkably strong and determined and hugely encouraged by the outpouring of love and support from the Notre Dame community. What he would appreciate, I'm sure, is if we would continue to storm the heavens in our prayers, and not only for him and his family, but for each other. That which we are inclined to do anyway in these days, to pray, is our gift to him; that we have been drawn to it with such passion in light of Conor's predicament is his gift to us. In the end, please God, may it prove the means by which each and all of us deepen in relationship with our God, and with one another.

-Jim Lies, C.S.C.
Albright rules out Czech post

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said Wednesday she will not seek the presidency of her native Czech Republic.

Some Czechs have been speaking of her as a possible successor to President Vaclav Havel, who must retire in 2002.

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Albright, 62, was born in what is now the Czech Republic.

She plans to be in the Czech Republic for three days beginning Sunday. Her visit coincides with the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the birth of national hero Tomas Masaryk, who served as the first president of the Czechoslovak Republic after the collapse of Austria-Hungary in 1918.

Albright's term as secretary of state is set to expire when President Clinton leaves office next January.

Diallo verdict causes boycott

Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. - Several minority lawmakers unhappy with the Amadou Diallo verdict said they will boycott Monday's session of the state Legislature to protest the lack of movement on West African immigrant was killed by four white New York police officers.

"This is not a black or Latino issue. This is people of good will and this is about justice," said Larry Seabrook, New York state senator in the city and to limit the number of rounds police officers can have in their guns.

"Those are the type of things that we felt should have come out of the Legislature and perhaps saved this individual's life," said state Sen. Larry Seabrook. Seabrook said he expected most of the 30 members of the state Legislature's Black Puerto Rican Caucus to attend, as well as state representatives from white state legislators who said supporters are also urging parents in the Bronx to have their children skip school and attend the demonstration.

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Also Wednesday, the White House called Diallo's shooting death a tragedy for his family, but stopped short of commenting on the acquittals.

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Panel to subpoena ex-CIA official

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The Senate Intelligence Committee voted Wednesday to subpoena former CIA general counsel Michael O'Neil after he refused to voluntarily appear before the panel in its inquiry into former CIA Director John Deutch's use of his computer security clearance.

The unanimous vote requires O'Neil to appear before the committee Wednesday.

The panel has planned a closed-door meeting to question O'Neil on whether he withheld information about his former boss from agency investigators and Justice Department, members said.

Committee Chairman Richard Shelby, R-Ala., said in an interview, "I'm sure he'll assert the Fifth Amendment, but we want him to do it in front of the committee.

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The thing we do “because it is there”

Over winter break my mountain climbing partner, Mike, and I submitted El Pico de Orizaba, an 18,600-foot dust-covered volcano in Mexico, summit day itself was long. We gut off to it is called an “alpine start,” rising at 1 a.m. and departing from the base camp at 14,000 feet at 4:15 a.m. in order to minimize the time we would have to spend on the snow and therefore more dangerous afternoon snow and ice. At about 15,500, what had started out as mild nausea became a bent-over stop. We then continued on. Over the next 1,000 feet of altitude gain, I did manage to keep down two big newtons and a couple bowls of water, but decided that the accompanying discomfort was not worth it and took no more. I went on a high altitude flask, I realized that I should have acclimatized one more day as base camp, but we were underway now. I was experiencing none of the other indicators of altitude sickness — insidious, loss of coordination, headache. In fact, once the nausea passed, I felt strong.

We summited at 9 a.m. It was supposed to be the dry season, but we experienced lung sound on the descent that reduced visibility in 20 feet. Due to the bad weather, in the time that we were on the mountain one only other person summited among the 17 total attempts — a professional guide from the Colorado Mountain School. When we reached base camp, I could drink and eat, to a certain extent, out gas. I slept 13 hours that night.

Why do such a thing? Why take up an activity where one of the best compliments that can be paid to is a person “suffers well?” It certainly is not for the Mountain Dew/Xerces game adrenaline buzz. Mountain climbing is too delirious an activity. Unless someone dies, it rarely makes it on TV.

At its best, it is also not done for any testosterone-driven display of machismo. There is risk, but it is calculated risk. Chest-thumping is often a prelude to death. Besides, when it comes to Denali (a.k.a. Mt. McKinley), most American men of this sort actually aspire less to climb the mountain than to own the N.W. that goes by its name. Held strictly to their own criteria, they are frauds — mere consumer-driven tourists. And if mountain — no matter how much Gore-tex they might wear. George Mallory, whose body was recently discovered on Everest, gave the most sure and correct answer to why: “Because it is there.” Above all, mountaineers climb because there is an allure, a beckoning. They might make a fraudulent judgement to turn around on a particular attempt, but they can no longer climb. The closest analogue I have is my marriage. It is hard for me to imagine life (as indeed life) before knowing Susan, and it is painful even to try to imagine life without her.

St Augustine’s two most well-known statements express the Christian “because it is there.” “Love God, and do what you will.” “You made us for yourself and our hearts find no peace together until they rest in you.” It is not incidental that most mountaineering writings are confessional in structure as pilgrimages to Mallory’s “There” and back again. Catholic teaching provides another term for this kind of activity that will at first jar our sensibilities because the word, like many others, has been distorted in contemporary language — leisure. In addition to housing, food and healthcare, Catholic social teaching includes leisure — as distinct from luxury — under the basic human needs covered by the just wage. In our frenetic culture we often take the term to mean inactivity, but it is best understood as that time and space given over to an activity for its own sake: it is the vocation of avocation, the thing we do simply because it is there.

One of my brothers-in-law rebuilds woodies — classic wood-paneled station wagons — in his basement. At a recent family reunion, he recounted for me, with some sadness, the transition from a 1949 Ford, and he does so as if he is reconnecting truth. And he is. Though he likes his job and is a very good and loving father, some days he works simply because of the need for family income and drives his children to baseball practice because someone has to. But he works on the woodie because there is nothing quite like the look and feel of those carpeted vacations, work and family must have an intrinsic drive, but the vocation of avocation, when authentic, responds only to this allure. It is this intrinsic allure — this for-itselfness — that allows gives avocation an economic character when viewed from the inside. My brother-in-law rebuilds woodies and they had to dissemble parts of it because it is in his focus on what he was doing, he neglected to consider how he might get it out of the basement.

Friends kindly warned me in my pre-triune years that I might want to keep my backpack-laden running of the library stairs discreet.

Whatever the eccentricity factor, the for-itselfness of vocational avocations serve an important protective role. Our other vocations, often propelled by their very richness, sometimes over-extend their claims on our lives. Notre Dame itself has performed expectations that often do just that. Whether what is in question is the win-loss record of the football coach, the publishing record of a faculty member or the performance of a student in a class where the professor assigns a workload as if the student has no other courses or commitments. Despite our inability to give up another’s vocation into something we own. Appearals to “tradition” or “the Notre Dame family,” even with their authentic meanings, sometimes serve at the same time to mask the lack of any real commitment to this pre- sumption.

Though the purpose in pursuing avocations is intrinsic, they also function as countervailing commitments. As such, they serve to keep us guided on the way, to make us more “whole” in the ways in which, in proper measure, God’s grace acts in and through it as well.

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Questions regarding Observer policies should be directed to Editor in Chief Michelle Krupa.
I have been paying enough attention to the editorial pages of the Observer in the last few weeks to notice that we have had a couple of points about racism debated lately. I am a white student from a small town in Oregon that generally lacks diversity, so it may seem that I wouldn’t have anything to say on this topic. But I do. (That’s what I am all about.

Mostly what I have to say is that I don’t understand a lot of things about racism. I imagine that there is probably a silent but sizable number of people who are as surprised as I am. It used to be, when I was little, that racism was saying certain words or believing certain things. I have come to think that racism can define false stereotypes or looking down on someone because of their race.

Like every other freshman on campus, I went through a diversity workshop during the first month of school. Mine was early in the morning, so I can’t remember it all that well. But I do remember being told that I could be racist or do something racist and not even know it.

I simply don’t understand the etiquette of race relations. Here I am, an edgy, not particularly racism anxious edgy, edgy, edgy, edgy person. I am an uneducated person. While I understand blatant racism, I don’t understand when I am somehow causing harm. I think many people, like myself, are well-intentioned but don’t always know what constitutes a racist act. Growing up, I think of and pray for someone that he doesn’t know, shows me that racism in our society is still very much alive. It is even a part of the way we interact with each other. It is a part of the way we interact with each other. It is a part of the way we interact with each other. It is a part of the way we interact with each other.

I don’t think the problem is even thoughtlessness in most cases. There was a letter to the editor on Friday, February 18, that described a situation caused by ignorance. The writer detailed a situation that happened to a Hispanic friend who had written a paper that the teacher had graded poorly. The teacher had asked the Hispanic friend if English was his first language. (It was.)

The writer told us that this was a case of an ignorant racist act, and that there is no better time than this to talk about how this is wrong. However, it took me about a week of thinking to finally come to an understanding of why this would be a racist thing to do. It seemed to me like a harmless, though embarrassing, attempt to help a student. I guess that I, too, am ignorant of the etiquette of race relations.

The difficulty of being ignorant in this case is that realizing you are ignorant is not in and of itself enough to solve the problem. Somehow you must learn it is what you do not know.

However, while, I truly want to understand how not to be racist, I simply don’t know where to go or how to learn. All I can do is that through my very real desire to learn and the experience I have had in my everyday life, I will be able to figure out the answers to my questions.

Marlyna Soeneker's column appears every other Thursday.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Letters to the Editor

Taking time out of play to pray

I know that many people have sung the praises of our university and campus in recent weeks. Now, I hate to beat a dead horse as often happens with these letters to the editor, but I was recently pleased to see that a student of color at this university comes to please with me, so I wanted to write this letter.

I am a student at the University of Oregon and I have been pleased to see that the university is doing a lot to make it more inclusive. I think that this is a step in the right direction as we work towards a more diverse and inclusive campus.

As a former president of the ND Boxing Club, I would like to applaud the Bengal Bouts boxers. Observer sports writers and editors and ND student body for pulling together another fantastic event this year.

Judging by the exciting fight coverage from the first two rounds, the participants and fans are truly making this tournament memorable. As I look forward to attending the fights this Friday for the first time since graduation in '97, I can only hope that as many people as possible will come to the Observer's pre-Bouts coverage has run its course.

There seems to be much concern for the "true meaning" of the Bengal Bouts, and what elements combine to make this tradition a hallmark of the ND sports calendar. It is anyone who is in support of the Bengal Bouts to remember that the coaches and trainers of the Boxing Club are not only the heart, soul and body of the program, they are "Nappy" Napoleon's legacy. Allow me to reiterate, this is a student body-organized club currently in which two people have even met Nappy, let alone trained under him, are the coaches. It has been through their tireless efforts to maintain Nappy's vision for the Bengal Bouts that provides the student officers freedom to put on an event that seems to improve greatly with each year. Without our knowledge or approval, the staff decided to make the tournament more inclusive, among other pressing issues, we were berated for our supposed apathy towards our dorm activities. Today, our dorm-wide dance was canceled because we were two people short of the required 90 needed to hold a dance, and with 85 sets of tickets sold, clearly we could have been brokendown but not made money by having this dance.

However, the hall staff had arbitrarily set the minimum number and was unwilling to compromise at 88. Not only was the dance canceled, but there was no room for discussion on this matter. Thus, there are 88 dis-appointed Walshites this weekend, not to mention numerous men now dateless.

Some people are hurt by things that I don’t automatically see as racist. For example, I was so worried about seeming racist, I didn’t want to do anything that could seem like I was hurtful. However, while I truly want to understand how not to be racist, I don’t think the problem is even thoughtlessness in most cases. There was a letter to the editor on Friday, February 18, that described a situation caused by ignorance.

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I have known the Bengal Bouts program as a participant, president and now alumnus, and can not stress enough that I have never encountered a higher caliber of individuals than those who attend, participate in and organize the Notre Dame Bengal Bouts. There are 100-plus boxers in this year’s tournament. There will be as many champions this year. That is the spirit of the Bouts.

A recent article alluded to the middle weight division and he communally valued may be a hollow one for lack of competition. To this absurdity I simply challenge all of you who agree. Go and watch the fights, and if you are still not convinced that this year’s Bouts deserve as much respect as any, I again used their authority to make decisions we don’t agree with.

It’s not about the acronym. It’s about the dance. It’s about the general sense of futility in our efforts to maintain a positive dorm spirit and enjoy our remaining time in Walsh.

Anonymous Wild Women Walsh Hall

March 1, 2000

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**Ending of ‘Games’ ruins all the fun**

By JASON HAMMONTREE
Santa Monica Civic

Director John Frankenheimer set the benchmark for political thrillers almost 40 years ago with his classic 1972 film "The Manchurian Candidate." In the years that followed, he dropped from the Hollywood radar until he returned in the big screen with 1998's "Ronin," a film largely forgotten and notable for its car chases which were splendid.

His new action-thriller, "Reindeer Games," like "Ronin," breaks little new ground in the genre but is still enjoyable and stylish, and probably one of the better films of the new year. Keep in mind, though, that January and February are the known dumping grounds for studio films that didn't do well in audience previews, so this isn't saying much.

"Reindeer Games" tells the story of Rudy Duncan (Ben Affleck), a convicted car thief with only three days left in his prison-sentence. His cellmate, Nick (James Frain, "Hill Street Blues"), goes out on parole at the same time, but unlike Rudy, he has a beautiful young woman, Ashley (Charlize Theron), who's falling in love with him. Nick met Ashley about six months of writing letters. But Ashley has no idea what Nick looks like.

Rudy then decides to impersonate Nick for the obvious reason of getting together with Ashley and the new couple is off to enjoy the holidays. Only, someone wants Nick/Rudy more than Ashley: Gabriel (Gary Sinise), Ashley's brother and small-time criminal, needs Nick's help to rob a casino on Christmas Eve where Nick once worked. Of course, Nick isn't really Nick, and so the fun and chaos begin.

To reveal any more of the plot would ruin it, but the rest of the picture is full of twists, characters changing loyalties and lots of surprises to keep the audience guessing. Ultimately, the script gets carried away with many unpredictable plot twists, that, inevitably, the ending is a bit unbelievable.

A rather engaging film is spoiled with a disappointing finale. And for that, the blame must fall to the screenwriter, Ehren Kruger, whose "Dune" is arguably riding a hot streak. He penned last year's "Arlington Road," to the screenwriter. Writer Ehren Kruger, best known for his work on the debut film of Frankenthaler's background is at least going to deliver and keep you entertained.

He is helped by his stars, who make the most of their respective roles. Affleck ("Dogma," "Armageddon") plays the hardened convict with great cynicism and grumpy fun. He has lied to Ashley about his identity and so he is acutely aware of the possible deception going on around him. There's an intelligence to his character that is refreshing.

Theron ("Mighty Joe Young," "The Cider House Rules") plays Ashley as a woman just looking for love, until her true intentions are revealed. And Gary Sinise ("Forest Gump," "Snake Eyes") has devilish fun as the small-time crook, who has never actually committed a robbery before, but still behaves like he is indeed a bad ass.

There was one oddity to the film: the end of February is a weird time to release a film using the Christmas holiday as a central element of the film (especially with the spring-like weather the country's been having). It uses the familiar sights and sounds of Christmas in a very humorous manner, and the audience would have probably appreciated it much more had they been given the chance to see it in the freezing cold of December, with the ambiance of Christmas in full force.

"Reindeer Games" is a bit like Christmas itself, truly pretty good, but a bit overdue.

**Reindeer Games**

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**Photo courtesy of Dimension Films**

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**VIDEO PICK OF THE WEEK**

**Strange people do strange things in ‘Wild at Heart’**

By V. VAN BUREN GILES
Scene Movie Critic

"Wild at Heart" is arguably David Lynch's ("Dune," "Lost Highway," "Blue Velvet") best and most highly acclaimed film. This is a story that centers on two young lovers who are adventurous, dangerous and leave a good-looking corpse.

The opening scene of the movie shows Sailor defending himself from a guy that Lula's mother hired to kill him. The mother's anger becomes more furious when, after being incarcerated for many years, Sailor gets out and plans on resuming his relationship with Lula. This time Lula's mother gets help from her Gangster buddy, Marcellus Santos, to put a murder contract on Sailor. She also sends her boyfriend, Johnny Farragou, played by Harry Dean Stanton ("Alien"), to track the couple and bring them back in a less deadly manner.

As is characteristic of practically every David Lynch film, an assortment of strange characters pop up at various stages of the couple's adventures. Some of them even have principle roles. Crispin Glover ("The People vs. Larry Flynt") plays the very comedic role of Jingle Dell, who's bizarre habits lead him to believe that aliens from outer space are after him. But the weirdest and most effective supporting role is from Willem Dafoe ("The Last Temptation of Christ") as the demonized Bobby Varno, who has an attraction to Lula as well as a mission to kill Sailor.

There are many references to "The Wizard of Oz" scattered throughout the movie: Lula's mother is portrayed as the wicked witch of the west, Sailor gets advice from the good witch of the north, and the couple's car journey is associated with the trip down the yellow brick road.

The film is visually stunning and well acted by all the lead and supporting roles. Though there are some scenes of extreme sex and violence, these do not take away from the performances or the story. At the 1990 Cannes Film Festival, "Wild at Heart" won The Golden Palm (the festival's version of Best Picture). As the demonized Bobby Varno, who has an attraction to Lula as well as a mission to kill Sailor.

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Lauren Dern (left) and Nicolas Cage play an adventurous couple in David Lynch's "Wild at Heart."
Quirky ‘Wonder Boys’ survives on its acting

By JILLIAN DEPAUL

“Wonder Boys,” starring Michael Douglas and it-boy Tobey Maguire, is the long-awaited follow-up to Curtis Hanson’s 1997 masterpiece “L.A. Confidential,” a widely praised neo-noir film about organized crime in 1950s Los Angeles. Coincidentally, or not so coincidentally, as the case may be, Hanson’s current project is about a professor and writer named Grady Tripp (Michael Douglas). Tripp is struggling to finish his long-awaited second book, a follow up to his best selling first effort. Perhaps Hanson wanted to broaden his horizons by directing a comedy or more likely, he was attracted to this very personal story. Either way, “Wonder Boys” is a conscious departure for the director, and a very interesting case of art imitating life.

“Wonder Boys” is a quirky movie that tells the story of one wild weekend when everything in Grady Tripp’s life, and the lives of several other people, comes crashing down. For starters, his wife leaves him. His mistress, Frances McDormand, who is also the chancellor of the liberal arts college where he teaches, tells him she is pregnant. Not to mention that his editor (Robert Downey Jr.), who’s in town to suspect their new next door neighbor (Bruce Willis) may be an assassin in the black comedy “The Whole Nine Yards.”

Despite a low earnings weekend, the film maintained its pensative cadence, as seen in films like “The Cider House Rules” and “The Ice Storm.” One of the most enjoyable things about “Wonder Boys” is its literary frame of mind. It is a film about a writer who sees the world as a piece of fiction. Grady finds truth and meaning in literature but has trouble translating that truth into reality, which is why his personal life is in shambles. Despite the fact that the characters never reach their fullest potential, “Wonder Boys” is well-acted. It is always refreshing when Michael Douglas (“Wall Street”, “A Perfect Murder”) takes a break from playing sexual deviants and murderers and a new storylines almost compulsively. As a result, pretty much everything in this movie is underdeveloped. Although this is a detriment to the film because its characters and dialogue are so original, it also manages to keep its audience interested through some priceless funny moments and insightful narration by Michael Douglas along the way.

It would be easy to cast this movie off as tangential and spiraling, but that would be missing the point. The spine of the movie is all of these tangents. Hanson, who has managed to do it again, almost. The film definitely spirals out of control at certain points, but it succeeds in illustrating the central idea that reflects Socrates’ philosophy about life being the journey, not the destination. This is why the film’s main character, Tripp, is so aptly named. Does this underlying message justify the trite ending, which wraps up all the loose ends far too easily? Maybe. If you haven’t written this film off before the final thought, you will probably buy it.

Michael Douglas plays Grady Tripp, an English professor struggling to finish his novel in the offbeat comedy “Wonder Boys.”
Luck helps Sabres skate to 3-3 tie with Rangers

Associated Press

Curtis Brown's fluke goal late in the third period completed a three-goal rally that gave Buffalo as the Sabres and New York Rangers played to a 3-3 tie Wednesday night.

With 3:51 left in regulation and minutes after Buffalo's MacLean off for high-sticking, Brown gathered two loose pucks in front of that left boards that Mike Richter deflected with his stick off the leg. The Rangers tied it 3-3 with the 38th goal of the season for Buffalo's Jaromir Jagr, who is out at least two more weeks with a knee injury.

St. Louis gave Calgary a 3-1 lead just 17 seconds into the second period, putting Jason Wiemer's centering pass behind Jean-Sebastien Aubin for his first goal in 35 games.

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Battier leads Duke to solid victory over Clemson

Associated Press

Chris Carrawell has lived with Duke's high expectations for years so he wasn't going to let teammate Shane Battier or the fourth-ranked Blue Devils settle for just a career night.

Despite Battier's career-high seven 3-pointers and Duke's 19th straight Atlantic Coast Conference road victory, Carrawell wanted more after the 92-78 win over Clemson on Wednesday night.

"How many did he have? Seven?" Battier asked. "I told him he should have had 12. He choked.

"The always inquisitive Chris Carrawell, everybody," answered Battier, who had 26 points.

In the past month, the Blue Devils (23-4, 14-1) lost at home to Maryland and St. John's. They were without key reserve Mike Dunleavy, who returned from his home in Oregon to Durham, N.C., on Wednesday to continue recovery from mononucleosis. And the Tigers (10-18, 4-11) were playing better than their record.

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Battier seven 3-pointers broke his career best by one and Carrawell clamped down on ACC leading scorer Will Solomon as the Blue Devils recovered from Saturday's one-point home loss to No. 18 St. John's. Battier was almost perfect from long range in the first half, going 6-of-7, and sent Duke to its eighth straight victory over Clemson.

Solomon, the league's top scorer at 20.6 points a game, had 26 points, but Carrawell harassed him throughout and had 10-of-26 from the field.

The Blue Devils have been so dominant the past four seasons — with four consecutive ACC titles — that any slip has some wondering what's wrong. It happened Feb. 9, when Maryland ended their 31-game ACC winning streak. And it happened again this week as the Red Storm became just the third nonconference team in 130 games to win at Cameron Indoor Stadium.

Battier's 3-point barrage quickly shut down Clemson's hopes of ending Duke's ACC road winning streak.

"When someone starts making shots like that, they get in a zone," said Solomon, someone who should know.

Battier's baskets almost all came at crucial moments.

He hit two straight during a personal 8-0 run as Duke moved ahead 16-9. He had two more during a 9-4 run that put the Blue Devils up 27-17. His last, a crisp inbounds pass from Carrawell, closed an 11-0 spurt that sent Duke to a 38-22 lead.

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California. In 1998, his team advanced to the quarterfinals of the Dallas Cup and won three tournament crowns.

"Brian's athleticism is his strongest asset," Notre Dame assistant coach Chris Apple says. "He adds great speed, strength and power to our incoming freshman class. His versatility allows him to play in several different positions on the field. Brian instinctively finds the back of the net. His ability to be a target and a goal scorer will give us added balance on offense. Jarvis will join midfielder Filippos Chilliemi; midfielder/defender Justin Detter; defender Greg Martin; forward/midfielder Devin Prescod; midfielder Kevin Richards and midfielder Chad Riley who signed national letters of intent in February."

In addition, Jarvis played for the Corona Eagles since May of 2000. Jarvis was a two-year starter at Damien High where he twice earned all-Sierra League honors. Last season, Damien advanced to the finals of the CIF Division I playoffs after winning the Sierra League championship and winning both the El Rancho championship and the Sierra League titles.

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Chris Apple assistant coach

What are your thoughts on the game this weekend? I think we have a good chance to win. I think that we can push the ball up and down the field. I think that we can find the back of the net. His instinctively finds the back of the net. His ability to be a target and a goal scorer will give us added balance on offense. Jarvis will join midfielder Filippos Chilliemi; midfielder/defender Justin Detter; defender Greg Martin; forward/midfielder Devin Prescod; midfielder Kevin Richards and midfielder Chad Riley who signed national letters of intent in February.

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Senior Cavey named co-Big East pitcher of the week

Notre Dame senior righthander Scott Cavey from Omaha, Nebraska, has been named co-Big East Conference pitcher of the week in the first awards of the 2000 season, after allowing just one hit in six innings of a 6-0 win over Air Force on Feb. 24.

Cavey—who shared the award with Rutgers junior righthander Jim Wilson—turned in a 78-pitch outing that included six strikeouts and eight groundouts, with one hit and one walk allowed during his 20 batters faced (the game was seven innings and opened the Service Academies Classic, at USA Baseball Stadium in Millington, Tenn.). The lanky righthander retired the final 10 batters he faced, after yielding a two-out double to leadoff hitter Brian LaFusco in the third inning.

Air Force's best scoring chance came in the second inning, when cleanup hitter Geremy Goldsberry drew a full-count walk before moving up on a pair of groundouts. But Cavey struck out Ryan Carville to end the inning.

EaBasco could have managed a triple on his two-out hit in the third inning, but he stumbled prior to touching the first-base bag. Cavey then struck out Brendan Shannon on four pitches and the Falcons managed no more baserunners the rest of the way.

Cavey boosted his career record to 10-1, with a 3.64 career ERA, 83 strikeouts and 20 walks in 101 and one-third innings pitched. He has averaged just 1.78 walks per nine innings during his career, with a 4.15 career strikeout-to-walk ratio.

Cavey's last 11 appearances include a 7-0 record, a 2.49 ERA, 44 strikeouts and 20 walks in 54.1 innings. During that span, he owns an 8.8 strikeout-to-walk ratio and has averaged just 0.83 walks per nine innings.

The Department of Art, Art History and Design is pleased to announce its annual competition for the Riley Prize in Art History & Criticism. Current Notre Dame undergraduate and graduate students are invited to submit essays on any topic in the history of art or art criticism for consideration in the competition. Essays must deal with the visual arts. They may have been written in conjunction with a course taken at the University, but need not have been.

Rules governing the competition are available in the Art Department Office. Two copies of the submission must be delivered to the Art Department Office, 137 O'Shaughnessy Hall, by 5:00 PM, Friday, March 31, to be eligible. A student may only submit ONE entry.
I want to be a professional athlete, not a role model

What I want to be when I grow up: Someday I want to be a professional athlete. I want to hear the crowds cheering for me. I want to be on television so that all of the little kids can look up to me. But I don't want to be a role model. I just want them to watch me play sports, not anything else. That's my private life.

I want to make a lot of money. That way I can buy too many expensive cars, wear lots of jewelry and bribe the cops like Sebastian Janikowski did. If I have a lot of money, then I can behave any way that I want like Dennis Rodman. Go ahead, fine me a $13,500 in five games this season; I make $12,195 per game. I'll make it back in just over a game.

Plus, Rodman doesn't even try. Sometimes I just want to choke my coach, like Latrell Sprewell. Things worked out pretty well for him. Now he's on a better team and everyone loves him. He's the American dream. I didn't see any show contracts before he choked him. That would feel good. Next time the coach makes me run, maybe I'll choke him.

All of the pro athletes get away with anything they want. I want to get away with everything too. No one ever gets in trouble, unless they do something really bad like commit murder. Even then, they can usually hire Johnny Cochran to get them off. They can beat their girlfriends like Lawrence Phillips or drink too much like Steve Howe. They can do drugs like Leon Lett or get prostitutes like Eugene Robinson. If they want to they can do both like Daryl Strawberry and Michael Howe. They can beat their girlfrend instead of mad.

The best thing is that even when they do get in trouble, they get lots of chances. How many has Daryl had? And everyone just feels sorry for the athletes if they get caught. They get some great discounts at department stores because everyone recognizes them, especially at Bloomingdale's. I hear that's where some of the best athletes hang out. You have to be good for that through. For most athletes, that's just stealing. For a good athlete, it's a gift from God. And talk about being popular. Pro athletes get all of the girls. They have lots of kids too; kids that want them to take care of. I wish I were a pro star's kid. Then he could send me $1,000 per month in child support from his million-dollar check. Everyone would call him a good dad and I'd agree. I could brag to everyone that my dad was Shawn Kemp. I'd love to see him maybe once a year, but athletes aren't busy, he probably wouldn't have time for me. Oh well.

People say that sports have too much violence, but I don't think so. Some of my favorite things about hockey is the fighting. Marty McSorly is so cool. Did you see the way he jacked up that guy? Sometimes I think the only thing that's interesting about hockey is the fighting and the violence.

Or how about when the baseball players brawl? They get suspended sometimes, but the cops stay out of it. People shouldn't criticize them so much. They have a tough job and have to release their tension somehow. It's only natural to want to fight.

Being an athlete has a lot of hard things too though, like watching what you say. I learned in class about the first amendment stating that I can say whatever I want no matter the ignorance, stupidity or meanness of it.

But for athletes, that doesn't apply. I mean look at John Rocker and Reggie White. Well, at least John Rocker, nothing really happened to Reggie. He's the most hated man in sports and for good reason. What he did was wrong. He should've gone and snorted cocaine instead. At least then, fans would be sad instead of mad.

Athletes can't bet either. But I wouldn't do that. I know how bad that is. Look at Pete Rose. He bet and they won't let him ever come back to baseball. I agree. Baseball can't risk ruining its reputation by letting a gambler back in. They should just stick to people that throw firecrackers at little kids like Vince Coleman or wife-beaters like Wil Cordero or even players that play hard all the time and appreciate the fans like Albert Belle.

Despite all of these tough things though, I want to grow up just like those guys. That way, kids like me now can try to be like me when I grow up. But I don't think I should have to be a role model. I want them to want to be like me, but not to be like me.

Sincerely, Your everyday kid

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The Huddle - LaFortune Student Center
Troy Murphy battles for control in Wednesday night's game against Syracuse. Murphy finished the game with 20 points.

"It's part of the game," Graves said. "We've been in a lot of close games. Some plays have gone our way; some haven't. You can't blame it on the fans. The fans are the reason why we are in the position that we are. They've been great all year."

Notre Dame's decision to fight to the finish is one that has been made throughout the year. Back in November, Notre Dame let ranked opponent Indiana leap out to a 17-0 advantage, then battled back to send the game to overtime. Against conference foe West Virginia on Feb. 2, Notre Dame turned things around from a 51-40 deficit to the second half to win 77-74.

In the Irish home victory over the Connecticut Huskies, the Irish trailed by as many as nine points before bringing their "A" game to the floor. Perhaps the Irish are pleased with their ability to come back, but they also realize that early ruts are difficult to return from. "We've just got to be ready to play two halves," Dillon said. "We've got to be ready for 40 minutes, not 20."

Notre Dame's refusal to go down for the count is a season-long theme. Predicted to crowd around the bottom of the Big East, Notre Dame opened its season with an upset victory over defending Final Four team Ohio State.

With winning the first four games of their season, Notre Dame dropped four straight against quality opponents: Arizona, Maryland, Indiana and Vanderbilt. A week later, it suffered one of its most crushing defeats of the season, a 16-point loss against a mediocre Miami (Ohio) team. Sitting at 4-4 on the year, many analysts again began to discount the Irish.

"This team has a lot of character," Graves said. "We're not going to quit."

Only a Saturday match against the Georgetown Hoyas and the Big East tournament remain as chances to convince the NCAA tournament selection committee that they deserve a trip. "You talk about your backs being to the wall," Doherty said. "Our backs are through the wall right now."

The Irish have proven their critics wrong before. They would like nothing more than to do so one more time by winning the Big East tourney to head to March Madness for the first time in 10 years.

Don't count the Irish out just yet. They could be the Cinderella team of the 2000 tournament.

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the Irish.
"It shouldn't have come
down to that," senior point
guard Jimmy Dillon said. "We
got down by 14 and dug our­selves a hole. Yeah it's a piv­otal point in the game and we
wish it didn't happen."
The Irish with the first half
didn't happen either. Syracuse
made five of its first six 3­pointers and jumped out to an
early double digit lead.
"They are a tough team to
play zone against," Doherty
said. "They have a lot of inter­changeable people that are
tough to match up against. Shumpert was just ridiculous
in the first half.
I think he is getting me back
for not re cruiting him at
Kansan. I chal lenge d their
manhood at halftime and they
showed their character. They
didn't quit."

Notre Dame, playing man­to­man defense and going
with a smaller lineup in the
second half, mounted a
charge and cut the lead to one
with 2:50, but Jason Hart's
five points down the stretch
and the closing sequence
slammed the door on Notre
Dame's hope for the upset.
"Our kids showed great
character and didn't quit,"
Doherty said. "We beat them
by 12 points in the second
half, but two [losses] is a
trend, but we just made it a
third. We need to right this
ship quickly."

Blackwell finished with a
game-high 24 points for the
Orangemen, who clinched at
least a tie for the Big East
regular season crown.

Irish captains Skylard
Owens and Todd Palmer got
the start on senior night.
Owens scored Notre Dame's
first basket and Palmer later
added a 3-pointer.

Notre Dame travels to the
nation's capital Saturday to
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Notre Dame drops heart-breaker to Syracuse

By BRIAN KESSLER

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I was a fouled and made l-of-2 foul shots and Syracuse took possession of the ball with 8.8 seconds and a four-point lead. Damone Brown was a fouled and made 1-of-2 foul shots to push the lead to five. Troy Murphy then drained a desperation four point lead. Damone Brown

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w e should n 't have been in that game. Notre Dame salvaged a split of the six consecutive victories, the Irish raced improve to 8-4 with the win No.3 doubles to clinch their Pavilion.

Two fans decided not to listen. And when a water bottle hit the court in the closing seconds of the match, Notre Dame was assessed a technical foul that sealed its fate.

"It was the third time something bit the floor and I was on the mic after the first one," Doherty said following Wednesday's 73-71 loss to No. 9 Syracuse at the Joyce Center. "The officials never warned us, but I guess I warned us. It was a tough time to make that call, but we shouldn't have been in that position."

The Irish, however, had the Orangemen just where they wanted them. After trailing by 14 at the break and by as many as 16 in the second half, Notre Dame was down just two points with 44 seconds left in the game and in position to win or send it to overtime. But an intentional foul on David Graves or sen d it to overtime. But an intentional foul on David Graves would've given the Irish a 5-4 lead in singles when Varnum beat Shannon Duffy 6-1, 6-2 at No. 6 singles, and make up the 16th-ranked team in the country. Varnum was normally Guy's partner in doubles, but Nasser broke back with a 3-pointer. "That just shows the character of the team," Dillon said. "Our guys competed and hung in there against a very good basketball team."" Notre Dame head coach, Matt Doherty said. "We had ourselves in that position down 16 points, and we can't do that."

Syracuse's senior center Etan Thomas slammed dunked to open the second half, which put his team up 47-31. At that point, senior point guard Jimmy Dillon, playing for the final time on his home court, started an Irish comeback with a 3-pointer. "That just shows the character of the team," Dillon said. "Coach jumped on us a little bit."

Playing tenaciously throughout the second half, the Irish inched their way back into contention. Pre-season All American Troy Murphy scored 12 second half points, and freshman Jer Macura scored all 12 of his points in the second period.

"I don't think I've ever seen anyone make tougher 3's than they made in the second half," Syracuse head coach Jim Boeheim said. "They were in a big hole. They're a young team. And they just

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Women's Tennis

Solid doubles play leads Irish to victory over Wildcats

Special to the Observer

The 15th-ranked Notre Dame women's tennis team used a scrambled, but effective, doubles lineup to beat 12th-ranked Northwestern 4-3 on Wednesday at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

After the teams split the six singles matches, the Irish raised to 8-2 wins at the No. 1 and No.3 doubles to clinch their sixth consecutive victory over the Wildcats. Notre Dame improves to 8-4 with the win and will face 33rd-ranked Ohio State on Thursday in Toledo, Ohio. Northwestern falls to 9-2 with the loss.

An injury to Irish junior Kimberly Guy forced the breakup of Notre Dame's 16th and 17th-ranked doubles teams. Junior All-American Michelle Dasso, who is ranked 17th in doubles with sophomore Beck Varnum, teamed at No. 1 doubles with freshman Katie Cumba. Cumba is normally Guy's partner and make up the 16th-ranked team in the country. Varnum and sophomore Nina Vaughan paired together for just the third time ever and rolled to an 8-2 win over Jennifer Lutgert and Leigh Weinraub at No. 3 doubles to give the Irish a 4-3 lead. Cumba and Dasso — playing together for the first time — beat 51st-ranked Colleen Cheng and Katherine Nasser 8-2 at No. 1 doubles to clinch the win. Notre Dame's usual No. 3 doubles team of sophomores Lindsey Green and Kelly Zalinski won 8-2 over Liza Jackson and Marine Pirio at No. 2.

After falling behind 3-2, Notre Dame salvaged a split of the singles when Dasso outlasted Nasser 6-3, 4-6, 7-6 (7-2) at No. 1 singles in a match that last nearly three hours. Nasser led 4-2 in a seesaw third set before Dasso converted her seventh break point of the game to trail just 3-4. She then held serve and broke serve again for 5-4 but Nasser broke back with Dasso serving for the match at 5-4. After both players won service games to send the set into a tiebreaker, Dasso built a 5-3 lead. Nasser rallied for 5-5 and saved match points at 5-6 and 6-7 before Dasso converted on her third match point to tie the match after singles.

The Irish had taken an early lead in singles when Varnum beat Shannon Duffy 6-1, 6-2 at No. 2 singles. Cheng tied the match with a 7-6 (10-8), 6-2 win over Zalinski at No. 3 singles. Cumba — playing in just her second dual match in 2000 in replace of Guy — won the final five games of the match to beat Lutgert 6-4, 6-4 at No. 6 singles. After Lutgert had handed Cumba two of her three losses in the 1999 fall season, Pirio held off Green 6-4, 2-6, 6-3 at No. 5 singles to tie the match once again at 2-2. Jackson then beat Vaughan 6-3, 7-6 (7-4) at No. 4 singles to give the Wildcats a 3-2 lead before Dasso beat Nasser at No. 1 singles.