Faculty Senate Members approve Student Life report

The Faculty Senate approved a Student Life report that included proposed changes to smoking policies on campus. The report, titled "SMC bans indoor smoking," was drafted by the Progressive Student Alliance (PSA) and presented to the Senate on Tuesday. The Senate voted to endorse the report by a vote of 28-3. The report will now go to the Ad Hoc Committee on Academic and Student Life for further consideration.

Saint Mary's administration has agreed to ban indoor smoking, a move that has been welcomed by many students and faculty. The new policy, which will take effect August 1, will allow smoking in designated outdoor areas and encourage smokers to smoke outside.

Community celebrates McCormick at memorial Mass

The community gathered on Wednesday to celebrate the life of the late Father Theodore Hesburgh, S.J., who passed away on March 1, 2000. McCormick was a former president of the University of Notre Dame and a member of the American Catholic Theological Society. He was remembered for his wisdom, counsel, and dedication to the University.

"McCormick was a wonderful friend and colleague. He was open to all ideas, all friendships, open to everyone," said Hesburgh, who presided over Mass. The event drew many who knew McCormick, including his three sisters and other extended family members. McCormick's integral part of not only his immediate family but also of the Notre Dame community and the Society of Jesus to which he had belonged since 1940.

Said Father Richard McBrien, a fellow theology professor, "The legacy of Father McCormick is one of wisdom and counsel." McBrien added, "He never lost hope that he would return to Notre Dame, if even for one more football weekend."

Although the memorial Mass was an occasion to pay tribute, McBrien said Tuesday's services were intended to call attention to a life of accomplishments, not death. The bonds of friendship and love that McCormick stood for are not broken by his passing. McBrien said, "Father McCormick's presence was felt far beyond the Notre Dame community."

The faculty senate chair Jean Porter leads the group's meeting Tuesday. The Senate voted to support the PSA's campaign for Notre Dame to enter the Workers' Rights Consortium, an anti-sweatshop organization.
It's just a place, right?

In three months, I'll be gone. I realized that the other day when an envelope filled with commen- cements information met me at the mailbox. It was a sign of my collegiate mortality. And when I opened that envelope, and read such dry material about how exactly Notre Dame is going to kick me out, I began to cry. It wasn't a sad event. It was just a small trickle, enough to make me notice a change in my emotional well-being, but not so much that I couldn't wuss it out of the way of explaining why there was a tear running down my cheek. (It was a piece of dirt, I would probably say.)

Anyway, I suppose it's just the Nirvana kid who's been hiding deep down in my soul for such a long time. I've never pretended to be a big fan of loving Notre Dame and everything attached to it. I've visited the Grotto when I needed spiritual healing. But really, I would have made those trips if I were at any other school. It was really my spiri- tuality, my curiosity and my interest in sports that instigated them.

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The university senate voted Thursday to join the Worker Rights Consortium (WRC) on a conditional basis and send representatives to its first organizational meeting in April. All but one of the senators present at the meeting voted in favor joining the WRC after nearly 20 minutes of debate over the language of the resolution. The WRC is a newly formed independent monitoring group that would oversee the implementation of wage, condition and civil rights standards in the apparel factories that NYU contracts with having "failed to fulfill the external committee's obligations as the sponsor" of gene therapy studies, and accused him of violating federal human research regulations.

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By SARAH RYKOWSKI

Construction updates, a visit from the newly elected Notre Dame student body president and vice president and introduc­tions of new Board of Governance members highlight­ed the Saint Mary's BOG meeting Tuesday.

The Historical Preservation Committee had a meeting to dis­cuss the future of Dalloway's. Saint Mary's clubhouse. At this point, there are no definite plans to tear it down, but it may revert to the Sisters of the Holy Cross if the current transaction goes through. In this transaction, Saint Mary's would get a new clubhouse and also the softball and soccer fields for develop­ment. The school hopes to break ground on a new clubhouse soon.

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Other newly elected officers who were introduced at Tuesday's meeting included Saint Mary's Residence Hall Association president-elect Mindy Rennaker and junior class president-elect Aly Robinson.

- BOG was asked for two co­sponsorships. The Student Nurses Association requested funds to attend a conference in Salt Lake City in April. The sec­ond request was for a mission trip to the Lillian Trasher Orphanage in Asia. Egypt.

"It's the most amazing experi­ence I've ever had," Robinson said of a previous mission trip. Robinson's father, Dr. Jim Robinson, runs a dental facility at the orphanage. Robinson and Nagle will be traveling with him this summer on the trip.

- Midnight Madness will be held on March 31, from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. The evening includes finals for the intramural sports, food and a DJ. Grand prize is an all-expenses paid trip to Chicago.

- Nominations for the Student Leader Appreciation Award, given to a faculty, student or staff member who prepares students as lead­ers, are due March 24.

Prof wins book award

Special to The Observer


Grafton received the award, in the history and culture category, during ceremonies February 27 at the Royal Society in London. His book was chosen from among five finalists, which in turn were collected from among 283 books repre­senting 11 countries. The Kraszna-Krausz awards alternate between books on photography and on moving images.

Grafton joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1997. He graduated from the University of Michigan in 1969 and received his first master's degree from the University of Iowa. He earned his second master's and his doctoral degree at Yale University.

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Dennis lauds Salvadoran martyrs

By NELLIE WILLIAMS
News Writer

On Nov. 16, 1989, six Jesuit priests and two women in El Salvador were mercilessly gunned down. Tuesday, Sister Marie Dennis, director of the Maryknoll Peace and Justice Center came to Saint Mary’s from Washington to tell their story. “Like grains of wheat,” she said, “They were holy people of God.”

The “grains of wheat” were Ignacio Ellacuria, Segundo Montes, Nacho Martín-Baro, Juan Ramón Bonilla, Amando López and Joaquín Lopez y López. The two women killed were Elba Ramos and her 15-year-old daughter, Celina.

“Those people were imitators of Christ, followers of Jesus. They were seeds of new life,” Dennis said.

The country of El Salvador is filled with poverty. In a very complex situation, the government and military control most of the wealth and had wanted the poor to stay in poverty, Dennis said. As long as there was poverty, there was economic and social power in El Salvador.

The Jesuits, however, spoke out against the government and the Farabundo Martí Liberation Nationalist Front. “(The Jesuits) were given to dedicated service,” Dennis said. They taught in the Central American University in El Salvador and were theologians, sociologists and psychologists. They were able to stand in the shoes of the poor, Dennis said. “They always, always talked about justice. They believed it was possible to bring in peace and justice,” Dennis said.

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By Sunday, their action terrified authority,” Dennis said. John Salbreno, also a Jesuit who taught at the university with the other six, was away in The Philippines when his brothers were killed.

“No account is more poignant than his own,” Dennis said of Salbreno. “He wrote, ‘My whole community had been killed.’ ” He went on to tell how two of his brothers had been taken out into the garden, beheaded and machine-gunned down while the others where shot down in their beds. The two women staying in the house were there because they “felt safer in the house with all that was going on.”

“The Jesuits were killed because of their belief in and love for the poor,” said Dennis. Dennis said people should be challenged, especially at this time in Lent, to think about the martyrs and our own lives.

“We need to place ourselves before the crucifix and ask ourselves honestly what we have done and what we are going to do for the poor,” she said. “It is not possible to keep on living in abundance. We are wanting more and more while millions of people are dying day by day.”

She also said that people need to find “places to walk with the poor” and allow them to change them and become more human. People need to challenge themselves to take down barriers that separate them from the crucified ones, she said.

Dennis emphasized that even in her own life she had a hard time dealing with a poor family. Her heart went out to them, yet she could not find within herself the courage to invite them to her home.

“I was embarrassed to invite these children to our house because we had so much more than they did,” she said.

“The martyr are a cloud of witnesses to the gospel,” Dennis said. “They are seeds of a new life for us — the martyrs of El Salvador.”

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The policy is an effort to help non-smokers avoid second-hand smoke and encourage smokers to avoid the unhealthy behavior.

“Actually I am a non-smoker, I can walk through my residence halls and outside my classrooms without having to hold my breath,” Kosel commented.

Some smokers agree that this policy will help them curb their habit by keeping them from smoking in their rooms.

“I think it is a good idea not to be able to smoke in the residence halls,” said Emily Koehrle, a smoker. “I think it will help people quit if they can’t smoke at night in their rooms.”

Many non-smokers who live next to smokers are pleased that their neighbors will not be able to smoke in any dorms, helping to cut back on the second-hand smoke intake.

“I don’t want to ruin anyone’s health. But I don’t think Saint Mary’s has the right to tell me what I can and cannot do,” said Jessica Barnett, a junior.

“I want to do and what I want to do.”

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Many smokers feel that the administration is infringing on their rights.

“Smoking is frustrating,” Barnett said. “I don’t want to ruin anyone’s health, but I don’t think Saint Mary’s has the right to tell me what I can and cannot do. It’s an individual choice, no one that should be forced on us.”
**World News Briefs**

Day care center to provide anonymous baby drop

HAMBOURG, Germany

Desperate mothers who do not want their babies will soon be able to drop them off anonymously through a chute at a Hamburg day care center under a project being launched by a youth help organization. When placed into the chute, a baby will fall into a warm bed and be placed in the program's care, project leader Heidi Kaiser said. Mothers have eight weeks to rethink their decision, she said. The program was devised to give women an alternative to abandoning or even killing their babies when they can't or don't want to keep them, Kaiser said. In the United States, Minnesota has introduced a similar program and Los Angeles is discussing one. A baby drop also exists in South Africa.

Arizona Democrats participate in first-ever Internet voting

PHOENIX

Arizona Democrats on Tuesday started what they believe is the future of voting — using the Internet in the nation's first such ballot in a binding election for public office. Maricopa County Supervisor Mary Rose Wilcox cast the first vote from state party headquarters at 12:01 a.m. By mid-afternoon, about 7,000 people had voted and the Web site was recording about 100 votes every 5 minutes. To vote, registered Democrats visit Election.com, which leads them to the Web page where they can vote. They have to enter a personal identification number along with state and date of birth. On primary day, other voters will have to go to one of 124 polling places where they can use either a traditional paper ballot or computer.

Bob Jones U. lifts dating ban, requires parental consent

GREENVILLE, S.C.

Students who want to take advantage of Bob Jones University's decision to drop its ban on interracial dating will need a note from their parents. Bob Jones III, the school's president, announced an end to the ban Friday. On Monday, he told nearly 4,000 students at a daily chapel service that most people view such relationships as an unwise decision. "When you date interracially or marry interracially, you will carry the will of your parents," he said. "They will need to have a say in this." Parents must send a letter to the dean of parents. Bob Jones III, the school's president, announced an end to the ban Friday. On Monday, he told nearly 4,000 students at a daily chapel service that most people view such relationships as an unwise decision. "When you date interracially or marry interracially, you will carry the will of your parents," he said. "They will need to have a say in this." Parents must send a letter to the dean of parents. "We will carry out the will of your parents," he said. "The courts do not accept pressure."

Pinochet to face trial as ordinary citizen

SANTIAGO

Less than a week after returning from confinement in Britain, the ailing Gen. Augusto Pinochet faces 72 lawsuits for human rights abuses, including six filmed Tuesday with the Santiago Court of Appeals.

Chief Justice Herman Alvarez dismissed warnings by critics that strong military support for Pinochet might interfere with the pursuit of justice. "Citizen Augusto Pinochet can be tried the same as any other Chilean," Alvarez said. "The courts do not accept pressure."

He admitted, however, that "this is indeed a complex situation that requires prudence."

Fernando Barros, a spokesman for Pinochet through most of the former dictator's 16-month detention in Britain, warned that trying Pinochet "will bring instability to the country."

A day earlier, Judge Juan Guzman, who is handling the suits, asked the Santiago court to strip Pinochet of his congressional immunity so he could be tried in the case known as "the caravan of death" — the killings and disappearances of 72 dissidents in the days after the Sept. 11, 1973 coup that brought Pinochet to power.

Among those who filed new suits on Tuesday was Mirta Contreras, the secretary of former President Salvador Allende, whom Pinochet ousted in the coup.

A report by the elected government that supported Pinochet in 1990 established that Contreras' 20-year-old son, Enrique Report, was arrested in front of the presidential palace the day of the coup and executed by agents of the State. His body was found on the banks of the Mapocho River by the end of the same month."

Another new suit was filed by Yolanda Avila, the widow of Jose Liendo, a leftist accused of organizing guerrillas in southern Chile and executed a few days after the coup. Attorney Francisco Bravo said Liendo had been executed after "a highly irregular" military trial. "A text of the procedures was never found, and Liendo was not provided with a lawyer," Bravo said.

According to the official report, 3,197 people were killed or disappeared for political reasons during Pinochet's 17-year reign.

Jurors debate date-rape drug poisoning

DETROIT

Jurors began Tuesday deliberating the fate of a man accused of causing the death of a 15-year-old girl by slipping a date-rape drug into her soft drink. Joshua Cole, 19, is charged with three counts of felony poisoning, each carrying a possible life sentence, and involuntary manslaughter. Manslaughter is punishable by up to 15 years behind bars.

In closing arguments Tuesday, defense attorney John Courtright told jurors that his client acted out of ignorance but did not intend to harm the teenager. He said Samantha Reid's death was a "tragic accident." "No one would knowingly hurt themselves or their friends," Courtright said. "Sometimes things happen that shouldn't happen, and it's a tragedy."

Prosecutors say Cole and three other men gave the girl soft drinks spiked with gamma-hydroxybutyrate during a party Jan. 16, 1999. Samantha died the next day. Her friend Melanie Sildone, now 16, fell into a coma but recovered.

Courtright asked the jury to consider Cole's actions the night of the party and afterward — carrying the unconscious girls from the party to a van and calling their parents from the hospital when others urged him not to.

Wayne County assistant prosecutor Doug Baker said in his closing argument Monday that Cole knew GHB was potentially harmful, because he told police investigating that he had tried it once and gotten sick.

The trial is believed to be among the first in the country resulting from a GHB-related death.

Two other men — Nicholas Holtschlag, 18, and Daniel Branyan, 18 — are each charged with involuntary manslaughter and two counts of felony poisoning. A third, Erick Limmer, 26, is charged with poisoning, delivery of marijuana and possession of GHB.

**Market Watch: 3/7**

| Dow Jones | 10166.94 | -36.56 |
| S&P 500 | 1156.82 | -15.43 |
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McEvoy: Northern Irish youth face host of challenges

By AMANDA GRECO

Newsdesk

Though conflict in Northern Ireland is nothing new, the youth there are encountering more uncharted territory, inter- and intra-communal violence and segregation than ever before, according to visiting scholar Siobhan McEvoy, who spoke Tuesday at Notre Dame.

McEvoy, a visiting fellow at the Kroc Institute, examined young people’s political attitudes, experiences of violence and interests in the war-torn peace process.

She spent the last several months in Ireland interacting with mostly Protestant youth and conducting interviews to gather information. While there, McEvoy witnessed firsthand the violence during the peace process, as well as the optimism of people who envision a peaceful future. Northern Ireland’s peace process is generally seen as spanning the last seven years, McEvoy said, with 1993-1998 being considered the conflict resolution era and 1998 as post-settlement.

This current method looks to see that actions taken are viable with the young. “No group is more charged with carrying the peace process forward than the youth,” she said.

Knowing that more than 40 percent of Northern Ireland’s population is younger than 24, McEvoy said she was interested in the hope for a peaceful future. For the youth she studied, anywhere from one-third to one-half of their lives have taken place during the peace process.

“There is no escaping the peace process, and the children above all are aware of and affected by it,” she said.

Though all are aware of the need for peace, there exists a notable difference in how this peace is envisioned, McEvoy said. Opinions are influenced, for example, by where one lives, by one’s socioeconomic status and religious affiliation.

In Northern Ireland, one-third of all children live in poverty, the unemployment rate is the highest in the UK and 27 percent of those unemployed are under 25.

One of the areas McEvoy concentrated on concerned the youth’s perception of violence. She found that those ideas were “shaped by local history and parental experiences.” From 1994 to 1998, violent outbreaks in Northern Ireland declined. Since then, however, the rates have steadily risen.

People between the ages of 16 and 24 are more likely to have witnessed and participated in sectarian violence. When McEvoy surveyed 12- to 17-year-olds, she found that 27 percent felt that this violence was directly linked to religion. Twenty-five percent said they had to hide their religion from others; 27 percent had received threats because of their religion; 47 percent purposely avoid certain places out of fear; more than half understand religion as a source of violence.

These violent attacks, however, stem not only from members of opposing sects, but also from the police and paramilitary soldiers who support various militant groups.

“The youth are acutely subject to police brutality and community sanctioned punishment in many areas,” she said. These violent attacks continue unabated in post-settlement-era Ireland. Eighty percent of 16- to 25-year-olds have experienced physical, verbal and sometimes sexual harassment.

“Religious-related violence remains an immediate experience in the peace process for many youth,” McEvoy said. Though it seems the youth should be interested in turning their leadership away from violence, their political allegiances lie overwhelmingly with either the Democratic Unionist Party or the Republican counterpart, Sinn Fein, both of which are seen as highly militant groups. However, 19 percent of the youth surveyed said that they do not support any of the parties currently active in Northern Ireland.

The youth are frustrated that there are few real opportunities for engagement other than the sectarian or extremist groups, McEvoy said. “They have very few perceptions of political efficacy.”

The major challenge for peace builders, she said, is to accommodate and constructively harness the diversity of the youth.

“The young aren’t just victims of change but active participants in the transformation process,” she said.

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(WRC)

The proposal urged the University to withdraw from the FIA because corporations possess veto power in the organization, and the organizations does not demand public disclosure of its reports. The WRC, according to the proposal, operates without corporate oversight and will not demand public disclosure of its annual reports.

Kreider wants the University to join the WRC by April 1 so that the University can have a voice in the organization’s future. The committee met with Johnson in February, and the president has not demanded public disclosure of its annual reports.

Aside from the committee, the Faculty Senate Endorses the proposal to the entire Board of Trustees. The Senate chair Jean Porter noted that a new committee on Student Affairs andCo-curricular Affairs decided to write its own resolution to propose to the entire Senate.

The committee proposed that the Faculty Senate endorses the initiative of the Progressive Student Alliance in favor of Notice of Inclusion for the Union’s withdrawal of the FIA. But the jointing of the WRC, the resolution passed 23-3.

In other news:

• Two memorial resolutions passed remembering men’s soccer coach Michael Berardi and theology professor Robert Mezich. The Senate observed a moment of silence in memory of those colleagues.

• Senate chair Jean Porter announced in her report that the Faculty Senate reports on the performance of the Provost were distributed, and she encouraged all faculty members to encourage their colleagues to complete and return the survey.

• The committee on Academic Affairs reported that they are going to investigate the reason for the rise in the University’s average grade point average. Also, student body president Preacher said that the report was distributed. The Senate chair Preacher said that the report was distributed.

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Keys receives prestigious Olin fellowship

By SAM DERHEMER
News Writer

Mary Keys, assistant professor of government and international studies at Notre Dame, won’t have to worry about grading any papers or tests next year. She won’t have to worry about teaching class at all. Keys was named as one of eight John M. Olin Faculty Fellowship grant recipients by the National Association of Scholars (NAS). The grant, awarded annually, is for any junior faculty member who has completed his or her doctorate and who works in the social sciences or related fields, provided he or she has some research interest in political theory, public policy, American government, American foreign policy or the historical study of government or economics. While on leave, the fellowship will step in to cover the costs of Keys’ salary at Notre Dame and benefits for the entire year. Keys will then be able to take the year off from teaching to concentrate on her Olin project, “Virtue, Law, and the Common Good: The Relevance of Thomas Aquinas.” “I really love to teach, and I’ll miss the regular contact with students,” Keys said. “But I hope to return to the classroom in a year with more energy, and at least a few new insights.” The process of winning the grant was a daunting one. Keys was first nominated for the award by fellow Notre Dame government professor Michael Zuckert. She then had to submit a description of her intended research project and publication plans, a copy of her curriculum and a copy of an existing published book chapter or article she had written. After that, the decision was left solely to the discretion of the NAS selection committee. Keys was notified she had been chosen in late January of this year. “It’s a wonderful opportunity to complete by first book. I also hope to write a new article or two over the course of the year,” Keys said. “It’s also nice to know that some scholars outside of Notre Dame find my research project important and interesting enough to fund.” “I really liked her class,” said sophomore Mike Richard, a former student of Keys. “She provided a lot of insight into the fundamental concepts of politics.” Richard said he believed NAS made a good decision in choosing Keys. “This award should grant her the time and resources to enlighten many, not just those who were fortunate enough to take her class.” Keys earned her bachelor’s degree from Boston College and her master’s and doctoral degrees from the University of Toronto. Keys has been a member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1995, specializing in political theory, with a focus on Christianity and political thought.

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California bans gay marriage

Los Angeles

Californians overwhelmingly banned gay marriage, cracked down on juvenile crime and rejected an overhaul of camping financing Tuesday.

The observer was first nominated for the award by fellow Notre Dame government professor Michael Zuckert. She then had to submit a description of her intended research project and publication plans, a copy of her curriculum and a copy of an existing published book chapter or article she had written. After that, the decision was left solely to the discretion of the NAS selection committee. Keys was notified she had been chosen in late January of this year. “It’s a wonderful opportunity to complete by first book. I also hope to write a new article or two over the course of the year,” Keys said. “It’s also nice to know that some scholars outside of Notre Dame find my research project important and interesting enough to fund.” “I really liked her class,” said sophomore Mike Richard, a former student of Keys. “She provided a lot of insight into the fundamental concepts of politics.” Richard said he believed NAS made a good decision in choosing Keys. “This award should grant her the time and resources to enlighten many, not just those who were fortunate enough to take her class.” Keys earned her bachelor’s degree from Boston College and her master’s and doctoral degrees from the University of Toronto. Keys has been a member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1995, specializing in political theory, with a focus on Christianity and political thought.

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West Bank

Arafat, Barak meet as independence deadline nears

*Leaders hold summit in hopes of restarting stalled peace efforts*

Associated Press

RAMALLAH Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat met late Tuesday to try to settle their differences in a stalled peace effort.

The two met in Sayon, an affluent suburb of Tel Aviv, a seizer Palestinian official said. Separately, an Israeli official confirmed that the meeting had taken place but gave no further details.

President Clinton's top Middle East envoy Dennis Ross, arrived in Israel earlier in the day on his second visit to the region. The talks collapsed last month over a disagreement on an interim troop withdrawal from the West Bank.

But Barak returned prompt speculation he was carrying new proposals for both sides. The Palestinian official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Ross was to attend the meeting.

The official said the meeting was spurred by the peacemaking efforts of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, who called Arafat and Barak on Monday to discuss a new package of Egyptian and American ideas. The proposals include some minor Israeli concessions.

In the land dispute, Palestinians wanted the interim troop withdrawal from 6.1 percent of the West Bank to include populous suburbs of Jerusalem. Israel refused, saying discussion of the suburbs should be undertaken during final-status negotiations on the city, claimed by both sides as a capital.

Arafat suspended final-status talks last month over the issue, saying that if he could not trust Israel, especially on politically minor issues, there was no point in negotiating the major issues.

Earlier Tuesday, Arafat told his legislature that he would declare Palestinian statehood this year, with or without Israel's consent. He said Israel must stop procrastinating if it wants to meet a September deadline for a peace treaty giving it a say on the terms of statehood.

"This is the moment of truth. The government of Israel must stop dictating and wasting time," Arafat declared. "We will only accept the implementation of the agreements and will settle for nothing less than our full rights."

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Arafat: 2000 is year of independence for Palestine

Associated Press

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JAPAN

Subway derails, kills 2

Associated Press

TOKYO A subway train derailed and hit an oncoming train during rush hour Wednesday, killing two passengers and injuring at least 19 others, officials said.

Three of the injured were rushed to hospitals unconscious following the 9:03 a.m. accident, the Department spokesman Fuku Isozaki said.

The cause of the derailment near Nakameguro Station in western Tokyo, one of Tokyo's busiest subway lines, was not immediately known, said spokesman Ryuich Kinosita of the Tokyo Rapid Transit Authority.

Public television network NHK broadcast live coverage showing the wall of one of the train's rear cars sheared off, apparently when it hit the oncoming subway train, which was on a parallel track.

Kyodo News agency reported that the train had been derailed by an explosion inside the car.

But Tadao Ando, an official with the Cabinet's Crisis Management Office, said there was no evidence of sabotage or any criminal act in the accident.

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**Bush outpaces McCain in Super Tuesday primaries**

Cruising across the regions, George W. Bush won five Super Tuesday primaries in an accelerating drive to vanquish John McCain's political insurgency. "It's a huge step toward the nomination," the Republican presidential candidate said as McCain struggled to broaden his base beyond independent-minded New England states.

Bush won in Ohio, Georgia, Missouri and Maryland by double-digit margins—and broke McCain's hold on the Northeast with a narrow victory in Maine. McCain won in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Vermont as voters in 13 states participated in the year's largest night of Republican presidential contests.

New York and California were yet to be counted.

Bush said he did not consider himself the certain nominee. "My frame of mind is to keep moving," he told The Associated Press. "The AP as the campaign moved swiftly to nine primaries in the next seven days."

Forging familiar coalitions, Bush relied on party faithful while McCain drew from independents and moderate Republicans. McCain's gamble of criticizing conservative Christian leaders may have backfired in key states, while Bush's visit to a South Carolina university with a history of anti-Catholic views seemed to be a beneficial campaign issue for McCain in some states.

With Super Tuesday voting, the general election began to take shape. Vice President Al Gore bid to sweep 16 Democratic contests, pushing Sen. Bill Bradley to the brink of withdrawal. McCain's situation was not as dire, but his candidacy was flagging with a tough week of Bush-friendly contests lying just ahead.

Looking past McCain to a potential fight with Gore, Bush congratulated the vice president for his Super Tuesday victory, but said, "He is the candidate of the status quo in Washington, D.C., and he has a tough case to make in the general election."

Several McCain advisers, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the Arizona senator would take stock of his campaign Wednesday when he travels to his retreat in Sedona. Some aides planned to recommend the senator depart the race, while others looked for him to forge on to the nine primaries looming up in the next seven days.

McCain himself embraced his victories in the week's final primary and held out hope in New York. "Clearly, we have done very well on the East Coast," he said.

Neither candidate could accumulate the magic number of 1,034 delegates Tuesday, but Bush hoped for a string of victories that would drive McCain from the race and allow him to turn his attention to Gore, who has gained against the GOP front-runner in head-to-head polls.

Gore dominates Bradley in elections

Associated Press

At Gore swept past Bill Bradley in an unbroken string of states on Super Tuesday, pushing his rival to the brink of withdrawal in the Democratic presidential campaign. "In this election, we are the party of the mainstream," the vice president said swiftly turning his focus toward November.

Gore won from New York to Ohio and at several stops in between, regularly gaining 60 percent of the vote or more. Seeking to shut out his rival, he also bid for victory in California, the biggest prize on the busiest night of the primary season.

"He won. I lost," Bradley said succinctly. The former New Jersey senator telephoned Gore with his congratulations, and said he would announce his plans within a few days. Aides did nothing to discourage talk of a withdrawal.

Polling place interviews with voters in every region of the country underscored the vice president's strength among core constituencies vital in Democratic primaries.

Blacks preferred Gore over Bradley by a margin of 6-1, and Hispanics by 8-1. The margin among union members was smaller, but a healthy 3-1.

Gore also won the vote of independents, a key element of Bradley's electoral strategy, and a group that the Democratic nominee will need in the general election race. The exit polling was conducted by Voter News Service, a consortium of the AP and television networks.

Gore defeated Bradley in the New England states of Maine, Vermont, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, completing a regional sweep that began in New Hampshire's leadoff primary more than a month ago.

He triumphed, as well, in Georgia, where he was winning roughly 80 percent of the vote; Illinois, roughly 70 percent; and New York, Maryland and Missouri, roughly 60 percent.

Bradley came closest in Vermont, where he was gaining 44 percent of the vote. The delegate tally lagged the popular vote by hours.
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As I sit here watching Monday Night Raw, I can't help but think about the type of age we live in where it is so easy to place blame everywhere but on ourselves. I love it every time the Rock says “candidates” and “rootoypo.” I watch in antici-pation of seeing who will be thrown headfirst into a table. It is violent, and it is entertainment.

Realize, though, that my 22-year-old brain understands that this is a show. I am disgusted, however, when the audience pats the audience and I see kids no older than 10 holding up their middle finger and saying “suck it.”

Last year, a young boy who could not have been older than 9 accidentally killed his younger sister. He was imitating a wrestling move he saw on one of the many professional wrestling shows on television. The public was so quick to blame these entertainers.

Crusades have been launched emphasizing that violence in television shows and video games is the cause of such tragedies. The real tragedy is that the WWF is not to blame. That child should not have been watching the program in the first place.

I recently saw an episode of Jerry Springer, whose show is notorious for its ridiculous brawls. I have to say, it was a little disappointing to see that my motivation formed after reading that his motivation formed after reading a complete mockery of humanity. Viewers cannot believe that these people exist. The audience is there to see a show. A show that is crazy, wild and unlike reality. It is not real. Yet, Springer has been the subject of scrutiny when the values of America are the crusades of the day. Here is a man who is making millions capitalizing off of fights between “porn stars in drag with a sexy secret to tell.”

Critics often ask, “What kind of message are we sending to the children who see such programs on television?” I ask this. What kind of parent would let their 6-year-old watch Springer in the first place? Don’t condemn the man who is making his living by giving his audience what they want to see.

After the Columbine tragedy, news stories circulated that the two obviously troubled teenagers who killed several people may have been influenced by the heavy metal music they listened to. This idea is ridiculous. The concept of right and wrong is instilled in each of us at birth. What happened that day in Colorado was done by two people who knew exactly what they were doing. Without regard or respect for human life they acted out of their own free will. Marilyn Manson did not pull the trigger.

A short time after the Oliver Stone’s movie “Natural Born Killers” was released, a man committed murder, citing that his motivation formed after viewing the violent and graphic film. Lawsuits were brought against Stone. The media chastised him for creating such a violent and gruesome story that resulted in the loss of human life. What the media failed to mention was the millions of other people who saw the movie and did not kill anyone. It is horrible that this crime was commiitted, but it is just as scary that someone could one actually could be released for committing such an act based on the defense that “Oliver Stone made me do it.”

Displacing blame is not just a society large idea. It happens everyday and it often happens here.

Consider this situation: A girlfriend tells her boyfriend that she is tired and is going to sleep on a Thursday night. He later finds out that she went out to Heartland and danced the night away. She returns and discovers that a friend of his saw her there and told the boyfriend.

So what does she do? She calls his friend, yells at him and accuses him of involving himself in business that is of no concern of his. She never apologizes for her actions but replaces the blame. How many times have we known about a test for weeks, not studied for it until the night before, barely passed it and then adamantly blamed the professor for making the test so hard? That’s right, it must be his fault — not our own — that we did not do well. We do not start taking responsibility for our own actions in minor situations like these, we will never accept the responsibility in the future when it really counts. It starts with us. It starts in the home. Certainly outside forces with negative factors foster growth. Only we plant the seed.

So the next time your 5-year-old cousin says “suck it,” don’t blame WWF president Vince McMahon.

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Inconsistent view of homosexuality misleads students

On Tuesday, the people of California voted on Proposition 22, the measure that says that "only marriage between a man and a woman is recognized in California." A generation of young people, taught for the past two millennia, that truth of that proposition would have been regarded as self-evident. Today it is doubted because of a cultural redefinition of the nature of homosexual acts, of the homosexual inclination, and of queerness of the family.

More to the point, one may fairly question whether the California proposition would have passed at all, had they been asked a majority at Notre Dame. This is so because for several years, the administration has permitted the campus with a view of the subject that is intolerance and misunderstanding.

Let’s review some basics. Homosexual acts are intrinsically wrong. As the Letter on the Pastoral Care of Homosexual Persons, issued with the approval of John Paul II in 1986, states: "It is only in the marital relationship that the use of the sexual faculty can be morally good. To choose someone of the same sex for one’s activity is tonull the rich symbolism and meaning, not to mention the goals, of the creative sexual desire. The homosexual inclination is not a sin. But it is a weakness, as the 1966 letter states. "Although the particular inclination of the homosexual person is intrinsically disordered, it is a moral obligation to shun it and to dismiss it as evil, and thus the inclination itself must be seen as an objective disorder."

The Catechism sums it up: "The number of men and women who have deep-seated homosexual tendencies is not negligible. This inclination, which is objectively disordered, constitutes for most of them a trial. They must be accepted with respect, compassion and sensitivity. Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided. These persons are called to fulfill God’s will in their lives: if they are Christians, to unite to the sacrifice of the Lord’s Cross the difficulties they may encounter from their condition." (No. 2358.)

Notre Dame commendably insists that persons of homosexual inclination are entitled to respect and acceptance as members of the University community. The administration also says the homosexual acts are prohibited by "the Church’s teaching." But it refuses to affirm that the inclination toward those acts is disordered, it makes no sense, and it misleads students. As the Catechism states, "homosexual acts are intrinsically disordered," (No. 2357), how could the inclination toward those acts be anything but disordered? If the inclination is not disordered, why may it not be acted upon? Since the administration does not recognize the inclination as disordered, it indicts that the prohibitions against homosexual acts are an arbitrary edict of an injurious Church, and the acts, and the inclination to them, are "intrinsically disordered," not "because of "official Church teaching," but because they are contrary to nature and the law of God. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, last May, forbade Sister Jeanine Granick and Father Robert Sugnet to engage in homosexual ministries because they "defend the intrinsic evil of homosexual acts and the objective disorder of the homosexual inclination are doctrinally unacceptable." Sister Jeanine’s speech at Notre Dame last week was co-sponsored by the Counseling Center. That shows you what kind of counseling they do over there. The administration misleads students into regarding the teaching of the Church as an arbitrary restriction on a well-ordered inclination. And it discourages students from potentially helpful resources. The Student Union Board stated last term that "We ask that Campus Ministry invite Courage to campus. This organization was founded by Catholic priests to minister to the homosexual community. Courage is a true pastoral service. It presents participants with the teachings of the Church while ministering to them through group support and living community, bringing them into the Catholic community."

Don’t hold your breath, wait for our leaders to allow Courage on campus. When the Maritian Center sponsored a series of speakers in the fall of 1997, including Father John Harvey, the founder of Courage, Campus Ministry and the Counseling Center took Observer ads to discourage attendance. The efforts of Courage and similar groups are politically incorrect. The administration’s orthodoxy of political correctness prevails over the pastoral needs of students. "D’departure from the Church’s teaching or silence about it, in an effort to provide pastoral care," says the 1986 Letter, "is neither caring nor pastoral. Only what is true can ultimately be pastoral. The neglect of the Church’s position prevents homosexual men and women from receiving the care they need and deserve."

It leads to distorted ideas on the nature of the human person, marriage and the family. One may fairly wonder how the folks at Campus Ministry and the Counseling Center would have voted on Proposition 22.

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Neat places to go on campus

While going to school here you should visit the neat places here on campus, and there are lots. The first is the big tree down by the lake that you can sit in. It is used to be called Dead Dog Tree. This is because back in 1789, before the school was here, there used to be a farm here, called McWackentavern's Farm. And McWackentavern's wife got really lonely during the days, so she got nine dogs to keep her company. A raccoon bit one of them, and soon all nine dogs were rabies. Then the farmers hung them from that tree to remind them of just how great dogs are.

Another neat place to go is out behind Carroll Hall. If you are there at the right time you can see helicopters land out on the helicopter pad. Oooommm. If you've never seen a helicopter land you don't know what you're missing. It wouldn't hurt to bring some grapefruits and corn too and throw it at the propeller.

If you're feeling adventurous, you'll visit the underwater city in St. Mary's Lake. Not many people know about it. Back when Father Edward Sorin was here, there used to be this village of tiny people that lived back in the woods. They would come out at night dressed up like opossums and steal shoes. Well, Father Sorin could only take so much of that, so he dug a giant hole and filled it with the tiny people during the day, while they were sleeping. And then he filled the hole with water that he hosed in from Lake Michigan. The tiny people, known as "Hushkins," adapted to the water and started a fantastic fantasy play land and renamed themselves the "Wekkins."

There are more fun activities by the lakes. At around 2 a.m. on any night when the moon isn't showing, and it's not raining, you can find a line of geese on the dock at St. Joseph's Lake. If you find their leader, Sampson, you will be in for a pleasant surprise. You will know that you have found Sampson because he is the only goose that knows English. If you ask politely and if you bring a lot of rope, you are in for a wild ride. Each goose will put some of the rope in their mouths and fly you up, up, up into the night sky. Look out!

Also on St. Joseph's Lake you may run into the famous laughing duck. Late at night Ulysses gets out his inflatable chair into the lake watching episodes of "Seinfeld" while they were sleeping. And then he filled the hole with water that he hosed in from Hole Michigan. The tiny people, known as "Hushkins," adapted to the water and started a fantastic fantasy play land and renamed themselves the "Wekkins."

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Scenic

A Stanford resident takes advantage of the rare beautiful weather during an afternoon break from studying to draw on the North Quad.

Stanford Griffins take it easy

By BRIDGET MAHONEY

Stanford Hall boasts a long list of familiar names. Jarious Jackson, John Merandi, Kory Minor and Bobby Howard are among those, as well as the players for the successful Bookstore Basketball team. Primetime referred to as "The Cinderblock Palace" or "Bomb Shelter," it was built in 1927, some speculate as a sort of nuclear shelter with its 18-inch thick Cinderblock walls. Ask anyone and they'll probably compare the rooms to those in a prison. And like being attached at the hip, Stanford Hall shares a lobby and a chapel with Keenan Hall, yet each has its own set of doors. Being neither an "old" dorm nor a "new" dorm, this residence hall is not considered an architectural beauty and does not possess all the luxuries of Mad Quad and West Quad. Air conditioning exists only in a few spots such as the chapel, and they only recently installed laundry machines last year.

However, its residents can enjoy its prime location next to University Health Services and the raduavers lying in the depths of Haugger Hall. Psychology majors and the perpetually sick would be lucky to live there.

It is also the home of approximately 280 men, going by the nickname, the Stanford Griffins. They were known as the Stanford Studs until last year when they voted to change it in honor of a beloved past rector, Father Robert Griffin.

Now their rector Father Tom Gaughan lends and supports them in more ways than one. Besides emphasizing an involvement in service activities, he plays goalie for the dorm's hockey team. "He's a lively guy, a spirited dude," says hall co-president Eric Glass.

To replace the past tradition of "Mr. Stanford," Father Tom originated the After Hours Benefit Bash, which had a successful second run this year in raising money for orphans in Chile. An all-night event, there were live campus bands and plenty of food for all of campus.

Other traditions include StudVegas, a theme dance with gambling. Then there is Mar Week, a week long of macho competition in twinkle eating, intersection basketball, bowling and arm wrestling. A less desirable tradition for those born in winter is "taking" in which guys are thrown into the nearby lakes on their birthdays.

And the freshmen are also subject to such antics. With many pranks and hazings activities, according to Glass, "It's lots of bad news for freshmen."

It was also bad news for Father Griffin's dog, Corby, according to what seems to be the only story passed on through the years. Though, no one is sure how true it is. As the legend goes, father Griffin owned this dog who could always be seen following him around. And then one day, some Keenan residents took the dog and threw it down the trash-shoot, eventually killing it. "What a nice story to pass on."

In contrast, Stanford isn't particularly obsessed with proving its pride in the faces of other dorms like those with their boasted traditions and loud displays. Says junior Pete McCall, "Most are kind of laid back and don't care much about image."
TV NEWS

Internet helps fans 'Get Real'

Associated Press

Clear across cyberspace, a message resonated: "The eight will be great!"

As catchphrases go, this may not pack the punch of "Fifty-four forty, or fight!" or even "Lose 30 pounds in 42 days!"

But when the Fox family drama "Get Real" returns Wednesday at 9 p.m. EST for its eight-week, do-or-die run, a Web-rallied brigade called the Get Realists will be bailing the drama as never before to save the struggling series.

"I realize it's "do or die,"" says Debora Ford of the Get Real fan club, "but we feel we have a chance to save it."

"It's something we monitor and definitely pay attention to," vows Fox network boss Doug Herzog, who was stuck with "Get Real," bringing it back from February Sweeps exile in part because of its Web faithful.

"This is a small but dedicated group," he says of the Get Realists. "They let us know there is something going on out there. They helped keep hope alive."

"It's really cool," says cast member Jesse Eisenberg, who occasionally visits the Web site and gets a kick from reading the enthusiastic posts. With that sort of affirmation, "you can really save money on psychiatrists," he quips.

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"It has brought us together," says Bob Grippo, a data processor in Elmwood, N.Y., who coined the group's current battle cry.

"I realize it's "do or die,"" says Debora Ford of the Get Real fan club, "but we feel we have a chance to save it."

"It's something we monitor and definitely pay attention to," vows Fox network boss Doug Herzog, who was stuck with "Get Real," bringing it back from February Sweeps exile in part because of its Web faithful.

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NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Huskies win Big East tourney

Associated Press

STORRS, Conn. - Sue Bird scored 18 points as top-seeded Connecticut defeated No. 8 Rutgers 87-59 on Tuesday night.

Rutgers (30-1) has won 11 regular-season titles and eight tournament championships since the 1988-89 season. The Huskies' 19 titles are the most in the country won by any woman's or men's program. Georgetown's men are second with 13 titles.

It was only the second appearance in the title game for the Scarlet Knights (22-7). They lost the 1989 final to UConn, 67-58, at the Louis Brown Athletic Center at Rutgers. This win gives UConn a three-game sweep over Rutgers.

UConn overcame spotty shooting in the first half, hitting 17-of-20 from the floor for 85 percent in the second half. Bird never trailed during the game. Bird hit a 3-pointer with 17 seconds gone in the first half to kick off a 7-2 run, however neither team scored in the half's final 1:17.

Rutgers shot 28 percent, hitting 9-of-32. Connecticut didn't fare much better, hitting only 8-of-27 for 29 percent.

They did hold on to the lead, however, with 14-of-19 shooting from the free throw line.

The physical play during the game resulted in a combined 18 fouls in the first half. Tamika Williams made 8-of-12 from the floor and eight free throws. Swing Cash's layup at 15:12 was the last field goal until a Williams' layup with 5:20 to go in the second half, the Huskies were 7-6 from the line.

UConn got its up-tempo game untracked in the second half and cycled its scoring woes with an opening 12-2 burst, hitting 5-of-6 in the first five minutes. Rutgers was 1-of-3 in the span and hadn't scored in the first seven minutes.

UConn's Svetlana Abrosimova, who was scoreless in the first half, had eight of her 12 points in the first six minutes. Cash had 13 points and nine rebounds for UConn. Eneida was limited to the boards, 41-27.

UConn shut down Rutgers' Shawnta Shaw with two different players to guard the Knights' scoring leader. She was held to just nine points in the course of the game, six below her average.

Tasha Pointer and Usha Gibson had 14 and 10 points for Rutgers.

Rutgers reached the final with wins over Notre Dame and No. 1 Connecticut. Connecticut advanced by beating St. John's 64-60 on Sunday.

The Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa

The women's basketball tournament will start having neutral sites for first- and second-round games as early as next season.

A proposal to select those sites is not yet finalized and has yet to be approved by the NCAA women's basketball committee and the men's basketball council, which meets in April.

The proposal calls for the new format to start with the 2001 tournament.

"Certainly the management council or the NCAA board of directors could change any proposal that comes in from any sports committee," Bernadette McClade, who chairs the basketball committee, said Tuesday. "I don't know if it will stay the same, but that's what we recommended."

Currently, the first- and second-round games are played in the arenas of the 16 highest-seeded teams in the tournament. Those sites are not until mid-week are announced at the Selection Sunday, five days before the first games.

NCAA officials always have been uncomfortable with that setup. It allows the home-court advantage, all 16 home teams advanced to the regional semifinals last season, but it felt necessary to stop at that point.

If the new setup is adopted, the 16 sites would be put up for bid and announced several months in advance. Many

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An Open Letter to the Notre Dame Community from the University's Task Force on Anti-sweatshop Initiatives

The University of Notre Dame has been the national leader on the anti-sweatshop issue for more than three years. Notre Dame was the first university to establish a code of conduct for its licensees and Notre Dame is the only university that actually has monitored factories where its products are manufactured.

The most recent anti-sweatshop issue to emerge involves the Fair Labor Association (FLA), of which Notre Dame is a member, and a proposed new anti-sweatshop organization, the Workers Rights Consortium (WRC), which the University has been asked to join. On several campuses, sit-ins have been staged on this issue, with activists demanding that the institutions withdraw from the FLA and opt instead for membership in the proposed WRC.

From the beginning, the University has adopted a broad-based, inclusive approach to anti-sweatshop organizations. In addition to becoming a member of the Fair Labor Association, Notre Dame has joined with Harvard to organize an initiative that now includes the University of California system, the University of Michigan, and Ohio State University. Notre Dame also has joined an initiative of the full Ivy Group of Schools and is playing a leading role in forming a consortium of colleges and universities to address the living wage issue.

The WRC at present is in the conceptual stage. An organizational meeting is to be held in April and the Anti-sweatshop Task Force has formally requested that the WRC allow one of our student members to attend this meeting to gather information. The University will consider WRC membership in the same manner as it has considered membership in other organizations. It will consider the WRC's philosophy, plan of action, organizational structure, membership requirements, budgeting and staffing, and other pertinent matters. It is worth noting that several of the institutions which so far have agreed to join the WRC have done so "conditionally," precisely because so many aspects of the proposed organization remain to be determined. In fact, it is not even clear at this point what "conditional" membership means.

Notre Dame will consider joining the WRC, but will need more information concerning the WRC's proposals before it can make a reasoned judgment on membership. At the same time, the University does not believe that membership in the WRC and the FLA are mutually exclusive. Nor does Brown University, which agreed to membership in the WRC while asserting that it will "remain a fully committed member of the FLA." Notre Dame chose to join the FLA after careful consideration and, since joining, has played a leadership role in its university advisory council.

Carol Kaesebier, the University's vice president and general counsel, is one of the organization's founding cochairs and has been instrumental in its growth to more than 130 colleges and universities. At the same time, the FLA is less than a year old and hasn't yet had time to prove or disprove its potential. The University's goal for the FLA is to see its members, including its industry members, attack the sweatshop problem on much the same basis as the University is, and the University remains committed to achieving this goal.

In announcing his university's decision to join the WRC, Gordon Gee, Brown's president, said, "I am willing to have Brown join the WRC as a founding member. However, the university will remain a member only if it becomes clear, through the further development of the consortium and the FLA, that the two organizations can operate in a complementary fashion." Should they be forced to choose between the organizations, Gee said, "We will choose the organization that makes the greatest effort to work collaboratively with the other." Given this strong statement by one of the first universities to join the WRC, there clearly is no reason for Notre Dame to believe that joining the WRC would in any way require the University to leave the FLA.

First and foremost, Notre Dame will continue to focus its energies on its own anti-sweatshop initiatives. The initiatives already put in place by the University are well beyond the progress to date of any other college or university or organization of schools addressing the sweatshop issue. While the University will continue to investigate and pursue opportunities as a member of various groups concerned with the issue, its priority will be to carry out and expand its own efforts to strengthen its code of conduct, increase its monitoring activities, establish its pilot monitoring program, and pursue new initiatives with respect to the living wage, women's rights and other sweatshop-related concerns.

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And for most of the night, it foun<11 out with 8:16 left. <br />
The Pacers overcame 39 percent <br />
of shooting from the field by <br />
outsourcing Denver 23-6 from <br />
the free throw line. It was <br />
Denver's ninth straight loss to <br />
the Pacers, a run that dates back <br />
to March 31, 1995. <br />
Antonio McDyess had 23 <br />
points for Denver, which out- <br />
bounded the Pacers 65-43, with <br />
Kevin Clark pulling down a <br />
career-high 22. The Nuggets <br />
had 21 offensive rebounds, but <br />
they converted the second- <br />
chance opportunities just 12 <br />
points. Indiana trailed by as many <br />
in 18 as the first quarter and <br />
overcame a 10-point deficit <br />
in the third to tie the game <br />
for the first time at 67 on a <br />
3-pointer by Reggie Miller. He <br />
had been scoreless until he <br />
hit a jumper to reduce Denver's <br />
lead to 64-63 with 1:22 left in <br />
the quarter. <br />
Halen Rose led the Pacers <br />
with 19 points and nine assists. <br />
Five Pacers finished in double <br />
figures, with Travis Best scor- <br />
ing 13 off the bench. <br />
In the second quarter, Sam Perkins <br />
gave Indiana, which hasn't lost <br />
at home since Nov. 25, its <br />
first lead of the game. Nick Van <br />
Exel pushed Indiana ahead for <br />
the first time with a jumper <br />
with 5:54 to go. <br />
Derrick McKey then hit four <br />
free throws to put Indiana in <br />
front by 13 points with three <br />
minutes without a field goal. <br />
Miller's 3-pointer made it 87- <br />
81, but Rauf Frentz, who <br />
scored 17, hit a 3-pointer. Best <br />
then hit a jumper to lengthen the <br />
court for a layup. <br />
The Pacers were 23-25 from <br />
the free throw line, but missed <br />
five straight with a chance to <br />
put the game away in the <br />
final minutes. Best then <br />
ended the slump by making <br />
his second attempt with 9.4 <br />
seconds to go. <br />
Ward opened an 18-point <br />
lead in the first quarter when <br />
the Pacers shot only 22 percent <br />
(4-of-18) from the field. A <br />
three-point play by Chris <br />
Gaiting put the Nuggets ahead <br />
32-14. <br />
The Pacers got back into <br />
with 27 points from their bench <br />
and trailed 49-47 at halftime. <br />
Knicks 111, Grizzlies 86 <br />
Charlie Ward made an impressive <br />
return from the injured list, <br />
showing the Knicks how they <br />
missed him. New York opened <br />
in a big early lead, an 11-point <br />
past the Vancouver Grizzlies. <br />
Ward hit Larry Johnson with <br />
a crisp pass on a fast break <br />
just under four minutes <br />
in the last eight minutes, <br />
and Johnson turned it into <br />
dunk for a 13-0 lead. <br />
The Knicks stayed comfortably <br />
front for the rest of the game <br />
as they ended a two-game <br />
losing streak with ease, shooting <br />
a season-high 62 percent. <br />
Latrell Sprewell and Allan <br />
Howard scored 20 each <br />
with five fouls apiece, Patrick Ewing had 21 <br />
and Johnson and John Wallace <br />
added 13 each. <br />
Ward contributed five points, <br />
six assists and a team-high <br />
seven rebounds to help the <br />
Knicks, the NBA's worst <br />
rebounding team, beat an <br />
ponent on the boards for the <br />
first time in eight games. New <br />
York outrebounded Vancouver <br />
39-29. <br />
Ward has been on the <br />
injured list since Feb. 19, with <br />
a broken little finger on his right <br />
hand, an injury he suffered <br />
against Charlotte on Feb. 7 but <br />
continued to play. Coach Jeff <br />
Vandy broke up a big backcourt <br />
backing of Sprewell and <br />
Houston during Ward's time <br />
away, and the team went up <br />
just 5-4. It had trouble getting <br />
into an offensive rhythm and <br />
breaks. 90 points only one <br />
time during that span. <br />
All those offensive problems <br />
were nowhere to be found <br />
against the Grizzlies and their <br />
soft defense, as New York had <br />
the most points in its last eight <br />
weeks since the Wizards. Early <br />
on, the Pacers scored a game-high 17 <br />
for the Wizards, including 10 <br />
in the fourth. <br />
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lead become a seven-point deficit <br />
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led by Kevin Garnett and Wally <br />
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of its last eight, but had fallen <br />
in seven of its last eight <br />
in Washington. Early on, the <br />
Wizards set the stage for <br />
another upset. <br />
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as five points on two separate <br />
occasions in the first quarter <br />
and on near the end of the <br />
timber of Mitch Richmond. It was not <br />
until the final minute of the <br />
timber that the Timberwolves <br />
took their first lead. <br />
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the half to lead by five at <br />
the break. The Timberwolves were <br />
backed by Anthony Peeler's <br />
seven-point second quarter <br />
and Garnett's 14-point first half. <br />
Rodman arrested for DUI <br />
SANTA ANA, Calif. The <br />
Worm is in trouble again. <br />
Basketball star Dennis Rodman <br />
was charged Tuesday with <br />
against a motorist in a <br />
crash date in Las Vegas on a <br />
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grabbed her breasts is mounting. <br />
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Dennis Rodman was a drunk <br />
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while, his <br />
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NHL

McSorley faces Canadian court

Associated Press

McSorley must now answer in a Canadian court for his stick attack on Vancouver's Donald Brashear. 

The Boston Bruins defense­man, one of the league's toughest players, was charged with one of the most serious kind of concussion and his status is to be reviewed in about a week.

McSorley and Brashear, another NHL tough guy, had fought earlier in the game, and McSorley said he was trying to goad Brashear into another fight at the end of the game. 5-2 victory by the Bruins.

His Vancouver lawyer, Bill Smart, said he expects to have a trial date in early summer or fall.

Gov't. Good, a spokesman for the British Columbia criminal justice branch, said the decision to charge McSorley was made after a prosecutor's review and a police investiga­tion.

The NHL said it does not agree with the move, but said it will fully cooperate with Canadian authorities.

"We believe the league dealt with the matter quickly, decisively and appropriately," said Bill Smith, the NHL's chief legal officer. 

Brinson president and general manager Harry Sinden also expressed disappointment that the courts were getting involved.

"The National Hockey League has handed down a severe discipline in this case and we feel that was sufficient," he said, adding that the team would also cooperate fully.

After McSorley hit him in the right temple, Brashear fell backward, striking his head against the ice as his helmet came off. His body twitched and blood came from his nose.

He was diagnosed with the most serious kind of concussion and his status is to be reviewed in about a week.

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It took police just over a week to investigate the slash, which was witnessed by thousands of fans at the game and shown repeatedly on TV high­light clips.

"There's a lot more involved in this than just that second and a half or two seconds that the video shows," McSorley said. "I think he (Brashear) was just trying to goad me and I thought I should do the same thing."

Police have gotten involved in several previous on-ice conflicts in the NHL.

In the most recent, Minnesota's Dino Ciccarelli was sentenced to one day in jail and fined $1,000 in 1996 for striking Toronto's Luke Richardson several times in the head with his stick.

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Gonzalez, Sosa hit first spring homers

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Juan Gonzalez and Sammy Sosa hit their first home runs of the spring, while Jose Canseco and Jay Buhner tried to show they've recovered from injury problems.

Gonzalez connected for one of five homers in the Detroit Tigers' 10-7 loss to the Atlanta Braves in Lakeland, Fla.

"He just looks menacing at the plate, doesn't he?" new Tigers' manager Sparky Anderson said.

Gonzalez, acquired from Texas during the offseason, hit a long, two-run shot. He's been nursing a strained left hamstring. As a result, he has been used only as a designated hitter this spring, and only at Joker Marchant Stadium.

"I want to see him get to where he wants to be, which is hurting the ball," Anderson said. "He doesn't need to make road trips in spring training."

In Tucson, Ariz., Sosa homered off San Diego Padres' starter Tony Gwynn Jr. in the ninth to beat the Chicago Cubs, 3-1, in his second spring start.

Sosa, who had five home runs in 22 at-bats during spring training, also hit a single in the fourth inning.

"One of the fun things when you figure your rotation is deep enough is you have the possibility that every series you play, you like the matchups all the time, because everybody you send out, you like." Tony La Russa

Yankees see slow start in spring

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. - George Steinbrenner is having a hard time watching his New York Yankees. In fact, he can't even sit through the whole game.

The Boss made another early exit from his box along with his guest, television host Regis Philbin, as the Yankees lost to Minnesota 7-5 Tuesday night, leaving the World Series championship unfinished in six exhibition games.

The day before, Steinbrenner ducked out during a 15-1 pasting by Cleveland.

"Nobody likes losing, I don't like losing," Steinbrenner said at the time. "I don't like losing by the numbers we're losing by."

These are the stats Steinbrenner has seen so far in spring training: New York has been outscored 56-21 and has not held a lead in any game.

"Anytime they're 0-6, that's 0-6, that kind of stands out for the Yankees," said Twins pitcher Eric Milton, who started his career in New York organization. "But anytime you see the Yankees losing, it is a little odd. But it is spring training and you can't go by spring training records."

No need to remind the Boss that the Yankees lost 14-15 last spring before rolling to their second straight Series sweep. Or to mention that Los Angeles in 1986 lost five of six this spring.

"I've told you guys that it's too early," the owner said during the loss to the Indians. "But pretty soon we'll be at a point where it won't be easy anymore. We're not there yet."

"You'll know. I'll let you know," he said. "The whole club will know, believe me.

"Almost sounds like the mid-1980s all over again. That's when he used to put October-style emphasis on March meetings with the New York Mets, calling those exhibitions "pressure situations."

The only spark this spring came in the exhibition opener when, trailing 9-0 with two outs in the ninth inning, New York brought the tying run to the plate in a 9-7 loss to Toronto. Steinbrenner attended that game, too, but left before the rally was completed.

On Sunday, Steinbrenner watched Roger Clemens give up five runs in 2 2/3 innings before ducking inside. Prior to the game, David Cone joked with Steinbrenner, calling his start against the Indians a "must-win."

Cone lasted 2 2/3 innings, giving up three runs and four hits. He left after Roberto Alomar's home run.

"Nobody wants to be embarrassed, but it's early," Cone said. "As far as I'm concerned, the Kansas City Royals can win the Grapefruit League."

Then again, the Royals started out 0-4.

"The record is nothing," Cone said. "As far as I'm concerned, the Kansas City Royals can win the Grapefruit League."

Even though it's early, this was not the way the Yankees wanted to start out.

"Not after Darryl Strawberry was suspended. Not after Orlando Hernandez, Ramiro Mendoza and Ed Yarnall weren't healthy enough to pitch.

And now, these six losses."

"Am I worried about it? No."

Yankees manager Joe Torre said before the Twins game. "There is a concern? No. Am I going to try and do something different? No."

"Losing in spring training is not important. It's important to make sure you play the game right. We've been a little sloppy playing the game and that bothers me."

La Russa weighs pitching options

Associated Press

JUPITER, Fla. - The toughest decision Tony La Russa might have to make this spring is choosing an opening-day starter.

Kent Bottendorf is coming off an 18-victories-in-a-row season for Arizona Diamondbacks rallied when you figure your rotation is deep enough is you have the possibility that every series you play, you like the matchups all the time, because everybody you send out, you like."

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Starks says good-bye to Bulls

Associated Press

CHICAGO

Chicago Bulls fans won't be able to Heckle John Starks any more. Starks went home to Tulsa, Okla., to await an arbitrator's decision on whether he can forfeit the rest of his salary, leave the Bulls and join a play-off contender. Starks, who didn't travel with the Bulls for their game at Charlotte on Sunday, left Monday.

"He's got to think that's pregnant and he's got tendinitis in his legs," Bulls coach Tim Floyd said Tuesday before Chicago's game against Atlanta.

This will allow him to be with his wife and with tendinitis, the only way to heal it is rest," Floyd said. "This will allow him to do both."

Starks, 34, offered to forfeit roughly $900,000, if the Bulls didn't travel with the Bulls for their game at Charlotte on Sunday, left Monday.

"I don't think he was 'sent' anywhere," Floyd said. "I didn't think he was a distraction and I don't think we saw it with our team even though we're lost. We've been in game until the final minutes."

The Bulls could still release Starks and let him sign with another team, but they'd have to pay the remainder of his salary. He's remained shut out of the playoffs, too.

Players released after 11:59 p.m. on March 1 who then sign with another team are not eligible to compete in the playoffs. Starks wanted his release retroactive to that date to make him eligible for the postseason.

Murphy's future still questionable

Troy Murphy let loose a pent-up flurry of speculation about his future at Notre Dame Tuesday night.

Murphy accepted the honor of Big East Player of the Year, he referred to next year, opening a can of worms on a topic kept on the hush-hush since head coach Matt Doherty's request earlier in the season.

"I'd like to take also a special time to say thank you to Coach Doherty," said Murphy, just a sophomore. "You've helped me so much this year, and it's really meant a lot to me to play for you. I just look forward to next year."

After St. John's coach Mike Jarvis predicted in January that this would be Murphy's last year at the college level, Doherty asked that the subject be kept quiet until after the season.

Murphy brought the subject back to the forefront with his off-the-cuff comment last night. He insisted that the controversy was not meant as a declaration that he would return for another year at Notre Dame, but rather a statement of appreciation in an unprepared speech.

"I was just trying to express to Coach Doherty how grateful I was for what he's done this year, and how happy I am that I have the opportunity to play for him," Murphy said. "I haven't really decided. It's something I have to sit down and talk to Coach Doherty about."

As soon as the words came out of his mouth, he realized just what he had done.

"I opened up something by saying that," Murphy said. "I should have written something down.

Doherty didn't take the remark too seriously. "I don't read into it," Doherty said. "I think that he may have just had a slip. It may have been, 'Heck, I'm looking forward to next year.'

I just think that we're going to do what we originally planned to do and after the season sit down and talk about what he wants to do. It's up to him."

The marquis player and his mentor share a close bond, one that will make Murphy's decision difficult.

"He's a huge reason that I would stay," Murphy said. "He's going to be a great influence on my decision because he's been in the position before about talking to people about this kind of stuff. Murphy's parents and his AAU coach will be key parts of the discussion. Another factor will be Murphy's realization of how life will change if he opts to leave for the NBA after this year. He's having fun where he's at, enjoying life with his teammates and as a college student.

"The fact that I won't be able to have a good time with the guys on the team in the dorm," Murphy said. "I'll be with guys that are older than me and have families and stuff like that. A lot of people say it is a job and that college basketball's a lot more fun. It's just a decision that you have to make and it's something that I'll do after the season's over."

Murphy has developed rapidly since high school. In two years, he's gone from playing at Delbarton in front of 50 people and eating cheese sandwiches after the game to leading the Blue and Gold in front of a Madison Square Garden crowd.

But is he ready for the rigor of a physically demanding 82-game NBA schedule?

Murphy's body already takes a bruising in the Big East. But in the NBA, he'll be going up against guys who are much more muscular and more physically imposing than those at the college level. Another year or two of building up his frame and adding muscle would leave Murphy much better prepared to take on the hard knocks on the road. Staying at Notre Dame would also allow Murphy to improve his defensive skills, the one area in which he may have been lacking. "I think he's gotten better," Doherty said. "But I think he could be really a good defender. I don't think he's where I want him to be or where he wants to be coming out of college."

It is a tough choice for a 20-year-old: stay in school in hopes of improving your game and draft status or drop out to answer the call of a possible multi-million dollar contract.

Murphy seems better equipped to make the judgment than most guys his age. He has a strong support crew to sound off on in Doherty, his parents and his teammates. And Murphy is a quick decision-maker, balancing the pros and cons of each possibility instead.

"Coach told me it was nice to have this kind of problem," he said, "and it is."
Starting point guard Dillon surprises fans in senior year

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Assistant Sports Editor

NEW YORK
Irish point guard Jimmy Dillon surprised everybody but himself this season with his marked improvement.

Last year, Dillon was a reserve who chalked up nearly as many turnovers as he did assists. Now a senior, Dillon holds a steady spot in the starting lineup for the first time in his career.

"You want to say if you're surprised, and I know it surprised a lot of the public," Dillon said. "But myself, it's sort of not an honor, but a reward for all the hard work."

And he earned it. He improved his stats in every area of the game this year: shooting, rebounding and most of all assists. In Big East play, Dillon is shooting 47 percent and has one of the best assist to turnover ratios in the conference.

"Jimmy's a very good shooter, but we have very good shooters on our team, and I think he enjoys setting up his teammates," head coach Matt Doherty said. "He's just accepted his role as one to orchestrate the half, play tough defense, play with a lot of intensity, and he's done a great job with it." "It's impressive." The improvement didn't come easily. Dillon strove to increase his strength by hitting the weights this summer, and competed in a league with fellow Philadelphia native Matt Carroll, a freshman guard for the Irish.

But gaining emotional maturity was just as significant in his development as it was physical maturity. Last season, Dillon went through his toughest Notre Dame experience, a one-game suspension for throwing a soda bottle at a box.

"It was a junior Panama's Weekend, and I went out and did something dumb and took my suspension from it," Dillon said. "It was a home game against West Virginia, and I went home and sat there and realized I wasn't helping my team and being a part of the game."

The incident taught Dillon exactly what not to do, and he developed better composure both on and off the court.

"I think the last three games we played well we just only had one win because we played the two best teams in the league," he said. "You can't always judge how well you're playing by wins and losses, I think you have to look at the games themselves and I think we've been playing good basketball all along." Doherty also seems to have found a confidence booster, but we'll see how it's going to be a big game."

"Coach has showed some confidence in me to be a starter on this team and being a leader out there," Dillon said. "It's just different from last year because I wasn't sure how long I was going to be on the court. This year, I know he needs me out there to lead the team."

Dillon's poise allows him to act as an on-the-court coach, a role that may prove useful after graduation as he hopes to coach college basketball.

"It's important that you have upperclassmen who can be leaders because they've been through things that the younger guys haven't been through," Dillon said. "It's important to help motivate the team. I can only do so much. It's got to come from the players."

Winning is something Dillon holds dear to him. He hopes the Irish will display in coming weeks because for him, there is no tomorrow.

"To myself, I've always known that you can't take basketball for granted, and there are only so many years for the younger guys that I've been through the past three years, and this year with Coach's mind-frame and the way our team is," Dillon said. "I'm just accepting my role as one of the leaders this year, and nobody around would ever think that would be possible."

Unlike the team's underclassmen, Dillon can't wait until next year for an NCAA Tournament berth. It must come now.

"My career is winding down," Dillon said. "You know you look and say don't want to take basketball for granted. A loss is a loss, and a win is a win. And if you don't give it all, you know that's something you start regretting."

Notre Dame is also coming off an impressive victory over Georgetown, something senior forward Jere Macura has come off the bench to do.

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"The intensity." Winning is an attitude to Dillon, one which has helped him move up.

It's going to be a huge game. We're going to come out with a lot of intensity."

The winner of tonight's game takes on Miami in the quarterfinals Thursday.
Murphy sets standards, wins Big East player of year

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN

NEW YORK

Sophomore power forward Troy Murphy set a new standard for Big East excellence this season, becoming the first player ever to lead the league in both scoring and rebounds.

The conference rewarded him for his efforts Tuesday, honoring Murphy with an award for Big East Player of the Year prior to today's opening of the Big East Tournament in Madison Square Garden.

Murphy gratefully accepted the award, but then did something that really showed his character: He passed on the accolades, sharing his accomplishment with first-year Notre Dame head coach Matt Doherty and the rest of the Irish squad.

"I couldn't have done it without my teammates and coach," the 6-foot-9 Murphy said. "I've had a great time with them. It says a lot. It's hard for me to express. It's been a great year."

Doherty returned the praise. "I wouldn't trade him for anybody," Doherty said. "He comes every day prepared to work hard. He loves the game. He's right. Murphy's averaging 23 points and more rebounds per game, numbers that designate him as the only player in the nation to rank in the top 10 in both categories. With 17 double-doubles this season, Murphy has become a household name for Irish fans.

Murphy is up for consideration for honors like the Wooden Award and All-American team, possibilities that beggled his mind.

"I never expected to be considered for an honor like that [All American]," Murphy said. "It was an honor, becoming the first player in our school. I've played for great coaches, and all the credit goes to them."

Even Murphy's father, Jim Murphy, did not expect Troy to become so good so fast.

"Not so early," Jim Murphy said. "I thought he would hit all of this when he was a junior or senior."

Doherty attributed much of Murphy's success to his hard work. "It's his work ethic and his talent," Doherty said. "God blessed him with size and a shooting touch and an ability to run and jump, and he's made the most of it."

Since Notre Dame hired Doherty as head coach less than a year ago, the relationship between Doherty and Murphy has gone full circle.

"He's changed the whole attitude of the program," Murphy said. "He's taken the time to get to know me as not only just a player, but as a person. That's a lot about the character of him as a person."

Doherty views the emotional connection as an essential part of being a coach.

"As a coach, as a parent, you dream about a connection with your children," Doherty said. "When he says those things, it's very touching because I wanted the whole experience. I don't want just the basketball experience. I want the emotional bond with my players."

Back in high school, Murphy was interested in playing for Kansas, where Doherty was an assistant coach at the time. Although Doherty did see Murphy play, Kansas never actively recruited Murphy.

"I saw him enough where I thought he was a good player," Doherty said. "You never know how good. There are kids I've recruited that I thought were going to be great players that weren't, and then kids that you didn't know, if they were going to be great players and turn out to be great players.

Two years later, Murphy has proven that he is one of the great ones. Every coach whose team has gone up against Notre Dame has struggled to find a way to defend Murphy, usually with little success.

Even when Murphy is held to a sub-par performance, he still hurts the opponent. In Notre Dame's January loss to Rutgers, Murphy was whistled for a technical foul en route to fouling out, and only shot 5-for-16 from the field.

Yet Rutgers' coach Kevin Bannon still said, "It's not like there's an answer to stopping the guy. He's too good. He can hurt you in too many ways. The game is a human double. You can't name five other guys in college basketball right now."

As Notre Dame prepares for tonight's regional final against Rutgers, Murphy hopes to prove Bannon's words right.
Carlin had issued three walks while hitting a fourth Spartan batter with a pitch. Freshman right-hander Joel Barrus took the loss, allowing the five runs (four earned) on six hits and four walks over seven innings. Stavisky scored the first Irish run, after leading off the bottom of the second with a 2-2 single through the right side of the infield. He moved up on a single to right field by senior Irish career.

Sophomore third baseman Andrew Bushey plated the runner, going the other way on an 0-1 pitch for a single through the left side. O'Toole hit his first home run of the season with one out in the third, lifting a 1-1 pitch over the right field fence.

The blast marked the fourth straight game at Eck Stadium in which O'Toole has hit a home run. (He went yard in two games.) Sophomore center fielder Steve Stanley followed with a hurt single to the left side, extending his hitting streak to six games and junior shortstop Alec Porzel walked on five pitches before Stavisky delivered an 0-2 single to right field, plating Stanley. Right fielder Steve Quaderer then made an errant throw back to the infield, with Porzel alertly scooting home for an unearned run and a 4-0 Irish lead.

Manchester's Blake Collinsworth drew a full-count, one-out walk in the fourth and Garlin then hit Jeff Floyd with an 0-1 pitch. Hardiman followed with a walk on five pitches before four straight balls to Pete Britton forced in the lone Spartan run. The Irish tucked on a run on the fifth, when O'Toole led off with a full-count walk, stole second and took third on Stanley's rightside groundout. Porzel then hit a groundball to center that was fielded by Steve Quaderer for the final out, after which O'Toole raced home for an unearned run and a 5-0 Irish lead.

The Irish tacked on a run on five pitches before Stavisky closed the fourth inning with a fourth strikeout, recording two strikeouts.

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Apple named interim head coach

Special to The Observer

Chris Apple, assistant men's soccer coach at Notre Dame the last four seasons, has been named interim head men's soccer coach at the University of Notre Dame.

Apple replaces Mike Berticelli, who died suddenly Jan. 25, following 10 seasons as Irish head coach.

Apple will coach the Irish men's team on an interim basis through the 2000 fall season. The University is in the process of searching for a new director of athletics, and that individual will have the opportunity to determine a direction for all Irish athletic teams.

"I'm extremely grateful the University has shown the faith in me to oversee the Notre Dame men's soccer program," said Apple.

"I'm also honored to follow Mike Berticelli, who was my close friend and mentor. Mike's contributions to soccer at Notre Dame and to the

Apple has been extensively involved in recruiting in his four seasons at Notre Dame. He played a key role in the signing of 1999 Big East rookie of the year Eric Braun, a freshman from Frankfurt, Germany, who finished third in the conference in scoring in '99, as well as Andreas Forstner, a freshman from Gelsenkirchen, Germany, who ranked as one of the top first-year defenders in the Big East in '99.

Apple's four seasons with the Irish saw Notre Dame produce a combined 41-31-10 record (361), including trips to the Big East men's soccer tournament each of his four years on the staff. His first season at Notre Dame in '96 featured the most successful season in Irish history, including a 14-7-2 record and an NCAA first-round victory over second-ranked North Carolina-Greensboro. The Irish finished 17th that season in the final Soccer America poll.

Apple came to Notre Dame in the spring of '96 following two seasons as head coach at North Carolina Wesleyan, where his teams finished 20-1-0 combined during the 1994 and '95 campaigns. A standout midfielder at the University of Rochester, Apple led his team to three University Athletic Association championships and three NCAA tournament appearances during his four-year career. He was a two-time All-American at the school and three times earned all-UAA honors. In 1990, he was named the conference player of the year. A 1992 cum laude graduate of Rochester with a bachelor of arts in German literature and European history, the Millersville, Pa., native played professionally in Germany for one year following graduation. Apple then served as an assistant coach at Harvard for one season in '93 before taking over as head coach at North Carolina Wesleyan.

Apple, who played professionally in the United States for the Raleigh Flyers, holds a National Soccer Coaches Association of America advanced national diploma and a United States Soccer Federation "B" license.

Apple and his wife Melissa were married in May 1997 and reside in South Bend. She currently is a doctoral student in psychology at Notre Dame.
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ARIES (March 21-April 19) Put your efforts into your career. Your personal life will not be going the way you'd hoped. Look into courses that will get your mind off your troubles.

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GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Red tape will be difficult to settle today. Don't hang your head against the wall trying to make others listen to your complaints. Concentrate on completing projects at work.

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SPORTS

Dillon's successful season surprises fans and teammates.

Irish seek first-ever Big East tournament victory

By BRIAN KESSLER
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NEW YORK
Notre Dame's impressive 23-point victory over Georgetown last weekend was a relief for sophomore captain Troy Murphy after watching his team drop three straight games down the stretch. But it was the news after the game that really made his day.

West Virginia had just beaten Rutgers, dropping the Scarlet Knights (15-14, 6-10) to the No. 10 seed in the Big East Tournament and... See Also

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame baseball team cashed in on the unseasonably warm weather Tuesday by posting a 5-1 win over visiting Manchester College at Eck Stadium.

Sophomore right-hander Matt Buchmeier (1-0) was credited with the first win of his Irish career, after opening the game with three scoreless innings in a planned rotation. Buchmeier allowed just one hit and one walk while striking out 10 batters.

The highlight of the day came in the top of the ninth, as junior right-hander Danny Tamayo made his first appearance in more than two years. Tamayo, who last pitched on March 1, 1998, before suffering an elbow injury that ultimately required "Tommy John" reconstructive surgery, retired Tony Hardiman on a bunt attempt before serving up a flyout from Bill Johnson.

Pinch hitter Nick Chaney then walked on four pitches but Tamayo closed out the game by catching Craig Hersey looking at a full-count, called third strike.

Notre Dame (2-2) failed to generate any sustained offense, just days after amassing 37 hits in three games in the Hormel Foods Classic (at the Minneapolis Metrodome). The Irish managed just six hits on Tuesday, with sophomore designated hitter Paul O'Toole slamming a solo-homerun in the fifth, as Notre Dame baseball topped Manchester 5-1 Tuesday.

BASEBALL

Sun shines on Irish baseball

Sophomore Paul O'Toole slammed a solo-homerun in the fifth as Notre Dame baseball topped Manchester 5-1 Tuesday.