Spring break tragedy

Auto accident kills one Saint Mary's student, injures another

By MOLLY MCVOY
Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's students, faculty and alumni gathered to celebrate the life of Kristi Morris on Monday night at a candlelight prayer service in Regina Chapel.

After an opening song and readings by several members of the senior class, the congregation was invited to share their memories and thoughts on Kristi.

Sister Elizabeth Smoyer from Saint Mary's campus ministry shared a card that Kristi had sent her cousin, who was facing tough times, not long before Kristi died. "Sometimes when we pray — we pray for bad times on Kristi's memories and thoughts..."

In attendance at the service were not only Kristi's friends, but also the family of Sara Williams, the other woman injured in the accident. Lisa Williams, Sara's mother, shared her images of Kristi, whom she had known for nearly eight years.

"It is such a loss," she shared. "She had such a giving spirit, but she is serving God in another way now. She is in heaven watching over her family and friends," Lisa said.

Kristi's, choked back tears to share what stood out in her mind about Kristi. "When I think of Kristi, I don't think of her eyes or her smile, like most people," she said. "I think of her hippie clothes that she made herself. She took the good and the bad and made it her own..." see SERVICE/page 4

Prayer service held in Regina to remember victims

By MOLLY MCVOY
Saint Mary's Editor

Tragedy struck Saint Mary's during spring break when senior Kristi Morris was killed in a car crash on her way to Myrtle Beach. S. C. "She was fearless and young. She wasn't threatened by the things that could hurt her," her mother, Marge Wasecki told WNDU. "I begged her not to go that night, not to drive straight through the night on Friday to gain time in South Carolina. Morris apparently fell asleep at the wheel and careened into the guardrail on the side of the highway. She was declared dead at the scene, while Williams suffered a broken pelvis and other broken bones, according to South Carolina police.

Williams was taken to Spartanburg Regional Medical Center. She was released from the hospital on Monday.

Williams was doing well and is recovering at home. She said she was grateful to be offered this very special opportunity.

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Kevin White

Committee names Kevin White new athletic director

By BRIAN BURKE

The overhaul of the Notre Dame athletic department began with the resignation of Athletic Director Michael Wyldbush and the removal of Father William Beauchamp from all athletic duties in March 1999. The process was completed March 13 when Kevin White was brought aboard as the new athletic director.

"Kevin White is among the elite members of his profession, with a breadth of experience and a record of accomplishments that few can match," Father Edward Malloy said in a press conference introducing White.

White, formerly the Arizona State Athletic Director, will take the reins of the athletic department April 17 and will become Notre Dame's first athletic director to report directly to the university president.

White has a wealth of experience in athletics administration. Before holding the athletic director position at ASU from 1996 to the present, White headed the athletic programs at Tulane from 1991-96, the University of Maine from 1987-91 and Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa, from 1982-87.

During White's five-year tenure at Tulane, the men's basketball program advanced to the post season each year despite a point shaving scandal which had temporarily disbanded the program.

He enjoyed more successes at Arizona State as the Sun Devils rose from No. 23 in the Sears Directors' Cup rankings, which ranks schools taking into account all sports, to No. 12. White also turned a $3 million athletic department deficit in 1996 into a $1 million surplus by the end of 1998. At the same time, he increased the athletic operating budget of $16.7 million to $26 million.

From 1989-99 223 Arizona State student-athletes earned a 3.0 grade point average or better, demonstrating White's ability to implement effective academic programs for student athletes.

Comfortable with his position at Arizona State, White was not necessarily looking for a change, but found the Notre Dame job too good to pass up. "Notre Dame is a special, special place," White said. "To be sure, our family is extremely excited by this kind and generous invitation to join the most celebrated university community in the world."

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**Inside Column**

**Popes and prophecy**

On the Ides of March three coincidentally my birthday last week, nearly 500 people were killed in a Boko Haram suicide blast in Nigeria. Like some sort of Catholic Branch-Davidsim, these eschatological radicals believed that the Virgin Mary had promised them that March 15 was the end of the world. And for them it was.

Though it is easy to distance ourselves from this kind of radical action, most of us are still fascinated with prophecy. Remember the Parousia and the Eschaton. (For those of you who slept through Theo 100, that’s the “Second Coming” and “the end of time”). Aside from the Christ and the Antichrist, the most prominent figure in most prophesies is the Pope.

Most well known of arcane Christian prophets is Nostradamus. Buried in his esoteric and enigmatic quatrains can be found references to the last pope of all time. Nostradamus describes a man born as a pope, the first to hold the papal office in centuries. He will be known by the same name as the first pope, and he will reign at the same time that the third and final antichrist will come to political power. The Cardinal Archbishop of Paris converted from Judaism at an early age and is thought by some to be the Antichrist. Some ask, “Is this coincidence?” and “What happens if he is elected pope?” I guess we can only wait and watch.

Less well known are the prophecies of St. Malachy, attributed to the 12th century Irish bishop of Curnon and Armagh, these prophecies consist of a list of notes on 112 popes, from his time to the end of the world. Most well known of arcane Christian prophets is St. Malachy. He is probably best known for his prophecies of the world’s last pope, Pope John Paul II, having the same name as the first pope, and he will reign at the same time that the third and final antichrist will come to political power. The Cardinal Archbishop of Paris converted from Judaism at an early age and is thought by some to be the Antichrist. Some ask, “Is this coincidence?” and “What happens if he is elected pope?” I guess we can only wait and watch.

**This Week on Campus**

**Today**
- **Lecture:** “Inferno 5 in its Lyric Context,” Teodolinda Barolini, 102 Husch Library, 4:30 p.m.
- **Lessons:** Learn to Waltz, 301 Rockne Memorial, 8:30 p.m.

**Wednesday**
- **Lecture:** “The Role of Business in Overcoming Poverty,” Peter and Linda Bhui, John Auditorium, 4 p.m.
- **Concert:** Celtic Club, Washington Hall, 8 p.m.

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- **Lecture:** “Lessons: “The Price of Liberty,”” Teodolinda Barolini, 102 Hesburgh Library, 2 p.m.
- **Speaker:** Nonotchkia Ronca, Asian Heritage Month, Stapleton Lounge, 7 p.m.

**Friday**
- **Dance:** Folk dancing, Clubhouse, 7:30 p.m.
- **Film:** “Run Lola Run,” Anneberg Auditorium, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.
- **Performance:** Dance spring 2000, O’Laughlin Auditorium, 8 p.m.

**OutsIdE the Dome**

**Wisconsin will continue to watch Napster**

Napster, a San Mateo, Calif.-based company, has developed software enabling users to set up their computers as servers to trade MP3 sound files. Recently, numerous universities across the country have clashed with Napster.

"Universities are noticing that Napster is causing enough traffic on their network that it is slowing things down considerably," Rust said.

Rust compared university networks as being similar to a highway clogged by a traffic jam. "There’s only so much room for jockeys of information to travel on the highway," he said.

"Napster takes up a lot of university network space, causing congested traffic and consequently, slow transmission of information," Rust said.

According to the Students Against University Censorship website at www.saucenut.com, 189 universities have banned Napster. Among those are several Wisconsin universities, including the UW campuses at DeKalb and Madison.

"Other universities that have banned the software include the University of Minnesota, Northwestern University and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign."

**Illinois freshman treated for meningitis**

A University of Illinois student was treated and released during spring break for a bacterial infection that could have quickly led to meningitis. Brian Firfer, a freshman in engineering, was admitted to Carle Foundation Hospital March 10 with a 104-degree fever and rash. He was diagnosed with a Type B meningococcal infection. The bacterial infection can lead to meningitis — the inflammation of the lining of the brain and spinal cord — and meningococcemia, an infection that spreads throughout the body. The infection was controlled at the hospital because it was caught shortly after the symptoms appeared, said McKinley Health Center Medical Director Dr. Donald Biehl. If the infection is not caught in its early stages, it can lead to the loss of limbs or death. Firfer said he was treated with intravenous antibiotics and was released in good condition March 14. Firfer said people who had close contact with him were treated with antibiotic pills. Members of Firfer's fraternity and students in his dorm were also contacted by university officials.

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Saint Mary's students fill spring break with service

By KATIE McVOY
News Writer

Last week 11 Saint Mary's women traveled to Virginia to spend a week in service for the residents of Clintwood, Va. Assistant nursing professor Ella Harnay accompanied the students on the trip and Sister Jean Korkisch, who lives in Clintwood, organized the week's activities.

The women who participated in the trip found it to be a very rewarding experience. "It was amazing to see how genuinely happy [the people of Clintwood] are and how appreciative they are for all the little things," junior education major Genevieve Yavello said.

The women spent the week refurbishing the Food Bank of Dickenson County. The Food Bank, which is the largest food bank in Virginia, serves the residents of the county who are on assistance by providing food and clothing for them. Sixty-eight percent of the residents of Dickenson County are on some type of assistance.

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Williams was doing well and is expected to recover, according to the nursing staff of the Medical Center. She is currently traveling home with her father, according to Lisa Williams, her mother. "Kristi hit a guardrail. It took down 12 feet of guardrail. It went through the car," her mother said. "She didn't live long, but she lived long enough to say "Sara I'm sorry" and I thought that's my baby. That's what she would say and I'm sure that's what was her last thought." Morris, a resident of South Bend, graduated from Saint Joseph's High School in 1996. Diane Fox, an English teacher at Bend, graduated from Saint Mary's in 1987. She was a "baby." "I'm so sorry," she said. "We're all so sorry.""Kristi intended on being here and touching hundreds of lives, and people who never knew her will miss her and not even know." Margie Wasoski, mother

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don't think of her eyes or her smile, like most people," she said. 

"I think of her hippie clothes that she made herself. She took the good and the bad and sewed them together and made something beautiful. So, when you remember Kristi, remember patches and how beautiful they can be, especially when accompanied by a beautiful smile, bright eyes and a warm heart.

"Kristi's mother also explained that Sara shared what Kristi meant to her while she was in the hospital. "Kristi gave (Sara) courage, helped direct her in her life path, made her a better person," she said. 

Smyer explained that what stood out most about Kristi was her devotion to people that she will always remember. 

"What stood out most about Kristi was her passionate love of people and her willingness to act on that passion," Smyer said. People did appear to be what was most important to Kristi, at least according to her mission statement, which she wrote it as part of the curriculum of the social work major. Her mission was "to respect and uphold the dignity of families, through charity inspired by hope, for the benefit of the larger society."

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The Morris family has established a fund, St. Joseph Capital Bank, 3820 Edison Lakes Parkway, Mishawaka, IN 46545.
U. S. bans gas additive because of water pollution

WASHINGTON

The Clinton administration moved Monday to ban the gasoline additive MTBE, an octane booster that has helped clean the air but has begun to contaminate water supplies around the country. "The time has come to take action," said Carol Browner, administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. "Americans deserve both clean air and clean water, and never one at the expense of the other." MTBE, or methyl tertiary butyl ether, is now used in one-third of the gasoline sold in the United States, primarily in areas with serious problems. The ban, expected to take up to three years to implement, is a "backstop measure" if the Senate doesn't agree on a way to phase out MTBE, Browner said.

Clinton continues mission in South Asia to prevent disputes

NEW DELHI, India

President Clinton's mission to back South Asia away from nuclear-tinged confrontation is beginning wobbly, as the simple marble monument to Indian independence. With the silent laying of a wreath in homage to Mohandas Gandhi on Tuesday morning, President Clinton was planning to let the imagery speak for itself. But after that came a series of meetings at which Clinton hoped to persuade reluctant Indian leaders to ban nuclear testing and cool tensions with Pakistan in their bitter dispute over the Himalayan territory of Kashmir. Formally opening the first visit in 22 years by an American president, Clinton was set for a pomp-filled welcome at Rashtrapati Bhavan, the presidential palace.

Leaders of China and Taiwan plan to start negotiations

TAIPEI, Taiwan

A two-day summit between China's next president and China's top leader agreed Monday that they should negotiate an end to five decades of bickering—but neither budged on major points that have blocked talks. The highly anticipated statement from Chinese President Jiang Zemin and Chen Shui-bian, the highly anticipated statement from Chinese President Jiang Zemin and Chen Shui-bian, the highly anticipated statement from Chinese President Jiang Zemin and Chen Shui-bian, was signed at the end of talks that will take him to Israel and Jordan. In the Palestinians - territories - visits, the Pope is on a week-long tour of holy places in Jordan, Israel, and Palestine.

Pope journeys through Holy Land

AMMAN

Pope John Paul II embarked on a strenuous and spiritual tour of the Holy Land on Monday, a frail pilgrim calling for peace and justice for Jews, Christians and Muslims in a region that has seen the three faiths torn by centuries of conflict. The 77-year-old pope was making a 22-hour stop in Jordan on his tour of Old and New Testament sites that will take him to Israel. The Palestinian territories — visits with the Pope in the Holy Land by a pope in 36 years, fulfilling one the dreams of his papacy at the beginning of his weeklong trip. Upon arriving from Rome, John Paul went immediately to Mount Nebo, where tradition says the prophet Moses first saw the Promised Land after wandering for 40 years in the desert. He stood for five minutes, peering at the Dead Sea, Jericho and the hills of Jerusalem through the afternoon haze.

Uganda

More than 300 suicide victims found

KAMPALA

Prisoners dug a long trench Monday and a bulldozer shoveled charred corpses into a common grave, the final resting place for hundreds of members of a religious cult led by a former prostitute. Most of the victims apparently were women, and police counted the bodies of 78 children, the interior minister said. He put the total number of dead at 330.

"These are the ones we could count," Interior Minister Edward Rugumayo said. "The others are unrecognizable." Rugumayo spoke to reporters in Kampala after inspecting the burned hulk of the church hall just outside side Kanungu, 215 miles southwest of the Ugandan capital. He said that in addition to the 330 bodies found after Friday's fire in the church, five bodies were spotted through a hole in a nearby pit latrine. Rugumayo said police were sure there were more bodies in the latrine, a walled, communal structure common in African villages, but were awaiting digging equipment to excavate the pit. He did not offer an explanation of how or when the bodies got into the latrine. Official estimates of the number of deaths have varied between 235 and 600. On Monday, bodies were shoveled into a long trench dug by inmates, but it did not appear that officials were counting victims.

"What emerges out of all this," Rugumayo said of the sect, "is that the authorities never suspected anything."

He said the 10-year-old Christian sect, known as the Movement for the Restoration of the Ten Commandments of God, was founded by Cledonia Mwerinde, a former prostitute who had the chapel built on the grave of her father. The sect had about 1,000 members in nine districts in Uganda and was legally registered as a non-governmental organization. "There are still sect members out in other districts, and they are being pursued," Rugumayo said.
Group questions academic standards

By HELENA RAYAM
News Writer

Campus Life Council members returned from spring break with a light agenda consisting of a review of old business and an announcement of upcoming plans. Members will research the election rule that requires student candidates to be in good academic standing.

"We're looking into whether it should be a 2.0 or a 1.8 for freshmen," student body president Micah Murphy said. The University's minimum grade point average for freshmen to be in good academic standing is a 1.5 and a 2.0 for other classes. Although freshmen with good academic standing according to the 1.8 standard can run for office, they would be running for offices that they will receive as sophomores. As sophomores, a higher academic standard would be required.

"I think for freshmen especially it should be higher," Ross Kerr, SUB manager. The Student Union Board manager said the University's student organization handbook states that students must have satisfactory academic standing, but does not explicitly define whether the 1.8 standard applies to the freshmen that run for sophomore offices in student government or other organizations.

Likewise, dorms and organizations have varying rules as to what constitutes satisfactory or good academic standing. Kerr said that because an office will require an increased time commitment, the 2.0 minimum GPA should be the rule across the board.

In Other CLC News:
- Coalition Council representative Michael Fierro announced that 124 high school seniors would attend Spring Visit Weekend, which is a minority recruitment weekend from March 30 through April 2.
- The Sweatshop Task Force will hold a meeting tomorrow in DeBartolo to discuss joining the Workers' Rights Consortium.

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Republican launch petition for Dole as VP

WASHINGTON

Despite her opposition, supporters of Elizabeth Dole launched a petition drive Monday to make her the Republican Party's vice presidential candidate.

"We strongly believe that a Bush-Dole ticket is the best chance for Republican victory in 2000," said Pam Coy, spokeswoman for "The National Petition Drive for Elizabeth Dole for Vice President."

"She's just not supportive of such a draft or petition drive," said Stewart McLaurin, a Dole spokesman.

He outlined the three criteria Bush has said he will use to pick his running mate: someone who can be president, who agrees with his policiesInView and who likes him personally.

"Those will be the criteria the governor uses," he said.

"We hope we're going to be able to present our case for the ticket to the FLA and have a discussion around that," said Aaron Kreider of the PSA, which requested the meeting.

Hoye, who has led the Task Force since its inception in August, and whom Malloy asked to attend, said that he was anticipating a good discussion.

"Any time you have a chance to sit down and talk with people who are concerned about this issue, it's a good thing," he said.

The issue that is likely to dominate discussion at the meeting is the possibility of Notre Dame joining the FLA. Eighteen schools have joined the consortium, including Indiana University and the Universities of Michigan and Wisconsin.

Many of these institutions have joined after large-scale student activism on their campuses.

The WRC differs from the FLA, of which Notre Dame and more than 120 other schools are members, because it consists largely of non-profit organizations. The FLA board is divided evenly between workers rights organizations and corporations that manufacture apparel, with one seat for a university representative.

Critics say this heavy corporate presence weakens the FLA's ability to affect change.

"It's like the fox guarding the chicken coop," Kreider said. "Whereas the WRC is based largely on non-governmental organizations, and I think they would hold corporations to a higher standard, and they do."
Bush trails Gore in spendable cash

A computer analysis showed he spent $13.2 million last month — $7.6 million on advertising in nine states with early primaries such as California, New York, South Carolina and Michigan. He won three of the four, ultimately forcing McCain from the race.

Bush also spent $1.9 million on direct mail and postage, $236,000 on telemarketing, and $72,000 on polling.

The spending brought his total to the start of March at $63.3 million. And he still had about $21 million in unspent bills — including $874,921 for telemarketing and $1.1 million for direct mail — leaving him about $7.5 million in the bank.

In comparison, Gore reported $4.1 million in unspent money at the end of February plus another $7 million in unspent federal funds owed his campaign. He spent $6.1 million last month, bringing his overall spending total to $35 million. 

Both candidates are focused on the next five months, records showed Monday.

The Texas governor's latest spending report shows he began March with just $7.5 million — a tenth of the $73.9 million war chest he amassed while swallowing a tougher-than-expected challenge from John McCain for the Republican presidential nomination.

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Associated Press

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Now she is left praying both for her 6-year-old son and for the family of young Kyla Holland, whom she accused of killing in their first-grade classroom with a stolen handgun police say the boys used in last month's shooting.

"I know it was a dangerous environment and said she thought it was the best way to ensure the boys could continue going to school, she was evicted for falling behind on the rent. Owens said she couldn't find another affordable place, then they have nothing," she said.

"My brother is really responsible. He made sure they ate, he made sure they had clean clothes to go to school, he made sure they took baths and he walked them to school every day," she said.

"I'm not that bad a person and I started crying, then he was like, 'Well, Mama I didn't mean to,' then he started crying, so we were both crying standing in the hallway just crying and he was like, 'Mama, I really didn't mean to. Later, she asked him again what had happened.

"I didn't mean to shoot her, Mama. I didn't mean for her to die," her son answered, then started coloring and asked her to read him a book.

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Mother of 6-year-old killer defends her actions

Tamarla Owens

Mother of killer

“Sometimes single mothers are not given the resources that they need to succeed.”

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Mary Beth Ellis

Chances in Latitude, Changes in Attitude

Social notes from a bygone era

Mary Beth Ellis

No one remembers for certain what she was wearing, although Townsend feels certain that The Gap was somehow involved.

As the fire safety capacity of 724 Grace Hall was exceeded by approximately 57 people, the temperature hovered around a delightful 128 degrees Fahrenheit. An excellent vintage of Natural Light was served, along with a delicately mixed libation consisting of Watermelon Schnapps and lime green Jell-O.

"A shockingly bold taste, with a marvelous, plumply bouquet," evaluated a party-goer who gained entry to the sparkling assembly by assuring the student standing guard at the door that he knew Jones from Mike the Freshman's O. "Beats the crap out of the Meister Breezes upstairs have." "You can’t even taste the alcohol! It’s like I haven’t been drinking at all!" loudly added Whittaker, who then added the five people nearest to her if they thought it was really hot in here, too.

The guests were serenaded by, among other notables, Dave Matthews and his band, Donna Summer, D.J. Jazzy Jeff and the Fresh Prince, and Dexy’s Midnight Runners. Attempts to move about in time to the music with some semblance of rhythm was ventured for a time and enjoyed by all.

The evening was brought to a glorious denouement when everybody got out after the last Natural Light disappeared and “Tubthumping” was played for the 54th time. Harrigan judged the gala an unmitigated smash.

"Next time, though," he said, "we’ll have a strobe light."

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It's time to laugh at fear

Over break I went to the dentist to get some cavities filled. I hate going to the dentist. On Thursday I just about had a panic attack when I saw the chair and the tools. I imagined the dentist as a cruel taskmaster who would force me to sit still for hours,忍受 pain and still be in pain when I got home. I was dreading the visit for weeks, and when the actual appointment comes around I can barely drive myself there.

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Even if she is positive she will be able to get back in time to see her Spanish family tricked her into eating tuna pizza. I got another response that would have made me laugh if I had thought about the situation. She went white and had to sit down before mustering a response: "Those are the worse kind."

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Kate Rowland
Read This. It May Save Your Life.

Honor donors in church

I wish to respond to the letter of Salvador Hernandez in The Observer March 8, 2000. The letter in point was headlined "Don't discriminate in church.

Apprently the writer was deeply offended that she was asked to sit in a side aisle at a 5 p.m. mass at the Basilica, as a portion of the main aisle was reserved for the participants of the Scholarship Fellowship Recognition Weekend. I would like to point out the that the who were about 250 in number hardly taking up the bulk of the Basilica. As for a wedding, a special group, it is customary to give the honoree the privilege of sitting together in the main aisle.

Kate Rowland

Let's end the graffiti dance

The Graffiti Dance was a memorable point in my Freshman Orientation at Notre Dame late last summer. Unfortunately it was memorable for all the wrong reasons. Besides becoming very good at finding a place left on my t-shirt for people to sign and relating my name, dorm and probable major, I came away with nothing more than a t-shirt full of names that meant nothing, phone numbers that would never be called and disbelieve in the fact that the graffiti dance was supposed to be the highlight of official Freshman Orientation social events.

So, what is bad or wrong about this time honored tradition at Fresh 0/7? Well, I guess not that much if you don't want to consider that we hold a "dance" were no one is dancing. Go watch the graffiti dance and there is absolutely no one dancing. Barely audible music and throngs of people walking around searching for that next phone number to fill up the remaining space on their shirt doesn't constitute a dance. Fine, so perhaps all that is needed is to change the name of the event. Well, let's try renaming then... how about "Waste of Time on Basketball Courts."

Recent meetings have brought the downsials in the current "dance" into the spotlight. At the most recent CLC meeting our very own Student Body President Elect, Brian O'Donoghue gave as his reas-

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Letters to the Editor
Concert Review

Oasis gets back to basics in Japan

By SEAN KING
Scene Music Crit.

Oasis continued its string of sold-out concerts across Japan March 5, delivering a hard-hitting 90-minute set to over 15,000 adoring fans. After an often tumultuous and self-evaluating two years for this band, Japan is the perfect place to get back to just playing blue-collar rock 'n' roll and letting the rest take care of itself. Nobody outside the United Kingdom has more consistently supported Oasis than the Japanese. After the Gallagher brothers' presence nearly caused riots on the Tokyo subway during their first visit here in 1994, young, sibling Liam felt fit to declare, "Japan was mega. It was like the 'Hard Day's Night'." The quote was of course a direct reference to the 1963 Beatles film, in which Liam's idols are endlessly chased through the streets of London by adoring female fans. Liam's initial Japan euphoria of six years ago may now well be behind him now, but the band's latest album, Standing On The Shoulder Of Giants, has been nonetheless resting comfortably atop the HMV Tokyo album chart since its release here on Feb. 21. And wherever you go, you cannot avoid hearing the album's first single "Go Let It Out" at least once a day.

Oasis take the stage in near apotheletic fashion, as the transcoupled curtain drops and the semi-danceable "****in' in The Bushes" breaks the pre-show jittery at an almost deafening volume. The aforementioned "Go Let It Out" is then followed by the mellow, optimistic "Who Feels Love?" Many people count this song among their new album favorites, but this slow a song shouldn't be played this early on. Oasis quickly alone for this minor glitch with a string of heavy-handed hits that includes "Supersonic," "Shakermaker" and 1995 B-side cult favorite "Acquiesce.

After a bit of a lull with harmless enough new tracks "Sunday Morning Call," "Where Did It All Go Wrong?" and "Gas Panic," the evening shifts into sing-along gear for good by way of "Roll With It." "Stand By Me" and "Wonderwall." The easy highlight of the night is everyone thumping up and down in unison to the T. Rex-like "Cigarettes and Alcohol," complete with a pseudo impromptu jam session of "American Woman" tucked in for good measure. As if to allow everyone to regain themselves after that one, elder sibling and songwriter Noel settles into the reflective "Don't Look Back In Anger," only to have fire-starter Liam soon return for a fist-chumping rendition of "Live Forever.

As if to spell out the obvious, Oasis close the night with "Rock 'n' Roll Star," a song written long before they even began to realize their eventual fate of being near-permanent fixtures on the world celebrity circuit and the front pages of Britain's most rantid tabloids.

The show's only notable disappointment is the absence of any of the new in-your-face tracks like "Put Ye Money Where Ye Mouth Is" or "I Can See a liar." But, there's no reason to be too concerned. Tonight, we're all rock 'n' roll stars; it doesn't get much better than this.

Album Review

Compilation CD offers the best of the London club

In the vast mental wasteland that is popular culture, there are two beacons that serve as guides for those who seek Complete Mindlessness. The first is Howard Stern and his cohorts, having polluted our airwaves with their attempts to make us laugh and gasp. The second, far less menacing Essence of Modern British dance music. When one wants to simply get down, ignoring all other qualifications that would otherwise be required for something to be considered art, it is not necessary to look any further than the nearest Eurotrash discothèque. Every year the biggest DJs in Europe come out with new offerings, and these are most consistently swallowed whole by a culture that centers around the club scene. Entire walls of music stores are covered by Club Compilations, all of which are virtually the same, containing around 40 or so essentially similar songs.

The Club 2000 dance hits release is no exception. Available in virtually any record or grocery store here in London. Club 2000 is a perfect taster of the club scene, without having to pay an outrageous cover to be surrounded by a sea of trendy, black-turndown-clad British people and clumsy American tourists. From the very beginning of this two-disc, 43-song compilation, it is clear that there will be no attempt at profundity made as the original mixes of these songs are presented in continuous manner, ideal for a three-hour dance party or torture session.

The first three tracks are the strongest on the release — one need not go much further to understand what "clubbie" in the new millennium is all about. The Artful Dodger is positively Dickian on "Rewind." The Wamdue Project chime in with the hit of the season, "King of My Castle." And Bob Marley vs. Funkstar De Luxe's bastardized version of "Sun is Shining" shows that in full combat. Funkstar De Luxe is able to utterly destroy the old Soul Rebel. From there, one becomes literarily entranced by the continuous and monotonous disco beat, which reverberates through the soul until it becomes absolutely unbearable. But disco-dancin' music is not really about expression. It's not about sitting around and finding important social messages in the mixes. Rather, it is about drunken, ecstatic hedonism, sweaty bodies grinding against each other on an illuminated floor, and about finding that certain special someone sexy enough to wake up next to just once in a lifetime. For this, the music is perfectly concealed, and I count myself lucky for having had the opportunity to experience the London disco scene in its entirety. Disco is not dead. It is constantly renewing itself in ever-more mindless and repetitive forms. And God Bless us all for that.

The Battle of the Bands
March 24, 8 p.m.
Senior Bar

Various Artists

Club Mix 2000
UNTV Records
★★★★ (out of five)

Performers include:
American Standard
Doc Brown
Josie Vodicka
Justin Dunn
Sexual Chocolate
The Transoms
Neil Carmichael's Unnamed Band
The only thing I knew about American Standard is that they were a campus band, had just released their first album, and recently had a gig at Benchwarmer’s. After listening to their CD for the first time, I also came to another observation. I really wish I had gone to Benchwarmer’s to see them play live.

The band, consisting of vocalist Holly Hoffman, lead guitarist Chris Osos, rhythm guitarist Don Pecson, bassist Tom Hayes, and newly appointed drummer Grant Ramsey, has come a long way since the band’s first gig at the NAAZ Battle of the Bands last April. Despite being together for just three weeks, the band, then known as Sarcastik Bite, made a very impressive showing at its first public appearance.

After taking the summer off, the band came back into the new school year with a new perspective and a new name, American Standard. During the fall semester, the band built up a strong reputation as a live act by playing numerous shows at Corby’s, Benchwarmer’s, house parties and other campus shows. With requests for an album pouring in, the band entered the studio a little earlier than planned. And now, after creating a fan base, the band has their debut album ready. The CD, released and self-funded on the band’s Big City Records label, starts off strong with some of the band’s best songs. “Keep Away From,” “Every Time I Win” and “Perfect Girl” are all fast, up-tempo songs with great lyrics and beats. The album continues on with songs like “Lucky,” “Hold On Tight” and “4 Million Miles.” “Minnesota One,” however, was the song that I listened to over and over. “Minnesota One” and “Every Time I Win” are probably the band’s strongest marks on the album. But the band’s greatest asset would have to be the sweet yet edgy, versatile voice of lead singer Hoffman. Her voice has a Gwen Stefani-like sound, but still unique enough to blend perfectly with the band. This talented young singer, who can tackle anything from Guns N’ Roses to The Cardigans, has the potential to lead American Standard to larger venues, even outside of good old South Bend.

I think these guys are going to be around for a while. They sure deserve to be. The band, however, currently marketing its album on the Internet, has recently stumbled upon other bands with the same name. In addition to the trademark infringement issue with a certain toilet manufacturer, fans should watch for another name change sometime soon. Armed with a yet-to-be-decided new name, the band will fine tune their live show for a national tour in the summer of 2000.

### New Releases

#### Today

- **Aqua** - Aquarius
- **Fishbone** - Psychotic Friends
- **Ice Cube** - War & Peace, Vol. 2
- **Led Zeppelin** - Latter Days
- **Joni Mitchell** - Both Sides Now
- **Pink** - Can’t Take Me Home
- **Catatonia** - Equally Cursed & Blessed
- **Common** - Like Water For Chocolate
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- **Big Punisher** - Yeeah Baby
- **Chumbawamba** - What You See Is What You Get
- **Lou Reed** - Ecstasy
- **Pink** - Can’t Take Me Home
- **Rah Digga** - Dirty Harriet
- **Travis** - The Man Who

#### March 28

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- **Pink** - Can’t Take Me Home
- **Rah Digga** - Dirty Harriet
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#### April 4

- **Big Punisher** - Yeeah Baby
- **Chumbawamba** - What You See Is What You Get
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- **Da Brat** - Unrestricted
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Hockey

Irish luck runs out in Detroit

By TIM LOGAN

When Notre Dame hockey coach Dave Poulin took the reigns of the fledgling program in 1982 he set a goal for his team: Reach the NCAA tournament. Fourteen years later, after eight NCAA appearances and two national semifinal berths at Detroit's Joe Louis Arena, Poulin and the Irish realized that goal last week when they won two out of three games against the Michigan State Spartans, who then topped University of Nebraska-Omaha and were invited to claim the conference title.

After the loss, Poulin remained positive about his team's accomplishment.

"It was a very significant step," he said of reaching the semifinals in the CCHA, one of college hockey's top conferences, for the first time in 18 years. "The season has really belonged to the seniors, who joined the program when they were in high school and who led us to this point. They saw a vision I had," said Poulin. "It was a big part of that vision and one of the major goals of the team this CCHA season."

The Irish faced Michigan State, a long-established conference powerhouse, in their semifinal matchup. Despite being ranked No. 7, the Irish were in the right place at the right time.

"They saw a vision I had. Joe Louis Arena was going to be a big part of that vision and becoming one of the top teams in the CCHA," said Poulin.

"If Northern Michigan won, Notre Dame would face Bowling Green in the best-of-three quarterfinals. If Notre Dame won, they would face the fourth-seed University of Michigan in the semifinals. It marked the third year in a row the Irish were in the right place at the right time."

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"They added an empty net goal in the last 14 minutes after their first two goals. Poulin said Notre Dame players and fans could see a pattern of the game in the third game. "We're disappointed we didn't beat Illinois," Bayliss said. "I'm kind of numb to it right now." For the second time in two years, the Irish were able to recover from an loss by beating the leaders of the conference to the best record. Poulin said Notre Dame won the first three of seven matches against Virginia's fifth-ranked Brian Zachary and six 3-6, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3.

Virginia was a good win" Poulin Irish head coach Dave Poulin

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Irish look for redemption with solid NIT performance

With the Irish shut out of an NCAA tournament bid, Matt Doherty's class united around the common goal of earning redemption by winning the National Invitation Tournament. They've put their "A" game faces on and the Irish appear well on their way playing in Madison Square Garden, after beating the Michigan Wolverines 75-65 in the first round and the Xavier Musketeers 76-64 in the second round.

"We want to prove the Committee wrong by not letting us into the NCAA tournament," sophomore forward Harald斯 Wuamann said. "We're out to prove something. That's our mindset every game. We're going to go out there and play our hardest and show everybody that we could have played in the Tournament. They made a mistake."

Getting a couple of victories in the NIT would surely show the selection committee that the Irish were worthy of another look.

"We feel like we're out here with something to prove," Murphy said. "We want to prove in the NCAA tournament that we belonged in there, and maybe make them think twice about what they did. Xavier was a team that was a bubble team, and we beat them. We're just trying to show people that we should have gotten in."

Notre Dame shook off a bubble team, and we should have gotten in." Doherty said. "You threaten to make the NCAA tournament. You made the NIT. You beat Michigan and lose today, it's okay. And I told them at pre-game meal — I don't want that thought creeping into your head. "Yeah, people feel you had a good year, but I want more," Doherty said. "I want 20 wins. I want to win on national TV. I want to keep playing. I want to practice tomorrow. We had a little gut check there, and our kids came through."

Doherty got his 20th wins with the victory over Xavier, and now he's looking for No. 21.

The Irish are out there playing so they wind up with no regrets come the end of the season. They're going after every rebound and playing defense like their life depends on the line. "The kids, they're tough," Doherty said. "They compete. Did you see them diving on loose balls? I mean, that was fun. Matt Carroll, Jimmy Dillon, David Graves. I just think they're a tough group of kids."

Sophomore David Graves must have been starring for a little redemption Monday. He led the Terry Notre Dame effort early, scoring 21 of his 24 points in the first half, and fighting for nine rebounds in the victory. Guards Jimmy Dillon and Matt Carroll were all over the floor for the Irish, diving for every loose ball and some that weren't.

The other two Irish starters, Murphy and Swanagan, played substantial minutes despite recent injuries. Swanagan scrambled for seven rebounds and scored seven points in 26 minutes of play after hurting his knee in the Michigan game. Murphy sprained an ankle in practice Sunday, but battled back into the NCAA tournament. I don't want that thought creeping into your head. "Just because we're on the bubble doesn't grant us the right to win this tournament," Doherty said. "The NIT's pretty strong and probably stronger this year than it's ever been because teams like Notre Dame, Vanderbilt, Virginia, Villanova, didn't get into the NCAA tournament. I don't want the guys to have any regrets."

Three more wins, and they won't.

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The Irish’s pre-game routine would make the Armed Forces proud. Prior to each game, during stretching drills, the Irish players sit in a certain order in the circle. On the road the order is different from the home games but is always consistent.

“You have your away positions and your home positions,” Henderson said.

Then as they head to the Joyce Center from their stretching exercises in the Pit, the team sings a special song, always the same one, out loud. Last year the lucky pre-game song, the Irish sang “Goodbye” by Boyz II Men. This season, it’s a secret.

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As they prepare for warm-up drills, Henderson leads the team but Kelley Siegert gets first go first in all the drills. Except for the free throw shooting drills where Henderson goes first and Alica Ratay shoots third. Henderson also teaches the “Attitude of a Champion” sign in their locker room first before the team enters the arena.

During the NCAA tournament, the Irish become even more superstitious.

The players approached McClure before the season began, asking for the green uniforms. It wasn’t an easy proposition, as they first had to get approval from the administration. The powers-to-be complied with their request but stipulated that they only wear them on certain occasions. This weekend’s games was. The fourth and fifth times they wore the new uniforms.

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Notre Dame women's tennis team had its ups and downs during spring break play. While many students took to the beaches, the Irish women took to the courts as they headed west to battle with the 49th-ranked Cougars of BYU and the ninth-ranked Wave of Pepperdine.

In a sizzling performance the Irish kicked off their west-coast swing in memorable fashion as they dispatched the Cougars 7-2. Junior star Michelle Dasso rallied to claim her eighth-consecutive No. 1 singles victory, defeating BYU's Elinc Chow 3-6, 6-0, 6-2, in a match that set the tone for the day.

Inspired by the play of their star, the Irish won four of the remaining five singles matches in straight sets, demonstrating to the Cougars that the possibility of an upset was remote. Becky Varnum, Kelly Zalisinski, Nina Vaughan and Katie Cunha all scored impressive straight set wins clinching victory and running the team's winning streak to five.

Sophomore Lindsey Green suffered the team's only set-back, dropping her No. 5 singles match in straight sets. The Irish were equally effective in doubles play. The pairing of Cunha and Dasso netted an easy No.1 doubles win, while Varnum and Vaughan added a No.3 doubles triumph. Riding high on a five match win streak, the Irish hoped their luck wouldn't run out as they headed further west to meet the Wave of Pepperdine on Saturday. The Wave, however, would prove too much, as they rolled over the Irish 7-2, raining down on the Irish and ruining what would have been a belated St. Patrick's Day parade.

Twenty-seventh-ranked Ipek Sengul of Pepperdine notched an impressive upset win over the 11th-ranked Dasso, coming from behind to win 3-6, 7-6, 6-3. With the wind knocked from their sails, Notre Dame went on to drop four more singles matches, a trend that proved exactly the opposite of that which transpired against BYU.

This time it was Green who scored Notre Dame's only singles win. Having already clinched the match in singles play, the Wave continued to drown the Irish in taking two of three doubles matches.

After a stormy finish to their west coast trip, the Irish will hope for sunnier skies when they return home to face the Jayhawks of Kansas next week.

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Notre Dame pulls away from San Diego in first round

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

The No. 2-seeded Notre Dame women's basketball team (26-4) opened NCAA tournament play with an emphatic 87-61 win over San Diego (17-13).

The Irish owned the game from start to finish. They jumped out to a 10-1 lead on two quick baskets by junior All-American Ruth Riley, two free throws by freshman Alicia Hatty and two buckets by senior Julie Henderson.

They never looked back. "My teammates knew that (Jessicaal Gray was a little shorter than me, Riley said. "So they were looking for me inside, and I was just happy I was able to connect."

The Irish increased their lead throughout the first half. Senior guard Niele Ivey scored nine of her 14 points in the first half, and Riley laid in 12 of her 14 in the opening period.

San Diego was no pushover, though, as they orchestrated a 16-7 run in which six Toreros scored. "They never quit," Notre Dame head coach Muffet McGraw said. "Every time we thought we could put them away in the first half, they came back. We have to get away from the point of being up 15 and letting them back in the game. And that's where we need to get that killer instinct."

At halftime, Notre Dame led San Diego 42-31, a gap the Irish thought should have been greater. "We really didn't feel like we were doing much on defense," Riley said. "We needed to pick it up a lot with our intensity and getting out on the shooters."

In the second stanza, the Irish clamped down defensively. They held the Toreros scoreless from the field for nearly eight minutes. "That was exactly what we were looking for," McGraw said. "We had some miscommunication in the first half, and they got some open looks. We wanted to work on our switches a little bit more and get a hand in their face. I think that with a hand in their face, that's why they shot so poorly for those eight minutes."

Senior guard Danielle Green finished off the stretch with an off-balance driving lay-up that extended the lead to 66-40. "I was looking for Ericka (Haney)" Green said. "She was open for a second there and then I looked back again and a defender was on her. I was already up in the air, and I just threw it up there. It was just all reaction."

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Looking for a Hot Job?

BY STEVE KEPPEL
SPORTS WRITER

The Notre Dame men's lacrosse team struggled in its three-game stretch last week.

The Irish started off by beating both Denver (12-8) and Air Force (10-6), despite inconsistent play on offense and defense. But the poor play of the Irish caught up with them against Loyola as they were blown out by a score of 12-2.

Against Denver Notre Dame got out to a quick 4-0 start in the first period. John Harvey sparked the lead with two early goals and finished the afternoon with his first career hat trick.

Despite the early lead, the sporadic play of the Irish enabled Denver to edge their way back into the game when the Irish defense gave up six goals in the second and third periods.

"We had the chance to put them away and we didn't," Notre Dame head coach Kevin Corrigan said. "We are not finishing when given the opportunity."

With the game tied 7-7 entering the fourth period, the Notre Dame attack broke out of their shell and scored four quick goals to give them a commanding lead.

"It was nice to come out in the fourth quarter and execute," Corrigan said. "We are playing well at times but we should have shut them out in the first half when we had the chance."

Two days later Notre Dame took on an 0-4 Air Force team that hadn't beaten the Irish in 12 years. Junior Tom Glatzel led the Irish offense and tied a career high with five goals. The Irish took a 10-2 lead into the fourth period. But, with the chance to put the Falcons away the Notre Dame defense gave up four quick goals letting Air Force right back in it.

"We didn't play that well but we did what we intended to do which was win," said Corrigan. "We were easily in control and we would have liked to finish it off with more pizzazz. We need to be more consistent."

The inconsistency of the Irish would come back to haunt again as they suffered a huge 12-2 pounding from a highly ranked Loyola team. Loyola came out fired up and scored two goals in the first 15 minutes. Instead of fighting back hard, the Irish gave up an unprecedented eight goals in the second period.

"We let them finish the game in the second quarter," said Corrigan. "We lost poise and didn't execute and we can't put ourselves in that position."

The Irish got on the board in the third period with a goal from Chris Young, but it wasn't enough as they ended the day with only two goals — the second fewest in the 19-year history of the program.

"Their defense played harder than we played and we shot poorly," said Corrigan. "We were just out hustled and outplayed."

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Coach just said we've got to pull out all the stops, putting a big focus on rebounding the basketball.
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shot 41 percent, crashed the boards and grabbed nine offensive rebounds. Xavier's second and third shot opportunities resulted in a 36-23 edge in attempts.

Sophomore David Graves caught fire in the first half, connecting on 8-of-11 field goals and scoring 21 points before the break.

"The guys were setting some tremendous screens for me and their big men weren't helping off the screens," Graves said. "I was getting open and so I kept shooting it. It felt great so I kept putting it up."

The Musketeers, however, did a good job limiting Troy Murphy's touches in the first half. The first-team All-American was held to just two shot attempts and nine points.

"We wanted to stop Murphy, but we felt to win we would have to guard the three-point line and it's evident we didn't do that," Prosser said. "It's not like we said we wanted to stop Murphy and let the other guys beat us."

However, it was Murphy and the supporting cast that did the Musketeers in. Xavier took a 45-44 lead with 14:27 left in the game, but Notre Dame came storming back with a 15-4 run to build a 10-point lead midway through the second half.

The Irish did a good job of breaking the Musketeers' press and running their half court offense. Graves was called upon to break the press on several occasions.

"Coach really studied their press," Graves said. "It's their main defense and they practice it everyday, so we had to pick it apart. It was tough for them to press us, since Coach stressed the spacing so much. He put me on the wing and ran some isolation for me. We had to get the ball up somehow."

Notre Dame's half-court execution, however, struggled in the late stages of the game as they were held scoreless for nearly six minutes. The Irish made up for it with stifling defense that allowed just six points over those six minutes. Murphy made two big hoops down the stretch and clutch free throw shooting helped the Irish pull away.

"There was too much time left and we had to score," Doherty said. "We were either tired or tentative, but I was concerned. They cut it to three, but Troy went back door and made the basket and I think that was a big play."

Murphy, who was playing with a sprained ankle, finished with 21 points and nine rebounds. Graves, however, led the way with 24 points and nine boards. Freshman Matt Carroll added 13 points and five assists, while Harold Swangan scored seven points and grabbed seven rebounds.

The Irish shot 47 percent from the field and 53 percent from beyond the arc. Notre Dame also outrebounded Xavier, 41-30.

Maurice McAfee paced Xavier with 18 points on 6-of-15 three-point shooting. Kevin Frey had 11 points and Lloyd Price added 10 in a losing effort for the Musketeers.

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18-point lead midway through the game.

"I came out really aggressive. I think that has been missing from me all season," said Green. "I am pleased that my teammates were looking for me. I finally had that energy, passion and enthusiasm. I just need to continue that and the team needs to continue that throughout the rest of the tournament."

The Irish struggled in the opening minutes of the contest, however. Taking the ball to the basket early, the Colonials earned a quick 8-5 edge on the Irish and forced center Ruth Riley to the bench with two personal fouls.

But the Colonials' performance went downhill from there as George Washington missed 16 consecutive shots and allowed Green to key a 14-0 run for the Irish.

"We started off well and when you play [the Irish] your main focus is to get Riley in foul trouble," said Colonials head coach Joe McKeown. "If you can do that, then you don't want to let their other players beat you and I thought Green destroyed us in the first half. She had 16 points and she got them at times when it really opened the game up."

The Colonials were unable to get their shooting back on track and finished shooting just 28.3 percent from the floor that night.

"I think [Notre Dame] played well defensively," said Colonials guard Mario Egleston. "We got a lot of good shots. As a team we make them all the time — sometimes they fall and sometimes they don't, that's part of the game. Tonight was not one of the good days for us."

Sloppy defense only exacerbated the underdog's poor shooting. The Colonials committed 30 fouls and sent the Irish to the free-throw line 45 times.

Ivey, who was only 5-8 from the floor, added 10 points from the Irish from charity stripe.

"Niele is the key to our team," she showed that tonight," said Irish head coach Muffet McGraw. "She did a great job of controlling the tempo. She knows when to slow down and pick up the pace. She knows when to shoot and when not to. She played a really intelligent floor game tonight."

The second half wasn't any nicer to the Colonials than the first. Able to produce enough offense for only one serious run midway in the second half, the Colonials went on an 11-4 run, but the Irish answered with an 18-5 run of their own and maintained a 30-point lead for the final minutes of the game.

Riley, who sat out most of the first half, played a big offensive role in the second half and finished with 14 points.

Guard Alicia Ratay, who went 3-6 from behind the arc, added 11 points, making for five Irish players in double figures. Henderson's 14 points marked a season high and matched her career high-scoring record.

With the win, the Irish travel to Memphis, Tenn. to take on No. 3 Texas Tech in the Sweet 16 this Saturday.
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Victory over Colonials sends Irish to Sweet 16

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Editor

When your team has just blown a 10-point second half lead and hasn't scored in nearly six minutes, what do you talk about during a media timeout?

If you are Notre Dame head coach Matt Doherty, you listen in on the Notre Dame band as questions to your team what a horrible drummer you once were. "The timeouts are so long and the band was playing so I popped my head out and was telling the guys how I used to play the drums at St. J Raymond's grammar school," Doherty said. "One day my parents bought me a drum set and I was so bad after awhile that when I came home they sold them. We talk about stuff to keep them loose and have fun. You can only say so much in a timeout. Whatever he said it kept the Irish loose and confident down the stretch, as Notre Dame (21-12) made 11-of-13 free throws and outscored Xavier (17-19) 37-16 in the final two minutes to pull out the 76-64 victory.

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"We wanted to save them for tonight," head coach Muffet McGraw said referring to the uniforms. "San Diego was nice enough to wear their light uniforms.

The relatively new uniforms paid dividends for the Irish, at least according to the players, as they rolled to an 87-61 victory. Whether they wore white, blue, red, or yellow uniforms, it was quite obvious they still would have beaten the over-matched Toreros.

But don't tell that to this superstitious team. Amidst all the quiet confidence, obvious talent and cohesion of the No. 6 Notre Dame team lies a group that truly believes in their rituals.

For seniors Julie Henderson and Danielle Green, who always room together on road trips, their game day starts at 8 a.m. with a call from Mrs. Henderson.

"One day we did that [having Mrs. Henderson call] and me and Danielle both had excellent games," Henderson said. "So we've done it ever since.

Niele Ivey's mother leaves a message on the voice mail before each game, which the players sold them. We talk about stuff, whatever he said it kept the Irish loose and confident down the stretch, as Notre Dame (20-14) made 11-of-13 free throws and outscored Xavier (17-19) 37-16 in the final two minutes to pull out the 76-64 victory.

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