Meningitis strikes Ireland program student

By NELLIE WILLIAMS
News Writer

When Julia Fletcher left for the Saint Mary's Ireland program in September, she was not expecting what was to come five months later. After struggling with a bout of mononucleosis, Fletcher woke up Feb. 23 tired, with a fever and sick in her stomach. She thought she had just had the flu. Less than twenty-four hours later, she was admitted into intensive care in the hospital for having type C meningitis.

After attending some morning classes, Fletcher went back to her room and slept the rest of the day. Later that night, she had an extremely high temperature and couldn't move her legs much. She also noticed big bruises and spots appearing on her body. In the morning, she had to tell someone else the news. When the counselor of the Ireland Program came over to see her, she called the doctor right away.

"I just thought it was the flu — even when the doctor came that night," Fletcher said.

Fletcher was so sick she couldn't get out of bed. The doctor gave Fletcher two shots of penicillin. She's back
Superstar actress Julia Roberts' new movie 'Erin Brockovich' has people flocking to theaters.

Memories never fade
A Saint Mary's student remembers classmate Kristi Morris, who died in a car accident over spring break.

Student Senate
Group says actions of police 'inexcusable'

By LAURA ROMPF
Assistant News Editor

Citing the same sentiments as the administration, the student senate passed an open letter last night concerning the Roseland Denny's incident where two students were arrested, possibly for racist reasons.

"We stand by our students just as the administration has stood by our students. It is unbelievable that this has happened in this day and age," said Keough senator and President-elect Brian O'Donoghue. "This can not be tolerated, accepted or ignored. This shows the group that the student body stands behind them for justice."

The letter, which can be sent to numerous involved parties, states: "The officers' actions were without justification. We, the Student Senate, as representatives of the entire student body, find the actions of these officers both reprehensible and inexcusable."

Also discussed at Wednesday's meeting was the cancellation of the Sophomore Sibs weekend. Zahn hall senator Ryan Becker discussed several issues which were raised by the Sophomore Class Council including no clear official reasons for the cancellation and lack of communication between Student Activities, the Class Council, and the students themselves. Student Activities said reasons for cancellation included low attendance and high expenses due to Notre Dame's geographically diverse population. The main concern, however, was hall staff's dissatisfaction and worries with the weekend. After sophomores submitted a new proposal hoping to remedy these problems, student activities still said no to the weekend.

"Joe Cassidy chose seven rec- tors to look at the new proposal and the rec tors did not respond with enthusiasm to have the weekend," Becker said.

After all the research, Becker concluded that the situation was unfortunate due to poor communication and similar actions are trying to be prevented in the future.

"I feel student activities did nothing wrong intentionally. There was simply poor timing and that they did the best they could. I believe they gave the prob-
Walking on sunshine

I am from Arizona - a warm, sunny place, where cold is never discussed - where cold is considered evil. I was the only one from a cold background. I had grown up in a climate where air-conditioning, the kid who turned ice-cold from running in the winter ballroom fights. So, when I told everyone in my hometown of my plans of going to college in Indiana, they laughed. They laughed, and laughed. They laughed for a long time, and many of them continued to laugh, but now, they are smiling and laughing for another reason - disbelief. Unknown to many people at college, I suffer from a disease called Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy - a disease that has restricted me to wearing braces, and a disease that is very difficult to deform.

In unfamiliar territory, I am afraid to share - but need to. Some things need to be shared. This is one of them. So here it is, my grand epiphany.

Remember the huge blizzard? The one which led to the mercurial cancellation of some early morning classes? That was my birthday, and the blizzard was my birthday wish.

My celebration was simple - a brownie and a chocolate milkshake. I was the only one out in the snow, facing the wintry, cold winter. I had survived the snow. It had been an awesome birthday. The path was newly dusted; there were no tracks, and no treads. It was cold. Quite the opposite. And, it hit me...

I, Kelly Hager, was at Notre Dame. Not only at Notre Dame, but also in the snow, living a life which most said I wouldn't be able to tolerate. I survived the snow. I lived the last major snowfall in my first year away from home; I had survived the snow. Immediately I was filled with many emotions, from happiness to a grand sense of accomplishment.

Instead of taking the shuttle home, I walked by way of the Grotto. I was the only one outside, perhaps because it was snowing like crazy. But there I was, so happy to be there, and so happy to be able to experience it all. The path was new; there were no tracks, or tread marks. Just a single set of footprints - mine. I stopped countless times along the way, to think and appreciate. While walking a favorite poem came into my head:

"The wintery scene is precisely like the life of the soul..." - William Wordsworth

Napster reinstated for trial period

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. - Indiana University announced Tuesday they will unblock access to www.Napster.com servers for a two-week trial period beginning Saturday. According to a press release, a new method will lower network traffic which will permit the playing and downloading of music as well as other multimedia files. Napster Inc. and IU worked jointly to find a solution to the congestion problem in order to allow Napster to be reinstated. "Students can use Napster like before and the practical result of what is going to be done is that if students are looking for a particular music file then it will look as close to IU as possible to provide the file," said Mark Bruhn, information technology policy officer for University Information Technology Services. "If a file cannot be found within the universities network then it will go outside the network, but it will look there first." Bruhn said he expects Napster.com to make use of this method, especially since it will help to lower the amount of space it originally took up, which caused it to be filtered.

Duke finds cheaper alternative cardiac drug

Drug offenders lose financial aid

Students using drugs may find themselves high on life and short on federal aid when section 484 of the Higher Education Act goes into effect July 1, 2000, but several groups are working to get this section of the act repealed. The Higher Education Act covers all types of student aid, including Pell grants, Stafford loans, federal work-study programs, Perkins loans and other forms of federal financial aid. Section 484 allows the government to deny or delay financial aid to any student convicted of a drug offense, said Kris Lotlikar, national director of Students for Sensible Drug Policy. Financial aid is needed by many students who are working to get this section of the act repealed. "Students using drugs may find themselves high on life and short on federal aid when section 484 of the Higher Education Act goes into effect July 1, 2000," Southold Dance Quintet, free, 3 p.m., Notre Dame's Washington Hall.

This Week at Notre Dame/Saint Mary's

Thursday

- Concert: Glee Club
Concert, free, 8 p.m., Washington Hall
- Lecture: "Change and Conflict in Catholic Sexual Ethics," 7:30 p.m., Hesburgh Center

Friday

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Concert, free, 8 p.m., Washington Hall
- Lecture: "The Role of Business in Overcoming Poverty," Peter and Linda Biehl, 4 p.m., Jordan Auditorium

Saturday

- Workshop: "Expanding Your Horizons in Science and Mathematics," 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., DeBartolo Hall.
- Event: "Dancespring 2000," Southold Dance Theater, 2 p.m., O'Laughlin Auditorium, Saint Mary's.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

DUBUCHAR, N.C. - Sometimes, creating a drug that can save human lives' is not enough. Researchers also have to make it affordable. A newly tested drug trade - named Integrilin promises to do both.

Dr. James Tcheng, a cardiologist at the Duke Clinical Research Institute, led nationwide clinical trials of the drug - also known as epifibatide - and presented the findings at the annual scientific meeting of the American College of Cardiology.

Integrilin, similar to a currently available but expensive drug, was shown to cut by 40 percent the number of heart attacks, post-procedure complications and emergency surgeries within 48 hours of a coronary intervention. To prevent clotting after doctors open partially clogged arteries, doctors now intravenously give patients abciximab, also called ReoPro. The drug blocks a specific platelet-to-platelet interaction receptor and thus prevents blood from clotting.

Integrilin, the new medicine, performs the same function as ReoPro at nearly a quarter of the cost - Integrilin costs about $400 compared to $1,500 for ReoPro.

Blocked arteries are a very common ailment among heart patients. In such cases, the blockage interferes with the blood flow and causes heart pain, also called angina. To a procedure called coronary angioplasty, doctors remove such blockage by inserting a tube into the body and passing it to the heart. Such coronary interventions are alternatives to surgery and are used only when the number of blocked arteries is fairly low. A catheter and a balloon are used to press the blockage flat and a stent of medical-grade stainless steel is implanted to prop the artery open, restoring bloodflow. Around 600,000 coronary angioplasty procedures are performed in the United States each year - of these, more than 95 percent use stents.
Spring break a mix of learning and fun for biology class

By KATIE McVOY
News Writer

For 15 Saint Mary's women, spring break was full of fish, culture and learning about the marine life that lives in the waters surrounding its coasts. The trip gave the women a hands-on experience of what they have been the semester studying.

"The real focus was for the students to be able to observe first-hand the marine life they have been looking at this semester," said Dr. Thomas Platt, who teaches the marine biology course. "They looked at rocky shore habitats and explored zonation, distribution of organisms, and related that to wave action and tide cycles."

The group left Monday and spent the week near the town of Ocho Rio. Each day the women went snorkeling and collected samples of algae, snails, and other marine creatures. They then identified their finds and classified each one accordingly. At the end of the week, the women had a comprehensive quiz on the specimens they found.

"I learned a lot about the habitats," junior biology major Chris Diana said. "I learned about what kinds of specimens the coral reefs could support." The women also learned about the effects of humans and natural cycles on the coral reefs that surround Jamaica, both of which have seriously damaged the reef in recent years. Hurricane Allen in 1980 destroyed a major coral species and the long-spired Black Sea urchin was almost totally devastated by an epidemic in the early 1980's.

"It's important to see what effect these have on the human population of the island, such as effects on the nutrition of a third world country, and as well as the effects on the reef," Platt said. "The women could look at these systems and really appreciate the impact of both man and nature." In addition to snorkeling, the women also enjoyed other activities in the surrounding waters of Jamaica. One evening was spent taking a night walk in the shallow waters. The students also went octopus hunting, Diana catching an octopus.

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"It was a good experience," Platt said. "The students were tremendous in taking the challenge of exploring a local Jamaican market. The women learned a lot about the mangrove trees. "The swamp is a very messy place," Platt said. "The students were tremendous in taking the challenge of exploring it."

Along with learning about marine life, the women spent time learning about Jamaican culture.

"I'm glad we didn't stay in a hotel," sophomore Lauren Dunn said. "We got a chance to interact with the people of Jamaica and I really enjoyed that.

The women did not spend the entire week learning, however. They had some time for fun activities that were just for themselves. The women visited Dunn River Falls, a 600-foot waterfall in Jamaica, stand under, and jump off of into the surrounding waters. They were also able to attend a lecture one night about Jamaican history and culture. They learned about the Jamaican language, Patois, and also went to mass at a Jamaican church.

"It was loud and there was a lot of clapping," O'Neil said. "It was very different than many of the things we are used to."

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"I learned about the history of Jamaica and also, how to integrate our culture with theirs so that we could interact with them," said Chris Diana.

Saint Mary's student

Belanger emphasized that breaking the chain of debt in developing countries involves working with the people in order to understand what the problem is. "This is an issue that the free market philosophy can be a "medicine," Belanger said. "But it's a lot bigger than simply fixing the export balance."

"Ways of working with the poor are first, to realize that the concept of development doesn't change and second, to encourage global education," Poynter said.

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Poynter commented on what she discovered in Uganda. She made her realize what many people take for granted in the west and realized that there are homeless shelters and social services everywhere.

"People of faith, even the poorest, have a role to play," Poyneter said. "They have a role to play in the future of their country."

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**Rosca condemns mail-order brides**

**By DOROTHY CARDER**

Advocating the awareness of the trafficking of women and children, particularly in Asian countries, was the focus of the lecture given by Nonotshka Rosca.

Rosca, founder of the Gabriella network, which works to raise awareness about the trafficking of women and children, spoke about the continuing and growing amount of women and children being used as "sex slaves" or mail-ordered brides — a fact that is becoming more and more popular in the United States.

"It is harder to open a cigarette store than it is to open a mail-order bride agency," Rosca said.

Many women, 20 million around the world to be exact, 90 percent who are women of color, are used to promote this industry. They are forced to prostitute, though they are told they will work in restaurants in countries like Thailand.

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**posal fair consideration. It is a shame it didn't work out better for the proposal was great," Becker said.**

A new committee is being formed to determine a new signature event for the sophomore class with the hopes of starting it next year.

In other senate news:

- Senate unanimously passed a statement honoring "The Michael J. Palumbo Award" which will honor a member of the Student Union each year.
- Senate passed a Charitable Donations Bylaw so that the student activities fee is used correctly with student organization.
- Senate approved the Spring Preview Day, which is Monday, March 27, 2000...1:00 - 4:00 p.m and you're invited...We're having a Spring Preview Day...Sunday, March 26...1:00 - 4:00 p.m., and you're invited.
- Senate unanimously approved the nominations for judicial council president, vice president of elections, and co-vice presidents of advocacy.
- Speaker Tony Wagner will be President, John Bauter VI of elections, and Angela Gala, Amanda Duvidio, and Nicholas Devers will be co-vice presidents of advocacy.

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Glickman declares Florida counties disaster area

HOME STEAD, Fla. – U.S. Agriculture Secretary Mike Glickman declared an agricultural disaster area Wednesday in four Florida counties where an incurable citrus disease is ravaging groves that once provided nearly all of the nation’s limes. "This loss is just as devastating as a drought," Glickman said at a grove near Homestead on Wednesday. "It is a sign of gang activity, the state's highest court ruled Wednesday. The Supreme Judicial Court ruled that Peter Kane, who had white and black beads on his rosary, had been offered an all-black set of beads at a prison worship service. "The plaintiff offers no reason why he could not use the black rosary beads that were offered to him at each religious service," the court said of Kane, who is a Roman Catholic. Kane's black-and-white rosary was corrupted during a shakedown of his cell at the state prison in Shirley in July 1997. He had used the beads to save a prison chaplain give them to him in 1991. Prison officials said they had multi-colored beads because they were concerned that such beads could be used by gang members to identify each other.

Cocaine, heroin prices fall

WASHINGTON

The prices of cocaine and heroin have fallen to record lows and the drugs remain widely available, federal officials say, while insisting that progress is being made against drug use in the United States. In remarks prepared for presentation Thursday before a House Appropriations subcommittee, White House drug control policy director Barry McCaffrey cited declines in youth drug use in the United States. He said of Kane, who is a Roman Catholic. "This comes out of a long tradition of the movement started by Dr. King, which is why his son is here," Sharpton said. He added that the people responsible for racial profiling in New Jersey have not served a day in jail, but that he was being jailed for protesting it. "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere," said King, quoting his father. "If my father were alive, he would be right here next to Rev. Sharpton." Sharpton was convicted in November on two counts of obstructing traffic at the protest. He and 75 others were arrested after backing up traffic headed into the casino capital on the Fourth of July weekend. The violent clash between Palestinians and Israeli police at a Gaza shopping mall, a cluster of shacks that is home to about 10,000 Palestinians. Witnesses said police tried to push back curious onlookers beat several of them with clubs. In response, an angry crowd hurled stones at police officers. Some officers hurled stones back.

Sharpton begins ten-day sentence

Associated Press

MAYS LANDING, N.J. - Casting himself as a modern day Martin Luther King, the Rev. Al Sharpton sur rendered today to begin a 10-day jail term for leading a demonstration last summer against police treatment of minorities.

Sharpton, 45, rallied with about 600 supporters in a parking lot next to the Atlantic County jail before marching a short distance and surrendering to author ities. He walked arm in arm with Martin Luther King III as well as the victims of a 1998 New Jersey Tum tique shooting as he headed toward the chain-link fence of the Atlantic County Justice Facility. He was also accompanied by his wife and two daughters. "This comes out of a long tradition of the movement started by Dr. King, which is why his son is here," Sharpton said. He added that the people responsible for racial profiling in New Jersey haven't served a day in jail, but that he was being jailed for protesting it. "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere," said King, quoting his father. "If my father were alive, he would be right here next to Rev. Sharpton." Sharpton was convicted in November on two counts of obstructing traffic at the protest. He and 75 others were arrested after backing up traffic headed into the casino capital on the Fourth of July weekend. The Atlantic County jail is no Hilton. It's overcrowded, inmates sleep on mattresses on the floor and many are violent offenders. "We'll treat him like we treat every other inmate," said County Executive Dennis Levinson. "This is a guy who's all about equal treatment for everyone, right? Well, he'll get the same treatment as everyone else." Sharpton will get an orange jail uniform, a cup, a spoon and toilet paper. Built for 470 inmates, the jail now holds about 970. Up at 7 a.m., inmates are allowed twice-a-day recreation opportunities and visitors three days a week. Richard Motulsky, Atlantic County's public safety director, wouldn't say what Sharpton's accommodations will consist of, saying only that he'll get no spe cial consideration.
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Kaeser: acupuncture useful for animals, humans

By KATE STEER
Associate News Editor

In a culture increasingly dominated by science and Western medicine, local veterinarian Terry Kaeser is an unusual practitioner. A certified veterinary acupuncturist, Kaeser practices acupuncture on many of his patients in lieu of drugs such as stimulants, depressives or anesthetics.

"Acupuncture is just another modality of medicine. Acupuncture, being an Asian art, is over 2000 years old. It's a way of trying to balance nature, or the chi or energy source."

Most people immediately associate needles with acupuncture, and associate the use of needles with pain. However, the needles used for acupuncture are quite different than those used for medical purposes.

"Acupuncture uses a tapered-point needle, so it separates tissue — it pushes tissue away. A hypodermic needle actually takes a core of tissue out, and cuts through tissue," Kaeser said.

Acupuncture is used in veterinary medicine and on humans for treatment for problems from allergies to neurological disorders regarding seizures. Kaeser uses it primarily for skeletal problems such as hip dysplasia or slipped spinal disks.

"Acupuncture is not directly related to the area where you put the points. Sometimes you treat hip problems in the feet area or in the upper spine," he said.

Kaeser, who has been practicing acupuncture since 1976, equates it to Western techniques.

"There are 400-some acupuncture points on the body. Where there are different pharmaceutical remedies for things like headaches, there are different positionings or 'prescriptions' that we can use if one doesn't work."

Treatment varies, according to Kaeser. In his own practice, Kaeser evaluates his patients after two or three sessions. If success is limited, a different 'prescription' might be tried.

Kaeser demonstrated the procedure on a volunteering German shepherd, Nanook, Wednesday as part of a series of presentations by the University's pre-veterinary club.

The club's next presenter will be Kristi Bush, a veterinarian specializing in touch therapy. The presentation will be at

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Report: Web journalism threatens Chinese government

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The Internet, which is helping to fuel the U.S. economy and President Clinton's desire to improve trade with China, apparently has also become a threat to the Chinese government's policies of suppressing press freedoms, a new report says.

China's ministry of state security now has an entire department devoted to tracking dissidents and their writings online, according to "Attacks on the Press in 1999," an annual report by the Committee to Protect Journalists.

The report details the number of killings, imprisonments and other forms of harassment of journalists around the world.

The report found that by the end of 1999, China and Turkey had imprisoned more journalists than any other countries, with both holding 18 journalists behind bars.

Among the jailed in China was software entrepreneur Lin Hai, who was convicted of "inciting the subversion of state power" and sentenced in February 1999 to a minimum of two years in prison for providing the e-mail addresses of 30,000 Chinese citizens to a U.S.-based online magazine that supports democratic reform in China.

"That was really a very striking phenomenon this year. In the cases in China, many of them were using the Internet to get their work out," said Ann Cooper, executive director of CPJ, a New York-based group that defends press freedoms around the world.

"What we're now seeing is the beginnings of crackdowns on this," said Cooper. However, noted committee researcher Kavita Menon, "It remains to be seen how effectively the Chinese government can actually control it and police it because of course the Internet is so vast."

The Clinton administration, meanwhile, is trying to convince Congress that permanent normal trade relations with China would eventually lead to a betterment of human rights there.

According to the report, 34 journalists died in the line of duty in various countries last year. Sierra Leone, a small West African country roughly the size of Indiana, was the deadliest assignment of 1999, with 10 journalists losing their lives there, the report says.

The committee suspects the deaths of an additional 18 journalists in various nations were linked to their reportage, but the committee's investigators are still working to substantiate those connections.

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"It seems that this kind of thing is increasing," said Anderson, who was held hostage in Lebanon for seven years.

"In the last few years, it's become clear that government and antigovernment groups both are trying to directly influence news conference by attacking journalists."

After Sierra Leone, the most dangerous place to report the news was in Yugoslavia, where six journalists died. Colombia also was risky, with five reporters killed on the job.

The report documents a wide range of other types of attacks against journalists, including hundreds who were fined or assaulted, and a total of 87 who were being held behind bars for their work by the close of 1999.
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Lawsuit awards women $508 M

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Some 1,100 women who were denied jobs with the federal agency that disseminates government news and information overseas won $508 million from the government on Wednesday in the largest-ever settlement of a federal sex discrimination case.

The agreement, which still requires approval from a federal judge, comes 23 years after the first woman, the then-29-year-old Carolee Brady Hartman, accused the now-defunct U.S. Information Agency and its broadcast branch, the Voice of America, of turning her down for a job as a writer because of her gender.

"I went for a job interview and the man who was interviewing me told me that he was going to hire me because I was a woman," said Frederickson, the women's lead attorney.

"I went for a job interview and the man who was interviewing me told me that he was not going to hire me because I was a woman." Carolee Brady Hartman plaintiff

In addition to the $508 million that must be paid to the women — approximately $450,000 apiece before taxes — the federal government must also give them nearly $23 million in back pay and interest and pay their attorneys' fees. Those fees will be at least $15 million, because the lawyers intend to bill the government for approximately 90,000 hours of work over the 23 years.

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The Justice Department said that although there have been larger settlements involving other forms of discrimination, this was the largest federal sex discrimination interest in the history of the Civil Rights Act since it was signed into law in 1964.

In the end, after many years of insisting on trying each individual case in the courts, even though the suit had been certified as a class-action case, government lawyers decided to settle to save money; they had already lost 46 of the 48 cases that had gone to trial, with each woman winning about $500,000. Those 46 will also share in Wednesday's settlement.

We took into account the prior court decisions of the trial and appellate courts ... the results of the individual class members' hearings that had been conducted to date, as well as our independent projections of the likely results of the remaining hearings in the absence of a settlement," said Wilma Lewis, U.S. attorney of the District of Columbia.

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President pushes India on environment

Associated Press

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President Clinton marveled at the wonders of the Taj Mahal on Wednesday but lamented that pollution has blighted the gleaming white marble walls of India's treasured monument in a way that wars, invasions and natural disasters could not.

If urged India, one of the world's poorest nations, not to sacrifice the environment for the sake of economic growth. "Give us a chance to work with your scientists to prove you can achieve even greater economic growth and make the environment cleaner," the president said.

The president toured the Taj Mahal after addressing the Parliament in New Delhi, urging India to forgo nuclear weapons and resume a dialogue with Pakistan despite bitter tensions.

"You don't make peace with terrorists," Clinton said. "Engagement with adversaries is not the same thing as endorsement." Legislators slapped their desks in applause at much of the president's speech but listened in silence as he urged nuclear restraint and contact with Islamabad.

"In a nuclear standoff, there is nothing more dangerous than believing there is no danger," Clinton said.

He said the United States and former Soviet Union, despite safeguards and regular communication, "came far too close to nuclear war.

But even before the president spoke, India's government had rejected his call to sign a nuclear test ban treaty and otherwise restrain its nuclear program. And afterward, Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Renuka Shashikant Jassal said this was not the time for talks with Pakistan.

"How can we have a dialogue with Pakistan when massacres are taking place with cross-border terrorism?" she asked, referring to the killing of 40 people in disputed Kashmir bygunmen whom India calls Pakistan-backed militants.

Pakistan "must stop cross-border terrorism and cease booby traps against us," Jassal said.

The address to members of Parliament concluded Clinton's two days of official business in New Delhi.

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### Class of 2003

#### Freshman class spirit week
- **Class Mass with Fr. Hesburgh**
  - **3/26.** Sunday Alumni Hall Chapel 0400PM

#### Brother/Sister Dorm Pizza party during "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?"
- **3/26.** Tuesday

#### Freshman Talent Show
- **3/26.** Wednesday Recker's

#### Freshman with class T-shirt get into SUB movie Free
- **3/30.** Thursday 101 DeBartolo 1630PM

#### Campus Wide Scavenger Hunt
- **3/31

#### Video Dance Party
- **4/1.** Saturday Stepan Center 1630PM-0130AM

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#### French Film Festival: My Life is Pink
- **3/26.** Sunday Snite 0200PM
Elian relatives fight Court ruling

♦ Family hopes to keep Cuban boy in United States

Attorneys for Elian Gonzalez's great-uncle said Wednesday they would go to the Supreme Court if necessary to keep the 6-year-old boy in the United States, while Cuban-American groups met to discuss the tactics they would use if the boy is sent back to the communist island.

"This an extraordinary case that could reach the highest levels of our court system," said attorney Kendall Coffey. "I've never seen a more compelling or dramatic story in my life.

For now, the legal team is focusing on the next step. The attorneys filed a notice of appeal with the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta on Tuesday, hours after U.S. District Judge Michael Moore dismissed the Miami family's lawsuit and affirmed the government's decision to send Elian home.

"Elian has been saying over and over again that he doesn't see why he has to go back," said the boy's cousin, Geogrina Cid Cruz. "I don't think sending him back is in his best interest. We want his father to be here. We love our family in Cuba and for us it's tearing us apart.

Elian has been at the center of an international custody dispute and a power struggle among his relatives since he was found clinging to an inner tube off Miami Beach on Nov. 25. His mother and 10 others drowned when their boat capsized during an attempt to reach the United States.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service has ordered the boy to be reunited with his father in Cuba, but his relatives have sued to prevent that, saying he deserves to live in America that his mother sought for him.

The leaders of 17 Cuban-American groups — which have often protested the government's decision to send Elian home Wednesday in Miami to discuss measures they would take if the boy is returned.

"Should a decision come where take Elian home, we would consult with other Justice Department officials on how to reunite Elian with his father in a prompt and orderly way. But she did not set any deadline. Justice officials have made clear that they want to avoid any steps that would traumatize the boy or provoke a confrontation with Miami's large Cuban exile community.

In South Africa on Wednesday, Cuba's foreign minister said that Elian will be relocated if the Miami family's lawsuit removes him from the "war between Cuba and the United States." The minister, Felipe Perez Roque, said Cuba, "is not going to submit to any violation by the United States."

"Elian's father, said on NBC's "Today" that the most humane action the Miami relatives could take would be to drop their appeal. He said the United States immediately to pick up Elian, but only if he were certain the boy would leave with him.

The Miami family's appeal follows on a provision of U.S. asylum law that says any alien has a right to apply for asylum. Any alien also means Elian Gonzalez, Coffey said.

Hostages say they drugged assailant

Not family hopes to keep Cuban boy in United States

After four days as hostages, a couple managed to escape suspected killer Joseph Palczynski by getting a sedative in his locked tea, then slipping out of an apartment window as he dozed.

Police stormed the small apartment Tuesday night to rescue the couple's 12-year-old son, then shot Palczynski to death when he was startled awake and made a "furtive gesture." Police said he had three guns within reach.

"He put us on an emotional roller coaster. We would think that he was ready to give in, but then he would say, 'I'm going to die here or I'll escape,'" hostage Andy McCord told The Associated Press on Wednesday. "We're pretty exhausted. We just thank God we're alive."

It was a dramatic ending not only to the ordeal of the three hostages, but also to a three-week spree of violence by Palczynski.

He was arrested March 4 for allegedly beating his ex-girlfriend, Tracy Whitehead. After getting out on bail, he kidnapped Whitehead and killed three people who tried to help her, police said. Whitehead escaped on March 8, but Palczynski killed a woman and shot a child in the face while trying to steal a car, police said.

The 31-year-old unemployed electrician eluded police for almost two weeks, allegedly fleeing to Virginia and then forcing a man to drive him back to Baltimore at gunpoint.

On Friday night, Palczynski forced his way into the apartment of Whitehead's mother, Lynn Whitehead, and held hostage along with McCord — her boyfriend and their 12-year-old son, Bradley McCord, in the suburb of Dundalk.

McCord said he and Bradley barricaded themselves in a bedroom while Palczynski shot about 50 rounds through the door. They escaped injury, however, and endured 100 tense hours with Palczynski in the apartment.

Palczynski — who spent nearly all of his adult life in prison, mental institutions or on probation — called himself "Colonel Palczynski" and went through sudden, wild mood swings.

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State-run schools can subsidize campus groups with money collected from mandatory student activities fees without violating the rights of students who find some of those groups objectionable, the Supreme Court ruled Wednesday.

The justices unanimously upheld the University of Wisconsin’s student-fee system after finding the school does not pick and choose which student groups to fund based on the views they espouse.

“The First Amendment permits a public university to charge its students an activity fee used to fund a program to facilitate extracurricular student speech if the program is viewpoint neutral,” Justice Anthony Kennedy wrote for the court.

The amendment protects free-speech rights, and the mandatory fees had been challenged by students who said their rights were violated by forcing them to contribute to groups they oppose.

Had the justices ruled the other way, public colleges and universities across the country would have had to stop giving money to controversial student groups or figure out some way to give partial refunds to those students who did not support them.

Liberal groups praised the ruling.

“College and university campuses have a long tradition of providing forums where students with divergent views can be heard,” said Ralph Naves of People for the American Way.

But conservative groups said they would fight to preserve the right to decide which groups get funded on their campuses.

“This is an important victory for students’ First Amendment rights,” said Liberty Counsel’s Matthew Staver. “This decision takes a legitimate step toward the defense of the First Amendment in universities.”

Wisconsin’s student-fee system was challenged in 1996, about $15 of the $166.75 students paid in fees each year went to fund a program to facilitate a wide range of speech.

The court had split 5-4 when ruling five years ago that public universities and colleges cannot create a “public forum” for students by supplying subsidies to those groups because it would violate students’ rights.

The 1995 decision, involving a campus religious group at the University of Virginia, divided the court along its ideological split line. That gap was not evident Wednesday, surprising liberal and conservative advocates alike.

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McCain shows GOP support in return to Capitol Hill

WASHINGTON

Juggling party loyalty with political independence, Sen. John McCain promised House Republicans on Wednesday he will campaign vigorously for them, then provided former GOP rival George W. Bush to support federal regulation of tobacco.

"I hope the governor will take that position," he said in an Associated Press interview.

Bush, who defeated McCain to lock up the Republican presidential nomination, has declined to say whether he favors federal regulation.

In the interview in his Senate office, McCain said he intends to board his campaign bus, the Straight Talk Express, one hour before the Midwestern primary, then board his campaign plane with his party on one more time, and ride it this week from the Capitol to his office, McCain said he intends to promote the Hands off Kids similar to strict anti-teen smoking laws he advocated and signed in Texas," he said.

If McCain was parting company with his party on one issue, he signaled his loyalty on another. In a closed-door meeting with House Republicans, he promised to campaign for GOP candidates without imposing conditions such as support for his key issue of campaign finance legislation.

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Dispelling most small town myths

I come from a small town. Most people immediately think of things like gigantic bell bickeries, country music and large pickup trucks when they think of small towns. After my brother’s freshman year at college, his fraternity buddies wrote in their panic letters that they had seen Marilya Soeneker, one of my department editors, at a gay bar. They were very worried that this might affect your perception of the role of The Observer in the community and that this might affect your perception of the role of The Observer in the community. They were very worried that this might affect your perception of the role of The Observer in the community.

But, despite the rumors, there really are some people out there, like me, who come from small towns and yet don’t own a belt buckle or a large truck and who have no country music in their family. I know my family does not now nor have we ever owned goats, sheep or any other herdable creatures.

My small town is called St. Helens, Ore., and it’s about three miles north of Portland. We have two grocery stores, three video stores and one movie theatre with one screen. This movie theatre is probably the last place on earth where you can get still three tickets to a show, a huge bucket of popcorn and two sodas for $8! But, you can really get to the truest in small town life.

My town has about 10,000 people, so I figure that if you add up the five newspapers in the state, the three radio stations, the faculty, the administration, the grounds keepers and the food service people, this place is probably about as big as my home town. And year after year, people do come from small towns on campus. For example, going to Mass at the Basilica is always interesting for me because I am just as likely to see a student I work with as a professor I have in the pew next to me. But there are a few uniquely small town things that I really miss.

My town is small enough that I actually live next door to my high school English teacher and across the street from my best friend. My window looks into my English teacher’s garage. I used to drive by her house late at night on my way home when I would have turned in a big project or paper that day in school, and if the lights were on, I would think to myself “Good! You stay up late grading it as I stayed up doing it!”

Another thing about small towns is that you sometimes have the same teacher for several years in a row. We only had one band teacher in the whole school, so I started with him in fifth grade and ended with him as a senior. You can really get to know a teacher in eight years. My parents are divorced, and my mom used to live on his way home, so every week or every two weeks she would drop me off at her house after school and pick me up the next morning. That’s an example of the kind of caring that only results from years of knowing someone.

Probably the most interesting thing about small towns is the trust. I went to A&G Hardware to get a key copied for my car last year. The lady at the key counter handed me the copy and the original, and told me I could try the key on my own once meet a guy with a belt buckle larger than my hand. But, the lady said, it’s not bad, that’s a hard earned and a bit of backhandedness that can sometimes come with small towns, where friends and neighbors are so trusting and so much of space set aside in the manner described by Cooney and Hernandez.

I hope you enjoyed this letter and that it helps you understand the role of The Observer in the community. I always enjoy receiving letters, so please feel free to write to the editors and staff.

Marilyna is a freshman Psychology major. Her column appears every other Thursday. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Mr. Cooney argues that the 5 p.m. mass in question sites across a small town is a wedding mass. It is worth pointing out, though, that a wedding is normally not held at a regularly scheduled mass time, and is a bit more personal. When my wife and I got married, our parents were there for the first service and everyone else just filled in. I’ve been to a lot of weddings, but I’ve never seen a huge chunk of space set aside in the manner described by Cooney and Hernandez. The Basilica needs to think this through.

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Theology
March 22, 2003

Truly celebrating the eucharist

In response to Thomas Cooney’s letter on Mar. 21 responding to Salvadora Hernandez’s critique of the Basilica’s policy of reserving large sections of seats for people at certain regularly scheduled masses.

In my view, Ms. Hernandez’s letter reflected an authentic, and quite traditional, appreciation for the communicant meaning of “liturgy,” “eucharist,” and “church,” rather than an “ultra- touchy-feely attitude," as Mr. Cooney puts it. The liturgy is the “work of the people” giving praise and thanking God. It is the work of all the people, together. The community celebrates the eucharist, doing so as the church, so join one baptism, one profession of faith and one Christ. To paraphrase one theologian, the eucharist is a festival of fellowship and love, a participation in the one pastory sin to grace. It is not a graduation ceremony or a “findrais- er-thank you,” even though we rightfull- ly celebrate the generosity of people within it. It is not about “space-man-agement.”

The introduction of rank and privilege into this reality — together with ashes to enforce this rank and privilege is — is simply incompatible with the nature of the mass itself. With a block of 250 peo- ple given a place of privilege in the middle of the Basilica, one can easily see why Ms. Hernandez felt shoved aside, and why it did not “fit” with what she, and everybody else, was doing there. Was who is disconcerting to whom? And more importantly, who was acting out a sense of the meaning of the mystery of the celebration and who wasn’t?

Mr. Cooney argues that the 5 p.m. mass is in question sites across a small town is a wedding mass. It is worth pointing out, though, that a wedding is normally not held at a regularly scheduled mass time, and is a bit more personal. When my wife and I got married, our parents were there for the first service and everyone else just filled in. I’ve been to a lot of weddings, but I’ve never seen a huge chunk of space set aside in the manner described by Cooney and Hernandez. The Basilica needs to think this through.

James Ball
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Theology
March 22, 2003

“a man travels the world over in search of what he needs and returns home to find it.”

George Moore
Sprewell leads Knicks to trouncing of Bulls 78-67

Sprewell led New York to a 78-67 victory over Chicago Wednesday night as the Bulls missed their first 12 shots and fell behind 9-0 in the first 9 minutes and 40 seconds of the game.

Sprewell, who had scored 25 points on 9-of-20 shooting in his previous four games, scored 17 of his 27 points in the first half.

The Bulls, who had dropped 16 of their last 24 games, trailed by as many as 15 at 47-32 with 5:38 remaining in the first half.

Garnett's career-high 40 points, including six free throws, in the first half, came in his first game since injuring his knee in the first quarter.

The Knicks took a 45-32 lead to the locker room and never looked back.

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**MOVIE REVIEW**

**Julia Roberts shines as ‘Erin Brockovich’**

By CASKY K. MCLUSKEY

From Scene Magazine

Julia Roberts is back on the screen in one of her most impressive roles yet, playing the title role in the movie “Erin Brockovich.” This movie is based on the real life story of the lawyer who uncovered a full-scale water crisis and fought to put a stop to it. The main character is Erin Brockovich (played by Julia Roberts), a single mother who is down on her luck and working as a waitress in a small town. Unfortunately, because of her lack of education, most employers feel Brockovich is not qualified for the job she applies for. This does not stop Brockovich, though. When she is down to her last pennies in the bank, she walks into her lawyer’s office and demands a job, refusing to leave until she is given one. Her crass attitude, truck-driver vocabulary, and unique wardrobe raise quite a few eyebrows among her hard-work, energy, and compassion, endear her to the firm’s head lawyer, Ed Masry, played brilliantly by Albert Finney.

While working on one of the firm’s new real estate cases, Brockovich cannot figure out why there are medical records in with the real estate information. Further investigation, she learns that a national utility company has been knowingly poisoning the groundwater in a small town. This company has been turning its back on the community and pretending to help the small town while watching dozens of people fall ill to a variety of diseases. The result is a true David and Goliath class action suit that attempts to bring at least monetary compensation to the victims.

For the first time in her life, Erin is respected as a professional in her field, but the job is keeping her away from her family and the first man (Jason Ehrhart) who ever respected her for being a mother. Director Steven Soderbergh does a masterful job with the characters he is working with. It is not hard to see Erin Brockovich as a perfect saint. She is a complex character with both endearing qualities and personal flaws.

Roberts takes this character and portrays her with such honesty and charisma that it brings the film to a higher level. This is one of Roberts’s best performances yet. The movie hinges on her. She succeeds in keeping the audience interested in this one case where a movie like “A Civil Action” failed. Brockovich is the type of character that charms an audience because of her sharp-wit and her ability to win a girl compassion. She says things that most people only dream of saying – or think to say about a half hour too late.

If Roberts had not delivered in this role, the whole film would have fallen apart. Not only does Roberts deliver, she is able to elevate other actors in the film as well. Albert Finney is wonderful as Masry, the old ornament lawyer who needs someone like Brockovich to kick him in the rear every once in awhile. He is able to return the favor to Brockovich too. The chemistry between these two shines through on the screen as they banter back and forth with each other. They both seem to be exactly the way the other needs.

Aaron Eckhart plays George, a street smart Harley-lover who moves next door. Brockovich, who has been divorced twice, does not exactly trust him. George seems too good to be true, but he proves to be the man Brockovich has been looking for. He loves the kids as if they were his own and respects what Brockovich is trying to do. Their relationship adds another depth to the film that makes it more enjoyable.

Although this film may seem to have more appeal to women, do not write it off as only a chick flick. Erin Brockovich may be someone that many women may admire, but she is the type of person anyone can cheer for.

In three last weeks before the Oscars, few new movies come out and even fewer are worth the cost of a ticket or the time of the movie. “Erin Brockovich” is a film that is worth it.

**MOVIE REVIEW**

**De Palma’s ‘Mission’ too friendly to do its own good**

By V. VAN BUREN GILES

From Scene Magazine

“Mission to Mars” is a great children’s film. That must be said first because usually when people hear the name Brian De Palma they think of violent gangster films like “Scarface” and “The Untouchables.” But those movies are in for a rude awakening when they see “Mission to Mars” which is about a closely knit group of astronauts who are preparing a trip to Mars. It is a “popcorn” flick to say the least and one often wonders if these shiny, happy people exist in real life.

The characters are introduced at a family picnic on the eve of the launch, sharing in each others joys and fears about the mission. Gary Sinise (“Snake Eyes,” “Ransom”) plays an astronaut who has been saddened by the recent loss of his wife and has trouble readjusting to his NASA duties. Tim Robbins (“The Shawshank Redemption,” “Jacob’s Ladder”) plays Sinise’s friend and co-worker who will stick his neck out to get his friend back in the controller’s seat of a mission. Don Cheadle (“Boogie Nights,” “Out of Sight”) is the third member of the space-bound trio. His role as space captain for the mission takes a horrifying turn, resulting in the strange deaths of his fellow astronauts. He is the only surviving member of the original team and it is now up to Sinise and Robbins to come rescue their buddy from the baddies of the red planet.

Cheeadle’s character discovers intelligence on the desolate planet when an enormous face is revealed on the desert floor in a monstrous tornado that claimed the other astronauts’ lives. This giant twister makes for some superb special effects as does the giant action which is discovered to be an alien artifact.

The film has some very childlike and warm qualities to it. Each character has a special, loving glaze about them as a strong sense of duty to the mission. Some of the dialogue is hilarious as it resembles the work humor and melodrama from early Hallmark greeting cards and the 80’s song “We are the World.” Check it out for a new look at future space exploration. But definitely go for the laugh of seeing Gary Sinise with blonde highlights and what looks to be eyeliner and mascara that he sports in every scene.

Director: Brian De Palma
Starring: Gary Sinise, Tim Robbins, Don Cheadle, Connie Nielsen and Jerry O’Connell

**“Mission to Mars”**

Sci-fi action-adventure "Mission to Mars."

**Gary Sinise and Tim Robbins play astronauts sent to investigate the planet of Mars in Brian De Palma’s sci-fi action-adventure “Mission to Mars.”**

Star Trek television episodes. It is not difficult to notice strong similarities to Stanley Kubrick’s legendary, sci-fi classic “2001: A Space Odyssey.” "Mission to Mars" is a mix of fantasy and family that leaves the audience with feelings like those provided by
Oscar Watch

And the loser is ... almost everyone

With four losers for every winner, the biggest Oscar party is a party for losers

By JASON HAMMONTREE
Acme Movie Cool.

With the Academy Awards only days away and the shores of Oscar statuettes finally recovered, the nominees for this year's event can begin work on the hardest and most important part of the evening: the loser's smile. With four losers for every winner, most actors must work hard to perfect that gritty grin that is displaced upon hearing another person called to the podium. A grin that says, "Oh yes, you are such a deserving winner," while underneath that tarty, locked-jaw smile, the explosives and comments about the winner's outfits can be untracted. It is a smile so absolutely fake, yet so necessary, in order to avoid being caught on television with a death stare as one's name is not called.

Some of the nominees and winners seem obvious; others leave us shaking our heads. In this wonderfully spiteful April Fool's joke, it would be fun to take a look at the losers of the past few years, (and those that were even nominated for the most important movie category: "Best Oscar Snub").

We'll begin with the 1997 awards, the so-called Year of the Independent Film. That year critics and film pundits pontificated about the death of the studio picture and the lack of vision and creativity to be found there, for the truly great features were in the low-budget independent films. This hubbub started when the best picture nominees for that year were announced, and "Jerry Maguire" stood as the only big-budget studio film nominated (the other four: "Fargo," "Secrets & Lies," "The English Patient," and the Andy Kaufman bio-pic "Man on the Moon," despite critical praise and a Golden Globe win. Carrey is one of many who have been "snubbed" by Oscar over the years.

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1998 was the Year of "Titanic," in all its big-budget, big-studio glory. It's hard to remember other films from that year — were any other films even nominated? But though "Titanic" received a whopping 13 nominations, winning 11, there was also one "Best Snub" for the film. Mr. Leonardo DiCaprio was not nominated for best actor. Lest you think this kid is some sitting duck, remember that he was nominated in 1993 for a terrific performance in "What's Eating Gilbert Grape." And so, while everyone and their brother go to get on stage for "Titanic," Leo sat at home, watching the show on television. (Although, don't worry Leo. None of the performances from that movie won an Oscar.)

1999 was an exciting year, which saw "Shakespeare in Love," "Saving Private Ryan," and "Life is Beautiful" duke it out for the year's best, and an award show that was not without some existing snubs and controversy. The first "Best Snub" occurred with the early favorite "Saving Private Ryan," failing to win best picture. "Shakespeare in Love" was a deserving film, but there was a feeling that the Oscar had been bought because of Miramax's strong push for the film. The amount that they spent promoting "Shakespeare" especially to the Academy voter made many feel that the integrity of the awards had been compromised. This sort of thing arose again this year during the Golden Globes, when Sharon Stone, wanting a nomination for her work in "The Muse," sent gold watches to mem­bers of the Foreign Press, who vote for those awards. The watches were eventually returned.

Other "Best Snubs" for last year included the movie "Bushmore," especially the failure to nominate Bill Murray for best supporting actor. His performance was a particular favorite of the critics that year. Another picture that many felt was unfair­ly left out was "Out of Sight," the George Clooney-Jennifer Lopez dark comedy, which had won the New York Film Critics Best Picture Award.

But the most interesting stub of that year was Jim Carrey's performance in "The Truman Show." He won a Golden Globe for the movie, yet did not get a best actor nomination. That scenario repeated itself this year, with Carrey again winning the Golden Globe for his performance as comedian Andy Kaufman in "Man on the Moon." But again, come Oscar time, both Carrey and the film go empty handed. Two "Best Snubs" in a row. How do you go Jim? What makes Carrey's and so provocative (and entertaining) is not that he was necessarily deserving of the nominations, but that he refuses to "grin and bear it." He has spoken openly many times on how he was "robbed."

Which brings us to this year's Oscar race. We can only talk about the "Best Snub" nominees right now, of course. We'll have to wait until Monday to cry foul over the winners. But already there has been much talk on the films that were left out of the show. Entertainment Weekly called 1999 the best year of film ever, with so many wildly inventive films made. Many were disappointed when films such as "Being John Malkovich," "Elviria's 'Three's Company,' " and "Fight Club" received few, if any, nominations. Other snubs include "The Talented Mr. Ripley," "Montero's first since "The English Patient," which only got one "big" nomination (but Law for best supporting actor). And, "The Hurricane" received only one nod (Washington for best actor). That film was hurt by questions over the film's bending of the truth, and it wiped out virtually all its support.

And so, the snubbing continues. Enjoy the Academy Awards on Sunday night. And when the winners are called, watch the losers use their pearly whites to try and draw attention away from their beauty lips. If that doesn't work, they can always be like Carrey and the film they were snubbed. Good luck and may the "Best Snub" go to the loser sooner.
In recent weeks the PSA (Progressive Student Alliance) has been urging the University Task Force on Anti-Sweatshop Labor Practices and President Malloy to accept two proposals that do not address student demands. The first is to join the Workers’ Rights Consortium, and the second is to withdraw from the Fair Labor Association.

The Common Good

Memories of a true friend

Throughout my three years at Saint Mary’s College, I have encountered some of the most amazing and remarkable women that I will ever have the chance to know. These women have proven to be faithful friends with voices of reason and comfort in times of sorrow. It is in this spirit that I can call myself truly blessed to have known and loved Kristi Morris — not only did she meet all of the aforementioned criteria, but she far exceeded it.

Kristi truly was the epitome of the ideal woman — she gracefully walked the fine line between wilderness and groundedness. I will never fully understand how she managed to maintain such a complex paradoxical existence, but I will forever be in awe of every aspect of her life.

Not only was Kristi stunning on a physical level, her beauty was offset by the depth of her faith and her honest concern for those around her. Few of us have the capacity to love as Kristi did, nor do we have the perseverance to keep fighting in the face of adversity. With her knowledge in social work and her understanding of the human psyche, Kristi was a resource for me in my dealings with high school students.

I am currently studying teaching at a local high school, and one of my students had driven me to the point of complete frustration the last time that Kristi and I spoke. Both of us addressed the needs of the poor. The official church statement that comes to mind when I think of Kristi is: “...the individuals who are not poor, but who are poor because of the system.”

If we take the statements by the PSA as they are written, however, there are some difficulties when we move from generalities with Catholic teaching to specific applications. The first is that some of the PSA statements appear to view corporations and the market in which they function to be intrinsically evil. I know that this is the view of a significant number of persons who are active in and supportive of the development of the Workers’ Rights Consortium. The above-quoted PSA letter also refers to “the corporate-contaminated FIA.” While Catholic social teaching may be drawn upon to condemn the practices of particular corporations, it does not regard the market economy itself as fundamentally evil. Important here is the distinction, made clearly in John Paul II’s “Liberum exercens” and “Entiutiusminimum” between the free economy — a market economy with moral and juridical limits — and capitalism — an economy in which the market logic overshadows all other considerations. For the Pope, this is a distinction with a difference: for many persons backing the WRC, it is a distinction without a difference. The PSA is at best uncertain on the matter.

What is clear is the implication in the PSA’s statement that any policy proposal that does not address the veritable with which it is necessarily at odds with Catholic social teaching. This is the second difficulty in their claim of representing that teaching. Absent here is the distinction, central in Church teaching, between general principles and specific applications. Paragraphs 8 through 12 of the American Catholic bishops’ “Challenger of Peace” are apropos here. “At times we reason universally holding moral principles... at other times we apply our principles to specific cases. When making applications of these principles we realize and we wish our readers to recognize — that prudent judgment is involved in specific circumstances which can change or which can be interpreted differently by people of good will.” This does not mean that all judgments are equal or that now are out of bounds, only that the application of principles to specific circumstances is not as universal as the PSA letter implies.

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WHAT'S THE FUTURE OF THIS RELATIONSHIP?
Chris Etzel & Jim Lies, C.S.C.

They were both seniors. They had dated for almost two years. Graduation was looming in their future. They both were interviewing for jobs. They felt that this relationship was special; they were serious about each other. But they just weren't sure what the next step was. Should they look for jobs in the same city or should they test the relationship with some distance? Should they get engaged now or should they work for a year or two first and establish some career goals? We all know them, or "couples" just like them.

Well this particular pair came into the Campus Ministry Office one day hoping for some information. Perhaps we had a compatibility test they might take to see if they were truly meant for each other. Did we have any articles they might read? Did we have any advice on what they should do?

They caught us off guard. This was a new twist. Though we had offered programs for engaged couples for many years, we had not really thought about this category of couple; what should we call them? "Serious but not yet committed?" "Pre-engaged?" We were greatly impressed that a couple would so seriously question their future as to come to our office for advice. Yet a program for the engaged would not be appropriate for this couple. They were still exploring their relationship - the decision was not yet made; and the decision might eventually be to not continue the relationship. What could we do for couples like these?

After much discussion we focused on some of the issues and questions facing couples in significant relationships:
- How can we determine if we're really ready for marriage?
- Should we try to find jobs or graduate schools that are in the same city?
- How will a long distance relationship affect us?
- How will the demands of career/graduate school affect our relationship?
- How might differences in our families of origin affect our relationship?
- How can we communicate better?

After identifying the issues we put together a program and called it "What's the Future of this Relationship?" It includes some presentations on the stages of relationships and decision-making. While we were able to avoid "compatibility tests", we did include a marriage expectations quiz. There is time for answering questions and a lot of time for discussing answers with your partner. There is a discussion period for questions. There is a folder of articles for additional information and reflection.

What most couples seemed to enjoy about the program was the time and the opportunity to discuss their relationship, especially areas or topics they hadn't considered before.

If you are in a significant relationship and are asking the kinds of questions listed above we encourage you to attend the program this semester.

"What's the Future of this Relationship?" will take place Sunday, April 9, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Registration papers can be obtained in both Campus Ministry Offices (Library Concourse and Badin Hall). The registration deadline is Thursday, April 6. Unfortunately, space is limited to 25 couples. There is no cost for the program. If you have any questions, please call Chris Etzel, Sylvia or John Dillon at 631-5242.
Jordan plans to leave endorsements

Associated Press

Michael Jordan, always the scene stealer, is looking for more work behind the scenes. The former Chicago Bulls superstar who made numerous appearances in commercials for Nike shoes, Hanes underwear, Wheaties cereal and McDonald’s burgers was quoted in a Chicago newspaper on Wednesday as saying he was “getting totally out of the endorsement aspect of things” when his current contracts expire.

His agent said he wanted to develop himself as more of an investor and businessman. “I told the endorsement companies to go ahead and use the commercials I’ve done,” Jordan told the Chicago Sun-Times. “But they understand from conversations we’ve had where my life is headed. They have to gradually work their way into other campaigns.”

David Falk, his agent, said Jordan intends to honor his existing contracts, which could include additional commercial work in the years ahead.

In addition, Falk said Jordan may appear in ads for businesses he owns like the online sporting goods startup MVP.com that he formed with John Elway and Wayne Gretzky.

Falk said Jordan didn’t want to do “the traditional kind of product endorsements that he has done.”

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Gonzaga prepares for NCAA

Associated Press

Gonzaga coach Mark Few says the better his team does in the NCAA tournament, the harder it is for the Bulldogs to schedule big-name teams during the regular season.

The 10th-seeded Bulldogs, in their third NCAA tournament, have again made an impression by toppling Louisville and St. John's.

Oddsmakers in Las Vegas favor the Bulldogs as a point over No. 6 seed Purdue in the Regional semifinal. The Boilermakers have been to the tournament 16 times and the schedule big-name teams during coach Gene Keady.

"Scheduling is probably harder than recruiting at Gonzaga," Few said. "We don't get to play Purdue on our home floor, we never get to play LSU or the University of New Mexico, is average 23.6 points and 11 rebounds heading into the current campaign."
Replay debate resurfaces in NFL

Teams to vote on continuation of replay system

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The NFL’s annual instant replay debate is ready to start again.

After the first season with replay since 1991, the league’s competition committee has voted 6-1 to recommend use of the same system in 2000.

It will be voted on by all 31 teams at the league owners’ meetings next week in Palm Beach, Fla., with 24 votes needed for approval.

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The Notre Dame baseball team continued its solid start as it dominated the visiting Detroit, 10-3 on Wednesday. Junior left-hander Mike Naumann pitched five strong innings of middle relief and sophomore Paul O'Toole had two hits and three runs scored to lead a balanced Notre Dame offense. The No.24 Irish won for the 10th time in the last 11 games at Eck Baseball Stadium.

The win featured most of the ingredients that have characterized Notre Dame’s 13-3 season, with strong pitching and defense, offensive contributions up-and-down the lineup and a lateinning explosion from the Irish.

Detroit opened the game with a two-out rally, as Justin Davenport hit a first-pitch double to left-center before scoring on Mike Daggans’s 1-2 single to right. Trevor Gentry then doubled to the left-center gap, for an early 2-0 lead.

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Indiana investigates Knight

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The ripples from Bob Knight's latest controversy widened Wednesday beyond his Indiana University locker room.

A university sports advisory committee planned to review accusations that the Hall of Fame coach chided former player Neil Reed during a 1997 practice.

"There are people who are positive, negative, blame the press for bad timing. They're all over the map," said Bruce Jaffe, a business professor and chairman of the Indiana University Bloomington Athletics Committee.

"It's come from all over the place, everything from e-mails to people on the street. Obviously, this is a big topic of discussion," he said.

The accusations were expected to be heard by the 13-member panel composed of faculty, students and alumni at the regular monthly meeting Wednesday night at Assembly Hall. Knight was not scheduled to attend.

Jaffe said the panel might make recommendations to the school's president and athletic director. The group has no power to discipline Knight.

Indiana athletic director Clarence Doninger was to brief the committee, but school officials said there were no plans to play a videotape or review the transcript of a CNN/Sports Illustrated report in which Reed said Knight chocked him.

In that report, Reed and two other players also said Knight punched around his ankles, used a crude bathroom gesture while upbraiding his team. They also said Knight once ordered school president Myles Brand to leave a team practice.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Irish finish spring break with a 3-1 record
By SARAH RYKOWSKI
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women's lacrosse team went 2-1 over spring break, defeating Ohio University and Richmond at home and losing to 10th-ranked Syracuse on the road. This brings the Irish to 3-1 overall on the season.

"I think the team is doing really well," Tara Durkin, the Irish squad's starting goalie, said. "It's going to be a great year." Against Syracuse, the attack corps struggled, as the Orangewomen held Notre Dame to just 27 shots on goal for the game. The Irish trailed 5-3 at the half, with goals coming from Lael O'Shaughnessy and Kathryn Perrella, both junior co-captains, along with freshman Danielle Shearer. The Irish were scoreless in the second half.

The three goals against Syracuse are the fewest Notre Dame has scored in a single game this season. The Orangewomen widened their lead to end the game at 9-3. Durkin had 12 saves for the Irish in that match.

"We were the better team," Durkin said. "That should have been our game."
The game against Syracuse marked the last time the two will meet as independents. Next season women's lacrosse teams will form the Big East Conference, and Notre Dame will join Boston College, Connecticut, Georgetown, Rutgers, Virginia Tech, and Syracuse in round-robin play.

Even without any seniors this year's squad set several school records in its 22-3 victory over Ohio University. The game, held March 11 at the Loftus Sports Center, opened the home season for the Irish. Eleven different Irish players scored against the Bobcats, the most players ever to score in an Irish women's lacrosse game. The total of 14 assists and 36 points in the game against Ohio University marks single-game highs for the four-year-old Irish program. Notre Dame also had two scoring streaks, 10 straight goals in the first half, and 8 in the second half.

"The defense has definitely stepped up their aggressiveness," O'Shaughnessy said. "They play more as a unit now. They are very good at causing turnovers."

A day later, the Notre Dame women's lacrosse team managed a 14-13 victory against the Richmond Spiders. Although the Spiders had taken the lead early in the first half, the Irish took over, scoring seven goals in a row. The Irish left the half with a 9-4 lead. In the second half the Spiders came back strong, answering Notre Dame's two initial scores to bring the game to 11-6. The Spiders then went on a scoring drive, scoring three goals in the final three minutes of the game, outscoring Notre Dame 9-5 in the second half. With 17 seconds left in the game and the score standing 14-13, Irish defender Fedarcyk won the final draw to run out the clock and save the victory for the Irish.

"The freshmen are fantastic," O'Shaughnessy said. "They are filling in their spots well."

The team's next game is at Ohio State on March 23 to face the Buckeyes at Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium.

Ohio State has a record of 3-2 entering Thursday's game. The last meeting between the two teams was on March 26, 1999, a home game for the Irish. Ohio State won that game 15-12, outscoring the Irish 33-26. Irish goalie Carrie Marshall made 12 saves for Notre Dame. Ohio State goalie Megan Barrett had 14 saves in that game, finishing the season with a .544 save percentage.

The Irish have a 1-2 record against the Buckeyes in the last three years, losing in 1997 and winning in 1998.

"We definitely want to come back and beat them," Irish junior co-captain Lael O'Shaughnessy said. "We just have to go out and play our game and not worry about what they do."

O'Shaughnessy continues to lead her team in the attack with 11 goals in four games so far this season. She is the third-highest returning scorer among NCAA Division I schools from the 1999 season with 20 goals last spring. O'Shaughnessy has scored at least one goal in all but one of her career games at Notre Dame.

Tara Durkin, starting goalie for the Irish this season, has a .59 save percentage and a GAA of 8.82. In the loss to Syracuse last week, Durkin and her defense held the nationally ranked Orangewomen to 9 goals.

"We hold Syracuse to very low numbers," Durkin said. "The defense did not let them score very many goals."

Ohio State is also coming to Thursday's game off a loss. The Buckeyes suffered a 10-8 defeat at the hands of Boston University on March 19.

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enter the facility. Along with an all-night DJ, there will also be free food and drink all night and drawings for prizes, including a one night's stay at the Saint Mary's Inn, Wendy's gift certificates, a free semester of aerobics, Saint Mary's apparel, and much more.

Although there will be some athletic events, the focus of the night is not just athletics.

"This is not about athletics," Kachmarik said. "This is about recreation that anyone can participate in and about raising school pride and school spirit."

At 2 a.m. the winners of the intramurals will be presented with trophies and T-shirts. Following this presentation, the grand prize drawing at the Ritz in downtown Chicago, a Saturday night dinner at the John Hancock Signature Room, and a $1,000 shopping spree. One final winner will be drawn from the four names.

"Come in here and show your Saint Mary's pride," Kachmarik said. "By coming and supporting this event you are supporting the whole Saint Mary's community."

Women who are planning to come to Midnight Madness must be in Angela Athletic Facility by midnight on March 31.

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you're not going to win."

Notre Dame won despite 18 turnovers and a less-than-perfect defensive outing, according to Doherty.

"It wasn't the prettiest game for a lot of reasons," Doherty said. "I want everybody operating at 100 percent capacity, and I felt we were a little bit flat at times. The energy wasn't there on the bench. When you win and you don't play your best, I think you're a pretty good team."

Game Notes:

♦ No player for BYU scored more than 10 points, but Wesley, Vranes and John Allen all tallied exactly 10.

♦ Murphy led the Irish with 19 points, as eight Irish players scored in the outing.

♦ Dillon climbed to 206 assists on the season and now sits just eight behind Jackie Meehan's 1970-71 record, with two games remaining.

♦ This year's Notre Dame squad has played the second-highest number of games in school history. The 1908-09 Irish played 40 games, while this year's team will play in 37.

♦ Notre Dame's next game will be in the semi-finals of the NIT. The team will take on an 18-15 Penn State team Tuesday at Madison Square Garden.

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Notre Dame will prove worth to NCAA committee

Tell Greg at USA Coaches in New York to warm up the bus. With a 64-58 victory over BYU Wednesday night, Notre Dame is headed back to the Garden for the third time this season. "We've been there a lot, but we want to win more," head coach and New York native Matt Doherty said. "We've had some pretty good competition. We'll probably have Greg the bus driver again. He's picked us up the last two or three times." The Irish (21-14) will also look to pick up their game while in the Big Apple. Notre Dame dropped a heartbreak in New York two weeks ago in their first trip to New York during the Final Four of the preseas-or. They rebounded with a win against Rutgers two weeks ago in their second round in Miami. Despite Notre Dame's 1-3 record at Madison Square Garden, sophomore forward David Graves called it the Irish's "home court away from home." "We know the deal there," Graves said. "We know where to practice and we should have some big ticket requests." Graves, however, doesn't care if the Irish play in New York or South Bend, as long as they get to keep playing more basketball. After this weekend, the Irish will just one of eight college teams that are still playing basketball. "I don't care where we play," Graves said. "The important thing is that we are still playing basketball. We get to go back to the Garden and play a tough Penn State team. We're not just happy making the semifinals. We want to prove that we are legit and deserved a spot in the NCAA Tournament." That has served as a motivating force for Notre Dame in its wins over Michigan, Xavier and now BYU. The NCAA selection committee isn't No. 1 on Notre Dame's list these days and so the Irish are on a mission to show them who they are missing in their Big Dance... "I'm ready to go," sophomore center Harold Swanagan said. "I wish we could play tomorrow. I just look forward to playing more games. We're going to go back to New York and prove the committee wrong." But the NIT may be a blessing in disguise for the young, Irish squad. For Doherty, the win over BYU also allows him to put off filling out expense reports, returning phone calls and dealing with the huge pile of mail that awaits him when the season finally ends. But on a serious note, the Irish are guaranteed to play 37 games this season — possibly the most by any team this year. Also, they gained some post-season experience and an opportunity to play deep into March. "We get the opportunity to play three more games on national television when NCAA Tournament games aren't going on," Doherty said. "So you've got Friends, Bill and Notre Dame basketball. I like to look at the glass as half full. If we made the NCAA it would have been a great thing. But we didn't get there. We need to make this as positive as possible. It's the only thing we can do. We want to win. No one likes playing in the consolation game." But on second thought, he may have preferred one game in the NCAA rather than take home an NIT title. "It's a tough choice — to lose in the first round of the NCAA or win the NIT," he said. "No offense to the NIT, but I probably would have taken the NCAA. That's the big pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. It's a pot of gold the Irish won't enjoy this season, but the season has exceeded pre-season expectations. In his first year as a head coach, Doherty took a losing club and turned them into a 20-game winner. The students and fans have rallied around him and the team and a NIT title may be just one week away. "I don't think it's essential for the program," Doherty said. "I would like to win it as much as any coach would. But I think we did enough good things this year. I don't think it's win or bust. We've accomplished a great deal this season. But that won't save our approach. And wouldn't it be nice to hang an NIT banner in the Joyce Center." Two wins in New York and Doherty will have it...
SMC softball keeps goals in mind with 5-4 opening

By KAREN SCHAF
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's softball team began their season last week with a tournament in Florida. Head coach Joseph Speybroek and assistant coach David Martin say they "have very specific goals for their 2000 softball team." They intend on becoming an academic all-conference team, place within the top four in the MIAA, and have a 25-win season.

The team is young compared to past years, but the team has a lot of strong qualities. "Two strong pitchers, great speed in the outfield, and six strong hitters are some of the positive assets that the team possesses this year," said coach Speybroek.

Both Speybroek and Martin believe that with the great chemistry among the players, a successful season is within reach. The coaches are positive that their players' experience, talent, hard work, and enthusiasm will pull them through.

Spring break has proven to be a positive start. The Belles went 3-1 in pre-season competition. Saint Mary's continued their season with a 5-4 record in their Florida tournament. Coach Speybroek credits the team's win to their "experience, talent, and depth of the members of the team."

Co-captains Trish Klockner and Megan O'Keefe will lead the team this season. The Belles are hoping that the energy and cohesiveness the team displays will lead them to a successful season.

"We have really good leadership that pulls the team together," said sophomore Kristin Martin. "This year's team has got chemistry."

Sophomore Amy Clark added that she is "looking forward to the rest of the season. We played really well against some tough teams."

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Senior looks for individual, team title to close collegiate career

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

Magda Krol was lost.
On Notre Dame's campus for the first time in August of 1996, the freshman from Vancouver, B.C. searched the campus for DeBartolo Hall and her French placement exam.

But as she and her father wandered the campus looking for the test, Krol found the place she wanted to spend the next four years.

"Getting lost at a place like Notre Dame is not a problem," the junior epee national champion said. "I love the entire campus. Friendly people all over the place just like I was."

In many ways Krol was the typical freshman. She had trouble finding her dorm and her classes and adjusting to life at a university.

"She had every freshman quality," said Nicole Paulina, a 1999 graduate and Krol's roommate last year. "She was nervous and unsure of herself."

While Krol may have been the typical freshman on the quads, in the fencing gym, she was anything but typical. She quickly demonstrated to her teammates that she was something special.

"She adjusted quickly and obviously her impact on the fencing team was felt immediately," Paulina said. "She wasn't really a freshman. Due to her international experience, she was much more experienced than some of the seniors we had."

She brought a different fencing style to Notre Dame, a style she had to learn to do in the gym. She helped everyone improve."

"I think pressure pushes me," Krol said. "Especially since she was just a freshman and she had all that pressure. She didn't fall under pressure at all. She tends to handle the pressure very well."

Three years later, Krol, now a senior captain of the foil squad and a three-time All-American, will face that pressure for the last time as a collegiate fencer today at the 2000 NCAA Fencing Championships in Palo Alto, Calif.

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"I know in my heart that I won't be any different at the Championships."

As the only Notre Dame senior to qualify for the Championships, the pressure is even greater this year. Three years of second place overall team finishes has driven Krol to strive even harder this year to win the title.

"I feel really good heading into this Championship. Something is telling me that this is going to be it. I have to finish with a bang and the whole team has to finish with a bang. I am just going to go out and do it."

"I feel very excited," she said. "That is very unusual. To be able to what she was doing, she went from foil to epee and then epee to foil. When she leaves there is going to be a big hole in the women's team."

While Magda's graduation may leave a hole in the women's team, his presence this year has been a pillar for other fencers to lean on.

"Magda is awesome," freshman foilist Liza Bouvikaris said. "I really, really learned a lot from fencing with her. I learned to always fence my hardest. I always look to Magda and look up to her. It won't be any different at the Championships."

Krol leads by both words and example. Her love for fencing and Notre Dame refusing to allow anything less than her very best effort in every match.

"I do not only give my very best," Krol said. "I will give more than that. I promise that I won't give any less than my ultimate best because I am a fighter."

Yves Auriol head fencing coach
MAGDA KROL birthdate: Aug. 24, 1978
hometown: Vancouver, B.C.
major: psychology/computer applications
height: 5'-9"

a word to describe her off the strip: good old Canadian best accomplishment on the strip: scoring winning touch while falling against Northwestern at 2000 Midwest Championships greatest accomplishment off the strip: making Dean's List

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By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

The Irish travel to Palo Alto, Calif., today to compete in the 2000 NCAA Fencing Championships with a mixture of excitement and apprehension. "It's a little bit overwhelming," freshman foilist Lizzi Bouiskaris said. "I am kind of nervous but I am really excited. I don't really know what to expect."

With eight fencers making their NCAA debuts, the Irish hope that the infusion of new blood will propel them to a championship after four straight second place finishes. "It's an entirely new outlook and new energy," said Nicole Paulina, a 1999 alumna and four-year fencer who now serves as armorer for this year's team. "We have so much talent and so much enthusiasm right now. I think we can do really well."

Standing between the Irish and their first championship since 1994 are host Stanford, defending champion Penn State and 1999 fourth place finisher Princeton. These are the only three schools besides Notre Dame to qualify the maximum 12 fencers for the Championships.

While Stanford and Princeton may be strong teams, the challenge on the weekend will be Penn State. For four straight years the Nittany Lions have bested the Irish at the Championships. This year, the Irish think they have a chance to knock off the defending champs. "I hope I can take them," freshman Meagan Call said. "I know Anna [Garnick] can take them."

The youth and collegiate inexperience of the freshman fencers may be an interesting experience for the freshmen. "I am personally a big fan of the freshmen," Garnick said. "I think in most of the cases we are making their first appearance in the premier collegiate event, they are all experienced in big time fencing. Fencing in national and international events as high schoolers taught the freshmen how to prepare for big events. "Our team is pretty deep in the sense that most of the people going have a lot of experience—maybe not collegiately but nationally and internationally—so we have some strong experience in the group," garnick said.

"I think we did get and did qualify definitely made up for the loss of the graduating seniors." The youth and collegiate inexperience of the freshman fencers forced some of Notre Dame's 1999 foilists like All-American Brian Casas into unexperienced leadership roles. "There are so many freshmen going, it kind of makes me feel old," he said. "I kind of told them that they should take it seriously but not too seriously. I think they are very experienced. They just can't let the stress get to them."

While the freshmen are making their first appearance in this premier collegiate event, they are all experienced in big time fencing. "I think that it will mean that I have to be a leader because I am the oldest and I have to be a leader," Garnick said.

Brian Casas
sophomore epeeist

Jan Viviani prepares to attack during a recent meet at Northwestern. Viviani is one of seven Irish freshman fencers to qualify for the NCAA Championships.

"I don't think of myself as the favorite because the whole tournament is five-touch bouts," Debic said. "You can't rest at all and think that you are going to win because one bad call or one missed touch and the guy can beat you." Freshman epeeist Carnick also differs with the freshmen's quick attacks and sharp reflexes. "I am personally a big fan of all the freshmen. I think the freshmen can make it quick attacks and sharp reflexes. My, however, proved that previous NCAA experience is not required for success as he captured silver at the NCAA Championships. He feels that this year's freshmen can enjoy the same success.

"I think in most of the cases we were nervous because they are very experienced fencers," he said. "In those cases where they might be problems, they definitely have to concentrate a little bit more and focus on the bouts. I think it will be an interesting experience."
Irish softball kicks off season in Las Vegas tourney

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By RACHEL PROTZMAN
Sports Writer

The 2000 Irish Softball team will kick off its season this week-end as the women travel to the University of Nevada's Las Vegas Tournament.

Notre Dame will play five of the 16 participating teams.

Head coach Liz Miller, now in her eighth coaching sea-son at Notre Dame, has high expectations for the opener this weekend.

"Right now we set very high goals for ourselves. We expect to go and win every game."

This year Notre Dame is making their first appearance in the top-25 rankings since 1997 with a 22nd place ranking.

The Irish, coming from a 42-20 record last season, will look to improve on last year. But it won't be easy.

With an undefeated conference performance, Notre Dame grabbed its first Big East championship last year before advancing to NCAA Regionals, where they defeated fifth-ranked Michigan before falling to Nebraska in extra innings.

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The Irish, who have not played yet this year, face Oregon the opener this weekend.

"We have a little catching up to do, but we won't let that be the other teams' advantage. It doesn't hold us back," Miller said. "We need to go out there and play our game."

Sophomore third baseman Jarrah Myers will be one of the many Irish traveling to Las Vegas to open the 2000 season. The Big East Irish will face five teams including Portland State and Southern Utah throughout the week.

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UNIVERSE (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Ask for favors today. You may make financial and professional gains if you play your cards right. Take charge of your life by making the necessary decisions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You can accomplish just as much watching as at home today. Don't let others put unreasonable demands on you. Say no if you haven't got the time.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your emotional partner may be difficult if you haven't expressed your feelings lately. Spend quality time or plan a short trip with the one you love.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 21-Jan. 19): Your discipline will pay off today. Make sure you listen carefully to the thoughts of others. The insight obtained will be far more beneficial than you imagined.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Take heed of the advice given by friends and relatives. You are not likely to think clearly therefore, out your ideas just factor those you trust and respect.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Mix business with pleasure and avoid doing anything that will make you feel guilty. If your financial ventures should be lucrative if you have taken care of all the angles yourself.

Birthday Baby: You have a strong sense of justice. You will always do what's right. Although circumstances will be present throughout your life, you will know what needs to be done to meet your own criteria.

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Dillon steps up in Irish victory over Cougars

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Assistant Sports Editor

Every time Brigham Young looked like it would give Notre Dame a run for its money Wednesday night, senior point guard Jimmy Dillon came through for the Irish. Dillon tallied four steals to bring his season total to 64 and smash former Irish star David Rivers' 15-year-old single-season record of 61. Dillon's defensive efforts helped lift Notre Dame (21-14) to a 64-52 victory over Brigham Young (22-11) in the quarterfinals of the National Invitation Tournament.

"It's an honor," Dillon said of the record. "It's a shock. But it's a great accomplishment."

Dillon sparked the Irish with his fourth and final steal, which he dribbled down the court for a breakaway layup. Those points ended a more than four-minute scoring drought for the Irish, and put them ahead 52-45.

"I think Jimmy has given us energy all year long," Notre Dame head coach Matt Doherty said. "He gives us some athleticism at the guard spot that we need. He gives us some toughness. He's a good ball-handler. I think he really enjoys running the show, and he's done a good job. He's a smart player."

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