Restructured SafeRide starts tonight

By LAURA ROMPF
Assistant News Editor

After months of restructuring, the SafeRide program will be up and running once again this weekend. In its efforts to restate the late-night van service, student government formed an Ad Hoc committee to work on the structural problems with the program.

"The basic problems that the Ad Hoc Committee identified were reliability of the program and accountability of the volunteers to drive," said chief of staff Matt Mamak. "The basic structural change is that the coordinator of the program is going to be paid (David Powers). He works for both security and student government, but will be paid through security."

Other student workers will receive compensation as well.

"Also, the people driving the vans are also going to be paid," Mamak said. "We believe that this will help to make the program much more accountable than it has been in the past."

Mamak said he hopes SafeRide will exceed its past numbers and current expectations. "At its peak in the past, SafeRide was giving anywhere from 50 to 100 rides per night," Mamak said. "I hope that with good publicity, accountability and reliability, we will be able to exceed these numbers."

If SafeRide proves popular, he continued, the program could be expanded after further evaluation. "I hope that we will have to expand into Thursday night and into more hours."

Matt Mamak, office of the student body president

Callahan calls on Church to rethink gender issues

By LINDSAY FRANK
News Writer

The Catholic Church needs to develop a more inclusive sexual ethic, said Sidney Callahan, professor of psychology at Mercy College, in her lecture Thursday night.

The Church should rethink how it deals with issues of gender differences, contraception and sexual orientation, Callahan said.

When discussing issues of gender, she emphasized that one could be Christian while disagreeing with gender stereotypes of women as homemakers and men as being in the world. "I became one of the first people to advocate Christian feminism," she said. "I didn't find that there was one specific location for women or for men."

"I believe that we have addressed as many problems as humanly possible. The rest of the semester will give us a chance to address any further problems that arise," he said.
Firing Ideological Blanks

Ah, gun control. The issue makes otherwise intelligent people seem like complete buffoons. So it's no surprise that a debate on the issue should be prominent at Notre Dame, where intelligence seems to be the common sense as easy to find as a natural tan in Michiana.

Both extremes in the debate offer ample amusement. Radical gun lovers claim that the Second Amendment fully grants them the right to hunt rabbit with anti-tank missiles. Anti-gun punters claim that we need to hold the availability of guns responsible, not the traitorous tendencies of humans.

Though the truth is closer to your gun-loving Uncle Hallus up in Montana than to the unholy gun control zealots, which speaks volumes as much as I hate to side with the guys who wear fluorescent Jeff Gordon hats, their stance is, I'm afraid, more logical.

Personally, I would be happier than a guy with a pocket full of quarters in a nickel stripper bar if banning guns didn't have such an effect on gun violence and crime in general. But Prohibition and the "war" on drugs teach us that because we don't know much about an outdated Amendment they perceive as not the evil tendencies of these criminals find other means to purchase these same clowns trample the premises of the same state house where they would be well fed and entertained as "sovereigns." Du Bois said.

Penn State team protests flag

By taking a mostly Southern issue into Northern hands this past weekend, the Penn State baseball team raised awareness of the racism a century-old piece of heritage can still imply for some. In this case, the heritage was a redcluth with a blue "X" and white stars known as the Confederate flag. And when the students decided to wear the emblem at Thursday's game, it raised questions about student secu­ritiy abroad.

Emily Eagen, who was admitted to the University of Michigan as a non­degree student for the upcoming fall semester, and Emily Howell, a 19­year-old student at Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio, have formed a group called The Confederate Flag, which has raised questions about student security abroad.

Eagen said she had investigated the area before traveling. Though comparing gun use to prostitution or substance abuse is rather "apples and oranges," it is still an important point. Whereas prostitution and recreational drug use are illegal offenses in Nevada and the Mayor's Office in D.C., respectively, there are legitimate uses for guns by civilians, whether they be self defense, sport or other legal and legitimate means.

There are several horrible arguments in favor of gun control — never mind the fact that more restrictions are no guarantee of less crime. We have every day to confront an "inland" symptom of those who disregard societal factors as a role in gun violence. This is no less prohibition is available and well heard in Saudi Arabia.

These individuals, when studying statistics on gun-related violence, reason that by making a law to take the gun away, the crime vanishes as well. Unfortunately, the statistics considerably aren't. Won't these criminals find other means to purchase weapons? Of course they will, and they already do. So we introduce the phrase "black market" to the world. Wouldn't our efforts be better spent in handle­ling the problems leading to the crimes or even addressing the criminality? If not, would they, is it admissible that police don't have the bodies? How do we know how to go about effectively stopping the crimi­nal? While this statement is by no means in the meantime to appease the electorate and convince them we're making a difference? The answers to these questions grow more obvious by the hour.

The issue won't go away, because it provides fodder for all those politicians who bellow their images as "caring" more about people than about an outdated Amendment they perceive as "taken out of context." Interestingly enough, these same clowns trample the premices of the First Amendment.

And if they ever succeed in banning guns, they will gaze disbelief at unfaltering crime rates, pondering the failure of clueless advocates of years past.

Morgan State U. shuts down paper

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — When officials at Morgan State University stopped the presses of the student newspaper, they didn't foresee the reaction the administration would receive. Since the school pulled the plug on an issue of the newspaper, questions about the constitutional­ity of its actions have reinvigorated a university press freedom debate. "It's not clear that school officials have violated the First Amendment," said Mike Hiester, an attorney with the Student Press Law Center. "They stopped the presses without even seeing the final product," the newspaper, the Spokesman, is part of the student government system at Morgan State. The publication also receives a por­tion of its monetary support from student fees. "The specific issue at the newspaper in question was a preview of the student government elections which did not include any sort of official endorsement," Hiester said. "They were going to print what the editor described as a fairly routine coverage of the election," Hiester said. "They stopped short of run­ning any sort of endorsement."
**Recipients began foundation in honor of slain daughter**

By RIFLIN TURNER
News Writer

Notre Dame's Center for Ethics and Religious Values in Business named Peter and Linda Biehl as recipients for the inaugural Hesburgh Award for Business.

The Biehls established the Amy Biehl Foundation in memory of their daughter, a human rights advocate murdered by a mob that stained and stabbed her to death in the township of Guguletu, South Africa in 1993. "I think she would be glad to know that we have the inner-capacity to continue in her work," Peter Biehl said.

With $500,000 in donations and $1 million in U.S. aid, as well as the Biehls' own contributions, the foundation provides music, art, tutorials and other programs in South Africa that provide students with the means to pursue a higher education or to acquire marketable skills.

"We are focused on disadvantaged and marginalized communities," Mr. Biehl said. "We view businesses as a servant of mankind and believe that businesses should be committed to social change."

The idea of changing the role of businesses to take a more responsible foothold in re-shaping society is a goal to which the Biehls remain committed.

"When we hear the word poverty, we mean marginalized South African communities are desperately impoverished — they're impoverished in terms of access to mainstream developments in South Africa," Mr. Biehl said.

The townships in South Africa are impoverished, with poor school systems and other infrastructures in bad shape. "As a consequence, these people are impoverished in terms of potential careers and impoverished financially," Mr. Biehl said.

The official unemployment rate of South Africa is approximately 45 percent. But Mr. Biehl argued that the real unemployment rate is between 70 and 90 percent.

"When we refer to business enterprises, we refer to grassroots enterprises," said Mr. Biehl. Statistics show that between 70 to 80 percent of South Africans reside in disadvantaged settings.

"We are trying to follow in Amy's commitment to human rights. A person has a right to hope and dream," Mr. Biehl said. The foundation maintains a non-profit identity, meaning all proceeds are funneled back into programs such as violence prevention.

"We are trying to harness the efficient powers of businesses to meet a purely social agenda," Mr. Biehl said. "We have discovered the value of harnessing businesses to sustain preventative violence measures in the community."

Housing and infrastructure developments are critical needs in South Africa. To help solve them, the Biehls founded construction firms that provide concrete and other rare materials. They also started a construction services unit to provide an educational trust and further training for its employees.

"We have the opportunity to make the young managers an equity in this business," Mr. Biehl said. Their employees not only help to reconstruct the community, but also have the opportunity to acquire skills to compete in an non-existent workforce.

"We have learned to view business as a charity. We can organize charities that trade," Mr. Biehl said. "And we are then capable of giving back to our violence prevention programs without just creating a tax haven to further the work in a disadvantaged community."

Lack of affordable and accessible groceries is another problem that plagues South African communities, and which the Biehls said they hope to combat.

"There's nothing more fundamental to poor people than bread," Mr. Biehl said. "Bread is very important in the masses in South Africa. We are trying to bring bread to 70 to 80 percent of the community. We're going to do this by making bread affordable."

In hopes of attaining this goal, the Biehls have established bakeries that are designed to provide 10,000 loaves a day. These bakeries are now among South Africa's largest baking businesses.

"The Community Baking Trust is a satisfying way to do business," according to Mr. Biehl. "We have concluded that grass-roots leads to a rediscovery to the new empowerment of businesses. In work, even in its most basic levels, there is dignity," he said. "In business, the Biehls have created a taxable area of self-esteem and responsibility that is by providing the community with more educational and economic opportunities, the overall work ethic of the community will improve and strengthen the relationships of the workers toward creating a more efficient and stable community."

"Facing those who rely on you each day is good on building integrity," he said. "We find that selflessness requires self-esteem as a pre-requisite. Part of the process of creating selflessness is by first creating self-esteem. Our goal is to facilitate human improvement, to create a huge and convert that hope to reality."

The ceremony marks the second installment of the Frank Cahill Lecture Series. Father Oliver Williams, a management professor, said the series, and the Hesburgh award will help provide the Notre Dame community with exemplary leaders in business.

Amy Biehl who received a Fulbright Fellowship in 1993, was working on voter registration projects was a Fulbright alumna and an award recipient in 1993. She was in the process of working on voter registration projects before South Africa's first-ever all-races election in that year.

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**POLICE BLOTTER**

Public exposure

Tuesday at 5:30 p.m., a Notre Dame student on a bicycle near Eck Tennis Pavilion reported harassment from a man in a white jeep with a black top. The man yelled at her, then exposed himself. Notre Dame Security/Police found the suspect, positively identified him along with the vehicle and then arrested him for public indecency.

He is being held in St. Joseph County jail. Rex Yakwe, director of Notre Dame Security/Police, linked the suspect to similar incidents last spring and urged any other victims to contact his office.

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**Conference aims to interest girls in math and science**

Special to The Observer

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The conference aims to increase young women's interest in mathematics and science and to make them more aware of the opportunities in math- and science-related fields. Some 200-250 girls from schools throughout northern Indiana will attend. The conference will include interactive workshops for the young participants in mathematics and animal health sciences (handling live animals), computer sciences, business and finance, engineering, human health sciences, life sciences and physical sciences (with hands-on chemistry activities). Closing the program is a demonstration with live eagles by the Raptor Chapter from Auburn, Ind.

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Taiwan president leaves party post after political upset

TAIPEI
Taiwan's president resigned as leader of the ruling Nationalist Party on Friday, becoming the biggest victim of the opposition's stunning upset in Taiwan's presidential elections. Since the party's humiliating defeat in Saturday's elections, its leaders have demonstrated outside the Nationalists' headquarters, demanding that President Lee Teng-hui resign immediately as party chairman. Lee, who has led Taiwan for 12 years, had offered to step down side the Nationalists' headquarters, dem and in September. Then on Thursday, he told party leaders he would resign today. Vice President Lee Teng-hui, who finished a distant third in the presidential vote, was to serve as the party's acting chairman. Although the media dubbed Lee "Mr. Democracy" because he presided over Taiwan's democratic reforms, he ruled his party like an authoritarian.

Justice department team to question Pinochet aides

SANTIAGO, Chile
A U.S. Justice Department team is in Chile to follow the questioning of top aides from former dictator Gen. Augusto Pinochet's regime over a 1976 assassination in Washington, officials said Thursday. The United States had requested the interrogations in its bid to push the Latin American nation to try Pinochet for crimes against humanity.

Crew abandons sinking Greek cargo ship

HAMILTON, Bermuda
A Greek cargo ship with 31 crew members aboard sank in the Atlantic Ocean more than 400 miles off Bermuda on Thursday, forcing the sailors to take to lifeboats and wait on rough seas for rescue boats to arrive. The 776-foot Lead I went down in water about 45 feet deep in the starboard side of the hull, said Malcolm von Hagen, a U.S. Coast Guard spokesman in Norfolk, Virginia. The crew began abandoning ship. The Coast Guard confirmed that the ship sank northeast of Bermuda, but it has not been able to determine whether all 31 crew members made it into their lifeboats.

Two Sikhs women mourn the death of their relatives in the village of Chadiasinghpora, where unidentified gunmen shot and killed 36 Sikhs. Indian troops were called to the Kashmiri winter capital of Jammu after thousands of angry Sikhs broke curfew to protest against the massacre for the second consecutive day.

Police arrest man in Sikh massacre

SRINAGAR
Police detained a Kashmiri man Thursday after survivors of a massacre of 48 Sikhs told police he had shown the killers the way to their village, a police official said.

The violence in Kashmir spilled over to New Delhi, where angry Sikh protesters torched two buses, but police there managed to contain the crowds.

The violence left more than 100 police and demonstrators injured, which added to the troubles that have dogged President Clinton's visit to India.

Police Deputy Inspector General Raja Ajgar Ali said it was unlikely that Mohammad Yaqub — picked up Thursday when he visited the Sikh village where the massacre took place — was a member of a Kashmiri separatist rebel group.

"There are lots of missing links and we will have to wait until we question him," Ali said, noting that at least two people had identified Yaqub, 21, as the man who led killers to the mainly Sikh village of Chati Singhpora, four miles south of Srinagar.

All said Yaqub has not yet been charged in the case and will be interrogated today.

Authorities say they fear religious clashes in Kashmir.

Jammu, which is less than 20 miles from the Pakistani border, is the only Muslim-majority state in Hindu-majority India.

During the 10-year separatist insurgency, more than 25,000 people have died and hundreds of thousands of Hindus have been driven from their homes. But Monday's massacre was the first time Sikhs have been targeted.

The two main Pakistan-based militant groups and Pakistan's government have denied involvement in the killings.

Critic challenges Trimble for leadership

Belfast
A Protestant critic of Northern Ireland's peace settlement announced Thursday he would try to oust David Trimble from leadership of the province's largest party, the Ulster Unionists.

Ulster Unionist Martin Smyth, South Belfast member of Parliament, said he opposes involvement of the Sinn Fein Party in a Northern Ireland power-sharing government because of the party's alliance with the outlawed Irish Republican Army. Sinn Fein "still have not been prepared to go forth as bona fide democrats," he told the British Broadcasting Corp.

"They are hiding behind the figment of imagination that they actually cannot speak for the IRA when we all know that they are an inseparable body," Smyth said.

Smyth, 69, said he would challenge Trimble at Saturday's meeting of the Ulster Unionists' 55-member council and that he had the backing of a "significant" number of party supporters.

It is Smith's second attempt to win the leadership. He lost to Trimble five years ago when James Molyneux resigned.

Trimble, a central figure in the Northern Ireland peace process, said he was "somewhat surprised and a little bit disappointed" by the challenge, but that he hoped it "would finally clear the air." He said he trusted delegates at the council would endorse a continuation of party policy.

Trimble has struggled to keep the support of party dissenters throughout negotiations that led to the 1998 peace accord and last year's establishment of a four-party Catholic-Protestant coalition administration for the province. He shared a Nobel Peace Prize that year for his efforts.

The new Cabinet — which includes Sinn Fein — was suspended Feb. 11 when Ulster Unionists threatened to resign their posts over the IRA's failure to hand over any weapons.
Ohio sixth-grader holds classmates at gunpoint

Associated Press

LISBON, Ohio

A 12-year-old who told authorities he wanted to be with his mother in jail briefly held his sixth-grade class at gunpoint Thursday before a teacher persuaded him to give up the weapon.

No one was hurt and no charges were immediately filed against the boy, who was taken into custody.

The boy said "his biological mother was in jail and he wanted to visit her, he said."

Fred Carlisle confirmed the boy wanted to reunite with his mother. "Yes, that's what he told a teacher and one of the police officers," he said.

The boy's father told police the weapon — a loaded, semiautomatic — had been stored on a dresser top with a fully engaged trigger lock.

Police Chief John Higgins, who would not disclose the boy's name because he is a juvenile, said the boy apparently found the key and removed the trigger lock.

About 8:45 a.m., the boy stood up in his classroom at McKinley Elementary School, pointed the gun at the floor and told his fellow students and teacher to get down, Higgins and Krukowski said.

"It seemed like forever we were sitting on the ground. It was probably a few minutes," said the teacher, Dan Komits, 24.

A student in the hall overhead heard the exchange and summoned another teacher, Linda Robb, Krukowski said.

Robb stood in the doorway of the classroom and asked the boy if she could talk to him.

The two walked out into the hallway and bugged out the boy handed the gun over to Robb, police said.

The student was taken into custody by police in this city, which is about 25 miles south of Youngstown in northeastern Ohio, near the West Virginia and Pennsylvania state lines.

The Vindicator of Youngstown reported that the boy was on crossing duty with another sixth-grader, Katie Hartman, on Thursday morning.

The girl said that at the end of their duty, the boy told her: "Goodbye, Katie. I won't be back."

She asked what he meant, but he didn't answer.

Sixth-graders were sent home, but the other students were kept in class because the district didn't want younger children going home without making sure their parents knew, Krukowski said.

The school, which has about 630 students from kindergarten through sixth grade, will be closed on Friday but will be open for student counseling.

"Naturally the students were shook up, any time you have an incident like that," Krukowski said.

Krukowski said he wasn't very familiar with the boy and was unaware of any behavior problems.

Vice President Al Gore, campaigning at a Cincinnati elementary school, said the incident "once again raises the question that has confronted us so often in the past year or two or three. That is, how can we all come together to give our children better values?"

Gore said the student's access to a firearm points out the need for gun control measures such as child-safety trigger locks.
Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The first humans arrived in New Zealand about the year 1250, bringing with them sharp stone points, wood and bone clubs, controlled fire and a natural hunger for meat.

They found on the two pristine South Pacific islands huge numbers of Moa, flightless birds that ranged up to 440 pounds. The animals had never seen people and thus, had no sense of how dangerous new humans could be. They were easy prey to the spear-throwers and clubs of hungry hunters. A new study suggests the result was a quick extinction for all 11 species of the Moa, along with the disappearance of many other New Zealand plants and animals.

In a study appearing Friday in Science, two New Zealand researchers suggest that humans may have killed off all of the Moa, perhaps in only about 60 years.

"There has been a debate as to whether humans can exterminate anything by hunting," said Richard Holdaway of Palaeol. Research in Christchurch, New Zealand. "Our study shows that not only can people hunt things to extinction, but they can do it very quickly."

Moa previously had been thought to have disappeared over about 1,000 years, but the study by Holdaway and Christopher Jacomb of Canterbury Museum in Christchurch indicates that the damage took only decades.

Holdaway said the Moa were primed for extinction. The 11 species ranged from birds that stood 6 1/2 feet tall and weighed hundreds of pounds to turkey-sized fowl. They were the only known feathered birds without wings. Their fatal characteristic may have been a lack of fear of humans.

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A study of the bones and other debris scattered about ancient human camp sites in New Zealand shows that Moa was "a major source of food for these people, providing 20 to 40 percent of their calorie intake," said Holdaway.

But that only lasted for a few decades, he said. Eventually, Moa bones became rarer and then disappeared altogether from the geologic record. Holdaway believes New Zealand settlers hunted them to death.

"In effect, there was the removal of a complete ecosystem within 160 years or less," said Holdaway. He said the Moa could have disappeared in just 60 years.

The conclusion by Holdaway and Jacomb is considered controversial among experts because of its speed and because some doubt that hunting alone is ever sufficient to wipe out whole species.

"There are extinctions that have followed hard on the heels of human arrivals, but as it is rare to get something alone, that doesn't seem plausible," said Ross MacPhee, a zoologist at the American Museum of Natural History.

"There must have been co-factors, such as disease."

MacPhee said that vast numbers of extinctions occurred after humans arrived in the Americas. Animals such as the mammoth, the camel, the horse and the saber-tooth tiger all disappeared after humans arrived with about 11,000 years ago. But he said the extinctions took about 400 years, not the short period that Holdaway is proposing for the Moa in New Zealand.

Holdaway said that one reason for the rapid loss of the Moa was that the bird lived for a long period of time and reproduced infrequently. When humans started killing the adults and eating the Moa eggs, he said, the population crashed quickly.

"We think this shows that when you push things too hard, you get to a point where it suddenly falls down," he said. "You may not even realize what is happening until it is too late."

Holdaway said the first New Zealand settlers, Polynesians who are the ancestors of the present-day Maori, arrived about 1250. They brought with them not only weapons, but also egg-eating rats that contributed to the widespread New Zealand extinctions.

Within only a few decades, the Moa were gone, along with many ground birds, frogs and snakes. History's largest eagle, a 35-pound bird called Eolophus, was gone.

The settlers used fire as a weapon and tool, burning into extinction an entire forest that was then replaced by grassland. An estimated 40 percent of the woody plants became extinct, said Holdaway, and this destroyed habitats.

"By the time Europeans arrived in New Zealand, in the 18th century, hundreds of animals and plants were gone forever, said Holdaway.

Folk Nominations Invited

The Reverend Paul J. Foik Award Committee invites nominees for the award, which is given annually to a library faculty member who has contributed significantly to library service to the Notre Dame community or to the library profession through personal achievement, professional associations. The award is named for the Holy Cross priest who served as director of Notre Dame's library from 1913 to 1924 and was a leading figure in the library profession in the first quarter of the 20th century. It is among those announced at the President's faculty dinner in May. Recent winners have included Dwight King, Jr., Head of Research Department, Law Library; Stephen Haeft, Business Services Librarian; and Katherine Blackroad, Library Advancement Officer. These three past recipients will serve on the award committee.

All members of the University Libraries' and Law Library faculty with two or more year's service are eligible. Please send names of nominees, including a letter or other supporting documentation, to the Reverend Paul J. Folk Award Committee, c/o Larry Rapagnani, Office of Information Technology, by March 31.
Ex-slaves receive payments

Negotiators reach decision on method for distributing $5M to victims of Nazis

Associated Press

BERLIN

Negotiators agreed today on how to allocate the money from a $2 billion fund to compensate Nazi-era slave and forced laborers. See Also

- Citizens await pontiff’s reflections on Holocaust page 9

- months of negotiations

The agreement would allocate $4 billion for compensating slave and forced labor victims and another $900 million to cover claims for property, bank accounts and insurance policies stolen by the Nazis as well as "humanitarian cases," said Deputy Treasury efforts because they were behind the Iron Curtain. Under the deal, slave laborers — those who were put to work in concentration camps and expected to die doing their jobs — would receive up to $7,300 each. Forced laborers, who worked in factories outside camps, would get up to $2,500 each.

"We have taken a huge step forward today," Eizenstat said. "This brings this process a substantial step closer to completion."

Another $350 million will be used for a foundation to support research and educational projects around the theme of Nazi labor, with the remainder going for administrative costs and legal fees.

All sides agreed in December on the size of the fund, to be financed half by the German government and half by industry. But negotiators are wrangling over how to divide the money among the various groups to be covered.

Noah Flug, an Auschwitz survivor who heads an umbrella organization of Holocaust survivor groups in Israel and was one of the negotiators, said two-thirds of the people who could have been eligible for the fund had already died.

"It is better late than never," Flug, 75, said today.

Rabbi Michael Melchior, Israeli minister for Diaspora affairs, said it was a fair compromise.

"What I think won out, in the end, was a settlement where there is a strong sense of morality and something that should be done," he said in Jerusalem. Eastern European countries had been pushing to get the most money possible to cover victims of the Nazi labor practices, while German industry insisted that the foundation for future projects was an integral part of the effort. Jewish groups had wanted to make sure an appropriate amount was allocated for property claims. Eizenstat said it was now up to the German government to enact legislation creating the foundation. He emphasized that in most form exactly to the principles agreed to in the talks if German businesses are to get the legal relief they are seeking.

"If it does not incorporate the substance of the agreements reached here, it will not be deemed to be sufficient basis for dismissal of the lawsuits or for the U.S. to act in support of that goal," he said.

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY

Gunmen opened fire at a former federal agent reportedly accused of having drug ties and three others as they entered a hotel in Mexico City on Thursday. The agent's bodyguard was killed, and the agent and two others were wounded.

Cautiempo Herrero Saastegui, a former official with the organized crime unit of the Mexican attorney general's office, was entering the Imperial Hotel with his bodyguard and two women when four assailants, two outside and two inside, began to shoot, officials said.

The bodyguard, whom officials identified as Sergio Alberto Chavez, died at the scene. Officials initially said that Herrero had died. Later, Mariano Herrero Salvati, who leads the anti-drug operations of the Mexican attorney general's office, told the Telsica network in a live interview that Herrero was alive and in stable condition at a city hospital. The two women also were hospitalized. Six people were detained, including the hotel manager. Authorities believed a seventh person fired the scene.

Herrero, who resigned from the attorney general's office on Jan. 14, was under investigation for possible links to the powerful Juarez drug cartel, the daily newspaper La Cronica reported Monday and Thursday.

Herrero Salvati was quoted by the newspaper on Thursday as saying that Herrero had been asked to respond to the allegations this week.

Herrero was linked to the cartel by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, La Cronica reported.

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ISRAEL

Citizens await pontiff's reflections on Holocaust

Associated Press

JERUSALEM

It is a stop nearly every state visitor to Israel makes, a virtual moral requirement of any itinerary. Yet never will the symbolism be as great as when Pope John Paul II sets foot today on the soil of the Yad Vashem memorial to the Holocaust.

For Israelis, it should be the emotional high point of the pontiff's weeklong trip. Many are hoping he'll do something a pope has never done before: make a direct apology for the Catholic Church's public silence during the Holocaust.

Some hope he'll go even further and criticize Pope Pius XII, the wartime pontiff that many Jews accuse of doing little while the Nazis exterminated their brethren. But students of the Vatican say that is highly unlikely.

The Vatican has said Pius diplomatic silence during World War II actually helped save thousands of Jewish lives. He is being considered for beatification, or the disimph of martyrdom in Israel.

The pope began his day, the fourth of his weeklong pilgrimage, by celebrating a 90-minute Mass for clergy at the traditional site of the Last Supper on Mount Zion just outside Jerusalem's Old City.

Toward the end of the ceremony, Pope John Paul was left alone in the grotto-like chamber where tradition says Jesus shared his last meal with his disciples. Sitting in a gold-and-white chair before a small altar, the white-robed pope buried his face in his hands and said a prayer.

The pope's next stop was a meeting with Israel's two chief rabbis, Meir Israel Lau and Eliahu Bakshi-Doron, at their office in west Jerusalem, ahead of what many Israelis feel is the most important event because it would be "a recognition of the transformation of the Catholic Church's attitude toward the Jewish people in the land of Israel."

During the last papal visit in 1964, Pope Paul VI never ventured into west Jerusalem and never publicly uttered Israel's name.

On Wednesday, the pope visited the crucified of Christianity, celebrating Mass in Bethlehem's Manger Square. But as expected, the day was a potent mix of prayers and politics. John Paul gave a forceful speech in the presence of Yasser Arafat, during which he emphasized the Palestinians' "legitimate aspirations" and their "natural right to a homeland."

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Gorsky will be there to hear it firsthand. The pope, a dear childhood friend of Gorsky's late father, Leon Goldberger, has made a special request that Gorsky come and meet him.

"I'm really looking forward to meeting him," Gorsky said in a telephone interview. "He is nice, gentle, friendly. And he didn't have to do this. It is really sure that he loves Jewish people."

Gorsky said his father and the pontiff, then simply Karol Wojtyla, were soccer buddies in Wadowice, Poland, each playing goalkeeper for opposing teams. Karol would often have Sabbath dinner at his Jewish friend's home, he said.

When his father visited the pope at the Vatican many years later, Gorsky said, the pope looked at the broadly built man and said, "I can see why you were a good goalkeeper."

"It was too formal," Gorsky said.

At Wadowice, some 20 other former friends from Wadowice are expected to reunite with the pontiff today.

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Hastert names priest House chaplain

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WASHINGTON
For the first time, a Roman Catholic priest now holds the title of House chaplain, ending a fractious selection process that condemned the Republican Party in allegations it was biased against Catholics.

Speaker Dennis Hastert on Thursday named the Rev. Timothy O'Brien, a Presbyterian minister, to the post.

Hastert and Republicans have been under fire since last year when they announced the selection of the Rev. Charles Wright, an independent, for the position.

Democrats insisted that a Catholic priest, the Rev. Timothy O'Brien, was the top choice for the bipartisan selection committee. Hastert has maintained he was unaware of any ranking.

For four months, the issue raged as some Democrats and Roman Catholics fired charges of an "anticatholic bias." GOP strategists fretted about the impact of such allegations, particularly given that Catholics make up more than 25 percent of the electorate.

In ending the controversy, Hastert accused Democrats of playing "the politics game" by claiming religious biases.

"I am a patient man," said the Illinois Republican, who took office 13 months ago with a pledge to lower the level of acrimony in Congress.

"But I did not easily take in stride carelessly tossed accusations of bigotry."

Coughlin's appointment seemed to quiet the brouhaha for the time being. He won bipartisan applause on the House floor, a sharp contrast to the partisan struggle that prompted the right to withdraw Tuesday.

Coughlin, who flew to Washington on Thursday and was quickly sworn in, called his appointment "truly unexpected."

He told reporters the United States stood for "unity mixed with diversity."

O'Brien, elected speaker's assistant on the 350,000-member Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights, said the group had been "dismayed by the way Republicans handled this matter" but "we have no interest in fighting this fight any longer and we commend House foraker Dennis Hastert for bringing this chapter to an end."

Deod Hudson, editor and publisher of Crisis, a magazine of politics, culture and the Catholic church, said Hastert clearly sent a message to Catholics with the selection of Coughlin, who hails from largest Catholic diocese in the nation.

The selection helps "refute the notion that somehow Republicans are country Protestants who cannot include Catholics within their ranks," Hudson said.

The House has never had a Catholic chaplain; the Senate had one in 1871 but he was on the job only a year.

Coughlin's duties, in addition to opening each day's session with prayer, will be to minister to House members and their families.

Wright, his nomination in limbo for months, met privately with Hastert in the Capitol on Tuesday and offered to withdraw. In a letter released by the speaker's office, he referred to the political controversy.

"Let us be thankful that God is not an independent, not a Democrat and not a Republican. He is for all of us," he wrote.

In a somber tone on the House floor where he retraced the controversy and responded to critics, Hastert commented that these charging bias "don't know me or are maliciously seeking political advantage by making these accusations"

"I have never said and I never believed that there was a bias involved in the making of this selection," House Democratic leader Dick Gephardt said moments later.

Wright's nomination emerged in October from a bipartisan committee of lawmakers, but Hastert has said he wants to name a chaplain himself.

Rep. Earl Pomeroy, D-N.D., offered a resolution shortly after Coughlin's nomination that would require that future chaplains be voted on by the House.

Space warrant to expire

Associated Press

NASA's station remains unoccupied after 500 days afloat

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. NASA's space station warrant runs out this week, and the agency is no closer to finishing the project it was when the first two pieces rocked into orbit in 1998.

After almost 500 days afloat, the international space station has no occupants, no experiments, no firm assembly plans. Instead, it's a barren two-roomer with bad batteries, noisy equipment and poor ventilation.

Blame the Russians: They were supposed to launch a service module that would assume control of the station and provide living quarters just five months after the initial components soared, but they have been stymied by insufficient funds and malfunctioning rockets.

As a result, the all-important third component, the Zvezda service module, will not fly before July and astronauts and cosmonauts will not move in until October — at the earliest.

In the meantime, the warranty for what's in orbit is expiring. And that has space shuttle astronauts flying to the rescue next month.

The 496-day guarantee for Russian-built electronic equipment runs out Thursday, according to figures provided last year by then-station manager Frank Culbertson, an astronaut who will command a future station crew.

NASA expects the space station to keep running normally until astronauts arrive in mid to late April with new batteries, fans, air filters, fire extinction systems to be added.

Guiders and smoke detectors. The astronauts were supposed to wait until the service module was in place, but with the warranty expiring and batteries failing, NASA moved up the visit.

"Would you like it to fall out of the sky," asks NASA Administrator Daniel Goldin. "I mean, we're going to go up and keep it in good repair and we'll be ready for the service module when it comes."

Space station chief Michel Alain was expected the upcoming repairs by astronauts to extend the certified lifetime of the orbiting Zarya control module to the end of this year.

Neither Hassw nor program manager Tommy Holloway is overly concerned.

The design lifetime of parts is "mostly paper analysis kind of stuff," Holloway says. "As you know with your automobile, it may break a day after you drive it out of the showroom and it may run for 100,000 miles."

Built by Russians with U.S. funds, Zarya was launched from Kazakhstan on Nov. 20, 1998. That's when the 496-day warranty began. NASA sent up a connecting chamber called Unity two weeks later.

Since then, the space station has circled Earth nearly 3,000 times. Shuttle crews have been inside twice to drop off supplies and make repairs.

The main trouble has been the batteries. Six are on board to provide power and have been faltering one by one.

In addition, a crane attached to the outside of the station by spacewalking astronauts last spring is not locked down properly. The next shuttle crew will go out to secure it.
House approves $1.82 trillion budget, okays tax cut

Party line vote ends 14 hours of debate on funding

WASHINGTON

Despite unrest by some conservatives, Republicans drove a $1.82 trillion budget for 2001 through the House early Friday, mapping deeper tax cuts and lower domestic spending than President Clinton wants.

Over the next five years, the measure would set aside at least $150 billion not aside for tax cuts

Up to $40 billion for prescription drugs for seniors

Spends $1 trillion Social Security surplus--

Spends $1 trillion Social Security surpluses as projected Social Security programs on debt reduction.

In a replay of last year's budget fight, Democrats accused Republicans of squandering surpluses from non-Social Security programs on tax breaks for the wealthy, and doing little to buttress Social Security and Medicare. Liking the Republican budget to a television game show, Rep. Brad Sherman, D-Calif., asked, "Who wants to risk Social Security to give huge tax breaks to multi-multi-multi millionaires?"

Democrats said the GOP plan embraces spending cuts so severe that Congress would never approve, and they challenged the GOP's numbers, saying a Republican plan would eat into Social Security.

Republicans denied that, with Kasich saying that to arrive at that conclusion, Democrats had to "cook numbers and make things up."

The bill, which does not need the president's signature, sets overall tax and spending levels for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1. The budget package would match or exceed Clinton's proposals for defense, schools and veterans, and calls for tax cuts for those married couples and for health care and other expenses. But some details are advisory only, and lawmakers will shape specific figures in later bills.

Reiterating administration opposition to the GOP plan, White House budget chief N.G. Few wrote congressional leaders that it is "fundamentally flawed and fails to provide a balanced and workable economic plan. In the past, this approach has delayed, rather than expedited, action on subsequent budget legislation. Most Republicans supported the proposal. But eight conservatives voted "no" on an early procedural vote because they said it lacked controls to ensure spending remained within budget.

"It means 'we'll spend $25 billion to $30 billion more than what I had hoped,'" said Rep. Tom Coburn, R-Okl., a leader of the discontented group. "It's another wink and nod from Washington."

With the GOP's wafer-thin 11-seat House margin, their defections could jeopardize the budget's final passage. Party leaders labored through out the day to quell the uprising, and succeeded after promising efforts to prevent spending bills from growing as they move through the Senate.

The conservative defection was mirrored in the Senate, where, Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., has yet to even try pushing a similar plan through his panel because conservatives want to hold spending down. At issue was the $596.5 billion the budget would set aside for jet fighters, road building, and every other federal function but automatically paid benefits like Medicare and interest on the debt.

Of that amount, $307 billion would be for defense, $8 billion more than Clinton's request. Its $289 billion for domestic programs is almost $30 billion below the president's plan.

In early votes, the House overwhelmingly rejected five rival budgets by black, progressive and conservative Democrats, Democratic leaders and conservative Republicans. And as they did when Kasich pushed the plan through his committee last week, Republicans blocked a Democratic effort to force a vote on the $483 billion, five-year tax cut Bush has proposed.

Bush's proposal and the congressional tax cut are not directly comparable because they cover different five-year periods. Nonetheless, the Bush plan would eat into Social Security surpluses as projected by some Republicans would be confrontable voting to do that.

Clinton proposed $90 billion in tax cuts over the next five years, nearly half of which would be for defense, $1 billion higher in cigarette and some business taxes.

House conservatives won a promise from GOP leaders to pursue at least $5 billion more in debt reduction this year.

In exchange, they dropped budget language that would have prohibited spending any money that would be for defense. As it was written down at issue was the $596.5 billion the budget would set aside for jet fighters, road building, and every other federal function but automatically paid benefits like Medicare and interest on the debt.

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Army replaces defective Patriot defense missiles

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WASHINGTON

The Army quickly and quietly replaced hundreds of Patriot air defense weapons in the Persian Gulf and South Korea after discovering a pattern of problems with the missiles that were kept constantly on a high state of alert, officials said Thursday.

The Patriot, which gained public fame in 1991 in its combat debut against Iraqi Scud missiles fired on Saudi Arabia and Israel, is a key to the defense of U.S. and allied forces in the Gulf and on the Korean Peninsula. Patriots in the Gulf and in South Korea are kept on high alert because of short warning times.

Lt. Gen. Paul Kern, a senior Army acquisitions officer, told a Pentagon news conference that the decision to replace the missiles with newer ones was made about 10 days ago and the swap-out was completed Tuesday.

None of the seven foreign countries that operate U.S.-made Patriot missile batteries was told about the problem until this week, Kern said. "I don't think any of them are angry about the situation," he said.

"They are concerned, probably, the same as we are, that we find solutions to the problem."

Asked why Israel, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the Netherlands, Germany, Japan and Taiwan were not told about the possible vulnerability of their Patriot missiles, Kern replied: "We did what we thought was a very fair assessment of keeping the security of our forces and of allies in check, and we think we did it the right way.

The technical problem, as described by Kern, appears related to the way in which the Patriots are used.

Testing has shown that those kept constantly on high alert — with electrical current kept running them in "hot status" ready to fire — have developed problems with a component known as a "black box" that sends signals back and forth from a ground station to guide the missile in flight.

Kern said the manufacturer, Raytheon Co., had warranted the missile to work properly while in "hot status" for a maximum of six months. The Army has kept some Patriots in that status for years, he said, while swapping 50 to 70 of them a year in testing and running diagnostic tests on them in the field.

Kern said the cause of the problem has not been found. Rep. Floyd Spence, R-S.C., chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, issued a statement saying he had been assured by the Army on Wednesday that the swap-out of missiles has left U.S. forces at no higher level of risk.

"However, I am concerned that these steps are only short-term and the long-term solution for fixing yet another military shortcoming has not yet been determined," Spence said.

The missiles that developed problems range in age from 3 years to 10 years, Kern said. The components suspected of failing cost as much as $100,000 per missile, but the replacement effort will cost more than that. Kern said he could not offer a total cost estimate.

The problem and the swap-out of missiles was first reported Thursday by The Wall Street Journal. The newspaper said Patriot missiles were pulled from approximately 11 batteries in South Korea, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. Each battery has about 64 missiles, although Kern would not confirm specific numbers.

The Patriot is used to defend against aircraft and short-range ballistic missiles at medium and high altitudes.

An upgraded version, called the PAC-3, is being developed to provide a greater capability against short-range missiles.

To All In Ministry
At The Basilica

 Ministers, secretaries, and choir members: You are all invited to participate in a mini-retreat on Saturday, March 25th from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Our principal speaker will be Rev. Joseph E. Weiss S.S., Associate Director, Center for Pastoral Liturgy. If you plan on attending, please e-mail Steve Camilleri at camilleri.4@nd.edu.

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Gore, Bush battle on Social Security

Associated Press

CINCINNATI

A new poll by the Pew Research Center shows that President Bill Clinton is the nation's most popular politician, with 65% of those surveyed saying they have a positive view of him.

The survey, conducted by the Pew Research Center for the People-Press project, found that Clinton's popularity has increased significantly since last fall, when he had a positive rating of 52%.

The survey also found that the public's view of the economy continues to be largely negative, with 59% saying the economy is in poor shape.

In other results:

- 49% of those surveyed said they were satisfied with the way things were going in the country.

- 45% said they were confident in the federal government's ability to handle the economy.

- 38% said they were confident in the government's ability to handle the budget deficit.

- 36% said they were confident in the government's ability to handle the nation's health care system.

- 33% said they were confident in the government's ability to handle the nation's energy policy.

- 31% said they were confident in the government's ability to handle the nation's immigration policy.

- 29% said they were confident in the government's ability to handle the nation's foreign policy.

- 27% said they were confident in the government's ability to handle the nation's education system.

- 23% said they were confident in the government's ability to handle the nation's environmental policy.

- 18% said they were confident in the government's ability to handle the nation's transportation policy.

- 15% said they were confident in the government's ability to handle the nation's housing policy.

- 14% said they were confident in the government's ability to handle the nation's crime policy.

- 12% said they were confident in the government's ability to handle the nation's veterans policy.

- 10% said they were confident in the government's ability to handle the nation's trade policy.

- 9% said they were confident in the government's ability to handle the nation's space policy.

- 7% said they were confident in the government's ability to handle the nation's space exploration policy.

- 6% said they were confident in the government's ability to handle the nation's national security policy.

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Scientists: World's oceans are warming

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

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The broad study of temperature data from the oceans, dated to the 1950s, shows averaging and ocean researchers have increased more than expected — about half a degree Fahrenheit closer to the surface, and one-tenth of a degree even at depths of up to 10,000 feet.

The findings, reported by scientists at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, also may explain a major puzzle in the global warming debate: why computer models have shown more significant warming than actual temperature data.

Global warming skeptics contend that if the computer models exaggerate warming that already has occurred, they should not be trusted to predict future warming. The models have shown higher temperatures than those found in surface and atmospheric readings. But now, the new ocean data may explain the difference, scientists said.

In the NOAA study, scientists found that the atmosphere's temperature change in the period was 0.07 degree Fahrenheit more than expected, while ocean temperature change was 0.12 degree Fahrenheit.

"We've known the oceans could absorb heat, transport it to subsurface depths and isolate it from the atmosphere. Now we see evidence that this is happening," said Sydney Levitus, chief of NOAA's Climate Laboratory and principal author of the study.

Levitus and fellow scientists, who have worked on the project for seven years, examined temperature data from more than 5,000 data sets at various depths in the Pacific, Atlantic and Indian oceans, from 1948 to 1996.

They found the Pacific and Atlantic oceans have been warming since the mid-1950s, and the Indian Ocean since the early 1960s, according to the study published in the journal Science on Friday.

The greatest warming occurred from the surface to a depth of about 900 feet, where the average heat content increased by 0.56 degrees Fahrenheit. Water as far down as 10,000 feet was found to have gained on average 0.11 degrees Fahrenheit.

"This is one of the surprising things. We've found half of the warming in the first 900 feet," Levitus said in an interview. "It brings the climate debate to a new level. We can no longer ignore the oceans." The study did not pinpoint the cause of the warming over such a long period, but said both natural and human-induced causes were likely.

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Justice Department probes White House e-mails

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The Justice Department announced Thursday that it has opened a criminal investigation into how the White House failed to review thousands of e-mails that may have been under subpoena.

Lawyers divulged most of Vice President Al Gore's messages are among the missing. The White House failure to archive vice presidential e-mails before 1997 means that most of Gore's electronic correspondence was never reviewed to determine whether some pieces should be turned over to investigators looking at Democratic fund-raising abuses.

"It appears that much, if not all" of Gore's e-mails were not captured by the White House archive system, White House counsel Beth Nolan informed Congress in a letter. Nolan told lawmakers they are reviewing backup tapes from the vice presidential e-mail system to see if any of the e-mails can be reconstructed.

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The archive failure was "the sole result of human mistakes and entirely unintentional," Nolan wrote. Nolan explained that Gore's office simply used a different e-mail system that until 1997 could not be archived by the normal White House system.

"We have found no indication that those people producing documents under subpoena were aware of this problem," Nolan wrote.

But the House Government Reform Committee, which is investigating the e-mails, disclosed that current White House Chief of Staff John Podesta may have known about an e-mail glitch back in the summer of 1998 in the midst of the Lewinsky scandal.

The White House acknowledges that the glitches caused White House lawyers to fail to review thousands of messages to see if they were responsive to subpoenas and should have been turned over to Congress or criminal investigators from the many Clinton-era controversies. Some of the e-mails may be lost forever.

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The proposed tests — which also could be made available to homeschoolers on the Internet — would measure how well students prepare for college, whether eighth-graders can solve math problems and whether 12th-graders are ready to graduate. Riley said states and schools could use the tests to improve their own standards, and possibly even as a bargaining chip in the Clinton-GOP debate over standards.

The Republican-led Congress has opposed Clinton's efforts to create national testing, as well as dedicating federal dollars to hire teachers, repair school buildings and connect classrooms to the Internet.

This year, conservatives on Capitol Hill again are opposing the Clinton programs, saying they encroach on states' rights and responsibilities to educate students.
We are all guilty of racial profiling

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Graffiti Dance is part of a larger ‘meat market’

In response to the recent controversy surrounding the Graffiti Dance, let me take time to defend it. The Graffiti Dance is Notre Dame reality. It may not be pretty, it may be a meat market, but that is Notre Dame. In a very real way, it does reflect one to ND. Ever been to a party? That’s reality. I feel like every night at Senior Bar is really ‘free-undergrad night’ for the Law School.

Graffiti Dance and those slighted awards, the Nickelodeon Kids Choice Awards, the MTV Video Music Awards, the People’s Choice Awards, the Nickolodeon Kid’s Choice Awards and the list continues. Speculation about potential winners, losers, and unfashionable dressers precede each of these shows. (Beware the ill-clad actress at the Oscars, who receives Joan Rivers’ scrutiny.) The hoopla concludes with an extended, commercialized acceptance speech. Or perhaps a desperate individual steals the trophies in a last-dramatic attempt to present another award.

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Everyone wins, take a trophy

Last week, somebody swiped the Oscar statuettes from a loading dock. Who took them? I wondered. Perhaps a fan of Jim Carrey’s, perturbed by the Academy’s failure to grant him a best actor nomination, pilfered the statues in protest. Maybe a potential best director, pinched the prizes in order to practice properly his acceptance speech. Or perhaps a desperate individual stole the trophies in a last-dramatic attempt to present another award.

Concrete destroys campus beauty

When I was a kid visiting this campus, soaking up the Saturday morning football atmosphere and the cool fall air, there was always one particular memory of Notre Dame that stood out. The campus, full of large oak trees, famous buildings, and expansive greenery always made an impression in my head.

The beauty of this campus alone could have sold me on coming here. Ever since I arrived here, it seems as though the campus is transforming from its former into a concrete jungle.

Everywhere I turn, in any direction, there is a concrete path to guide me. The concrete sidewalks have swallowed up almost all of the lawns on North and South Quad. Right in front of my dorm, they decided to connect two roads with an adjoining road right through the middle of the West Quad. Did they consider tearing up some of the old sidewalks that lay there before? No, they simply connected all of the former paths with the new road! Now the West Quad looks more like the west side of Las Vegas, bare of any grass or trees. The campus looks very grey and depressing, seemingly to reflect the moods of a lot of students. Ever since a Dutch elm disease hit the South Quad, wiping out a number of the large trees that once created a green canopy in the spring, South Quad now resembles a bleak Chicago alley. It’s a shame too, because we are definitely not lacking any beautiful buildings in that area either.

What needs to be done on campus is to end all of the utilitarian improvements to the campus. What I mean is that they need to stop placing sidewalks where they are unnecessary. First of all, every diagonal and shortcut sidewalk should be eliminated. If our buildings were spaced out miles apart I could see the point in having them, but everything is relatively close enough where they could have at least 40 percent less sidewalks. Besides, if people feel that the extra 20 seconds they save is worth it by cutting through on the lawns or using one of the unnecessary sidewalks, then they should invest more time in leaving earlier for their classes. I can’t understand how anyone could argue with me. There is no doubt that there is an excess of sidewalks. If you consider the DeBartolo/Business school quad, you would have to agree that there is definitely a lack of warmth and comfort.

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Notre Dame thrives off of its campus beauty; we should do everything in our power to keep it intact. Get rid of the sidewalks, and throw a few large trees in where necessary. If Father Sorin envisioned a concrete jungle for our campus, he would have settled for 90 miles west in Chicago.
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Senior captain Niele Ivey has overcome injury in her Irish career and is poised to lead her team in the NCAA tournament’s Sweet 16. At the helm of the Irish floor game, Ivey leads the team in steals and assists on the court, but also plays a crucial role off the court as the team's emotional leader.
Post players step up to help Riley in paint

By KERRY SMITH

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Kelley Siemon lays in a basket for the Irish against Pittsburgh.

Any Irish fan will tell you that Ruth Riley dominates in the paint. From the echoing hollows of her name when she enters the game to the Baby Ruth candy bars thrown into the crowd after every blocked shot, fans relish every minute the junior All-American center plays on the court.

To add to the hype the Irish have been touted as the "Ruth Riley Show" all season long. Riley's role in the eyes of her fans has moved from an aggressive post player to a one-woman legend in her four-year career at Notre Dame — and the legend is not far from the truth.

But as dangerous as Riley is in the paint, one player cannot win an NCAA tournament. One player cannot lift a team to the No. 6 spot in the nation. And one player cannot sustain the success the Irish have attained all season.

She needs help.

Riley finds that help down low in the increasingly-poised post play of senior forward Julie Henderson and junior forward Kelley Siemon.

The trio of Riley, Henderson and Siemon on the inside serve as a sweet compliment to an effective set of Irish guards behind the arc.

George Washington head coach Joe McKeown learned that the hard way when Notre Dame handed his squad a ticket home Sunday with a 95-60 win in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

"They have a lot of weapons and some kids that probably do not get enough credit. Players like [Niele] Ivey, [Danielle] Green and Henderson played very well for them tonight," said McKeown after the focused Irish forced his squad a ticket home behind the arc.

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Kelley Siemon lays in a basket against Pittsburgh. Siemon brings down an average of five rebounds a game.

Sizing up the competition

Mideast Bracket

The top seed in the Mideast, the Tennessee Lady Vols are hungry for their seventh national championship. Averaging 82 points per game, the Vols' strength lies in their offense production. Tamika Catchings, Sonya Randall and Michelle Snow are tough to guard in the paint. Perimeter defense has been a concern for the Vols all season, but with a 24-3 record, the team has shown it has what it takes to bring home the title.

A surprise winner in the ACC, the fourth-seeded Virginia Cavaliers find their leadership in Renee Robinson. The Cavaliers have a solid shooting team, but they have struggled on the boards all season. Lack of depth could also hurt the Cavaliers in their run for the title.

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Irish journey to Philadelphia makes stop in Memphis

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Editor

It may not be the quickest route to Philadelphia, but Muffet McGraw's Irish squad has no choice — it must go straight through Tennessee on its way to the Final Four. And winning a pair of games in Memphis this weekend won't be an easy task for the second-seeded team in the Midwest.

Touted as the toughest bracket in the NCAA tournament, the Midwest boasts four of the top teams in the nation: Tennessee, Notre Dame, Virginia and Texas Tech.

While the Lady Vols and the Irish are the favorites, the Cavaliers and Lady Raiders are hungry for upsets.

Second-seeded Notre Dame will take the court at The Pyramid on Saturday in the fourth round of the tournament against No. 3 seed Texas Tech. Texas Tech, a Big 12 powerhouse, will pose a formidable challenge for Notre Dame in their quest to reach the Elite Eight.

"We're just getting back to the fundamentals to get ready," said senior guard Danielle Green. "We're focusing on basic drills, defense and rebounding."

Not only do the Raiders boast a powerful offense and stingy defense, the experienced squad has a little extra motivation coming into Saturday's game.

Two years ago, the Irish traveled to Texas and handed the Raiders an early exit from the NCAA tournament — the only home court tournament loss the squad has suffered in 14 outings — and that's something the Raiders won't soon forget.

"George Washington was out for revenge too," joked Green about Notre Dame's win over the Colonials to advance to the sweet 16 last Sunday. "Thinking about revenge just hurts them. When you play with a lot of emotion you get off your game plan."

The Raiders muscled their way to the No. 6 spot in the nation and captured the Big 12 conference title this season for the third consecutive year with a 27-4 record. Not only are they eager for a chance to avenge their 1998 tournament loss with a win over the Irish in Memphis.

Forwards Plenette Pierson and Aleah Johnson lead the Raiders' fast paced offense while Keitha Dickerson patrols the paint. Averaging 10 rebounds and 12.3 points a game, the six-foot senior will challenge Riley and Henderson at the post.

But Riley's distinct height advantage over Texas Tech's starting five could work in Notre Dame's favor.

The trio of Irish guards Niele Ivey, Danielle Green and Alicia Ratay, will keep the Raider defense on its toes.

Notre Dame's balanced scoring attack has proven to be a menace for opponents and has propelled the Irish to a 27-4 record.

If the Irish can survive Saturday's contest, the road to the Final Four will only get tougher facing the winner of the Tennessee-Virginia game Monday.

No. 2 Tennessee, the Midwest favorite playing in familiar territory, is a tough draw for any team in the fifth round.

Vols' head coach Pat Summit has cultivated a powerful inside game and her veteran squad holds a 27-3 record on the season. Forwards Tamika Catchings, Seneeka Randall and center Michelle Snow spearhead a high-powered offense that averages more than 80 points an outing.

While the Vols' outside game is their weakest link, Tennessee lays claim to freshman point guard Kara Lawson, the leading three-point shooter in the SEC this season.

Riley will provide a good match-up for Ratay, who has also made her mark from behind the arc.

If the Notre Dame faces Virginia, the Irish won't have much of an easier time than they would with the Vols.

The Cavaliers, who finished the regular season with a 21-7 record, are an experienced squad that has also benefited from young talent.

Senior point guard Renee Robinson directs an offense that loves to take the ball to the hoop.

Freshman center Shuay LaRae, at 6-3, leads the Cavaliers in scoring with 14 points a game. The Cavaliers have had to work hard defensively to get ready for post-season action.

After finishing sixth in the ACC in rebounding, head coach Debbie Ryan's squad will focus crashing the boards.

But the Irish aren't thinking about the possibility of playing Monday set.

"We can't even think about Tennessee or the next round," Green said. "We need to focus everything we have on getting past Texas Tech. That's the only thing on our minds."

And that's enough for now.
The embrace spoke louder than any amount of words.

Less than four minutes remained in the Sunday’s victory over George Washington when head coach Muffet McGraw sighed for instant Dunham to replace Niele Ivey. With the Irish comfortably ahead 87-53, who had scored a season-high 23 points, slapped a high-five to Dunham and watched two more one lines to take her place on the bench.

Before she sat down, Ivey was met midcourt with McGraw’s untimely arrival. It lasted only a few seconds but the bond between player and coach was readily apparent with that hug.

“It was an emotional moment for me,” McGraw said. “I just love her. She’s someone you want to hug all the time. I think we have a pretty special relationship.”

The relationship has had moments to cherish, particularly this year, as the Irish were on a straight game and poised a perfect 2-0 record at the Joyce Center.

But there have also been valleys along the way, most notably the two anterior cruciate ligament injuries in both knees that Ivey suffered in her freshman and junior seasons.

“This all, the achievements and setbacks, one constant has been the mutual adoration. "I’ll always remember that she McGraw was always there for me during the injury periods," Ivey said. “She said I wish you were out there and always said she had confidence in me and couldn’t wait until I came back.”

“Muffet is such a special point guard but the watch. NCAA rules forbid a player to talk to her former team during the summertime before her senior post-season, but McGraw visited the Ivey home, me gave her daughter her approval.

“My mom had good vibes with her,” Ivey said of the meeting. “All the other coaches who visited me were shady and false. But after each coach, left my mom was like ‘no but after coach McGraw I left her nodded her head. She was very personal.”

Ivey had an official visit to campus during a football weekend in the fall of 1993. On her trip, after seeing the Irish beat USC 38-10, she verbally committed. The Miami player of the year was heading north to South Bend.

“I wanted a home away from home and I felt she would give me that,” Ivey said. “I just felt this bond.”

She made an immediate impact on the 96-97 Irish squad, vaulting into the backup point guard role for the first five games of the season. "Then came a NCAA tournament game during Ivey’s senior year at Cox High school in St. Louis, her father was a ball of her career. She had

George Washington Sunday. “M y sophomore year I would always think about my knee and going down again," Ivey recalled. “It really took me the whole year to get that out of my system. I didn’t know if I would ever be as good as I was before.”

Those concerns were quickly put to rest as Ivey entered last season playing the best basketball of her career. She had regained her confidence, was not concerned with the coaches and became more of a leader. The team leader in assists (6.5 per game) and steals (2.6 per game), Ivey also averaged 13.4 points for the Irish.

Notre Dame entered the Big East tournament with a 23-3 record and a No. 8 national ranking. After defeating Villanova in a quarterfinal round game behind Ivey’s 19 points (on 5 of 2 shooting from the field and 6 of 6 from the line), the Irish advanced to play Rutgers. The Scarlet Knights, playing on their home court, were no match for the Irish, as they were scorched for 43 first-half points. "I felt I was on fire and on another level," recalled Ivey of the Rutgers game. “I was very, very confident. I didn’t think anyone was going to stop me that night.”

With 14 minutes remaining in the game, the third-team All-Big East performer was finally stopped. Not by a defender but by foul, Ivey and her playmates were hustling after a loose ball. When she tried to change direction, Ivey’s knee collapsed. “I knew right away that I did the same exact thing,” Ivey recalled of her second ACL injury in three years. “I knew that pain, I knew it was over, I had to start back from scratch.”

Ivey felt that was the year we had a shot to get to the Final Four, McGraw said. “Without her it showed how important she was to this team. I felt it was really unfair to her.”

Without their point guard, the Irish lost a second NCAA game to LSU. It was a premature finish for a talented team and player.

Ivey vowed to come back, to prove her critics wrong. “I knew exactly what I needed to do,” Ivey said. She stayed all of last summer working on her game. Though she was not cleared to run until August, she honed her skills in stationary shooting and ball-handling drills.

The dedication has paid off this season as the captain is averaging over 11 points while ranking 13th in the nation in assists with 6.4 per game. Her numbers are even better in the first two games of the NCAA tournament, averaging 18.5 points per game.

More than just an improved player, Ivey has been the emotional leader of the team as well. Her ongoing personality combined with her formal role as captain has been an asset to the team’s success.

“We invite everyone over, we try to do all sorts of things, try to get to know each other,” said Ivey of the team. “That’s what’s helped us this year. We’ve all got close.”

Notre Dame now stands at 27-4 on the season entering this weekend’s game against Texas Tech. A victory over the Red Raiders would set up a possible matchup with national powerhouse Tennessee and a shot at the Final Four. Ivey’s career has come full circle. She never expected the ride to be this bumpy. But the journey is still far from finished. Ivey will return next year, after being granted a fifth year of eligibility for missing almost her entire freshman season.

Yet Ivey knows from experience, she must focus on the present, where she has a certain goal to accomplish. “We [Julie Henderson and I] always said that we’d do whatever it is this year to get us to that championship,” Ivey said. “And now it’s wide open for anyone.”

because: It was close to home and felt like home since I've been at Notre Dame. I've learned: The lessons and tests of character and off the court have only made me stronger and better the most influential people in my life have been: My mother, Tonya Jackson, Nabari Ivey, my brother, Gary Glassrock and Delana Ivey.
The Academy played its safe once again with best picture selections in the traditional molds; four of which are about as exciting as watching paint dry. No, wait, even less exciting than that. There was apparently no room for anything original like "Being John Malkovich" or "Magnolia." Nor was there room for anything disturbing ("Boys Don't Cry," "The Talented Mr. Ripley"), nihilistic ("Fright Club" or controversial ("Eyes Wide Shut"). That's too bad, because my choice for best picture, "American Beauty," isn't nearly as good as any of those films.

This year's nominations exemplify the Academy's cowardice for taking chances on films that don't necessarily go for conventional effect. With the notable exception of "American Beauty," the Academy gave no respect to actors' bravery, rather than taking more direct chances by nominating films out of traditional Hollywood forms. The recognition of disappointing films such as "The Green Mile" as opposed to far more innovative and interesting work such as "Three Kings" or "The Talented Mr. Ripley" goes to show the need for security in the minds of Academy voters. After the lukewarm critical response to the toned-down "The Cider House Rules" and warming in "The Straight Story" but unfortunately, nobody saw it. Regardless, the Academy likes older folk and Farnsworth is a gentle man in an exceptional role. He should hobble to the podium and wave proudly.

Living up to tradition, the toughest races of this year are in the supporting actor categories. In the supporting actress category, there is an exciting, scene-stealing performance by Angelina Jolie, whose father Jon Voight is an Oscar winner himself. These are the type of performances that usually take home the gold in supporting categories. But, if we "look closer" at her competition, we see Chloe Sevigny's gracefully understated performance as Brandon Teena's lover in "Boys Don't Cry." It is Sevigny's portrayal of Lana Tisdel that brings this movie to the next level, turning it into an emotional powerhouse, instead of merely a vehicle for Swank's courageous gender-bending performance.

The only two who are real frontrunners are "American Beauty" for best picture and Hilary Swank for best actress. Her performance was head and shoulders above anyone else's in this category. The supporting actress is the best actor category is close to call but Denzel Washington edges out Kevin Spacey by a hair because of the powerful character he portrayed in "The Hurricane." The supporting actor and actress categories are pretty much up for grabs. The Oscar should go to Haley Joel Osment, who was absolutely amazing in "The Sixth Sense." As far as best director goes, all the nominees were phenomenal. But the one that truly stands out as the most original and creative is Spike Jonze's "Being John Malkovich." He will probably be overlooked, but his work on that film was awesome.
ND bands are back and ready to rock

Scene provides all you ever wanted to know about the campus bands and performers playing at tonight's NAZZ Battle of the Bands

By AMANDA GRECO
Scene Editor

More than 12 years in the running, the NAZZ Battle of the Bands will be hitting campus this evening to showcase the talents of various campus bands and solo performers. While the exact origins of NAZZ are unclear and though no one really knows just what "NAZZ" means, one thing is sure — this is a much-anticipated event for all involved. Sponsored by the Student Union Board and organized this year by Tony Cak, campus entertainment coordinator, NAZZ will feature 13 bands and five solo performers. Descending on the Senior Bar, the performances will be split between soloists and bands on separate stages. The winners of this battle will be determined by three judges for the band category and three judges for soloists. Judging criteria is based on performance, crowd response, skill and overall presentation. Of the judges, two are representatives of The Observer, two are from WVFI and one other is a student. Prizes will be awarded to the top three performances in each section. All winners will receive various gift certificates to Woodwinds and Brasswinds music store. The evening will be led by announcer Christina Castrofill and there will be pretzels and pop provided for the audience. The first 150 people through the door will receive a free T-shirt.

In lengthy, serious interview sessions, Scene asked each of the performers a few important questions about their music and influences, focusing on ideas of artistic representation, such as what type of Spice Girl or car part they feel best represents them.

The Butterfly Effect

The Butterfly Effect has been together for two-and-a-half years and has appeared twice before at NAZZ. Doug McElfranich (class of '97) jumps on guitar and vocals. Ph. D candidate Ian Garcia plays the bass while Vinny Carrusco (class of '96) bangs away on drums. Their music is influenced by the music they listen to, the movies they see, the books they read and "the hugs our friends give us after we play," Doug said. The only bands they listen to are the "good ones — only the best ears around really." When asked if they play covers, they replied, "No, all originals of course. We couldn't really call them our music otherwise, now could we?" They play rock and roll music, sounding "like a way a hug from a friend you haven't seen in years is around you as you run into them in a coffeehouse after they've had about three huge cups of coffee feels," according to Doug. Their last show will be on April 15th, as Doug is moving to Portland a week later. "He's choosing to be with his girlfriend of three-and-a-half years instead of being a rock star, if you can believe it," stated a disgruntled anonymous source. Their best NAZZ memory is of their set last year when they played for a very enthusiastic crowd. They were driven to return to NAZZ this year "by a need for acceptance that stems from some much deeper earthly issues we would prefer not to discuss in these pages," Doug said. Doug have elected to be the Anti-Christ. Why? "Just 'cause."

Sexual Chocolate

"It's a mew-around name for a mew-around band. We play to have a good time. We dress ourselves too seriously. So why would we need a "real name?" This is to feminization behind the name "Sexual Chocolate." They started over a year ago, with a guitar, a voice and some crazy backup singers. They added a bassist, a drummer and a keyboardist to the band last spring. With senior Juan Pablo Montufar on guitar, junior Mickey McGarry on bass, sophomore Kevin O'Bryan on drums, senior John Tabis delivering lead vocals and the Pralines 'n Dick backup singers, their sound is complete. They call their style "Sophistic." "If you're honest, you would call our style completely random but really funny," they said. They've been inspired by musical legends like Poison, Color Me Rudd, Warrant, No Bull, Superfly and Hoochies. They try to play music that "people would like to listen to," they said. "We lack a lot of enthusiasm. But it turned out to be our best show. The audience erupted on the first chord and you could feel the electricity running through the band. It was worth it," Bill said. Look for Doe Brown to deliver a crowd pleasing performance. And remember Doc Brown for all your aminities. They're undoubtedly Healthy Spice, cause everyone needs a dose of Doc Brown.

The Transoms

The Transoms chose their name because it "allows the listener to interpret for himself or herself what the underlying themes or ethos is behind the music." John said. For those of you who don't know, a transom is the window located above doorways (seen in some of the older dorms). With this in mind, the band's motto is "We're like the Doors, but higher." These NAZZ appearances last year was well received by the crowd, so the guys are excited for tonight, their fourth Senior Bar appearance. With the amicability of the members of this band, it is easy to see why they chose to be Huggy Spice. As John said, "We like hugging people. Free hugs to all in exchange for votes!"

American Standard

American Standard has been together for a little over a year and has gained a lot of support in that short time. The band features the talents of senior Kelly Hoffman on lead vocals, senior Chris Own on guitar, senior Grant Ramsey on drums, senior Dan Puccini on guitar and sophomore Tom Hayes on bass. Their sound encompasses many different styles. "According to the guys in our band, our original stuff is influenced by Jewel, but it doesn't really sound anything like Jewel," band members said. Everyone in the band has their own different tastes that affect the sound they create. When the band plays covers, they "try to look for great ear songs. Clicking songs that a crowd can get into." American Standard has progressed from their cover-band days to now playing all originals and they recently recorded their own CD. This will be their second NAZZ show. Their favorite moment is from last year's show. "When we played out with 'Sweet Child O'Mine' — man, that was just grooving-grooving-grazing," they reminisced. They're back this year for to take advantage of the rare opportunity for campus bands to be showcased. "When NAZZ rolls around it's a big deal. It's just a great way to get all the bands together and give them a big show," the band said. The band as a whole would like to be called Red Spice cause they've got three redheads. Though Holly added, "Personally I would like to be called Ninja Spice, because ninjas are near.

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D-BoNeZ

"It's for Dalh, Barnes, "B" is for B a r n e s, "O" is for O'Connor. "N" is for Carmichael, and "Z" is for Zach Linstead. Put Josh like Bradonk, Jeremi like Nirvana and Joe like N.Y., yet brings in a more trained sound as a Glee Club singer. While new to NAZZ, the band members thought that this would be a good opportunity to do more gigs. Rumor has it they might like to have some sort of following in the student body. It seems appropriate that this band takes the title of Unnamed Spice due to their lack of initiative in choosing a band name. As Neil said, "How do you expect me to choose a Spice Girl name when I can't even pick a band name?"

No Redeeming Qualities

No Redeeming Qualities features Nick Wymb on drums, Josh Rich on bass and vocals, Joe Grabensteker on vocals and Jeremy Berntia on guitar. They will be joined on stage by Jay Newman with his guitar, John with his drums, Jeremy with his bass, Joe with his vocals and Josh with his drums. The band will be playing together for over a year, beginning as a cover band but incorporating some originals as well. Their sound has been influenced by a variety of bands. The group, "Get Up Kids" is called Bradonk, Jeremy likes Nirvana and Joe likes N.Y., yet brings in a more trained sound as a Glee Club singer. While new to NAZZ, the band members thought that this would be a good opportunity to do more gigs. "We're ready to be Scary Spice, because we're not a typical ND band so we may be seen as scary but we're ready just a bunch of nice guys."

The Mad River Bluegrass Society

The name alone is enough to create interest, and the sound of its music should follow suit. The Mad River Bluegrass Society, formed a few weeks ago, is a "mini-tour" of the Northeast over spring break, they felt they should play NAZZ because, according to Alan, " NAZZ is a good market for Bluegrass in South Bend." This altruistic group promises some great sounds. (You may have previously heard of this group under the name of the "Northwest Indiana Umandated Band." They decided on their current name "cause we needed to have one to play NAZZ."

The Mad River Bluegrass Society is keeping it alive. The band will play covers with some solos and covers as well. Their sound has been influenced by a variety of bands such as the Grateful Dead, the Band, and the Carter Family. The Bluegrass Boys and Bill Monroe invented the genre long ago, and now the band is playing its own version of the same. Currently, the group is seeking a keyboard player to complete their sound before they expand to do more gigs. Rumor has it they might like to have some sort of following in the student body. It seems appropriate that this band takes the title of Redneck Spice as they try to bring "a good, happy, clean-cut image of rednecks" to the campus by storm as an unexpectedly talented new band. Currently, the band is playing covers with some original tunes, including their own song, "Wease." Their music is "folky with a boat. Four string instruments get a lot of rhythm."

No Redeeming Qualities

The members of No Redeeming Qualities would like to point out that there is no connection between their name and alcohol. Freshman Michael Nolan provides lead vocals, freshman Tim Bradley comes in on guitar and vocals, sophomore Fish plays guitar and freshman Bill Taylor delivers percussion. They would like to thank their main influence, David Hasselhoff, though they have also been influenced by Anti-DeFranco and music types such as ska, classic rock, punk and indie. They will present one original and some covers in their "god awful, fuzzy, catchy, pop, rock 'n roll mayhem" style. They appeared once at Acoustic Café and would like to play there again, though they want to expand to play in "strip clubs and industrial porn theaters." The long-term goal for the band is a European tour. "We are self-proclaimed materialistic pigs," Fish said. "We're only into NAZZ for the money." Just call them No Redeeming Qualities. "That will sell more albums than anything. It's all about the money."

D-BoNeZ

The band will play covers with some solos and variations. Keep an ear open for some Lester Blatt and Earl Scruggs as well as a cover of "Will the Circle be Unbroken?" Their music is "folk, but we're allowing themselves to be influenced by a lot of different bands."

The band is young, they're quick on the draw, already having two or three original songs to present, along with some covers, tonight at NAZZ. "We decided to play for NAZZ because we all wanted a band and an audience," Luis said. "We want to keep playing together and to expand their gigs and play some parties. Though it's not quite certain why, the band insists they want to be the "steering wheel", "because it's round."

Seven Pounds of Groove

When asked what the significance was behind their unique name, all that the members of Seven Pounds of Groove had to say was "too comment." With sophomore Alan Maginn on vocals and lead guitar, junior Chris Gross on drums, sophomore Linnert on bass and junior Mark Miller on vocals, this group is a self-proclaimed "jam band." "We play anything from blues standards to Radiohead and everything in between," Alan said. The bands that have influenced them include Phish, Led Zeppelin, Jimi Hendrix and more. They will wow the crowd tonight with an even mix of originals and covers. Though they went on a "mini-tour" of the Northeast over spring break, they felt they should play NAZZ because, according to Alan, "nobody knows who we are." They plan to start playing in the area bar scene soon. In some bizarre, cryptic message, the band declared themselves not unlike an '84 Toyota Camery named "Wease.""

Bird in Space

The band has been playing together for four years. Their band, Bird in Space, plays an acoustic, folk sound influenced by groups such as Indigo Girls and Bob Dylan. Their performance tonight will be a split between covers and originals. They're here at NAZZ "just to have a little fun," James said. For those of you who may be wondering, they are "the gas cap. Isn't it obvious?"

Alizarin Crimson

No, it's not a beard in crimson. It's Alizarin crimson, named for a color used by TV's Bob Ross, painter of the "happy little trees." Formed two months ago, this loud grunge band has a noticeable blues influence. Comprised of senior Dom Valore on rhythm guitar, senior Mike Felsen on lead guitar, senior Chad Mikolajczyk on bass, sophomore Will McGrath on drums and senior James Gomoschak on vocals, this band will be making their NAZZ debut. They will be playing a mix of originals and covers, with a sound akin to that of Pearl Jam and The Smashing Pumpkins. "NAZZ is the perfect opportunity for an audience," Dom said. "We're played in our basement long enough. I think we're good enough to play live," he added.

Alizarin Crimson can most easily be likened to the broken mitten of a "77 Monte Carlo; cause it's kind of cool."
Soloists take the stage by storm in style

Vinita

Junior Vinita Ollapally will be performing solo tonight with her guitar and her "hard folk" style. Her musical influences include Ani DiFranco, Joan Osb Kurds and Dar Williams, though she enjoys listening to anything "from Bela Fleck to Frankie Bones to Blur to Ani, Ani." She plays mostly originals but will include some covers.

When it comes to music, Vinita says "I love writing and per­forming music, but because I'm still pretty inexperienced I'm just trying to get a feel for how far I can go with it." This is her first NAZZ appearance. She decided to apply when a friend suggested she try it. When she appears, in a car, Vinita wants to be the bubs girl on the dash­board, "because she's weird and cute and every guy wants to have her."

Senior Christian Parilla will be soothing our ears this evening with his jazz and blues vocals and style on the piano. Having spent 17 years playing, Christian is sure to amaze the audience. Drawing from such greats as George Gershwin, Scott Joplin, B.B. King and Glen Miller, Christian's sound ranges from rough blues to smooth swing to mellow jazz. Most impressively, Christian doesn't have anything planned for tonight. How is this impressive you ask? He will be making it up as he goes along — straight improv.

Christian played at the Blues Festival two years ago and makes appearances at Acoustic Cafe, and he also appeared in NAZZ last year. The most memorable moment for Christian from last year's performance was rolling a piano down the sidewalk. In the frantic search for an instrument, he was caught unprepared and winged it quite successfully. "Making a fool of myself in front of a large crowd is always a good idea," Christian said. And when it comes to cars, Christian sees himself as a snobish muller. "It makes a lot of noise but keeps a rhythm going anyways."

Bill

Senior Bill Varettoni, a member of Doc Brown, is no stranger to performing, though the solo performance he will be gracing us with tonight is a rare treat. "Writing personal songs has always been my catharsis, though I seldom write to perform," Bill said. NAZZ will be Bill's third solo public performance. On stage will be Bill, his acoustic guitar and original songs with a funky-rock sound. Most of his musical influence derives from Michael Hedges, who Bill declares a "phenomenal guitarist" and from music teachers over the years.

Bill played NAZZ last year with Doc Brown, but says this year "I figured since I was leaving it would be nice to do something on my own." While Bill was confident in his decision to perform at NAZZ, he couldn't quite decide whether he would prefer to be Carry Spice ("it's yelow and packs a punch") or the drive shaft of a car ("it gets stuff going").

Solo Line-up

8:00 p.m. Vinita Ollapally
9:00 p.m. Josie Vodicka
10:00 p.m. Bill Varettoni
11:00 p.m. Christian Parilla
12:00 p.m. Justin Dunn

Josie

Josie Vodicka is a second year grad­uate student in creative writing. She's been playing guitar, singing and writing songs for about six years now. She plays almost all originals. She listens to jazz, mainly, but also anything from Alison Krauss to Zap Mama. Right now, she's a big fan of Lucinda Williams, a folksy-country singerwriter with a pop edge. "That's the kind of stuff I like to play, the kind of acoustic music that doesn't exactly fit into a genre, but plays off all sorts of influences, from jazz to world or what have you," Josie said. She played at NAZZ last year and thought it was a great experience. "It's interesting to see what people are doing musically on campus. It's a good event because some of these bands don't seem to come out of the sound work and it gives everybody a chance to hear campus musicians that don't necessarily play out a lot," she said.

Josie plans to continue with music when she's done at Notre Dame. As far as the car part or Spice Girl is concerned, Josie said "I would just rather not be the exhaust pipe which is what the Spice Girls would be if they were part of an automo­obile."
Auriol chalked up the bad start years strong with a Midwest inexperience. and was expected to be a key player in pushing the Golden Bears to a national championship. Senior foilist Magda Krol finished the day on a high note for the Irish, as she swept the third round and picked up four points.

"They are a little bit minimized, and a little bit nervous," she said. "I hope that we keep the intensity and finish strong tomorrow, it could be very good for the Irish going into Saturday." Krol's intensity carried her to second place in the second round after the first four rounds with a 12-2 record. Krol split two bouts with Stanford and defeated Susan Lemmons of Columbia, who finished four in epee at the 1999 Championships. Krol's other loss came against Kristen Deel of Northwestern.

"I lost their intensity when I lost the two bouts [in the second round]," she said. "But right now, I have it back [the intensity] in the third round going into the last round."

Krol and Boutsikaris finished the day with a 7-7 record but said that they would focus better today. "A lot of the people I lost to, I can beat now," she said. "My mind just wasn't focused." With four rounds of fencing under their belts, the Irish hope to take the strip Friday a little more relaxed and a little more focused. "We just need to be steady," she said. "We have some tough matches against Penn State and Princeton [today] but we are still in the picture."
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MLB

Cardinals swap Bottenfield for Angels’ Edmunds

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES—Desperate for pitching help, the Anaheim Angels finally unloaded Jim Edmunds.

The Angels acquired 18-game winner Kent Bottenfield and a second baseman Adam Kennedy from the St. Louis Cardinals on Thursday for the two-time Gold Glove center fielder.

Eligible for free agency after the season, Edmunds had been rumored to be on his way to Oakland, Seattle and the New York Yankees in recent months.

General manager Bill Stoneman recently said he wouldn’t trade Edmunds. Then, he got an offer he couldn’t refuse.

“This is something that came together very quickly,” Stoneman said from the Angels’ spring training headquarters in Tempe, Ariz. “When it started to become apparent that we might be able to fill two of our needs, it was such an attractive deal that it just made a lot of sense to us, and it made sense from the Cardinals’ standpoint.”

Bottenfield, 31, went 18-7 with a 3.97 ERA last season, and made the NL All-Star team. He entered last year having won just 14 big-league games.

Starting pitching has been a major question-mark for the Angels, who lost ace Chuck Finley to the Cleveland Indians via free agency during the off-season. Bottenfield gives them a proven starter.

“He’s a guy who found himself last year, and had been having a good spring training this year,” Stoneman said. “The reports on both of these players were outstanding.”

Edmunds, 29, hit .250 with five home runs and 25 RBIs in just 55 games last season after being sidelined until August while recovering from surgery on his right shoulder.

He had a breakout season with the Angels in 1995, hitting 290 with 33 home runs and 103 RBIs. A left-handed batter, Edmunds averaged 27 homers a season from 1995-98 and won AL Gold Gloves in both 1991 and 1998.

“He was a proven commodity and a lot of teams had interest in him,” first-year Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. “A tal-
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@ Morrissey Hall, University of Notre Dame

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Woods survives round one of Players Championship

Associated Press

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — Tiger Woods made his first double bogey in 223 holes. Hal Sutton was the only player to break 70. Both felt a sense of relief when they finished the first round of the Players Championship.

They survived.

Sutton figured out when to attack and when to take his lumps, firing a 3-under 69 in cool, blustery conditions Thursday. The score is the highest to lead the tournament in the 19 years it has been played on the TPC at Sawgrass.

Two-time U.S. Open champi-
on Lee Janzen, no stranger to demanding conditions, was among seven players at 70. Woods, tied for the lead after 16 holes, hit into the water on the island-green 17th en route to the double bogey and a 71.

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Craig Stadler had a double-bogey 5 on No. 12 that led to a triple bogey. He made another one on the 16th when he chunked a wedge about 4 feet, then got so fed up that he swatted his ball over the green and into the water.

At least it wasn’t moving, like what John Daly did in the U.S. Open last year.

“I did a few things I’ve never done,” Stadler said.

Chris Perry had a chance to tie for the lead with an eagle putt on No. 11. Four putts later, he walked off with a bogey.

Defending champion David Duval bogeyed five of eight holes and had a 72.

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Showing the power and control that has carried him to 10 victories in his last 16 events on the PGA Tour. Woods was tied with Sutton at 3-under when he stood on the 17th tee box, starting at the swinging palms and pines as he tried to gauge the wind.

His 9-iron started right, caught a gust and splashed down about 5 feet short of the green. After taking a drop and putting his next shot some 40 feet above the hole, he had to make a 10-footer for his first double bogey since the third round of the Nissan Open. He didn’t get mad. He certainly didn’t get even. Woods simply added up his score and figured anything under par wasn’t such a bad day.

“That’s why I wasn’t upset at all when the ball went in the water,” he said. “I figured I’d knock it up there, make my double, play 18 and still shoot a number in the red.”

Sutton picked his spots, hitting a 4-wood into 8 feet for an eagle on No. 2. He also had eagle attempts on the 11th and 16th, two-putting both of them, and hit a couple of 9-irons into 2 feet for routine birdies.

“This is a very penalizing course,” Mickelson said. “But obviously, some guys shot under par, so it couldn’t have been that unfair.”
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first tournament appearance since the Johnson administration were heightened with a solid second place finish at the Treasure Coast Classic in Port St. Lucie, Florida. Led by Connell who posted a top five finish in the individual competition, Notre Dame was ever so barely nipped at the tournament's end by a very competitive Liberty team.

After so much fall success, the Irish will be forced to raise their level of play or a notch, while doing the opposite to their scores if they are to rise in the national rankings.

"We didn't play against a lot of the best teams in the fall," Ratay said. "The level of competition this spring will be higher, so we'll be tested early." The Irish seem prepared to see every one of their upcoming exams. With confidence at an all-time high, the Irish will be looking to establish themselves as a national power, and an NCAA tournament birth would be the biggest step they could take towards that goal. "It would be huge," Ratay said of a potential NCAA bid. "That's the way to get attention. When guys decide where to go out of high school, that's one of the first things they look at. They want to know whether or not you're going to the NCAA's.

The fact that they are playing for something more than wins is what perhaps separates the Irish from their counterparts has perhaps overshadowed the Notre Dame women's golf team, it is has become increasingly evident that the ladies of the links are not to be overlooked. Like the men, the Irish women hope to help usher in the golden era of Notre Dame golf. Led by sophomore Kristin McIntire, who posted a career best round of 73 to tie for third, the Irish finished eighth in the 20-team Snowbird Invitational.

Juniors Mary Klein and Shane Smith also played well, and will be key factors in the team's anticipated emergence as a national power, an emergence in which the Warren Golf Course will play a major role.

The Crown Jewel

With the talent in place and opportunities to win ahead, the Irish have put themselves in great position to become a national power at the perfect time. With the Warren Golf Course set to open, the Irish will gain a powerful recruiting tool. The anticipated, relatively plain, nine-hole facility that previously served as the team's home course did little to attract recruits. The new Warren Golf Course, which purports itself to be of championship caliber should serve as a recruiting magnet. The par 71 layout designed by two-time Masters champion Ben Crenshaw promises to be one of college golf's finest facilities. It's likely that the course's beauty will work to offset the recruiting disadvantage Notre Dame has due to its weather. Many top recruits choose to play their college golf in the south, where warm weather allows for year round play. A course as nice as Warren will go far in dissuading would be stars from venturing south, instead wooing them to Our Lady's University.

Though the Warren Course is not yet open to the public (the new target date is May 1), members of the golf team have had a chance to test their skills on the new links.

"It's a great course, not too easy, not too difficult," Ratay noted. "I think it'll be a good home advantage for us. The greens are tricky, and undulating, so local knowledge is a good thing to have."

The course will favor shot-makers, as accuracy of the tee will be required. The course's rather short layout (less than 7000 yards) puts a premium on accuracy rather than distance.

Hazards are common, as players will encounter lakes on both nines, as well as a small creek that winds through the finishing holes.

"You have to be accurate," Ratay said. "You need to keep it in play." Boasting a beautiful layout, and a clubhouse with all the necessary amenities, the Warren Golf Course should

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Experience, training drive sprinter

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Assistant Sports Editor

Senior sprinter Chris Cochran is reaping the rewards of four years worth of hard work this season.

Cochran has racked up two Big East titles and earned All-American honors in the distance medley relay.

"That's basically the ultimate thing to do," said Cochran of being an All-American.

Cochran ran the 400-meter leg on Notre Dame's senior-dominated distance medley relay at the Indoor National Championships. The squad captured sixth place in a time of nine minutes, 38.82 seconds, just off the school record set earlier this year.

Joining Cochran on the All-American team were seniors Tim Kober on the 400-meter leg and Phil Miska at 1200-meters, along with sophomore Luke Watson running the 1600-meter leg.

"I can't say it was one of our best years, but it wasn't that far off our best time," Cochran said. "Overall, we were looking to step it up a little bit more for sure."

Earlier in the indoor season, Cochran captured two of his three career Big East Championships. Last year, he won the 400-meter Indoor Championships. This season, he beat out his opponents in the 60-meter dash and the 400-meter run.

Turning to his senior season, Cochran developed a sense of urgency.

"The big change in my mind is you know it's your last year," Cochran said. "Now it's do or die right now."

Cochran's been accomplishing most of his goals for the year. The biggest aim left on his list is winning a Big East Championship as a team. As a team captain, pulling off Notre Dame's first-ever Big East Championship would be a major feat.

"If leads certainly by his actions," head track and field coach Joe Piane said. "He's a great runner. He's a man time Big East champion. He'll do anything that Coach (Volodya) Millar of sprints asks him to.

Cochran's high school career was marred by a slew of injuries.

"He came in with a lot of talent," Piane said. "But he was injured a great deal during high school, so I think that his talent was largely untapped."

In becoming one of Notre Dame's best track athletes, Cochran devoted a great deal of time in the off-season to training and practice. He also became more in tune with how much stress his body can handle, leading him to avoid the injuries that plagued his high school career.

"Weights is the big thing that led me to be healthy," Cochran said. "Think that's also led to my body being stronger, and led my body to not be susceptible to injury."

With the added strength, Cochran had raised his expectations and lowered his times on the track.

"I've always been striving to be high 4s, low 46s," Cochran said. "When Cochran won the 400-meter run at February's Big East Indoor Championships, he ran a strong time of 47.76, but one that, in his mind, leaves room for improvement.

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Heilman, Cavey lead Irish in Big East season opener

By NOAH AMSTADTER

Following a dominating 10-3 victory over Detroit Wednesday, the Irish baseball team begins this season’s Big East play as they travel to Villanova.

Irish junior co-captain Andrew Heilman and senior leader fin-

ishing off a stellar career, has dominated in winning all three of his starts this season. The right-hander was forced to miss his last scheduled start in Florida after being hit by a line drive. He is, howev-

er, expected to return at full-strength on Saturday.

Laird has filled a gaping void in the Irish rotation this season. Recording a 1-0 record to go along with a 1.78 ERA, Laird has solidified the rotation behind studs Heilman and Cavey.

The offense has been pow-
ered by freshman Brian Stavisky, whose four home runs and .638 slugging per-

centage lead the team.

“I’m feeling extremely comfortable at the plate right now,” Stavisky said. “The coaches have really been helping me a lot.”

Sophomore center fielder Steve Stanley has been produc-
tive while batting in the second spot for the Irish. He

leads the team with seven steals in eleven attempts to go along with his .407 batting average.

Villanova is led by junior

second baseman Matt Longo, who was named a first-

team all-Big East selection last sea-

son and is rated by Baseball

America as the 105th best pro-

spect among draft-eligible college players. First base-

man Bob Cafiero’s 361 sea-

son and 10 home runs last season earned him a spot on the Big East all-rookie team.

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that you decide to make. Stay in school, Murphy, and shun instant fortune and fame. Make no mistake you should come to good of Notre Dame.

Dear Mr. Murphy,

Players of your caliber are rare, especially at schools where football mediocrity often out-ranks basketball success. It's been a pleasure for us who had to endure the MacLeod years to watch you play and return respect to a basketball program that sorely lacked it only two years ago.

As adept as your skill is thought, it's the almost childlike love for the game that you display on the court that makes you enjoyable to watch. You capture the spirit of college basketball.

I know that you've never explained that you're considering leaving us for the NBA after this season, but you have commented that it's not out of the question. I sincerely hope that you did consider yourself any consideration for your teammates, yourself, the Dome, the hundreds of Domer kids that hope to enjoy March Madness for your draft position becomes a reality.

Aside from simply personal achievement, you can establish yourself as one of the best players in Big East history, winning player-of-the-year two years in a row. You're a front-runner for next year's awards. You potentially can achieve what only three players have previously in Big East history, winning player-of-the-year two years in a row.

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Aside from simply personal achievement, you appear to have so much fun playing, a joy that's a rarity in the money-driven NBA. Ask Corey Maggert if he regretted giving up a chance to be the best player at Duke and enjoying March Madness for being a bench player in Orlando and enduring a losing season. You should make the same decision.

You should stay in school.

The NBA that doesn't take away the fact that you simply aren't ready. Another year of college will help you increase your size and strength, preventing opponents from brutalizing you on defense. Is it a coincidence that your worst games were against teams that had big, physical post players that could assault you each trip down the court? I learn this lesson in college and still dominate the game or learn it anew each year and try to shake the disappointment label. Would you rather be Antawn Jamison, who has become a good player only after struggling for a year, or Tim Duncan who immediately made an impact?

Stay for your teammates. You once said that one of the reasons you came here was because you and David Gravies wanted to build something together. You've begun to do that. But just as an architect doesn't abandon his design in mid-form, you shouldn't abandon your program. Don't leave your teammates on the cusp of realizability.

Stay for the selection committee that shunned us. Give them no reason to be able to do so next year. Earn some redemption.

Stay for Ryan Humphrey, who walked an entire year with you in hopes of alleviating the triple team you draw. Stay for the Doner basketball fans who can smell the success that our fathers enjoyed and now want to taste it.

Stay for Notre Dame. We haven't had a basketball player leave early for the draft since Adrian Dantley over 25 years ago. That's something that even Duke can't say anymore. We take pride in ourselves here for doing things the right way. Don't open the doors for future players to leave early.

Most importantly, stay for those kids that bounce in their chairs dreaming of being you. I can remember the despair I felt after Borkert Ismail announced he was leaving early for the draft. I urge you not to make anyone feel the same. Let the Dome continue to gleam brightly for kids, as a symbol of what should be, not what always is. I know the risk of injury is great. Take out an insurance policy if you're too worried. Don't let fear make the decision for you. Decide what's best for Troy Murphy next year. And what's best for Troy Murphy is to stay in school.

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Buckeyes drop Irish record to 3-2 with 10-9 victory

By SARAH RYKOWSKI

The Ohio State Buckeyes dominated women's lacrosse their second consecutive defeat Thursday, sliding past Notre Dame 10-9. The Irish fall to 3-2 on the season, after starting off at 3-0 before suffering a defeat at the hands of No. 16 Syracuse University. The Buckeyes matched the Buckeyes in scoring during the first half 4-4. After pulling ahead 9-7 in the second half, the Buckeyes held the Irish scoreless for the remainder of the game. The Buckeyes then scored 3 goals in a row to take the lead for good. Ohio State's Lauren Gehran scored the winning goal in the close match with just over a minute remaining in the game. Team co-captain Lael O'Shaughnessy continued to lead her team, scoring twice in the match. With her 16-6 record, she made 19 saves, improving her save percentage to .612. Megan Barnett had 9 saves for the Buckeyes.

Notre Dame vs. Ohio State Buckeyes 18 Irish 9

Ohio State outshot Notre Dame 44-31, but the Irish took control of the draws, taking 14 out of 21. Irish goalie Tara Durkin made 19 saves, improving her save percentage to .612. Megan Barnett had 9 saves for the Buckeyes.

Notre Dame returns to action with an away game against Johns Hopkins on Saturday, March 25 at 7:00 p.m. This will be the first ever meeting between the two teams. The Blue Jays enter Saturday's game with a 4-2 record, after a smashing 16-6 victory against Stanford March 22.

The Johns Hopkins women's lacrosse team is led by sophomore Jamie Larrimore, who has 23 goals and 5 assists so far this season. She finished the 1999 season with 48 goals and 10 assists. Sara Love is the starting goalie for the Blue Jays. The senior has posted a .25 save percentage and a 9.55 GAA in 308 minutes of play. The Blue Jays are coached by Jamie Tucker, who has headed the Johns Hopkins program since 1993. In her seven-year tenure as head coach, Tucker has posted 82 wins against 22 losses.

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Hey L'il Sis... Bottoms up!!!
Softball

Home opener yields split decision for ND

By RACHEL PROTZMAN
Sports Writer

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Irish going to Carolina to take on UNC, No. 5 Duke

By RACHEL BIBER
Sport Writer

When the updated rankings were released by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association this week, the Irish men's tennis team recognized the difficult task ahead of them. The numbers are not scaling them away from the challenge. No. 23 Notre Dame heads to the East this weekend to take on No. 28 North Carolina on Saturday and No. 5 Duke on Sunday.

"It's obviously a big weekend for us," Irish head coach Bob Bayliss said. "North Carolina and Duke are formidable opponents but it's not a challenge we are afraid of taking on. We are excited and ready to go." The Irish hope to extinguish the recent hot streak of the North Carolina Tar Heels—a team that leaped from No. 44 to No. 28 in the recent rankings. The Tar Heels won two big matches last week, over South Carolina and Florida State, to improve to 8-2 overall and 1-0 in the ACC.

Depth seems to be an asset for the Tar Heels, and the Irish will look to counter that strength by continuing their strong doubles play and by taking advantage of the opportunities for wins in the top part of the lineup. "We are playing very good doubles right now," Bayliss said. "I'd like to think that is becoming a strength for us."

Notre Dame also made a remarkable jump in the latest rankings due to a strong showing at last week's Blue-Gray National Classic in Montgomery, Alabama, where it posted big wins over Virginia and UMD. The 9-5 Irish earned a season high ranking of 23 after being slotted at No. 36 last week. The Tar Heels also enjoy the opportunity for wins in the top part of the lineup. "We are afraid of taking on. We are not defeated three straight times since the 1993-94 season. The Blue Devils have been pestering by an ankle injury, has been cleared to play after four that his pain's results were a result of a stress fracture. Talarico will definitely appear with doubles partner Javier Taborga to form the No. 1 Irish duo in doubles, but Brian Farrell will be ready to fill in if Bayliss decides to pull Talarico from the singles lineup.

In the end, the rankings are meaningless and the intensity and quality of play of the Irish will be the deciding factor in determining the wins and losses.
**Track and Field**

**Team splits up, heads to Arizona, Stanford, Purdue**

By BRIAN BURKE

The Notre Dame men’s and women’s track teams will look to get the outdoor season off to a strong start this weekend with split squads traveling to the Arizona State Invitational on Friday and Saturday, and the Stanford Invitational and Purdue Invitational on Saturday.

"Some kids have a legitimate shot at [qualifying for] the NCAA’s, so this gives us the opportunity to get some good early season times," head coach Joe Piane said.

The Arizona State Invitational will feature some of the top sprinters and middle distance runners for the Fighting Irish, including seniors Chris Cochran, Phil Mishka, and Marshall West for the men.

Cochran and Mishka are part of the distance medley relay team that placed sixth at the NCAA indoor championships last week with a time of 9:38.82. Notre Dame’s highest finish since 1968. Cochran, an all-conference, performer, won the 400 meter race at the Big East outdoor championships last year with a time of 46.80. Mishka finished second in the 800-meter Big East championships. His 1:48.94 in the 800 at the Mt. Sac Invitational was the team’s best.

West, who also was an All-American for the Irish in the indoor long jump in 1999, will join Cochran, Tom Gilbert and Travis Bavy on the 4x100 meter relay team that begins the season with high hopes.

"Our 4x100 team is looking to establish a standard. We plan on going after the [ISU] record this year," said West.

West was the Big East’s most outstanding track performer last year, winning the 200 at the Big East outdoor championships with a time of 21.16 seconds.

"I personally want to get back on track in the long jump," he said. "There’s a lot of good competition at Arizona State and it’s good we had the week off to get people healthy."

Joe Piane  head track coach

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"I’m ready for the outdoor season, notching seven first place finishes and earning All Big East honors.

Senior high jumper Jennifer Engelhardt will lead the women’s squad that is trekking to Stanford. A two-time All American and Big East champion in the outdoor high jump in 1998 and 1999, Engelhardt became the first Notre Dame woman to clear the 6 foot barrier last year with her 6-03 3/4 leap at the Mt. SAC Invitational.

"This is an opportunity for a lot of the runners to get ready for the scoring meet we have here [at Notre Dame] next week," Piane said.

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**Stay with us Troy Murphy**

By BRIAN CHURNEY

Steve Ratay is well aware of the opportunity that lies before him. Every drive ripped down the center of the fairway is played with purpose. Every putt is sunk with a singular focus, with little joy or excitement from the fans shouting, "Final score!"

Don’t leave Murphy Somewhere David Haugh is laughing at the idea that the son of a Notre Dame man is going to win the NCAA Championship. But there is a little joy at Notre Dame. For the Irish were left out of the "golden age" of Notre Dame golf; this year will be different. Murphy leaves and go pro — or will he stay, as he ought? So here’s a little letter, some advice I hope you’ll take.

"About the choice fans all hope to win."

**NCAA FENCING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Day one finishes with women third**

By MIKE CONNOLLY

PALO ALTO, Calif. — After finishing the day with a 6-3 score, freshman epeeist Meagan Call was a hit down at the 2000 NCAA Fencing Championships. Then she found out the Irish were still in third place after the first day of competition. Her melancholy looks quickly turned into a smile.

"We can definitely make a run at first place in the last three days of competition," she said. "If we win, we’ll kick some butt tomorrow and we can make it, so we’re going to try to win tomorrow and the day after that.

McCuough’s near .500 record was disappointing, but he and Murphy are optimistic that things will change. Murphy’s Army career has been full of ups and downs, but Murphy is still optimistic for the future.

"I feel like I’m still in the swing of things," Murphy said. "I feel like I’m still in the swing of things, and I’m still optimistic for the future."

**Ratay, Irish prepare to usher in ‘golden age’ of golf**

By KEVIN BERCHOLZ

Steve Ratay is well aware of the opportunity that lies before him. Every drive ripped down the center of the fairway is played with purpose. Every putt is sunk with a singular goal in mind. Every year since 1960, the Irish have been left out in the cold during the NCAA Tournament. If Notre Dame’s sophomore sensation has it his way, this year will be different.

"Ratay wants to help usher in the ‘golden age’ of Notre Dame golf, and he sees no better time than the present to do so. An awesome compilation of talent coupled with the anticipated opening of the championship caliber Warren Golf Course paves the chance for the Irish to thrust themselves into national prominence."

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