By BRIGID SWEENEY
News Writer

U.S. News and World Report released its annual graduate school rankings Thursday. Notre Dame's law school, ranked 21st last year, dropped to 26th, while the previously unranked business school moved up to 48th.

In response to the law school's drop, director of public relations Dennis Moore said that the school is "very skeptical about the veracity of the rankings. There's no doubt we believe our law school is among the 25 best."

Moore likened the ranking process to a Rube Goldberg machine, in which "a candle is lit, which causes an egg to drop, which leads to some magical result."

"The premise that a school's quality can be expressed as a statistic is questionable," he said. "The process is very arbitrary."

Specifically, Moore noted, the score for reputation among academics, which accounts for 40 percent of a school's overall score, is essentially a "beauty contest" decided by people who often know little about the program.

The law school received 3.3 out of a possible 5 in this category, while it earned a 3.6 in reputation among judges and lawyers.

"It's interesting to note that we score higher with people who actually hire our graduates," Moore said.

While he emphasized that school officials continue to question the rankings and their methodology, Moore also noted that ranking results are reported openly and accurately.

"The bottom line is that we don't think people should put a lot of credence in the rankings, but we can't dismiss or ignore them because some people do pay attention," he said.

Law School dean Patricia O'Hara could not be reached for comment.

Regarding the business school, dean Carolyn Woo also downplayed the importance of the rankings.

"Overall, we use rankings as feedback as to where we need to improve and where we are on track," she said. "We do not see them as a definitive assessment of our school."

With respect to the individual categories, Woo was optimistic. "Our placement number was low, but it refers to May 1999, and we had no placement director from February to April of last year," she said. "Since then, we've hired a new director and three new staff members, and are very excited about the future."

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**Inside Column**

**New career paths**

With every passing day, more and more internship rejection letters fill my mailbox. They all say nearly the same thing: "Dear Ms. Connolly, We have reviewed your application and although you are a highly qualified candidate, we will be unable to offer you an internship this summer. Due to the high number of applicants, we have turned away many highly qualified candidates. Yada Yada Yada..."

Some company that you won’t be working for this summer?

Every letter that arrives convinces me more and more that I will not be working in a newsroom this summer. While another summer in beautiful Sparta, N. J. isn’t the worst thing that could happen to me, it does rank in the top five for least desirable ways to spend a summer. Although my last job at Sears Hardware selling lawn mowers was a blast, I think I will look for a little change in scenery this summer.

It was interesting enough to me and I discovered many careers that might interest me, but I can’t get involved. I am not really sure what experience and job skills are needed for me to find the following jobs. I have done research, however, to find a job in one of the following careers this summer.

**How do I apply for this job?** Where do I apply for this job? What skills are required to be a pro wrestling referee? I have done extensive research (i.e., watched Raw a few times) and I have determined that I possess the skills required for this occupation.

I am able to be hit in the head by chairs, flying objects, and silicon-injected women. After these blows to my head, I feel I can be an instant "unconscious" for the match. At first, only to awaken when someone gets pinned. In a service which I turn my back and pay attention to unimportant side shows while wrestlers use wrenches and other illegal objects to hit each other.

I would like to be a baseball bench coach. I don’t know if it was the hell’s not the first base coach. He’s not in charge of hitting or pitching, he’s in charge of the bench. What does this mean? Yes, exactly. Does he show the second stringers the proper way to adjust themselves? Does he show the secrets of splitting sunflower seeds? How much coaching does the bench need?

I know that I know who to thrive in. I just need to know how to get this job. Would I have to be a minor league bench coach before working my way up to the major? Can I go to a bench coaches summer camp? Is there a ball of fame for bench coaches? I tried going to the career center but they just laughed at me when I asked for any pro wrestling companies would be at the career fair. When I asked about coaching baseball, they told me that maybe I should to Paul Maineri in the baseball office. So I guess these careers are harder to break into than I thought. Maybe I should just fill out more journalism applications.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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**This Week in Notre Dame/Saint Mary’s History**

**Stanford-Dillon game turns bitter**

March 26, 1976

Hanging a poster in front of Dillon, "Pork you Stanford," Dillon residents displayed their response to a Stanford student’s letter in the Observer. That letter, written by Stanford interhall hockey team members, accused Dillon of bad conduct at a match between the two teams. "Dillon is loud and obvious ... and we wouldn’t live anywhere else," Dillon residents said in a letter.

**Outside the Dome**

U. Texas students support interracial dating

**East Carolina rape suspect arrested**

GREENVILLE, N.C.

Wednesday, the suspect from last month’s attempted rape was arrested by East Carolina University. The suspect, non-student Terrance Woodson, was charged with attempted second-degree rape. The arrest stemmed from a Feb. 11 rape case, which occurred in a student’s fourth-floor room of Clentz hall. The victim was taken to Pitt County Memorial Hospital (PCMH) where a rape kit was administered and the evidence was then sent to FBI agencies in Raleigh. According to Captain Frank Knight of the ECUPD, charges where based upon evidence from the victim’s and Woodson’s statements. "It is my understanding that the victim’s lawyer concluded that a sexual assault did take place. Exact forensic testing was performed by FBI agents and the victim was offered help through the dean of students and Student Health Services. "It is being investigated. Attorney N. Sweet said she acts as an advocate for female victims of sexual assault."

**U. Wisconsin terminates contacts**

MADISON, Wis.

University of Wisconsin announced Wednesday that the contracts of eight licensed manufacturers which produce university merchandise would be terminated because the companies did not disclose the locations of their factories. Since October of 1999, UW has sent three letters to its apparel manufacturers, asking for addresses of all factories that produce goods for the university. The final letters, mailed during the second week in March, gave the companies 15 days to respond, according to UW Trademark licensing director Candy Van Maare. The university began requiring full public disclosure on March 25, 1998. Of these students, 286 were African American, a 43 percent increase from the year before.

**Local Weather**

5 Day South Bend Forecast

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The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Friday, March 31.
Pollard honored for work in oncology

By HELENA RAYAM
New Writer

Morris Pollard, professor emeritus of biology, will receive the Hope Award for his prostate cancer research.

Based on experiments, prostate cancer is preventable," Pollard said.

Trish Taylor, member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors for the American Cancer Society, said Pollard's experiments have been very beneficial to oncology.

"It's people like Morris Pollard who are going to find the Holy Grail, which is the cure for all cancer," Taylor said.

Taylor is co-chairing the Night of the Stars Gala on April 15 with Kimberly Mische.

Pollard will receive his award at the event. The Hope Award is given to those who do outstanding work in the health care field. The American Cancer Society awards in three areas: patient care, patient services and research. Pollard will be honored for his research.

Research is the number one way to find a cure for cancer," Taylor said.

Pollard's experiments with rats that spontaneously develop prostate cancer have helped him to come to the conclusion that prostate cancer is preventable.

"We found that the rats were highly dependent on testosterone and if we reduced testosterone, the disease did not develop," Pollard said.

Isoflavones, anti-cancer mechanisms found in soybeans, contain estrogen, Pollard discovered. This substance counteracts the testosterone levels. Thus, when rats consumed a soy protein isolate diet — one high in isoflavones — the number of prostate cancer cases decreased.

"The data shows that of the rats on a soy protein isolate diet, one out of 100 in the experiment came down with prostate cancer," Pollard said.

Without the special diet 30 out of 100 developed prostate cancer.

"That is very unique," Pollard said. "It's the only model of spontaneous prostate cancer in the world."

For the last 25 years, Pollard has used the information he obtained from his research of rats and tried to apply it to humans. He said that epidemiological surveys came out with information showing that people who live in Eastern countries had a diet high in isoflavones, unlike in Western countries where cancer is more prevalent. Once people of the Eastern countries moved west, the incidence of cancer in those groups has risen.

"We're looking forward to the time when people will have a soy protein isolate diet," Pollard said.

After 60 years of cancer research, Pollard's observations are gaining even more recognition.

"This experiment is attracting a lot of attention because the experiment takes two years," Pollard said.

Taylor, however, said that the significance of Pollard's experiments goes beyond the time he has given them.

"He received outstanding recommendations from his peers," said Taylor, but added that this was also not the only reason that he will receive the Hope Award.

"His academic background is remarkable," said Taylor. When we looked at his 60 years of research, we were just blown away."

Trish Taylor, member, American Cancer Society

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Kelly Lloyd, Miss Indiana 1999, speaks at Notre Dame Thursday to raise awareness about asthma. Lloyd is a graduate of Ball State University and intends to pursue a career in broadcast journalism.

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Noble laureate Rotblat to speak at conference

Special to The Observer

On a campus not known for its student activism, Joseph Rotblat stands out. Rotblat, the 1995 Nobel laureate, will give the keynote address at this weekend's 2000 Roads to Peace conference.

"We have selected this gentleman primarily because, while he has been a prominent figure in the nuclear weapons debate, he really earned his Nobel Peace Prize for encouraging student activism," said Nicholas Tyszka, Conference Chair.

This year's conference is the largest in University history to be entirely student run. It is also the first student run conference to bring in a Nobel Prize winner.

"The presence of such a distinguished individual like Joseph Rotblat shows that this conference is an important venue in American higher education for discussing some very serious issues that affect us all," said Tyszka.

The conference will begin Friday night with Rotblat's address entitled "Averting Nuclear Anarchy: The Current Crisis in Arms Control," in the Jordan Auditorium at 7 p.m. and will continue on Saturday with a series of roundtable discussions from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Math prof named Sloan fellow

Special to The Observer

Xiaobo Liu, associate professor of mathematics at Notre Dame, has been awarded a two-year research fellowship from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. He joins Qing Han, Nancy Stanton, Bill Dwyer, Andrew Sommese and Timothy O'Meara as Sloan winners in the Department of Mathematics.

Sloan Research Fellowships are awarded to holders of a doctoral degree in physics, chemistry, mathematics, neuroscience, computer science or economics. Strong evidence — in submitted publications and supporting letters — of a nominee's independent creativity is one of the most important considerations in the review process, and selection procedures are designed to identify those who show the most promise of making fundamental contributions to new knowledge.

Once chosen, Sloan research fellows are free to pursue whatever lines of inquiry most interest them. Liu, whose dissertation was titled "Volume Minimizing Cycles in compact Lie Groups," earned his bachelor's degree in applied mathematics in 1987 from Tsinghua University in China and his doctorate in mathematics from the University of Pennsylvania in 1994.

Results of his research in differential geometry have been published in top journals, including the American Journal of Mathematics, Duke Mathematics Journal, the Journal of Differential Geometry and the Annals of Mathematics.

From 1995-1997, Liu served as a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Augsburg and as visiting scholar at the Max-Planck Institut fur Mathematik in Bonn, Germany.

Upon returning to the United States, Liu taught pure mathematics at MIT before joining the Notre Dame faculty last August.

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The Huddle - LaFortune Student Center
**Palestinian police nab alleged extremists**

**JERUSALEM**

Palestinian police arrested seven suspected Hamas extremists Thursday in the West Bank and confiscated weapons and ammunition there, Palestinian security sources said. The sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said one of the men arrested was Khaled al-Bunali, known as the Military Court of the Hamas extremists Thursday in the West Bank, and another activist. The seven suspects were taken to a prison in Jenin for interrogation after they were detained by agents of Preventive Security, an arm of Yasser Arafat's self-rule Palestinian Authority in the West Bank and Gaza. Hamas, a violent Islamic group, opposes peace between Israel and the Palestinians.

**USDA bans ozone-depleting pesticide**

**WASHINGTON**

The worldwide phase-out of 52 ozone-depleting pesticide could cost U.S. consumers and producers $400 million to $450 million a year if alternatives aren't developed for farmers to use, the government said Thursday. The biggest loss from the phase-out of methyl bromide would be to growers of strawberries, tomatoes and other vegetables, according to a study released by the Agriculture Department's Economic Research Service. Methyl bromide, an odorless, colorless gas, is used to fumigate the soil, treat commodities and control pests in greenhouses, the government said.

**Congo limits tribunal's power**

**KINSHASA**

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**Indonesia**

**Jakarta**

Police fired tear gas to disperse protesters near former president Suharto's residence after they failed to show up Thursday for questioning in connection with a corruption scandal. Several students were injured and scores arrested after 200 demonstrators threw stones at police blocking off streets leading to Suharto's house in central Jakarta.

**Russia**

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**Russia**

Troops seek missing comrades after ambush

**URUS-MARTAN**

Russian soldiers searched a mountainous district of Chechnya on Thursday for 27 comrades who were missing after an ambush—an attack that again demonstrated the vulnerability of Russian forces in the rebellious republic. The Red Cross, meanwhile, announced that Russian officials have given the organization access to camps in Chechnya where detainees allegedly have been tortured. A 49-man unit was attacked Wednesday near the southern village of Zhami- Vedeno, said a top Russian commander, Col. Gen. Alexander Baranov. Four members were killed, 18 wounded in the ambush, he said.

"The rebels were waiting for them," said Sergei Yastrzhembsky, the Kremlin's spokesman for Chechnya. Of the 107 insurgents in the unit, 20 were hospitalized, and the others escaped unharmed, the Interfax news agency reported. Despite the latest losses, Interior Minister Vladimir Rushailo insisted Thursday that Russia was not losing control of the situation in Chechnya. "The situation in the republic is not simple and requires constant attention and corrections in the federal forces' efforts," he told Interfax. "But it is being fully controlled, including in the southern districts, despite continuing threats of the surviving rebel formations."

But other Russian commanders have said that the rebels could maintain a guerrilla war for some time to come. The seven-month-old war has subjected Russia to foreign criticism for alleged human rights violations. Russia has rejected the allegations, but in an apparent bid to international pressure, President Vladimir Putin on Thursday agreed in principle to allow the International Committee of the Red Cross access to detention facilities.
"I talked to them right before the ceremony and they were really sad that they couldn’t be here," she said. Ryan is the third of eight children. Two older sisters, Molly and Meggie, graduated from Saint Mary's. Her younger brother Tim is a sophomore at Notre Dame.

"I’m so excited about this project," Ryan said. "I really think that it is going to do a lot for Saint Mary’s. My parents and I have actually had conversations about improvements and doing more for the College."

After the opening comments, dedication and speeches, Eldred, Ryan, Jim Martell, Midden and others donned white construction helmets. They broke the brittle ground behind Madaleva Hall with gold shovels, after which the crowd applauded and chowed.

"The groundbreaking for these two projects is the first of many projects to come in executing this 10-year Master Plan for Saint Mary's College," Eldred said. "We appreciate the support of our donors, particularly the Parents Council for all of the work they have done to provide the funding for these two projects."

Midden, who will graduate in May, was excited about the beginning of the two projects.

"I am excited next year to come back and see the changes and how the students are making use of it," Midden said. "We were here for the beginning stages, but I would like to see the clubhouse in reality."

"This is a most exciting day for Saint Mary's College," Eldred said. "The future indeed looks bright."
Reflecting pool renovated to honor endowed chairs

By KRISTEN FITZPATRICK
News Writer

The area around the reflecting pool in front of the Hesburgh Library is undergoing refurbishing to honor esteemed professors throughout Notre Dame's history.

The commemorative site will honor all endowed professorships and will feature a new granite-clad concrete seating wall, on which the names of endowed chairs will be etched.

"It is fitting to honor the professors in this way since they are the heart of academic life at this University," said Jim Lyphout, vice president of Business Operations and head of the project.

The project has been funded in part by an anonymous $8 million gift to establish the Edward Frederick Sorin Program for Academic Distinction, comprising new endowed professorships which are devoted to excellence in the six colleges and schools of the University. Along with additional funding by the University, the Sorin Program now totals $15 million in support for these endowed chairs.

A University committee decided that this site should be built to honor all Notre Dame endowed chairs and the tradition of excellence in teaching and scholarship they represent.

Notre Dame currently has 125 endowed professorships and will add as many as 45 more through the "Generations" campaign.

Honor societies induct 8 juniors

By NELLIE WILLIAMS
News Writer

Thursday night eight Saint Mary's juniors were initiated into the Phi Alpha Honor Society for social work and the Lambda Alpha Honor Society for anthropology. The societies are based on outstanding scholarly achievement.

Inducted into the anthropology society were Melissa Corcoran and Melissa Sakaley. The Epsilon Chapter of Lambda Alpha was founded at Saint Mary's in 1995. The students in the society have the opportunity to submit papers to the Lambda Alpha Journal. According to the society's national constitution, the purpose of the society is to "encourage and stimulate scholarship research in Anthropology by recognizing and honoring superior achievement in the discipline among students, faculty, and other persons engaged in the study of anthropology."

Laurie Berrett, Molly Buchanan, Marcie Livesay, Jennifer Marmak, Amy Mastagh and Jeanine Mauro received the award, the highest honor Saint Mary's bestows upon students for social work. "You have demonstrated a commitment to the standards, ethics and goals of the social work profession," said professor Fran Kominkiewicz, during the initiating ceremony. "We are very fortunate to have students in a nationally accredited social work program."

Towards the closing of the ceremony, Laurie Berrett, the president of the social work club for the 2000-2001 year, presented each of the seniors a memory of Kristi Morris, a senior who died over spring break and who had been a social work major and the social work club's treasurer. "This is the most touching memorial we could do for Kristi right now," Kominkiewicz said.

The social work and anthropology departments will be having a car wash today from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Havican Hall parking lot at Saint Mary's. All the proceeds will be going to the Kristi A. Morris fund to help offset the cost of her funeral.

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Questions? Call 631-5293
Sect leader's estranged wife: Husband didn't control cult

Associated Press

KABUMBA

Eight years after Joseph Kibwetere abandoned his family to help form a doomsday sect, his estranged wife, Mwerinde, 64, is believed to be the leader of the sect. Kibwetere moved into her home in Kabumba, near Kabale, western Uganda, and took over her husband's life.

Joseph Kibwetere, a former school administrator who had a lifelong interest in Catholic visions, has been widely described as the leader of the sect. Mwerinde, his wife, now serves as "The Programmer." Kibwetere, 64, is believed to have perished in the March 17 inferno at the sect's compound in Kanungu, which killed at least 330 sect followers. Mwerinde's whereabouts at the time of the fire are unknown.

On Aug. 24, 1988, Mwerinde claimed to have had a vision of the Virgin Mary in a cave in the southwestern Ugandan village of Nyakishenyi, said her former commuter-fan husband, Eric Mugambwa. A week later, she left him.

Mazima challenged her carefully cultivated image as a religious devotee, saying she claimed her visions and turned to religion only after the couple's joint business went bankrupt.

"When anything was to be done, it was Credonia," she said.

Who orchestrated one of the worst mass murders in recent Ugandan history became even more pressing Thursday, as authorities unearthed 80 more bodies in a compound linked to the sect. The discovery brought to 724 the least 330 sect followers.

The sect leader's estranged wife: Husband didn't control cult

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Gephardt accuses Republicans of manipulating census

Associated Press

WASHINGTON House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt accused several congressional Republicans on Thursday for telling constituents to ignore what they consider intrusive Census questions, accusing them of opposing an accurate count for "their political purpose."

Gephardt said Democrats "haven't gotten criticism" about the form but Senate Minority Leader Thomas Daschle said his office has been getting questions about it. But Gephardt, D-Mo., maintained, "the Republicans have been trying to frustrate this census from the beginning. They don't want more people counted because they think it serves their political purpose. That's a pretty weak reason to do what they're doing."

Responded John Czwartacki, spokesman for Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott: "If he's not getting any calls, I think he's the only member of Congress who isn't."

Lott's office and at least two House Republicans said they had received a number of complaints in recent days about questions on census forms. Reps. Nick Smith, R-Mich., and Tom Coburn, R-Okla., were specifically critical of the long-form questionnaire, sent to one in six of the country's 115 million households.

Earlier Thursday, Czwartacki said that Lott has been heavily promoting the census in his state, but was also suggesting to callers concerned about privacy to leave unanswered those questions they felt were intrusive and mail it back to the Census Bureau.

Daschle, D-S.D., said, "It is of concern. I think, to people that the questions asked and the length of time required has made it somewhat problematic." Daschle said he has advised people not to skip questions. "I'm not sure that it is anything that we ought to address, at least at this point," he said.

During a campaign stop in Milwaukee, Texas Gov. George W. Bush, the likely GOP presidential nominee, said he encouraged people "who are worried about some of the questions and about the government interfering in their personal lives to think about it." He later added he was not telling people to ignore census forms because they're important "for a head count."

Democrats have long supported incorporating a statistical method known as sampling to raw census numbers. Sampling would adjust actual head counts to account for populations with traditionally low response rates, such as minority groups in cities. Republican lawmakers have opposed sampling, fearing it could force a redrawing of boundary lines to their disadvantage.

Czwartacki said Lott has done television and radio ads encouraging census participation. But he added it was better to leave questions unanswered because "if the choice is between the trash can and partially filling it out, we're going to tell people to fill out as much as they can."

Census director Kenneth Prewitt on Thursday called the long form an "essential tool" to help communities across the country. Even questions that some Republicans labeled as intrusive, such as "how old is your home?" and "are you a veteran?" are useful to determine how local services are provided, Prewitt said.

There are 53 questions on the long form this year, down from 57 in 1990. Members of Congress received a detailed list of the questions two years ago from the Census Bureau and had a chance to weigh in, said Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y., ranking member of the House Government Reform Committee's census panel.

Maloney said that six months ago, Lott and Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., sought to require all recipients of the short form to state their marital status.

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Castro ready to send Elian’s father to U.S.

Associated Press

Talks resumed today between the U.S. government and Elian Gonzalez’ Miami relatives, while the 6-year-old boy’s Cuban father apparently was ready to jump on a plane to retrieve his son.

Late Wednesday, the Immigration and Naturalization Service delayed the revocation of Elian’s temporary residency status 24 hours, until 9 a.m. Friday. The few sides met for five hours late Wednesday, then resumed talking this morning. There was no comment from either side today.

The talks were extended at the relatives’ request, a Justice Department official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Elian has been living with his great-uncle Lazaro Gonzalez, who has said he would be willing to release Elian to his father if Juan Miguel Gonzalez came to Florida from Cuba. He said he would not deliver the boy to the INS.

Appointing casting the great-uncle’s bluff. Cuban President Fidel Castro said not only would the father go to the United States, he would stay for the entire court process as the Miami relatives appeal federal orders to surrender custody of the boy.

“Elian’s half brother — as well as Elian’s first-grade teacher and some classmates — said he would not deliver the great-uncle Lazaro Gonzalez, was ready to jump on a plane to retrieve his son.

At her weekly briefing in Washington today, Attorney General Janet Reno said that if the boy’s father comes to the United States, one option would be to move Elian to his custody in this country while the appeals court considers the case.

“This case has been heart-breaking for everybody involved,” Reno said. “But we believe the law is clear: The father must speak for the boy because the sacred bond between parent and child must be recognized and Elian should be reunited with his father.”

Reno said she believes most family disputes are best worked out between families, rather than by government officials.

Several thousand people rallied around the Gonzalez home in the Little Havana neighborhood late Wednesday. “We are not going to allow them to take the kid,” said Oscar Pupo, 56, a Cuban-born U.S. citizen.

Elian has been living with Lazaro Gonzalez since he was found in November on an inner tube off the coast of Florida. The boy’s mother and 10 others died when their boat sank as they tried to reach the United States.

The Miami relatives went to court to keep Elian, and their lawsuit is now before a federal appeals court in Atlanta, with arguments scheduled for the week of May 8.

INS spokeswoman Maria Cardona said the agency will tell Lazaro Gonzalez how and when he is to relinquish custody of Elian unless the two sides reach an agreement.

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Idaho town fights bad publicity

Associated Press

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho Embarrassed by the sight of neo-Nazis parading through town at the height of tourist season, city leaders have decid ed they, too, can use the First Amendment to their advantage.

They are hiring a human rights coordinator with public relations experience whose job will include publicizing all the good and decent things people are doing in Coeur d’Alene.

It's the latest tactic in a battle that has seen locals first try to ignore the white supremacist group Aryan Nations, and then stage counter-demonstrations. The end result was national media coverage showing pictures of swastika-wearing extremists marching down the main street.

“Good deeds and positive activities never garner as much attention as the remarks of a crazy who doesn’t represent anybody,” said Jonathan Goe of the Coeur D’Alene Area Chamber of Commerce.

Mayo Steve Judy will choose the coordinator, who will work with the news media, advertising agencies and religious groups to develop programs that promote respect for others.

The goal is to focus media attention on positive activities, rather than hate marches.

Among other things, the coordinator will set up a Web site, organize public meetings and answer queries from the media about hate groups.

Money for the full-time post of coordinator was donated by the Carr Center for Human Rights Policy at Harvard University.

Founder Greg Carr is an Idaho native.

Richard Butler, leader of the Aryan Nations, ridiculed the notion of an Aryan-buster. “For white people to hire somebody like that because other people want to remain white is interesting,” he said.

The Idaho Panhandle is a region of beautiful lakes and forested mountains that draws thousands of tourists and retirees. The elegant Coeur d’Alene Resort on the city’s lakeshore has 18 floors of rooms to fill, at rates of up to $2,500 a night.

In Kootenai County, tourism in 1999 accounted for 5,400 jobs paying $66 million in wages. With the region’s timber and mining industries suffering, tourism is a major reason the population of the county leaped from 69,000 in 1990 to 98,000 in 1997. Many of the newcomers are moving into $500,000 homes springing up all over the area.

At the same time, Idaho has gained a reputation as a hate-group stronghold. A recent report by the Northwest Coalition for Human Dignity identified 11 white supremacist groups in Idaho, 10 of them in the Panhandle.

Among them is the Hitler-loving Aryan Nations, which moved to a ranch in the area in the 1970s and declared it was creating a white homeland. Hate leaders fear that marches by the Aryan Nations in 1998 and 1999 are scaring away tourists and business opportun ities.

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NEW YORK UNIVERSITY
One-third of U.S. homes with children have at least one firearm and nearly half of them keep the weapons unlocked, a study found. Forty-three percent of such homes kept one or more guns in an unlocked place and without trigger locks, and nearly half of them keep the children's firearms loaded as well as unlocked in 9 percent, according to researchers at Rand Corp. and the University of California, Los Angeles.

The findings underscore the need to make adults more aware that firearms are accessible to many children and that they need to keep the weapons out of their hands, said Dr. Mark Schuster, a UCLA pediatrics and the study's lead author.

The study, released Thursday, was reported in the April issue of the American Journal of Public Health, a publication of the American Public Health Association.

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- One-third of homes with about 2.6 million children younger than age 18, according to the study.
- The 9 percent of those homes that keep firearms unlocked and loaded would translate into homes with 1.7 million children.
- Another 4 percent of the homes have guns that are unloaded and with ammunition stored nearby.
- The study, of about 13 percent of homes, found about 1.4 million homes with about 2.6 million children — had firearms stored in a manner most accessible to children, the report said.
- The researchers found that while school shootings make the news, in families across the nation it's still the responsibility of parents and other adults to keep firearms out of their children's hands.

National Rifle Association lobbyist James Baker said he was not surprised by the study and he cited National Safety Council data showing gun accidents at an all-time low.

"We think education and training is the key to reducing figures," Baker said. "We don't believe new laws will impact what goes on in homes. Ultimately, families will decide what they feel is best for their particular circumstances."

Joe Waldron, executive director of the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms in Bellevue, Wash., said: "Considering the millions of homes that have firearms in them, the fact that firearms accidents and deaths are at their lowest point in U.S. history indicates the problem is not as great as the study indicates."

"The fact that at least one major gun manufacturer is going to be building safer firearms is good news," said Mark Schuster, UCLA pediatrics and author of the study.

"The need to limit children's access to firearms and teaching parents and other adults how to store them safely is critical," the lead author said in an interview. "This is the most comprehensive study to date."

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At its meeting on Thursday, March 23, 2000, the University Committee on Computing and Information Services (UCICS) met and discussed the impact that a program named "Napster" is having on University computing resources. As many of you are aware, "Napster" is a computer program that acts as an intermediary between computer users who wish to find and trade music files. Use of the program has raised serious concerns about network system security, security of personal computers systems, computer resource (bandwidth) management, intellectual property and copyright violations at college campuses across the country, causing nearly two hundred universities to prohibit use of the "Napster" program on their systems.

The UCICS is concerned about these issues as well as the resultant cost to students, faculty and staff. Because conservative estimates suggest that between 25-40% of ResNet traffic is "Napster" use, the UCICS has recommended that the Office of Information Technology immediately implement a moratorium on "Napster" and similar programs. Accordingly, and consistent with the policy on Responsible Use of Information Technologies at Notre Dame, we have directed OIT to immediately implement measures to prevent usage of this type of software.

The UCICS believes that the moratorium is necessary so that core University academic and administrative computing needs can be met and so that an actual determination can be made of the impact of the use of "Napster" on campus. The UCICS anticipates that the moratorium on the use of such programs could become permanent at a later date.

Please know of our appreciation for your understanding and recognition of the need to appropriately provide for and protect the University's academic and administrative computing needs.
Goldin: NASA will not abandon ‘faster, better, cheaper’ approach

Associated Press

NASA Administrator Dan Goldin is taking the blame for last year's botched Mars missions, saying he pushed too hard, cut too much and made it impossible for spacecraft managers to succeed.

But Goldin said he will not abandon the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's "faster, better, cheaper" approach. Mission managers will get enough money and people to do the job, but there won’t be a return to the days of big, expensive spacecraft.

"We're going to make sure they have adequate resources, but we’re not going to let the pendulum swing all the way back," he told employees of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, where Mars Polar Lander and Mars Climate Orbiter were managed.

Goldin visited the lab Wednesday, a day after two reports were released on the recent Mars fiasco. They found mismanagement, unrealistic expectations and anemic funding were to blame as much as the mistakes that actually doomed the missions.

"In my effort to empower people, I pushed too hard," Goldin said. "And in doing so, stretched the system too thin. It wasn’t intentional, and it wasn’t malicious. I believed in the vision, but it may have made some failure inevitable."

Richard Cook, project manager of the lander and orbiter at JPL, agreed with the reports but said no single person should be blamed.

"We’re all part of this," he said. "The constraints were certainly part of it, but some of the ways we did business could stand to be improved."

Investigators found resources were spread too thin for success. Too many risks were taken by skipping critical tests or overlooking possible faults. And nobody noticed or mentioned the problems until it was too late.

The $165 million Mars Polar Lander was most likely doomed by a sensor that misinterpreted a spurious signal for landing when the legs deployed, causing the descent engines to cut off while it was still 130 feet above the planet's surface.

The problem could have been easily resolved by updating new software to the lander during its 11-month cruise — if it had been noticed, said John Casani, a former JPL chief engineer.

"There can be no doubt that the $165 million sy could be a detriment to Decatur high schools," the judge wrote.

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Judge rules against Jackson, Hale

PASADENA, Calif. ( Associated Press )

A judge has approved a permanent injunction barring the Rev. Jesse Jackson, a white supremacist and numerous other protesters from demonstrating within 30 feet of any Decatur high school.

The ruling by Maron County Circuit Judge James Hendrian came in December after Jackson came to Decatur to protest the expulsions of six black students for fighting in the stands at a football game.

Superintendent Kenneth Arndt called the ruling barring Jackson and white supremacist Matt Hale "good news."

Lewis Myers Jr., lead counsel for Jackson's Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, said he plans to appeal.

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The Rainbow/PUSH Coalition fought to cut the expulsions in one year and has since rallied against the kind of zero tolerance discipline policy used in Decatur.

Hendrian said the controversy could be a detriment to Decatur education.

"There can be no doubt that if PUSH is allowed to continue its demonstrations, prayer vigils, rallies and press conferences in the same manner as it has done in the immediate past, there will be further continuing and irreparable disruptions to the educational process in the three Decatur high schools," the judge wrote.

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Michigan City, IN - camp for developmentally disabled adults
Goshen, IN - Boys & Girls Club
Rockford, IL - medical, (car going to be Jr or Sr., female)
Worcester, MA - Dismas House and more

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Date rape drug death puts four in jail

Associated Press

DETROIT

Three men were sentenced to up to 15 years in prison for manslaughter Thursday in one of the nation's first trials involving a death linked to a "date rape" drug.

A fourth man received a shorter term for his part in the death of 15-year-old Samantha Reid of Rockwood. All four were convicted March 15.

In January 1999, Samantha asked for a drink at a party and was given a soft drink spiked with the drug known as GHB. She became violently ill, lost consciousness and died the next day. A friend also ingested the drug and was briefly in a coma, but survived.

GHB has been linked to at least 58 deaths since 1990 and more than 5,700 overdoses, according to the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Joshua Cole, 19, of Southgate; Daniel Brayman, 18, of Trenton, and Nicholas Holtschlag, 18, of Browntown Township were sentenced to terms of up to 15 years, the maximum for involuntary manslaughter.

"Since her death, people ask me how many children I have and I don't know how to answer," Judi Clark told Wayne County Circuit Judge Maggie Drake. "I don't know. I'll have to deal with that forever."

A few drops of colorless, odorless GHB mixed into a drink can render a victim unconscious within 20 minutes.

Victims frequently have no memory of what happens while under the drug's influence, and it is difficult to trace, often leaving the body within 24 hours.

Its sale has been banned since 1990 by the federal Food and Drug Administration. Last month, President Clinton signed legislation toughening federal laws against possessing, making or distributing GHB.

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11:45AM - Lunch
12:45PM - Afternoon Sessions
5:00PM - Panel Discussion, "Living A Peaceful Life After Your Studies Have Ended"
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Aging population raises euthanasia concerns

By Charles Rice

Right or Wrong?

The Controlled Substances Act (CSA) makes it a federal crime for "any person . . . to dispense a "controlled substance" for the purpose of inducing or enabling a patient to end his own life. Such action by a physician could violate federal law. But Attorney General Janet Reno has ruled that the federal government will not take action against any Oregon physician who prescribes drugs to end a patient's life.

PRPA, the Pain Relief Promotion Act, passed by the House of Representatives and pending in the Senate, would override Reno. It would forbid "intentionally dispensing . . . a controlled substance for the purpose of causing death or assisting another person in causing death."

The American Medical Association and others object that PRPA will cause physicians to be cautious in using sedation. Sedation, they say, is the only way to reduce the risk of death. This reflects the approach taken by the Supreme Court in 1997 in upholding state laws that prohibit assisted suicide. The Court, in Cruzan v. Director, ruled that "[p]rescribing, dispensing controlled substances for the purpose of causing death or assisting another person in causing death" is "a serious crime, punishable by death or a long prison term." The Court, however, acknowledged that "acts of compassion and kindness may very well cause a person to die.

PRPA's prohibition of intentional killing adds nothing beyond existing laws prohibiting homicide in general. But it might cause some physicians to be cautious in using sedation.

PRPA also affirms that "allowing pain or discomfort . . . is a legitimate medical purpose for dispensing . . . a controlled substance, even if it may increase the risk of death. This reflects the approach taken by the Supreme Court in 1997 in upholding state laws that prohibit assisted suicide. The Court, in Cruzan v. Director, ruled that "[p]rescribing, dispensing controlled substances for the purpose of causing death or assisting another person in causing death" is "a serious crime, punishable by death or a long prison term." The Court, however, acknowledged that "acts of compassion and kindness may very well cause a person to die."

Cruzan v. Director invited the Court to strike a balance between the interests of the patient and the professional obligation of the physician. But the Court, in Cruzan case, the Court allowed the states, in effect, to permit intentional killing by physicians. In Cruzan v. Director the Court allowed Missouri to permit the removal of a feeding tube pursuant to a court order. The patient in that case was young, competent, and not dying when her feeding tube was removed. The Court, however, modified its position in Cruzan v. Director when it upheld state laws that prohibit assisted suicide.

Cultural and demographic trends make the ultimate legalization of active euthanasia more likely. The problem is that the law is too difficult, however, for the law to determine whether the sedating physician's intent was to relieve pain or to cause death, unless there is something else to go on besides the physician's intent.

The CSA also provides for registration of physicians who write requests for controlled substances. The registration requirement is to provide a means for the Department of Justice to keep track of the drugs and to determine the amount of drugs that are actually being used. The registration requirement is also to provide a means for the Department of Justice to determine whether the physicians who write requests for controlled substances are using the drugs for medical purposes or for other purposes.

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Spring break 2000: students share their stories.

Students tell Scene about their spring break trips and the interesting things they encountered.

It was a blustery South Bend morning as we prepared to embark on our first-ever college Spring Break. There were nine girls and five boys heading to our destination of Jacksonville, Florida. — 14 packed, overstuffed — fresh faces ready for an adventure in the Sunshine State. My car was one of the three in our caravan, and for the first hour of our trip down 31 all was well. I was jamming away to my Backstreet Boys CD (and, consequently, annoy­ ing everyone else in the car while carpooling after carpool ended). We even had a frisky coupe in the backseat of the car providing an extra-friendly atmosphere and, consequently, entertaining in all for the majority of the trip. Then the rain started.

"No problem," I thought, as I tuned on my windshield wipers. "This will pass. It's just a front." Then came the sleet. It began to pound on my vehicle. I was leaving the Tennessee state line when I turned on my windshield wipers. "This will pass. It's just a little reminder of the elements. Nothing was going to make us change our minds — we're leaving behind." I was jamming away to my Sunny Side up CD in my car, as my nine girls and five boys headed for the beach.

"Stay off med­ ications and keep going," I told my car, as my friends and I continued on our welcome to Jacksonville trip. But, I was determined to brave the weather, but I was glad to be leaving behind the bad weather.

Jacksonville, I've decided, was built for college students. The alcohol flows freely and clothing is at a minimum. It's a co-ed's paradise.

Daytona, I've decided, was built for college students. The alcohol flows freely and clothing is at a minimum.

It's a co-ed's paradise.

 acquiring a ton of free promotional staff and, of course, checking out the locals. By the time dusk was settling over the horizon we were ready to see what the Daytona nightlife had to offer. Campus favorite Stroke 9 was performing at one of the nearby hotels, so we decided to go.

The concert was great fun. The audience was lively, the music was great and a good time was had by all. After the final encore, however, it was almost midnight, and everyone in our group was tired, inebriated, sunburned and ready to go back to Jacksonville. While we were deciding who was going to ride in what car, however, we realized that we were a party of 11. Looking back, we realized that we hadn't seen those three since midway through the concert. We couldn't leave three people in the wildest city south of the Mason-Dixon Line, so we compromised. Two people would stay and search for our missing friends, and everyone else would go back to Jacksonville. Just my luck. I was one of the chosen. After leaving the rest of our friends off, we began our search. We were so tired, inebriated and anxious to get back to the hotel, we decided to look for our missing friends. One down, two to go. We spent our night's activities, as everyone remembered well.

The rest of our trip was uneventful, but I didn't mind. I had achieved all of my goals for the week: I had some fun and came back with some good stories. On top of it all, it was a great way to spend a week away from school — with good friends and in a beautiful place. As we made our way back to our lights and rooms, we were greeted by rainy, cold weather, but we were glad to be home. We were tired, sunburned, exhausted and most importantly, all accounted for.

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ATLANTA
Rodsnyder Rogers Jr. of 21 points and Shawn Marion added 18 as the Phoenix Suns dealt the Atlanta Hawks a 118-74 loss Thursday night. It was the Hawks' 19th straight loss, 11 assists as Phoenix improved to 2-2 since league assistants leader Jason Kidd went out with a broken ankle.


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Crispin shines in Penn State's consolation win

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Joe Crispin made an uncontested layup with two seconds left and intercepted Damien Williams' long pass to lead Penn State to a 74-72 victory over North Carolina State in the consolation game of the National Invitation Tournament on Thursday night.

After N.C. State's Kenny Logan led it 72-77 on a short jumper with 13.6 seconds left, Crispin calmly dribbled the ball up to the court and drove in for the game-winning basket.

Crane, who finished with 14 points, then intercepted Wilkins' long pass to seal the victory for the Nittany Lions (19-16). The game preceded the NIT final between Notre Dame and Wake Forest at Madison Square Garden.

Jarrett Stephens added 28 points on 11-of-16 shooting for Penn State, which beat N.C. State for just the third time in 17 meetings.

Wilkins led N.C. State (20-14) with 21 points, and Inge added 18 points and nine rebounds.

N.C. State went on a 15-6 run early in the second half to lead 56-45 with 12:13 left, highlighted by Inge's dunk.

The Nittany Lions couldn't get the lead under nine until Crispin's 3-pointer with 3:57 left. Then the Nittany Lions, who lost to Notre Dame in the semifinals, slowly chipped at the lead. N.C. State's biggest lead of the first half was 19-10 with 12:46 remaining on Clifford Crawford's layup. Penn State went on a 9-4 run, keyed by two baskets by Stephens to tie it at 19-19.

The Wolfpack took leads as large as five points, but the Nittany Lions came back to lead 29-27 on Crispin's 3-pointer with 3:57 left.

NIT

TUCSON, Ariz.

Admitting that he was torn in both directions, Arizona's 7-foot-1 center Loren Woods announced Thursday that he would not leave school for the NBA and would return for his senior season.

"If he's coming back, I'll definitely be a better player," Woods said, "but I think I'll also be a better person. By me growing up and maturing in a year, it will be a huge difference than if I would have gone to that level this year — emotionally, handling things on and off the court. I'll definitely be more mature after another year."

Woods' decision means that all seven players who played regularly for the Wildcats will return from a team that shared the Pac-10 championship and was the No. 1 seed in the West in the NCAA tournament.

"If we're not preseason No. 1, then there's something wrong with the polls," said Woods' teammate, Richard Jefferson, who briefly toyed with the idea of turning pro but decided to return next season.

In addition to the returning players from this season, Arizona will have the services of tough power forward Eugene Edgerson, who sat out a year to get his teaching degree, as well as whatever freshmen recruits coach Lute Olson can get.

Wood led the Wildcats in scoring at 15.6 points per game, and was one of the most prolific shot blockers in the country.

"Woods insisted he didn't make up his mind until about 40 minutes before the news conference, even though Olson said earlier this week that he thought the big center would be coming back. Woods said people close to the Arizona program urged him to return because the team could have a shot at the NCAA championship, while others not close to the program said he should leave and go for the money.

"All the people who know me personally have been saying just to follow what you feel in your heart," Woods said. "Sometimes I feel like I should stay, sometimes I feel like I should go. So I don't know about taking that advice, because my heart has been torn in two different places — the love for the game playing against the best competition by going to the NBA or the love for the University of Arizona just for letting me be myself.

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Senior guard guard Jimmy Dillon provided perhaps the best example of that gritty tenacity. He played the entire year on bum ankles, and then contributed five assists in 31 minutes of play Thursday after spraining his ankle in the semifinals. His fire gave the Irish a major spark, one that left Doherty near tears at the realization Dillon had played his last game.

"His toughness," Doherty said before pausing. "When I got the job I wasn't sure if he was going to be able to play. We had to really monitor him in practice because he would go and he wouldn't tell me he was hurting."

"Without Jimmy Dillon, we don't win 22 games. His toughness, his energy, his leadership, his during, which at times could drive you crazy but at times it won basketball games. He hardened that and turned out to be a pretty darn good college point guard. It's tough feeling that jersey off for the last time."

Dillon, emotional at donning a Notre Dame jersey for the last time, recognized the special quality of this team.

"I'm just proud to be around such a select group of guys," Dillon said. "Throughout the whole year, we knew we had something special. We knew we can compete with anybody."

This year's 22-15 season came on the heels of a losing record. A squad that gave away the close games with a reputation for being "soft" turned into a team that fought for every rebound, every loose ball, every basket.

"There were a lot of times last year when we really didn't play that tough and we got in close games and ended up losing," sophomore All-American Troy Murphy said. "We were soft. We didn't work hard. We flagged it. Coach Doherty really changed the way we play and that resulted in a successful year." Much of the toughness came in at Doherty's urging. When he first came to Notre Dame a season ago, he was disappointed by the team's effort level in workouts and he told them so.

"I said, that's why you guys haven't won," Doherty said. "You're soft. I've ripped them every time I've had the opportunity to when they played soft."

I think when you watch this team, they play pretty hard, they're pretty physical, they go after loose balls and that's exciting.

Doherty ensured that the Irish were ready to play 100 percent every time tip-off rolled around. "I think Coach Doherty brought us a lot of energy and a lot of intensity to the program and the players," freshman guard Matt Carroll said. "He's instilled in us a lot of confidence, and I think it carries over onto the court."

Aside from Doherty's influence, the team's determination to ink a winning record permeated the atmosphere.

Even opposing coaches noticed their character, particularly as they remained at courtside throughout Wake Forest's celebration.

"As a show of respect to our team, they watched our team get the trophies and the championship and cut the nets and all that kind of thing," Wake Forest coach Dave Odom said. "It did not go unnoticed by me, by my players and it did not go unnoticed by our university. It's what college basketball should be."

Back in October, nobody predicted the Irish as a group that would win 22 games.

"I couldn't have imagined this season in my wildest dreams," Murphy said. "It won't be so far-tinted to visualize Notre Dame as an NCAA-tournament bound team come next season. The Irish lose Dillon and reserve seniors Todd Palmer and Skylar Duns. But with Doherty and the core of the squad returning, they will hope to maintain and perhaps even improve the tenacity and strong team chemistry. If they manage to attain those goals, Matt's Outright Irish will be built in force to support the Irish on the road to the top 25 for the first time in years.

"I think we have all the talent in the world," Graves said. "I think we have all the ability in the world, and with the addition of Ryan Hughes, we're only going to be better."

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Selig envisions global league

Associated Press

TOKYO

An exhibition game in Havana last year, opening
day in Japan this season. So
what's next for major league baseball?

Maybe a regular-season series in Venezuela real
soon. Possibly a return trip to Cuba.

Potentially games in places such as Australia
and even Africa farther into the
future.

And someday, perhaps a true
World Series.

A lot of ideas are in the mix these days as baseball
pushes its plan to go global.

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season-opening, two-game
series in Venezuela real
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mix these days as baseball
true World Series.

Win, lose or draw, I think
what the word connotes —

And even Africa farther into
places such as Australia

Maryann Lazor said.

And it could continue to
spread internationally. Just
don't ask Mark McGwire to
make the trip — spurred by his
opposition, the St. Louis
Cardinals turned down the
tour to Japan and the Cubs
accepted.

Commissioner Bud Selig
wants to someday see a
baseball World Cup.

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of Famer manager Tommy

The upcoming Sydney
Olympics have spurred
speculation about trying to
send two teams to Australia
for an exhibition.

Far-fetched? Could be.
But watching the Cubs and
Mets play in Tokyo has
made many believe that
baseball is growing far
beyond its North American
borders.

"I feel like if I throw the way
I've thrown the last couple times,
we should be in pretty good
shape," he said.

Selig didn't help his own case
when he fumigated a bunt by
Benson in the third inning, lead­
ing to an unearned run.

Chad Hermanson was 2-0-4
with an RBI for the Pirates.
Scott Suppleecheck pitched a scoreless
ninth inning for his first spring
save. Aramis Ramirez, Brian
Giles, Jason Kendall and Mike
Benjamin also drove in runs for
Pittsburgh.

The Pirates finished with a 3-1
spring record against the Phillies,
just as they did last year.

Pittsburgh plays two games in
Jupiter against the Montreal
Expos before starting the season
at home against Houston on
Monday.

The Phillies left immediately
after the game to fly to Las Vegas,
where they will play the Colorado
Rockies Thursday and the
Chicago White Sox on Saturday
afternoon. They play a final exhi­
bin in Seattle on Sunday before
opening in Phoenix against the
Arizona Diamondbacks on
Tuesday.

Rangers 6, Tulsa 2

Texas catcher Ivan Rodriguez
was hit by a pitch on the right
elbow during the Rangers win
over Double-A Tulsa.

Rodriguez, the 1999 American
League MVP, was hit in the first
inning by Chuck Smith. It was
diagnosed as a bruise and he will
be examined again by team doc­
tors when the Rangers return
to home.

The injury isn't believed to be
serious, but it gave a scare to
manager Johnny Oates.

I went upstairs to see him and
when I came back I was still
shaking," Oates said.

Rick Helling pitched six innings,
and combined with three reliev­
ers to throw a complete game.

"He's thrown all spring," Oates said.

Helling pitched six innings,
and combined with three relievers
on a six-hitter. This was his
decision game.

"He's pitched for the Rangers'
second regular-season game
against the Chicago White Sox.
I'm really cross these two
game and now I'm really for my start
Tuesday," Helling said.

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Mike Miller acknowledged that the agent called him at least 45 times since Sept. 1 and that they had spoken at least 20 times.

The agent, who is not related to the player, is not registered to practice as an agent in any other state, which both have no agent laws.

"At least theoretically, this is a violation of Florida law," said Billy Donovan, assistant state attorney in Florida. "It's something that has to be looked into. So far, nothing has been brought to our attention."

University police said they had received information about the case from the Florida compliance office and had assigned an investigator.

Athletic director Jeremy Foley said the sophomore forward did nothing to compromise his eligibility.

"We're here to win a national championship," Foley said, "not talk about agents."

Still, agents have been frequently discussed topic in Gainesville over the past year. University police have filed a formal complaint against agent Tank Black in an unrelated case involving improper contact with former Gator football players. It was the aftermath of that case that led Florida to redouble its efforts in educating players about agents.

"I have not violated any NCAA rules and my total focus is on getting ready to play in the Final Four," Miller said.

The news broke soon after Donovan lectured his players about the distractions awaiting them at the Final Four.

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Men's Lacrosse

Irish prepare to avenge 1999 loss to Buckeyes

By STEVE KEPPEL
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men's lacrosse team will finish off their three-game home stand this Saturday as it takes on Ohio State in a Great Western Lacrosse League contest.

The Irish lost a heartbreaking double-overtime loss to the Buckeyes a year ago on a last second goal. "This is a huge game," said captain Kevin Higgins. "Everyone remembers what it was like last year to lose and how bad it felt."

The Irish are coming off a tough one-point loss to Hofstra in which defense was sporadic and inconsistent.

Notre Dame gave up seven points in the first half but rebounded, letting up only one in the second. The Irish have given up big second periods in their last two losses, and players hope to avoid any letdowns against Ohio State.

"I just think we have to keep our concentration," Higgins said. "We are playing good teams and we have to realize that good teams are going to make runs and we have to keep it just them making good plays and not us making mistakes. If we do this we will be fine."

With a win, the Irish would be in a good position to win the league championship and get an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament.

After coming out tentative in the last few games the Irish need to establish some of the offensive firepower that helped them knock off Penn State in the opener. Facing a possible three-game losing streak, they have been working hard and preparing for Ohio State all week in practice.

"Basically we have been working on some fundamental things," Higgins said. "Everyone has been fired up all week to get another shot to get back at them. It was disappointing and embarrassing last year and everyone is so fired up to play this weekend."

Ohio State is heading into this game with a 3-3 record and they are fresh off a 7-4 victory over Vermont. The Buckeyes are lead by offensive leader Greg Zytkowski and goalie Mike Abeles, both preseason all-Americans. The Irish are going to need to come together as a team and play a full game to gain a well-needed victory on Saturday and put them closer to clinching a tournament birth.

Women's Tennis

Saint Mary's falls to Hope 8-1

Observer Staff Report

The Saint Mary's tennis team suffered an 8-1 loss to Hope College on Wednesday.

"We knew it was going to be a tough match to start with," said Coach Dee Stevenson. Hope has won eight consecutive Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association titles.

"It wasn't like they just blew us off the courts," she said. Most of the matches were extremely close, but senior Becky Kremer was the only Belle to pull out with a win. She took a 7-0 tiebreaker after a 7-6 first set. She won the second set 6-1.

"I think we played tough but we weren't as prepared as we should have been," Kremer said. "They were a lot better than we expected them to be."

One thing Stevenson wants to work on with his team is its quickness in doubles play. "We're not getting to the net in doubles," he said.

Stevenson is looking forward to facing Hope again in the conference tournament. The Belle's tennis team is on the road this weekend, at Spring Arbor College on Saturday and at Kalamazoo College on Sunday.

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Sports Writer

Preparing for their second weekend of Big East play, the Irish baseball team played two home games this week, defeating Siena Heights University Thursday after falling to the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee on Wednesday.

Thursday's game was a success for the Irish both on the mound and at the plate. Four pitchers combined to allow only five hits.

Freshman Matt Laird started for the first time since losing a tough game against Villanova last weekend. Laird allowed just one hit in three innings, facing the minimum of nine batters. Junior Mike Carlin followed Laird with three innings before yielding the mound to senior Tom O'Hagan, who pitched for the first time since 1998 after sitting out last season. Senior closer John Corbin pitched the ninth for the Irish.

"It was nice to see Matt Laird go out there and pitch well," said head coach Paul Mainieri. "This is the time of year that begins to test the depth of your pitching staff. Tom O'Hagan's going to get a lot of chances to pitch over the next few weeks."

Nine players combined for 14 hits to lead the Irish offense. Sophomore left fielder Matt Strickroth and senior first baseman Jeff Felker both knocked out two doubles. Freshman right fielder Brian Stavisky extended his hitting streak to 13 games with a leadoff single in the third inning.

"Today was certainly encouraging, but we haven't really been consistent with our offense like we need to be," said Mainieri. "We need to see everybody contributing with a couple of guys having a big day for us."

Thursday's successful victory followed a disappointing loss on Wednesday, as Wisconsin-Milwaukee topped the Irish 14-3.

UNM senior right hander Chad Sadowski pitched five strong innings and his offense supported him with 20 hits.

Freshman right hander J.P. Gagne started for the Irish, giving up three runs on six hits over four innings, adding five strikeouts. Sophomore Matt Buchmeier followed Gagne, yielding four runs in 2 2/3 innings to take the loss.

"Gagne pitched out of some jams and showed a lot of poise out there," said Mainieri. "Buchmeier has been very consistent during his career for us."

Senior left fielder Matt Weebebaum was the only Irish player to register multiple hits in the game, as he recorded two hits in four at-bats.

"You've got to tip your hat to Wisconsin-Milwaukee," said Mainieri, "They were an NCAA team last year, and actually beat the No. 1 team in the nation in their first game."

This weekend, the Irish head to Storrs, Conn., to take on the Huskies of Connecticut. The teams play a double-header on Saturday, followed by a third game on Sunday afternoon.

Junior Aaron Heilman and senior Scott Cavey start for the Irish on Saturday. The two right-handers are a combined 7-1 this season. Gagne will take the mound for the finale on Sunday.

"They have excellent athletes and a very good team," said Mainieri, "If we go out there and do the little things I feel confident that we'll go out there and have a very successful weekend."

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Nike ends contract with Brown

Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Nike is terminating its contract to provide hockey equipment to Brown University, fearing the school might try to make it comply with guidelines of a group pushing for better working conditions in clothing factories.

Nike said it objects to being held to the code of conduct outlined by the Workers Rights Consortium, of which Brown was a founding member, because the company disagrees with the group's approach.

"The WRC is based on a "go-gotta" monitoring technique," Simon Pestridge, Nike's labor practices manager, said.

He said they go to factories and report on what they find, rather than work with factories to effect change.

He said the WRC's definition of a "living wage" is too vague.

"There is no way we can commit to a document that is not finished," Pestridge said.

Brown notified Nike in late January that it wanted to renegotiate its contract with the Beaverton, Ore., company, to require it to comply with Brown's code of conduct.

Brown's code is not unlike Nike's, Vada Manager, Nike's director of global issues management, said.

But because the school is a founding member of the WRC, Nike's lawyers said the school could try and impose the WRC's code on Nike, Manager said.

Brown was the first school involved with the WRC to ask for a renegotiation of its contract with Nike, Manager said.

Brown and Nike were in the middle of a three-year contract, in which Nike provided the men's and women's hockey teams with skates, gloves, pads, and other goods under the Nike and Bauer labels.

Nike has no other contracts with Brown, Manager said.

Nike spokesman Mark Nickel could not be reached for comment.

"They market mainly to college-aged kids ... and if Nike pulled out from Brown they'd get a lot of criticism," Maria Roper of the WRC said.

Mike Ends Contract with Brown
SOFTBALL

Irish look to give Miller 300th win at Notre Dame

By RACHAEL PROTZMAN 
Sports Writer

Notre Dame softball looks to give head coach Liz Miller her 300th win with the Irish as they open conference play with a doubleheader against Connecticut today.

Miller, now in her eighth season at Notre Dame and currently 298-143 for the Irish, has led Notre Dame softball to a 23-8 record, the best in the program’s 12-year history, with its next best year a 21-9 season in 1995.

"The three years I’ve played for her she’s been very personable, she cares about stuff on and off the field," said junior Melanie Alkire. "She’s a good motivator and she puts a lot of emotion into everything. She’s good at making sure we’re giving 110 percent all the time and doesn’t accept anything less. She coaches every game for what it’s worth."

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By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

Michelle Dasso has never felt quite like this before.

For the first time in her prolific Notre Dame tennis career, this year’s captain is confident that her squad is capable of battling the best and coming out on top.

I’m really pretty excited about this year," Dasso said. "I think we can match up with anyone in the country. It’s definitely the best team I’ve been a part of."

Dasso’s beliefs have only been verified in recent weeks as things keep going right for the Irish.

A recent streak of wins has catapulted Dasso’s squad into the nation’s elite, but she is confident the Irish can improve their ranking in the next rankings.

"Everyone contributed," Dasso said. "I think we all came out there with the right attitude and did a great job."

With the match already clinched heading into doubles play, the Irish continued to battle the already dazed Wolverines. Dasso and Varnum blasted Michigan’s Sandra Furest and Danielle Lund in No. 1 doubles, while the pairings of Green and Zalinski and Guy and Sarah Scaringe won at No. 2 and No. 3 doubles respectively.

"Kelly and Lindsey have been awesome," Dasso said. "They’re just playing phenomenal tennis."

The doubles success was a welcome change for the Irish, who have struggled in pairs play recently.

"The Irish have won eight of their last 13 meetings, including the last three.

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Irish face No. 10 Longhorn squad in tough road trip

By RACHEL BIBER
Sports Writer

The Longhorns feature a squad with three of their players ranked in the Top 100 in the nation, producing a formidable singles lineup. Senior Michael Blue is ranked 23rd, while senior Nick Crowell stands at 50th and sophomore Brandon Hawk is slated at 68th.

All-American and 13th-ranked Irish senior Ryan Sachire will continue his duties as usual at No. 1 singles against the Longhorns. Sachire leads the team in dual matches with an 11-4 record at No. 1 singles and has won 34 of his last 41 dual singles matches at the position.

Sachire improved to 24-9 on the year with his win at Duke, the only Irish victory of the contest. Along with amassing an impressive singles record, Sachire has demonstrated consistency in his aggressive style of play by posting a 7-0 record in three-set matches this year.

Sophomores Javier Taborga and Aaron Talarico continue their climb in the doubles rankings, rising to the No. 29 spot in the latest Intercollegiate Tennis Association rankings. The duo stands at 15-6 on the year, while seven of their victories have come at the expense of ranked opponents.

Taborga and Talarico will most likely have Blue and Crowell who team together to give the Longhorns the nation’s second-ranked doubles team. Taborga and Talarico have suffered defeat to only one ranked opponent in the 2000 season, but their matchup against the second-ranked tandem in the country will give them a battle.

The Irish doubles team of Sachire and Trent Miller have also demonstrated solid doubles play in their recent matches, winning their last four matches at No. 2 doubles to improve their record to 11-8 overall and 10-5 in dual matches. The pair has rested off nine wins in their last 12 matches and hope to support the Irish lineup with the same winning ways against Texas on Saturday.

Senior Trent Miller and the No. 30 Irish dropped two matches last weekend on the road. The Irish are back in action Saturday when they travel to Texas to take on the No. 10 Longhorns.
Irish plan to end three-game slide against Commodores

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women's lacrosse team looks to avenge its third consecutive loss as it faces the Vanderbilt Commodores at home in Moose Krause Stadium Sunday.

The Irish are coming off a 9-7 defeat last weekend to the Johns Hopkins Blue Jays. The loss put Notre Dame at 3-1 on the season.

"The loss was disappointing because we played really well," midfielder Kelly McCardell said. "It was frustrating.

The Irish came out fast to build a 2-0 lead with McCardell scoring twice in the first seven minutes. Notre Dame held a 3-1 lead after freshman Danielle Shearer beat Blue Jays goalie Sara Love.

"I think to take control right from the start was cool," McCardell said. "It showed Hopkins that we were out there to win.

But the Blue Jays countered Notre Dame's strong offensive play with three straight goals of their own and took a 4-3 lead into halftime. But Notre Dame came back with two goals from co-captain Lael O'Shaughnessy, the second with 20 minutes to go. After two more tallies for Hopkins Johny Hopkins brought the score to 7-5 in favor of the Blue Jays. O'Shaughnessy scored her third goal of the game.

"It was a close game that came down to a few shots," McCardell said. "We played a lot better than before. No one had a bad game."

As the game came down to the wire, the Irish again came within reach of tying the game when sophomore midfielder Natalie Lobus converted a free position shot past Love, bringing the score to 8-7 with three minutes to go. But the Blue Jays finished the job when Erin Wellner scored on a rebound from Irish goalie Tara Durkin with 20 seconds to go.

"Against Ohio State it came down in a couple of seconds," McCardell said. "Against Johns Hopkins we had more time. It was tough. We played hard the whole game and tried to pull through but we didn't." Durkin made 17 saves for the Irish. Johns Hopkins outshot Notre Dame 32-26. The Irish continued to lead their opponents in draw control, taking 13 of 18 faceoffs. Notre Dame also turned over Johns Hopkins 11 more than before Hopkins. Irish co-captain Kathryn Perrella and sophomore defensem an Rachel Turk had assists against Johns Hopkins.

"Out on the field we work really well as a team," McCardell said.

The Irish laxers face No. 18 Vanderbilt on Sunday at home in Moose Krause Stadium. After losing their first three games, Vanderbilt is now 3-8 with three minutes to go.

The Irish have lost three straight to the Commodores, including a 15-9 defeat last year. All four of Vanderbilt's losses this season have come on the road.

Team leader and tri-captain Sue Napoliorno scored six goals in the Commodores' victory over Notre Dame in 1998. She has 24 goals and six assists so far this season. Emily Lough, a junior and the returning starter in goal for the Commodores, has posted an 11.94 goals against average and a .461 save percentage, with six starts.

Shana Crabtree, Lough's back-up, started two games for Vanderbilt, compiling a 7.5 GAA and a .560 save percentage. Crabtree started for Vanderbilt in the 1998 game against Notre Dame and played in goal against the Irish in 1999, splitting the duty for that game with Lough.

"This is a game we are really going to go after."
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half and stretched their lead to as many as 20 at the 12:35 mark.

Tournament MVP Robert O'Kelley caught fire and drained some clutch 3-pointers to give Wake Forest a comfortable lead.

"Credit O'Kelley. He's a competitive kid," Doherty said. "He's struggled shooting the ball and I was hoping he would struggle one more time, but obviously he did not. He really came alive in the second half and hit a couple shots that really hurt us."

Every time the Irish made a run, it seemed that the Deacons had an answer.

"It's pretty demoralizing when we played defense for 30 seconds and then they run off some dribble penetration and kick it out for a three, that's tough," Murphy said. "They hit some big threes. O'Kelley and [Craig] Dawson were feeling it. That's when it started to slip away for us."

The Irish, however, wouldn't go down without a fight, as they cut the lead to single digits with 2:49 to go. Notre Dame got within five with 27 seconds left, but poor execution down the stretch sealed its fate.

"It's tough to have turnovers down the stretch," Doherty said. "When you run some set plays and get a player open, you've got to deliver. You can't afford to make mistakes down the stretch and we made some crucial turnovers."

The Irish shot just 37 percent from the field and 28 percent from beyond the arc. Murphy led the way with 20 points and six rebounds. Graves added 17 points and six rebounds. Four Deacon players scored in double figures. O'Kelley who finished with a team-high 19 points and Dawson came off the bench to contribute 13 points.

Notes:

♦ Sophomores Graves and Murphy were named to the 2000 NIT All-Tournament team.

♦ With five assists in the NIT championship game, senior point guard Jimmy Dillon tied the team's single-season assists record. He now shares the record with Jack Meehan who dished out 214 in the 1970-71 season.

♦ The Irish are now 0-3 in the NIT title game.

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The third time was not a charm for Notre Dame. Thursday night, as the Irish failed to win their first-ever NIT championship for the third time in school history.

Notre Dame (22-15), who was the runner-up in 1973 and 1992, dropped a 71-61 contest to Wake Forest (22-14) in the NIT title game in front of 12,351 fans at Madison Square Garden.

"You have to take your hat off to them," sophomore David Graves said. "They played well defensively and shut down our offense, but we never quit. A couple shots here and there and it's a different ball game. But that's the way it goes."

It didn't go Notre Dame's way in the first half. Wake Forest outscored the Irish 25-6 over an 11-minute span to take a 17-point lead with less than two minutes to go.

"You've got to score to win and you gain momentum by making plays and scoring baskets," Irish sophomore All-American Troy Murphy said. "If you can't score for a long time, you kill your momentum. Credit their defense. They were tough and hit some shots. Can't have stretches where you don't score against good teams. We tried to do that tonight and came up short."

The Irish turned the ball over 13 times in the first 16 minutes and the Deacon Deacons were able to capitalize on these miscues, converting the 13 turnovers into 23 points.

A technical foul on Irish head coach Matt Doherty with 1:59 left in the first half, however, served as a wake up call for Notre Dame. The Irish reeled off eight straight points to close the half and cut the Deacons lead to nine.

"Coach is our team leader and our emotional leader," Murphy said. "I think he got us going. He got us on a run when we weren't playing with a lot of emotion. With Coach doing that, he really got us fired up and back into the game before halftime."

"I told them, I said they'll have a special place in my heart," Doherty said after Thursday's loss to Wake Forest. "You don't ever want to say one team's going to be more special than another. It's like saying one child's more special than another and that's not fair. But it's going to be tough for some team to steal my heart like this team did."

The 1999-2000 Irish basketball team captured the admiration of the community with its upbeat attitude, a belief that it could beat any team in the nation on any given day. And they sometimes did, knocking off two defending Final Four teams during the first two months of their season in Ohio State and Connecticut.

Little was expected of the Irish this year, as seven of their top nine players were freshman or sophomores. That kind of note would have convinced a less-determined team or a less-confident coach to focus on improving for next season, when the players would be better schooled in the ways of college basketball.

Not this team. Not Coach Doherty.

Doherty set five goals at the start of the season, goals he stuck with throughout the season. His goals were to improve every day, to win the next game, to win the Big East regular season, to win the Big East tournament and to win the national championship.

"I have expectations of winning every game and winning the national championship, and that may sound ridiculous, but those are my expectations," Doherty said. "Then you realize you're not in a perfect world. Did this team live up to my expectations? They surpassed them. They worked their tails off. They trusted me and believed in me and my staff from day one, and they responded whenever we challenged them and came up with some huge wins."

Maybe Doherty's dream of a national championship was out of reach, but the Irish twice defeated the defending national champion Huskies. Perhaps Notre Dame couldn't win a Big East championship, but it played to the buzzer against co-champions Syracuse and Miami.

The Irish might not have pulled off their revised goal of bringing home an NIT banner, but they didn't throw in the towel after being down 20.

Irish have special place in hearts of Notre Dame fans

Irish sophomore David Graves takes an elbow to the face as he wrestles for the ball in Thursday's NIT championship game Thursday. Graves had 17 points and six rebounds for the Irish.