Professors question sanctions on Iraq

By ANDREW THAGARD

Sanctions against Iraq should not be used to sanction Saddam Hussein but instead should focus on limiting the Iraqi military's to create weapons of mass destruction, according to two experts at the Kroc Institute. George Lopez and David Cortright, authors of "The Sanctions Decade: Assessing UN Strategy in the 1990s," said the sanctions against Iraq are hurting the people of Iraq more than Hussein.

"The goal of the sanctions is to get the inspection team to check on chemical and biological weapons," said Lopez, a professor of government and international studies. "It's not about Saddam Hussein. It's about a sovereign nation's defiance of a Security Council resolution." According to Lopez, the sanctions are successful but hurt the average Iraqi citizen.

"The sanctions have helped to limit the military power of the Baghdad regime but they have had a severe impact on humanitarian conditions," said David Cortright, a guest lecturer in the Kroc Institute. "Professor Lopez and I have argued that there is no benefit to military sanctions." The U.N. estimates the sanctions have contributed to the chronic malnutrition of nearly one million Iraqi children. There has been a lack of medical supplies to combat illnesses such as bacterial meningitis and leukemia.

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Critics opposed to altering the sanctions place the blame for the country's current situation solely on Hussein. They contend the nation's problems are

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The madness begins

There are many wonderful things about Notre Dame. Among them are the Dome, the Grotto, the Notre Dame family and Siegfried taglines. Currently, though, the best thing about our University is its decision to schedule spring break to coincide with the first week of March Madness. It's the only time of the year that Gonzaga is a household word. It's when everyone can wonder, where exactly is Coppin State? Sixty-four brackets, I was satisfied. I researched all teams, checked home and road records and evaluated motivation. And I thought about intangibles, gut feelings, and my belief that more often than not a Notre Dame, Connecticut and Tennessee to go straight aren't as frequent and it's easy to pick Notre

South Dakota native Mike Miller. And mostly she laughed. I wasn't sure exactly what method she'd use to fill out her brackets. I was coming off a good 1999 trip to Regina and the entire week can be devoted to filling out brackets and worrying about and winning six games in a row. March Madness is as good as it gets.

And with no tests or papers to worry about and no class to attend, the entire week can be devoted to filling out brackets and watching the tournament unfold.

Last year I thought I had it all figured out. I wanted to take a first round upset or two like I'd been on a vacation to Mars during the basketball season. Predicting their loss kept me quite satisfied until Selection Sunday. It's when everyone knows their loss kept me quite satisfied until Selection Sunday. It's when everyone

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SMC demos registration system

By MOLLY McVOY
Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's students will now use the Internet for a large part of the class registration process. This spring, students will use the new Banner system to pre-register for all of their non-major level classes. "This system gives students flexibility. They don't even have to leave their rooms," said Lorraine Kitchner, Saint Mary's Registrar, who spearheaded the system. "They don't even have to leave their rooms."

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T he new system will allow students to sign up for non-major classes through the Banner system. "There will be slots of times to register in Banner, probably about 10 hours long," Kitchner said. "The times will be spread out and there will be times at the end of the day if you can't fit in your desired time." Just as with the original pre-registration, rising seniors will have priority slots and the slots will follow by class rank. The process begins April 17 with the rising senior class. In order to log on to the system, students will need a pin number from their advisor. "Getting the pin number from their advisor assures us that the students are still being advised," Kitchner said. The new system gives the students more options, according to Kitchner. Search engines are programmed into the system that allows students to search for classes by subject, time or day. This allows students to find more appropriate schedules.

"This allows students to narrow their search and find classes that fit," Kitchner said. "They can take more control of their schedule."

The system was tested on members of the student academic council. Results were mainly positive and the feedback was very helpful, according to Kitchner. "SMC seemed to really like it," Kitchner said. "They gave me very good suggestions of how to get it out to the students."

Currently, only students at the home campus will use the system. In the future, the College hopes to expand the system to allow students living abroad to take advantage of the system. It is unlikely that incoming freshmen will use the system, but it may be a possibility.

I don't think the freshman office is quite ready for incoming freshmen to use this," Kitchner said.

The Banner system has been in place since the fall and has been used for inter-class communication, access to grades and posting assignments. Registration has been previously accomplished by meeting with workers in the registrar's office. With a list of desired classes, the workers pre-registered the students for classes and provided the students with a preliminary schedule.

Now, the students will directly sign up for non-major classes through the Banner system. "There will be slots of times to register in Banner, probably about 10 hours long," Kitchner said. "The times will be spread out and there will be times at the end of the day if you can't fit in your desired time."

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Regardless of who is responsible, many U.N. nations have begun to resent the sanctions because of growing international concern for the Iraqi people. Some countries have proposed to change the sanctions have been made.

A team of experts recently published a 50-page report in cooperation with the Kroc Institute and the Fourth Freedom Forum. A six-person research team interviewed more than 200 experts and provided the State Department and Congress with suggestions for changing the sanctions regime. It is similar to the goals of the smart sanctions presented by Secretary of State Colin Powell. Lopez believes his report may have laid a foundation for the smart sanctions.

"I can’t say to you that because the [decision makers] had our preliminary outline in hand that they said what they said and did what they did, but in the general discussions about what constitutes smart sanctions, our staff has been pretty important," he said.

The goal of the smart sanctions is to prohibit the entrance of military weapons into Iraq while minimizing the impact on civilians. In an executive summary of the report, the research team recommended increasing the monitoring of border crossings, compensating Iraqi external debts and maintaining the UN managed oil account. The report aims at establishing a united front against Iraq to enforce military sanctions and revised economic sanctions.

"No single element of this smart sanctions package stands alone in yielding sufficient coercive clout. But linked together such controls provide a tightened sanctions regime," states the summary.

Lopez is confident that the new propositions will inject new life into the sanctions and that he credits Powell for jumping starting a process that he anticipated would take longer.

"The end goal here is to restore the willingness of the Border States and powerful states to continue to keep mili­
tary sanctions on Iraq and to pressure Iraq to fulfill disarm­
ment requirements," Lopez said.

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Academy of Sciences and a well-known researcher in the field of stochastic mechanics, or mechanics which involve probability.

"Professor Sobczyk is a good friend of our department here at Notre Dame," Kinkner said. "He has visited us many times, the last time during the 1997-98 school year as the Visiting Mellon Professor." Robert Norton, professor and chair of the Department of German and Russian, said Sobczyk is currently using his grant to study at the International Research Center for Cultural Studies in Vienna, Austria. Norton’s research focuses on German cultural conservatism from 1910-30.

A visiting professor, Pietro Botani from the University of Rome “La Sapienza,” Rome, is at Notre Dame as the result of a Fulbright grant. He is lecturing on “Biblical and Greco-Roman Rewritings throughout Italian Literature.”

The U.S. Department of State sponsors the scholarships, with additional funding provided by participating government and host institutions.

Pros earn Carnegie award for research

By KATHERINE BRICK

Harvey Bender, professor of biological sciences, and Todd Whitmore, associate professor of Theology, recently were named Carnegie Scholars. This is the University of Notre Dame Provost Nathan Hatch to the newly created endowed professorship, which will be offered in the Faculty of Business.

Carnegie Scholars, 20 students enrolled in both Bender’s Genetics class and Whitmore’s Theology class will participate in discussions on topics related to genetics which will involve the social connections to advances in science. As professors plan to incorporate the strategies that have been developed into their teaching to better prepare students for further study in the subject. They will work with the other 28 members of the Carnegie Scholars of Class of 1999-2000 over the summer in order to continue their research.

Gundlach appointed chair

By KATHERINE BRICK

Marketing professor Gregory Gundlach has been appointed by University of Notre Dame Provost Nathan Hatch to the newly created endowed professorship, which will be offered in the Faculty of Business.

The endowed professorship was funded by a gift created by the late John Berry, Sr., a Dayton, Ohio, businessman and philanthropist who served for 25 years on the advisory council of Notre Dame’s business college.

"Greg is an outstanding scholar whose work on the study of marketing and social responsibility is one of the acknowledged authorities in the field of marketing and society — an area in which the University of Notre Dame is a leader," Hatch said. "He has established a strong reputation as a leader in the marketing department as a whole has become the national leader — and is most deserved of this appointment.

A member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1987, Gundlach studies the interplay of marketing and the law, with particular emphasis on competition policy and antitrust law. He is the coeditor of “The Handbook of Marketing and Society” (Sage Publications, 2000), the first book to examine comprehensively the scholarly research on how marketing affects societal welfare.

Gundlach is among the nation’s foremost experts on “slotting fees,” the controversial practice of retailers and wholesalers requiring a payment from manufacturers before agreeing to allocate shelf or warehouse space to the manufacturers’ product.

Introduced in the 1990s, slotting fees (or allowances) have become prevalent in the grocery industry and are becoming increasingly common in other business sectors including computer software, books, magazines, apparel, over-the-counter drugs, alcohol, and tobacco products, and most recently the Internet. These payments usually are negotiated in secrecy and required in advance, without public disclosure of their terms.

Gundlach has provided expert testimony on the subject on several occasions before the U.S. Senate Committee on Small Business. He was an expert witness last year for the plaintiff in an antitrust trial that resulted in a $1.05-billion verdict against the nation’s largest snuff tobacco company for using slotting fees and other tactics to monopolize the snuff tobacco marketplace. Gundlach earned bachelor’s, master’s of business administration, law, and doctoral degrees from the University of Tennessee.

John Berry was a Dartmouth College graduate who retired in 1987 after a 41-year career at L.M. Berry & Company, a firm founded by his father, Loren Berry, and a member of the Indiana’s Adoption Initiative.

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**World News Briefs**

**Algerian accused of helping smuggle explosives**

A terrorist suspect pleaded guilty: Algeria has stirred fears of a terrorist attack during the hours after she was reported missing by her family. Police suspect she was kidnapped, but her family said she would probably be found safe and sound.

**Naval allows woman sub workers**

The Canadian navy chose International Women's Day to announce that it would allow women to serve aboard submarines, making all of Canada's military open to females. Vice Adm. Greg Maddison said the decision was made because the navy's new Victoria-class submarines offer more privacy than the previous, smaller vessels.

**National News Briefs**

**Man suspected of dismembering girlfriend**

Police charged a 32-year-old man in Hamburg, N.Y., with murder after finding the dismembered body of his girlfriend in three boxes in the basement of the couple's home. The remains of Kym Krafft, 27, were discovered Wednesday, several hours after she was reported missing by her family. Police suspect her live-in boyfriend, Brian Faust, cut her up with an electric saw, police said.

**Accused terrorist pleads guilty**

An Algerian accused of helping smuggle explosives into the United States in a 1999 case that stirred fears of a terrorist attack during the millennium celebrations has pleaded guilty and agreed to cooperate with the government.

**Indian News Briefs**

**Woman fakes daughter's illness**

A woman accused of taking thousands of dollars in donations after inventing a story about her daughter's terminal illness has pleaded guilty to 15 counts of theft. Katherine Stabe, 51, of Huntington, was charged with lying to people about her daughter's alleged impending death and spending money collected for the girl's "last wish." Prosecutors said Stabe raised more than $10,000 in donations — including about $1,000 raised by students and staff at two local schools — so she could take her 10-year-old daughter and other family members to Walt Disney World.

**NASA launches space shuttle Discovery**

**Associated Press**

CAPE CANAVERAL Space shuttle Discovery soared into the dawn Thursday, carrying a new crew to the international space station to relieve the three men who have been orbiting in orbit for the past four months. The shuttle will catch up with the space station early Saturday, and the fresh crew and the weary one will immediately begin trading places.

It was a smooth countdown and a flawless climb to orbit. Discovery soared neatly through a stunningly clear sky tinged peach from the rising sun. It was 45 degrees, one of the colder launch-time temperatures, but well within the safety limits.

"I was beginning to think something was wrong because nothing was wrong," launch director Mike Leinbach joked. The international space station, Alpha, and its crew were waiting high above the Indian Ocean near Australia when Discovery took off. American astronaut Bill Shepherd and his Russian shipmates, logging their 12th day in space, welcomed the news that Discovery was on the way.

Russian cosmonaut Yuri Usachov and American astronauts Jim Voss and Susan Helms will spend the next four months aboard the space station.

Besides a new space station crew and four other astronauts, Discovery is hauling 10,000 pounds of supplies packed in an Italian-made module named Leonardo.

During Discovery's eight days at the space station, Leonardo will be attached to the complex and emptied of its contents. It will then be brought back to Earth aboard the shuttle on March 20.

Helms will be the first woman to live on the space station. Looking a little sad, she waved and said, "Bye, Mom!" to the TV camera just before liftoff, which took place on International Women's Day.

The flight of Leonardo, the first of Italy's three $150 million cargo carriers to be launched, drew cheers of Italian space officials to Cape Canaveral. (The two other reusable modules are dubbed Raffaello and Donatiello.)

Sergio De Julio, president of the Italian Space Agency, ended up hugging with NASA Administrator Daniel Goldin for a bigger piece of the space station project. Because of a projected $4 billion cost overrun in the space station program, President Bush wants NASA to halt construction three years early in orbit and eliminate the dormitory-style habitation module and crew rescue vehicles.

De Julio said Italy is considering supplying the module and maybe seven-person lifeboats, too, in exchange for full partnership and more Italian assigned to space station flights.

**International Women's Day celebrated**

**Associated Press**

From a demonstration in Sri Lanka for an end to civil war to a minute of silence in Turkey for victims of rape and honor killings, International Women's Day was observed around the world Thursday with calls for peace, prosperity and equality.

The public gatherings coincided with academic conferences and release of reports on the condition of women at the turn of the millennium. "Facing an uncertain future, increasing inequality in the workplace and death rates in pregnancy and childbirth," the Council of Europe said.

"There isn't a single country or institution in the world where men and women enjoy equal opportunity. And even though we've been struggling for decades to achieve fundamental change, we have to admit that there's still a long way to go," Gro Harlem Brundtland, head of the World Health Organization and a former Norwegian prime minister, told a U.N. Women's Day meeting in Geneva.

But Mary Robinson, the U.N. high commissioner for human rights, said attitudes can change quickly. She noted that when she was elected Irish president in 1990, she was the nation's first female head of state — and she was succeeded by another woman, Mary McAleese.

"Apparently there are small boys in Ireland who are complaining to their mothers, 'Why can't I grow up to be president?' That seems to me to be an excellent experience for small boys in Ireland," she said.

At the U.N. headquarters in New York, observances focused on a Security Council resolution adopted Oct. 31 calling for special measures to protect women and girls from rape and sexual abuse in war and for a greater role for women in making peace.

A council statement Thursday urged all 189 U.N. member states to increase the representation of women in decision-making "for the prevention, management and resolution of conflicts."
'Dennis the Menace' celebrates 50th birthday

Associated Press

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — A little freckle-faced boy leans out from the back seat of a vintage car and taunts a policeman as his parents wait apprehensively for the traffic ticket. The caption reads: "You didn't catch us! We ran outta gas!"

It was March 12, 1951 — America's first glimpse of the blonde, tow-headed toddler known as "Dennis the Menace." Still "five-ana-half" on the comics pages, he celebrates 50 years of publication Monday.

The cartoon still runs in 1,000 newspapers, 48 countries and 19 languages, and "the only thing that has changed is the toys," creator Henry "Hank" Ketcham said as he recalled a lifetime of cartooning in an interview at his home studio.

Even now, Ketcham is surprised that his work is so popular. Other cartoonists also marvel at the loyalty of his readers.

"If Dennis the Menace fell out of his swing and went into a coma the world would probably stop," said Brian Walker, who writes "Hi and Lois" with his brother, Greg. "It just shows how much these characters are part of these people's lives.

Ketcham credits Dennis' innocence for the strip's longevity.

"He doesn't have any answers but a lot of questions and a lot of energy and you've got a lot of loyalty and a little bit of mischief in him, too, but that's the way kids are," Ketcham said.

Being a "menace" also is key, said Jim Davis, creator of "Garfield." "If Dennis were a perfect little boy, he wouldn't have lasted."

Ketcham, who turns 81 on March 14, put down his pencil nearly a decade ago. Today, he moves a little slower while clicking from image to image on his Web site, but his artistic eye is still sharp and critical while overseeing the day-to-day drawings faxed to his home.

A Seattle native, he dropped out of the University of Washington after his freshman year in 1938 to pursue his childhood dream of becoming a cartoonist.

He got his first job as an animator for Walter Lantz, the creator of "Woody Woodpecker," and then for Walt Disney, working on "Pinocchio," "Bambi," "Fantasia" and others.

How did he stay in touch with American culture among the Swiss Alps?

"I'm a former kid, you see, and I have that great memory," said Ketcham, wearing black-rimmed glasses. "I had a Sears Roebuck catalogue, which I kept over there, and I have a great team of writers which kept supplying me with stuff."

Ketcham and Dennis' mother, Alice, separated and she died soon after in 1959 from a drug overdose. Ketcham took the then 12-year-old to Switzerland, but when the boy struggled with his studies there, he was sent to boarding school in Connecticut. Ketcham and his second wife, Jo Anne Stevens, remained in Europe.

Dennis went on to serve a 10-month tour of duty in Vietnam and returned suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder. He has little contact with his father today (and has been estranged from his own daughter). Still, he's kept "Dennis the Menace" books, dolls and other cartoon paraphernalia displayed at his house.

"He's living in the East somewhere doing his own thing," Ketcham said. "That's just a chapter that was a short one that closed, which unfortunately happens in some families."
Parents: children were forced to make fireworks

Associated Press

It should have been just their first day of school, but instead, it was the scene of their deaths. In southeast China's Jiangxi's mountainous border with Hunan province, fireworks industry is extreme embarrassing for Chinese leaders. Premier Zhu, denying that fireworks manufacture in the school was to blame, said the explosion was caused by a man who carried a bag of fireworks into the school. Zhu and Xinhua said the man died in the explosion.

Chinese Premier Zhu Rongji blamed a man with mental problems for Tuesday's explosion, which reduced the school in Fang Lin village, Jiangxi province, to a pile of bricks, books and furniture. The official Xinhua News Agency identified him as a 9-year-old fireworks maker, Li Chulai, and said he was known in the village as "psycho." It said police found a notebook and papers in his home containing the confused phrase: "I'll sacrifice myself with 100 pounds of sulfur saltpeter, blast all, burn all, killing dozens of them at the very least."

But parents said government officials were lying. Zhang Chenggen said his 11-year-old son, who died, and other third- and fourth-graders had since 1998 been forced to assemble firecrackers in class, normally working a half-day. Profits subsidized school expenses and went to school officials, Zhang said.

The father of another 11-year-old victim said children were rushing to complete orders for China's traditional grave-sweeping festival on April 5, when families honor deceased relatives. "Everybody knows it is caused by the fireworks," Zhang said by telephone. "The government is trying to cover up the facts. Please do not believe them.

The explosion was not the first to kill children in China's fireworks industry. Last March, 17 children — the youngest aged 8 — were among 35 people killed when a fireworks factory exploded in another Jiangxi village about 30 miles from Tuesday's blast. The children earned 12 cents a day for fitting fuses to firecrackers, the state-run newspaper Southern Weekend reported.

In poor villages all along Jiangxi's mountainous border with Hunan province, fireworks are a key industry. Most are put together by hand in family workshops for sale nationwide, with some officials paid to look the other way, the Southern Weekend said.

In Fang Lin, about 30 families make fireworks at home, including the village's Communist Party leader and some school officials and teachers, said Zhang Shunheng, whose 11-year-old son was killed in Tuesday's blast.

Teachers distributed the work to students, and pupils who refused to do it or told their parents were banned from classes or made to kneel on the classroom floor, Zhang said. Children and parents had little choice — "it was the village's only primary school."

The party secretary, who fled after the blast, was caught Wednesday by police and the school principal turned himself in, Zhang said. Thousands of people demonstrated Wednesday and again Thursday outside the school, demanding an investigation, he said.

"I was among the first batch of people to rush to the explosion site. I clearly saw the hands of some dead children still holding fuses," he said.

"There is no doubt the fireworks they were making caused the explosion."

The disaster, which came during the 11-day annual meeting of China's national legislature, is extremely embarrassing for Chinese leaders. Premier Zhu, denying that fireworks manufacturing in the school was to blame, said the explosion was caused by a man who carried a bag of fireworks into the school. Zhu and Xinhua said the man died in the explosion.

CHILE

Officials drop homicide charges against Pinochet

Associated Press

SANTIAGO

A Chilean court dropped homicide and kidnapping charges against Gen. Augusto Pinochet on Thursday, but ruled the former dictator must still be tried for covering up the crimes.

The 2-1 vote by the Santiago Court of Appeals watering down the criminal charges disappointed both supporters and foes of the 85-year-old former leader, whom the court ordered to remain under house arrest.

It appeared to be a victory for Pinochet, who was indicted Jan. 29 on charges stemming from the "Caravan of Death" — a military group that executed 75 political prisoners in various cities five weeks after the 1973 coup led by Pinochet.

The indictment charged Pinochet with homicide for the 57 victims whose bodies were recovered and with kidnapping for 18 who remain unaccounted for.

In its ruling, the court said that Pinochet "learned of the crimes after they had occurred, but failed to report them to the courts of justice."

There is no indication whatsoever that he took measures to punish those responsible," the ruling said.

Relatives of the victims of Pinochet's dictatorship of 1973-90 condemned the ruling.

"This is shameful and shows the kind of courts we have," said Viviana Diaz, president of an organization of relatives of dissenters who disappeared after their arrest. "They are looking for ways to protect Pinochet."

Lawyer Hiram Villagra said the ruling "confirms that Pinochet had participation in the criminal acts. But it cannot be considered as a mere cover-up, because Pinochet gave the orders.

But a spokesman for Pinochet, retired Gen. Guillermo Garin, said: "We were expecting the charges would be totally dropped. Gen. Pinochet has no responsibility for the crimes."

The ruling is expected to be just another step in the legal saga involving Pinochet, as the case may go back all the way to the Supreme Court. Eventually, an outcome may be decided more on health reasons than legal ones.

The court is expected to decide by the end of this month on a request by Pinochet's defense to close the case, alleging that his deteriorated health prevents him from properly organizing his defense, thus depriving him of his right to a fair trial.

Doctors in January said Pinochet suffers from "moderate dementia" brought on by minor strokes. He also has diabetes and arthritis, and wears a pacemaker.

Pinochet was last seen Sunday when he attended Mass at a private chapel not far from the residence where he is under house arrest. Walking with difficulty, using a cane and aided by bodyguards, Pinochet smiled broadly and raised his hand to greet a small group of supporters.

MEN'S BASKETBALL NCAA TOURNAMENT

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A Nicole Rodriguez la mató un chofer borracho cuando ella salió a jugar con una amiguita vecina.

¿Qué se debe hacer para impedir que un amigo maneje borracho? Lo que fuere necesario. Los amigos no deben a la una amigas manejar borrachos.
Hold Eldred accountable for actions

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Censorship is never a good idea

In his letter to the editor on Thursday regarding the censorship of a painting at the Brooklyn Museum of Art by Mayer Rudolph Giulianii, Shawn Newbury states, "The painting is disgusting because Christ is a woman. And it is outrageous because its sole purpose is to create shock and arguments, not to further religion."

Based on this logic, he and others like him "completely agree" with Mayor Giuliani's attempts to shut down the controversial exhibit. Short of questioning whether or not Mr. Newbury has actually seen the exhibit in person before making such inflammatory remarks about it, I wish to respond to the issue of censorship that he raises.

The First Amendment of the Constitution protects free speech. Period. The same document that gives Catholics the right to practice whatever religion they please protects artists as well.

If Mayor Giulianii has the right to judge what is appropriate and inappropriate and eliminate funding for that which he deems offensive, how is that not censorship?

Would he be right in eliminating the Holy Bible from public libraries which receive public funding because it might be considered offensive to atheists? Would he be right in withdrawing funding from the Metropolitan Museum of Art because its collection contains oil paintings of nudes that might be considered offensive?

The point is, if you are offended by a piece of art or literature or other media, then don’t expose yourself to it. If you don’t like it, don’t see it, read it or listen to it. But don’t take away my right to appreciate it or the rights of others.

You don’t speak for me when you bash a piece of art you don’t understand (and probably have never even seen). Book burning and the cutting of artists' exhibition space echoes trends frighteningly reminiscent of fascism. Eliminating art that can be considered offensive sets a dangerous precedent for future censorship and denial of the basic rights of expression that all Americans should enjoy. God we are granted.

Tim O'Connor
junior
Dill Hall
March 8, 2001

Separating business from government

PRINCETON, N.J.
Remember Carol Shia? She was the New York City police officer fired after posing for Playboy in uniform the NYPD thought it was inappropriate to use a police uniform for personal gain — and in such a questionable manner. The Carol Shia problem is found in politics as well, where politicians use their "uniforms" or the networks those uniforms create to advance themselves personally.

There are laws to prevent conflicts of interest: the stocks held by David Eisenhower, for example, which were recently sold to help defray the costs of his son's campaign. But there are no laws to prevent former elected officials from using their former positions for financial gain in their current positions. Take, for example, the Carlyle Group, a private equity firm that employs former top-ranking officials in the elder Bush and Reagan administrations.

The Carlyle Group makes money by buying undervalued companies and selling them at a profit. And it counts among its "advisors," "investors" and "directories" former President George Bush, former Bush Secretary of State James Baker, former Reagan Secretary of Defense Frank Carlucci and Gen. John Shalikashvili, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs under President Clinton.

There has always been a revolving door between business and government, right? And what’s no good about allowing former government officials to earn the big bucks in big business? After all, everyone knows how little they make in public service. In fact, there’s nothing wrong with this. The public grants former officials the privilege to use the contacts and prestige of their former posts for personal gain. But the Carlyle Group abuses that privilege.

Two-thirds of the firm’s investments are in the defense and telecommunications industries, both of which are directly affected by changes in government policy. The Carlyle Group is currently competing with other firms for several billion-dollar defense contracts — including a $13.7 billion contract for the Predator program to build tanks. It might help its cause that one of its managing directors, Frank Carlucci, went to college with the current Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld. "I know Rumsfeld extremely well," Carlucci told The New York Times. "We’ve been close friends through the years."

Additionally, former President Bush recently discussed Carlyle’s investments in the Middle East with King Fahd and Crown Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia. And after Bush met with the prime minister of South Korea, Carlyle won control of the South Korean bank, KorAm.

How can you top the connections made by being president? The Carlyle Group argues that former officials like Bush and Carlucci do not lobby the federal government. But then again, they don’t have to. The firm’s ties to the current administration are much stronger than any act of lobbying could be.

For example, if you are offended by a piece of art you don’t understand (and probably have never even seen), burn the piece of art. But if you want to get money from private interests that have bought into government, while being president, said Charles Lewis, executive director of the Center for Public Integrity in an interview for The New York Times, "George W. Bush could, some day, benefit financial- ly from his own administration’s decisions, through his father’s influence with others."

The line between business and government is increasingly blurred — and that is not necessarily bad. Businesses will keep trying to gain an edge over their competitors by building stronger connections with lawmakers. But those connections should be allowed. But the Carlyle Group has taken this to an extreme. Former public officials are allowed to enter business — as board members, for example — when they leave government because they are private citizens again.

But they’re not, really. They have contacts and influence beyond that of other Americans — and that’s what makes them so attractive to firms like Carlyle. It’s pretty clear that something needs to be fixed when the president’s family is benefiting from contracts put before his administration.

Congress has, until now, not supported campaign finance reform legislation, which would limit the influence of business on politics. And it is unlikely that the Carlyle Group will provac e a change in that attitude. But without such reform, politics will become an even bigger and better business — without such reform, the integrity of "a noble profession" will be diminished.

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Sweet home Chicago

Not going anywhere for break? Chi-town is right and welcome for you.

By Jackie Ostrowski
Scene Writer

So you're ready to brave the Windy City. Only an hour-and-a-half drive from Notre Dame, Chicago is waiting for you. It can be done in a day, a weekend or a week, but it always demands more. No matter how exhaustive your itinerary, Chicago always has something worth returning for. The Second City, the City of Big Shoulders, this city on the lake encompasses world-class museums, fine dining and shopping nightlife, yet it manages to avoid a stuffy attitude. Chicago still has its fair share of accessible charm - showing down on a slice of deep-dish pizza, people-watching in Grant Park, sharing a high five downtown.

Anding five.

Contemporary Art Institute of Chicago, Museum's offerings, including the most famous works.

Terra Museum of American Art.

Allow an hour to digest this superior yet manageable museum's offerings, including the current exhibit on Rockwell Kent. Its selection includes paintings by Mary Cassatt, John Singer Sargent and Winslow Homer.

Chicago has plenty of options for the more scientifically-minded traveler. Two of the most well-known, the Field Museum and the Museum of Science and Industry, form a substantial part of the city's Museum Campus on Lake Shore Drive.

Field Museum

1400 S. Lake Shore Drive
312-922-9410

Come for " Sue," the world's largest Tyrannosaurus Rex skeleton, but stay for the museum's seemingly endless selection of exhibits. Anthropological displays, prehistoric fossils, and cultural diversity exhibits are among the dozens that populate the Field Museum.

Museum of Science and Industry

5700 S. Lake Shore Drive
773-624-1414

One of the latest additions to the museum is SciTrek, a special exhibit about the Internet and technology, where Visitors can control virtual Internet connections and test their digital savvy. However, not all parts of the museum hurtle towards the future; a detailed display on farming takes visitors to a different world.

Dining

Chicago is a budget-eater's paradise. A city that prides itself on deep-dish pizza and famous hot dogs can't be too hard on the wallet, so if you prefer to spend your money on museums or the Magnificent Mile, you'll have no problems saving on your food and still getting delicious cuisine.

No visitor should be allowed to leave without trying classic Chicago-style pizza. It's an unparalleled dining experience. When told of the 30-45 minute wait for a deep-dish pizza, the shocked expressions on their faces give the tourists away. It's well worth the wait, as an satisfied dinner will agree.

Some of the most well-known options for pizza are Gino's East of Chicago (633 N. Wells), famous for its mass conglomeration of entertainment fills up with visitors early. The Pier was renovated in 1993, and, judging by the throngs of tourists and natives that crowd the pier on a daily basis, it's a popular destination. The pier bustles throughout the day with its enormous Ferris wheel, beer gardens, sit-down restaurants, carousel, boats and entertainment. Families seem to really get a kick out of it, good for a one-time visit, but the chaos can be a bit overwhelming.

Baseball lovers can't leave Chicago without a visit to Wrigley Field, home of the Chicago Cubs. Wrigley Field's ivy-covered walls house a field steeped in tradition. For a ballpark that reminds us why baseball is America's pastime, try to get tickets to a Cubs game (www.bbooltonmu­mmer.com). Wrigleyville, the area immediately surrounding the ballpark, is packed with sports bars and restaurants for a post-game drink or snack. Try Goose Island Brewing Co. (1800 N. Clybourn) for delicious burgers, made-from-scratch potato chips and a huge assortment of beers.

Art & Museums

A stop at any one of Chicago's dozens of fine museums can add a bit of refinement and sophistication to an otherwise culture-free day. There are far too many museums to list here; however, no guide to Chicago would be complete without mentioning the most deserving five.

- Art Institute of Chicago
111 S. Michigan Ave.
312-443-3600

Don't miss "A Sunday Afternoon on La Grande Jatte - 1884" by Seurat or "American Gothic" by Grant Wood, two of the museum's most famous works.

- Museum of Contemporary Art
220 E. Chicago Ave.
312-280-2660

For a change of pace, stop by on the first Friday of each month from 6 to 9 p.m., when the MCA hosts "First Fridays." It's an after-hours party with music and snacks to allow those who appreciate art to do so in an informal and entertaining setting.

- Terra Museum of American Art
664 N. Michigan Ave.
312-644-1929


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Tip

Stretching east into Lake Michigan, Navy Pier's 150 ft. Ferris wheel is fun for kids and adults alike. Travelers can get a breathtaking view of the city by stopping at the top of the Ferris wheel.

A double room is $165 a night, including an extravagant breakfast buffet at the downstairs restaurant. Allie's American Grille. Valet parking is included. The Marriott also has an ideal location at the corner of Michigan and Ohio Streets. The rooms are spacious and clean, and service is excellent.

From the top of either tower, a tourist can easily find Grant Park by pointing out the green patch of grass stretching along the lakefront. Buckingham Fountain, another Chicago landmark, sits as the centerpiece of Grant Park. Its capricious dragons spew a 90-foot tower of water at alternate times during the day. By night, they assume different colors and the fountain performs a flashing show of lights.

But the chaos can be a bit overwhelming.

Baseball lovers can't leave Chicago without setting foot inside the "friendly confines" of Wrigley Field (1960 W. Addison). Cubs fans have earned their reputation as among the most devoted, and they'll proudly display their love for their underdog team in the bleachers of Wrigley during any home game. One of the smallest fields in baseball, Wrigley Field's ivy-covered walls house a field steeped in tradition. For a ballpark
... Chicago

around the 'Bend. Scene tells you what not to miss.

toursists and locals alike into the little shop. Several other sweet and salty confections are sold, but judging by the bulging bags in the hands of children and adults alike, the cheese and caramel blend seems to be the most popular.

If you're looking for something a little more substantial, try Foodstuffs (325 N. Michigan) in the basement of Water Tower Place. Three dozen restaurants offer everything from freshly made quasadillas to giant stuffed baked potatoes. It's fresher, healthier and more fun than fast food. Plus, you get to eat in the unmatched ambiance of a walk-in forest.

For a night out, the Italian Village trio of restaurants (71 W. Monroe) offers authentic and affordable Italian cuisine. Each dining room hosts a different menu and wine list. The upper dining room, the Village, has the most traditionally Italian menu. Its romantic atmosphere transports diners to a scene from a quaint Italian town. The prices are quite reasonable for such a first-class atmosphere; the pasta dinner specials include soup, salad, an entire and dessert for $15.50. A mixed green salad and minestone soup are delicious precursors to the actual meal, but nothing spectacular. However, the pasta dishes outshine themselves. The risotto pleases the palate and achieves just the right balance of flavor. As for the three-cheese ravioli filled with cherry tomatoes, the blend of cheeses is appetizing without being overpowering and the cherry tomatoes add to the traditional yet inspiring cuisine of the Village. The staff is courteous and attentive, don't be surprised if the waiters flirt and offer an excess of compliments to young women diners. It's all part of the charm of the Italian Village.

The whimsical Cheesecake Factory (1875 N. Michigan) gives hungry travelers a completely different experience - but still enjoyable dining experience. Far from the subdued appeal of the Italian Village, the Cheesecake Factory knocks you over at the front door with its offbeat twist on a fondly pleasing setting. From the flamboyant decor to the extensive menu, this restaurant defines hedonism. You can't just come for the deep-dish pizza and famous hot dogs can't be too hard on the wallet, so if you prefer to spend your money on museums or the Magnificent Mile, you'll have no problems saving on your food and still getting delicious
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Bloomington- dale's, Lord & Taylor. Marshall Fields and a newly opened Nordstrom are the large department stores that flank North Michigan Avenue, and these stores signify the type of shopping (and shoppers) that's to be found on this exclusive northern stretch of Michigan Avenue, while it can be a fun shopping excursion, it's no bargain. When money's no object, the 900 North Michigan Shops and the new Nordstrom Plaza tantalize with stores such as Olilly, United Colors of Benetton and J. Crew. Water Tower Place is slightly more affordable, featuring typical mall fare such as Express, Abercrombie and Fitch and Victoria's Secret. Moving south down Michigan Avenue, the giant FAM Schwartz and the American Girl Place are delights for the Victorian era while the Virgin Megastore is an adult's playground. Enormous versions of mall favorites like Eddie Bauer, Crate & Barrel and Ann Taylor dot the corners. Literally and figuratively miles away from preppy Banana Republic on North Michigan Avenue, the thrill of vintage and antique shops is at the triangle of Belmont, Clark and Halsted. It's an alternative shopping experience. Take the el to Belmont or Addison. The vintage stores here hold some treasures you can't find in any department store-genuine 50's diner booths and 50's mom furniture that would be a perfect addition to a dorm room or apartment.

And instead of forking over $80 for a couple of small, craveworthy derbies, the plates that look like they were made in the '70's, you can find the real thing here — for just a fraction of the price. If you're patient, these streets will reward you.

For a classic Chicago shopping experience that goes beyond chains and mass

commercialism, try State Street's Marshall Field's (1141 N. State St). A Chicago landmark since its opening in 1907, the multi-floor department store sells just about everything. It's especially famous for the central restaurant, the Walnut Room, where hungry shoppers wait hours for seats beneath the famed Marshall Field's Christmas tree. At Christmastime, don't miss the fanciful window decorations that display fairy tales in all their colorful glory.

Nightlife

So night is falling, the stores are closed and you've eaten dinner? Nightlife is only a cab ride away. A hilarious option for any visitor is Second City (1608 N. Wells), Chicago's comedy club. "Slaughterhouse 5, Carrie O.2," is currently playing at Second City, and the comedy skit tackles familiar material with unexpectedly funny results. Deny's workers, infant politicians and young couples are just a few of the show's targets. Its cynical style and polished cast make it an ideal choice for laugh-seekers.

Second City has a small and intimate set- ting for its comedy; you'll probably get to know your neighbors quite well by the time the evening's over. The crowd is sur- prisingly mixed. Patrons need not be 21 to enter, but under-21s will find that they'll be the youngest there. Audience members range from 20-somethings to 50-somethings, with the majority of the crowd a predictably yuppie-ish mix. Considering the slightly controversial nature of some of the jokes, a younger audience makes more sense.

They don't call it "my kind of town" for nothing. Chicago can be your kind of town, too, just make the trip. The Midwestern metropolis is just waiting for you to discover it. Entire books have been written on Chicago's treasures; this article has merely introduced the city. But the moral of the Second City is this: you don't need a lot of time or money to enjoy it. So what are you waiting for? Pack your bags and go visit.
Men's Big East Tournament

Seton Hall shocks Georgetown, 58-40

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Seton Hall is looking good and not looking back.

The Pirates, who didn't clinch their Big East regular-season championship until the last game of the regular season, advanced to the semifinals with a 58-40 victory over Georgetown, No. 19 ESPN/USA Today, No. 18 AP) on Thursday.

A season that started with a Top 10 ranking and then saw the Pirates lose eight of nine games in one stretch and almost not even qualify for the conference tournament has taken a sudden turn.

The Pirates (16-13) won their third straight game by opening the second half with a 24-3 run to take control. They held the Hoyas (23-7) to half their season scoring average in matching the fewest points ever allowed in a Big East tournament game.

"This was one of those games when you wake up in the middle of the night and dream about having and hope you never have. We had it today," Georgetown coach Craig Faberick said.

"We could hardly get the ball at all. We started well and played well but we couldn't do anything right. I thought Seton Hall played extremely well," said Eddie Griffin, Darius Lane and Craig Robinson, who had 11 points for Georgetown.

Boston College 93, Villanova 79

A year ago, Boston College was eliminated from the Big East Conference, anorth division of their conference record achieved strictly on merit.

Now the Eagles (No. 9 ESPN/USA Today, No. 12 AP) and the Hoyas are on the other end, owners of a league-best 13-3 record and in the semifinals of the conference tournament after Wednesday's convincing 93-79 wipeout of Villanova.

The Eagles will face Seton Hall on Friday night after the Pirates thumped No. 19 Georgetown 58-40 in the second game of Thursday's afternoon doubleheader.

"Attitude, intensity and approach made this team successful," Skinner said. "Attitude is extremely important, it's hard to get it even at night but we've had it consistently throughout the year. Our players were embarrassed about finishing 13th last year. They wanted to make that right.

Troy Bell, the conference's co-player of the Year, led BC with 25 points and made 10 of his 15 shots. Kenny Harley had 19 while Ryan Sidney had 13 and Jonathan Beerbohm 12 off the bench.

Syracuse 55, Providence 54

Syracuse, which led by 15 points at halftime, had to rally in the final 12 minutes for a 55-54 victory over Providence on Thursday, lifting the 17th-ranked Orange into the semifinals of the Big East tournament.

Syracuse (24-7) capped a quarterfinal day in which three of four teams that received first-round byes lost. The Orange will play Pittsburgh, which beat No. 19 Notre Dame, on Friday, with the winner advancing to the championship game. The Orange snapped the two-game season series from the Panthers.

Preston Shumpert, who had 31 points in the opening-round win over Connecticut, led the Orange with 15 points, while Dadome

Brown added 12 points and 13 rebounds. Erron Maxey led the Friars (21-9) with 10 points.

Belles' tennis coach resigns

BY KATIE McVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

The Belles tennis team is looking to serve up victory, to swing for team unity and to return a championship.

"We said all the time We want to win the conference," head coach Dee Stevenson said. "We want to make the NCAA tournament."

Last season Saint Mary's tied with Calvin College for second place in the MIAA, just behind Hope. The Belles hope they can turn the close losses of last year into victories this year.

"We expect to do very well this season and improve our record," team co-captain Annie Knish said. "We lost to the University of Chicago, Northwestern and Wisconsin in very close matches last year (all three were 5-4) and we hope to turn those around this season.

This year's team looks a little different than the teams that matched to Chicago, Depauw and Wheaton College in very close matches last year. "We will have a very young team, but this will only allow us to get stronger and better during the upcoming years," Knish said.

The Belles will be counting on Annie Knish and Becky Kremer to step up in leadership positions. The co-captains offer the Belles the most college experience, according to Annie Knish.

In addition, the Belles have been stepping up in starting positions, Saint Mary's has seven other talented women constituting the team.

"Our team's greatest strength is our depth," Knish said. "We have a solid line-up this year, all the way down to the bench.

Saint Mary's will open its season this week away from the snow of Indiana in Glendale, Ariz., as part of spring break tennis program. The Belles will play against teams from Division I, II and III.

Saint Mary's will be matched up against St. Louis University (Div. II), Montana State University (Div. I), Colorado College (Div. II) and Webster State University (Div. III). Other matches may be named when the Belles arrive in Arizona.

Stevenson is looking at the trip as an opportunity for his team to improve its play and meet some new opponents.

"Right now, they're tired of playing each other," he said. "The trip will give us a chance to play outside, to play other people, and we hope we have a good time.

Team members are looking at the trip as an opportunity to increase team unity and take part in some play against talented opposition.

"It's a really big spring for us, a really big spring for our team," Knish said. "We are going to be working hard over break.

The Belles will be stepping up in starting positions, with only one senior and two juniors. Three players pegged for starting positions are freshmen and two are sophomores."
Irish look to bounce back from defeat

By STEVE KEPPEL
Sports Writer

The fifth-ranked Notre Dame women's tennis team lost its first four matches this weekend. The Irish struggled with the difficult conditions in Evanston and the Wildcats swept the final four singles matches winning 4-3. It was a little disappointing because our goal was to beat all the Midwest teams," said Becky Varnum, who won in both doubles and singles. "It was really dark and there were a lot of problems with the calls.

"We knew we were going to have a battle and that it was going to be tough," said Varnum. "It was really hard to play there, it was really dark and we were to tough to play in two or three matches every weekend. This, along with the added pressure of being one of the top five teams in the nation, has at times made it difficult for the Irish to come out and play their best.

Despite their tough schedule, the Irish, lead by head coach Jay Louderback and a solid group of upperclassmen, have come up big and are on their way to having one of the best seasons in their history.

"It has been three weeks of match after match and sometimes we feel like we are just waking up at play time," said Varnum. "Ohio State last week was one of the last matches after the streak and we knew we just had to buckle down and play hard.

The team is a very solid and close group and they use their doubles point off the court to pull together and play well on the court.

Irish poised for California trip

By MPR CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

The No. 14-ranked Notre Dame softball team takes off for the West Coast this weekend for its traditional Spring Break trip to California. The Irish will face Cal State Northridge on Sunday, March 11, at noon, and Long Beach State Tuesday, March 13, at 3 p.m.

Notre Dame also will take part in the Kia Klassic in Fullerton, Calif., scheduled for Thursday, March 15, to Sunday, March 18.

After earning their third tournament title of the season at the Frost Classic in Chattanooga, Tenn., Notre Dame also won the Holiday Inn Invitational in Tampa, Fla., Feb. 16-18, and the Morning News Invitational in Fayetteville, Ark., Feb. 23-26. The Irish have moved back up to 14th in the USA Today/NFCA Top 25.

Notre Dame entered the season ranked 19th in the preseason poll and moved to 14th in the Feb. 21st poll. The Irish then dropped a spot to 15th in the Feb. 26th poll.

Notre Dame's 11-1 record over its first 12 games is by far its best start to a season since the program began in 1989. The Irish started the 1995 and 2000 seasons 8-4. Its previous best start for a season.

Freshman righthander Kristin Schmidt has earned her first career Big East weekly pitching award. The Irish freshman was named co-pitcher of the week on March 6, by the Big East Conference for her performance versus Jackson State and UAB last weekend. Schmidt shares this week's award with Clarissa Crowell from Virginia Tech.

Schmidt improved to 5-1 this season with two victories at the Frost Classic in Chattanooga, Tenn., March 2-3. She struck out 15 batters in 11 innings pitched, yielding just one run and scattering 10 hits. Her two impressive victories lowered her season-ERA to 1.46.

Against Jacksonville State on Friday, March 2, Schmidt pitched 6.1 innings, striking out eight and giving up just one run.

Facing UAB on Saturday, March 3, (the Blazers entered the game 2-0 in the tournament) Schmidt used her change-up to baffel hitters all afternoon. She struck out seven in the first four innings and gave up just three hits.

Schmidt has combined with Jen Sharron to post an 11-1 record and 1.06 team ERA as Notre Dame's two top starting pitchers. Both hurlers also have combined to post 91 strikeouts this season.

FENCING

Irish to compete in qualifiers

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame fencing teams travels to Detroit on Saturday for the Midwest Regional Qualifiers without its most prolific fencer.

Gabor Szelle, the 2000 NCAA sabre champion, will not fence this weekend due to a thumb injury. Since Szelle will not fence this weekend, he cannot qualify for the NCAA Championships at the end of March. Szelle is a two-time first team All-American and led the men's sabre squad with a 37-3 record.

Even without Szelle, the Irish still feature three of the top five Midwest sabremen. Junior Andrej Crompton enters the qualifier seeded third after his first place finish at the Midwest Fencing Conference Championships. Senior Andrij Bednarski and sophomore Matt Fabian are seeded fourth and fifth, respectively.

The top four sabremen will qualify for the NCAA Championships but only two fencers can qualify from each team.

Although the Irish should have no trouble qualifying two fencers in sabre even without Szelle, the Irish may not qualify two fencers in other weapons. Only five fencers will qualify in women's epee and the Irish only have one fencer seeded in the top five — Meagan Call. Anna Carrick is seeded sixth and there is a strong show to qualify.
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A couple more perimeter shots, one by Graves and another by Ingelsby, allowed the Irish to take a 24-23 lead, but the brief Irish edge soon collapsed.

Every missed shot bounced into Panther hands, from a Murphy airball to a Carroll failed 3-pointer. Pittsburgh crashed the boards hard, out-rebounding Notre Dame 39 to 25 and holding the Irish to four offensive rebounds in the contest.

"We weren't very good defensively," Brey said. "We were out of position. I think that's why we got beat up on the backboard, too.

"It's definitely a concern," he said of the rebounding, "because when we got on a nice run in late January and throughout February, that front line, you know, Murph, Swan and Humph did a good job on the backboard.

After halftime, the Irish managed to close within four with 14:20 to play following another try by Ingelsby and two free throws by Murphy, his final points of the game.

But Notre Dame, who beat Pittsburgh twice during the regular season, was unable to hit anything but the 3-pointer. The Irish made just 7-of-26 shots from inside the arc the entire game, including one by Carroll with his foot on the 3-point line.

Pittsburgh cracked down on Notre Dame defensively, but even when the Irish had open looks, they failed to connect.

Meanwhile, Pittsburgh had no trouble finding the hoop as they got beat up on the backboard. Out-rebounding the Irish 14 points from Jaron Brown.

Along with the dismal inside shooting, the Panthers held Murphy to eight points, marking only the second time in his career that he failed to score in double digits and breaking a 78-game streak.

"As soon as we got back to the hotel last night, Coach (Howland) told us the game plan — to double Murphy and put pressure on him," Greer said. "The Panthers, did that, and did it well.

"I think they doubled me on the catch," Murphy said, "rather than sometimes, when I put the ball on the floor, then the double team comes and that allows an easier pass to a shooter."

With Murphy struggling to get free and only taking two second half shots, Notre Dame needed to find offense elsewhere. While Ryan Humphrey managed three second-half baskets and Graves and Ingelsby each hit a pair of 3-pointers in the second stanza, little else came through.

Graves and Ingelsby were the only two players to finish in double figures for Notre Dame, which ended the game with seven assists to 16 turnovers.

The 54 points scored by Notre Dame was its lowest total of the season.

The Irish have never advanced to the semifinals of the Big East Tournament. "I felt a little bit at times in there (the locker room) afterwards, a little bit like the Kentucky locker room," Brey said. "That was a little bit of a crossroads for us. Maybe this one was tonight.

Following Notre Dame's Jan. 13 loss to Kentucky, the Irish won eight straight Big East games, a new school record.

Now the Irish can look ahead to the NCAA Tournament, but their early exit from the Big East Tournament could hurt their seeding on Selection Sunday.

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

Belles softball squad sweeps doubleheader

By MOLLY McVOY
Saint Mary's Editeur

The Saint Mary's softball team opened the 2001 season with an east double header victory against the Mancheste R Sparta ms Wednesday afternoon.

The Belles won the first game 5-1 and the second 13-6.

"We won in part, because of the experienced pitchers we have and partly because we just hit the ball well," first year head coach John Kovach said. "It's always key when you're on the road to jump out in front and we did that in both games."

In the first game, junior Kristien Martin pitched the complete game and the Belles jumped out to an early lead which they never gave up. The Belles had a four-run sixth inning, started by Martin's lead-off double. Mandy Hayes and Katerina Tebbe followed with RBI hits. Martin gave up three hits, one run and no walks.

"If you have strong pitching, everything else falls into place," Kovach said.

Senior co-captain Anne Senger pitched the second game, where the Belles had 16 hits for 13 runs. Senger gave up five earned runs on 14 hits. Marnie Walsh and Susan Kootz led the Belles in hitting in the second game. Kootz had two hits, including a two-run triple, while Walsh had a single, a double and a triple.

"For our first game, we played really well," Senger said. "We hit the ball really well. Defensively we were pretty strong."

Kovach will be relying on his upperclassmen for support as he makes the transition to head coach.

"What I found out that has been quite nice about the upperclassmen is that they're willing to do whatever is necessary for the team," Kovach said.

The seniors for their part seem to be willing to work with this one last coach in the hopes of a successful season.

"It's been a revolving door of coaches for me for the last four years, but, hopefully this last year will be really good," Senger said. "With the combination of a lot of talent and good coaching this year will be a really good season.

The Belles head to Florida for training and a series of games over spring break.

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**Men's Tennis**

**Farrell fares well, Notre Dame tops Michigan, 7-0**

By NOAH AMSTALTER
Assistant Sports Editor

Sophomore Brian Farrell learned from his mistakes Thursday, avoiding a near-defeat in doubles, before dominating his No. 4 singles match. Farrell and the No. 26 Irish won every match, topping No. 3 Michigan, 7-0.

The No. 3 doubles team of Farrell and senior Matt Daly started off well before struggling midway through the match. They rallied from an 0-5 deficit to top Wolverines Ben Cox and Anthony Jackson 9-8.

"We were able to fight them off," Daly said. "We played well when we needed to."

Farrell was disappointed they were unable to put away their opponent after starting up 5-0.

"It was unfortunately closer than we would have liked," Farrell said.

Farrell's doubles partner had the last match to end, but the sophomore rebounded quickly in singles. Farrell's match was the first singles match to end, as he defeated Anthony Jackson 6-2, 6-0.

"I got up pretty big," Farrell said. "I kept the pressure on. I wanted to make sure I didn't make the same mistakes that I did in doubles."

After playing longer doubles matches outdoors already this season, Farrell was unaffected by the short layoff.

"We play longer doubles matches at tournaments," Farrell said. "Indoors you don't sweat as much. It was no big deal, it really didn't affect me at all."

The Irish set the tone for the day early, as the No. 14 doubles team of juniors Javier Taborga and Aaron Telarico came away with an 8-4 victory over Michigan's No. 1 doubles team of Chris Rolf and Chris Shaya.

In No. 2 doubles, the team of freshman Luis Haddock-Morales and junior Casey Smith capped the sweep as they beat the Wolverines Ben Cox and Anthony Jackson 8-4.

"It's always good to play a big match," Farrell said. "The Irish swept the Wolverines 7-0."

The domination continued into singles play.

Smith, the No. 88 ranked player in the country, rallied to beat Cox 4-6, 6-3, 6-2 in No. 1 singles.

Smith's doubles partner had even less trouble with McCain in No. 2 singles. Haddock-Morales won in two sets, 6-4, 7-5.

In No. 3 singles, Talarico toppled Novak, 7-6, (11-9), 6-2. Daly beat Shaya in No. 5 singles 7-6 (10-8), 6-3. The senior was happy with his performance, after only competing in doubles in recent matches.

"I felt a lot better in the second set," Daly said.

Matthew Scott rebounded to win 3-6, 6-0, 6-4 in No. 6 singles, preserving the sweep as he toppled Michigan's Brett Baudinet.

The match was the last for the Irish before they head to Montgomery, Ala. for the Blue-Gray National Classic. The Classic starts Thursday, March 15.

Daly was happy to see his team play so well before the weekend layoff.

"It's always good to play a big match before a long layoff," he said.

Farrell contends that his team proved they should be ranked higher, as they dismantled a ranked seven spots below them on Thursday.

"I feel that we are underrated," Farrell said. "We have a better record than many teams that are ranked above us. We'll keep winning and we'll go up in the future."

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**Men's Lacrosse**

**Irish set to begin road trip**

Special to The Observer

The ninth-ranked Notre Dame men's lacrosse team embarks on a three-game road stretch for its spring break as the Irish will play three games over a nine-day period. The three games are the first of five consecutive road games for Notre Dame who will not be home again until an April 7 meeting with Denver.

Notre Dame will begin the three-game road swing when it travels to Piscataway, N.J., to face the Scarlet Knights of Rutgers on Fri., Mar. 9 at 3:00 p.m. Following that game, the Irish will travel to Charlottesville, Va., where they will meet the Cavaliers on Wed., Mar. 14 at 4:00 p.m. and then play at Loyola on Sun., Mar. 18 at 1:00 p.m.

The series between Notre Dame and Rutgers is tied at 1-1 and this will be the first meeting since the 1998 campaign. Each team has been victorious on the home floor of their opponent.

Notre Dame earned an 8-7 overtime road decision in 1994. Rutgers returned the favor when they beat the Irish at Notre Dame in 1998.

This will be the third time Notre Dame and the Irish have faced each other in Charlottesville, Va. Both meetings have occurred in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

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It took a meet in Indianapolis for both swimmers to realize that they had the potential to have success at the national level.

For Labosky, who made the provisional qualifying time in the 400 individual medley at the November Indiana Invitational, she realized just how good she could be.

"I had a rough beginning to the season," she said. "But when I broke the school record for the first time at Indiana and made the B-cut, I started thinking more and more about nationals."

Meanwhile, Hecking saw her summer training pay off as she her fastest race ever in the 100-meter backstroke.

"I swam a lifetime best, and I was so excited to be swimming that fast at that point in the season," she said. "I hadn't trained in the summer since my junior year of high school, and it made such a difference this year."

But each swimmer is driven by something deeper and more personal than the glory of the NCAA meet.

Both have individual expectations they want to meet.

Hecking wanted to make sure she qualified for the NCAA's on her own. The past two years she had gone along with the medley relay, but this year was different. Hecking wanted to prove that she could qualify on her own.

"This year I didn't care — I'm going to make it on my own," she said.

In retrospect, it was a good thing Hecking was so determined to qualify individually.

The medley relay missed making the national meet for the first time in two years.

Labosky wanted to qualify for a similar reason. The freshman came from the No. 1 swimming high school in the nation, Germantown Academy in Churchville, Penn.

Winning had lost a lot of meaning for the freshman — she lost only her first individual event in five years at last month's Big East Championships. Her satisfaction came from swimming fast.

"For me winning is not everything," Labosky said. "I could win, but had I gone slower times, I wouldn't have been happy. Winning is great for me and the team, but I'd rather win and get a good time."

Labosky and Hecking have had their share of difficulties — both swimmers say they get extremely nervous before each race — but they've both had breakthrough seasons. And Weathers is only too happy to see his star swimmers go on to individual success.

"I think they're both real competitive and it's nice to see them have some success," he said. "I think they both can go even faster."

Notes
Junior diver Heather Mattingly may join Hecking and Labosky at NCAAs next week. Mattingly will compete at the NCAA Regional diving finals in Bloomington later this weekend and if she places high enough, will compete at next week's championships.

Junior Kelly Hecking, second from right, arches back into the water at the start of the 100 backstroke at the Big East Swimming and Diving Championships. Hecking swam a 54.98, setting a school record and earning a top seed at next week's NCAA finals.
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juni or power forward scored only eight points, breaking his 78-game streak of tallying double-digit point totals. "I think they double teamed me on the block. I usually get double teamed when I put the ball on the floor," Murphy said. "It's tough to get the ball then and it's tough to make a move."

The Panther double team spelled double trouble for the Irish.

"Our defense was outstanding tonight," Panther head coach Ben Howland said. "The first two times we played (Notre Dame) we didn't double team Murphy at all. I'm kicking myself in the heels that we didn't (double team) more this season because we're not that big inside."

Murphy's fellow big man Ryan Humphrey couldn't step up his game enough to salvage the Irish inside play. He matched Murphy's eight points while committing five turnovers. "They did a good job defending us, as compared to the last two games," Brey said. "We struggled offensively, especially around the bucket."

But All-Americans earn that title because they can handle the double team. They earn that title because they can muscle their way to the basket with the best. The Irish had no All-American Thursday.

Murphy showed an unusual timidity with the ball inside and outside the paint. He replaced his usual take-it-to-the-hole style of play with a more perimeter-oriented approach to take advantage of a chance to make a statement. He dished the ball off to Murphy at the point who threw up a flat attempt for the score.

What Murphy and company lacked in scoring, they couldn't make up for on the boards. The Panthers out-rebounded the Irish 39-24.

Murphy, the tallest player on the court, had only eight defensive rebounds and zero offensive boards, leading the Irish to only two second chance points for the Irish all game.

And stretched their lead to 10. Minutes later, with less than two on the clock, Murphy had the opportunity to cut a 12-point deficit to nine with a wide open three. But instead of taking the uncontested shot, he dished the ball off to Humphrey at the point who threw up a flat attempt for the score. Murphy's poor play, Howland and the Panthers have learned from past experience what a threat the junior can be when he's on fire.

"Hopefully, he'll go into the draft," Howland said. "We're tired of seeing Troy Murphy."

Irish fans would have liked to see him return.

The opinions expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily that of The Observer.
By JEFF BALTRUZAK
Sports Writer

California-bound Irish set to play 8 games in 8 days

California already has swimming pools and movie stars, and soon it will add Indiana's best baseball team to the mix.

The Notre Dame baseball team will take their 6-2 record and No. 10 ranking to the Golden State this week to compete in the Pepsi/Johnny Quik Classic.

The Irish open the California road trip in Stockton with a Saturday afternoon doubleheader against Pacific followed by a nightcap against Eastern Michigan.

Then Notre Dame will head south to Fresno and the Pepsi/Johnny Quik Classic, with games against New Mexico, Navy and host Fresno State.

The Irish are clearly the most highly touted team in the tournament. None of the other seven squads competing next week are ranked in the Baseball America College Top 25.

"One of our goals we set before the season was to win one of the tournaments," said starting pitcher Matt Buchmeier. "But we'll take it one game at a time."

Depending on how the Irish perform in the first three games, they will then compete Thursday, Friday and Saturday for the tournament title.

The good news for Notre Dame is the return of leading hitter Brian Stavisky. The preseason All-American has missed the last three games with injury, but expects to be back in the lineup as the designated hitter on Saturday.

"I'm healing quite nicely," said Stavisky. "I can hit fine, but it's a little weak when I run."

Clearly, the starting pitching has been Notre Dame's driving force for the first eight games. All-American right-hander Aaron Heilman leads the three starters with a .369 average, two home runs and 15 RBI.

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"They've got a plan for that," said Buchmeier. "They want us to be ready for the conference games because they're the most important part of the schedule."

The Irish have been fierce at the plate with a .318 total team batting average. Notre Dame has shown it can get on base and manufacture runs when necessary, with a .398 on-base percentage.

Before the back injury cost him the last three starts, Stavisky was hitting at a .429 clip while reaching base 73 percent of the time. A pair of Steves — Stanley and Sollmann — have been giving opposing pitchers fits in the batter's box and catchers headaches on the basepaths. Both have batting averages well over .350 and have six stolen bases between them.

Notre Dame has played a small-ball style of baseball all season by not relying on power for runs. The Irish have just two home runs through eight games, neither one by an everyday starter. Still, through pitching and getting on base, Notre Dame has been able to score consistently.

Part of this strategy of manufacturing runs is being patient at the plate. The Irish have averaged over four walks per game, with Stavisky and Sollmann being especially selective in the batter's box.

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Senior Danny Tamayo flies a pitch during a game last season. Tamayo is expected to get at least two starts during Notre Dame's spring break trip in California.
FIND YOUR DIRECTION

ARIES (March 21-April 19):
Happy Birthday. Look before you leap. You may want to get into all sorts of new things this year, but you would be wise to take your time. Competition and challenges can be expected, so prepare well and refrain from taking on too much. If you are willing to put all your eggs into the goals that mean the most to you, success can be achieved. Your numbers are 4, 7, 21, 24.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20):
It is a good time to work on your fitness. You can reach new heights and develop ideas that will bring you the extra cash you need if you make the effort. You are willing to take on too much, so what you achieve this week may not be as rewarding as you thought. Your numbers are 1, 8, 13, 22.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20):
Don't get pushed into doing things you really don't have time for. You can bet that relatives, workmates or friends will ask you for favors. You can't help others if you try. Arguments with family members will be frustrating. Family outings will be more rewarding than you thought. You'll enjoy trading stories with those you're involved with. Take care of the events, your finances and all other responsibilities that will come in handy. Your numbers are 2, 5, 10, 19.

CANCER (June 21-July 22):
This is not the time to throw your weight around. Listen to the other's complaints and take time to assess the situation before you make any comments. You can help others if you try. Your numbers are 3, 6, 11, 20.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):
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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):
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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):
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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):
This is not the time to throw your weight around. Listen to the others' complaints and take time to assess the situation before you make any comments. You can help others if you try. Your numbers are 8, 11, 14, 23.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):
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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):
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PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20):
Minor accidents will prevail. Arguments with family members are evident. Do not lose your patience with loved ones or children. This is not the day to make promises. Your numbers are 2, 5, 14, 23.
Distracted Irishall behind early
in 66-54 loss

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

NEW YORK
The Irish came out Thursday night focused on winning a tournament. The problem was, they played like their minds were on the wrong tournament — the NCAA instead of the Big East.

"There were some distractions with looking ahead to the next week," said Irish coach Mike Brey.

Since Selection Sunday 2000, when Notre Dame (19-9) waited and waited for its name to flash on the screen, the Irish have made goal No. 1 an NCAA Tournament bid. That came back to bite them in a 66-54 loss to the Pittsburgh Panthers (17-12) in the quarterfinals of the Big East Tournament.

"We beat a very good team today in Notre Dame," Pittsburgh coach Ben Howland said. "They're going to get a good seed in the NCAA Tournament.

Fifth-seeded Pittsburgh, which beat Miami 76-69 Wednesday to advance from the first round, dominated the early going by taking a 15-2 lead while the Irish watched helplessly.

Irish senior Martin Ingelsby, the lone Notre Dame player to score above his average with 16 points, began his team's comeback by sinking a long trey from the left wing.

Junior All-American Troy Murphy scored the next basket, a three-pointer by Ingelsby to tie the game at 17.

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For all intents and purposes, Murphy might have not played at all.

"When I saw her, I thought there was a really good chance she could make NCAAs," Weathers said. "She has improved so much since then." Nobody imagined that just seven months later, Labosky, Hecking, and Weathers would be spending March afternoons together training for next week's NCAA Championships.

Labosky came into Notre Dame as one of the top recruited swimmers. Weathers was looking for someone who could specialize in the individual medley events, and was highly impressed by Labosky's versatility and endurance.

"Physically, she's a real endurance person, but she can do all four of the strokes very well," said Weathers.

It's this versatility that pushed Labosky to earn a spot in three events next week — the 200-meter and 400-meter individual medleys as well as the 1,650-meter freestyle.

But while Labosky excels in the individual medley, Weathers calls Hecking one of the top backstrokers in Notre Dame history.

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Read that: When All-American Troy Murphy doesn't show up for the game, it's an All-Out Disaster.

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Women's Swimming
Labosky, Hecking culminate breakthrough season at NCAAs

By ANDREW SOURUP
Sports Writer

Marie Labosky did a flip turn during one of her races at the 2000 U.S. Olympic Trials last summer and caught a glimpse of her future.

Crouched nearby was Irish women's swimming coach Bailey Weathers and junior Kelly Hecking — both watching the highly recruited freshman.

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