**Grandin: People should focus on talents, not deficits**

By SHEILA FLYNN

Focusing on talents rather than deficits is a way to help autistic individuals find their niche in the world, said Temple Grandin, a visual artist and assistant professor of animal science at Colorado State University, in a lecture given for Disabilities Awareness Week Wednesday.

A renowned author of "Emergence: Labeled Autistic," Grandin described how her visual autism has helped her in her field of work. Grandin has designed one-third of all animal-handling facilities for slaughterhouses in the U.S. She explained how she does not think in language, but rather in pictures; furthermore, she does not envision general images to words. For example, when she hears "church steeple," she sees the steeple of the church she attended when she was a child, not just a generic steeple. Grandin said her ability to visualize has helped her in her field of work.

Resisting her particular experience to autistic people in general, Grandin emphasized the importance of developing their particular talents.

"Too often we have way too much emphasis on deficits and not enough emphasis on talents," she said.

Grandin added that many autistic and dyslexic people focus a great deal of attention on one area or interest, and this should be adapted to help them learn and find their own niche in the world. For example, if a child likes trains, she explained, then trains should be employed in teaching him math and art and every other subject.

"A little bit of obsession gets things done in this world," she said.

Grandin explained how emotion is underdeveloped in an autistic person's brain, while other parts may be extremely fine-tuned and high-functioning. Many autistic people must work on speech, sensory perception, and social difficulties.

"I had to learn social skills like being in a play," she said.

Grandin said she believes that this aspect of autism should be addressed by getting autistics involved in careers which are intellectually stimulating but do not expose them to threatening social situations or short-term working memory demands, such as computer programming.

"I was very clear that censorship would not be tolerated — and they will not back down in light of Elder's decision to not permit the Monologues performance on campus."

On the heels of CARE's letter of explanation to College president Mariou Eldred regarding the decision to stage an unofficial performance of The Vagina Monologues, students, faculty and staff convened at Dallaway's Wednesday evening to sound off about censorship, rape and academic freedom.

The forum was the second time Saint Mary's community members had the opportunity to voice opinions about the Monologues, which was performed unofficially by CARE officers and several students Feb. 19 in Regina Hall. The first forum came shortly after Elder's official decision the Monologues would not be sponsored by any campus group. Nearly a month after the performance, student, faculty and staff concerns are still being vocalized, with approximately 30 people attending Wednesday's forum to speak up.

Faculty members made it clear that censorship will not be tolerated — and they will not back down in light of Elder's decision to not permit the Monologues performance on campus.

**Resolution passes to extend parietals by 1 hour**

By LAURA ROMPF

The student senate took the first step towards extending parietals Wednesday night. In a resolution that will now be sent to the Campus Life Council (CLC), the student senate asked for visitation hours in dorms be extended from midnight to 1 a.m. on weeknights and moved from 9 a.m. to 9 a.m. every morning.

"This is in no way a jab at the administration," St. Edwards senator Seth Whetzel said. "We've worked hard with the Administration in hopes of getting this passed."

Whetzel said he and other members of student government have met with several rectors and Mark Pournam, vice president for Student Affairs.

"We're clearly trying to do this the right way, the respectful way," Whetzel said.

In preparation for the resolution, the student senate conducted a survey to the student body about extending parietals. In response to the referendum, 80 percent of students were in favor of extending parietals past 12 a.m. on weeknights, 15 percent were opposed and 5 percent had no opinion.

In a second question, 78 percent of students were in favor of ending parietals before 10 a.m., 13 percent were opposed and 9 percent had no opinion. The response figures differed by less than two percentage points between male and female dorms.

Cavanaugh senator Kristen Caponi cautioned senators about believing the resolution will actu...
I remember when I was in elementary school and everyone would go out for recess. I sure missed that. It sure is a cool break. Of course, you could forget what you were doing in class, run outside, play kickball, red rover, jump rope, dodge ball, etc. It was an awesome release of test anxiety, friend trouble, or fear of corps. Fifteen minutes every morning and half an hour at lunch, it was great. So what happened? It seems that when we get older, we don't need breaks between classes to let go of everything and just scream. Or get away from everything that bothers us and let us be ourselves. Phy Ed is mandatory in high school and with those corny PE clothes. In college, PE is mandatory for the first year, then whatever you want to do after that for fitness is up to you. Sounds good, right? I guess it would if I didn't keep myself so busy. There's always something else more important than going over to the Rock or hiking to folly to work out. But that's missing the point. 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Debate team caps successful season, finishes 14th in nation

The Notre Dame debate team completed their season with the best finish in more than 10 years at the National Parliamentary Debate Association Championship in Denver last weekend. The season-long cumulative results ended with Notre Dame as 14th in the nation, as well as securing a strong position at the national tournament.

Twelve of Notre Dame’s finest debaters competed against 500 other students from 90 colleges around the country. The competition was very difficult, as each school sent its very best to battle for the national championship.

“A big tournament such as this is a dark pilgrimage,” said junior Will McDonald. “Debate nationals is an experience like no other,” said Rachel Smith, junior. Smith and her partner sophomore Chris Gallo finished the preliminary rounds with an even record of four wins and four losses, as did the team of Michelle Petersen, junior, and Clayton Swope, sophomore. Seniors Kate Huetteman and Priscilla Clements advanced to the partial-quadra-octafinal round. Juniors Mark Styczynski and Will McDonald and freshmen Kara Vey and Mary Kompeyda advanced to the triple-octafinal round. Notre Dame’s highest placing team, sophomores Maureen Gottlieb and Victoriaetterman, advanced to the double-octafinal round.

The efforts of all team members resulted in Notre Dame placing seventh out of the 90 schools attending. Combined with the season-long ranking, this placing puts Notre Dame as one of a handful best teams in the nation.

“The two kinds of awards we received show that, as a team, we’re both deep and consistent; aside from being one of only three or four teams in the nation to achieve such honors,” said Styczynski. This is just one accomplishment of many for the debate team, who also saw the team of McDonald and Styczynski go undefeated to win a tournament at Central Missouri State University earlier this semester, as well as consistently competing in quarterfinal and semifinal rounds. “Finishing in the top 10 at the national tournament in Denver is just the beginning for this team. We have made ourselves known nationally, and I can only expect greater success in the future,” said senior Priscilla Clements.

The team is looking to improve upon their record next season. While they lose two of the strongest leaders on the team as Clements and Huetteman graduate, they maintain a strong base. With the accomplishments of underclassmen, the debate team will continue to shine even brighter next semester.

“I don’t see the national championship as being too far from our grasp next year.”

Michelle Petersen, debate team member

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NYU scholar Molloy to deliver O'Grady Lecture

Leading literary critic and author Sylvia Molloy will make two presentations at the end of March as the O'Grady Latin American Literature Lecturer at the University of Notre Dame.

Molloy will deliver a lecture titled "National Parts and Unnatural Others: A Reflection on Patrimony in Turn-of-the-Century Argentina" at 4:30 p.m. today in the auditorium of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies. The lecture is free and open to the public and will be followed by a reception.

Molloy also will discuss her critical work on autobiography and her own writing at 4:30 p.m., Friday in Room 100-104 of McKeenna Hall. Titled "Autobiography: In Translation, or How to Write a Novel," the talk is intended primarily for Notre Dame faculty and students and teachers from South Bend-area schools. A reception will follow.

The Albert Schweitzer Professor of Humanities at New York University (NYU), Molloy focuses her research on 19th- and 20th-century Spanish-American literatures, autobiography, literary theory, and Latin American and European literary relations. She also holds faculty appointments at NYU in the departments of Spanish and Portuguese languages and literatures and comparative literature.

Molloy previously taught at the State University of New York at Buffalo, Vassar College, Princeton University and Yale University. Among her books are "Signs of Borges," "Women's Writing in Latin America" and "At Face Value: Autobiographical Writing in Spanish America." Molloy has received fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation and the National Endowment for the Humanities and currently serves as president of the Modern Language Association. Sponsored by the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures and the Hesburgh Library, the O'Grady Latin American Literature Lecture Series has been funded by a gift from 1963 Notre Dame graduate Robert O'Grady and his wife.
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ally bring forth change. "I don't get too hopeful. I'm pretty sure this will get voted down," Caponi said. "Students should realize that we have it so much better than some schools. I will support this resolution and think we should go ahead and pass it, but don't get too hopeful."

Whetzel disagreed with Caponi and said he thought because he and other senators have worked closely with several administrators, he feels the resolution will have enough support to go into effect.

We've worked our asses off to get this done. If we get all the students and faculty to vote for it in the CIC, it will pass ... We're doing our best with this archaic institution of partetials and try and institute change."

In other senate news:

Wednesday night's meeting was the last for the current senators and senate chair and vice president Brooke Norton, who will formally take the office of student body president on April 1.

The student senate approved Jeff Cusasin as the 2001-2002 student business board Adworks Manager.

"I was told by the administration that I had a moral obligation to support them (in my role as advisor)," Pittman said. "In our classrooms we have academic freedom, but in the role of advisors, the administration feels there are limits in what we can define as topics of discussion."

Other faculty members discussed how to proceed with the campus dialogue in light of outside pressure on the College. Peter Smith questioned the administration's choice of affiliations between the College and the outside community. "Instead of supporting us, they are cowed by outside pressure," Smith said. "But they are paid to stand up for us."

A n n Clark, professor of philosophy, agreed with Smith, attributing the administration's choice to listen to outside pressure to financial reasons. "Our school is subject to outside pressure," she said. "And until we get richer, there will be pressure with the exterior public. The only thing we can decide to do is what we're going to do about it."

Community members at the forum suggested focus groups as a possible option to stimulate communication between the administration and students about censorship issues.

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**World News Briefs**

EU approves foot-and-mouth shot: Army butchers began slaughtering sheep in northern England on Wednesday, and Britain received the green light to vaccinate thousands of cattle against foot-and-mouth disease — but officials are still debating whether to use the last-resort measure. As Britain's top-ranking government official stepped into the battle to contain the livestock disease, EU veterinary experts approved the government's request for authorization to vaccinate up to 150,000 dairy cattle.

Police crack down on Hell's Angels: Police raided homes and suspected Hell's Angels hangouts across Quebec on Wednesday, arresting more than 100 suspects in a major crackdown on alleged organized crime by biker gangs. The raids began around dawn and continued through the day. Police in Quebec had taken 118 people into custody by afternoon.

**National News Briefs**

Labor department files low-injuries: Work-related repetitive strain injuries and similar muscular disorders decreased in 1999 but still accounted for more than a third of all job injuries, the labor department said Wednesday. The new data were released a week after President Bush signed a repeal of Clinton administration ergonomics rules aimed at reducing such injuries. Congress passed the repeal after a stinging legislative fight waged by business interests and labor unions.

Judges hear Utah's plea: A federal judge said Wednesday it would be "wildly unfair" to count Utah's Mormon missionaries overseas in the 2000 Census because other Americans abroad can't be so easily counted. "Including only missionaries would not advance the cause of equal representation," said Stephen Anderson, a 10th Circuit Court of Appeals judge.

**Indiana News Briefs**

Inmate escapes through kitchen: An inmate escaped Wednesday from the Waseca Correctional Facility by stealing a six-wheeled van and driving it through a prison fence. Fred Bishop, 27, was working in the kitchen area of the northern Indiana prison about 3 p.m. when he fled the building, stole a van and drove it at high speed through the fence. "He just drove it through the fence. There's a big hole in our fence," said Sharon Hawk, an administrative assistant to the prison's superintendent.

**Market Watch March 28**

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| Composite Volume | 105.77 |
| AMEX | 864.81 | -11.15 |
| NASDAQ | 1,854.13 | -118.13 |
| NYSE | 580.06 | -9.03 |
| S&P 500 | 1,151.29 | -28.88 |

**Top 5 Volume Leaders**

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**GAZA Strip**

Israelis hit Palestinian sites, killing 2

Associated Press

GAZA CITY

Israeli helicopters rocketed headquarters of Force 17, Yasser Arafat's elite guard, in Gaza and the West Bank town of Ramallah on Wednesday, retaliating for a wave of bombings, including a suicide attack that killed two Israeli soldiers.

Red flares lit up the night sky over Ramallah, where two people were killed in the assault, and flames erupted from burning buildings and cars as firefighters tried to put out multiple blazes.

Doctors in Ramallah said the dead included a member of Force 17 and a female civilian. Overall, more than two dozen Palestinians were injured in Ramallah and Gaza, several critically, doctors said.

The attacks on Palestinian government buildings were the first since last fall and further eroded the fabric and foundation of the peace agreements that granted the Palestinians autonomy and self-government.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has repeatedly accused Force 17 of involvement in attacks against Israeli civilians.

"The purpose is to strike directly at those responsible for terrorism," the Israeli military said in a statement. The military said it hit the Force 17 headquarters in Ramallah, and four Force 17 targets around Gaza City and Deir al-Balah in the southern Gaza Strip — including a training camp and an arms depot.

The buildings under attack — all in areas governed by Arafat's Palestinian Authority under peace agreements — had been evacuated after the Israeli military warned the Palestinians to leave.

In Gaza City, the low-flying Israeli gunships blasted a Force 17 building that had been used as a weapons arsenal and is only 100 yards from Arafat's house.

The Palestinians said the building had been empty for some time, but some women and children screamed as they fled nearby buildings. The smell of gunpowder hung in the salty sea air after the attack.

Arafat was in Amman, Jordan, where Arab leaders wrapped up a two-day summit earlier Wednesday with pledges of financial aid to the cash-strapped Palestinian Authority.

**Dot-com demise lowers office rents**

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO

The dot-com meltdown is flooding the San Francisco office market with vacant space and lowering average rents in the city's main business district for the first time in more than two years, according to a new real estate study.

Rents for prime downtown San Francisco office space averaged $74.16 per square foot in the first quarter, down 7.5 percent from an average of $80.16 per square foot in the fourth quarter, according to the Berkeley-based Rosen Consulting Group.

It's the first quarter-to-quarter rent decline for so-called Class A space in San Francisco's financial district since the end of 1998, when landlords charged an average of $47.75 per square foot. Despite the decline, average Class A rents for new San Francisco financial district leases remain 9 percent higher than a year ago.

San Francisco's office rents are still the highest in the country. New York's midtown Manhattan office market is the second most expensive at $67.75 per square foot, according to Cushman & Wakefield, a commercial real estate brokerage that supplied the data used in Rosen's report.

Internet companies accounted for 77 percent of the 3 million square feet returned to the San Francisco office market between October 2000 and February 2001, the report said.

In an unusual step, Cushman & Wakefield distanced itself from Rosen's report, which the broker called "premature." The firm said it planned to release a more extensive report Thursday comparing San Francisco to other cities facing an economic downturn.
A federal appeals court threw out a record $107 million verdict against anti-abortion activists Wednesday, ruling that a Web site and wanted posters branding abortion doctors "baby butchers" and criminals were protected by the First Amendment.

The three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals unanimously said the activists could be held liable only if the material authorized or directly threatened violence.

The ruling came two years after a jury in Portland, Ore., ordered a dozen abortion foes to pay damages to Planned Parenthood and four doctors. They had sued under federal racketeering law and the 1994 federal law that makes it illegal to incite violence against abortion doctors.

The case was widely seen as a test of a recent Supreme Court ruling that said a threat must be explicit and likely to cause "imminent lawless action."

"If defendants threatened to commit violent acts, by working alone or with others, then their [works] merely encouraged unrelated terrorists, then their words are protected by the First Amendment," said Christopher Ferrara, the attorney who represented the activists.

During the trial, U.S. District Judge Robert Jones instructed the jury to consider the history of violence in the anti-abortion movement, including three doctors killed after their names appeared on the lists.

The anti-abortion activists said their posters and Web site were protected under the First Amendment because they were merely a list of doctors and clinics - not a threat.

"I think it's a great relief that our posters are just as protected by the First Amendment as the posters of any other movement," said Christopher Ferrara, the attorney who represented the activists.

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One was Dr. Barnett Slepian, who was killed by a sniper in 1998 at his home near Buffalo, N.Y. Slepian's name was crossed out on "The Nuremberg Files" Web site later that same day.

Doctors who were on the list testified that they lived in constant fear, used disguises, bodyguards and bulletproof vests, and instructed their children to crouch in the bathtub if they heard gunfire.

The defendants maintained they were political protesters collecting data on doctors in hopes of one day putting them on trial like Nazi war criminals were at Nuremberg.

After the jury's verdict, the judge called the Web site and the wanted posters "blatant and illegal communication of true threats to kill."

The man who ran the Nuremberg Web site was not a defendant in the lawsuit, but his Internet provider pulled the plug on the site after the verdict.

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"We were all accused of creating an umbrella of fear in the minds of abortionists that it wasn't safe for them to go to work," the 57-year-old Baltimore man said. "We now retain the free speech right to call abortion what it is: cold-blooded murder of a baby in the womb."

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Bush prefers informal interviews

WASHINGTON
President Bush would prefer to talk to reporters in informal settings, rather than in the formal East Room news conferences staged by many of his predecessors, the White House said Wednesday.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said Bush considers his almost daily interactions with world leaders, Bush has held only one solo news conference, a 30-minute session in the White House briefing room on Feb. 22 that was announced only an hour earlier.

"He always reserves the right to come down here on short notice," Fleischer said, referring to the briefing room. "The president continues to be accessible, and that will be his approach." Bush has not categorically ruled out an East Room news conference, but had not scheduled one as of Wednesday.

The president made four appearances Wednesday, all of which were open to reporters. But he deferred all questions in two of the sessions and took no questions during his meeting with high-tech leaders and when greeting King Juan Carlos of Spain.

Fleischer said Bush "doesn't care a 'whit' about whether Bush speaks to the press in a formal or informal way, or whether the press is guided by his own White House, he speaks in.

"The president prefers an informality about certain things," Fleischer said. "What's important is that people have an opportunity to ask questions, not all the presidents always took questions at daily events the way the president does."

Marlin Fitzwater, former White House spokesman for Bush's father, said the younger Bush's preferences are not out of line with those of other presidents. "It's a preference that dates at least to the Reagan era," Fitzwater said.

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Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO

In another sign of the technology industry's about-face, the amount of money flowing into Silicon Valley companies from public markets is quickly evaporating, according to new data provided to The Associated Press.

Silicon Valley firms received $2.7 billion from the sale of stock and other securities through March 15, down from $4.1 billion during the first three months of last year. The first quarter also figures to be down sharply from the final three months of last year, when Silicon Valley companies raised $6.5 billion from the public markets.

The report, compiled by financial publishing company Bowe & Co. from Thomson Financial Securities data, provides a snapshot of how much faster the Silicon Valley is slowing than the rest of the nation — and even other parts of California.

Nationally, companies raised $361 billion from the public markets through March 15, down from $407 billion in the first quarter, according to the report. The Silicon Valley's current cash drought extends beyond the public markets. The venture capitalists that showered cash on start-ups during the last few years also are tightening their spigot.

"It's really dry out there," Jim Durria, a general partner at Crosspoint Venture Partners said Tuesday. "We are teaching the CEOs at all our companies how to be thrifty right now."

In the final three months of last year, venture capitalist investment in Northern California fell 19 percent from the previous year to $6.9 billion, according to Venture Economics, an industry research firm. Statistics for the first quarter aren't available, but virtually all venture capitalists expect the numbers to reflect a steep decline.

The decrease in money pouring into Silicon Valley companies is bound to have a ripple effect on households and businesses throughout the region, economists said.

That's because companies that receive cash from the public markets redistribute the money by hiring more workers, buying new equipment and investing in new offices.

"This (data) sort of cements it for me. You are going to get a serious downturn in the Silicon Valley economy," said Tom Lieser, a senior economist for the UCLA Business Forecasting Project. An investment slowdown such as the one emerging in Silicon Valley frequently has a viral effect. As more businesses and investors make their customers won't have as much as they did before to spend this year, they will curtail their own expansion plans and hold off on raising more cash from investors.

"We probably won't see this economy bounce back any time soon," predicted Gary Schlosberg, a senior economist with Wells Fargo Capital Markets.

Silicon Valley plans to cut additional 5000 jobs

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Shares of Nortel Networks fell 16.5 percent Wednesday after the maker of optical and wireless network equipment said it won't meet the sharply reduced profit forecasts set just a month ago, and now plans to eliminate 5,000 more jobs on top of the 16,000 already cut since the start of 2001.

The warning Tuesday by the Canadian company, echoed the increasingly dire projections coming from Cisco Systems, the world's leading producer of network equipment for the Internet. Nortel also made the unsettling suggestion that business conditions have turned too difficult to make any forecasts for the rest of 2001.

"Given the poor visibility into the duration and breadth of the economic downturn and its impact on the overall market growth in 2001, it is not possible to provide guidance for the company's financial performance year," John Roth, president and chief executive officer said.
Bush ends Office for Women's Initiatives

WASHINGTON

President Bush will not revive a special White House office on women's issues that was created under President Clinton, a spokeswoman said Wednesday.

The National Organization for Women decried the decision as "really foolish and high-handed."

White House spokeswoman Claire Buchan said the function of the old office - gathering policy and political input from women's advocacy groups and disseminating information on the administration's activities - will be handled by aides in the White House Office of Public Liaison.

"We're still working on how exactly that will be structured, but we're committed to having a strong relationship with women's groups in the White House," Buchan said. "The president believes the best way to address issues important to women is through a broad variety of fronts, through his policy initiatives, through outreach by the White House and by the agencies."

Since Bush's inauguration in January, an answering machine at the White House Office for Women's Initiatives and Outreach has notified callers: "We will no longer be able to receive your calls."

NOW President Patricia Ireland pressed out that, to date, Bush has not reached out to women's groups - except for a meeting last week with Republican-leaning women business executives.

"We don't really think that is sufficient if he wants to have support from women in congressional elections a year and a half from now or in the presidential election in 2004," Ireland said.

The office that Clinton created in 1995 gave women activists a voice in policy deliberations, Ireland said.

"Can we talk about the budget and which domestic programs are going to be slashed, which are going to be preserved? All this discussion about outreach to the communities, about not being polarized, about Bush being the president of everyone - it sounds like just so much hot air when we don't have any way to even approach the White House," Ireland said.

Bush budget clears House, 222-205

WASHINGTON

Republicans overwhelmed the Democrats and pushed a $1.94 trillion budget for 2002 through the House on Wednesday, as President Bush's blueprint for tax cuts and curtailed spending cleared its first major congressional hurdle.

The vote was a near-party-line 222-205. Though devoid of suspense because of the GOP's thin but unified majority, Republicans hailed their victory as a triumph for their view of government.

"The choice is between two visions," said House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas. "A vision of bigger and bigger government, a choice between larger and larger taxes or a choice of smaller government that trusts the people."

Bush, speaking at a news conference, referred to the Senate's "lockstep Democratic opposition, but some moderate Republicans have said Bush's 10-year, $1.6 trillion tax cut is too big and his proposed spending restraints too stingy."

Even so, Bush said the House action made "Wednesday a big day" and said the budget's centerpiece - an across-the-board cut in income tax rates - would help all Americans.

"We need to cut all rates so that there's certainty in our economy when people plan, and I'm confident we can get this done," he said before meeting with GOP congressional leaders at the White House.

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Community or Merely a Collection of People?

by Fr. Bill Wack, C.S.C.

Last week I was speaking at a high school run by the Holy Cross Brothers in Cleveland. A student there asked me to help convince him to accept ND's offer and come here as a freshman in the Fall. Basically, he wanted to know what this school has over all other schools. (He has a perfect SAT score, so he can pretty much go wherever he wants).

I told him about the excellent academics and enriching extra-curricular life here. I talked about the great sports programs and the beautiful campus environs. I shared with him the vibrant faith life and dedication to service which is very evident and prevalent. But the most compelling reason for coming here, I told him, is the emphasis we place on community. In residence halls, sports teams, in clubs of all kinds, and in classes, we encourage and promote teamwork, cooperation, and Christian love.

He looked at me with a suspicious eye as if to say, "Do you really believe that?"

Well, I certainly do. I would like to think that all of us - religious, faculty, students and staff - are learning how to live as a community, rather than simply as a collection of individuals. I'd love to think that our students leave here more ready to reach out to others and invite them to share in their resources and talents.

Community is not an easy thing to teach, of course; especially when much of society is pressuring us to move in the other direction. Individualism seems to hold a high value today. Even the Army has gotten into the act with their new slogan: "An Army of One". I am told that the trend on college campuses is to get away from triples or even doubles for freshmen. More and more students are demanding singles, even in their first year on campus.

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It takes work to live in a community. It's a whole lot easier to do what we want, when we want. Community living, on the other hand, requires sacrifice, risk, effort. Building the Kingdom of God on earth necessitates drawing people closer together and loving our neighbor. And for us Christians, it is our hope and our goal, on earth as well as in Heaven. We learn to do this in small ways, such as: picking up trash in the halls or on the quad, opening doors for others as you enter/exit a building, inviting people to step ahead of you in line if it appears that they are in a hurry, spending time in the common areas of the dorms and inviting others into your own room.

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"Community" is not a concept that readily springs to most peoples' minds. Many have never had a roommate until coming here. Sharing a bathroom or study space is foreign to a lot of people. Bumping up against other opinions can be quite a jolt. Having to wait to use a washing machine or computer or TV is aggravating and deemed "unnecessary."

One answer to these concerns would be to isolate ourselves from it all. We could buy all the appliances and resources we need personally and not have to rely on their availability. We can put in for a single after our first year and then not worry about being bothered by others taking our space or using our things. We could ignore others' opinions and beliefs and hold tightly to our own. The better solution, of course, is to learn how to share our goods, our space, and our beliefs with each other.

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Senate OKs campaign funds raise

WASHINGTON

The Senate voted overwhelm­ingly Wednesday to raise the limits on contributions to candi­dates and political parties, hop­ing to strike a balance on cam­paign finance legis­lation one day after moving to flush mil­lions of dol­lars out of the nation's political system.

The 84-16 vote on a hastily crafted com­promise cleared the latest — but not the last — hurdle blocking passage of legislation pressed by Sen. John McCain and his allies to curtail the influence of big money in politics.

"Money is not evil in and of itself," said Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., shortly before the Senate agreed to increase dona­tion limits enacted in the wake of the Watergate scandal a quar­ter-century ago. He said the increases would "help chal­lengers and will help our parties do the legitimate things that par­ties are supposed to do."

Donors would be permitted to give $2,000 per election to candi­dates of their choice and $37,500 overall to candidates and politi­cal parties for use in direct cam­paign expenses. These limits would rise with inflation in the future.

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The current limits are $1,000 and $25,000. The compromise called for smaller increases than Thompson originally wanted, but more than Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., proposed in an alternative that caused a legis­lative standoff and prompted closed-door negotiations in a meet­ing room a few paces off the Senate floor.

Supporters of the bill expressed elation at their handi­work at a time when Senate leaders are press­ing for a final vote by Thursday night or Friday. "I think McCain-Feingold is on its way to pas­sage," said Feinstein, referring to the first major over­haul of the campaign finance laws since 1974. "I think we're developing something that the president can sign," added Thompson.

Sen. Russ Feingold of Wisconsin, the leading Democratic supporter of the bill, said he was giving his support reluctantly to the increases. "We have to make this move," he said, or risk the unraveling of a coalition that has been painstaking­ly put together in nearly two weeks of floor debate.

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Even with the compromise, other obstacles remain, including a thorny question of whether the Supreme Court should be direct­ed to consider the measure one provision at a time or render a verdict on its constitutionality as a whole.

Lawmakers on all sides of the bill have raised questions about the constitutionality of a variety of its provisions, and the impor­tance of the issue was reinforced during the day when the conser­vative Southeastern Legal Foundation, based in Atlanta, announced plans to file suit chal­lenging the bill if it becomes law. In addition, Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., the bill's most outspoken oppo­sition, has not yet agreed to set a time for a vote on final passage, raising the threat, at least, that he or others might attempt to mount a late filibuster against a measure he has long opposed.

He quietly served notice last week that he might propose a rules change to extend the Senate's ethics guidelines to sen­ators-elect. A spokesman said Wednesday night that McConnell has no plans "at the present time" to seek a vote on his proposal.

The overall legislation would ban so-called soft money, the unlimited donations that individ­uals, unions and corporations make to the political parties.
Outsiders will not dictate ad policy

Dearest Readers,

David Horowitz and editors of college newspapers have become embroiled in a controversy in recent weeks surrounding Mr. Horowitz's attempt to place an advertisement, "Ten Reasons Why Reparations for Slavery is a Bad Idea — and Racist Too," in college publications throughout the country.

Mr. Horowitz sent the advertisement to The Observer in late February, and The Observer rejected his request that it be published on Feb. 28. We do not regret the decision we made; however, we do regret the error process by which we made the decision.

Like any other publisher, The Observer's advertising department accepts and rejects advertisements on a regular basis according to an outlined advertising policy. The usual procedure for reviewing controversial advertisements, however, includes a referral of the advertisement to The Observer's editorial board for internal review.

This did not happen in the case of Mr. Horowitz's advertisement. Based on past precedent, it appeared to the advertising department that the decision to reject the advertisement was obvious. The Observer's editorial board never saw the advertisement before it was rejected and did not have the opportunity to review it.

However, had the proper channels been used, the advertisement still would have been rejected by the editorial board.

Mr. Horowitz and others have turned the debate surrounding the advertisement's rejection into a debate about the First Amendment and free speech. In truth, those debates regarding whether to print the advertisement is not a free speech issue, but an issue of a newspaper's right to control its own content.

While we respect Mr. Horowitz's right to have and spread his opinions, the First Amendment does not mandate his opinions must appear in The Observer. In fact, as Clarence Page, a member of the Chicago Tribune's editorial board wrote in the March 27 Tribune, the First Amendment only protects you from government censorship. This is not a constitutional issue. It is a matter of the newspaper's right to control its own content.

That being said, The Observer has a business responsibility to consider, above and below the ad line, are unbiased, yet respectful of the community it serves.

Although Mr. Horowitz claims in a letter to Harvard professor Henry Louis Gates, that his advertisement was designed to promote a discussion of reparations and to respond to pro-reparation viewpoints, this advertisement clearly intended to create a controversy in an attempt to sell advertising.

Mr. Horowitz's treatment of Daniel Hernandez, editor in chief of the Daily Californian, proves this advertisement campaign is more of a publicity stunt than an academic debate. On Feb. 28, the Daily Californian ran the advertisement.

The next day, Hernandez ran a front-page apology for running the advertisement and denounced it for turning the Daily into an "inadventitious vehicle for bigotry." Mr. Horowitz responded to the apology with attacks against Hernandez, accusing him of censorship and a conservative journal, The American Spectator, named Hernandez "Enemy of the Week." Considering Hernandez ran the advertisement and then responded with his opinion of the advertisement, it is hard to understand how Mr. Horowitz can accuse Hernandez of censorship.

If Mr. Horowitz's goal was to open a discussion about reparations, he should have accepted Hernandez's response and recognize that it served as the perfect springboard to launch an academic discussion of the material in the advertisement. Mr. Horowitz's response proves he is not interested in academic debate as much as he is in gaining notoriety.

Mr. Horowitz is nothing more than a bully using the institution of college newspapers to further his own agenda.

He launched his advertising campaign in an attempt to ensure that he emerged as Mr. Horowitz has repeatedly portrayed himself as the victim of a gag order. To use his own words, "Mr. Horowitz has repeatedly stated that he was "gagged" in an attempt to ensure that he emerged as a bully using the institution of college newspapers to further his own agenda.

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communication do not occur again. As editors of The Observer, we do not fear Mr. Horowitz or his tactics, but we do understand our role as editors. We encourage all of our readers to write in and let their opinions on this matter be heard. If you are interested in Mr. Horowitz's views and/or the advertisement The Observer published, we welcome the opportunity for our community to debate slavery reparations and/or the advertisement The Observer published.

To encourage this debate, we will set aside Wednesday's Viewpoint section for this discussion. We encourage all of our readers to write in and let their opinions on this matter be heard.

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Scott Adams
Quote of the Day

"With freedom of the press goes the freedom to read or close the book, and it will linger so long as we retain the power to say no."

Curtis Bok
U.S. federal judge

Feb. 15, 1954
Banning guns leaves us vulnerable to criminals

Recently, my girlfriend and I debated moving from Florida to Chicago. One of the reasons I didn't want to go was Chicago's ban on handguns, a city where criminals are often armed.

My girlfriend stands only 5 feet tall and weighs roughly 100 pounds. She is virtually defenseless against even very small men. At 5 feet, 10 inches and about 200 pounds and a weightlifting regular, I stand a little bit more damage than bats, banning guns leaves us vulnerable to criminals.

I've experienced many road trips with my parents, I know what it's like to have the very expensive machinery, all the drivers had to go through a mandatory training session, where we were told, "Guys, be careful, okay?" and were then certified as professional race car drivers and, strangely enough, lifeguards. This apparent absurdity fascinated me so much that I had the questions: 'Is he doing all right?'

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**Movie Review**

**Demne’s ‘Blow’ cracks under pressure**

By JUDE SEYMOUR and MATT NANNI
Scene Movie Critics

The male stereotype that propagates in books, movies and TV dramas is that a man is not monogamous, thinks only of himself and should therefore be punished by empowering women.

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George meets Diogo (Jordi Molla), who acquaints him with something much bigger than pot cocaine (or blow).

George’s quest to distribute cocaine in the United States leads him to an arrangement with Pablo Escobar. The latter is bored by the defeat of a male cliché few years ago. Demme was “completely hooked by the byline of the book. (That byline) was how a small time boy, a high school football All-American, went on to be Pablo Escobar’s right hand guy. Had about a 100 million dollars cash in two years and then lost it all. It was classic ‘Shakespeare’.

Demme decided to follow up his reading by meeting its main character, who in his 40s, is finally taking the test to Danbury Correctional Institute. In the personality, Reubens excels in his first big dramatic role, capturing the essence of a man who is not without heart.

"Blow" tells Jung’s story, starting with his early childhood. George leaves his home in 1968 to go out into the world and “be nothing like his parents.” His father, Fred (Paul Reubens), a punching bag for his alcoholic mother (Rachel Griffiths), is a man who believes in the old proverb “money isn’t everything,” mainly because he doesn’t have any. Young George relates money concerns with domestic troubles, and he begins running a drug business.

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'15 Minutes' isn't worth the time

By Chris Bannister

It would be frustrating to describe "15 Minutes" in one word, because it is not simply mediocre. Many mediocre films can produce some amount of satisfaction. However, "15 Minutes" leaves the audience with shots of something better. Also, the average film and then plagues dramatically into failure.

The film's plot is simplistic from the beginning. The story follows an arms investigator (Edward Burns) and a veteran police officer (Robert De Niro) as they attempt to track down two criminals who are on a murder spree across New York City.

However, this blustery concept is made some-what interesting because one of the criminals, a cinema aficionado, is filming the spree with a home video camera. This provides the chance for the movie to create an intriguing, self-reflexive work. In fact, some of the early shots of the film that use footage from the home video camera are visually interesting and provide the groundwork for what might be an excellent film.

Instead, "15 Minutes" resolves its initial questions with perfunctory answers and turns its attention to being a run-of-the-mill action movie, thus ruling out any redeeming qualities it might have had.

Despite the presence of Burns and De Niro, who seem to be a powerful leading duo, all of the acting in the film is less than remarkable. Burns does an average job with his character in the film, and since his charismatic character is not much to begin with, the performance leaves much to be desired. Yet, it is understandable that Burns' character is underdeveloped. The film seems to want to provide a showcase for De Niro's talent and give the actor a character with depth and range; however, an evident lack of witful skill leads to the suppression of DeNiro's character simply disappearing into a collection of choppy, extraneous details that are never explored in any depth.

However, the parade of banal characters does not stop with the leads. The television personality (Kelley Grammer, TV's "Frauher") who purchases the video footage from the killers is gratingly annoying. Grammer has played Fraiser Crane for so many years that he seems unable to produce anything significant outside that persona. His character in the film is just a vulgar version of his sitcom personality, and the charade is wholly ineffective.

Perhaps the most ineffective characters, though, are the film's villains. Like every action movie, they are of course foreigners from Russia who walk around speaking with heavy accents. It is as if one remolded the filmmakers that the Cold War is over. Of course, the film could have infused something new into these villains and redeployed generic characters; however, if the film does anything, it retreats and relies heavily on two obligatory "bad guy" performances.

As if the characters did not do enough injustice to what ever redeeming parts the film bad, the ending is so trite that it is almost painful to watch. Refer to any "Die Hard," "Lethal Weapon" or Arnold Schwarzenegger movie to guess how its all ends.

Finally, while "15 Minutes" outdoes itself in its race towards mediocrity, it shifts tone for a horrendous final humor sequence. The scene is so out of place that it provides a crowning, solidifying touch on the idea that a film can take its own success so far that it begins toseries reek of pulp romance novels. More than one character is presumed dead, only to miraculously appear after an appropriate interval of suspense. And the vengeful motives that propel Weiz to the front lines as a sniper are incongruous with her otherwise sensitive character.

The only deviation Annaud makes to "Saving Private Ryan," the first 20 minutes of "Enemy at the Gates" are rife with explosions, death and the horrible shock of realities when approaching front lines for the first time. However, the Soviet defense of Stalingrad was much different than the Allied invasion of Normandy. The chilling episodes bawled out by a weary officer as soldiers disembark in pairs. "The first man takes a gun, the second man takes it when the first man is killed," frighteningly captures the utter disarray and disorganization Russian forces brought against the Nazi blitzkrieg. Men are ordered to charge against a well-entrenched German line while being mowed down by enemy machine guns, and then the "third man fire" as they are forced to retreat. Annaud captures the emotion and ruinous landscape of this hair-raising scene in a realistic and artistic manner.

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There are some redeeming aspects of "Enemy at the Gates." Fiennes' character is ultimately disillusioned with the Soviet regime he served so loyally, and the scale of Annaud's vision is reflected in the cinema graphy. However, the hackneyed plot and wasted use of a potentially intriguing historical landscape make "Enemy at the Gates" an enemy only unto itself.

**MOVIE REVIEW**

Melodramatic plot elements invade 'Gates'

By Mario Bird

With a strong cast featuring multiple Academy Award nominees, wartime special effects rivaling the monumental "Saving Private Ryan," and a propaganda campaign approaching the Soviet version within its story, "Enemy at the Gates" was positioned to be the first blockbuster hit of 2001. Unfortunately, the above qualities don't net a movie make, as writer-director Jean-Jacques Annaud ("Seven Years in Tibet") implies through his latest cinematic effort.

Joseph Fiennes ("Shakespeare in Love"), one of the actors who helped usurp "Saving Private Ryan's" rightful place as Best Picture of 1998, stars as a Russian propaganda officer (Danilov) in an enigmatic performance. His fate becomes intricately intertwined with the sharpshooting GI Vassily, played by Jude Law (Supporting Actor nominee "The Talented Mr. Ripley"), when he watches Vassily kill five German officers during the initial melee of the battle for Stalingrad.

Recognizing the heroic potential of a working class hero such as Vassily, Danilov launches a nationwide campaign to immortalize the sniper that single-handedly resurrects the Russian fighting spirit. Things are even further skewed when Annaud introduces the inevitable love triangle between Danilov, Vassily and the militant-jeal ous Tania, rendered by Rachel Weisz ("The Mummy"). Two-time Supporting Actor nominee Ed Harris ("The Truman Show," "Apollo 13") appears as the Nazi sniper counterpart to Vassily, and the majority of the plot is driven by the multiple standoffs between the two. Similar to "Saving Private Ryan," the first 20 minutes of "Enemy at the Gates" are rife with explosions, death and the horrible shock of realities when approaching front lines for the first time. However, the Soviet defense of Stalingrad was much different than the Allied invasion of Normandy. The chilling episodes bawled out by a weary officer as soldiers disembark in pairs. "The first man takes a gun, the second man takes it when the first man is killed," frighteningly captures the utter disarray and disorganization Russian forces brought against the Nazi blitzkrieg. Men are ordered to charge against a well-entrenched German line while being mowed down by enemy machine guns, and then the "third man fire" as they are forced to retreat. Annaud captures the emotion and ruinous landscape of this hair-raising scene in a realistic and artistic manner.

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McGrady turns in Magical performance in 96-95 win

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA Tracy McGrady thought he would have a lot more company on his winning drive to the hoop.

McGrady, who matched a career-high with 44 points, took an inbounds pass at halfcourt, drove and barked a shot off the glass with 2.7 seconds left as the Orlando Magic held off a frenzied comeback by Philadelphia and beat the 76ers 96-95 Wednesday night.

"I had a good running start and definitely had my man beat," said McGrady, who shot 18-for-35 from the field. "It was a shot I had to make. After I got by my man, I thought somebody would be there to met me. I got it up high on the backboard because I thought someone would be coming.

Philadelphia coach Larry Brown wasn’t shocked by McGrady’s play, even though the Sixers didn’t look ready for it.

"Tracy made a great play but I could kick myself because I kind of figured he would penetrate," Brown said.

The Mavericks were able by Allen Iverson fell short for Philadelphia, which lost for the sixth time in seven games. Iverson, battling bronchitis, finished with 37 points and 10 turnovers. His 3-point play with 7.6 seconds remaining gave the Sixers a 95-94 lead.

Darrell Armstrong had 14 points and Mike Miller added 13 points for the Magic, who forced the Sixers into a season-high 18 turnovers and won their second straight.

Eric Snow scored 10 of his 14 points in the fourth quarter and added 10 assists. Jameus Jones had 13 points and Tyrone Hill finished with 17 rebounds for Philadelphia, which outrebounded Orlando 56-40. Matt Geiger had 11 points and eight rebounds.

Orlando led by as many as 12 points in the fourth quarter and was ahead 90-79 with 3:47 left. The 76ers went on a 13-4 run, closing within two points at 94-92 when Snow, who had 30 points, 12 assists and four in the final quarter under playoff hopes alive.

The Mavs, who have won three straight and nine of 11, also broke a 10-game losing streak in Portland. They improved to 2-0 on a brutal road trip that began in Utah and still includes the Los Angeles Lakers, Sacramento and Houston.

A 13-point play by Sabonis to open the fourth quarter pulled the Blazers within 67-66. But Nowitzki’s 3-pointers, followed by a fastbreak layup from Steve Blake, allowed the Mavericks to pull away.

The teams split the season series at 2-2 with another rough game. They had combined for 18 technicals in the previous three games — 14 on a Blazers’ technical that was issued Wednesday night was against Dallas coach Don Nelson with 4:13 left.

Nowitzki set the tone for a sloppy night by committing three turnovers in the first five minutes. Dallas finished with 17 turnovers, to Portland’s 15. The Blazers also made just 19 of 31 free throws.

SuperSonics 94, Timberwolves 93

Ruben Patterson sank two free throws and soared from the side to block Kevin Garnett’s shot in the last 32 seconds as the Seattle SuperSonics beat the Dallas Mavericks. The victory snapped Seattle’s four-game winning streak and kept Seattle’s slim playoff hopes alive.

Patterson finished with 19 points and Patrick Ewing scored a season-high 19 to go with 10 rebounds.

Garnett finished with 24 points for Minnesota, but he was held to four in the final quarter under Ewing’s guard.

The Sonics (40-34) have won nine of their last 10 games. With eight games left, play they are four games behind the Timberwolves (42-29) for the eighth and final Western Conference playoff spot.

76ers guard Allen Iverson battles with Magic forward Tracy McGrady during Orlando’s win. Iverson finished with 37 points and 10 rebounds, while McGrady led all scorers with a career-high 44 points.

Gary Payton led Seattle with 23 points, in addition to 11 assists. Wally Szczerbak had 20 for Minnesota, and Terrer Brandon added 16 points and 12 assists.

Ewing and Patterson ignited the Sonics in the final minutes, after they were down by seven in the third and then trailed in the final period.

Ewing dunked a Desmond Mason miss and then blocked Laphonso Ellis’ shot to set up a fast break dunk by Mason that pulled the Sonics within two. On the next possession, Mason tied the game at 84 with a 20- foot jumper with just under five seconds left.

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**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

**Ingelsby hopes to shoot lights out in 3-point contest**

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame senior point guard Martin Ingelsby is one of eight participants in the 13th Annual Three-Point Shooting Contest presented by National Car Rental at Concordia University-St. Paul's Gangelhoff Center in Minneapolis, Minn. The event is part of the NCAA Men's Division I Basketball Final Four and will be held today. The contest will air on a two-hour ESPN telecast on Saturday from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Also scheduled to take place that evening is the women's 3-point shooting and men's slam dunk contests. Along with Ingelsby, the seven other competitors in the men's 3-point shooting event include: Joe Crispin (Penn State), Shaun Folin (Georgia Tech), Keith Friel (Virginia), Tony Harris (Tennessee), Ryan Mendez (Stanford), Dean Oliver (Iowa) and Quincy Wadley (Temple).

Ingelsby started all 30 games for the Irish who finished 20-10 overall and won the Big East West Division title after finishing its conference slate with an 11-5 mark, the most conference wins since joining the league in 1995-96. They also advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

The senior point guard averaged 8.2 points, 2.8 rebounds and 6.4 assists during the 2000-01 campaign. Ingelsby shot 45.6 percent from the field and 46.4 percent from 3-point range. He finished third among all Irish players in 3-point field goals made.

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**TO ALL IN MINISTRY AT THE BASILICA**

Attention lectors, ushers, coordinators, eucharistic ministers, servers and choir members:

You are all invited to participate in a morning of reflection on Saturday, March 31st from 9:15 a.m. to about 12:30 p.m. registration in the Earth Science bldg.

The topic will be "The Gift of Silence."

Our principal speaker will be Rev. Michael Heintz, Saint Matthew’s Cathedral.

If you plan on attending, please contact Steve Camilleri at 631.6282 or Camilleri.4@nd.edu.

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Irish recruit Thomas on losing end of East-West game

Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — Eddy Curry had 29 points and David Lee had 21 as the West rallied from a 12-point deficit to beat the East 131-125 in the McDonald’s All-American high school game Wednesday night.

The East led 75-60 at halftime after making 31-of-63 shots, but the West went on a 20-6 run late in the third quarter. The West took its first lead at 96-94 on a dunk by Curry with a minute left in the third.

Curry, who has committed to DePaul but is still considering a jump to the NBA, was 12-for-21 from the field. He also had eight rebounds and five blocks.

Memphis recruit Dejuan Wagner, who became the first son of a former McDonald’s All-American to play in the game, led the East with 25 points. His father, former NBA player Mitt Wagner, played in the 1981 game with Michael Jordan.

The first quarter featured sounds rarely heard at all-star games — groans.

The highlight reel dunks and no-look passes typical of the McDonald’s game were replaced by both teams setting up in half-court offenses.

The East’s Rasheed Varrar actually called out a play on the first possession of the game and one fan asked if the players were allowed to dunk late in the first quarter.

The teams combined to miss eight straight shots to open the game and the first point didn’t come until 1:30 in, when Curry hit a free throw.

The first dunk didn’t come until the West’s Josh Childress broke free underneath with 15 seconds left in the first quarter, but teammate Kelvin Torbert followed with a rebound slam at the buzzer and the pace picked up from there.

Torbert, who’s headed to Michigan State, had 21 points.

The game featured 24 of the top high school seniors in the country chosen by a seven-member selection committee and an advisory panel of scouts and media members.

Three players — Ousmane Drame, DeeSalea Drip and Wayne Simien — were hurt and didn’t play. Tyson Chandler, who is considering a jump to the NBA, did not make the trip.

North Carolina recruit Jawawilliams had a tough first game at Cameron Indoor Stadium. He was bused by the Duke fans during introductions, then took an inadvertent elbow and broke his nose midway through the third period.

Williams, who finished with 11 points, had one of the best of the dunks of the night, taking a rebound with one hand and windmilling it down just before he was hurt.

Future Florida teammates Lee, James White and Kwame Brown combined for 57 points. While had 19 and Brown 17 for the East. Lee was 8-for-13 and had 13 rebounds.

Junior forward, who will attend North Carolina State, had 17 points for the East.

Chris Thomas, who will play for Notre Dame this fall, played most of the first half for the East. The point guard hit several long jump shots and distributed the ball well.

Friday, March 30

4:00 p.m. Women’s Tennis vs. Iowa, Eck Tennis Pavilion, matches begin at 4:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Romance Language Department’s Italian Coffee Hour, Decio 131

5:00 p.m. Senior Recital with Catherine Danner and Sheree Westenberg, Hesburgh Library

7:30 p.m. Beilna Womack, lead singer with Jazz/Gospel Band “Kool Reflections” - Coleman-Morse Lounge

8:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m. Open Rec Lacrosse, Court 2, RSRC

9:30 p.m. Freshmen Class Rosary, Grotto

10:00 p.m. - Midnight ND Express Billiards games open, LaFortune Student Center

9:00 p.m. Acoustic Café, LaFortune Student Center

10:00 p.m. - Midnight Stephon Center: Open Play Basketball and Volleyball

10:30 p.m. Movie, "Vertical Limit", DeBartolo 101* and "Remember the Titans", DeBartolo 155*

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NCAA Women’s Basketball Final Four

Stiles, Ivey highlight hometown heroes in St. Louis

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Four rounds filled with surprise, suspense and yes, even a bit of the expected has come down to this: a women’s Final Four with the champions from the last two years and a dash of local flavor.

Connecticut has survived injuries to its top two players to stay in the hunt for a second consecutive championship. Purdue, the 1999 champion, has overcome change and heartbreak to earn its trip to St. Louis.

Southwest Missouri State, just 3 1/2 hours down Interstate 44 in Springfield, is ready to unleash Jackie Stiles and its horde of well-traveled fans on the city by the Arch. Notre Dame brings the nation’s most dominating center, along with St. Louis native Nielle Ivey.

“I know my phone is ringing off the hook with people wanting tickets,” Ivey said.

They’ll all be on the court at the Savvis Center for the national semifinals Friday night — Southwest Missouri State against Purdue, and Connecticut meeting Big East rival Notre Dame for the third time this season.

The winners meet Sunday night to determine the 20th NCAA champion in women’s hoops.

“The Final Four is every girl’s dream,” Purdue’s Kelly Komara said. “When you’re out there working your butt off every day, this is what you live for.

With almost everyone back from last year’s team, Connecticut (32-2) seemed a lock for a second straight title and third overall. Coach Geno Auriemma even guaranteed it.

But a 92-76 loss at Notre Dame on Jan. 15 made the Huskies appear human and things looked even shakier when All-Americans Svetlana Abrosimova and Shea Ralph were lost with season-ending injuries.


Freshman Diana Taurasi has emerged as flashy and fearless go-to player, while point guard Sue Bird remains as steady and effective as ever.

“Svet and Shea are such strong personalities that it was hard for someone to come forward,” Auriemma said. “But when something in the huddle needed said, it was Sue. When the right thing needed to be said, Sue said it.”

With center Ruth Riley leading the way, Notre Dame (32-2) looked like a national championship contender when it won its first 23 games, including that victory over Connecticut. Nothing has changed.

The two losses were by a total of three points — 54-53 at Rutgers and 78-76 at Connecticut in the Big East championship game — and Riley has been sensational in the tournament.

Notre Dame made its first Final Four trip in 1997 and lost to Tennessee in the semifinals. Coach Muffet McGraw senses a different attitude this time.

“Last time we went, we took over a thousand pictures,” McGraw said. “Now, this team is focused.”

After playing two games in New Jersey and two more in Spokane, Wash., Southwest Missouri State (29-3) gets to finish the season in the neighborhood. Look for the Lady Bears’ maroon-clad fans to show up in droves looking for tickets to the sold-out event.

“Tickets are going to be a nightmare for our administration,” coach Cheryl Burnett said. “What a great thing.”

Stiles, often heard about but rarely seen by a national audience, finally gets to show what she’s been up to these last four years. The NCAA career and single-season scoring leader, Stiles has averaged 35 points in the last three games after being slowed by a mild concussion in the first round.

“St. Louis — you can’t script it any better than this,” Stiles said. “I can’t even describe it.”

A strong freshman class at Purdue (30-6) has complemented veterans Katie Douglas, Camille Cooper and Komara, all members of the 1999 championship team. That trio has endured a lot since then, starting with a change in coaches, with Krisry Curry taking over for Carolyn Peck.

Four months after the title, team member Tiffany Young died in a traffic accident. Douglas, whose father had died in 1997, then lost her mother to breast cancer. Back-up center Mary Jo Noon blew out a knee at midseason and starting point guard Erika Valek died in the same in the regional semifinals.

“I can’t put into words what this team has been through,” Curry said. “To lose Tiffany, to lose what Katie’s been through, we’ve been through so much. I think that makes it even more special.”

Irish senior Nielle Ivey (33) heads for home in this weekend’s Final Four, with Notre Dame taking on Connecticut Friday night.
**College coaches climb on, off carousel of changes**

Associated Press

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) - Iowa coach Steve Alford has reached a tentative agreement on a five-year, $4.5 million contract extension that would keep him with the school through 2009.

"I appreciate very much the commitment that Mr. Bowlsby and the University of Iowa have presented," Alford said. "I couldn't be more pleased with all phases of our program."

This season, Alford's second at the school, Iowa went 24-12, won the Big Ten tournament, and reached the second round of the NCAA tournament. The team went 14-16 in his first year. Before heading to Iowa in 1999, Alford went 78-48 in four seasons at Southwest Missouri State.

As a player, he helped Indiana win the 1987 NCAA championship.

Pecora becomes Hofstra coach

Tom Pecora is Hofstra's new basketball coach, promoted Wednesday after seven years as an assistant to Jay Wright.

Pecora has been a head coach in Division I, but went 62-24 from 1989-92 at SUNY-Farmingdale, a junior college program.

He's been an assistant at five schools, including UNLV under Rollie Massimino in 1992-93.

"This is my dream job," Pecora, a Queens Village native, said. "Even though I spent time out at UNLV and Loyola-Marymount, my body has always been on east coast time."

Wright left to coach Villanova after taking the Hoyas to the last two NCAA Tournaments and going 122-85 in seven seasons.

Pecora is known as a top-notch recruiter, and he said that his pitch to potential recruits won't change.

"We've graduated every one of the kids we recruited here — all 31," Pecora said. "When we talk to a potential recruit, we tell them that we expect them to hold up their academic standards. We've had some kids tell us frankly that Hofstra's not for them."

Frisors extend Welsh's contract

Tim Welsh, who coached Providence to a 21-10 record this year and a spot in the NCAA Tournament, reached a preliminary seven-year agreement Wednesday to stay with the Friars.

"The essence of the agreement is done," athletic director John Marinatto said. "Tim is happy, and he's committed."

Marinatto would not disclose Welsh's base salary but said he received a raise. He had four years left on a contract that paid him an annual base salary of $375,000.

Welsh will sign the agreement when he returns from this weekend's Final Four in Minneapolis.

"I agree with the mission of the college and I enjoy living in Rhode Island," he said.

Rutgers had asked Providence for permission to talk to the coach, and Tennessee and UNLV also inquired, Marinatto said.

The 49-year-old Welsh has a 48-43 record in three years at Providence.

Kanaskie to stay at Drake

Drake's Kurt Kanaskie, the runner-up for Missouri Valley Coach of the Year honors this season, on Wednesday had his contract extended through the 2005-06 season.

Picked to finish last in the MVC, Drake, despite playing its last 14 games with just seven scholarship players, finished with an 8-10 record, their most conference victories since the 1995-96 campaign.

The Bulldogs finished 12-16 overall and lost to Northern Iowa in the opening round of the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference tournament.

Kanaskie owns a 38-101 record in five seasons at the helm of the Bulldogs. He is the only coach in Drake history to lose the school more than 100 games in one season (in 2001). He is the last coach in Drake history to win fewer than a hundred games in one season (in 2003). Kanaskie was the last coach in Drake history to win fewer than a hundred games in one season (in 2003).

MacDonald stays with Canisius

Mike MacDonald, a former player and graduate assistant at St. Bonaventure, signed a four-year contract extension Wednesday to remain with Canisius.

MacDonald, 58-57 in four years with the Bonnies, had one year left on his five-year deal. He is coming off a 20-11 season, falling one win short of reaching the NCAA Tournament. When seventh-seeded Canisius lost the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference championship final to Iona.

The 20-win season was only the sixth in the 97-year-old program's history and follows a year the team went 10-20.

The contract extension comes two days after Jim Baron left St. Bonaventure to coach Rhode Island.

"Mike is a very special person in the department and we are thrilled that he will continue to lead our basketball program in the upcoming years," Canisius athletic director Tim Dillon said.

MacDonald began his coaching career at Canisius as a graduate assistant coach in 1988.

"The commitment they have made to me makes me very honored to be the coach here," MacDolph said. "I'm excited about the possibilities of the future of the program."

Ryan may return to Badgers

Bo Ryan might get the job he wanted all along — nine years after he first applied.

Ryan, who turned 60 two days ago stepped up to Division I with Wisconsin-Milwaukee, could be hired as Brad Soderberg's replacement at Wisconsin as early as Thursday.

Ryan can officially be offered the job after the Wisconsin Athletic Board's personnel committee meets at 9 a.m. The school scheduled a news conference for 9:45 a.m. at the Kohl Center.

The 53-year-old Ryan is a former Badgers assistant who wanted the head coaching job in 1992 but was beaten out by Stu Jackson.

He met Tuesday night with athletic director Pat Richter, chancellor John Wiley and athletic director chairman David McDonald, spokesman Steve Malchow said.

"Our people were very impressed with Bo Ryan, but to the best of my knowledge no offer has been offered yet," Malchow said Wednesday.

Ryan, who didn't return a message left at his office Wednesday, probably will attend the committee meeting, Malchow said.

Ryan would replace Soderberg, who wasn't retained after going 16-10 in place of Dick Bennett, who retired in November because of Burnett.
Amaker leaves Hall for Michigan
Associated Press

NEW YORK

Four months ago, Seton Hall was on top of the college basketball world. A stellar recruiting class imported by Coach Tom Mennit had elevated the program in a pregame setting that finances the NIT. "If the NIT moved around, it would certainly lose its luster," Gottfried said.

"You can't tell me how fulfilling this has been as a coach, a staff and players. It made our season. Take this away and it would be cheating the kids. It really would be.

The conference commissioners voted in September to eliminate the allowance that enables events like the Preseason NIT, Maui Invitational and Great Alaska Shootout to count only as one game on a school's 28-game schedule regardless of how many a team actually plays. That would effectively eliminate tournaments as most teams would be unwilling to compete for so little.

Without the revenue from the preseason event, NIT officials said they would have a hard time putting together the post-season event, which has struggled to gain interest.

Tuesday night's semifinals, featuring no teams from the Northeast, drew only 6,597 fans. But the coaches don't feel that moving the event to a smaller, more accessible city would be a good idea.

"If the NIT moved around, it would certainly lose its luster," Gottfried said. "It has a lot of history and tradition. It's a chance to come to New York. It's a great experience for the teams and a positive for college basketball. By being here we've gotten the exposure of playing on national TV and the experience of being in New York City."

The NIT has provided a boost for both the Crimson Tide and Golden Hurricane (25-11), who will meet the Buckeyes in Columbus, Ohio, on Thursday. The Gold Coast, regional finalists last season, lost the WCAC championship game at home to Hawaii with a 58-55 record.

"The NHIT experience has been a real positive for our team," Gottfried said. "Our young guys have taken a situation that could have been tough and turned it into a very positive experience."

The Tide is 17-14 and will be playing for the NIT championship game at home to Hawaii this weekend. Texas is 25-11 and will be playing for the NCAA championship.

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Still, the coaches don't feel that moving the event to a smaller, more accessible city would be a good idea.

"If the NIT moved around, it would certainly lose its luster," Gottfried said. "It has a lot of history and tradition. It's a chance to come to New York. It's a great experience for the teams and a positive for college basketball. By being here we've gotten the exposure of playing on national TV and the experience of being in New York City."

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recorder 14 hits, with every starter getting at least one. The team left fewer runners on base in the early innings and made uncharacteristic judgment errors on the basepaths. Despite these mistakes, coach Paul Mainieri was pleased with the offensive outcome.

When asked what the reason was, Marbury said, “I didn’t know. I hope to make us stronger.”

The Nets signed forward Mark Strickland to a 10-day contract Wednesday. The six-year veteran played four games this season for Denver, the team New Jersey played Wednesday.

“Everybody I have been seeing in the city, I went to the store to get some sneakers, told me that gym is jinxed,” Strickland said of joining the Nets. “I’m just here to play, have a little fun, and we get some Ws out of these last few games.”

**TENNIS**

Players may become witnesses in stalking trial

Hingis, the No. 1 female tennis player in the world, will be a prosecution witness and is expected to testify Monday.

Four men and two women were chosen for the jury Wednesday, and opening statements were set for Friday.

Rajcevic, a 46-year-old Australian who was born in Croatia, is charged with one count of stalking and three counts of trespassing at the 2000 Ericsson Open on Key Biscayne near Miami. Each count carries a possible one-year sentence.

Judge Kevin Emas said.

Rajcevic has been in jail for a year, unable to post $2 million bond and unwilling to promise to stay away from his avowed love interest in exchange for his freedom.

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**Nets' Marbury will miss rest of season**

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. -- All-Star guard Stephon Marbury will miss the remainder of the New Jersey Nets' injury-plagued season with a ruptured tendon in his left pinkie.

Marbury is scheduled to undergo surgery in New York City on Thursday. He sustained the injury in mid-January, but kept playing.

"It was getting to the point where the pain was unbearable because I have been getting hit on it so much," Marbury said before the Nets' game with the Denver Nuggets on Wednesday night. "It's tough to play with a pinkie that is curled up." Marbury said he would have continued to play if the Nets had been in the playoff hunt.

The decision to sit Marbury comes less than a week after Kenyon Martin, the first pick in last year's NBA Draft, broke his right leg for the second time in a year.

Marbury averaged 23.9 points and 7.6 assists in 67 games. He scored a career-high 50 points against the Los Angeles Lakers on Feb. 13, and he had his first career triple-double on Jan. 20, when he had 33 points, 12 assists and 11 rebounds against Chicago.

Nets coach Byron Scott said Marbury had a great season, his best in five years in the NBA.

"He's 24 years old and he's already one of the best point guards in the league," Scott said. "He has some things he has to work on on the defensive end, but I think in the next couple of years it won't be a question of who's the best point guard. There's questions now. People say (Gary) Payton, (Jason) Kidd in the next couple of years there won't be any question." Marbury is the only player in the league to rank in the top 10 in both scoring and assists. The All-Star appearance was his first.

The Nets have been decimated by injuries this season.

Guard Kerry Kittles has missed the entire year after undergoing knee surgery. Forward Keith Van Horn also had a hairline fracture of his fibula in training camp and missed 32 games.

Forward-center Jamie Feick has missed more than 60 games with an Achilles' tendon injury. Forward-guard Kendall Gill has missed more than 40 with tendinitis in his knee, and center Jim McIlvaine has missed more than 35 with back and calf injuries.

The Nets will lose more than 340 manpower games to injury this season.

"I wish things could have gone a different way this year," said Marbury, who missed the final eight games of the season with a hamstring injury in his left knee. "Everything happens for a reason.

"When you think what the reason was, Marbury said, "I don't know. I hope to make us stronger."
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**SOFTBALL**

Irish sweep doubleheader; look ahead to Western Michigan

By ANTHONY BISHOP  
Sports Writer

The blustery South Bend afternoon didn’t bother the Irish pitching staff, as it only gave up three hits in Notre Dame’s two-game sweep of Valparaiso. The Irish easily defeated the Crusaders 6-0 and 4-0 to move to 20-3 on the season.

In the first game, senior Jen Sharron pitched a complete game, allowing only two hits and no runs in seven innings. Sharron felt she played "great, but there is always room for improvement. My pitches all seemed to work well and [catcher] Jarrah Myers and I were in sync."

The game started out fast as Sharron struck out two of the first three batters. She finished the game to move to 11-2 overall with a 1.80 ERA. In the bottom of the first, a line-drive double by Myers into right-center field scored in two runners giving the Irish a 2-0 lead.

Notre Dame’s bats became quiet as the game progressed as the Irish stranded base runners inning after inning. But Sharron kept the Irish ahead with dominating pitching. She struck out a total of 14 batters in the game, a new personal best.

The Irish came alive again in the fifth inning. A Danielle Klayman single, followed by a double by Jenny Kriech, put both runners in scoring position. Melanie Alkire singled, bringing in Klayman. On the first pitch Myers faced, she belted the ball 240 feet into leftfield, sailing well over the wall. It was Myers fourth home run of the season and her 22nd RBI.

In the second game, freshman Kristin Schmidt echoed Sharron’s strong pitching performance by striking out 11 and allowing only one hit. Schmidt moved to 9-1 on the season with a 0.88 ERA. Sharron closed out the game with two strikeouts and never gave up a hit.

Alkire knocked in Alexis Madrid in the first inning with a double and then a hit by Lizzy Lemire moved Alkire around the bases to again start the Irish with a 2-0 lead. Andria Bledsoe walked in the second inning and then stole second. She moved to third on a ground ball and scored on a wild pitch by the Crusaders. Alkire later reached base and stole second to be knocked in on a Lemire single.

"The pitchers threw great," said head coach Liz Miller. "It was a strong performance. The offense is a little up and down and is relying on streaks right now. We need to become a bit more aggressive."

With the win, the Irish jumped up to No. 11 in the latest national poll released.

The Irish next turn their focus to today’s rescheduled doubleheader against Western Michigan. The game was postponed due to unplayable weather conditions.

Western Michigan will enter Tuesday’s games with a 6-11 record, including a 1-3 mark in the MAC Conference this will be the 12th and 13th meeting in the series, with the Irish holding a 7-4 advantage over the Broncos.

Last year, Notre Dame posted a 6-1 victory, as the Irish pounded out 13 hits.

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"When [Paul] was in high school, he played the infield and the outfield — he is a very talented athlete," said Mainieri. "Right now, he is one of the biggest base-stealing threats on our team because he runs so well."

But once O'Toole puts the mask on and crouches down behind the plate, he becomes everything the prototypical catcher is supposed to be. He is a smart, solid defender with the confidence and focus to be a leader on the field.

He's a fiery guy, says Mainieri. "And there's no one who has more spirit than Paul. He really goes after it on the field because he holds so much enthusiasm for the game. He plays it at full-tilt all the time."

It's only seems natural that the tough-minded junior would have to be this way. In just his first year at Notre Dame, O'Toole demonstrated exactly what he could do as an all-around player when he was thrust right into a full-time job at catcher.

He caught 90 percent of the innings that year while still playing in runs scored. At the plate, he showed dependability, recording 410 outs while committing only thirteen errors — a .972 fielding percentage.

But most importantly, he demonstrated the leadership that make a catcher "the quarterback of the baseball diamond."

"When I first came in, I felt I had to gain the respect of the upperclassmen," said O'Toole. "But I think throughout the course of the year, just by working hard and by showing that I only cared about winning as a team, I really gained their respect."

O'Toole spent this past summer playing in the Cape Cod League, the nation's premier wooden bat league for college players, along with teammates Brian Stanely and Brian Stavisky. Through this league, O'Toole made a bit of a name for himself in professional circles by displaying great power and hitting ability, and by being named to the league all-star team along with Stanley and Stavisky.

"O'Toole, however, does not like to look to the future too often. "I try not to think about it too much because I wouldn't want to affect what I'm doing now," he says. "If you start thinking about what you could be doing, you could begin to change what you have been doing, and you'll just mess yourself up. I just want to go out there right now every day and keep doing what I've been doing these past few years.""

"It's kind of intriguing for people to see a left-handed hitting catcher who can run fairly well because it hasn't been that common in baseball." — Paul O'Toole

Irish catcher

Women's Soccer

Erikson, Pruzinsky receive honors

Senior forward Meotis Erikson shoots the ball during a game earlier this season. Erikson, along with sophomore Vanessa Pruzinsky, are eligible to be named Academic All-Americans.

Associated Press

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The 2001 summer session will begin on Monday, June 18 (enrollment), and end on Wednesday, August 1 (final exams). Some courses — primarily in science and languages — will begin and end before or after these dates. The Summer Session Bulletin contains complete schedule information. The Bulletin is also available at the Summer Session Office (210 Main Bldg.) beginning on Thursday, February 22. Information on summer courses, as it appears in the Bulletin, is also available at the Summer Session Web site (www.nd.edu/~summersess).

Notre Dame continuing students — undergraduate and graduate students in residence during the spring semester of 2001 who are eligible to return in the fall — must use DART (1) to register for summer courses and (2) to add or drop courses through Friday, June 22. The DART PIN (personal identification number) for summer is available on hostLine for all continuing students. Instructions for course registration (selection) are available at www.nd.edu/~ndreg/dartbook.html. Course call numbers are published in the Bulletin and at the Summer Session Web site.

DART will be available for summer registration from March 21 to June 22. Students may register or make schedule changes whenever they choose during this period, no appointment times are necessary.

Students may register for summer session courses at any time up to the first day of the course. Students who decide to register after DART closes on Friday, June 22, must complete the standard summer session application/course selection form.

Air-conditioned and non-air-conditioned housing and (optional) summer meal plans will be available. Forms for these services may be obtained at the Summer Session Office at any time during the spring semester.

Tuition for the summer session of 2001 will be $243 per credit hour plus a $40 general fee.

ECDC Registration

The Early Childhood Development Center, located at the University of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's College, is now accepting 2001 Summer Registration for children ages three through six and 2001-2002 School Year Registration for children ages two through five. Both part time and full time enrollment schedules are available. For more information, please call one of the numbers below.

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Belles’ Hildebrandt resigns from positions

By KATIE McVOY

Assistant athletic director and head swim coach Gretchen Hildebrandt will vacate her positions at the end of this semester to attend school and compete in a triathlon competition. Hildebrandt announced last week that she would resign.

Hildebrandt was accepted to the University of Westchester in Philadelphia Tuesday, where she hopes to earn her masters degree in exercise and sports physiology. Hildebrandt, who also holds an undergraduate degree in elementary education, will focus her master’s thesis on sports psychology.

“[As hard as it is for me to see her move on] I’m excited,” athletic director Lynn Kachm arik said. “She’s just coming into her own as an athlete.”

After receiving her master’s degree, she plans to look into corporate options such as returning to college athletics, coaching or following more administrative lines.

“I guess the masters opens up a lot more doors,” Hildebrandt said. “I’m thinking going into something more corporate kind of athletics, possibly working for [Sports Illustrated].”

However, education isn’t the only thing Hildebrandt will be furthering. She plans on training full time as a triathlete, competing for the United States last year that included victories in the Ironman Triathlon in Australia, is looking to expand the scope of her competition.

“It will give me an idea of what it’s like to go professional,” she said. “Last year I wanted to do it for fun. This year working under a coach it’s become a lot more serious. Ultimately, I want to go professional. At my age I can afford to experience it and see where it takes me.”

Hildebrandt came to Saint Mary’s in the fall of 1999. During her two years at Saint Mary’s as the assistant athletic director, one of Hildebrandt’s main responsibilities was intramural sports and club activities.

Since 1999, participation in club sports has almost tripled. Midsummer Madness — the intramural championships — was instituted, and Saint Mary’s introduced new club sports, such as the triathlon club.

“She’s just moved this program forward so that we can attract really qualified people to fill her position,” Kachm arik said.

Hildebrandt also led the swim team to a sixth-place finish in the MIAA this season. Upon her arrival and Saint Mary’s, Hildebrandt was reunited with Kachm arik, who served as her swimming coach at Bucknell University during Hildebrandt’s undergraduate years.

“It was an instantaneous chemistry with her,” Kachm arik said. “I’ve been inspired working with her not only professionally but personally as well. But I know she’s going to move on.”

The athletic department has already begun to accept applications to fill the spot Hildebrandt will be leaving. The new assistant athletic director will also be serving as the swim coach and handling intramurals, according to Kachm arik. The application deadline closes in the middle of next week.

“After interviewing the top 10 applicants, ‘We want to bring the top three candidates to campus,’” Kachm arik said. “Not only the athletes need to meet the candidates, but these candidates need to meet the athletes so they can be excited about being a part of this program.”

Kachm arik is looking for an applicant who already has successing collegiate experience. She expects to name a new assistant athletic director by mid-April.

**WOMEN’S TENNIS**

Saint Mary’s upsets Division I foe

By KATIE McVOY

At 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, fans outside of Angela Athletic facilities were kept warm as the temperature kept dropping. But the fans didn’t let any closer than the tennis match between Saint Mary’s and Valparaiso’s women’s Division I foe Valparaiso.

Ultimately, it was depth that brought Saint Mary’s to a 5-4 victory.

Although Valparaiso claimed No. 1 and No. 2 singles and No. 1 doubles, the Belles hung onto Nos. 4-6 singles and No. 2 and No. 3 doubles to claim the victory.

“One depth [was our greatest asset],” head coach Dee Stevenson said. “We knew they had good players up top, but we had more depth down the line.”

Freshman Kris Spriggle’s match would serve as a good analogy for this nail-biter between Saint Mary’s and Valparaiso. Spriggle faced off against Sarah Engelbert in No. 5 singles and played for over two hours.

Spriggle claimed a straight-forward 6-3, 6-3 victory in the first set. Then Engelbert stepped up the play and it was a trial to the end.”

“[She started playing more consistently and pushing me to my limit],” Spriggle said. “I had to regroup.”

After Spriggle dropped the second set 3-6, she was playing on shaky ground and shaky confidence. During the match, the two blisters had opened on Engelbert’s left foot. With her feet feeling a little tender, “The blisters started to affect me when I got down on myself,” Spriggle said. “I forgot them then I could go on playing.”

With tw of falling, a back and forth third set resulted in a 6-4 tie that called for a tiebreaker.

Spriggle claimed the tiebreaker 6-4 to clinch her match and a Saint Mary’s victory.

“I kept telling myself that I could win the set and I wanted to win it and my team needed me,” Spriggle said. Her team certainly did. Annie Knish and Natalie Cook faced off against the worst competition.

Valparaiso could throw at Saint Mary’s anand Division I foe. Saint Mary’s 0-2, 6-0, and then Saint Mary’s 2-1, 6-0.

“I would say our doubles pulled it out,” Stevenson said. “We have good doubles teams.”

The Belles will play a double-header this weekend against Adrian College at 9 a.m. and Aquinas College at 4 p.m.
**SPORTS**

**MEN'S TENNIS**

No. 10 Irish host No. 17 Illini in regional rivalry

By KATIE HUGHES

Top-10 adrenaline will be ema­
ning from the Eck Tennis Pavil­
ion today as the Irish take
on regional rivals Illinois in a piv­
ulot season match.

"Motivation is at an all-time
high," said assistant coach Billy
Pate. "Illinois is known to be real­
ly aggressive. They're in your
face, they're yelling and scream­
ing. We've got to meet that chal­
lenge and be able to have poise
and composure, and just focus on
the task at hand."

A win for the Irish would mean
redemption for two close losses to
the Illini last season.

After claiming the Blue Grey
title last week by defeating Tulane, Rice, Auburn, and
Fresno State, the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's computer-
generated rankings put Notre Dame at No. 10, while Illinois
comes into the match ranked No. 17.

"We're pleased to be in the top
10, but it's really more important
at the end of the season," said
Pate.

Illinois crowd support has
always been an obstacle for the
Irish, and a horde of orange and
gold supporters would not be
unexpected on Thursday. "We
would really like to prioritize
crowd support at matches," Pate
said. "There is the perception
that college tennis is country
club-ish, and white shirts, but it's
more like the rock and roll, pump
your fist, in your face type atmos­
phere. Once they get here, people
will realize that you really can be
loud and go nuts, and it really
makes a differ­
ence."

To win against the Fighting Illini,
the Irish will have
to focus first on
consistency in
doubles. Notre
Dame's No. 1 doubles team of
juniors Javier Taburga and
Andrew Talarico, ranked in the
top 20, will set the tone for the
match.

"They both have different syles,
but you don't want to have two
identical personalities in dou­
bles," said Pate. "Javier is like
the passionate Latin, and Aaron
is more of the laid back
California guy. I think we have a
pretty good balance there."

Junior Casey Smith
and Taburga, both
ranked in the top
100 singles players
in the nation, will
lead the 62-18 sin­
gles lineup. Smith
has biggest challenge of the meet
—he has to play Illinois All­
American Graydon Oliver.

Sophomore Brian Farrell, who
leads the Irish with a 12-2 singles
record, freshman Luis Haddock-
Morales and Talarico will also be
key in Irish singles competition.

Pate expected that either
senior Matt Daly, who has been
plugged by an injury for much of
the season, or 10-1 freshman
sensation Matthew Scott will play
No. 6 singles.

Another win would stretch
Notre Dame's winning streak to
11 games. If the Irish maintain a
top 10 ranking, by the end of
the season, they would be eligible
to host a regional match.

"We've got the bus going," said
Pate. "There's no telling how other
oranges will do. We just have to keep it moving
down the hill."

The match will be played outside
at the Eck Tennis Pavilion at 3
p.m. To attract fans, the athletic
department is sponsoring prize
drawings for those who attend
today's match.

**BASEBALL**

Cold weather does not affect Irish in 6-1 win over Toledo

By COLIN BOYLAN

The scattered groups of fans at the
Eck Baseball Stadium
Wednesday night were heavy
winter coats and mittens as a testa­
ment to the chilly March weather.
So what was the hook? Right fielder
Brian Stavisky doing wearing short
sleeves?

"I just came out to take batting
practice this afternoon and I was so
pumped up — I didn't really feel
cold," Stavisky said.

Weather notwithstanding,
Stavisky was red-hot at the plate
and his three hits sparked a solid
offensive outburst that propelled
the Irish to a 6-1 victory over
Toledo last night. Earning the win
was starter Peter Ogilvie, who
improved his record to 2-0 on the
year.

Notre Dame took control of the
game early, loading the bases in the
first inning. A walk by catcher Paul
O'Toole brought designated hitter
John Heintz home and gave the
Irish a lead they would never relin­
quish.

In the fourth inning, Notre Dame
expanded their lead when senior
Bushey scored on a wild pitch and
Steve Sollman came home on Steve
Sollman's sacrifice fly.

The lead was pushed to 6-0 on
six innings by Heintz and
Stavisky, and another sacrifice fly
by Stanley in seventh. However, the
cushion wasn't as large as it could have
been. Notre Dame hitters

By CHRIS FEDERICO

Paul O'Toole isn't your averag­
ere player.

In a sport that often characterizes
catchers as unproductive offensive
contributors, O'Toole breaks the
mold.

In fact, the junior backstop is one of
the real driving forces of the Irish,
especially on the offensive side of pro­
duction. Having played in just about
every game since the start of his fresh­man season, O'Toole has shown
very impressive offensive skills, bat­
ting for a .301 career average.

In his first three years, he has often
looked more like a speedy utility play­
er than a catcher. His career .382 on-
base percentage and 33 stolen bases
are numbers that are expected of a
leadoff hitter. With just four more
stolen bases, O'Toole can move into
the top 10 list at Notre Dame for
stolen bases — and he would be the
only catcher on that list.

"I think it's great that I don't fit the
regular mold of a catcher," O'Toole
proudly claims. "It's kind of intriguing
for people to see an all-around hitting
catcher who can run fairly well,
because it hasn't been that common
in baseball.

Notre Dame baseball coach Paul
Mamieri likes the fact that O'Toole is
not like just any other catcher.

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