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Where is Little Juan?

This Week in Notre Dame/Saint Mary’s History

Sophomores earn vehicle privileges
March 30, 1972.

The Student Life Council voted to allow sophomores cars on campus, ruling against a previous legislation which stated that vehicles negatively influenced academics. The proposal was based on statistics which pointed out that although sophomores had more overall academic problems than juniors or seniors, the difference was not significant enough to merit a ban on transportation.

Pertinent protests gay discrimination

Father David Garrick, a Notre Dame communications and theater professor, spoke to a supportive crowd after he resigned. He said that he would be leaving the University because, as a celibate homosexual, he felt he was the object of discrimination by the administration. "Nobody has secure rights until everyone has equal rights," Garrick said.

Outside the Dome

Duke student group protests advertisement

"Duke creates...an atmosphere that makes black students in particular feel they have to continually defend their right to be here."

Statement from Duke University Student Movement

handling of the ad, but not the decision to run it. The group is now focusing on actions. Duke University should take on minority issues in general.

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Eastern Connecticut State

School games deemed unhealthy

Generations of people grew up playing dodge ball and other childhood games. However, according to a recent study, these games might cause psychological damage. The study, led by Neil Williams, professor of psychology, found that these games result in isolation between children and their peers, according to the study. Williams compiled a "Hall of Shame" list of all games that should be removed from schools. Included in this list are dodge ball, kickball, and basketball.

Local Weather

6 Day South Bend Forecast

AccuWeather forecast for day by day conditions and high temperatures

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Students hope to dust away Women's Center's old image

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The Women's Center was once only the vision of two Saint Mary's students. Today, seven years after the first opening of the center, the small room in the basement of LeMans Hall will open its doors once again and try to rekindle that vision.

Working on an independent study project, Teresa Lynch and Karen Jurgenson designed a proposal to create a physical space on campus that could be the hub for women's concerns. Their vision became a reality more than seven years ago when in the last months of their senior year, the proposal for the Women's Center was approved.

The two students started their research into establishing the center under the pretext of addressing problems that had no forum for discussion on Saint Mary's campus. In their constitutions, the students proposed that the Women's Center would be the place for such discussion. They wanted a place where students could discuss and educate themselves on sexual assault, abortion, health concerns, AIDS, and other hot topics.

Along with providing a safe environment, they also wanted the Women's Center to stand as a place for community outreach. They wanted students from all groups of campus use the space. Over the years the Women's Center has even developed a stigma — a stigma that goes contrary to everything Lynch and Jurgenson envisioned in their proposal.

"It is unfair that it has gotten the stigma because the Women's Center could be so much more," said Jami Newcomb, a member of the Feminist Collective.

The stigma led to only gender-specific groups using the space — something its organizers wanted to avoid.

"The only groups using the space were CARE (Campus Alliance for Rape Elimination) and the Feminist Collective and other students didn't know it was for any other group," said Jurgenson, a Freshman member of the Women's Resource Center Community Leadership Team (CoLT).

In the seven years the room has been available, many students have thought of the women's center as a space only for specific organizations. No longer do people see the center speaking to the issues of all women, but rather speaking to the issues of lesbian, feminist, and radical students on campus. Although the room does house meetings of the Feminist Collective and Peacemakers, those that use the room see the room representing more than just a stigma that may or may not be valid.

In the center's re-opening, today, those students with a vested interest in its future hope the "more" that the center has to offer will get other students involved. They hope that with a fresh coat of paint, renewed furniture and a little dusting, other students will see that the Women's Center is open to all women from every part of campus life.

A sign of that mission will be represented in a painted mural of two goddesses in the re-opened Center.

"The remodeling will be empowering with a mural painted with different shades of bodies. It will provide a safe and empowering space for women on campus," said Marureen Capillo, a member of Peacemakers.

The Center in the past has served as the launchpad for other student groups, and coordinators hope the re-opening will stand as a way to open dialogue between other organizations such as Multicultural Affairs, Health Services, and other student groups, and facilitate a wider campus dialogue, said Welsh.

"I hope to it will be able to work hand in hand with other organizations to bring in speakers on women's issues," said Welsh.

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a room, up the stairs and down the hallway, too. Moscona and Jorrissen will add a new
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dent.

"I bring a totally new perspec­
tive to the administration," Jorrissen, the current junior class
candidate, said. "I bring a high level of energy and enthusi­
asiasm into the office."

Moscona realizes his role as vice president will often mean
doing the jobs Norton and Jorrissen cannot do because of
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effective leader of the senate," Moscona said.

Although people claim the new administration will not change
from the previous one, Moscona and Jorrissen reject that criticism
claiming new perspectives will bring a different office.

"Our goal is to build on what
the previous administration has
done this year," Jorrissen said.
"But we want to look at what they
did, expand on that and do every­
thing bigger."

Jorrissen said he is confident
that the new administration will be
ready to take over come April 1.

"Jay has been great through
transition. He is obviously well
experienced and knowledgeable," Jorrissen said. "He has imparted his veritable cornucopia of knowl­
edge onto me."

Something Borrowed

"Because O'Donoghue's adminis­
tration has been so successful,
accomplishing nearly every goal
they set, Norton may have a
tough act to follow. However,
O'Donoghue has already made it
point out that Norton was an essential
component of the current admin­
istration. "Brooke has been such an inte­
grual part of the office," O'Donoghue said. "Her administra­
tion can take all the lessons we've
learned as we did it for the first
time and build a better adminis­
tration."

Norton realizes the high expec­
tations created by O'Donoghue are also coupled with the fact she
is the first female student body
president. But Norton isn't shying
away from the challenge.

"Odie served the students of
Notre Dame incredibly well this
year," she said. "With a year of
experience, I hope that I will be
able to hit the ground running
more quickly than Odie did. And
the office occupied by the student
body president will finally have a
woman's touch."

Norton plans to continue many
programs started by the current
administration, but wants to
take more control more closely with the stu­
dent body.

"We intend to increase commu­
nication with the student body
and work with other campus
groups and organizations in
order to take more of an active
role in diversity affairs, gender
issues, and social concerns on
campus," Norton said.

Something Blue

Because O'Donoghue was going
out of town for the weekend on
Thursday, he knew he had to
pass his office key to Norton on
Wednesday. O'Donoghue said he
had been gone for hours, the clock
read midnight, but both O'Donoghue and Norton remained in the
resident government.

They had worked together like
this for countless hours, long into
the night, over the past year. During most of those late hours
both longed to be sleeping in
Wales or Kroc. But this night
was different.

Norton was in no rush to leave
the office during this final night
she was able to observe O'Donoghue and recall the
lessons he taught her.

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President Father Edward Malloy.
"We want to honor him for following Jesus, a carpenter's son, and
taking a vocation to serve his Lord
in the work of the church."

"He told me, 'Many people talk
about the dignity of the office,
and that is part of your job,'" Norton said. "But more impor­tantly, your job is to love each
every student at Notre Dame no matter what."

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**World News Briefs**

Somali leader free to work: A top Somali faction leader on Thursday promised to release four U.N. workers once his men are granted safe passage to escort them to the airport. Hussein Aided, chair­man of a loose alliance of faction leaders opposed to the new government in Somalia, said a convoy carrying 11 international aid workers on Tuesday came under attack because the local militia was not informed that they would be in the area.

Alleged Mafia leader held in Canada: Gaetano Amodeo, an alleged Mafia boss and fugitive in the U.S., was arrested last week in the Canadian city of Toronto. The arrest is a result of a joint operation between the Canadian and U.S. authorities.

**National News Briefs**

Rep. Sisisky dies at 73: Rep. Norman Sisisky, a conservative Democrat who was a strong advocate for defense spending during nine terms in Congress, died Thursday. He was 73. Sisisky, a senior member of the House Armed Services Committee, died at his home in Petersburg two days after he was released from a hospital following lung cancer surgery, his office said. Sisisky was a former state senator and businessman.

House approves marriage tax cut: The House voted overwhelmingly Thursday to cut income taxes for most married couples and to gradually double the $500-per-child tax credit, endorsing two major pieces of President Bush’s $1.3 trillion tax relief plan. The measure passed 282-144, which included 64 Democrats in favor.

**Indiana News Briefs**

Mother charged in shelter death: A South Bend mother of a 2-year-old boy found dead at a homeless shelter in January was charged Thursday with murder. Alkeia Blackmon, 20, was ordered held without bond. She is accused of killing her son, Christopher Blackmon, who stopped breathing a few minutes after they went to their room at the shelter following dinner on Jan. 14. The death in January has resulted in new questions concerning the death of another son last year in Michigan City.

**TV Producer Killed in Border Attack**

Associated Press

KRIVENIK, Yugoslavia

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A statement by the U.S. command described the projectiles used in the attack as mortars.

**Tanker, Ship Collide in Baltic Sea**

Associated Press

COPENHAGEN

An oil tanker collided with a freighter in the Baltic Sea, spilling about 550,000 gallons of oil that authorities said was drifting toward Denmark on Thursday, with small slicks reaching shore.

The collision ripped a wide gash in the side of the double-hulled tanker, which was carrying nearly 9.7 million gallons of oil, but the leak was stemmed in time to keep most of it from reaching Danish waters.

The Danish government said the collision was not immediately clear, and no injuries were reported.

The tanker, not fully loaded, had been anchored, and the remain­ing oil from its damaged compartment was pumped into undamaged parts of the ship. The freighter left the site on its own power and later reached the eastern German port of Rostock.

Winds as strong as 45 miles per hour broke the spilled oil into dozens of slicks that were pushed toward the Danish islands of Falster and Moen south of Zealand, the island where the capital, Copenhagen, is located.

"We will do all that we can to avoid a disaster," Danish Environment Minister Svend Asken told reporters.

The high winds and rough seas hindered cleanup efforts.

"The problem is that the waves and the winds make it impossible for us to use our tools to scoop and contain the oil," said Frank Kiel Rasmussen, comman­der of the Danish vessel that led the cleanup, told Denmark’s TV2 channel.

One of the larger slicks was about 500 feet long and 100 feet wide, while some of the smaller ones were about 110 square feet in area, authorities said.

Four Danish ships with oil containment equipment were trying to contain the slicks, aided by German and Swedish coast guard vessels.

The Danish Emergency Management Agency put floating barriers in the sea near the shore to try to keep oil from reaching rocky beaches.

**Market Watch March 29**

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**An oil tanker with a hole on the starboard side remains afloat after it collided with a cypriot freightship in the Baltic Sea between Germany and Denmark.**
Mori weaves culture and classics in writing

By NOREEN GILLESPIE

Detailing her educational training and the discovery of the role her homeland could play in her writing, Asian-American author and poet KOBE Mori explained her emergence as an American writer on Thursday.

As a native of Japan, Mori began to write in high school, the beginning of an educational career, however, due to a lack of minority writers in the curriculum. Exposed to classics such as Hemmingway and Faulkner in the canon while earning undergraduate and graduate degrees, Mori supplemented her education by exploring work done as minority writers on her own.

"Somewhere, that wasn't very strong. It was the desire to write something I thought I knew, but I wasn't sure," she said. "I don't know how many people had been learning to write — I don't know how people became writers. I don't think I could have learned [how to write] on my own.

Mori discovered her love of writing in high school, the beginning of an educational process that would lead her to discover she could incorporate her homeland in her memoirs, poems and novels. It was in college where she first began to become aware of the need for a strong setting in her work, she said.

"When I went to college, I started writing seriously," Mori said. "I wrote about people I thought I knew, like the women who felt going through a crisis. The setting wasn't very strong. It could have been any college campus, and the young women that had been any young women.

But recently emigrated from Japan, Mori was not yet ready to incorporate her memories of Japan into her writing. Instead, she focused writing about her present experiences in the United States, and "didn't really talk about the past," she said.

"It was the desire to write about her grandmother, however, which inspired Mori to take a more introspective approach to her writing. She drew upon more personal experience involving knowing what life was like for her grandmother. Mori began to write about her grandmother, in which she tried to know what her life was like, she said.

That poem became the springboard for a series of writings about her grandmother, and subsequently, the role her homeland in her work.

"Somehow, that wasn't enough. It was just a snapshot — I wanted to write a story," Mori said. "I didn't know a lot about my culture that I came from. I didn't know what my grandmother did every morning," Mori said.

Mori withdrew from including her culture in her writing for much of her educational career, however, due to a lack of minority writers in the curriculum. Exposed to classics such as Hemmingway and Faulkner in the canon while earning undergraduate and graduate degrees, Mori supplemented her education by exploring work done as minority writers on her own.

"Everyone should read them — Hemmingway and Faulkner," she said. "But you come in a point where it is good to supplement that education, particularly if you are an Asian-American writer.

It took seeing examples by other minority writers for her to understand she could write about her culture in her own way, Mori said — despite the knowledge of writing she gained from modern American literature.

"It was only in my grad school years that I started to feel I had permission to write that way," Mori said. "I even though I didn't read it in the NPPP Anthology of Literature.

Currently a resident of Cambridge, Mass., Mori is the Briggs Copeland Lecturer in Creative Writing at Harvard University. She is the author of the New York Times best young children's book Shizuko's Daughter. She has written several collections of poetry and memoirs, including Polite Lies, A Dream of Water, Fall Out, and her most recent book, Stonefield, True Arrow.

Mori spoke at Saint Mary's as part of the Asian Pacific Island Heritage Month, sponsored by PAG. The last event of the month, a Mehendi tattie demonstration, will occur today in Leblanc's Regalheir Lounge from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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"We experienced that too — not knowing if we would get work or not," she said.

Students also learned that the work was difficult and the pay was low, they said.

"We only picked for half a day, and it was very backbreaking," she said.

However, the Notre Dame students were much better off than the other workers.

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"I kept having to remind myself, 'OK, I'm in the middle of the United States,'" she said. "Migrants don't have any benefits. They don't have any health care. They're not protected by any of the national labor laws."

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Sanford shares local fears in Guatemala

By GEOFF BRODIE

The Black Alumni of Notre Dame scholarship committee proudly named juniors Anthony Greg Barber, Jr. of Amherst, VA and Enjuelle Frazier Thompson Scholars for excellence in academics and service to the African American and ND community. Both will receive $2,500 towards their student accounts in their senior year.

The University of Notre Dame Opera will present Handel's "Xerxes" in two performances Friday and Saturday (March 30 and 31) at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall. Tickets are available at the LaFortune Student Center box office or by calling (219) 631-8128.

Opera presents Handel's "Xerxes"

Special to the Observer

Nader to speak Sat. : Ralph Nader will speak at RSSI at 7 p.m. His talk, "Everyone Counts: Representing the Under-Represented" is free and open to the public.

Committee honors black scholars

By GEOFF BRODIE

Reading a section from her current project entitled "The Grey Zone of Justice," Victoria Sanford of the Kellogg Institute and the department of anthropology told of the military stranglehold that has been choking the life out of the ethnic Mayan communities of Guatemala for many years Thursday afternoon.

As military bases began to spring up throughout the nation, paramilitary Civil Patrols were established. The Civil Patrols is an institution that was installed by the military in the early 1980's in order to maintain control over the rural areas as a counter-insurgency measure.

Civilism "voluntarily" have to spend several days a month patrolling their village. Their arms are supplied by the military. These Civil Patrols wreaked unspeakable havoc and committed horrible atrocities across the country, Sanford said.

One such event was the Rio Negro Massacre. On March 13, 1982, 80 women and 100 children were ordered to march up a mountain and were brutally murdered.

Upon later exhumation of the gravesite, three of the victims were found to have been pregnant and many had been raped. Others had suffered gun shot wounds, head traumas, and machete wounds.

This was just one example of the horrors committed by the Civil Patrols and their military officials. According to Sanford, the military was responsible for 93 percent of all human rights violations in Guatemala, including the destroying of 66 towns and the displacement of 1,500,000 people.

According many human rights leaders, those responsible for Rio Negro and other massacres sit unchained in their untouchable government positions. Many witnesses or survivors were too afraid to testify against those responsible because of death threats. Even judges chosen to hear the case against those officials who were named fled the country in fear of losing their lives as well. It began to seem that justice would never be served. But that was exactly the goal of the military and Civil Patrols.

"Social peace has priority over justice," said General Garcia, leader of military forces in Guatemala.

Finally in 1999, three military officials were found guilty of the Rio Negro massacre. Many human rights activists believed that this was meaningless because those who gave the orders were not held responsible.

Sanford's perspective is much different. In her 24 months of fieldwork in Guatemala from 1994-1999, Sanford was able to get the views of everyone involved, from peasants to prosecutors. She believes in what she calls "lateral impurity," those most to gain.

"Local leaders are the ones who try to stop things in the community," said Sanford.

Those in charge of patrolling their own town received more benefits from ridding out their neighbor than a general residing at a military base far away.

The peasants feared their local military commissioners much more than those on a national level.

"Military commissioners were usually the town butcher, because they were the ones who stole the cattle," said Sanford.

The struggle in Guatemala is one that is ongoing. And like most major problems, especially with human rights, change is going to have to come from the bottom on up.

Verzatt. Recently appointed coartistic director for the Lake George Opera Festival in Upstate New York, has been accepted for pre-graduate study abroad in London. Anthony is the co-founder of the League of Black Business Students, Korean Student Association, ND Student International Business Council, and Finance Club. Enjuelle Livingston, of Walsh Hall and the Mendoza College of Business, will earn a degree in finance and a supplementary major in sociology. This Dean's List student and Sankofa Scholar plans for a career in financial consulting. Eventually, she plans to earn an MBA, become a certified financial planner, and establish her own firm to help empower others.

The late Frazier Thompson '47 began the legacy of African American academic excellence at ND, as a pre-med student, track athlete, and Notre Dame's first African American graduate. Since 1997, nearly $150 has been raised in his memory to support Frazier Thompson awards, primarily through contributions of African American Notre Dame alumni.

NEWS BRIEFS

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Trinity School Fine Arts Day: The events will be at the Hammes Bookstore Sat. March 31. At 2:00 pm Caitlin Allen, ND student, will perform Irish dance and at 8:00 pm Nick Holovaty, ND student, John-Thomas Kelley coffee house.

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At least 17 people die in Colo. plane crash

Associated Press

ASPEN, Colo. — A private airplane crashed into a hillside Thursday at an airport in this ski resort town, killing at least 17 people, authorities said.

Seventeen bodies were recovered after the crash, said Joe DiSalvo, a spokesman for the Pitkin County Sheriff's Office. A flight plan for an international airport, said Joe DiSalvo, a spokesman in Seattle. He said the plane was to be its final approach before it crashed.

"I believe that we've gone over the last hurdle, but I just don't know," McCain, R-Ariz., said over the last hurdle, but I just don't know.

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The third main proviso would 27-year-old Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota, played a key role in lining up votes on the Senate floor as President Bush said he would sign any legislation that "improves the system" now in place.

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The main features of the bill would ban so-called soft money, the unlimited, loosely regulated donations that now flow to political parties — $480 million in the last two years alone. The legislation would restrict late campaign broadcasting to outside groups as well as the parties that support or attack candidates but escape regulation because they stop short of explicitly advocating anyone's defeat or election.

The developments unfolded on the Senate floor as President Bush said he would sign any legislation that "improves the system" now in place.

Bush refused consistently to embrace a soft money ban on individuals during his Republican presidential primary battle with McCain last year, but he and the White House have since increased strongly in recent days that his misgivings wouldn't rule out his signature.

Supporters of the measure already were pointing toward the battle for House passage. Democratic leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri, who has helped win approval for similar measures in the past, expressed reservations during the day about increasing contribution limits to candidates.

"Mr. Gephardt will have to, as others have, make a decision to legislation he previ­ously supported," McCain, R-Ariz., po­intedly at a news confer­ence. "And perhaps he can do that."
Nuclear waste trucks surprise protesters in storage sight

Associated Press

GORLEBEN, Germany
Under heavy police guard, a nuclear waste shipment reached its final storage site Thursday after a tumultuous trip across Germany that ignited protests and revived the nation's anti-nuclear movement.

Dozens were injured and protest leaders said 1,500 anti-nuclear demonstrators were detained as the train struggled from France through the heart of northern Germany to the Gorleben dump. It was delayed for 18 hours at one point after demonstrators chained themselves to the trucks.

More than 8,000 police kept protesters at bay as trucks hauled the six containers from a rail depot through a forest on the final 12-mile stretch of its journey. The last leg of the trip passed without major incident.

Preceded by armored vehicles and water cannons, the convoy apparently caught exhausted protesters off guard by taking a different route from the last transport in 1997.

Helmeted police ran alongside. Germany's anti-nuclear movement has grown well into its second generation of protest, none other celebrated the revival of their campaign to drive up the cost of nuclear waste transport and force a quicker closure of German nuclear plants. They also vowed to disrupt future shipments.

"We are here and nobody can overlook us. This was not the end, this is just the beginning," protest leader Wolfgang Ehmke, told a windup rally.

The train set off Monday from near a French reprocessing plant for spent nuclear fuel. Protesters were sporadic along the 375-mile trip through Germany until the train reached the Gorleben area, where hundreds of militants clashed with police for two nights running.

On Thursday morning, about 200 protesters jeered and shouted in the freezing rain as the trucks swung into the fenced-off dump compound. Some held up a yellow banner reading "Stop atomic waste transports."

Police were surprised that the last stretch went smoothly. "Our forces were well-rested and did their job well, but the militants were tired out," police spokesman Holger Winkelmann said.

A tractor blockade and an attempted sit-down protest by up to 300 demonstrators in Lauenburg, just short of Gorleben, were cleared before they could disrupt the convoy, police said.

Area residents who have fought the dump for years voiced anger about the tough police methods, but also drew strength from the revival of protests that were dormant since the last shipment.

"The way they push this through has little to do with democracy," said Brunhilde Butof, who had come from nearby Luehe to join the protests.

"Many people here define themselves through this experience," said housewife Gabi Blonski, 47, said of the local resistance. "I have three daughters, and they are growing directly into this."

On a muddy field in Dannenberg, site of the rail terminal where the train arrived Wednesday, young protesters packed blankets and sleeping bags into vans and cars before leaving town. Some were already looking ahead to the next time.

"The fact that we held up the containers for so long will encourage those who thought, why bother?" said student Markus Bogaltski from Bremen, 120 miles to the west.

Two nuclear waste shipments a year to Gorleben are scheduled under a German-French accord last January to resume transports after a three-year break, imposed by the previous German government because radioactive leakage was discovered on some containers.

Germany sends spent nuclear fuel from its power plants to France for reprocessing under contracts that oblige it to take back the waste. German Interior Minister Otto Schily warned protesters who blocked the shipment or caused damage that they risked criminal charges.

But as activists met at a Gorleben restaurant to review their struggle after the transport, they shouted: "Encore, encore."
Bush stance on Arafat helps Israel

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

President Bush's declarative stand on terrorism and his demand that Yasser Arafat speak out "loud and clear" against it are likely to be taken by Israel as a vote of confidence at a difficult time.

Bush quickly telephoned Arafat with the message.

quoted President Bush as saying: "The signal I am sending to Chairman Arafat hears it loud and clear." Bush said at a news conference that the Palestinians is stop the violence.

Bush had given them something to think about. Sharon was his first visitor from the region. The first two Arab leaders he has invited have peace treaties with Israel and are considered moderates.

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Clinton spurs ethics reform in senate

WASHINGTON

The chairman of the Senate Rules Committee is proposing that senators-elect abide by Senate ethics laws rather than wait until they are sworn in, a rule that might have stopped New York Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton from accepting some gifts as first lady.

She supports the change, a spokesman said.

Sen. Mitch McConnell's measure would make senators subject to Senate rules — including a $20 limit on gifts — as soon as they are certified the election winner. Currently, senators come under the rules only after they are sworn in, some two months later.

Also Thursday, Sen. Clinton agreed to co-sponsor legislation that would change the presidential pardon system, a measure inspired by her husband's actions just before leaving office.

The Clintons were criticized earlier this year when they left the White House with $190,027 worth of furniture and other gifts. It is not known whether any of those gifts arrived in Washington.

A McConnell aide said it was now unlikely McConnell would push the change as part of the ongoing campaign finance reform debate, but could seek the change at a later date.

A change in Senate rules requires approval from two-thirds of the members.

"We think it's a great idea," said Gary Ruskin, executive director of the Congressional Accountability Project, a Washington D.C.-based watchdog group that has called for stricter Senate ethics guidelines.

The former first lady also faced criticism for the $8 million memoir deal she signed as a senator-elect. Even if the McConnell provision had been in place, it would not have applied to her book deal because Senate rules do not apply to the chamber's ban on outside income.

The pardons bill by Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., would require presidential pardons and commutations to register as lobbyists.

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Reflections of American media violence

On Wednesday 1 visited an Austrian grade school in a town called Neustift, a ski-resort town 20 minutes outside of Innsbruck. I helped a teacher at the school present American mass media and film to a group of 12- and 13-year-old girls. (A lone boy sat quietly on the far side of the classroom.) After the initial introductions we discussed American television, in particular the countless news programs that keep Americans informed. We then asked the students to create their own news program and to perform the show in front of the class.

The first presentation featured the murder of Monica Lewinsky by former President Clinton. The anchors of the second group navigated the shooting of a teacher in New York by an American boy whose hair was motived his actions.

Initially, the students' inquiries into language and in instances of Austrian students bringing toy guns and gas pistols to school. The prevalence of conflicts between native Austrian gangs and groups of Turkish immigrants has also elevated in recent years. The increasing presence of violence in Austrian schools leads to the ongoing debate concerning the mass media. Do the news programs on CNN simply report reality that movies and television then in turn imitate? Or do the news shows, through their designation of stories to report, create a reality whose truth film and television then support? In Innsbruck and the surrounding communities, students do not experience violent crimes, particularly those involving guns, as part of their daily lives. The children's conception of murderers and shootings derives from their depiction in the media. Gas-pistol wielding students here undoubtedly imitate television and film.

As I listened to the students' news programs, I was forced to confront the effect of the subject of my discussion, the countless news programs that are owned only for occupational purposes. A difference in culture helps to explain the European concept of American cities. As Professor Mayr explained, in Austria the topic of crime remains taboo. Discussions concerning sex in the public forum and the confrontation of sexual ideas in advertisements and other media occur frequently. In America and in American films crime exists as a drama open for public portrayal and discussion. Sex remains taboo. This reversal undoubtedly heightens the impact of the violence that the Austrian students view in movies and sitcoms and perhaps leads them to imitate the actions of the personalities, real and fictitious, in the media.

While an actual shooting in an Austrian school has occurred on only one or two occasions, Professor Mayr noted an increase in harsh verbal language and in instances of Austrian students bringing toy guns and gas pistols to school. The prevalence of conflicts between native Austrian gangs and groups of Turkish immigrants has also elevated in recent years. The increasing presence of violence in Austrian schools leads to the ongoing debate concerning the mass media. Do the news programs on CNN simply report reality that movies and television then in turn imitate? Or do the news shows, through their designation of stories to report, create a reality whose truth film and television then support? In Innsbruck and the surrounding communities, students do not experience violent crimes, particularly those involving guns, as part of their daily lives. The children's conception of murderers and shootings derives from their depiction in the media. Gas-pistol wielding students here undoubtedly imitate television and film.
**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

**New group promotes confidence in women**

The problem is sprawling. Sometimes it’s invisible, sometimes not. Eating disorders and disordered eating is not only a growing crisis on campus, but throughout our country. We don’t need to recognize this as a problem, we have to do something about it.

Having said that, I want to praise the new group, A Life Uncommon, and its founders. I want to thank any woman who was brave enough to walk into the meeting, acknowledging that she has issues with food. I want to encourage anyone who thinks she may be a disordered eater, who has friends who have these issues or just wants to know more to come.

Much of the battle of an eating dis­order is personal struggle, yet another equally important part of the healing process is searching for the underlying disorder. We as women share many issues. If we are to save ourselves and our friends, we need to join together and find in us and in society what it is that is destroying so many intelli­gent, beautiful and strong women.

A Life Uncommon allows one not only to share their pain but also to find hope in their power and amazing potential.

You may not have an eating disorder. You may think you don’t even know anyone with such a problem. That does not mean you should ignore this issue. So many things we say and do are promoting the backwards thinking of the media. We cannot help but be influenced by the things with which we are surrounded. From Barbie to Seventeen Magazine to Victoria’s Secret to Maxim, we are flooded with images of unhealthy and unrealistic women.

Girls, I know personally the daily struggle of looking in the mirror and fighting that nega­tive voice in the back of your head. I realize that many women have self-confi­dence problems; what I am pleading for is an end to the negative self talk.

Let’s discuss our concerns on a real level and affirm our­selves as much as we criticize. Claiming mold­ing hall meal that you are fat in front of your friends does neither yourself nor your friends any good.

Question yourself when you are tempted to talk about some girl you’ve never even met, when you look through Cosmo, when you’ve having one of those ugly days. Who decided what was beautiful, what should be considered normal and that skinny was good? Who are we to judge?

Guys, I hope you think about the things you say to your girl­friends and girl friends. You may be joking and we may laugh, but your comments about how wonderful that Playboy model is a bit deeper than you think. If you don’t want girls to ask you “Do I look fat in this?” you should make sure you are promoting only healthy feminine images.

I am disappointed to say that I know men on this campus who have honestly told one of their female friends (mind you she was tiny) that if she got fat they would no longer be friends with her. I, and many other women I’m sure, have great gay friends that feel the need to constantly joke about our bodies. I trust that these are all in fun but I assure you that after a while they begin to sink in.

As women at Notre Dame we are high­ly intelligent and we resent your underestimation of our value.

Whether eating disorders and nega­tive body image are a part of your daily thoughts or not, I ask that you consider what I have said.

Unfortunately, for the rest of my life I will consciously and subconsciously fight the temptation to starve my body.

Don’t get me wrong, I love my body. I respect it a lot more than I used to. My point is that we all need to fight this. If we don’t we will take on the beliefs of our surroundings without even think­ing about whether those beliefs are right or wrong.

We need to fight for our daughters’ generation, that they might realize they are not a cup size, a jean size, a weight or a BMI. Let us create a world that teaches girls to celebrate their minds, spirits and beautifully healthy bodies.

Lora Redford
junior
Psychedelic Wino Hall
March 28, 2001

**Uncovering motives behind the ban on hemp**

Hemp, the favorite fiber of many a radical college student, remains a restricted crop in the United States for a simple, worrisome reason: Hemp threatens the budget of the Drug Enforcement Agency and powerful U.S. interest groups.

Since 1894, when Rudolph Diesel developed the diesel engine to run on hempseed oil, fuel industries have known that biodiesel (veg­etation oil) is a cheap and effective alternative to petrochem­i­cal fuels.

Industrial hemp also can be used to produce fabrics, paper, building materials and other products that traditionally require cotton and timber.

The petrochemical, cotton, wood-based paper and timber industries know a threat when they see one, given that Congress pays the DEA to confiscate hemp plants — usually tens of billions of dollars annually as the agency wipes out plots of land used for hemp cultivation during WWII.

As a result, despite the environmental, ecological and economic advantages to growing hemp, the DEA opposes “any consideration of hemp as a legitimate fiber or pulp product.”

Why should this concern you? First, traditional fuel sources are running out and biodiesel is in its way. Opting out of participation in this new industry means converting pollution on foreign oil and all that comes with it.

Second, deforestation is harming biodiversity and increasing the greenhouse effect. As the bumper sticker says, we should let the trees grow and use hemp.

Furthermore, hemp paper is lighter and can be dyed more easily, decreasing the need for bleach, and therefore reducing the release of dioxin into the envi­ronment.

The amount of smoke inhalation necessary to get high from industrial hemp is ten times that of marijuana. A large amount of THC, the chemical in recreational and medicinal marijuana that causes its pleasantly mind-altering effects.

The DEA — unlike more than 30 industrialized democracies and several international treaties — classifies all cannabis sativa varieties, including indus­trial hemp and marijuana, the same way.

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In the London Program, as in all other study abroad programs, there is time scheduled during each semester for the students studying abroad to travel to different locales than the ones they are exploring during their daily routines.

So, like everyone else, I went on a little odyssey of sorts around Europe. Accompanied by one Agent Pigpen and one Agent Funny Roommate, I set off on the trip we planned haphazardly on a Wednesday afternoon. We were doomed from the start. During our three-hour walk, 10 minute talk session with the travel agent, blind deliberation about certain destinations and shifty plans for getting places, we devised our plan and believed in it.

The travel agent said it was feasible — why wouldn’t she lie? Our plan was to fly into Lisbon, Portugal on Friday and then ride the train up through Spain and France to Paris, where we could simply take the Chunnel (for those not down with the lingo, the Chunnel is a train that goes under the English Channel from Paris to London) back to London where we’d celebrate the greatness of our first European vacation.

In our heads, our trip was basically going to be the same one any superstar rock band on tour would have. We made no hotel reservations, no train reservations, we didn’t even plan out where we were going to be on what day. Even rock bands do that. We just figured everything would “fall into place,” as Agent Pigpen so wisely put it.

Things began smoothly. We arrived at the airport in London and went through customs. Pigpen, Funny Roommate and I were concealing no automatic rifles so why would she lie? Our plan was to fly to many historical and architectural masterpieces. We were doomed from the start. If you made a sharp left after crossing Heathrow’s one-way system, you’d hit the town. Instead of consulting our “Let’s Go” guidebook, we asked the receptionist, a man who looked like a cross between Papa Smurf and Don Knotts with four teeth (if you can picture that), where we could find a good time in Lisbon. He got a map and drew on it, and we followed it exactly for about two hours.

We found two bars, including one where we were the only patrons. We kept looking. Eventually, we heard loud dance music up the street and headed that way. The place at least had a few people in it. Only something about it was strange. If you made a sharp left after walking through the door instead of heading for the bar, you ended up in a department store.

The evening ended with us talking to the only other patrons of this psychodelic mix of fashion and dancing, several Italian girls who spoke very little English if any at all. I was talking to one about Italy and after exhausting all other options, I asked her about her impression of “The Godfather.” When traveling in Europe, you really should make a conscious effort not to establish yourself to Europeans as a “stupid American,” but since you are, in fact, a stupid American.

After this awesome night of falling into stereotypes, we headed back to the hotel and I remembered that I had to share a bed with Pigpen. Maybe Ax and Slash had to do this too.

The next day, we began walking around the city. After a bit more wandering around Lisbon, we decided to take the night train to Madrid, Spain. After a seven-hour train ride, we were ready to go experience the Madrid nightlife. We had heard so much about.

We got dressed up. I’m not talking about dressed up like we’re going to the Boat Club, I’m talking like money-like the bomb. Black shirt, black pants, black shoes, dark gray socks (my black ones weren’t cleaned for the trip), but I stopped short of the hair gel, I refuse to sell out that far.

But then we ran into a problem: it was Sunday night. None of the big clubs were open and the bars were empty. We went out and tried to have fun anyway. Now, Pigpen and I speak a little Spanish (very little) and Funny Roommate took German so he had no chance. We met some girls from Moscow who didn’t speak English, but spoke Spanish. Pigpen and I both tried about three different Spanish sentences, all three trailing off in the middle because of forgotten vocabulary words, before retreating to the warmth of the bar.

The next day was Monday and we did more sightseeing. We saw the Plaza Mayor, Plaza de Santa Ana (where Hemingway used to hang out, all on the way to El Prado Museum, which is the biggest tourist attraction in Madrid). After walking all the way down to El Prado, we learned that all the museums close on Mondays.

Defeated, we took a siesta (which, by the way, is the greatest invention in the world) and got ready to go out. Funny Roommate was too tired, so it was just Pigpen and me. We planned the night according to the “Let’s Go” guide and, once again, simply couldn’t find a busy, fun place to go. The highlight of the evening was Pigpen and me in a Hawaiian-style tiki bar, having drinks out of large, painted vases whose contents are still unknown. The ridiculousness of this scene simply cannot be recreated in words.

Next, we left the beaten path for a town called Segovia, where we met with a friend, Agent Ben. Segovia is wonderful. It has the oldest Roman aqueduct in the world — somewhere around 3,000 years old. The views of the Spanish countryside are breathtaking. Ben did a great job showing us the Spanish culture we simply couldn’t find by ourselves.

We drank sangria, ate paella and drank a lot of wine. Our train left at 8 a.m. the next day. We were in pretty bad shape. Pigpen lost our alarm clock. I lost jeans and a T-shirt.

Our connecting train was in Madrid following a two-hour layover. We finally saw El Prado. We got on the train and...
autobuses ... kind of

and his friends set out to take a trip around Europe while abroad in London.

due to the sudden motion of the train, I was forced to evacuate the contents of my stomach into a trash can in the middle of the car.

The funny thing was that as I emerged from the trash can, a little old Spanish woman muttered something in Spanish and handed me a plastic grocery bag.

Either the lady said "Take this in case you need to throw up again," or "Can you throw this away for me?" I'm not sure, but I took the bag with me.

Then, we were off to Valencia, where another friend of ours was studying.

This is Agent Susan.

When we got to Valencia, which is supposed to be a beautiful beach city, it was raining and cold. Susan informed us that "this is the first day it has rained all year."

Well, that's about right, I figured.

After spending four days in Spain I feel I'm allowed to make a few broad generalizations. The first one, Spain just kind of seems to be under construction.

Each city we went to was filled with scaffolding and construction sites. It kind of took away from the picturesque nature of it.

Also, everything you order to eat there comes with fried eggs.

Pork chops and fried eggs. Chicken and fried eggs. Orejas with egg yolk on them.

It's just inescapable. You can even get笔者 with an egg on it. It's weird.

Another thing, in Spain, you have to buy a lot of bottled water. So that costs money.

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Simply unacceptable.

Interesting that we decide to end our trip where 1,343 people's heads were lopped off by a guillotine.

So, true to the rest of our trip, we got to the train station and had to wait two and a half hours for the train back to London. So, there you have it.

Six cities, eight days.

I know now that six cities in eight days is too ambitious. Some would go as far as to say it was stupid.

Some would say the moral of the story is to plan better, but I already know I need to do that. I'd like to think it's an interesting look at different culture than our own. Also, it's an experience that makes you feel like an American, stupid or not.

A lot of people argue about whether or not we have it better or worse than European countries. I'd just like to point out that the problem is that we just have it different.

The opinions expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Tie Domi had never before chipped a tooth, and only once before had he fought in the penalty box.

On Thursday night, he did both.

Domi, Toronto’s penalty-minutes leader, wrestled with a spectator who tumbled into the box during the Maple Leafs’ 2-1 victory over the Philadelphia Flyers on Thursday night.

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Earlier in the game, he chipped a tooth when he fell to the ice.

The rugged forward, penalized early in the third period, was being taunted by fans.

Twice, he sprayed water on a few who were sitting in the front row before Chris Falcone, a 28-year-old security worker from Havertown, Pa., lunged toward and was a By fonts point guard in her playing days at St. Joseph’s.

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MCGRAW AND THE IRISH.

“People are a lot more accepting of that already. But I think knowing that was where I was going to do as a coach. I knew it had to be part of that already. I think it showed a lot of potential. It showed me that was possible even though there were a lot of people who didn’t think it was possible,” McGraw said.

McGraw was an overwhelm­ing choice in the final ballot because members newspapers nationally, receiving 60 votes to 12 from Los Angeles Times/Sports Weekly. McGraw got her start at Philby’s Archbishop Carroll High School, where she was 50-3 in two seasons.

“I just loved playing so much that when that was over, I was looking for something else to do that would be linked to basket­ball.” McGraw said. “Plus, I was a sociable person. Who could find a job in that field? “So I went into coaching and I knew from the first practice this is my passion. I love the game and I needed to stay in coaching.”

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Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — Bo Ryan was Plan B for the Wisconsin coaching job after Utah's Rick Majerus turned it down.

"I don't know if I was my wife's first choice, either," Ryan said. "But we've had a great marriage."

Ryan was hired for the Badgers' new coach on Thursday, although he won't sign his contract until the Board of Regents meets next month.

Terms won't be made public until then, but his compensation package is expected to be around $2 million over five years, double what he was making at Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

"We were looking for a coach with a national reputation, someone right for this team," Chancellor John Wiley said. "We found the right coach right here in Wisconsin, and we're delighted to have him."

Ryan, who won four NCAA Division III national championships in 15 years at Wisconsin-Platteville before retiring in November, takes over a team that has won four times in the last five years under Dick Bennett a year ago. Bennett, like Jeter, a 31-year-old rising recruiting star, said he'll serve as a bridge between the old regime and the new.

"I heard some people say it's to appease my father. I don't think so," Tony Bennett said. "But, I think it's important to have a little continuity and also to keep this team intact."

Ryan indicated he wanted to continue playing the other Division I programs in the state. Wisconsin-Milwaukee is on next year's schedule.

Ryan is a former Badgers assistant who wanted the job in 1992 but was beaten out by Stu Jackson, who left for the NBA in 1994 and was followed by Stan Van Gundy. Bennett replaced Van Gundy in 1995.

"I am so happy for this opportunity," Ryan said. "To be a Badger is great. To be a successful Badger is even better."

Richter said Ryan emerged as the only serious candidate on Monday after Majerus withdrew from the running to stay at Utah.

Ryan's record in two years at Wisconsin-Milwaukee was 30-27, a turnaround for the Panthers after five dismal seasons when they were 31-105 under Richter. Ryan's record in two years at Wisconsin-Platteville and has assisted him seven seasons.

"It's a win-win," said Jeter, who played four years for Ryan at Wisconsin-Platteville and has assisted him seven seasons.

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Knight's new team will play IU in 2002

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Bob Knight could be back in Bloomington in late 2002 — if Indiana and Texas Tech keep their date to play at Assembly Hall.

Indiana athletic director Clarence Doninger, who signed the deal in 1999, said he expects the game to be played although no date has been set.

"I don't know why it wouldn't be," Doninger said. "It's scheduled and I don't know any reason why you wouldn't play it."

Knight led the Hoosiers to 661 wins and three national championships during his 29-year tenure as Indiana coach before being fired Sept. 10 for violating the university's zero-tolerance behavior policy after he grabbed the arm of a freshman student.

Knight accepted the job at Texas Tech last week. Doninger once was Knight's attorney, but the two became embroiled in a rift that went public last spring when Knight was under a university investigation into allegations that he choked a former player.

Since the firing, Knight has been an outspoken critic of Doninger, who is retiring in June after 10 years as Indiana's athletic director.

Texas Tech agreed to a two-for-one deal in which the Hoosiers visited Lubbock, Texas, for the opening of the United Spirit Arena in 1999. Texas Tech traveled to Bloomington last season for the Indiana Classic. The final game of the deal is scheduled for late 2002 and would put Knight on the visitors bench at Assembly Hall.

"It would be interesting," Doninger said. "But that's a long way off."

Texas Tech athletic director Gerald Myers did not return telephone messages left for him Thursday by The Associated Press.

Doninger said there has been no discussion of a buyout and that he expects the game to go on as scheduled.

"In my 10 years as athletic director, I cannot recall a situation in which a school buying out a contract for anything other than a conflict," he said. "I don't know any reason why you wouldn't play it."
Yankees trade Hill to Angels

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. - Glenallen Hill seemed to see the writing on the wall for him on the New York Yankees. He turned out to be right.

Hill, a key addition as the Yankees won their third straight World Series last year, was traded to the Anaheim Angels on Wednesday for Double-A outfielder Darren Blakely.

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Hawks end 4-game losing streak, Bucks top Heat

Associated Press

ATLANTA

Jason Terry scored 28 points and Nunn Mohammed added 18 as the Atlanta Hawks beat the Indiana Pacers 104-93 Thursday night.

Reggie Miller scored 24 points to lead the Pacers, who entered the game tied with Boston for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference. Jalen Rose and Jermaine O'Neal each scored 16 points for Indiana.

Indiana, scheduled to play in Boston on Friday night, last led with 41.3 seconds to go in the third quarter after a triple-double by Miller from the right side of the top of the key made it 74-72.

Atlanta ended a four-game losing streak. The Hawks were winless since beating the Los Angeles Lakers on March 19 and had lost 16 of their last 19 games.

The Pacers, coming off a 110-102 win at Washington on Tuesday, have lost eight of their last nine road games. Despite having the NBA's second-best defense against 3-pointers, Indiana allowed Atlanta to shoot 4-for-5 from beyond the arc and 12-for-23 overall in the fourth quarter.

Terry scored 11 points on 4-for-7 shooting in the fourth quarter. His 3-pointer with 13:15 remaining immediately following Cal Rowdier's block of Miller's running jumper in the lane gave the Pacers their first double-digit lead.

Toni Kukoc, who scored 10 points on 4-for-15 shooting, hit a 3-pointer 29 seconds later to give Atlanta a 101-87 lead.

The Pacers missed their last three field goal attempts and failed to grab an offensive rebound.

Bucks 104, Heat 96

Glenn Robinson doesn't suppose his teammates anymore. Robinson scored 27 points some coming on incredible shots, and rallied the Milwaukee Bucks to victory over the Miami Heat.

"Give Glenn a lot of credit tonight," Milwaukee's Sam Cassell said. "He made a lot of tremendously big shots. He put us on his shoulders tonight in the fourth quarter. He did what he does best — score."

Robinson snapped a 92-91 tie with a short jumper in the lane with 2:42 left. After Miami's Tim Hardaway hit two free throws and tied the game at 94, Robinson countered with another field goal to make it 96-94. E r v i n Johnson cleanly blocked a dunk attempt by Brian Grant to cut it to 98-96.

On a 3-pointer Dennis Rodman hit from the left wing with 1.5 seconds left, the Heat came within 98-96. Miami coach Pat Riley said, "Our game is defense." Riley said, "They scored 23 points in the last 51 minutes of the game. We're not going to win like that.

Miami led by 10 points in the first quarter before the Bucks rallied behind the 3-point shooting of reserve Lindsey Hunter. Four 3-pointers by Hunter helped the Bucks to a 48-46 halftime, despite 17 points by Hardaway.

A pair of 3-pointers by Pierce helped the Celtics to a quick 13-4 lead.

Boston led until Fred Hoiberg made a jumper with 1:42 left in the half to put the Bulls up 53-52.

Steve Goodrich made a layup with 1:03 left to give Chicago its last first-half lead, 49.

The Celtics got within one point on Vitaly Potapenko's jumper and led at halftime 57-56. But the Bulls scored 19 points in the third quarter, outscoring the Wizards 35-21.

The Wizards had 11 turnovers and 11 assists in the third quarter, compared with 7 and 13 in the first half.

"The Wizard offense is a three-point play and a layup," Cassell said. "With Pierce and Walker, we have two players that can score a three-point play and a layup.

The Wizards scored a season-high 39 points in the second quarter, surpassing the 35 they scored against New Jersey on March 10.

Washington led by as many as 13 points three times in the third quarter. Milwaukee pulled to 94-88 on a layup by Dampier with 9:06 remaining but never got closer.

Suns 90, Rockets 85

Jason Kidd scored a career-high 43 points, including 16 of Phoenix's final 17 points, as the Suns rallied past the Houston Rockets 90-85.

Kidd shot 16-for-34 from the field and 6-for-8 from the line in helping the Suns finish with their sixth straight game and beat the Rockets for the 13th time in 18 games.

Kakeem Olajuwon, playing in his second game since returning from a sixth metatarsal fracture, led Houston with 20 points and 11 rebounds.

Houston led 64-52 with 9:32 left in the third quarter, but couldn't hold the lead.
Track and Field

Track teams split to compete at Stanford, ASU and Purdue

By ANDREW SOUKUP Associate Sports Editor

The snow has almost disappeared from the infield of the track. The temperature is slowly but steadily rising. The sun is poking through the clouds more and more each day. It can only mean one thing.

It’s time for the outdoor track season to start.

After a two-month long indoor season, both the men’s and women’s track teams will kick off the outdoor season tomorrow at meets across the nation.

A small group of distance runners will be traveling to California to compete in the Stanford Invitational, while a number of middle-distance athletes and sprinters will join several field event athletes at the Arizona State Invitational. The rest of the team will head to West Lafayette to compete in the Purdue Invitational.

The Irish are splitting up the team this way to maximize the competition for their athletes. For example, the long-distance runners will be competing against a slew of national-class runners at Stanford in what may be an early-season preview of the outdoor NCAA championship meet later this summer.

Ryan Shay headlines the list of five Irish athletes who will be competing at Stanford. Shay, who placed ninth in the NCAA indoor championships three weeks ago, will be competing for the first time this season in his specialty event, the 10,000-meter run. At last year’s Olympic Trials, Shay placed 10th and was the only runner to finish who had college eligibility remaining, making him a favorite to capture the NCAA outdoor title this year.

The Irish men will also be sending long-distance specialists Todd Mobley and Sean McManus. The top women runners, Jennifer Hanley and Chrissy Kenner, will join them.

Liz Grow headlines the list of female athletes heading to Arizona State. Grow placed eighth in the 400-meter dash at the NCAA indoor championships and shifts her focus to qualifying for the outdoor national championships Saturday. Although she failed to defend her 400-meter indoor Big East title last month, she still can win her second consecutive outdoor Big East title in one month.

But Grow is not the only top sprinter heading to Arizona State. She will be joined by a trio of young, talented runners: Ayeshia Boyd, Kristen Dodd, and Kymia Love. The foursome have set their sights on qualifying for the outdoor national championships in the 4x400-meter relay. They missed making the indoor championships by a mere three-hundredths of a second.

Tameisha King, Jamie Volkmer, and Jill VanWeelden will represent the Irish in the field events. King will be entered in the long jump and may compete in the 100-meter hurdles as well. Meanwhile, Volkmer and VanWeelden will be entered in the pole vault. Volkmer may also compete in the triple jump as well.

Freshman Megan Johnson, who has proven herself capable in the mile run during the indoor season, will shift to the slightly shorter 1,500-meter run beginning Saturday.

On the men’s side, the Irish will send a quality group of sprinters to compete at Arizona State. Tom Gilbert and Travis Davey will definitely compete in their best event, the 100-meter dash.

Freshman sensation James Bracken, who surprised Irish coaches in the indoor season with his success in the 400-meter dash, will probably stay in the 400 for Saturday’s meet.

Javelin specialists Mike Magadin and Matt O’Brien will compete in their first event of the season this weekend. O’Brien was the top javelin specialist for the Irish last spring, while Magadin, who competed in six meets last year, showed considerable promise by placing fifth or better five times.

Andrew Cooper, the reigning Big East indoor high jump champion, will also kick off his outdoor season at Arizona State. Cooper, who surprised many people with his victory in the Big East championships a month ago, will be the only high jumper competing for the Irish.

Freshman Godwin Mbagwu will probably compete in the long jump and the triple jump at Arizona State. He had his best performance in his first collegiate meet, narrowly missing the NCAA provisional cut, but couldn’t break his personal best the rest of the season.

Middle-distance specialists Sean Zanderson and Kevin Somak will also be competing in Arizona this weekend.

The rest of both teams will travel to West Lafayette to compete in the Purdue Invitational on Saturday. The Arizona State Invitational begins today and continues through Saturday, while the Stanford Invitational takes place on Saturday only.

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High school players live up to hype

Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. - Eddy Curry's nickname is 'Baby Shaq.' He lived up to it in the McDonald's All American high school game.

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Irish return home to face William and Mary, Iowa

By STEVE KEPPEL
Sports Writer

It's been road trip after road trip for the women's tennis team this past week, and they are finally returning home this weekend to take on Iowa and William and Mary. Notre Dame returns to the Courier Tennis Center with a 15-4 record, as well as a number seven ranking. The Irish had won nine of their last 10 home matches, and the 9th ranked Tennessee last weekend had won five in a row before the 6-1 defeat by the Volunteers.

"Naturally, we were disappointed, but after a loss we are usually all the more ready to come out and do well," said junior Nina Vaughan.

The Irish have been working hard this week and are very determined to win the rest of their matches and get a higher seed in the NCAA tournament. "I feel sorry for Iowa and William and Mary," said Becky Varnum. "It was a hard loss against Tennessee, but it inspired us to really work hard. The last three days have been tough to get to match tough," said Varnum.

"We definitely go out to get the jobs," said Varnum. "Psychologically, Iowa is tough, and we will fight hard against them, after a loss or not." On Sunday, the Irish women will go against a determined William and Mary team. William and Mary is 6-7 coming off a win over Richmond and a loss to second ranked Duke last weekend. The 42nd ranked Tribe is lead by senior standout Lindsay Sullivan, who is one win away from breaking into the school's top ten wins list. Sullivan could give recent stuggles of Michelle Dasso a run for her money this weekend at the number one singles spot.

"They are definitely a good team capable of playing above their rank William and Mary always plays well. We are expecting to have a really good match with them," said Varnum. "Their whole team is pretty solid.

This weekend marks the first time in three weeks that the Irish have played at home. They currently have a 10-3 record on the road this spring but have only one loss at the comforting confines of the Courier Center.

"It's been tough playing on the road all the time," said Varnum. "We are really excited to play at home. Every time we get a home match it seems a little special to us and hopefully we will get some great support from the fans this weekend."
Women's Tennis

Belles look to extend winning streak against Aquinas

By KATIE MCAVOY
Associate Sports Editor

The Saint Mary's tennis team is looking to extend its winning streak to seven matches as it takes on Aquinas College and MIAA competition Adrian College on Saturday.

The Belles recently wrapped up a tough victory over Div. I Valparaiso on Wednesday and hope that the confidence from that win will carry them through this weekend.

"We'll be very confident because Valpo was Div. I and [Aquinas and Adrian] are Div. III," team co-captain Annie Knish said. "We have beaten both teams in years before and we are expecting to do well against those teams.

The 5-0 Belles will compete in their first MIAA match of the season against Adrian College. The 0-2 Bulldogs come into the match with less experience than the Belles, who spent a week in Arizona over Spring Break preparing for the season.

Saint Mary's has just begun outdoor practices in South Bend due to weather, and they are looking forward to starting conference play. Last season they finished with a conference record of 5-2.

"Right now, we're optimistic and we're defeating, so we're feeling pretty good about the season and we're getting used to practicing outside," Knish said. "We're looking forward to playing in the conference, especially Hope, Calvin and Albion."

Saint Mary's also sports a better record than the Aquinas Saints, who will enter Saturdays match with a record of 4-2. Aquinas' two losses came at the hands of Ferris State and Embry-Riddle in late February and early March. Saturday could provide some solid doubles play with the exception of Aquinas' wins have come from all three doubles teams. Head coach Dee Stevenson attributed Aquinas' wins to some solid doubles play by his Belles.

"We have good doubles teams," he said. "Knish will play No. 1 singles followed by

Women's Crew

Irish beat Creighton, prep for MSU

By JEFF BALTRUZAK
Assistant Sports Editor

The women's rowing team will continue its season this weekend, taking on Michigan State on the Grand River in East Lansing, Mich., on Saturday before returning to their home course in Mishawaka on Sunday to face Dayton.

The Irish are coming off a sound defeat of Creighton last Sunday. The Irish first and second varsity eights, as well as the first novice boat competed against Dutchman's first varsity bow.

The race location had to be changed from an area near Prickett Park in Mishawaka to a more sheltered stretch of river near the Notre Dame boathouse due to brutal conditions. The wind was 15-20 mph with combined with freezing temperatures.

Because of the location change, the race was a head-to-head competition, with staggered start times. The Notre Dame first varsity boat of Katerineta Burnett, Casey Buckstaff, Becky Luckett, Diane Price, Ann Marie Dillhoff, Michelle Osgard, Ashley Warren and captain coxswain Clare Buda ran the 1500 meter course in 5:22 to win the race.

The second varsity Irish boat, coxed by Erin Kiernicki containing Katie Besson, Kerri Murphy, Erika Bragdon, Courtney Mercier, Melissa Alberding, Megan Frey, Anne Starski and Leah Ashe placed second at 5:35.

Creighton came next at 5:50, followed closely by the Notre Dame's first novice boat five seconds behind.

The Irish had previously opened the season with a sprint break with a match race with Tennessee in Knoxville on March 17.

After training all week in Lake Locust, the Irish dominated the first varsity eight race, beating Tennessee by 15 seconds in the 2000-meter course head to head.

Notre Dame ended up sweeping the Southeastern, including winning the first varsity four race where the Irish won by 11 seconds, and three varsity races.

NCAA Basketball

Amaker takes reins of Michigan hoops

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) - Tommy Amaker has left Michigan of Ohio's Big Ten basketball program for Michigan, a team that has qualified for the Big Ten tourney for the past three seasons and didn't finish better than eighth in the Big Ten.

Amaker, who will turn 36 in July, was born in East Orange, N.J., and has been an assistant coach on the East Coast for the past three seasons and didn't finish better than eighth in the Big Ten.

Amaker, who is the Big Ten's only five-star recruit and he relates well with people. I played against him when I was at DePaul and he was at Duke and he's been a first-class guy ever since I met him.

Michigan State coach Tom Izzo has known Amaker since they were both assistant coaches recruiting NBA star Chris Webber, who transferred to Michigan in 1991.

"I think it's a great hire. He's a good recruiter and a good coach, who relates well with people," Izzo said.

"He's one of the brightest young minds in the business," said former Michigan basketball star Rick Pitino about his opening, but he chose to coach at Louisville.

Amaker replaces Brian Ellerbe, who was fired two weeks ago after posting a 62-60 record in four seasons.

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consistently noted as single runs, not offensive break­

out. We’ve had our chances, and we haven’t taken

advantage of them.

Part of the reason for the offense’s slow start lies with

pitchers like freshman Steve Sollmann, sophomore

Andrew Bushey have been

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outfield hitting over .345, others

like senior shortstop Alec

Porzel and O’Toole have

put pressure on the

opponents to pitch shutouts or one­

hit performances. The

Irish, with pitchers like

Kent lead team
to Johnny Ray Invite

By Kevin Berchou

Speas Writer

In August, it’s signified by azaleas full bloom and the

sports masters at their best; while in South Bend, it’s

introduced by 40 degree tempera­
tures and college’s young guns trying to secure a spot in the

NCAA Tournament they’ve long been shut out of.

Either way, it is the arrival

of golf season, and this year

the Notre Dame men’s team

hopes it’s finally time inch by

inch back into the tournament.

The last year Notre Dame

played in the NCAA Tournament was 1966. Jack

Nicklaus was prince, Arnold

Palmer was “The King” and

the world had yet to see the

moon, or Tiger Woods for that

matter.

Thirty five years later, head

coach George Thomas is opti­
mistic that his team can

rebound from a tough fall sea­

son to capture that elusive

tournament bid.

“I am very optimistic about

the coming year,” Thomas

said. “We are definitely more

talented than the way we

played in the fall.”

Feeling Thomas’ optimism is

the return of his top two play­
ers, senior Alex Kent and

junior Steve Ratay, both of

whom boast scoring averages

that rank among Notre Dame’s all-time top five.

Kent’s sterling 73.92 average

is the best in school histo­

ry, while Ratay is close behind, carding a mere 75.46 strokes per

round. “Alex is a premier player with great experience. He and Steve are proven comple­

ment each other well,” Thomas noted.

Though Kent has historically been the better player, it was

Ratay who led the team’s fall campaign, finishing as the low­

man in three of four events including the Wisconsin Invitational where he fired rounds of 71-70-71 to take

medallist honors.

“Steve is as good a golfer as

we see this spring. He is very

dedicated to improving his game. He’s our leader and

team captain and has worked hard to get ready. I expect him to be a formidable force this

spring,” Thomas said.

Adding to Notre Dame’s optimism is the return of senior irishmen who sat out last season. Monfort will

likely shoot from the third

spot, while Pat Schaffer will

occupy the lineup’s fourth spot, giving the Irish quite a strong top four.

“Kyle’s return really makes it much stronger. He gives us another strong golfer at the top of the lineup,”

Thomas said.

The team’s success, howev­

er, could hinge on Thomas’ ability to find the right mix of

talent to fill out his lineup.

“Those spots are really important in the lineup, especial­

ly one or two of the top players has a bad round. We never
came up with a consist­

tly strong team,” said O’Toole.

Seton Hall offers an opportunity for the Irish to gain some confidence at the plate against a pitching

staff that has yet to face the Irish, nor has Seton Hall, this season.

This weekend the Irish

pitchers like starters Aaron

Helmman, and Danny Tamayo and reliever Matt Laird, all who have

tossed shutouts this year.

The Irish (17-4-1) enter

the Big East Conference play at last year. Notre Dame

slate serve essentially one pur­

pose: to compete against a less

bogeying Notre Dame. Over the weekend to compete in the

Snowbird Invitational held in Tampa. This second tourna­
mament, the team placed a

respectable ninth in the field of

17 teams.

Their success in the tourna­

ment was mostly evident in the way they placed as indi­

viduals. Four players placed in the

top 20 led by freshman

Shannon Byrne and sopho­

more Terri Taibl who finished

in a tie for 12th place with a

two-round score of 158. The

bowl was senior cap­

tain Shane Smith and sopho­

more Shelby Strong who tied

for a seventeenth place finish

with scores of 160.

Byrne has been extremely impressive this spring season,

earning top team honors in both of the first two tourna­
maments. Her sudden success, along with strong play from

her teammates, has taken

some of the pressure off of

the senior Smith, who lead

the team in the fall season

with a team-low 79.82 scor­

ing average.

As the Irish move through the season, they look to

improve their performance in each tournament. The Irish

really has a opportunity to make a name for itself as a

contender in the NCAA Central Region with a solid showing this weekend in Virginia.

Many of the teams in Notre Dame’s region

will be participating in this tour­
nament, including the host team Notre Dame and Mary.

This contest is the first of three in a row that will be

very important for the Irish in regional play, traveling to

Indiana University next week­

end and then to the University of Illinois the fol­

lowing weekend.

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By Chris Federico

Sports Writer

The Irish golf team will leave the icy links of South Bend and travel to Williamsburg, Virginia this

weekend to compete in the

William and Mary Invitational.

The Irish got off to a slow

start earlier this year at the

Carolina’s Collegiate Classic in late February, finishing

last in a field of 22 teams. However, they were compet­
ing against many Southern and East Coast teams that

have the advantage of playing golf nearly year-round. In

Northern Indiana, the Irish

are forced to spend most of

the winter hitting indoors or

training in the weight room

while Southern teams are

gaining real playing experi­

ence on the course.

The team has begun to

bump back, however, as

shown by its progress in the

rain- shortened El Diabo Intercollegiate last weekend, 26 strokes behind winner

Toledo. Notre Dame will be looking for more team growth and

less bogeys this weekend when they head south to see it

up in Johnny Owens Invitational in Lexington, Kentucky.

The Irish off course are

working on their putting, though. They realize that the
tournaments on the spring slate serve especially one posi­

tion to get ready for the Big East Championships. After

the Masters, the first year the con­

ference champion received an automatic berth to the Big

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Irish will rely Ulrich's offense for win over Ohio State

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

If the Ohio State Buckeyes stick to their past games plans, the Irish will have their hands full in their match-up with the No. 7 Notre Dame men's lacrosse team, they try to stay at home to keep Ohio State's David Ulrich.

Two years ago that plan worked as the Buckeyes held the then-sophomore to just a single assist in a 5-4 Irish victory.

Despite their success against the Buckeye defense last year, the Irish expect to use the same strategy in their Great Western Lacrosse League opener. Although the Irish seemed to have solved the Buckeye defense, Ulrich is the one makes the offense go.

"It didn't really work last year when we implemented zone defense," said midfielder Todd Ulrich, David's twin brother. "Dave is the key for us on defense. He instigates the offense for us.

"If the Buckeyes continue to focus their defense on David Ulrich, the Irish expect the rest of their attack and midfielders to contribute.

"We're all pretty capable of beating their defense," Todd Ulrich said. "We've been able to score a lot offensively."

If the Buckeyes manage to shut down the Irish attack, they will be the first team to accomplish that feat. In all six of their games, the Irish have scored nine or more goals while allowing their opponents to score more than 10 goals only once.

A week ago that plan allowed more than 10 goals, however, was last week's loss to Hofstra. Coming off their first loss of the season, the Irish are more concerned with cutting down on mental mistakes than anything the Buckeyes might throw at them.

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NASCAR

Law will keep autopsy photos confidential

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. With the widow of race car driver Dale Earnhardt at his side, Gov. Jeb Bush signed a law Thursday to keep autopsy photos closed to the public unless a judge approves their release.

The law sprung from an out-cry over the Orlando Sentinel's request to see Earnhardt's autopsy photos. Teresa Earnhardt led the protests, saying she wanted to protect her family's privacy.

The measure, passed unanimously in the Senate earlier Thursday, makes it a felony to release the records improperly, with a maximum sentence of five years in jail and a $5,000 fine. Bush thanked the Legislature for handling the bill in what he called record speed.

The law is certain to be tested in the courts because such photographs have been open as part of Florida's Sunshine Law, the most-restrictive public records rule in the country.

The law will not affect the Sentinel's efforts to see the pictures, which was handled in mediation. An appointed expert has reviewed them and will issue a report that will go to the well-known sportswriter Earnhardt was killed in a crash on the last lap of the Daytona 500 in February. His widow won a court order to keep the autopsy photos private.

A day later, the Sentinel went to court and, citing the open-records law, asked that the newspaper's medical expert be allowed to see the photos. The expert said he had no intention of publishing the photos, but wanted to examine the pictures for its reporting on NASCAR safety.

Racing fans bombarded Bush, legislative leaders and the Sentinel with thousands of e-mails, letters and telephone calls calling for the state to review its efforts to see the photos. The Sentinel and other news organizations plan to challenge the law in a federal court.

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FOOTBALL

Davie: Too early to choose frontrunner for quarterback

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Senior Sports Writer

Bob Davie may not know who will be quarterbacking the offense or who will wind up as the prime receiving target come September, but Davie knows he's got a talented pool of players to pick from.

"It's a little too early," said Davie about picking a frontrunner at quarterback. "So far, it's confirmed exactly what we've thought — that those two quarterbacks that we didn't see a whole lot of are extremely talented. We really have three guys, I think it's kind of remarkable, that they're just freshmen and we can watch them throw like that."

Matt LoVecchio, the starter for most of the 2000 season, split reps with fellow freshmen Carlyle Holiday and Jared Clark in Thursday's practice. Davie plans to divide reps among the trio throughout spring practices.

"Exactly even, it's dead even with reps," Davie said. "Clark has great velocity on it. I'm impressed with Carlyle and the level he's throwing the ball right now."

LoVecchio's still got an edge, with eight games beneath his belt.

A positive for the Irish is that all three quarterbacks are capable of employing the same offensive style.

Last year, Notre Dame found itself in a quandary when Arnaz Battle suffered a season-ending injury, forced to completely remake its offense with no option-ready quarterback to replace Battle. This year, even if an injury should occur, the Irish should be able to maintain the same offensive plan.

"We went into the season thinking Arnaz Battle was the quarterback," Davie said in a press conference. "We were thinking we were going to have to be a heavy option team. We worked on a lot of triple option last spring that we really never got to use. We don't have that situation anymore. We have three quarterbacks that are the same. Our style of offense, we can lock into right now, and it's going to remain the same, knock on wood."

Battle will see the ball from another angle next season, after switching to the wide receiver position during the off-season. Along with seniors David Givens, currently out with a hamstring injury, and Javin Hunter, Battle should get a lot of looks at wide receiver. Current freshmen Ronnie Rodamer, Omar Jenkins and Jerome Collins will join in the receiving corps.

"Good news and bad news," Davie joked. "Either we're better at receiver or we have to continue to improve at cornerback."

Practicing indoors at Loftus with no pads, throwing and catching was a little easier for the Irish than in a game situation. But Davie was still happy with what he saw.

"I am pleased with the way we're throwing and catching the ball," Davie said. "I think some of the young players, and I put Arnaz in that category, they catch the ball pretty well. We are throwing and catching the ball at a pretty high level for this early."

Rodamer, who did not see action in 2000, is a strong deep option for the quarterback in question.

"He's a guy that goes up and catches the deep ball," Davie said. "He has good hand and eye coordination. He doesn't have blazing speed, but I don't know that you have to."

The Irish are going through 10 minutes of option every day, partly to gear up for the season opener against Nebraska.

Notes
♦ Recruit Dwight Ellick is not even on campus yet, but Davie already likes what he's hearing about the quick cornerback from Florida.

"I'm excited," Davie said. "Dwight Ellick, I guess, has really had some tremendous track times down in Tampa."
Pitchers key in doubleheader sweep of WMU

By PETER FRASSO
Sports Writer

Pitchers Jen Sharron and Kristin Schmidt allowed only one hit in 13 innings, leading the Irish softball team to a dominating doubleheader sweep of Western Michigan Thursday by scores of 7-1 and 8-0.

"I knew we were capable of that," said Coach Liz Miller, who had led the Irish to the best start in school history. "We had a lull for three or four innings, but we finally put them away. They've had a rough start, and we have a lot of veterans on our team."

No. 11 Notre Dame improved their record to 22-3. They have won four in a row since losing their third game of the season to Cal State Fullerton back on March 18.

Game one pitcher Jen Sharron had a no-hitter through five, but struggled in the top of the sixth, loading the bases with no outs before getting out of the jam allowing a single run.

"Except for one inning, it was the best I've seen Jen pitch since the South Carolina game," commented Miller. "She had great control, threw real hard, and had great movement."

"I just went out there with the mentality that I would dominate every pitch and every batter," said Sharron. "It's good to know that if someone hits a good pitch, the defense is behind me."

Sharron finished off the Broncos with a 1-2-3 inning in the seventh to claim her 11th win.

"I felt good about how I pitched today," added Sharron. "It's a great game to gain momentum going into the Big East this weekend."

Kristin Schmidt, the starter for game two, finished with a flurry, striking out the last six batters she faced.

"I could have made a few more outside corner pitches better, gotten a few more called strikes," said Schmidt. "I can always expect better, but over all I did pretty good."

"Kristin's been on a roll, and it continued tonight," added Miller.

The shutout, win number nine for Miller, was secured when the offense scored three runs in the bottom of the sixth, prompting the umpire to call the game due to the eight run mercy rule.

"Jenny was very tired due a large load of academics this week," said Miller. "She was really pressing, and was very focused. I had to pull her aside and tell her she was doing great. She's an excellent baserunner, and a dominant player."

Lizzy Lemire and Danielle Klayman both went 3 for 6. Leading slinger Jarrah Myers added two hits.

BASEBALL

Sluggers face Seton Hall in Big East games

By JEFF BALTRUZAK
Assistant Sports Editor

In this age of pumped-up power hitters and five-homer run games, the No. 13 Notre Dame baseball team is an anomaly, winning with pitching despite an offense that has struggled to put together big innings at the plate.

If there was ever a series to put Notre Dame's hitting back on track, this weekend's three games against Big East opponent Seton Hall would be it. The two teams will mix it up twice on Saturday and once on Sunday at Frank Eck Stadium.

The Pirates enter the weekend at 11-10, with a lackluster pitching staff giving up 5.18 earned runs a game. Opponents are hitting .279 collectively against Seton Hall, an average higher than five starting Irish hitters.

Notre Dame has not put together four and five run innings that often this season, and their offense has...

Irish seek to regain slot in rankings

KATIE HUGHES
Sports Writer

Bienvenido a Miami. And goodbye to their first 10-match winning streak since 1993. The Irish head off to Miami this weekend after a 5-2 loss to the Fighting Illini of Illinois yesterday, ready to regain their place in the rankings.

"None of the guys have experienced a top 10 ranking before. We didn't get here by letting things come to us," said Bobby Bayliss, head coach.

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Huskies vs. Irish: Final round from St. Louis

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Editor

The first time it was an upset predicted only by the most optimistic of Irish fans.

The second time, they played an epic battle deemed an "Instant Classic" by ESPN.

Tonight, the Notre Dame women's basketball team meets Connecticut in the only suitable destination for the two top-ranked teams in the nation — the Final Four in St. Louis.

"I think we are always ready for the challenge of playing Connecticut," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said Wednesday. "I think it was a great series this year, and certainly, we look forward to one more opportunity to play them."

While the surging Irish are strong as ever, Connecticut excelled in the East regional despite playing without Svetlana Abrosimova and Shea Ralph.

Abrosimova suffered a season-ending foot injury in a Connecticut's regular-season loss to Tennessee. Ralph tore her ACL in the Huskies' March 6 victory over the Irish in the Big East championship game.

That loss came less than two months after then-No. 3 Notre Dame eloborated an undefeated and top-ranked Connecticut squad 92-76 on Jan. 15. It was the first win for the Irish in 11 tries versus the Huskies.

"I think it could be difficult if we had lost both games," McGraw said. "I think you talk about how hard it is to beat a team three times, but when you beat them 11 times in a row, I don't think that you worry about winning that third game."

Ruth Riley set the tone for the Irish in both games. At home, Riley scored 29 points — including a perfect 13 of 13 from the free-throw line — and grabbed 11 rebounds. Kelley Siemion added 15 points and eight rebounds just two days after suffering a broken hand.

In the rematch at Storrs, Riley had 23 points while Siemion added 16. Sue Bird led the Huskies with 13 points, including a majestic jump-shot at the buzzer.

Connecticut freshman Diana Taurasi earned Most Valuable Player honors at the Big East Tournament and hasn't stopped since. The Los Angeles native led Connecticut with 17 points, 10 rebounds and four assists in the Huskies' 67-48 Elite Eight romp of Louisiana Tech on Monday. McGraw believes Taurasi's Big East Tournament performance gave the guard the right attitude to succeed in March Madness.

"I think that was sort of a springboard for her," McGraw said. "She has played really well in the NCAA's. And especially with Shea Ralph out of the lineup, she has more of the scoring role, which is a job I think she's comfortable with. Even as a freshman, she is a very, very joined player."

With shooters Ralph and Abrosimova out, Connecticut fields a taller lineup. Asja Jones, Swin Cash and Kelly Schumacher are all rebound specialists.

"I think that makes them a better rebounding team," McGraw said. "I think they are still a very good defensive team. They seem to be playing more half-court defense than fullcourt defense. So I think that they have made some great adjustments."

Should the Irish walk away victors tonight, they will take on either Purdue or Southwest Missouri State for the national championship on Sunday.

The Boilermakers return to the Final Four after winning two years ago. The Bears stormed through the Western regional to earn their first trip to the dance since 1992.

Purdue is led by Katie Douglas, Kelly Komara and Camille Cooper. The Boilermakers topped Xavier 87-78 Monday to advance towards a possible rematch with the Irish, who won the last meeting of the two Indiana teams 72-61 Dec. 9.

"I think it's great," Riley said. "It shows what kind of players come out of Indiana. It shows a lot for Hoosier basketball."

The Bears boast the nation's top scorer, Jackie Stiles. The 5-foot-8 guard put in 32 points before fouling out as SMS topped Washington 104-87 Monday night.

Irish center Ruth Riley shoots over two Connecticut defenders during the Irish loss to Connecticut in the Big East Championship game. Riley scored 23 points in the defeat.

No matter what happens, McGraw is thrilled with her team's effort this season.

"It really has been such a special year for me in a lot of ways," McGraw said. "I think the chemistry of this team has been so tremendous. They have been so much fun to work with. I wish I would have kept a journal or decided to write a book at the beginning of the year."

Two more wins, and she'll have quite a story to tell.

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Sizing up the bracket

Purdue versus Southwest Missouri State: Jackie Stiles, the nation's most prolific scorer, leads the Boilermakers. Purdue tops 31 points per contest. Purdue stars Katie Douglas and Camille Cooper pushed the Boilermakers past Xavier in the Elite Eight.

Notre Dame versus Connecticut: Battle No. 3 decides this Big East war. In two meetings this season, each team has won one home game. The Huskies are led by Sue Bird, Swin Cash and Diana Taurasi after losing stars Shea Ralph and Svetlana Abrosimova to injuries.

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Irish leader ends career where she started

Ivey's search for national title takes her back to hometown

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Editor

Gary Glasscock heard about a child prodigy.

The buzz within St. Louis girls' basketball in the early '90s concerned a little girl from the inner-city.

Glasscock, the girls' basketball coach at St. Louis' Cor Jesu Academy, listened over the phone to the coach who was sinking half-court shots on a regular basis.

Her name: Niele Ivey.

Tonight, the up-and-coming prodigy returns to St. Louis as the starting point guard on a 32-2 Notre Dame team that takes on Connecticut at 9 p.m. in the Women's Final Four semifinals.

"It's a great feeling to know that I'm going home," Ivey said. "It's something that I thought about at the beginning of the year. That's where all my family and support is."

Glasscock remembers Ivey as a middle-school Ivey Ivey might differ from the first-time All-Big East guard Notre Dame fans are familiar with.

She played on just an average team with average girls and she got all of them involved in the game just as she has done at Notre Dame and here at Cor Jesu," Glasscock said.

When Ivey finally reached her eighth grade and had to pick where to spend her high school years, the choice was an easy one. She was raised in St. Louis, attended Catholic grammar schools and finally was wooed away by what Cor Jesu had to offer. Glasscock didn't even have to recruit her.

"It was a very high level program, Ivey said. "It was run by the Sacred Heart nuns so there were a lot of Christian values. It's kind of a family atmosphere."

If Cor Jesu was a family, Ivey quickly became the favorite daughter. As the Chargers, she bolted to a 31-0 record and a Class 4A state championship. Ivey led the team — a team with five girls taller than the 5-foot-8 Ivey — with 24 points and eight rebounds per contest.

But Ivey was her team. She was always talking and getting them together."

The contest was close — every shot essential to assure victory. Ivey continued driving to the basket. Cor Jesu won the game, en route to a Class 4A state championship. Ivey hit a perfect 13 of 13 free-throw attempts down the stretch to ice the win.

"She was highly motivated, worked extremely hard," McGraw said. "She is a really just looking for somebody that could lead our team in that kind of way and she fit perfectly."

The Irish coach wasn't going to let this one get away.

"We tried to go everywhere she was," Owens said. "Muffet from the start knew that she was going to be a very special player."

When Ivey reached her senior year and Notre Dame was able to make contact, the Ivey family and the Notre Dame family quickly was sealed. "I really bonded with Niele immediately on the phone," Owens said. "Cor Jesu is similar in schools and what they offered."

"Niele was her family. She was her attitude and demeanor that I think was very special," Owens said.

But Ivey's "March to the Arch" has not come without a few bumps in the road.

The fifth-year senior was granted an extra year of eligibility after a torn anterior cruciate ligament in her right knee her freshman season in 1996-97 limited her to five games.

"I gained a lot of determination and motivation from the injuries," Ivey said. "It's made me realize that basketball isn't the only thing in my life. I became closer to my family. A lot of special people have come into my life because of it. I think it's a blessing in disguise."

After the second injury, Ivey once again came back stronger than ever. She averaged 11.2 points and six assists per game in 1999-2000, moving up to second-team All-Big East.

The Irish advanced to the Sweet 16.

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Right back where she started.

One-on-one

WITH NIELE IVEY

position: point guard
year: fifth-year senior
school: Notre Dame
awards: 2001 Pomeroy Naismith Award, 2001 third-team All-American, 2001 All-Big East first team
notable: Ivey has overcome a torn ACL in each leg to become one of the top point guards in the country. She broke current Irish assistant coach Carol Owens' record for career steals and is second on the all-time Irish assist list.

birthday: Sept. 24, 1977
hometown: St. Louis, Mo.
dimensions: 5-foot-8

If she were president of the U.S., the first thing she'd do would be: paint the White House black.

The Notre Dame student-athlete she admires most is: Adam Sargent

The best thing about being a student at Notre Dame is: the friendships you make

The best thing about playing basketball for Notre Dame is: running out to the "Victory March," running the show and making history in St. Louis.

Since being at Notre Dame she's learned: to fight and overcome age to 11.8 points and averaged her assist average to seven per contest.

She is taking the Irish to their second Final Four ever, their first since 1997, the year of Ivey's first injury.

The 23-year-old's efforts earned her the Frances Pomeroy Naismith Award, an honor presented to the nation's top female senior player standing 5-foot-8 or under.

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The Unsung heroes play pivotal role in Irish success

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Final Four 2001

From the Student Union

The handwagon is getting heavy.

With the win over Vanderbilt, the Irish advanced to the Final Four and captured national attention.

Finally, The following people have been part of this team since the beginning of the season, before the Connecticut win. Before "experts" believed Notre Dame could challenge for a national title, before every national publication ran a Ruth Riley feature. Apologies to the 107 or so other "behind-the-scenes" types who have helped make this season run so smoothly.

Practice players

Chris Dillon wears a Ruth Riley-like white adidas headband but the off-campus senior wants to play like Diana Taurasi.

"I think I'll be [Connecticut freshman point guard] Diana Taurasi today," said Dillon, who wore the headband again during Wednesday's practice. "I'll be able to shoot from anywhere I want."

Notre Dame students Dillon, Reggie McKnight, Tom Krizmanich, Kyle Heroman, John Moravec and Kevin Mumford practice with the Irish and help them prepare for upcoming opponents.

"Those guys are great," Ruth Riley said. "They help us out a lot."

For McKnight, a four-year varsity soccer player, the daily afternoon competition helps him stay in shape. It also helps to quiet the critics of his basketball game, namely Riley and Niele Ivey.

"They've been ragging on me since freshman year," McKnight said. "I figured I might as well be around a team [after soccer]."

Marketing/promotions assistant Heather Maxwell will be busy on Friday night.

Maxwell, a first-year marketing/promotions assistant, follows the same routine 45 minutes prior to every contest. She meets with Murphy McCraw (Muffett's son) and applies blue and gold paint on the 10-year-old's face.

"He always wants it some special way," Maxwell said. "That's my official duty."

If only her job was that simple.

Wonder who organizes the halftime shows, the on-court activities during the timeouts and the countless other creative ideas that helped attract record crowds this year? It's Maxwell.

"My ideas usually start with 'Wouldn't it be funny?',' Maxwell said. "One of my favorites was Beach Day [the theme for the Jan. 15 Connecticut game]. During the game, I saw a guy walking around with Speedos on, his head painted and goggles on his head. It was fun.

"He needs to be challenging, though. For a typical home game, the 1999 University of Indianapolis varsity soccer player, the Irish strengthened their current positions in the national polls, won the ACC title and captured their second straight NCAA tournament berth.

"Ruth Riley said. "That's their current positions in the national polls, won the ACC title and captured their second straight NCAA tournament berth.

"They'll complain," Rolinski said. "Any human would. But they understand it's worth it."

Said Riley: "He's definitely the one of the guys that has helped me out the most since I've been here. He helped with every aspect of the game, both mentally and physically."

Administrative assistant She has a basketball name. Jeri Lucas, it's pronounced the same as Jerry Lucas, the former NBA great.

"I don't know too much about basketball," Lucas said. "But I know how to assist one of the nation's best teams, though. I began working at Notre Dame in the cashier's office in 1981, then went to Student Residences before switching over to her current position in March 1994.

"I didn't really know how athletics worked," Lucas said. "I was totally green."

Seven years later, only Lucas's fingernails are green. Like the coaches, players and others associated with the program, Lucas painted her fingernails green at the beginning of March.

She handles many of the day-to-day operations, oversees the banquet, does paper work for recruiting and Notre Dame summer camps, answers telephones and has countless other responsibilities.

Lucas also greets every visitor with a smile and chats with any one who enters the office.

"Working for Muffet and the team is great," Maxwell said. "I do anything they ask me." Exactly what they asked.

Hand out extra tickets for this weekend's games. There's none left.

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