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INSIDE COLUMN

Poetic Expression

Expression is something that manifests, embodies and symbolizes an emotion, an idea or a state of being to someone who did not participate in the same experience. There are many ways in which to express yourself, ranging from a smile or a frown to cartwheeling down South Quad and splashing in melt-water puddles to singing and interpretive dance. Those of us who were fortunate enough to see Ani DiFranco on Tuesday night saw her self-expression in her movements and dance, her lyrics and her music. All of it combined is her way of expressing that which is important to her.

We all express ourselves in our daily lives. Whether it comes across in bitter, sarcastic cynicism, in friendly flirting or in keeping quiet and to yourself, we all participate in self-expression. It is how we let others know about ourselves, about who we are as people, as sentient and emotional beings.

Some of the ways I have used to express myself include singing out as I walk across the quad, being very animated in how I interact with my friends and peers in and in prayer. But I have found that the form of self-expression I use the most is poetry. I write poetry as an outlet for my emotions, a sounding board for my issues and concerns and space to let my chi radiate. There is something about poetry that has always made the world more real to me. Stories written as fiction and creative non-fiction, describing the world as it is, create worlds and are wonderful ways to describe locations and situations. But in trying to describe the circumstances properly, sometimes description takes over and the meaning of what being said is lost.

With poetry, on the other hand, I have found allows for me, the writer, to pick specific, distinct words that focus on emotion, feeling, situation and purpose. But poetry, when it is only written in ways that pass as verse can be misleading and the intended emotion can be lost, just like it is lost in longer fiction. When poetry is read aloud, however, the emotion, situation and intent all come forth, enveloping the listeners in the author's world. The reading empowers the poet, making it flow, giving it rhythm, each step bringing the reader closer to understanding the poet's [my] frame of mind.

This evening, from 7-9 p.m. I will be joining readers for an open mic session in the Hallroom of LaFortune. We will each be presenting readings to an audience that will come from ourselves to the audience. I will be reading four original poems: "Juxtaposed," "Then Why Not Yes...?" "Can You See" and "Friend." Each one of the poems has a tenor of its own. Each grasp at some form of identity, all of which are a part of my identity. The set of four, combined, help me create a world which explains life, pain, healing and circumstances properly, sometimes description takes over and the meaning of what being said is lost.

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CORRECTIONS/CLEARIFICATIONS

In a letter from Robert Halil in the Feb. 20 Observer, the letter should have read "it stresses the line that rightfully should separate the two different, from public, governing bodies of the College," not complimentary. The Observer regrets the error.

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THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

Thursday
◆ Conference: "Ecology, Theology, and Judeo-Christian Environmental Ethics," McKenna Hall, all day
◆ Lecture: "Crisis in Latin American Labor?" Husbarg Center, 4:15 p.m.

Friday
◆ Boxing: Bengal Bouts Preliminaries, Joyce Center Fieldhouse, 5 p.m.
◆ Concert: Alan Jackson, Joyce Center, 8 p.m.

Saturday
◆ Theatre: "Macbeth," performed by "Actors from the London Stage," Washington Hall, 7:30 p.m.
◆ Concert: Notre Dame concert bands, Washington Hall, 3 p.m.

BEYOND CAMPUS

Students protest Laura Bush as commencement speaker

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Duke University

Scientists find possible cancer vaccine

During the past five years, Dr. Johannes Vieweg and fellow immunotherapists at Duke University have witnessed a fledging prostate cancer vaccine become a clinical trial with recent, very positive patient responses: vaccine acceptance and a decrease in tumor growth rate. Thirteen patients in the advanced stages of prostate cancer have been involved in the trial over the past year. The patients are injected with a certain type of cell — known as dendritic cells — and are not allowed to participate in the selection of their commencement speaker.

"We're disappointed that the selection for a student event had no student input," said Estela Zaraite, a doctoral student in education. Carnesale, who sent off the invitation to Bush in early February under the recommendation of the school, said Tuesday that "it is extremely unlikely" he would rescind the invitation.

"She seems to me to be an entirely appropriate speaker," Carnesale said. "Having had a career in education and information studies, she's been dedicated to those areas, as has been demonstrated by her actions," he added.

"I'm really sorry there is this much aggravation," Dorr said Friday, promising to increase student involvement in future selections. Many students warned Dorr of the political implications of inviting Bush to speak at the commencement.

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SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY

Nursing school faces cuts

With budget cuts imminent and enrollment beginning to increase for the first time in six years, the San Jose State University school of nursing is doing all it can to avoid a full-blown crisis situation, said the director of the nursing program at SJSU. Because the California State University system's budget is undergoing major reductions for the coming year, Jayne Cohen, the nursing school director, said the school is buckling down and looking for ways to cut costs. "Our college is preparing for the projected deficit by analyzing where reductions could and should be made. This issue, juxtaposed with increasing nursing student enrollments, poses a special problem," Cohen said. This combined with the ever-increasing need for registered nurses with bachelor's degrees makes for a difficult future for the nursing profession, Cohen said. Dana Murphy, a fourth-semester nursing major, said she has begun to see the effects of the lack of funding.

Daily Bitter
Experts gear up for ecology conference

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
News Writer

Experts from a broad range of academic disciplines will be convening this weekend on campus for the "Ecology, Theology, and Judeo-Christian Environmental Ethics" conference. The conference, sponsored by the Lilly Fellows National Research Conference, will address how ecology, history, philosophy and theology are interrelated.

"I hope that by bringing these different discipline approaches together, a conversation will begin that will move from multi-disciplinary to one that addresses concerns from one another," said David Lodge, professor of biological sciences.

Specifically, the scholars will investigate how the separate disciplines possibly affect and shape environmental policy and ethics. Scholars are challenged to conduct an environmental discussion combining these disciplines while applying contemporary approaches.

The conference will highlight a range of topics that are related to the interruptions between humanities and ecology. Scholars will examine how recently ecology has been evolving its view on species interaction and ecosystem function from a "balance of nature" to "flux of nature." Then the effects of these changes on social thought will be examined.

Within the framework of a Judeo-Christian discussion, scholars will examine how human action and nature are affected by contemporary ecology. Lodge and Chris Hamlin, professor of history, are organizing the conference, which was initiated by a group of faculty members from the College of Arts and Letters and the College of Sciences.

The participants include ecologists, biologists, historians, philosophers, ethicists, and Christian and Jewish theologians from prominent universities. The conference will consist of a series of talks, responses, and breakout discussions.

The conference will take place in McKenna Hall beginning Thursday evening and ending Sunday afternoon.

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ND AFTER FIVE

Thursday, Feb. 21
5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer, Coleman-Morse Center Chapel
5:15 p.m. Daily Mass, Basilica of the Sacred Heart
7:00 p.m. Film: Time and Tide, Hesburgh Library Carey Auditorium
7:00 p.m. College of Engineering Chemical Engineering Departmental Open House for First Year Students, Cushing 303
7:00 p.m. Exhibition Tour, Masks and Figures, Form and Style: The Christensen Family Collects African Art, Snite Mestrovic Studio Gallery
7:30 p.m. Play: Macbeth, (featuring Actors from the London Stage), Washington Hall*
7:30 p.m. "Corky" (Chris Burke) from Life Goes On, Stepan Center
8:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Drop-In Lacrosse, Rolfs Sports Recreation Center
9:00 p.m. - Midnight ND Express Pool Room open, LaFortune Student Center Basement
9:00 p.m. Acousticafe, LaFortune Student Center Huddle
10:00 p.m. Movies: Spy Game and Austin Powers, DeBartolo 101/155*

Friday, Feb. 22
5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer, Coleman-Morse Center Chapel
5:00 p.m. 2002 Bengal Bouts Preliminaries, Joyce Field House*
5:15 p.m. Daily Mass, Basilica of the Sacred Heart
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Drop-In Badminton, Rolfs Sports Recreation Center
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross, Basilica of the Sacred Heart
7:00 p.m. Winter Carnival Bonfire, Holy Cross Hill
7:30 p.m. Play: Macbeth, (featuring Actors from the London Stage), Washington Hall*
7:30 p.m. Movies: Spy Game and Austin Powers, DeBartolo 101/155*
7:30 p.m. Play: The Odd Couple, Moreau Seminary Auditorium
8:00 p.m. 807 Mass, Coleman-Morse Center Student Lounge
8:00 p.m. Alan Jackson in concert, Joyce Center Arena*
8:30 p.m. - Midnight ND Express Pool Room open, free billiards, LaFortune Student Center Basement
9:00 p.m. Crafting Corner: Soap Making, LaFortune Student Center Dooley Room
9:30 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Swing Dance and lessons, LaFortune Student Center Ballroom (dances begin at 10:00 p.m.)
10:00 p.m. Movies: Spy Game and Austin Powers, DeBartolo 101/155*
11:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Tournament Fridays: Checkers, LaFortune Student Center Notre Dame Room

Saturday, Feb. 23
5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass, Basilica of the Sacred Heart
6:30 p.m. Fiestang, Stepan Center*
6:30 p.m. No Greater Love Closing Mass, Morrissey Chapel
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Student Open Skate, Joyce Center Ice Rink*
7:30 p.m. Play: Macbeth, (featuring Actors from the London Stage), Washington Hall*
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10:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Open Karaoke, LaFortune Student Center Huddle
10:00 p.m. Movies: Spy Game and Austin Powers, DeBartolo 101 and 155*
10:00 p.m. Late Night Co-Rec Volleyball Tournament, Rolfs Sports Recreation Center

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President Bush reviews an honor guard with Chinese President Jiang Zemin during a welcoming ceremony in Beijing.

President Bush said he hoped that Jiang "would understand the important role of religion in an individual's life."

In addition to human rights, Bush and Jiang are at odds over U.S. missile defense plans, the fate of Taiwan, trade and Bush's claim that China allow U.S. soybean control rules and a list of sensitive, know-how to countries. Bush agreed in November 2000 to stop the export of sensitive nuclear equipment and know-how to countries like Pakistan and Iran. But U.S. officials say Beijing has not begun formulating export control rules and a list of sensitive technologies, nor has it cracked down on export deals struck before the November agreement.

Child rape charges filed against a defrocked priest do not exceed the state's 15-year statute of limitations for the crime, a prosecutor argued Wednesday.

Attorneys for former priest John Geoghan say the charges should be dismissed because the alleged victim made a molestation accusation in 1986.

The court should apply the 10-year statute of limitations that existed then, argued Geoffrey Packard, Geoghan's attorney. The current 15-year time limit on child rape charges took effect in 1996.

Prosecutor David Deskins said the charges, which were filed in 1999, are based on specific allegations that were made in 1989, well within the 15-year limit he said applied to the case.

The hearing is scheduled to continue Friday. Geoghan's trial had been set to begin Wednesday but was delayed after the defense motion was filed last week.

Geoghan, 66, was convicted last month of fondling a 10-year-old boy in 1991. He is to be sentenced Thursday, and could face up to 10 years in prison.

The victim in the current case testified Wednesday that he told his mother details of the alleged abuse at age 11, in 1986.

"I recall telling her everything," he said. "About the sex abuse, fondling, and oral sex."

The specific allegation of oral sex, the act on which the rape charges are based, wasn't made until 1989, the prosecutor said.

Since 1995, more than 130 people have claimed Geoghan fondled or raped them during the three decades he served in Boston-area parishes.

Under pressure following Geoghan's conviction, Cardinal Bernard Law gave prosecutors the names of more than 80 active and former priests accused of abuse during the last four decades.

The Archdiocese of Boston said Wednesday it was suspending a pastor in Abington following allegations of sexual misconduct with a minor. Nine priests have been suspended since the archdiocese's new policy was announced.
Queen completes Jamaican visit: Queen Elizabeth II wrapped up a visit Wednesday that energized debate about why an independent nation should retain a European monarch as head of state. Jamaica was the first of four countries on the royal itinerary in the jubilee year celebrating the queen’s 50 years on the throne. She now heads to Australia and New Zealand and visits Canada in October.

Storm devastates Bolivian capital: Rescue workers found more bodies in the rivers around Bolivia’s capital Wednesday, bringing the number of people reported killed in the most destructive thunderstorm in the city’s history. The storm, which began around 3 p.m. Tuesday and lasted nearly an hour, flooded streets in the city center, turning the main street into a muddy river.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS
Applicants flood graduate programs: Graduate degree programs across Indiana are seeing a surge in applications from prospective students hoping to broaden their career options in a weak job market. Notre Dame Law School has seen a 51 percent increase in enrollment applications compared with last school year, with graduate programs at Purdue University seeing a 27 percent rise. Indiana University’s Kelley School of Business has experienced a 15 percent increase on top of a 30 percent jump last year. The Indianapolis Star reported in a story published Wednesday.

RAIDS STOP ILLEGAL MONEY TRANSFERS:
Money-transfer agents in 14 states were raided in an effort to stop the illegal wiring of millions of dollars to Iraq, the government announced Wednesday. U.S. Customs Service Commissioner Robert Bonner said 29 search warrants on businesses and individuals were executed, allowing law enforcement agents to seize documents and records. The identities of the businesses and individuals were not disclosed and no one was arrested.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS
Copyright office targets online radio: A government panel proposed Wednesday that regulations that broadcast music and other radio content over the Internet pay royalties based on each Web user that listens in. The recommendations are the latest step in a struggle between the record industry, broadcasters and the government to determine the price of music in the Information Age.

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NEW YORK

Lance Bass could be going from 'N Sync to in space. The boy band member is negotiating to travel on a Russian rocket for a mission in November.

"I'm looking forward to completing this lifelong dream," he said Wednesday.

The plan still requires the approval of the Russian space agency, Rosaviakosmos, according to MirCorp, which also plans to build the first private space station, The partners in the international space station program — the United States, Russia, Japan, Canada and Europe — also would have to approve the trip.

The 22-year-old Bass attended space camp near Titusville, Fla., when he was 12. He said Wednesday that he would have to undergo five or six months of training at Star City, the space training center outside Moscow, before blasting off.

A Los Angeles TV production company, Destiny Productions, is one of several corporations offering to sponsor Bass' journey, and hopes to document it for a television special, "Celebrity Mission: Lance Bass.

Bass' voyage would follow that of California investment banker Dennis Tito, who reportedly paid $20 million to visit the International Space Station last year. South African tycoon Mark Shuttleworth reportedly is spending the same sum to fly in the space station on a Russian rocket in late April.

Russia's space chief, Yuri Koptev, has said his agency is mulling over several tourist candidates to visit the station in October. "The earnings provide serious support for the industry, the cosmonauts' training center and mission control," he said Wednesday.

Bass expects to start training in May, after the pop group's "Celebrity 2002" tour, which begins March 3 in Portland, Ore.

"Bass' film debut, "On the Line," didn't exactly skyrocket in October. Critics panned the romantic comedy, co-starring Joey Fatone of 'N Sync, and it sank at the box office.

ABC stars deny rift over story

NEW YORK

ABC News stars Barbara Walters and Diane Sawyer on Tuesday denied any rift between them over an interview in which talk-show host Rosie O'Donnell is expected to discuss her homosexuality for the first time publicly.

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Assistant Student Union Treasurer Applications Are Now Available

Here's an opportunity for you to gain valuable accounting experience and possibly become the next Student Union Treasurer.

As an Assistant Treasurer you will:

• Become an integral part of the Student Union Treasurer's Office, the primary controlling body of student activities funds
• Be responsible for managing, consulting, and maintaining various student accounts
• Serve as financial liaison for "The Shirt" Project ($200,000+ revenue operation) or for the Student businesses (Adworks, Irish Gardens, Dome Designs)
• Sit on the Financial Management Board, which is responsible for allocating over $600,000 in student activities fees among various student body organizations

This commitment requires approximately 5-6 hours per week and further it is a possible two-year commitment, as one assistant shall take over the role of Student Union Treasurer the following year.

Applications are now available outside the Treasurer's Office (3rd floor LaFortune, in the CRC) and are due no later than 5 pm Monday, February 25th.

Interviews will be held Tuesday, February 26th (Please sign up for an interview upon submitting your application.)
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take that risk of possibly get­

ting in trouble. Hopefully other students will see that it is not about controversy but about consciousness."

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Student Government Positions Still Available

Off-Campus Senator

Junior Class Officers

If you would like to run for

office, please contact the Vice­

President of Elections at 1-7668 or

email Judicial council at

j counselor@nd.edu by the end of

today!

I'm not completely opposed to raising the

student activity fee so that we would raise the

student activity fee so people can get free pizza at the Physics Club.

Cole Barker

O’Neill Hall Senator

Let's go to the third floor of

the counseling center so it's closer to where the students are, and it's a place they probably feel more comfortable going to.

The senate unanimously approved four students for SUB positions: Stephen Christ as board manager, Lauren Fowler as director of programs, Andrew Lam as chief controller and Connie Quinan as director of operations.

In other senate news:

• The senate unanimously approved a letter from Cavanaugh senator Lindsay Zika and the senate's gender relations committee to Sister Mary Louise Gode, assistant vice president of student affairs.

The letter called for improv­
ing the University's Women's Resource Center, currently located on the third floor of LaFortune. Specifically, the let­
ter requested that the University hire a full-time staff member for the center, improve the quality of information available at the center and move the Counseling Center.

As she submitted the letter to the senate, Zita told senators that the WRC could become a much more valuable resource for students.

"All they can give you is infor­
mation, and even that's outdat­
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However, student body presi­
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"People do n't think," she said.

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Judicial council at

judicial@nd.edu by the end of

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Senators also discussed fund­
rasing for the club activities.

"Fundraising can only cover

so much," said O'Connor.

However, two students who

are participating in club activities think they need money to make use of all their financial resources.

"I'm not completely opposed to raising the fee I think it's ridiculous that we would raise the student activity fee so people can get free pizza at the Physics Club."

Cyril Zidell (7668)

Thursday, February 21, 2002

The Observer

NEWS

Great Britain

Students protest tuition

Associated Press

LONDON

Shouting slogans and blw­
ing whistles, thousands of uni­

versity students marched through the capital Wednesday, demanding the government scrap tuition fees which they claim are plunging them into debt and barring the poor from higher educa­
tion.

The streets of central London, normally choked with traffic, had a carnival atmos­
phere as the students reached towards Prime Minister Tony Blair's Downing Street office and into Trafalgar Square, where they esti­
mate the crowd at some 4,000 people, watched closely by the police who didn't intervene.

The National Union of Students, which organized the annual rally, claims Blair's government has betrayed stu­
dents by ending means-tested living allowances in favor of means-tested loans of up to $1,500 a year for uni­

versity courses.

The union says stu­
dents now graduate with an average debt of $14,300 and some now pay up to $1,500 a year for uni­

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"We are appalled that a gov­

ernment which claims its No. 1 priority is education is forc­
ing thousands of young people to live below the minimum living standard," said Tessa Morris, which organized the rally. "The students want a single person can live on."'

NUS national president Ollivain said Wednesdays events were some of the best ridge to student issues.

Education Secretary Estelle Morris said it was short-sighted to suggest students were better off on unemployment benefits.

"Do they really think that their life chances would be improved if they had no quali­

fications, didn't do the degree and stayed on job-seeker's allowance?" she asked.

Ministers insist the fees are fair, as payment is mean­
tested, and defend the loan system, which allows students to borrow up to $5,700 an academic year, with interest rates linked to the inflation rate. Students only start repayment once they have graduated and earn $1,400 or more a year.

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COLOMBIA

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The highly organized hijacking angered a nation already fed up with peace talks that have gone nowhere, and appeared to be the last straw for Pastrana.

"It's not possible to sign agreements on one side while putting guns to the heads of innocent people on the other," Pastrana said.

In one of the most brazen attacks in a 38-year battle against the government, four rebels dressed in civilian clothes and armed with handguns seized control of the Aires airlines flight, forcing it to fly into southern Colombia.

Camouflaged-clad rebels met the plane as it landed on a narrow road near the town of Hobo, clipping small trees before it came to a stop. The waiting rebels then whisked away the four armed hijackers and Sen. Jorge Gachan Turbay, 50, president of the Colombian Senate's peace commission.

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LOS ANGELES

Sen. John McCain said Tuesday he had been "tainted" by donations from Global Crossing, but never acted improperly on behalf of the troubled telecommunications firm.

The Arizona senator has received more money from Global Crossing than any other member of Congress.

"I am tainted by this because I received money from them," McCain told reporters after addressing a luncheon in Los Angeles about the need for campaign finance reform.

"All politicians are under a cloud," he said, referring to campaign finance rules that allow corporations to give millions of dollars to both parties.

Global Crossing filed the fourth-largest bankruptcy case in U.S. history last month. The Securities and Exchange Commission and the FBI are investigating the company's accounting methods.

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McCain collected $31,000 from the firm's employees in March 1999 for his presidential campaign. The same month he urged the Federal Communications Commission to open the market for laying undersea fiber optic cable, a market controlled by AT&T that Global Crossing was trying to penetrate.

McCain said he never mentioned Global Crossing specifically to the FCC, but knew the firm would be the beneficiary of any reform.

McCain said his request to open the market, made when he was chair of the commerce committee, was in line with his long-standing goal of industry deregulation.

"My whole record has been for competition in telecom," he said. "I've written hundreds of letters to the FCC on behalf of firms that have never given me a dime."

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States may raise cigarette taxes

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Squeezed by the recession, nearly half of the states are looking at raising cigarette taxes to generate revenue and discourage people from smoking, too.

"We've never seen as many states looking at increasing cigarette taxes as a way to make up for fiscal deficits as we're seeing right now," said Janis Benton of the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Twenty-two states are considering proposals by governors or legislators to boost cigarette taxes, according to the group.

In Oregon, for example, Gov. John Kitzhaber is advocating a 50-cent-a-pack increase, despite protests from the tobacco industry that it would balance the state budget on the backs of smokers.

Kitzhaber spokesman Jon Condy said the governor -- a former emergency room physician -- views the tax increase as a "two-fer" for Oregon.

"It's a good way to bring in more money in the face of the recession," he said. "There is also a public health benefit. The higher the price of a pack of cigarettes, the fewer the smokers.

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Since 1993, the American Medical Association has advocated higher taxes on cigarettes as a way for states to raise hundreds of millions of dollars for state budgets while discouraging smoking. The idea picked up momentum after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks damaged the already weakened economy.

Health officials have attributed the drop in the U.S. adult smoking rate during the 1990s to a combination of high taxes, no-smoking laws and public service campaigns.

States that raise cigarette taxes hope to generate more revenue but stand to save money in the long run because health care costs associated with smoking diseases will go down as more people quit, said Dr. Thomas Houston, head of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

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Supporters of raising the cigarette tax here have tried to sell it as a kind of voluntary tax.

"If you don't want to pay for it, don't smoke," said Minnesota Governor Jesse Ventura, who wants to raise his state's cigarette tax by 29 cents.

So far, the Republicans who run the Oregon Legislature have rejected Kitzhaber's proposal to raise the cigarette tax, saying they are against any tax increases. Kitzhaber also wants to increase Oregon's beer and wine tax.

"Why not have a latte tax instead?" House Speaker Mark Simmons said. "It's very unfair to target one segment of society for tax increases. It's very demoralizing."

States that raise cigarette taxes not only generate more money in the long run but will also benefit from reduced health care costs associated with smoking diseases, according to the group.

"We characterize what's going on as tax profiling," said John Singleton, spokesman for R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. "You're taking a small percentage of the population and singling them out for an additional tax burden that ultimately benefits the entire state."

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Irish conflict offers perspective

Marilaya Sonnekener

I traveled to Belfast in Northern Ireland with the Ireland Program about two weeks ago. I think it may be the most interesting place I've ever been, both for its own sake and for the kind of light it gives to other hotspots of the world. Hopefully most people know some of the history of Northern Ireland, but I'll summarize it briefly anyway.

In 1921, the 26 counties of the Republic of Ireland were created from Britain, but at the cost of the partitioning of the six counties that make up Northern Ireland. These counties remained part of the United Kingdom, but they were predominately Unionist and Protestant. However, a full one-third of the population was Catholic. Over the next 80 years, Catholics in those counties were oppressed and often persecuted. Starting in the mid-1960s, for a variety of reasons, they began to fight back. The Irish Republican Army (IRA) was reborn, and for 30 years Northern Ireland experienced "The Troubles," guerrilla warfare between the IRA, Britain's army, and various forces and several Unionist paramilitaries.

During the next 30 years, 3,500 people lost their lives, often dying on the streets of Belfast, victims of shootings and bombs. Finally, in 1998, the most recent peace process started, and with the Good Friday agreement a cease-fire began. The violence in Northern Ireland has mostly stopped since then and the government is moving forward.

Our visit there was amazing. I had expected this place to be quiet and one that was no longer visible or perhaps never known. I quickly realized how wrong I was when our tour of Belfast began with the guide pointing out an empty lot and telling us that it used to be the forensics mortuary until the IRA blew it up.

The war that shook Belfast for so long is now in hidden way. Murals of paramilitary men with machine guns decorate hundreds of buildings, reflecting their willingness to die for the cause of all who pass by. Almost every corner has its story of death and every street has run with blood.

We met with a minister in the government of Northern Ireland and discussed the radical changes that the peace process has released. The former leader of the IRA is now a minister in the government. Thousands of prisoners convicted in connection with IRA and Unionist paramilitary activities have been released, meaning that there are literally hundreds of convicted terrorists on the streets in Northern Ireland. The concessions on both sides have been huge but necessary for peace.

Northern Ireland is fascinating in its own right. The play between causes that both sides deeply believe in and the conviction that fighting destroys the things worth living for is impressive to see. But Northern Ireland also opens up a unique perspective into the conflicts the United States is currently involved in — Afghanistan and Israel. The perspective that Northern Ireland gives on Israel is both hopeful and depressing. Northern Ireland shows that, no matter how sharp the division or how long the conflict, eventually people tire of the body bags. I find Northern Ireland hopeful because it lets me believe that eventually the people of Iran and Palestine will tire of war as well and will be ready to make the concessions necessary for peace.

However, the same situation makes me ask just how long it may take for that spiritual exhaustion to set in. Northern Ireland has been struggling to be free for more than 200 years. The sheer length of this fight is frightening because, though the results give one hope that the fight will end in Ireland, I have to wonder when that end will come. How many people will die before this time? How long will the Holy Land run with blood?

The perspective on Afghanistan is equally disturbing. I know I, growing up, always sided with the IRA, feeling that they were fighting for their freedom, religious and political. Historically, the American sympathy has been with the IRA. But the fact is that the methods they used — snipers, grenades, rockets, bombs — are the tools of terrorists. The IRA were terrorists, but because they were terrorists that we agreed with in some way, we called them rebels, revolutionaries and freedom fighters.

We are now a country firmly united against the evils of terrorism. Their means are cowardly, their ams evil and they represent all that is wrong with the human condition. But not more than 10 years ago, we were a country who not-so-secretly sided with a different set of terrorists. The juxta-position of the two is striking and alas, we are in this way forces us to ask some serious questions about our moral position. Can we truly claim the high ground against terrorism, or must we admit that we, too, have supported some shady fighters?

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Letter to the Editor

Knights misunderstand free speech

The letter from the Knights of Columbus printed Feb. 18, entitled, "Monologues" deny Catholic values," shows a complete misunderstanding for the concept of free speech. While the letter makes the claim that the group celebrates free speech, it is clear from the letter that they celebrate only speech with which they agree. Complaints about the legitimacy of "The Vagina Monologues" as a art claims that the play expresses views which oppose the Church simply lead me to believe that the Knights of Columbus wish to censor those views with which they disagree.

Free speech is not valuable because every instance of its use is admirable; free speech is valuable because it creates an environment for discourse in which individuals may freely make an informed decision about which idea is best. If "The Vagina Monologues" is "indecent," then we ought to welcome it here so that we may have an open discussion about why the play's thoughts do or do not coincide with Christian teaching.

Likewise, if a pro-choice speaker wishes to come to Notre Dame, I welcome that speaker. I welcome that person because I am pro-choice, but because I believe the discourse that follows makes it all the more apparent why one ought to be pro-life. Father Sorin wanted this to be a Catholic institution. The University is where the Church can do its best thinking. We are talking about the same church that, at one time, persecuted Galileo, forbid Catholics from reading "The Catcher in the Rye," and now some members of that church would like to forbid us from seeing "The Vagina Monologues." Do we not learn from our mistakes? God help us if the Knights of Columbus become the authority on what is and is not art.

Paul Schofeld

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Catholicism versus footballism

I received an e-mail asking, "If football is so important, then why are you a Catholic University, then what is this?" This raises the issue of the relation of theology to football, and it might be an interesting experiment to try to map out the options.

One: Notre Dame football is part of a larger sacramentality. One of the claims made about Catholicism is that it is a "sacramental" faith. Catholics believe that because God made the world, the world can be a visible sign of God’s ongoing activity. In the case of football, the solidarity, spirituality, and teachings displayed on the field can be a sign, however imperfect, of God’s presence among his people.

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Bare in mind Jesus’ humanity

"What’s the difference between Jesus and a picture frame?"

When my friend followed with the punchline to this joke at a party, everyone in the room groaned or laughed at the options.

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MOVIE REVIEW

'I'm not a singer, not yet an actress'

By C. SPENCER BEGGS
Scene Editor

"Crossroads" is abysmally bad. The trite MTV-bypassed movie delivers little more than tired fairy tales for teens that can't even deliver a remotely coherent message.

The movie begins by introducing three friends in sixth grade burying a shoebox of mementos that signify their aspirations for the future; the girls make a pact to dig it up at midnight on the day of their high school graduation. Flash forward, six years and the three friends, the nerdy and sexually curious valedictorian virgin Lucy (Britney Spears), prom queen perfectionist Kit (Zoe Saldana) and pregnant trailer-truck tough-girl Mimi (Taryn Manning), have drifted apart and are barley speaking to each other.

Lucy makes an unsuccessful attempt to lose her virginity, the three meet up to fulfill the pact (after Spears prances lithey around in her underwear for two scenes). When Mimi reveals that she is heading to California with the mysterious Ben (Anson Mount) to participate in an MTV open music audition, the other two girls push their differences on hold and come along to fulfill their childhood dreams: Lucy wanting to reunite with her estranged mother who lives (conveniently on the way) in Los Angeles.

Of course, following in the footsteps of every teen road trip movie, the girls are required to use their wit and wiz to make it to Cali; hilarity ensues — at least that's what it seems the film intends. In fact, "Crossroads" either has depressing subject or it is simply not funny. Most of the laughs come from smart-ass comments audience members yell at the screen.

The movie mostly takes place in conversations in between and in Ben's '70s cruiser (an automobile that apparently has a magic radio that always tunes in at the beginning of all pop songs and in which nobody, including the pregnant woman, ever needs to wear a seatbelt). Even with cockamamie excuses to have two musical numbers and two sex scenes with Spears (scenes that conveniently cut away before anything interesting happens), the movie drags its entire 90 minutes to a lackluster conclusion.

The real problem with "Crossroads" is screenplay writer Shonda Rhimes' atrocious script. While the characters have relatively complex, albeit predictable, relationships and motivations, Rhimes throws so many issues into the mix that they can only be addressed by the bluntest delivery possible. Every line contains far too much background information to be remotely believable as a real piece of dialogue.

After the arduous and conveniently recurring "singing along to the radio in the car" scenes, the plot can only be advanced by jump cutting to scenes in which the characters have been involved in a conversation for a number of hours, but the audience enters at the crucial moment.

The producers of "Crossroads" seem to think that this technique gives them license to start scenes with overly philosophical lines. The characters appear to be all too willing to tell their whole life stories at the drop of a hat, a convention that leads to some jarringly cumbersome and unrealistic lines.

Of course, audiences shouldn't be surprised by movie's blatant disrespect for their intelligences. After all, the theme song of "Crossroads" is Spears' "I'm Not a Girl, Not Yet a Woman." MTV Films couldn't have been more literal with the image they are attempting to force feed the inexperienced teen target demographic.

Further, "Crossroads" fails to make an intelligent or touching point. In the end, all the girls have a perfect resolution to their problems, which remarkably degrades the significance of the heavy issues the movie wishes to address such as rape, teenage pregnancy, fidelity and chastity.

Incidentally, Spears proves herself to be an adequate actress; after all, she does play Britney Spears everyday. But even Spears' perky "out of innocent" breasts (which drastically change size throughout the movie) cannot save "Crossroads" from forever being referred to as Britney's biggest bust ever.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Comedy 'Super' team needs backup

By MATT NANIA
Scene Movie Editor

In an age when a teen comedy film is released every other week and the kind of toilet humor made famous (or at least re-invented) by the Farrelly Brothers has uncomfortably found its home on Hollywood Boulevard, "Super Troopers" seems to have a lot going for it.

Not the product of some major studio, "Super Troopers" is the work of the Broken Lizard comedy troupe (think Kids in the Hall but less bizarre) and was picked up by Fox Searchlight after being screened at last year's Sundance Film Festival.

While the potential is there for perhaps another "Caddyshack," the movie falls way short of the mark, quickly resorting to the over-the-top nature that teen films generally adhere to.

The opening scene of the movie is taken right out of the trailer: Three stoned college kids are heading to Canada when they are pulled over by the local Highway Patrol.

This segment has to rank as the best scene in the movie, with a close second being the flashback clip shown as the credits are rolling. As for the stuff in between, it's mostly hit and miss.

The story is of the shallow "Police Academy" variety: Broken Lizard's cast members (Jay Chandrasekhar, Kevin Heffernan, Steve Lemme, Paul Soter and Erik Stolhanske) play Vermont highway patrolmen who manage to enjoy their job only after they pull stunts on unsuspecting civilian drivers. They're more willing to see their interrogation of the driver than their duties to the corrupt local police force.

But don't get too bogged down by the plot, since enjoyment of the movie hinges on everything but logic. The story itself is just a premise to string together a series of gags that amount to not much more than high school-style pranks and hazing exercises.

Like their adolescent brethren, Broken Lizard dive head-on into jokes ranging from rampant drug and alcohol abuse and masturbation to bestiality (pretending to have sex with a bear is pure cinematic genius).

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Biggest in the East

For 5 years, the women's swim team has dominated the Big East Championships. Now, the Irish want to take on the nation.

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Sports Writer

Sitting around their house last one weekend, Carrie Nixon and Tara Weathers had to be the big fish swimming best in the country, but to get there, Notre Dame has had to be an NCAA-focused team," co-captain Maureen Hillenmeyer said. "It's a goal that has been casually tossed around on the team since the current senior class came in to Notre Dame in 1997. It's a goal that has already known — that they had the capacity to compete on a national level.

Since landing a No. 13 national ranking in the spring of the season, the women's swimming and diving team has been a major to command the respect of national-caliber programs. They may dream of being among the powerhouse team, their confidence was always been there. If you look at a meet they have ever had going into the conference meet is a relatively new phenomenon, the swimmers who have gone from the conference have been successful, Nixon said.

"We don't send a lot of swimmers, but the ones we do send make a lot of noise," he said.

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"It's not known as a swimming conference, but it's definitely headed in that direction," Nixon said. "It takes one team breaking out, one team being on the NCAA podium for the first time in '97, Nixon remembers stopping on deck with a team in 1998 that wasn't sure it could repeat. The thought of making a team presence at NCAAs wasn't even an afterthought.

"It was a big thing for them to win," said Nixon, the only fifth-year senior on the 2002 squad. "They weren't sure if they could do it again."

The shift in attitude on the team since then has been apparent, Nixon said.

"Since my freshman year, we've wanted to move to be an NCAA-focused team," co-captain Riggs said. "Each year, we become a little more and more. This year, we saw the talent in our team, and the coach saw the talent in our team. We just needed to see it in each other... and we have."

"We really believe that we belong in NCAAs," Nixon said. "We've said that in our meet, we belong with those girls, we belong with them. Here we just said that we hope we make the meet. It's a huge mental difference."

Biggest in the East

They may dream of being among the best in the country, but to get there, Notre Dame has had to be the big fish swimming in a small pond. Capturing its first Big East Championship in 1997, Notre Dame has quickly established its dominance in a conference that hasn't been a top contender at the NCAA Championships.

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Stay in the Fast Lane

The ultimate goal for the championship this weekend is getting as many people qualified as possible for the NCAA meet in March.

Eight swimmers — seniors Heeking, Nixon, Allison Lloyd, sophomores Lisa D'Oliver, Laurie Musgrave, Lisa Garcia and freshmen Kristen Peterson and Kelli Barton — have all made consideration times for the meet, and sophomore Marie Labosky has already earned an automatic time in the 400-yard individual medley at Bob's Aquatic Center earlier this season.

Nixon, the conference record holder in the 100-yard freestyle, will be contested by Miami's Manon Van Rooijen, currently ranked ahead of Nixon by more than a second.

But if they can bring home another trophy, they know that even though it's a familiar feeling to win, it never gets old.

"Each race is a different race, each year is a different year," Nixon said. "You feel different, you race different, every time. To stand up there you say, 'I overcame the problems this year.' It really never gets old."
Strength in numbers

By seeing the most swimmers of any Big East team, the Irish look to reclaim their runner-up finish

By SHEILA EGTS

The Irish swimmers are pulling out their razor blades and shaving cream this week to trim more than just the hair on their faces. Like all the 50-yard freestyle and 100-yard butterfly events.

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The shaving process — a ritual for male swimmers — is done once a season, right before the championship meet. By making the skin slicker, it can trim valuable fractions of seconds off race times.

But with a deep team of 20 swimmers and three divers traveling to compete at Big East, the Irish have a greater advantage than just silky smooth legs.

According to head coach Tim Welsh, the Irish appear positioned for a strong showing at Big East. Although none of his swimmers are seeded first in any event, the team qualified more swimmers and one more diver than any other team.

Since the Irish returned to campus in November after training in Florida, the men have accumulated four consecutive dual meet victories and posted consistent faster times each week.

"Our training camp was a springboard to increase our momentum," said sophomore freestyler Matt Obinger. "We bonded and we have really been working as a unit since then."

The Irish will ride this momentum as they attempt to race their way back to the No. 2 spot in the Big East. They will focus on battling closely-ranked Virginia Tech, while closing the gap on Pittsburgh, the defending champion.

The Irish placed second in 1999 and 2000, but they walked away with an unexpected fourth-place team finish last year, only a half a point ahead of the defending champion.

"The fourth-place finish really took us by surprise last season," said senior freestyler Austin Anderson. "We felt we gave the meet away in areas that we shouldn’t have."

According to Welsh, the Irish face a tightly packed field and competition from second place down to seventh, and scoring the meet on paper right now would give second place to Virginia Tech.

"We’ve been over this meet so many times and the other teams are clearly seeded ahead of us in the relays," said Welsh. "So that is an indicator of how the season has gone, but in real life it just means the race is on."

The competitive entry times have not festered the Irish, who are feeling up to the occasion after a team meeting for motivation and goal setting on Feb. 11.

Senior co-captain Mike Koss said the team voiced nothing but positive comments and support, emphasizing its strength in numbers.

"We ended our meeting with the typical Irish cheer and I remember it being resoundingly loud," said Koss. "We’ve got no injuries, no sickness and nothing holding us back."

In addition to depth, the team is looking towards standout seniors Andy Maggio and Jason Fitzpatrick for major contributions towards the scoreboard. Maggio has led the team with consistently high scores all year, and set University records in the last several dual meets.

Based on his improved times over the past three years, Fitzpatrick is confident that he will also be considered for a possible NCAA invitation in the 100- or 200-yard freestyle.

Obinger scored points for the Irish last year with eighth-place finishes in the 200- and 500-yard freestyle, but he is looking to place in the top five coming back as a sophomore.

The outcome will also rely heavily on the team’s strength in the relays and distance events with big performances from senior co-captain Jonathan Pierce.

Pierce will challenge defending champion Eric Limkemann of Pittsburgh in the 1,650-yard freestyle Saturday to reclaim the first-place title he held both freshman and sophomore year. Pierce is seeded third in the event, but he has an entry time less than a second shy of Virginia Tech’s Greg Kubovic.

"I think I became complacent after winning both my freshman and sophomore year, but I am really gunning for first this time," said Pierce.

The Big East race also marks the last shot Pierce has to gain an invitation to the NCAA Championships in late-March. Pierce has been within consideration time for the 1,600-yard freestyle for the past two years, but not close enough to make the automatic cut.

"Qualifying (for NCAA) has been a huge goal for me since my freshman year," said Pierce. "I think the best way to get there is to focus and keep doing it for the team. You feel so much faster if you are doing it for the team rather than for individual times."

After four years of coaching Pierce, Welsh praised him for the disciplined work ethic he has maintained throughout his entire senior season and hopes Pierce will swim a lifetime best time at Big East.

"It would be a wonderful tribute to his career if he could qualify," said Welsh. Pierce is the only one of Notre Dame’s five seniors who has this opportunity for an extended season with an NCAA invitation. For the rest, this last career swim is a nostalgic experience.

Senior David Horak, seeded third in the 100-yard backstroke, was sick with mononucleosis last season and was not able to race at Big East. Horak said the pressure from a fast, condensed group of swimmers will make the race exciting and hopes to finish his career on a high note.

"It was hard watching my teammates and not being able to swim myself (last year)," said Horak. "It’s been two years since I’ve had a big meet and I just want to show everyone on the team, in the Big East and back home that I can still do it."

The realization of this last meet has not set in for senior Elliot Drury, who has family traveling to New York from the West Coast to support him at Big East.

"During my three years, I never thought about what it would be like to be swimming my last race," said fellow senior Anderson. "I don’t think it will hit me until I step out of the pool for the last time on Saturday."

Koss will be competitive in the 200-yard breaststroke, but emphasized the that the team goals are more important to him as he leads his team in this final meet.

"This is a culmination of all my training and all of my experiences," said Koss. "As senior captain, it’s about more than just fast times. It’s about getting the team involved, pushing other guys and seeing our team do well as a whole."

The meet begins this morning with preliminaries at 10:30 a.m. and with finals at 6:30 p.m.

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# Performances to watch

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<td>Heather Mattingly</td>
<td>The most decorated diver at Notre Dame, Mattingly looks to crack into the top places of Big East diving competition. After a fifth place on the 3-meter board and a sixth place on the 1-meter board last year, the senior wants to end with a high finish.</td>
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<td>Marie Labosky</td>
<td>Labosky earned her ticket to the NCAA Championship in the 400-yard individual medley swimming against Olympian Maddy Crippen. Losing to Villanova's Crippen by a hundredth of a second, Labosky will look to defeat her at the championship.</td>
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<td>Kelly Hecking</td>
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<td>Andy Maggio</td>
<td>Seeded first in both the 1- and 3-meter diving events, Maggio will draw attention and points for the Irish. He has led the team in diving all year and set Notre Dame records in several of the final dual meets of the regular season.</td>
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## Relays

The Irish relays will be a crucial component at Big East because relay events are scored higher than individual races. To place high in team standings, the Irish will have to be a force in the relay events.
MR: The premise of "John Q" is simplistic: A desperate father with an inadequate HMO policy will do anything to keep his child alive, in this case, taking a hospital emergency room hostage until the powers that be agree to give his son a heart transplant. The previews prepare viewers for some clichéd melodrama, plenty of schmaltzy taglines and a heart-felted plot, but most, like myself, probably assumed that the gifted cast could pull it off anyway. So now I'm left to wonder how, with such talent involved, could this film have gone so wrong?

PC: It's called bad direction. "Q" cannot be taken seriously because director Nick Cassavetes takes a good premise and in moments that are ripe with tension, drowns the drama in lame jokes and cornball dialogue. Cassavettes is a gifted pitcher, whose precision is a direct result of over-consciously aiming when he should be instinctively throwing.

MR: From the film's opening sequence set to off-putting opera music that doesn't match the onscreen action, he never finds the correct tone to tell his story. These stylistic errors, however, nicely compliment the poor editing and implausible plot from which the film also suffers. For instance, the critical scene in which John single-handedly seizes control of the emergency room is jumpy and hard to follow. The lack of establishing shots and minimal verbal explanation make it impossible for the viewer to know where John and his captives are in relation to the rest of the hospital, which presumably includes his family.

PC: Taking over an entire hospital shouldn't be as easy as chaining two doors and getting an obese rent-a-cop to shut down the elevator. Most hospitals are like mini-cities, with a network of corridors, exits, back-up power supplies and insufficient parking. Except for Cassavetes Memorial, which has all the complexity of a Lego lemon-stand.

MR: We could spend all day nit-picking the logistical blunders, but let's turn to the thematic problems. The injunctions of U.S. privatized healthcare seems to provide more than enough fodder for dramatic rhetoric and social commentary (which the film takes advantage of), yet Cassavettes feels it necessary to comment on every supplies and insufficient parking. Except for Cassavetes Memorial, which has all the complexity of a Lego lemon-stand.

PC: Cassavettes may not have written the sappy outbursts and divergent ideological diatribes that pop up throughout the dialogue, but he certainly allowed them to make the final cut. About the only thing that Cassavettes did capably was keep race out of the issue. The trials of a black family against the American healthcare system are always going to have the whiff of subduper racism; but Washington's John Archibald never seems racially motivated. The Archibald's best friends are white; they worship with whites; John is turned down for a second job by a black man, pursued by a black policeman and holds both blacks and whites among the hostages. The race card is about the only one Cassavettes leaves in the deck by the film's end.

MR: I don't know about that. Maybe he didn't play the card, but he certainly flashed it a little. He keeps the minor characters racially balanced in both positive and negative lights, but it seems like he purposefully did that to blur the situation and make it OK that all the real villains of the film are rich, privileged whites.

PC: Yes, the different races are there, but their characters are otherwise so stock that any implication is never developed. They're bland enough, in fact, that Washington and Liotta could arguably swap roles without drastically altering the plot.

MR: Please. Denzel is a well-respected actor. Liotta has become a complete caricature of the presence he once commanded as an actor. His recent acting choices, most notably his role in "Hannibal" and his guest appearances on "Just Shoot Me," have turned him into a Hollywood joke. What you fail to acknowledge, Mel, in a glaring oversight, is that to blur the situation and make it OK that all the real villains of the film are rich, privileged whites.

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PC: How about, "You're outta the family." As Lieutenant Frank Grimes, Duvall is supposed to look like a grit­ zled Windy City cop but uses an inexplicable accent to deliver lines that are thin crust when they should be Chicago deep dish. His bickering is half-hearted, his con­ cessions come easy and, for a supposed hostage negotia­ tor expert of 35 years, he shows all the poise of a space monkey. Name value or not, all of the actors under­ achieve.

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Mel and Paul remind you that guns don’t kill people, but movies like this one might. Contact them at mrauch@nd.edu and pcamarat@nd.edu.

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A play in strange company

The Moreau Seminary produces 'The Odd Couple' this weekend

By KATIE RAND
Scene Writer

By watching co-directors Nate Farley and Matthew Vereecke observe their actors during a rehearsal, it is easy to see why the pair chose this production. Farley, up-front and not hesitant to speak his mind, makes Vereecke look quiet and reserved. It is feeling then, that the production being put on by the Moreau Seminary Players this year is 'The Odd Couple.'

The Seminary picks up the cost of the play out of its yearly budget, so every penny earned at the door is donated directly to the missions.

"The play doesn't cost much to put on," Farley, a Moreau Seminary candidate, said. "The scripts were cheap, the rights were inexpensive, and we made the set directly to the missions.

The budget did not have a negative effect on the play however because the set only needs to resemble the living room of a third floor apartment, a task that did not prove to be too difficult. The director of maintenance at the Seminary built the set's walls, and the two red doors are from last year's Pasquerilla East Music Company's production of 'Guys and Dolls.'

"The Odd Couple," Felix and Oscar are two contentious and unlikely roommates.

When Felix shows up at the guys' poker night after being kicked out of his house by his wife, the sloppy bachelor Oscar takes him in.
PHILADELPHIA — Golden State center Mark Jackson expanded his trade list Wednesday to include Utah, Los Angeles, New Jersey, Toronto, Phoenix and acquired Rodney Rogers and Doug Christie.

Jackson has the right to veto any trade, and he has expanded his original list of three equal teams — Memphis, Indiana and Orlando — to include New York, Philadelphia and Phoenix, along with Detroit, Jazz, Nets, Bucks and Sonics.

"I would think that there's a good chance he'll probably get traded. That's what he wants, and to a certain degree that's what we want," Golden State coach Brian Winters said.

So while it appeared that Jackson would get his wish before Thursday's 6 p.m. NBA trading deadline, the prospects of Nick Van Exel getting traded were dealt a serious blow when he refused to work through guaranteed money to satisfy the Boston Celtics, who were prepared to make a deal with Denver.

Van Exel had said he would forfeit some of his guaranteed $26.5 million over the final two years of his contract, which runs through the 2004-05 season.

"I think we can confirm that is accurate that Nick is not willing to give up what Boston is asking — guaranteed salary protection for two years," said Van Exel's agent, Scott Bottem. "It's getting to the point where I'm doubting whether anything will get done."

The door closed, the Celtics made a deal with Phoenix and acquired Rogers, a forward, and Delk, a guard, for rookie Joe Johnson, veterans Randy Brown and Milt Palacio and a Boston's No. 1 pick in the upcoming draft.

The deal gives the Celtics a pair of players who can score from the outside, one of whom, Rogers, also is a muscular addition to Boston's frontline.

Johnson, a rookie from Arkansas selected 10th overall in last June's draft, had seen his role reduced recently in reduced action.

The surprising Celtics are one of the top teams in the East Conference with a record of 31-23. They are five games behind the Nets, whose president, Rod Thorn, now acknowledges that the team had no desire to add another big body.

That body, and that desire, belonged to Jackson, who sat out his 16th consecutive game Wednesday as the Warriors played Philadelphia. He was hoping it would be his final night in a Warriors uniform.

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SKELETON

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Shea's victory gave the United States a record seven gold medals with four days to go in the games. Americans have won six gold four times at the Winter Olympics, most recently at the 1998 Games.

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Associated Press

PAIK CITY, Utah

Jimmy Shea is convinced that Gramps had something to do with this.

There's no doubt in his mind. He was trilling by the slimmest of margins, the skeleton gold medal slipping away. Then, in the final yards — somehow, some way he made up the time and zoomed to victory.

"I think my grandfather had some unfinished business down here," Shea said. "Now he can go up to heaven."

With his grandfather's funeral card tucked inside his helmet, Shea did indeed win the gold, finishing the two runs at Utah Olympic Park in 1 minute, 42.15 seconds.

Thus culminated an emotional two months. Shea's victory gave the United States a second medal in skeleton, in which competitors race head-to-head with split-second margins.

"I think his Gramp was there giving him that magic," Shea said. "I think his Gramp was there giving him that power."

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HOCKEY

Americans win 5-0, prepare for Russia

Associated Press

WEST VALLEY CITY, Utah

Now, the rematch.

Jon LeClair, losing a tooth but not his scoring touch, and line­mate Brett Hull each scored a goal and the United States closed within a victory of its first Olympic hockey medal since 1980, beating Germany 5-0 Wednesday.

Mike Modano, the third member of the productive U.S. top line, had two assists, while Jeremy Roenick, Chris Chelios and Tony Amonte also scored to back Mike Richter's 25-save effort in goal.

The United States plays Russia on Friday in a semifinal rematch of their 3-2 tie Saturday that drew the largest U.S. TV audience for hockey since the 1980 Olympics.

And how's this for coincidence: Not only is Herb Brooks back in the U.S. coach, just as he was in 1980, but Friday is the 22nd anniversary of the "Miracle on Ice" — America's 4-3 Olympic upset of the seemingly unbeatable Soviet Union hockey machine.

There was an upset of historic magnitude in Wednesday's quarterfinals but, this time, it didn't involve the United States. Just before the Americans took the ice, Belarus stunned previously unbeaten Sweden 4-3 to elimi­nate a potential finalist.

If nothing else, that upset fur­ther focused the Americans' attention on Germany, which, just as Belarus, played its way through the preliminaries into the round of eight before going 0-3-in round-robin play.

Just as they have throughout their 3-0-1 Olympic run in which they've outscored opponents 21-3, the Americans moved the puck well to generate plenty of scoring chances without relaxing defensively. It's that kind of team­work that was missing when they failed to win a medal at the 1998 Nagano Olympics.

German coach Hans Zach, who played on the 1980 West German team that lost 4-2 to Brooks' gold medalsists, talked beforehand about welcoming the chance to play the Americans.

And the Germans came out playing aggressively and physically, so much so they drew 33 penalty minutes in the first period.

LeClair lost a tooth when struck by Erich Goldmann's wayward stick in the first period, with Goldmann drawing a high-sticking penalty and a game misconduct. LeClair was rammed in the face again by a stick in the second period, causing him to slam his own stick into the glass in frustration.

Still, that didn't prevent LeClair from scoring one of three U.S. goals in a span of 2:05 of the second that made it 5-4 and caused Zach to pull goalie Marc Seliger. The goalie Zach pre­ferred to play — Olaf Kolzig of the Washington Capitals — sat by himself in the stands, out with a pre-Olympics injury.

It took awhile to get it, but Roenick scored the first American goal at 13.06 of the first, or 5 1/2 minutes into an extended power play that includ­ed two 3-on-3 advantages. Roenick broke his stick, rushed to the bench to get a new one, then returned to put a one-timer of Brian Rafalski's pass through Seliger's pads from the right circle.

Chelios, the team captain and the oldest U.S. player at 40, scored on a shot from inside the blue line in the first minute of the second period. Amonte and LeClair later scored 32 seconds apart.

PARK CITY, Utah

The third-generation Olympian won gold in the event. American Jimmy Shea races down the track in the skeleton event Wednesday. The third-generation Olympian won gold in the event.
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Feed Your Soul

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Most of us, when we sit down to eat, or at least when we remember to, begin by praying, “Bless us, O Lord, and these thy gifts...”. Think about that. We don’t say “Bless us, O Lord, and this thy food” for a reason. Because God’s gifts to us reach so far beyond the dining table. From the classroom to the weightroom to the dormroom, we can see the fruits of God’s love for us in our relationships with ourselves, our loved ones, and even complete strangers. Yet our Christian faith is centered around the very table that Jesus shared with His disciples at the last supper, which we re-enact and celebrate every day in the Eucharist.

With how busy our lives are, and how rapidly and unpredictably our schedules shift from day to day, eating is one of the few rituals we engage in on such a regular basis. How blessed we are to have the opportunity three times a day — often more — to nourish our bodies and minds as we prepare to take on the next few hours of the day.

Now, how enriching would it be if we could just pause to give thanks for all the gifts he has given us today, and to ask him for strength in what lies ahead, three times a day, or more? We know that our bodies will suffer if we neglect our physical hunger. Will not our souls, too, then suffer if we deny ourselves the chance to refuel spiritually throughout the day? Whether we take the time to acknowledge it or not, God is present in our lives on a pretty consistent basis, too.

Now I suggest to you: what if every time we ate, we took a minute to recall all the blessings our lives have seen since the last time we ate, and all the occasions for God’s grace we will encounter before we sit down to eat again? What a beautiful opportunity to become more aware of God’s presence in our lives. Because after all, isn’t that what prayer is all about? From now on, every time we sit down to a meal, let us thank God for walking that last leg of life’s journey with us, invite Him to sit down, take off His sandals, and share this meal with us, and then ask Him if He wouldn’t just love to get up and accompany us on the rest of our journey, or at least until we next sit down to share another meal.

Nadia’s reflection on praying before meals is a great illustration of the creativity people of faith have employed through the centuries to discover ways of encountering God in our daily lives. A prayer can be as simple as “Hey, God, it’s me.” It can be as rich and choreographed as the Basilica liturgies during Holy Week. Ultimately, however, God speaks all of these prayer “languages” and more. He is capable of hearing a sincere prayer in any form at any time.

This Saturday, in effort to nurture a mature life of prayer, No Greater Love will give each of us an opportunity to experience a wide range of prayer styles. Some of these prayer forms, like lectio divina and Ignatian meditation, have been practiced by Christians for centuries. Others have taken on contemporary elements like Taize and Adoration with “praise and worship” style music. Others still are traditional prayers of the Church, no Greater Love will help. Come experience something new.

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Olympics

Belarus stuns Sweden in hockey upset

Associated Press

Thursday, February 21, 2002

The shot couldn't possibly go in, but it did. Sweden couldn't possibly lose, but it did. And the kind of upset that couldn't possibly happen with NHL players now dominating the Olympics is a reality.

Vladimir Kopat scored on a 78-foot shot that bounced wildly off goalie Tommy Salo's head with only 2:24 remaining and Belarus scored one of the greatest upsets in Olympic history Wednesday, beating Sweden 4-3 in the hockey quarterfinals.

Yes, Belarus believes in miracles, too.

"For sure, it is a miracle for us," Belarus goalie Andrei Mezin said. "But sometimes a gun without bullets can shoot." And that was us. We've made our place in history.

In a stunning game reminiscent of the United States' "Miracle on Ice" over the Soviet Union in 1980, Belarus won despite being outscored 16-2 in its previous two games and being a 30-million-to-1 shot to win the gold medal.

The only comparable upsets in Olympic hockey history were the United States' 4-3 victory over Sweden in 1994 and Great Britain's 2-1 win over Canada in 1936.

"I don't understand how we could lose against this team," Swedish captain Mats Sundin said.

As the game ended, the stunned Swedes — easily the best team in the Olympics until now, with a 3-0 record and impressive wins over Canada and the Czech Republic — stood silently as the Belarusian players swarmed Mezin, who stopped 44 shots.

Mezin played for five U.S. minor league teams before giving up on any chance at the NHL and now plays for Berlin in the German elite league.

"He played the game of his life," Swedish coach Barry Trotz said. "For some reason, we did not have the strength to beat him."

Belarus, which survived a week of preliminary round play just to reach the field of eight and then was ousted 22-6 in its three pool-play games, had lost its two most recent goals to Sweden in the United States and Finland.

During practice Tuesday, Belarus coach Vladimir Krikunov reminded his players of the 1980 U.S. victory, although he didn't realistically think a team with only one NHL player could beat a team as good as Sweden.

After the pre-game kickoff, Krikunov said he only wanted a respectable showing as the still-developing former Soviet republic builds a sports program.

How's this for respectable? Belarus will play the winner of Wednesday's Canada-Finland game in the semifinals Friday.

"For sure, it is a great, historic day for our country," Krikunov said.

In Sweden, however, the TT news agency called the loss "Sweden's worst ever Olympic fiasco," comparing it to the Swedish national soccer team's loss to Japan in the 1936 Summer Olympics.

"It's a devastating loss for us and our country," Swedish forward Marcus Naslund said.

Sweden, which didn't play with any desperation or fear until the third period, had tied it at 3 on Sundin's goal at 7:56 of the third. But Kopat's game-winning shot, which will be replayed countless times, came from the Olympic rings along the right wing boards near midice and ricocheted off Salo's headgear, bounced behind him and scooted into the net as he looked dastardly behind him for it.

"It was just a shot from the red line and... well, that's what happened," said Kopat, who seemed as incredulous about the goal as anyone.

Even Russian coach Vladimir Krikunov, Belarus' only NHL player said afterward, "It was a lucky goal."

"The shot hit me somewhere around my neck, and I thought I could get a glove on it," Salo said. "I didn’t feel it hit my back, but somehow it went in."

Despite Nilsson's prophetic admonition that "It's a quarterfinal and you never know," the game started predictably with a Nicklas Lidstrom power-play goal at 3:10 of the first period.

But Sweden, so fast and efficient before, got sloppy and careless after that, once allowing a goal while on a 5-on-3 advantage. Sweden, so fast and efficient before, got sloppy and careless after that, once allowing a goal while on a 5-on-3 advantage.

"We should have put this team away in the first or second period," Sundin said.

Oleg Romanyuk tied it with Belarus still down a man, scoring short-handed on a slap shot from the top of the right circle at 7:47 of the first.

Dmitry Dudik scored during a two-man advantage later in the period to give Belarus a 2-1 lead.

Right about then, Belarus began to play as if it thought it could win. To counter Sweden's dynamic "torpedo" system, Belarus counter-attacked aggressively to take advantage of the Swedes' reliance on one defenseman as an extra forward.

Michael Nylander tied it for Sweden later in the period, but Belarus regained the lead when Andrei Kovalev stole the puck at midice and beat Salo — the hero of Sweden's 1994 gold medal shootout victory over Canada — on a breakaway at 2:47 of the third period.

It is the second quarterfinal upset loss for Sweden in as many Olympics. Finland beat the defending champion Swedes 2-1 in 1998.
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either. In addition to helping their team to a top three finish, the Belles’ strongest swimmers could also find themselves in a place where they would qualify to compete in the nationals competition in March.

Junior Lauren Smith, with a few seconds knocked off her time, could take home a first place finish and a bid for nationals in the 200-meter breaststroke.

"I think Lauren Smith has a shot in the 200 breaststroke," Petroff said. "She needs time to drop, but I’ve seen time drops from tapers of four seconds."

The class of 2004 will also send in two threats this weekend. Megan Ramsey and Maureen Palchak could also find themselves on champions by the end of the three-day meet on Saturday. Palchak has a chance to win in her sprint events, but Ramsey is really the most likely to finish in a top spot.

"I think Meg Ramsey has a very legitimate shot, if not two, possibly even three, in the 50 free and both butterfly events," Petroff said.

Wednesday night the team had a chance to get into the pool and get used to host school Hope’s facilities. After spending four months getting used to facilities in South Bend, Petroff gave his team some valuable advice on Tuesday night.

"Get in, take your time, get to know the blocks, get to know the walls. You’ve sworn for four months on these gutters, now you’re going someplace different. Make it familiar."

Competition kicks off today at 11 a.m. preliminaries in the 200 free relay, 500 freestyle, 200 individual medley, 50 freestyle, 200 medley relay and 3-meter diving. Finals in those events will be tonight at 6 p.m.

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Ty Trysk youths for a shot at pros

Ty Tryon won’t be competing in the Byron Nelson Classic this May. He was forced to turn down an invitation from one the game of golf’s most revered legends because he has “other obligations.” Tryon, a 17-year-old high school junior won’t play that weekend because he wants to attend the prom. Now every high school kid wants to go to the prom. Tryon can’t be blamed for that. What Tryon can be blamed for is his much debated decision to join the PGA Tour at an age where he’s just old enough to drive, and just young enough to still have a stubborn acne problem.

However, ability is not the issue. Tryon’s game is beyond his scant few years. At the pressure-packed event that is the six-round PGA Tour Qualifying School, Tryon shot a dazzling 66 to capture a Tour card and the exempt status that comes with it. He’s armed with 300-yard drives, a reliable putter, and well over $1 million in endorsement contracts from the likes of Callaway and Target.

Tyron, however, paid dearly for his bounty; he sacrificed his amateur status, eliminating his ability to play college golf. Tryon is playing to avoid it. While Tryon calls his girlfriend, the other members are calling their investment gurus. How’s a high school kid going to fit in with those guys? What do they talk about to bridge the age gap?

Tyron apparently knows better than guys like Tiger, though he’s won almost nothing of importance in the junior ranks. He’ll never get to go an SYR or sit in a dorm room with his buddies sipping a lukewarm Natty Light. For Tryon, 40th at Tour won’t be a cause for Friday celebration, but rather a bad number on the back nine in the second round. He’s made the quantum leap from precocious teenager to full-fledged adulthood, and there’s no crossing back. Guys on the tour play for keeps and for their livelihoods. These guys are fathers, playing to send their kids to college. Tryon is playing to avoid it. While Tryon calls his girlfriend, the other members are calling their investment gurus. How’s a high school kid going to fit in with those guys? What do they talk about to bridge the age gap?

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**Irish shoot best round of tourney**

> Final round 311 moves team into seventh place

The Notre Dame women's golf team shot a final round 311 (2 strokes better than their previous best round of the tournament) to finish in seventh place at the Texas A&M-Corpus Christi Spring Invitational in the season opening tournament for the Irish.

The final round 311 gave Notre Dame a 54-hole total of 979 (332-336-313) and left the Irish 27 strokes behind the tournament's team champion Texas-El Paso. UTEP shot a final round 296 to come from 12 strokes behind to edge Texas A&M-Corpus Christi by four strokes and the tournament win.

UTEP finished with a 952 (329-327-296) on the 5,796-yard, par 72 Kings Crossing course. Texas A&M-Corpus Christi shot a closing round of 312 after opening rounds of 323-334-312 for a 956 mark.

The University of Kansas finished third with a 969 (329-327-293) on the 5,796-yard course. Texas A&M-Corpus Christi was fifth with a 969 (323-334-312).

Notre Dame was led by freshman Karen Loita, who tied for ninth after her final round three-over par 75 that gave her a 54-hole total of 239 which was nine strokes behind tournament medalist Ashlie Simmons of McAllen CC. Simmons finished final round of even-par 72 gave her a 54-hole total of 238 which was nine strokes behind Loita.

In the opening round, the Irish shot a par 72 with rounds of 84 and 80. The Irish had two other golfers finish in the top 20. Junior Terri Talbdi and sophomore Rebecca Rogers tied for 20th with 244 totals.

Shannon Byrne tied for 24th with a 246 (84-82-80) to finish fourth among Irish golfers. Freshman Casey Rotella tied for 39th as an individual entrant with a 251 (85-83-83). Kristin McMurtie tied for 44th with a 253 (83-87-83) and Lauren Jacobs tied for 51st after shooting rounds of 89, 88 and 80 for a 257 total.

The Irish return to action in two weeks when they travel to the Tulane Green Wave Women's Golf Classic on March 4-5. The tournament will be played at the Lakewood Country Club in New Orleans, La.

**Iverson drills Warriors for 46**

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA

Allen Iverson scored 46 points, reaching 40 for the fifth time this season and the 38th time in his career as the Philadelphia 76ers defeated the turnover- prone Golden State Warriors 114-107 Wednesday night.

Matt Harpring tied his season- high with 25 points, Diikembe Mutombo had 18, and Eric Snow added 12 assists and 11 rebounds for the 76ers, who never led by more than four points in the fourth quarter until the final 2 1/2 minutes.

Danny Fortson had 18 for the Warriors, who kept the game close for much of the fourth quarter but repeatedly made mistakes, including sloppy turnovers and ill-advised shots after coming up with defensive stops and blocked shots on seven of eight Warrior shots.

Golden State blocked three shots in the span of a minute with less than four minutes left, each leading to a possession that ended with a turnover or a miss.

Iverson shot 14-of-36 from the field and 16-20 from the line in reaching 40 points for the first time since Jan. 25 when he had 47 at Boston. He capped his night with a breakaway dunk with 17.5 seconds left.

Harpring tied his season-high by making two free throws with 1:56 left for a 103-97 lead, and Iverson drove for a three-point play with 1:44 left after the Warriors committed their eighth turnover of the quarter. Golden State finished with 22 turnovers.

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Harpring shot 11-for-21 and added nine rebounds.

Golden lost its fourth in a row overall, its ninth straight on the road and its 19th in 22 games.

The game stayed close until Iverson and Harpring led a 17-3 run that gave Philadelphia an 84-75 lead. Iverson had 34 points by the end of the third quarter, but missed his first three free throws in the fourth as Golden State came back.

Larry Hughes had a chance to tie it at 90-all, but missed the second of two free throws with 8:15 left. Philadelphia maintained a lead of between one and four points for the next six minutes.

**Bucks 115, Rockets 76**

Michael Redd scored a career-high 29 points, 26 in the fourth quarter, as the Milwaukee Bucks beat the Houston Rockets.

Redd made 9 of 13 shots from 3-point range, doing most of his damage after Milwaukee built a big lead. Sam Cassell returned from a toe injury to score 16 points and hand out seven assists in three quarters.

Glenn Robinson added 21 points, and Ray Allen had 17 for the Bucks. Kenny Thomas led Houston with 21 points.

Milwaukee got a season-high going 16-of-26 from 3-point range. The Bucks led by as many as 49 points in the second half, so coach George Karl was able to rest Cassell and the rest of his regulars.

The big lead came after Redd replaced Cassell and made five straight 3-pointers.

But, it was the veteran point guard who sparked the Bucks to their best performance in two weeks: Cassell had five assists in the first six minutes.

He scored five points and got the ball to Robinson, who had nine points in the early going. The Bucks made nine of their first 11 shots, and had eight assists in the first six minutes to build a 21-12 lead. They maintained a comfortable margin for most of the first half and led 34-41 at halftime.

Milwaukee outshot Houston, 53.3 percent (24-45) to 36.8 percent (14-38) in the half. The Bucks were 6-of-10 from 3-point range.

Clippers 81, Heat 71

The Los Angeles Clippers turned to their bench once more but mostly to Quentin Richardson. That was enough.

Richardson had 25 points and 11 rebounds as the Clippers won in Miami for the first time in eight years, beating the Heat.

Richardson led a strong effort by the reserves as the Clippers snapped a six-game road losing streak against the Heat. The victory was the first for Los Angeles in Miami since Jan. 19, 1994.

The Clippers' bench, the third-highest scoring unit in the NBA, outscored the Heat's reserves 41-16. Richardson did most of the damage, making 9 of 19 shots to help the Clippers begin their five-game road trip on a winning note.

Miami led for only the fifth time in its last 18 games and for only the second time in seven home games.

Former Heat player Harold Hammson, filling in for the injured Elton Brand, had 14 points and 10 rebounds. The Clippers also got 14 points and 11 assists from Jeff McInnis.

Besides Lotta, who had nine points in the early going, the Clippers leading scorer, missed only his second game of the season because of a stretched tendon on his right ring finger.
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with his decision to reinsert Graves into the starting lineup for the first time since Notre Dame's loss to Georgetown on Jan. 21.

"I didn't want there to be any doubt. I just wanted to come out and play well," Graves said. "This needs to be the lineup. I've invested a lot of time in bringing this program back to

coming into Wednesday's contest, the Irish knew where they needed to be: back in the win-

ning column.

And the Irish had little trouble making that happen against a struggling Mountaineer team.

"We were real solid tonight," Thomas said. "Our backs were against the wall and to come out and play so well speaks so high-

ly of our coach and three cap-

tains.

Notre Dame jumped out to a 12-point lead 14 minutes into the half before the Mountaineers with 15 points a piece, but interim coach Drew Calle said was not pleased with Hargett's performance in his match-up with Thomas.

"I've been talking to him and he needs to get his teammates involved. I think he got caught up in the match-up with Thomas," Calle said. "He needs to get his teammates involved. I think he got caught up in the match-up with Thomas.

The win against the Mountaineers marks the second time Notre Dame has topped West Virginia this season.

The Irish are back in action Saturday at the Wayne State duals with Detroit-Mercy.

Fencing

Irish take top spot in polls

By MIKE CONNOLLY

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The expected was finally made official Tuesday, as the Notre Dame men's fencing team earned a No. 1 ranking in the latest United States Fencing Coaches' Association poll.

The men assumed the top ranking after knocking off then-No. 1 St. John's on Jan. 27 by a 14-13 margin.

St. John's falls into the No. 2 spot, while Penn State remains No. 3. Notre Dame's chief Midwest competition made the biggest jump in the polls, as Ohio State moved up

four spots in the poll into a tie with Columbia for No. 4.

Princeton remained No. 6 in the poll, and was followed by Pennsylvania, Stanford, Yale and NYU.

The Irish women dropped a spot in the poll to No. 3, after losing to No. 1 St. John's and splitting two matches with No. 6 Northwestern.

Penn State overtook Notre Dame for the second spot. The Ohio State women followed Notre Dame with their No. 4 ranking, and were followed by Princeton, Northwestern, Yale, Temple, Columbia-Barnard and Pennsylvania.

Although the coaches vote separately for men's and women's squads in the poll, the national championship is awarded to a men's and women's combined squad.

The national championship will be held March 21-24.

The Irish return to action Saturday at the Wayne State duals against Detroit-Mercy.

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Lacrosse

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Notre Dame advanced to the Final Four last season. While there are many question marks circling around this year’s team, Irish head coach Kevin Corrigan is confident that Notre Dame will rise to the challenge. “I think it is going to be an exciting year,” said Corrigan. “I am looking forward to seeing what we can do with this group. I hope we can surprise some other people who don’t think we are going to be able to rebound and have a great year on the heels of last year.”

In many respects this season could be characterized as a rebuilding year because the Irish are such a young team. The Irish feature 15 sophomores and 15 freshmen on its roster of 45.

Although there is definitely a youth movement on this year’s team, senior captains John Flandina, Chad DeBolt, Devin Ryan and A.J. Wright are expected to answer many of the questions marks surrounding this team. All four captains will be responsible for building team unity and cohesiveness as the season progresses.

Midfielders Flandina and Ryan are Notre Dame’s top returning scorers. Flandina scored 20 goals and dished out seven assists last season. Ryan came on strong at the end of the season, and finished with 15 goals and two assists. Both players are considered leading candidates for Player of the Year honors in the Great Western Lacrosse League. Departed All-American attackman Glatzel won the coveted award last year.

The answers to many of those marks on offense could come from senior midfielder Flandina and senior attackman Devin Ryan. Junior Travis Wells, sophomores Steve Clagett and Owen Mulford, and freshmen Chris Richie and Brian Giordano are all expected to compete for playing time at the midfield positions alongside Flandina and Ryan.

“John is going to be a really important guy for us this year,” said Corrigan. “He is going to get a lot more attention than he has gotten the last couple of years. Devin Ryan is certainly in the mix as well.”

Strong defense has been the trademark of Notre Dame lacrosse under Corrigan, and this year is no different. With the Irish having to replace their entire starting attack unit, the defense will set the tone early in the season. Senior captains Wright and DeBolt are expected to be this year’s leaders on defense. Juniors John South and Eric Simon, along with sophomore Mickey Blum should fill the rest of the defense.

All of these players must continue to exhibit the aggressive play they demonstrated last year in order to ease the transition for junior goalie Nick Antol to replace Howell.

Antol appears to have the inside track for the starting position right now, but he is facing stiff competition from sophomore Stewart Crossland.

Corrigan understands how crucial the defense will be for the Irish to get off to a strong start at the beginning of the year.

“The defense is going to be extremely important,” said Corrigan. We are going to have to play good defense to keep ourselves in position to win early in the year and allow our offense to develop without the pressure of having to come from behind.”

Heading into the season, Notre Dame’s offense appears to be the team’s biggest concern. “This year, we won’t have as many proven weapons as we go into the season so we will want to be a little more deliberate about our approach,” said Corrigan. “We are not going to play slow-down but it may take us longer to generate the opportunities like we did last year. We are going to have to be patient and smart about what we are doing.”

This year’s Irish team may not feature the same players as last year’s squad, but their goal remains the same. The road back to the Final Four begins Sunday at 1 p.m when Notre Dame takes on Penn State at Tommorrow.

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7th-ranked Irish crush Spartans 7-0

Special to The Observer

The seventh-ranked Notre Dame men's tennis team registered a 7-0 victory over No. 60 Michigan State Wednesday in the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

The Irish did not drop a match in singles or doubles for the second straight match and improved to 10-3. Michigan State lost for the second time in nine matches this season.

For the sixth time this season, Notre Dame swept the doubles matches. Seniors James Malhame and Ashok Raju finished first with an 8-3 victory at No. 2. Classmates Casey Smith and Javier Taborga, the sixth-ranked doubles team in the nation, clinched the doubles point for Notre Dame with an 8-3 win at No. 1. Senior Aaron Talarico and freshman Brent D'Amico completed the sweep with a 9-8 (7-2) victory at No. 3.

The Irish won all six singles matches to gain the victory. Senior Andrew Laflin completed his match first, winning 6-2, 6-2 at No. 6. Sophomore Matthew Scott gave the Irish a 3-0 lead with a 6-3, 6-1 win at No. 4 before Smith clinched the victory with a 6-4, 6-4 triumph at No. 2. After the outcome was determined, sophomore Luis Haddock-Morales won 2-6, 6-3, 6-1 at No. 3, junior Brian Farrell won 6-2, 7-6 (7-4) at No. 5 and Taborga gained a 6-3, 6-7 (7-5), 6-3 victory at No. 1.

The win for Taborga improved his record to 9-1 at No. 1 singles and helped his bid to make a big jump from his No. 95 position in the national singles rankings when they are released again Friday. He is 11-2 in dual-match play and 18-7 overall, including victories over defending NCAA singles and doubles champion Mattias Boeker of Georgia (No. 1 in preseason singles rankings), No. 20Jeremy Wurtzman of Ohio State, No. 21 Alex Hartman of Mississippi, No. 24 Michael Yani of Duke, No. 37 Danny Westerman of Wisconsin, No. 74 Jonathan Endrikat of UC-Irvine, No. 99 Ben Cox of Michigan and then-No. 97 Prakash Armitraj of USC with all eight wins coming in straight sets. He has won 14 of his last 17 singles matches and all three of his losses in that span were to ranked players (No. 2 Harsh Mankad of Minnesota, No. 7 Ali Garland of Pepperdine and No. 76 Aleksy Zharinov of Minnesota). Out of his seven defeats this season, five came to nationally-ranked players and three were in match tiebreakers.

Haddock-Morales is 19-4 this season in singles, while Scott remained perfect this spring with his 13th consecutive victory, improving to 21-2 in 2001-02. Laflin holds a 9-0 singles mark this season and has won 24 of his last 26 matches.

The doubles team of D'Amico and Talarico won its sixth consecutive match, while Smith and Taborga have been victorious in six of their last seven doubles matches.

The win was the 13th in a row for Notre Dame over Michigan State. It also marked the third straight year the Irish shutout the Spartans.

Notre Dame will return to action Sunday, taking on No. 35 Miami in the Eck Tennis Pavilion at 1:00 p.m.
Forth and Inches

Tom Keeley

We're Not Really Looking for Someone with a Lot of Practical Knowledge on Technical Expertise. We Just Need Somebody That Knows A Lot About Braaains.

Crossword

ACROSS
1. May follow U
2. Leather, essentially
3. Scallop
4. Year in dates
5. Leopard's hide
6. Wind section
7. Historical sketch
8. Poppy protests
9. Barley hit
20. What tigers gonna be, in a 'funny lady' song
22. A hoop may hang from it
24. Warrior's grip
26. "Puny" one
27. One source
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31. "Year in dates"
33. "Smelting stuff"
34. "Cat's comment"
35. "Rulings"
37. "Detached ends?"
39. "Jerry's wife"
41. "Go on a date"
42. "Smarter stuff"
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46. "Off-the-walk pastime?"
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1. "Wriggle"
2. "Arctic coo-up"
3. "Loomen"
4. "Run-on sentence"
5. "Polish birthplace"
6. "Suffix"
7. "Intensive"
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Horoscope

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2002

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Elvisy sprawler,感伤的音乐家

Happy Birthday: You'll be ingenious when it comes to making your money grow this year. You have an eye for good investments, and the ability to make your move at precisely the right moment. Your good ideas coupled with your heightened intuition will lead to success. Your numbers are 7, 15, 31, 39, 42.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You'll be in a sociable mood today. Consider getting out to an event that will have some influential people attending. Your outgoing nature will attract attention and should lead to meeting someone spectacular.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You may be feeling some limitations if you have been reluctant to make a decision regarding your future employment. Don't hesitate to take the advice offered by friends.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): You may find yourself up and down emotionally today. Chill out and believe in yourself. You can discover a way to improve your work environment. Your numbers are 7, 15, 31, 39, 42.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): You have a great chance to achieve your goal now. Your numbers are 7, 15, 31, 39, 42.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): If you are moving through a make-it-or-break-it period without a partnership, be careful not to make a rash decision or statement that will be difficult to reverse.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You may need to work hard and expect some criticism. Be patient and allow time for things to fall into place.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You may want to look up your old crush. Deal with other people's money and possessions but don't risk the chance of losing what you've worked so hard to obtain.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You are moving through a make-it-or-break-it period without a partnership. Be careful not to make a rash decision or statement that will be difficult to reverse.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may make a difference if you are diligent about your work, keeping at least one eye on the clock and using every minute of your time to the fullest.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You have the ability to come up with some great ideas that will add to your popularity today. Entertainment should include the whole family or several of your friends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You should try to keep busy or at least out of the way today. Life will lead to problems at home. You need a change in order to lift your spirits.

Birthday Baby: You are an individual-oriented, taking all your family responsibilities very seriously; you may lose your focus on others by taking charge. (Send advice! Check out Eugenia's Web site at astroadvice.com, eugenialast.com, astroadvice.com.)

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Men's Basketball

Irish snap losing streak

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Writer

Chris Thomas broke out of a two-game slump to lead the Irish to an 89-76 rout of West Virginia Wednesday at the Joyce Center.

After shooting a dismal 3-25 in Notre Dame's two previous outings, the point guard scored a game-high 26 points and dished out 12 assists, as the Irish snapped a two-game losing streak and improved to an 18-8 overall record and 8-6 in the Big East.

Irish head coach Mike Brey pumped his fist as the Irish bench erupted and, next to him, a teary-eyed Joyce Murphy exhaled with relief.

"It showed him attacking. It was the Chris we have seen for 95 percent of the season and I think he responded to that," Brey said. "He knew there was a sense of urgency for us."

Brey also relayed that sense of urgency to his senior captains before the game, as David Graves had been a senior leader and Kirk Howell will not be an easy task either. Howell had been a fixture in and out of games, and his strong play was one of the primary reasons the Irish were a nameless opponent where in Indiana.

"I'd say I'd love to see us finish third, but it is so tight — a loss of the element of surprise," said head coach Greg Petcoff. "So while they have confidence, we've talked about the fact that everyone now understands that with Saint Mary's it's going to be a little bit of a battle."

Earlier this season, Saint Mary's defeated Albion, Olivet and Kalamazoo. Heading into the tournament, which starts today at 10 a.m., the Belles will have their sights set on ousting Kalamazoo, Albion and Alma.

"I don't want to go out with a bad memory or bad taste in my mouth," Brey said. "The big battle is what's still to come. We're a completely different look."

Irish also must somehow figure out a way to replace the leading scorer, Thomas, said head coach Mike Brey. "But today they are marked. You know who your stars are, not just the stars, can finish is key."

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The Belles will have a completely different look. Gone are last year's top three leading scorers at the attack position: Toni Glatzel, David Ulrich and Tommie Reich. The Irish also must somehow figure out a way to replace the leadership of midfielders Steve Kishu and Chris Young.

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Swimmers dive into tough competition

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