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Law students aid local residents through ND Clinic

By TIM LOGAN
 News Writer

Adela wants to see her children again. That is why the 50-year-old El Salvadoran has come to the Notre Dame Legal Aid Clinic for help filing for permanent residency in the U.S. It is why she is sitting across the table from third-year law student Kira Lodge, telling someone she's never met before about her family and her life.

Tears run down Adela's face as she talks about her two adult children who have died in El Salvador since she came to the United States 10 years ago. She talks lovingly of the other two, whom she hopes to see again someday. Adela, whose name has been changed because her case is still pending, was granted political asylum last year by the Seventh Circuit Court in Chicago, and now the Bristol, Ind., resident is beginning the two-year application process for permanent U.S. residence.

For more than a half-hour, Adela and Lodge sit at that table, going over the forms the El Salvadoran must fill out to become an American — discussing her case in Spanish, the only language Adela knows well.

This mother is one of dozens of immigrants who comes to the Legal Aid Clinic from all over Michiana each Tuesday and Thursday seeking help in navigating this country's immigration system. And Lodge is one of the student interns who gives them that help, free of charge. In return, she and other interns gain a learning experience that many call the most important of their law school careers.

The courses taught through the Legal Aid Clinic are not required for a Notre Dame law degree, nor do they focus on legal theory or historic decisions. But Legal Aid Immigration Clinic I and II do provide students who are interested in this growing field of law an opportunity to see firsthand what immigration is all about. And, along with the other classes



Law student Marisa Salazar meets with a client at the Notre Dame Legal Aid Clinic. Begun in 1966, the Clinic serves low-income South Bend-area residents in cases ranging from immigrant naturalization to domestic violence.

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offered through the Legal Aid program, it is one of the only chances for law students to gain experience outside the classroom.

"It adds a real perspective to the whole law school education," said immigration clinic intern Rudy Monterrosa. "It's one thing to read about it in books, but it's another to see it in your clients."

Monterrosa is a second-year law stu-

dent and said the Legal Aid program was one of the main reasons he came to Notre Dame Law School. His parents are both immigrants — from Mexico and El Salvador — and after graduating next year, he wants to return to the West Coast and help immigrants make their way in the U.S.

"I saw how, for [my parents], it was a

big deal to come to this country, to get a job, to get permanent residency," he said. "Seeing the whole process they went through made me want to help people to reach their American Dream."

Several students who work at the Legal Aid Clinic, which, in addition to immigration, also handles family law, consumer

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Report calls for more student involvement

◆ Board of Trustees to review student government plan

By LAURA ROMPF
 Assistant News Editor

After weeks of research and interviews, student government will call for increased student involvement in University decision-making in its spring Board of Trustees report, presented this week by John Osborne and Mark Donahey.

"This semester's report discusses the role of the students in University decision-making," said Osborn. "We were motivated by what we perceived to

be discontent among the student body about the way several recent decisions were made by the University — non-discrimination, sweatshops, sophomore siblings, etc."

The report calls for enhanced student involvement in governance at both the collegiate and university levels, Osborn said.

"I think [student involvement is] a very feasible idea. We're not proposing major, radical changes, but a few easy and logical improvements to the existing system," Osborn said.

He added, however, that in order for the plan to succeed, it must have cooperation from all levels.

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ND, SMC discuss WRC future

By MOLLY McVOY
 Saint Mary's Editor

Representatives of Saint Mary's and Notre Dame attended a Worker's Rights Consortium (WRC) convention in Chicago last weekend to discuss the organization's governing board and policies and to ask questions about the labor watchdog's institutional identity.

Saint Mary's attended as a voting member, while Notre Dame, which is still a member of the Fair Labor Association (FLA), attended as an observer. This was the first WRC event that was open to non-members.

"I think it was very successful," said Sandy VanderWerven, the Saint Mary's representative. "The group seems to be moving

"It was great to know that other schools, both members and non-members, have exactly the same questions we do."

William Hoye
 Notre Dame WRC representative

rapidly and the people [who are not members] seem very interested."

William Hoye, the representative from Notre Dame, explained that the University had many questions about the WRC's governing, finance and policies that they wanted answered before they consider taking any steps.

"I thought it went well," Hoye said. "It was great to know that other schools, both members and non-members,

have exactly the same questions we do. It was also frustrating that a lot of our questions have just not been answered. The WRC is still in such an early stage."

The structure of the working groups that will determine the consortium's organization were discussed at the meeting. Once the governing board is elected by e-mail this week, that body will appoint working group members. The groups will consider and finalize the bylaws and policies, and the entire organization will meet again in June to begin implementation.

There also was discussion about cooperation with the FLA, VanderWerven said.

"We want to open up a dialogue between the FLA and the WRC," she said. "It sounds like

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INSIDE COLUMN

Red and Proud

Although you'd never know it from my picture, I have red hair.

I spent many years trying to deny this, even going so far as trying to dye my hair brown. The dye actually only made my hair look redder.

It's tough being a red-head. You go through life with perfect strangers touching your hair and commenting on it. If your parents are dark-haired — like mine — you hear far more than your fair share of "postman" jokes. The number one question people ask redheads?



Laura Petelle

Senior Staff Writer

"Where'd you get your hair?" Many redheads in brunette families go through childhood secretly convinced they're adopted.

You get nicknames like "Carrots," "Raggedy Anne," "Duracell" (the copper top), "Big Red," "Penny," "Little Orphan Annie," "Ronald McDonald's illegitimate child," and — my favorite — "Pippi Longstocking." Everyone thinks it's funny to give you Big Red gum for your birthday. You endure dozens of jokes about quick tempers — and it certainly doesn't help if you actually have a quick temper.

People will demand to know where you get your hair done or what dye you're using. Some people become downright abusive when you insist it's natural, and that your eyebrows are just naturally a different color than your hair.

Cutting class? Forget it. You're the first one in class whose name the professor learns. You might as well sit in the front row and get the brownie points, since you have to be there anyway.

Your friends, however, appreciate how easy it is to find you in the dining hall or pick you out in the crowd. And remind you of that fact incessantly: "I just looked for your hair." (If you're wearing a hat, your own parents can't find you. I'm not kidding.)

There's something about red hair that makes people feel the need to point it out — "Gosh, you have red hair." — as if you've never noticed. This is most prevalent among strange men trying to pick up a redhead. I've heard everything from the simple to the downright perverse, my favorite being a man who approached me and announced (language censored for family newspaper), "God, I love redheads. I've always wanted to sleep with a redhead."

Forgive me for NOT jumping at that chance. As I grow older, I appreciate the uniqueness, despite the difficulty in finding make-up that doesn't make me look like a French whore. Redheads make up about five percent of the U.S. population. We're an elite group with a certain esprit de corps. It isn't just a hair color, it's a state of mind.

Redheads share certain experiences, from old ladies in church to childhood nicknames, from tales of scary fetishists to an affinity for Anne of Green Gables. We can discuss our sunburn problems and solutions endlessly (I swear by Bain de Soleil 8-hour waterproof). We know that true redheads have "opinions" on dye-jobs, ranging from the indifferent to the downright scornful. (Quoth a fellow redhead: "You can absolutely tell a dyed redhead from a natural one any day!")

Though we may never be as trendy as blondes or as stylish as brunettes, we're happy to find ourselves trussed in shades of red, orange, auburn, ginger, copper, rust, titian and even crimson. We may be few in number, but we're easy to pick out in a crowd.

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

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
◆ Confirmation: The Sacrament of Confirmation, Father Daniel Jenky, Sacred Heart, 7:30 p.m.	◆ Panel: "History, Morals and Philosophy," Robert Pippin and Charles Larmore, Hesburgh Center Lounge, 4:15 p.m.	◆ Seminar: "Dante's Inferno: Instructions for Use," Theodore Cachey, Hesburgh Center, Room 102, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.	◆ Lecture: "Weapons of Mass Destruction and the Islamic Ethics of War," Sohail Hashmi, Hesburgh Center, Room 103, Noon
◆ Lecture: "The Intellectual Origins of Totalitarianism," Hesburgh Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.	◆ Meeting: Faculty Senate, McKenna Hall, Room 202, 7 p.m.	◆ Film: "Once Were Warriors," Montgomery Theater, 8 p.m.	◆ Music: Spring concert, ND Symphony Orchestra, Washington Hall, 8 p.m.

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Nike breaks off negotiations with Michigan

ANN ARBOR, Mich. Two-and-a-half months ago, it appeared that Michigan would renew its contracts with Nike to provide athletic footwear and apparel for the Michigan Athletic Department through August 2006.



But Nike director of college sports marketing Kit Morris told The Michigan Daily Thursday that the company has withdrawn from negotiations with the university and that he "doesn't foresee reentry."

"There was a meeting of the minds, and it became apparent that we couldn't agree to terms," Morris said. Michigan made the "requirement that we would have to live by an undisclosed code of conduct that would require Nike to adhere to any demands made during the contract."

Michigan interim athletic director Bill Martin said Michigan's support

of the Workers Rights Consortium (WRC) led to Nike's withdrawal.

"It came down to one issue. [The WRC issue] was what it was all about," Martin said.

According to Martin, Nike felt uneasy about the university's relationship with the WRC — an organization that supports and verifies licensee compliance with production codes of conduct.

In a statement released by the

company, Nike said it was "surprised that the agreement the university submitted to Nike contained specific new parameters compelling the company to comply with the university's undefined and still evolving Labor Standards and Human Rights Policy."

"Michigan has been very clear that it requires its licensees to abide by its code of conduct," WRC governing board representative Peter Friedmann said. "Nike will lose exposure by not having the maize and blue 'swoosh' on football Saturdays."

The WRC, which hopes to appoint a governing body this summer, would like to eventually set up a watchdog system over companies including Nike. By becoming a provisional member of the WRC on Feb. 18, Michigan established a new set of rules by which a licensing agent must abide.

Texas A&M murder suspect arrested

COLLEGE STATION, Texas

Kenny Wayne Lockwood, a 31-year-old San Antonio man, was arrested Thursday in the death of Texas A&M student Kerry Kujawa. Kujawa, a junior mechanical engineering major, was found dead on a ranch outside of Austin shot in the back of the head, last Wednesday, April 19 after being reported missing April 17. Authorities said they believe Kujawa was killed shortly after he left College Station on April 7 to meet a girl named "Kelly" from San Antonio, whom he had met over the Internet. Lockwood admitted to police that he had been posing as Kelly in Internet chatrooms and in email correspondence with Kujawa. Kujawa told friends he would return to College Station on April 10. After days had passed and he failed to return, Kujawa's parents received email messages purportedly from him. The emails usually ended with "Everything is okay. I'll be back in a few days" "Kelly's" email address was used to send the email messages to Kujawa's parents and friends, officials said. Authorities said tracing the emails from Lockwood were key in cracking the case.

Directors seek basketball reform

BERKELEY, Calif.

The NCAA Division I Board of Directors approved a broad range of measures aimed at reforming collegiate men's basketball Thursday. The governing body, which is composed of 18 university presidents, pulled a rare surprise move by approving a proposal that had not been sent to it by the Division I Management Council. The board approved a measure instructing the council to draft legislation that would take away one scholarship from schools that graduate men's basketball players at a rate below 50 percent. The Management Council rejected a number of similar proposals, but chairman Graham Spanier and the rest of the board deemed the issue serious enough to merit legislation. "My presidential colleagues and I believe that the current graduation rates are unacceptable," said Spanier, who is president of Penn State University. "We want to send a very strong message throughout the country and to the schools that graduation rates matter." Since the board has only instructed the Management Council to draw up legislation, no timetable has been set for implementation of the measure.

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SMC trustees OK investments

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
Saint Mary's News Editor

The Saint Mary's Board of Trustees met Saturday to approve an investment policy and next year's budget, to receive updates on the Master Plan, strategic planning and Student Life, and to discuss several important purchases for the College.

The board approved an Investment Committee policy which establishes a range for the College's endowment fund, clarifies Saint Mary's social responsibility and declares that the College will not invest in organizations

that deal with nuclear weapons, weapons production or tobacco products, according to Keith Dennis, vice president for Finance and Administration.

Dennis also presented the results of the Investment Committee's search for a "small cap" investment manager and reported the progress Saint Mary's has made in the construction of a shipping and receiving center.

"We approved funds for purchasing a parcel of land that is north of the Facilities Building as part of the project for a shipping and receiving center," Dennis said. "It will

have two loading docks, one for semis and one for delivery trucks, to minimize delivery-pedestrian traffic on campus."

The next phase of the Master Plan also calls for the construction of a student activities center and the renovation of Madeleva Hall. Designs are being constructed as space is allocated and organized, but plans will not be finalized until funding is established, Dennis said.

As part of usual events in this late-year Trustees meeting, the Trustees also approved next year's operating and capital budgets. Saint Mary's will use the capital funds to purchase equipment to renovate Regina Hall and repair the exterior of Haggard Student Center.

They will also buy a spectrometer for the chemistry department and new chairs for O'Laughlin Auditorium. Trustees voted to continue purchasing new computers for the student labs and recycling the older ones to the faculty and administration offices.

Also, Linda Timm, vice president of Student Affairs, presented a report on Student Life at Saint Mary's. Molly Kahn, the new Student Trustee, was introduced, and Trustees approved the list of graduates.

Members also held Executive Board elections, re-electing current chairman William J. Schmuhl, Jr., and vice chair Sister Joan Marie Steadman, a 1967 alumna.

Barb Hamel, a 1979 graduate, was elected treasurer. Hamel is a senior vice president of the Bank of America in Chicago.

SMC women support gospel feminism

◆ Theologians sign Madeleva Manifesto

By KATIE McVOY
News Writer

Sixteen prominent women theologians made a statement of hope and courage to women in the Catholic Church when they signed the Madeleva Manifesto Saturday at O'Laughlin Auditorium.

A charter of women and faith, the document was signed by 15 previous speakers and next year's speaker in the Madeleva Lecture series, talks on women and faith given in honor of Saint Mary's founder.

Following the presentation, the women held a forum, explaining what the Manifesto means. It is a liberal call for change based on the solemn traditions of the Catholic Church.

The manifesto calls on women in theological study to "Reimagine what it is to be the body of Christ. How things are now is not the way of God." It asks young women in the Church to follow gospel feminism, to overcome oppression based on gender, sexual orientation, race and social class. It calls for women tempted by despair to "reimagine what it means to be a full human being made in the image of God and to live and speak this truth in our daily lives."

"This is tradition at its best," said Joan Chittister, who led the panel discussion.

The Manifesto reminds women who suffer the cost of discipleship that they are not alone. It calls young women of the Church to carry forward gospel feminism to institute far-reaching changes in the Church and society.

The Manifesto states that individuals are morally bound to change things that treat men or women as less than fully human. It is a pledge to biblical justice and to continue "dialogue on issues of freedom for women." The women who wrote the Manifesto "Invite

others to join [them] in imagining the Great Shalom of God."

"This statement is not ours," Chittister said. "The statement is meant for you."

The women who wrote the Madeleva Manifesto are strong believers in the Catholic Church looking for a necessary change.

"We're entering into a dark time and we need to bank the fire," said Elizabeth Johnson, the 1993 guest lecturer. "This statement is going to keep that fire."

The 16 women call for justice and for "freedom, joy, contemplative intimacy and dignity," according to Monika Hellwig, the first Madeleva lecturer.

The women also look for change. They adopt the term feminism, but they want to change it to gospel feminism. Secular feminism, they said, has certain dead ends that gospel feminism does not.

"One of the meanings of mentoring is to create a space where obedience to the truth can be practiced," lecturer Elizabeth Dryer said.

"Gospel feminism is a way that doesn't deny our differences, but allows us to embrace the good news from any position in society," Jeanette Rodriguez, the 1996 lecturer, added.

The women are hopeful that they will bring about change.

"We are the witness of the commitment of women," Johnson said. "God is on our side, and God doesn't lose."

In addition to the presentation of the Madeleva Manifesto, Sandra Schneiders delivered a lecture on feminism in the future, "With Oil in Their Lamps: Faith, Feminism and the Future."

Schneiders' talk focused on issues women will face in the future of the Church and what direction they should take to face those issues.

Schneiders is a professor of New Testament studies at the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley and has written several books, including "Women and the Word."

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"It is, of course, a matter of attitudes as much as it is one of structures, so it will need the commitment of the students, faculty and administration equally to be successful, but we see it as being beneficial to all parties involved," Osborn said.

Although some committees currently have student members, no rules exist regarding how these students are elected or if students must be included on these committees.

"[The report] increases student membership on college councils and provides for their direct election. It also increases student membership on the Academic Council and university committees and provides for a centrally coordinated application and appointment process," Osborn said.

All the information for the proposal was gathered through interviews with the deans of all the colleges and many senior administrators. Osborn said he believes this research proves the issue is feasible and thus hopes the Trustees will respond favorably to the report.

"I'm hoping that they'll be receptive to the whole thing," he said. "I don't want to go into the meeting assuming that some points are hopeless. My attitude is that our report is very reasonable and the changes we propose have the best interests of the University at heart."

Furthermore, Osborn said he hopes he and Donahey will successfully present their proposal and argue their position persuasively, because the Trustees may find some of the issues disputable.

"We have the support of many senior faculty and administrators on many of our points," Osborn said. "But the

report will be controversial, simply because it challenges the status quo. The issue of student representation on the Board of Trustees will also be contentious."

If the board approves the report, Osborn and Donahey will concentrate on implementation during the summer and throughout next year.

"The next step if the plan is approved is making the institutional changes that will be necessary," Osborn said. "It won't be possible to get everything accomplished before the end of the year, but we hope to get work done over the summer and be ready to hit the ground running next fall. I'm projecting that the earliest it would all be in place would be next spring. We're targeting the next student election cycle as the goal."

Overall, Osborn stressed that students themselves must initiate efforts to increase their involvement in decision-making. Also, student support for that increase is essential.

"An important point is that we, as students, must demonstrate that we are interested in greater involvement and will take our new responsibilities and influence seriously," he said. "I have faith that we will be able to rise to the occasion, but there is significant concern in the administration that students are uninterested in being and unable to be worthwhile participants in the governance process."

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a good idea to me because we're both working towards the same goal."

Notre Dame hopes to have a one-on-one meeting with WRC representatives, Hoyer said.

"We came in wanting more information. The meeting didn't give us much in the way of answers; it was comforting to see that we're not alone in our concerns," Hoyer said.

Saint Mary's has said that part of the excitement of joining the WRC in its early stages is being involved in the development of the governing board and its policies. Notre Dame has said that it needs to wait until the WRC is more solidified.

"We're in a different situation than Saint Mary's," Hoyer said. "We have put so much in place at Notre Dame on our own. We're so far down the road in our own system that it makes more sense to get information now. We need to see if what they are doing is compatible with what we're already doing."

Tests show turkey did not cause sickness

Observer Staff Report

Tests of nine food samples and seven stool samples from students who became ill after eating turkey at North Dining Hall on Thursday, April 13, showed turkey was not the cause of the sickness, director of Food Services Dave Prentkowski said Friday.

"There was absolutely zero correlation between the turkey in the dining halls and the illnesses the students had," he said. "It did not come from the turkey at North Dining Hall. The tests verified that."

Prentkowski explained that officials who interviewed sick students at Health Services initially found a common link in the turkey. Food services con-

sidered food poisoning as the worst case scenario and removed the turkey as a precaution.

But as the week continued, students who had not eaten at North Dining Hall or who had eaten there long after the turkey was removed became ill, and University officials began to doubt that food poisoning was the cause.

"The speculation is that it is just a flu virus," said Prentkowski, who noted that the cause of the illness is still uncertain. A contagious bacterial infection may also have been involved.

Officials are pleased with how the situation was handled, according to Prentkowski, who noted that safety is Food Services' top priority.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Azerbaijani Popular Front protests parliamentary fraud

BAKU, Azerbaijan
A leading opposition group said Sunday that 200 people were arrested and 60 wounded in a protest that saw police with batons violently disperse about 1,000 demonstrators. The Azerbaijani Popular Front said in a statement that 15 of its members, including several leaders, were arrested during the protest on Saturday. Opposition leaders held the rally in downtown Baku to demand that this fall's parliamentary elections be free of fraud or government intimidation. Authorities refused to sanction it, saying they could hold a demonstration on the city's outskirts instead. But demonstrators ignored the order, and hundreds broke through police lines around the central Fizuli Square. Police said 46 people were detained and 34 policemen wounded in the clashes.

Portuguese rival gangs clash

LISBON, Portugal
Hundreds of young rival gang members armed with machetes, sticks and stones skirmished early Sunday in the East Timorese capital, Dili. At least four people were hurt and unconfirmed reports said one person was killed, according to the Portuguese news agency Lusa. U.N. police and troops were deployed to quell the violent street clashes, Lusa said. The skirmishes lasted several hours until nightfall. Lisbon radio TSF said. Brawls first broke out at a soccer stadium where a martial arts demonstration was taking place, Lusa said. Portuguese police and Brazilian soldiers reportedly moved in after the clashes spread to surrounding streets. The United Nations took over the administration of East Timor last year to end a campaign of violence by pro-Indonesia militias following a vote for independence.

Citadel demotes top-ranked female cadet

CHARLESTON
The Citadel's top-ranking female cadet, one of the first women to attend the school, has been demoted over her reaction to being targeted by a mess hall prank. Petra Lovetinska went from cadet major and battalion executive officer to senior private and received 20 demerits. Lovetinska was targeted by the prank called "wiping out the shoes," said Citadel spokeswoman Heather Anderson. The prank is part of the 154-year-old military school's tradition. An upperclassman tells a freshman cadet, called a knob, to crawl under the table and pour condiments such as ketchup or salad dressing on an upperclassman's shoes without getting caught. What got Lovetinska in trouble is the way she reacted. She grabbed the knob, a male cadet, and wiped her shoes on his trousers.

ISRAEL



Barricading themselves in a container in the West Bank town of Hebron, Jewish settlers protest against Israeli concessions to the Palestinians.

Jewish settlers protest peace talks

Associated Press

JERUSALEM

Israeli soldiers and paramilitary police forcibly removed dozens of Jewish settlers from a shipping container they had illegally set up in an attempt to expand their presence in the West Bank town of Hebron on Sunday.

Meanwhile, Palestinian officials angrily protested Israeli plans to expand what is already the West Bank's largest Jewish settlement.

In Hebron, some settlers barricaded themselves inside the rust-colored structure festooned with

Israeli flags, while others handcuffed themselves to its roof. Among those dragged off by the authorities were mothers holding infants.

About 500 Jewish settlers live in Israeli-controlled enclaves in Hebron in tense proximity to the town's 130,000 Palestinians.

The settlers said setting up the container on land near the Jewish enclave of Tel Romeida — which they claim was stolen from the Jewish community — was also a protest against Israeli concessions to the Palestinians. Their action came hours before peace

treaty talks were to resume between the two sides in the southern Israeli resort town of Eilat.

The two sides have set Sept. 13 as a deadline for an overall accord, which would mean settling their differences over Jewish settlements in addition to other thorny issues such as the status of Jerusalem and the concept of a Palestinian state.

"We will struggle for the preservation of Jewish land," said Noam Arnon, spokesman for the Hebron's Jewish community. "Because of the negotiations, we don't know what our fate will be —

there is word of evacuation and dismantling of some settlements. We will fight against it."

The Hebron incident came as the housing ministry said Sunday that Israel has opened competition on bids for the building of 174 new housing units in Maale Adumim, the West Bank's largest Jewish settlement.

The move came despite a partial construction freeze on settlements that Prime Minister Ehud Barak put into effect, which was meant to fulfill an election pledge to shift national resources away from settlement construction.

McCain agrees to support Bush campaign

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Sen. John McCain said Sunday he will endorse George W. Bush even if they don't agree on campaign finance reform, as he expects, when they meet next week.

Overhauling federal campaign finance laws was the signature issue of McCain's now suspended campaign for the Republican presidential nomination. Bush opposes some proposed reforms.

But McCain said that discord would not preclude an endorsement of Bush, the all-but-declared GOP presidential nominee, since the two agree on other areas in need of change,

including Social Security, education and health care.

Asked on CBS's "Face the Nation" whether he can "enthusiastically endorse" the Texas governor absent an agreement on campaign finance reform, McCain said he could.

"If I didn't, I would be litmus testing him, and I don't think that's appropriate for me to do," McCain said. "But I believe he has begun to and is continuing to pursue a reform agenda."

The May 9 meeting in Pittsburgh between the two former rivals was nearly scrapped last week in a dispute over the agenda. McCain also was miffed that Bush considered asking him whether he would consider running

as vice president. Appearing on three Sunday talk shows, McCain said he has asked to be left off the list of possible vice presidential candidates being drawn up by former Defense Secretary Dick Cheney, who is spearheading Bush's search for a running mate.

McCain also appeared on CNN's "Late Edition," which originated from a library at the vice president's official residence because of a live interview with Al Gore.

Gore asked to speak with McCain after the senator's taping and they discussed campaign finance reform and foreign affairs at the Naval Observatory, said McCain spokesman Todd Harris.

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fraud and Social Security cases, want to enter public service law. Others see it as a good opportunity to gain experience working with clients face-to-face.

When a client comes to the Clinic, it is usually the students he sees first. Interns take down the case information, and often, as Lodge does with Adela, help them through the legal process. Many times, students' language skills facilitate this guidance. Nearly all of Monterrosa's clients, for example, are Spanish speakers, and his fluency helps him to handle their cases.

After the initial intake and meeting with clients, students discuss their cases with one of the Clinic staffers — three full time and several part-time lawyers. These professionals are licensed to practice in Indiana and supervise the process throughout. But any certified student — one who has completed one-half of law school — can appear before a judge in a courtroom, so the interns gain trial experience as well. Thus the program gives law students the chance to practice law, both in the office and in the courtroom, while providing free legal services to indigent Michiana residents.

In part because of the high cost of Law School tuition — \$22,630 this year — few Notre Dame Law graduates actually enter public service law, which rarely pays as well as private practice. But, Clinic directors say, students' experience in the Legal Aid program can make them better lawyers in the future.

"Even if our students don't go on to do public interest work, being here at least sensitizes them to the needs of the other half, basically," said Judith Fox, who teaches in the Clinic. "And they'll consider those things when they're taking action in whatever kind of firm they go into and they'll be willing to take some free cases, some pro bono cases."

Lodge is one of those students. She will go to work for a firm in Phoenix, Ariz., next year, and specialize in employment and labor law. But, she says, she hopes her experience at the Immigration Clinic will help her do pro bono work in that city, which has a large population of migrant workers.

"I wanted a hands-on experi-

ence," she said. "So much of law school is book learning, and this is a chance to utilize it."

Lodge has worked at the clinic since January, aiding clients in their attempts to navigate the complex U.S. immigration system. At any given time, she is helping between 10 and 15 people with such essentials as green card renewals and residency applications. Right now, one of those is Adela.

The two sit at the table, the intern translating residency forms for the client. Adela has brought with her a plastic shopping bag full of important documents. Two thick envelopes from the Chicago law firm that aided in her asylum application hold all sorts of documentation, much of it indecipherable to the Spanish speaker. But right now, it is not enough. Lodge tells Adela she must come back next week with pay stubs, her Social Security number and the names and addresses of all her employers for the last five years. All of this documentation is needed for the residency application. And that's not all.

Have you ever been a prostitute? Lodge must ask the 50-year-old grandmother with curly black hair and a blue Mickey Mouse polo shirt. Have you ever been a Communist, or engaged in polygamy? These are questions on the application, and Lodge has to ask them of her client. "It's kind of embarrassing," the intern says. Fortunately for her application, Adela answers no to all of these questions.

Today, with all of Adela's paperwork complete and the necessary medical exams passed, Lodge will mail the application. It will probably be at least two years before Adela receives a reply. The U.S. government grants approximately 50,000 permanent residencies each year to asylum cases, but, given the high volume of applicants, it can take several years to process the paperwork.

Cutting through the voluminous red tape of immigration law and helping people find their way to a better life in America motivates some of the immigration interns. Sean O'Brien is a second-year law student who has handled more than 100 Clinic cases, including those of refugees from war-torn nations on the other side of the world.

Recently, O'Brien helped an ethnic Hungarian from Serbia and his daughter win asylum in the U.S. The man was conscripted to fight for the Serb army during that country's war

with Bosnia, but as an ethnic Hungarian, he frequently faced threats and discrimination from his officers. He was forced to wear a different uniform, O'Brien says, so that his fellow soldiers would know to shoot him if he tried to desert. His farm was burned and his daughter was assaulted three times by Serb men before the two fled to the United States. Had the pair not received asylum, they would have been sent back to Serbia.

O'Brien says that often the most powerful part of his work is interviewing the clients to compile their stories for the asylum hearing.

"You have to help the client tell their story before a judge," he said. "You have a glimpse of what it must be like. You get a glimpse all of a sudden of how real it is."

Dealing with real clients, and helping them in real situations, has a hallmark of the Clinic since its 1966 beginning as a student group founded to work for prisoners' rights at the state penitentiary in Michigan City, Ind. In the Clinic's early years, students also helped defend indigent clients in Michigan, but now it handles only civil cases. It has grown substantially since 1990, when current co-directors Barbara Szweda and Eileen Doran were hired, and the Clinic took on a teaching component. The pair set up the office like a normal law practice, and the University moved it to the current location, a white, two-story house at 725 Howard Street, one block from Notre Dame Avenue and a short bike ride from the Golden Dome.

In 1995, the Immigration Clinic was founded after a Sri Lankan came to the Clinic for help obtaining residency. A local priest soon started directing Central Americans there for assistance, Szweda said, and the immigration specialty took off. Now it accounts for 40 percent of the office's caseload. There are several large immigrant communities in South Bend, according to Szweda, and some members of these com-

munities need help getting asylum, or refugee status, from their home countries. Rwandan and Serbian refugees who fled the fighting in those countries in the mid-'90s are common, as are Mexicans and Central Americans who have come north to find jobs.

The remaining 60 percent of cases deal with civil disputes ranging from domestic violence to consumer fraud. Most of these are tried at St. Joseph County Court in South Bend. According to Szweda, the Clinic only has the resources to take on approximately one-fifth of the clients who contact it.

"Because there are not a lot of legal services for the poor, we're in demand," she said. The Clinic does not have a lot of lawyers, and those who do work there generally specialize in certain fields. These are two major reasons the Clinic turns away customers, but even so, the office usually has more than 300 cases active at any one time.

There is one other free legal aid clinic in South Bend, but it handles much of northern Indiana, and Notre Dame's is the only one that provides immigration services.

Clinic directors say the clientele teaches the future lawyers something about life on the lower rungs of the economic ladder, as well.

"Most of our students are upper-middle-class kids, and many of them had no idea that people were living in the conditions that our clients were living in," Fox said. "They just had no idea that this world was out there. In exposing our students to this, it helps them understand things better. Hopefully, exposure to our clients and the kind of work they do will help them become better lawyers, and better people."

In a few weeks, Lodge will graduate from Notre Dame and head to Phoenix, Ariz., to prepare for the bar examination and to start practicing law. Adela will still be in Bristol, awaiting a response to her application and hoping to see her children again some day. In the fall, a new class of students will work at the Immigration Clinic and, every day, new waves of clients will come to the white house on Howard Street.

When Adela's interview with Lodge is over and the two have set up an appointment to meet next week, the older woman gathers her papers and stands up from the table. She smiles at Lodge and thanks her, and the two embrace.

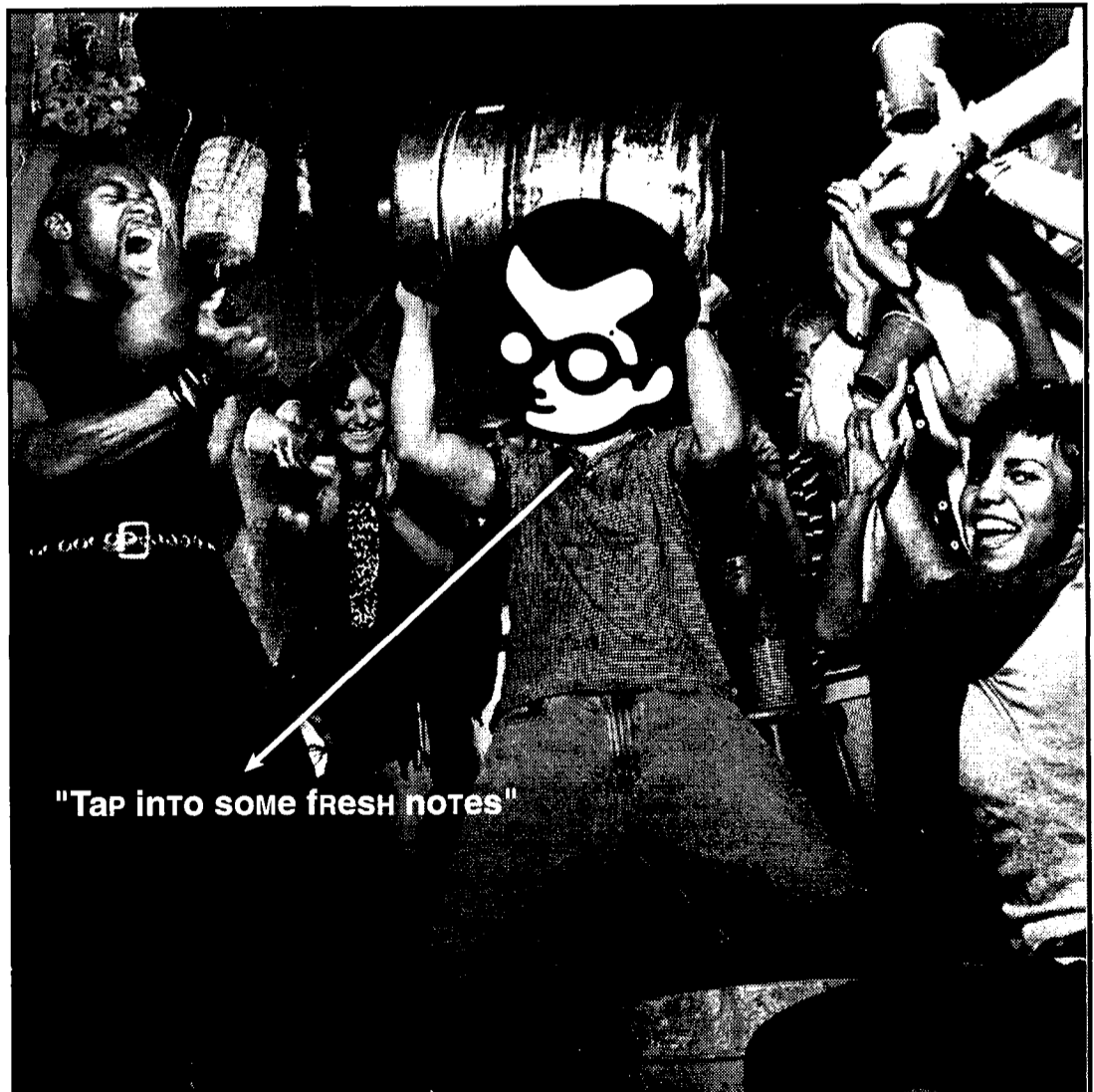
"Obviously, [Adela has] had a hard life," Lodge said later. "She works hard to make a living. She's got a family she cares about. She's no different than anyone else."

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ND law teams win national contest

◆ Students take first, second place in trial competition

By KELLY HAGER
News Writer

After three days of competition, The Notre Dame Law School trial teams were crowned national champions and second place finalists at the 25th Annual National Trial Competition (NTC) March 30 through April 1.

Sponsored by the American College of Trial Lawyers and The Texas Young Lawyer's Association, the competition was held in Dallas, Texas. From the 280 teams that originally entered the competition at the regional level, only 24 emerged to compete at nationals. To be eligible to compete at the national level, teams first must win first or second place at regional level competitions. Finishing first and second place at regionals, both the Blue Team and the Gold Team advanced. Notre Dame has not progressed to the national level since 1993.

For competition at nationals,

the Barrister's were given a fictitious case — Old Trustworthy Insurance Company v. Gordon Tower — and four weeks to prepare. During the four weeks, the teams practiced an average of 10 to 15 hours a week.

Progressing through quarterfinals and semifinals leading to their final victory, the championship team faced and defeated Georgetown, Hofstra, Howard, Stetson and two-year reigning national champion Temple. The second place national finalists faced and defeated Western New England, Maine, Houston, Syracuse and University of Washington on their way to the final round.

As top seeds in each of their competition brackets, Notre Dame's Blue and Gold teams found themselves in an awkward position — they had to compete against each other. Although they had practiced together, this was the first time the two teams faced each other in competition.

"We joked about it at regionals but never thought it would happen," said Tamara Walker, Blue Team captain and president of the Black Law Association. "We were not prepared for it to hap-

pen."

Only one other school in the history of the NTC has had teams that won both first and second placed in the competition.

"It was unreal — all our practice and hard work had paid off," Walker said. "No matter the outcome we couldn't have succeeded without the support of the rest of the team."

Next October, the national champion Notre Dame team will attend the annual meeting of the American College of Trial Lawyers in Washington, D.C. In addition to awards they have already received, team members will receive the Kraft W. Eidman Award consisting of a \$5,000 gift and a silver bowl. Grissom will also be awarded the prestigious Spiegelberg Award, given to the Best Advocate in the final round of competition.

The Blue Team was comprised of Shazzie Naseem, president of the Student Bar Association. Walker, Ryan Redmon, and Kelly Murphy, were named national champions. Their teammates, the Gold Team, included Stone Grissom, Scott Kellogg, Steven Practico and Matt Wolesski.

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GOP hearings on Elian may be no-go

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Congressional hearings on the government's seizure of Elian Gonzalez may never happen, despite Republican demands for an inquiry into the Justice Department's use of force, a key lawmaker says.

Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said he will need to see the government's documents before deciding whether such proceedings are warranted.

"Once we get those, I think we can make an intelligent appraisal as to whether hearings should be held or not. Whether we should go forth, whether we shouldn't," Hatch said Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Asked if hearings might not be held at all, he replied: "If they're not justified, I guess there won't be."

Democrats said Hatch's reasoning for postponing the proceedings gives Republicans a graceful way to bow to public opinion, which polls show has overwhelmingly swung against a congressional inquiry.

"I doubt there will be hearings, and there shouldn't be hearings," Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont, the top Democrat on Hatch's committee, said on NBC.

The possibility of no hearings is a stark departure from the demands of GOP congressional leaders last week, who accused Attorney General Janet Reno of prematurely ending negotiations with the 6-year-old Elian's relatives in Miami and ordering an excessively forceful raid on their home.

Federal agents seized Elian on April 22 and reunited him with his father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez. The pair, along with Elian's stepmother and infant half brother are staying in a secluded retreat on

Maryland's Eastern Shore.

In a letter Thursday to Reno, Hatch gave the Justice Department 24 hours to turn over all documents "related to (1) surveillance of the Miami home, including but not limited to the possibility of weapons in that home; (2) seeking and obtaining the search warrant and the arrest warrant; (3) the decision to enter the home and the means of entry, and (4) the conduct of the operation of entering the home, seizing the boy, and taking him to Maryland, including but not limited to any tactical plan or rules of engagement."

The Justice Department announced it was unable to comply with the request in 24 hours, and with the blessing of Republican leaders, Hatch postponed the hearings.

While those proceedings might never take place, Hatch and others said questions still need to be answered about the legality of the agents' search warrant, among other things.

"The ends don't justify the means here," Hatch said. If he schedules any hearings, Hatch said he would ask Reno to testify, but probably not Elian's Miami family.

Some Democrats said they would support forward-looking hearings on how to improve the immigration system.

"I think we ought to take a look in a very dispassionate way at all of the cases ... and see if there isn't a better way of handling these matters," said Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California. She added that she believes Reno followed the law.

Republicans kept up their attacks on Reno, saying photos showing gun-toting agents grabbing a sobbing Elian raises questions about whether the Constitution still protects Americans against the government's excessive use of force.

Clinton pushes plan to protect consumers' privacy

Associated Press

YPSILANTI, Mich.

American consumers run too many risks as they unwittingly divulge growing amounts of personal and financial information, President Clinton said Sunday as he proposed reforms in the way banks, insurers and other corporations share information about their customers.



Clinton

"No one should have to worry that the results of their latest physical exam could deny them a home mortgage or a credit card," Clinton said during a commencement address at Eastern Michigan University.

"A bank is not just a bank," in today's fast-changing financial services industry, Clinton said. There are downsides to the interconnected web of corporations and services that make many daily tasks easier for many consumers, Clinton said.

"In this information age we can't let new opportunities erode old, fundamental rights," Clinton said. "We can't let breakthroughs in technology break down the walls of privacy."

Clinton's plan would, in many cases, require a company to tell customers it was going to share sensitive consumer information such as medical and insurance records, or lists of what people buy and where they buy it.

Clinton would also give consumers the option not to have that information shared, and give consumers a new right to review their credit reports for

errors.

The plan, which stands little chance of passage in Congress this election year, includes protections Clinton supported in the past and which he said were lacking in banking reforms passed last year after more than a decade of wrangling.

The banking law, which Clinton signed in November, makes it easier for financial firms to merge and use economies of scale to lower costs on products such as checking accounts, insurance policies and brokerage services.

But critics, including much of the financial services industry and some congressional

Republicans, say Clinton's new proposal undermines last year's legislation.

Opponents said adding additional consumer controls would prevent securities, banking and insurance firms from creating less expensive financial services for customers.

The White House labeled the new proposals a Clinton-Gore plan, and the vice president hopes to make a campaign issue of further consumer protection in the fast-changing world of financial information. GOP presidential nominee George W. Bush has not taken a position on the Clinton plan.

Public opinion polls chart a

growing concern among Americans that they must divulge too much information to too many anonymous institutions. At the same time, Americans are eagerly using the new kinds of services that many of those institutions offer, such as buying and banking online.

Clinton spoke to more than 1,300 graduates at Eastern Michigan, a public university just outside Detroit. Clinton plans two more commencement addresses this spring, his last as president.

Later Sunday, Clinton was the headliner at a fund-raising dinner for the Detroit-area National Association for the

Advancement of Colored People. The event, which organizers said drew about 9,000 people, also honored Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., for his civil rights work and legislative career.

In his speech, Clinton ticked off a list of accomplishments during his administration, such as lower crime rates and the booming economy, and called on Congress to pass gun control legislation and vote on his languishing judicial appointments.

The president was particularly pointed in criticizing the Senate for delaying the judicial votes, including some who have waited for three years.

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Gay activists meet on Capitol Hill

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
Hundreds of thousands of gays and supporters marched Sunday on the Capitol, transforming the National Mall into a sea of multicolored flags and joining hands in a show of unity they hope will transform recent victories into wider protections for homosexuals.

"We're only asking for the same rights as anyone else," Adam May of Atlanta declared as he walked with the throngs of marchers. "Depriving one person ... puts everyone at risk of losing."

In a crowd dotted with openly gay celebrities, the marchers celebrated a week of victories that included passage of a new law in Vermont giving gays marriage-like rights and a renewed plea by President Clinton's for a federal Hate Crimes Prevention Act.

But participants vowed not to rest until same-sex couples get equal rights in all 50 states, and some wore costumes or carried signs calling attention to fights still on the horizon.

One man wearing a Boy Scout uniform and held up a "Straight Scouts for gay scouts," calling attention to a case heard by the Supreme Court last week in which a Scout leader was fired because he was gay. Others carried signs saying "Stop Hate Crimes" and chanted "full rights for gays."

Clinton spoke via videotape to what was the first gay rights march on Washington since 1993. His image shown on a giant screen, the president declared he had presided over "the most inclusive administra-

tion in history" that has appointed more than 150 openly gay people to important government posts.

Also in the crowd was the father of Matthew Shepard, the 21-year-old gay University of Wyoming student who died in October 1998 after being beaten into a coma and tied to a fence.

Dennis Shepard said he met with Clinton on Friday and was optimistic the hate crimes bill would pass.

"If my son was alive, he would be here today," Shepard said. "Gay rights is the civil rights issue of this century."

Small Business Administration head Aida Alvarez praised Clinton and Vice President Al Gore as "true believers" in making government represent all groups.

Law enforcement officials said there was no sign of any anti-gay rights demonstrators, and agreed with estimates the crowd numbered at least 200,000 in size. March co-chair Donna Red Wing gave a much higher estimate, saying it may have been as large as 1 million.

March organizers spoke of trying to mobilize gay and lesbian supporters into an important voting bloc for November's presidential election, and some dismissed Republican George W. Bush's recent overture to the gay community.

"We're only asking for the same rights as anyone else."

**Adam May
Atlanta activist**

Gore in search of complement for VP

◆ Candidate might look for GOP mate

Associated Press

ABOARD AIR FORCE TWO
In his most extensive public comments yet on his top-secret search for a running mate, Vice President Al Gore

said Sunday he is looking for someone unlike himself and hasn't ruled out tapping a Republican.



Gore

"It's most unlikely, I don't want to mislead you," Gore said. "But I don't completely rule it out."

He was asked about the possibility during a discussion with reporters about bipartisanship — the campaign theme these days of Republican rival George W. Bush — in which Gore said, "My natural instincts are to reach out and create bipartisan coalitions."

Gore has insisted on keeping silent about who will be No. 2 out of deference, he's said, to the candidates who will be vetted by former secretary of state Warren Christopher, who is heading up Gore's search.

But on a campaign flight from Boston to Washington, Gore, who ventured into the press cabin to trumpet his meeting with Republican Sen. John McCain earlier in the day, entertained an expansive musing about what he's looking for in a running mate.

He said he is forcing himself to get past what he called a natural "human instinct" to seek out someone like himself and he disagreed with grumblers in political circles who say the pool of obvious Democratic candidates — particularly minorities and women — is pretty shallow.

"You ask the question is the person the best person to take over as president would that become necessary," Gore said.

He discounted speculation that his choice would be affected by who Bush selects as a running mate. The Republican National Convention where Bush and his running mate will be nominated comes two weeks before the Democrats convene on Aug. 14.

"The conventions are so close together that whether or not [my choice] is announced, it will be effectively made before then," Gore said.

As for the process, Gore said he has spoken with Christopher on how to proceed but "I have not given him a list of names."

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No 'ultimate sap' in this goodbye

So. This is my last regular column as an undergraduate student at Saint Mary's.

I'd always thought that I'd put a lot of time and effort, a lot of sweat and tears, into my last column here. After all, I've been doing this every two weeks for the past three years. And although I've produced some sloppy thinking and bad writing over the years, I've also written a few pieces that I'm still really proud of. Overall, writing this column has been a blast and I don't regret it for a second. Well, except for the three million seconds I'd spend before every deadline desperately trying to find a topic.

Any topic.

So that's why I thought that I'd reward my nine loyal readers with something really phenomenal for this column. Something touchingly poignant, or brilliantly witty or stupendously profound. Something that would make people turn and look at each other and say, "Wow." Something that people would bring up as a conversation topic. "Hey, did you read The Observer today? There's a great column in here! You gotta read it." Something that would make hordes of people rush for their scissors and make a mad dash at the paper in order to clip this out.

Riiiiight.

I haven't written anything brilliantly witty since my freshmen year, when I had my English/philosophy tandem. I haven't written anything stupendously profound since my sophomore year. And touchingly poignant?

Hmm. I don't think I've ever done anything that was touchingly poignant. (Hey, I use "touchingly poignant" as a synonym for "ultimate

sap." It's just not my genre.)

In fact, I haven't done anything all semester. Yes, all semester. I do not read for my classes. I turn papers in days late. And I don't stress about it.

At all.

On the other hand, I have friends who don't turn papers in this semester at all. So maybe I'm doing better than most.

In other words, the senioritis bug has finally bitten me too, and I don't have the energy left to write the earth-shattering, news-making, Ted Koppel-calling column that I wanted to.

Oh, well. This response is a sure sign of senioritis. Please understand one thing. Seniors do not care anymore.

About anything.

I would however, like to take the time to thank the people who made writing this column such a great time. The various highjinks of administrations, national and collegiate; my friends, who would laugh at some inane thing I said and told me to turn it into a column; and my parents, who would valiantly try to give me topic ideas when I whined I had nothing to write about, and then patiently put up with me when I rejected every single idea they suggested.

I'd also like to thank my parents for all the criticism (good and bad) they gave me. If I'm a better writer now than I was three years ago, it's because of them.

Finally, I'd also like to thank the two people who had lunch with me this afternoon. When I whined about how I wanted to make a really good column and couldn't think of anything, they suggested that I write just that.

Blame this on them.

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Nakasha Ahmad

So, What's My Point?

LETTER TO THE EDITOR



Money mentality causes debt, sacrifices quality students

Like hundreds of my fellow students probably did, I received a half-joking, half-scared e-mail from my father the day he got Father Malloy's letter in the mail regarding the tuition increase. The lowest percentage increase of tuition in two decades, huh? Is that supposed to make us feel comforted?

But the real issue isn't with the letter. It's with the University's refusal to freeze tuition (or God forbid) lower it. If it is true that we did increase our net assets by \$259.3 million and have the luxury of a \$30 million budget surplus, why do so many students face the possibility of not returning next year? Friday's Observer article about the budget surplus indicated that in order to attract the brightest students to Notre Dame, we need to continue to increase spending on technology and infrastructure. But are we that asinine to assume that the best high school seniors in the country are the ones whose parents can afford Notre Dame's skyrocketing costs?

The bottom line is this: Notre Dame refuses to halt tuition increase because they assume that less expensive equals less equality. Rice University, which is ranked higher than Notre Dame in most U.S. News and Report rankings (14th to 19th), tops us out at just over \$21,000 a year. CalTech, this year's No. 1-ranked school in the nation, is cheaper than Notre Dame as well. But because Harvard is \$32,000 a year, we feel that we have to be too. This keeps us elite.

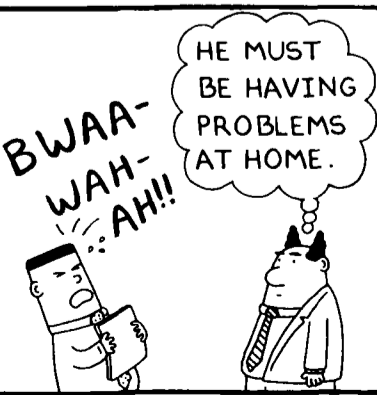
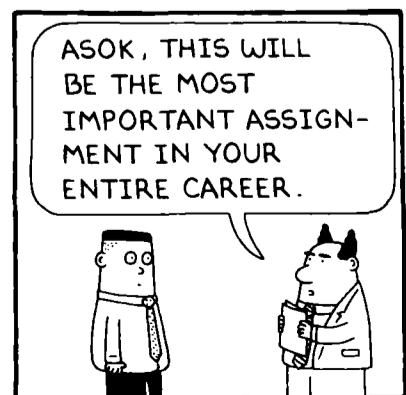
This mentality not only drives hundreds of top students from Notre Dame every year, but also puts students here so far in debt that they end up paying out much more for much longer than they can afford to.

I'm not blaming the Financial Aid Office — they have the unenviable task of fairly allocating what funds they are given to work with. But if private donations fund so much of our building costs, why can't we afford to divert more money to Financial Aid? Next time you visit one of the many new immaculate buildings on campus, ask yourself what's most important to our administration.

Hey ND, thanks for paying your tuition.

Grant Gholson
Sophomore
Keenan Hall
April 29, 2000

DILBERT



SCOTT ADAMS

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I have a simple philosophy. Fill what's empty. Empty what's full. Scratch where it itches."

Alice Roosevelt Longworth
American author, daughter of Theodore Roosevelt

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fatherhood should take precedence over political ideology

While I do not particularly care for the histrionics displayed by Elián's Miami family, I do oppose the recent INS action against the same. From a legal standpoint, the recent "search and seizure" carries far reaching implications, not just for Cubans, but for all immigrants who are or will one day come under the hegemony of the INS.

The action becomes particularly ominous upon one's realizing that 1) Elián was a petitioner in good standing; 2) there were ongoing negotiations, or at least the appearance of the same with key players in place; 3) the controlling legal authority never declared the petitioner to be unlawfully held (the fact that the court is unwilling to award custody to the Miami family after the seizure of Elián is irrelevant, once the seizure is understood to have been "tolerated" as opposed to "ordered"); 4) the INS is an administrative agency with no power to set legal precedent; 5) the power and resources available to any government agency, including the INS, far outweigh those available to the average citizen; 6) other (peaceful) means were widely and readily available to implement the transfer of Elián; and 7) the distinction drawn by Janet Reno between "the show of force" as opposed to "the use of force" is a crock and a specious distinction, because any "show of force" can potentially become a use of the same.

Americans who have failed to make the connection between family values and politics have conveniently forgotten about King George. Fatherhood should take precedence over political ideology, as long as that ideology is not threatening to the same. Those whose political system poses no such danger have no need to question it. Without their realizing it, their very words draw their power from the political context or frame in which they are spoken. The frame goes unnoticed or is taken for granted because it is part of the set stage. It is not until one has to give up or sacrifice something that one realizes that something much bigger than self or even family, exists.

The "something bigger," or in this case, freedom, becomes the condition precedent to the merely incidental. Not that fatherhood is merely incidental. However, if you would have asked a Jew or an African American whether he'd preferred a native son to be with his father at Auschwitz or the plantation or not, I'm sure they would have much rather preferred the latter. Posterity demands such a price.

I think that Juan Miguel Gonzalez knew, long before coming here, probably at the time of Elián's recovery, or shortly thereafter, that any petition for asylum filed on his behalf would probably be turned down. And that's because this present administration is not willing to pay the cost of another Mariel for an Elián. Knowing that the U.S. government's denial (despite its manufactured sensitivity) would have ultimately lead to his untimely death upon his return to Cuba, Mr. Gonzalez has acted reasonably within the face of danger.

As Cuban Americans, we have to do two things. First, we have to do a better job of painting the big picture. So far, our emotions have gotten the best of us. And finally, we need to realize that somewhere in that picture, there are similar cultures and peoples, although somewhat different (a rainbow of colors), but just as beautiful nonetheless, whose circumstances bear a striking resemblance to those of our own.

Manny Losada, Ph.D.
Miami, FL
April 29, 2000

SI article paints skewed picture of ND

While the April 28 Sports Illustrated article on the Notre Dame football program raises a number of valid issues, I wonder why the admissions office deems it necessary to even speak with SI when the article's intent is to paint an unfavorable picture of the office's role in recruiting student-athletes to Notre Dame.

It is especially troubling that the circumstances of individual admission decisions for student athletes are now national news, when those circumstances should be a private matter for the prospective student, parents and the school. Wouldn't a simple "no comment" have sufficed?

Also, why does the admissions director allow SI to take a photo of him as if he has just descended from the throne of heaven inside the Dome? Is that the message the school wants to send? It just doesn't seem necessary. There is a media element that would never like Notre Dame even if we were national champs every year and the whole team went to the NFL and did off season work at Oxford — why fan the flames? This is PR 101-it seems! We haven't learned anything from the Joe Moore and Kim Dunbar PR fiascos.

It bothers me that freshman calculus now appears to be the sole barometer of a student's future academic success. As a parent of two current Notre Dame students, I appreciate the benefits and standards of a rigorous academic curriculum. However, I struggled through calculus at Notre Dame almost 30 years ago and can honestly say that in 25 years as a CPA in public accounting and a CFO in private and public companies, I cannot recall one practical application of calculus in my day-to-day tasks. In addition, I have many classmates who never took calculus and have gone on

to outstanding professional and personal careers since graduating from Notre Dame. Obviously, there are other success factors that are pertinent here, but in the article it appeared that certain people were denied admission solely because of a perceived inability to handle calculus.

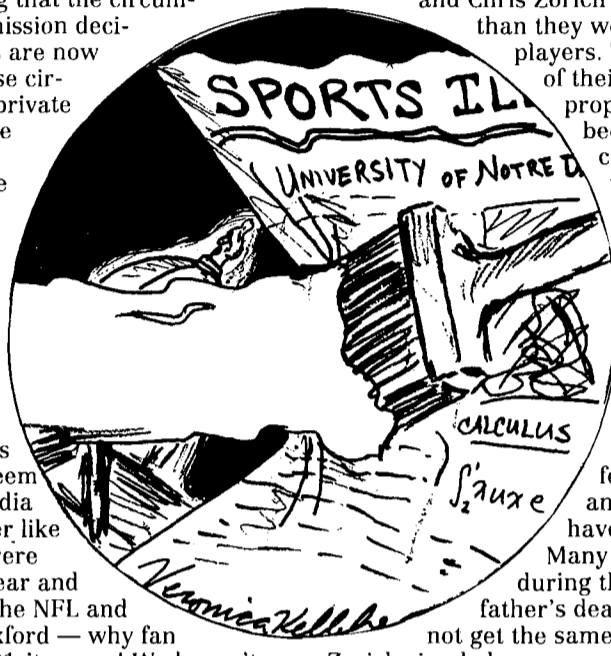
The last 10 years have indicated that Tony Rice and Chris Zorich are even better people than they were Notre Dame football players. They succeeded because of their own hard work and proper support, but mostly because they were given a chance. It's too bad they wouldn't have that chance today.

I don't know any of the recruits mentioned in the SI article, but I did have the opportunity to see Jarrett Payton play and observe him at a few post-season banquets because my son played in the same conference. He had a wide presence and would have fit well at Notre Dame. Many of us saw that very well during the difficult time of his father's death. It's a shame he did not get the same opportunity as Rice and Zorich simply because someone thought he couldn't handle calculus.

The admissions office at Notre Dame has a tough job, and many times it is a thankless one. I know from working on the Alumni Schools Committee here in the Chicago area that these people always have the best interests of Notre Dame at heart in whatever they do.

But I don't think SI cares about that; they just wanted the story. Next time, certain parts of the story should stay in the family.

Ed O'Connell
Class of 1974
Chicago, Ill.



ROTC is cause to mourn

Mourning, surely, is the deepest form of protest. And so, Pax Christi-ND mourns the ROTC Presidential Review that took place on South Quad last Wednesday. Indeed, that this glorification of violence took place at a Catholic university named after the mother of Jesus should be cause for us all to mourn.

Instead of protesting this display of destructive power in a humble and peaceful fashion, as would befit ministers of the Church, "Reviewing Officers" Malloy and Warner — two men in part responsible for the Christian formation of Notre Dame students — stood with the officers of the deeply un-Christian military. Monk's action suggests that "Country" and "Notre Dame" may have usurped "God" in the hierarchy we proclaim on the side of the Basilica. Our allegiance is not with the teachings of the Gospels, but rather with the authority of the state. This is morally reprehensible.

Our administration tells us that we host the "Ministry of War" on campus so to infuse the military with officers of Christian moral sensibilities. They tell us that the U.S. military works to promote and sustain peace in the world. They tell us that, in accordance with Just War Theory, the U.S. uses military force as only a last resort. If all this is true, then why do we proudly salute, ooh, aah and marvel at armed warplanes as they fly overhead?

Do we not realize that an F-16, though technologically astounding, is manufactured to kill and destroy? An F-16, ultimately, is no more than a really big gun. If, instead of a fly-by, a cadet squeezed off a few rounds from his M-16 into a

human dummy, would we have been so transfixed in starry-eyed splendor?

We mourn for the ROTC students who lined the South Quad in stiff formation. These young, intelligent and eager students are our classmates, roommates and friends. We mourn for them because they are entering into an institution that uses violence and fear to force others to conform to the whims of our nation. We mourn because they are entering into an institution that cares little for life, even when that life is one of their own — simply go to Washington to see the many homeless veterans who were once young, intelligent and eager members of the U.S. military. We mourn because our friends are entering an institution that will call upon them to offer their lives not for love of neighbor or self or country, but to defend unjust economic policies, dictatorship "democracies" and even oil.

We could have been there on Wednesday protesting with posters and signs; instead, we pray for our University and we pray for our students in ROTC.

And we mourn.

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April 30, 2000

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TECH COLUMN

Home of future is wired for change

With computers penetrating everyone's life at a staggering rate, it is only a matter of time until they enter the household with the same force.

The idea of creating a "wired home" is nothing new, but lately the steps toward making it a reality are becoming fewer and fewer.

Recently, there have been many advances in networking technology and wireless connections that will make the goal of a fully wired house possible. With the new devices that are coming out, like the ones I wrote about in my last column, the devices are already beginning to take it upon themselves to try and communicate with each other. But a universal standard is going to be required before there is a home-computerized solution.



Mike Revers

access denied

The latest thing to hit the consumer market for the home is the concept of Internet appliances. The first to market a device like this was the Netpliance Company who sold the first Internet appliance, the I-Opener, for about \$200 at the end of 1998. Since then, companies such as Dell, Compaq and Sun have all reportedly begun work on their own versions of these products.

These devices are in a montage of forms, but usually offer the same basic functions. These functions can include things such as e-mail, the Internet, voice messaging or even virtual cookbooks. But the products of the future will have much more than these basic functions. As the Internet gains more and more popularity, it will become the source for all of our interactions with others and our source for all the information we could ever want. You can already sign-up for daily e-mails on your favorite sports team or information on daily news in a city in any of the 50 states. So, it is not too unbelievable to imagine a world where you download full movies, TV shows or even digital books — straight to a centralized unit in your home for personal enjoyment.

The Xerox company has recently invented digital paper which, when interacted with a scanner-like device, changes the print until you download another set of pages. And other manufacturers have begun to create Internet appliances that are portable — like the webpad from the Qubit Company that communicates with the Internet through a wireless connection.

Currently, it connects through a wireless modem but could easily be converted to a simple connection with a central computer in one's home. There is also a newer technology referred to as blue tooth technology, which allows multiple devices to "talk" to each other in a universal language, making for tighter interaction between electronic devices.

With the world becoming more digitally minded and anxious for technology, these changes will eventually take shape. Once the bugs are worked out and the technologies involved are polished, we will all see a large amount of change take place in our daily lives. The homes of the future will have many new gadgets and gizmos — some of which have not even been imagined. One thing is for sure, though: The home of the future is about to get a lot more interesting.

On a more personal note, this is to be my final column for The Observer here at Notre Dame. After being the network administrator for two years, this was a welcomed break from fixing the daily problems that we have here.

I hope that you have enjoyed reading the topics I discussed or that you at least read part of them. But most importantly, I hope that at least when you read my column you learned something from it. I am always happy to "talk tech" with anyone, which often annoys my family, friends and counterparts.

To all the other graduating seniors out there, congratulations and good luck. And, to all who we leave behind, remember that your time here is short and savor it while you can. Thanks for reading, and I will see you in Cyberspace.

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Art and murder mix in 'Lo Mein'

By MARY ANNE LEWIS
Scene Writer

The following is an excerpt of an interview with Robert Eringer:

Q. What inspired you to write "Lo Mein?"

A. A variety of disparate influences, a balance of caffeine and alcohol, a dash of lunacy. And a brief newspaper article about the dangers of eating squirrel brains.

"After rejection number 45, Stukey began a countdown inside his Soho loft." Willard Stukey is a painter. Moreover, he is a creative genius entitled to much fame and success. Rejection simply does not belong in his vocabulary, and he would never think to apply it to himself. But his first painting is not received well, nor his second, nor his third — until he swears to himself that after the 50th rejection, he will switch media and thereby achieve the glory he so deserves and embodies. He will deposit his genius into other arenas. He will devote himself to fulfilling his destiny as an artistic master. He will make the public recognize his superlative talent.

Willard Stukey, mass murderer, famous American celebrity, began his career in Walt Disney World!

That is correct, ladies and gents. Stukey has found a new medium: killing people. Now he must explore form. How does one perform the perfect killing; how does one bring about the divine ending? Form, after all, is of utmost importance — especially in one's masterpiece — THE grand finale. Kill somebody and fulfill rule number one in the art world: "Stir emotion." Fulfill rule number one in the art world and watch the art collectors knock down your door just to speak to you. Willard Stukey is preparing himself to break records. Willard Stukey has a plan.

Meet "Lo Mein," a novel by Robert Eringer, who was once upon a time a non-fiction writer and who now writes highly-creative novels. This pastime amuses him while simultaneously earning him money. Journalism did not suffice in providing the haven that he sought for his imaginings. And so he switched to a more inviting prospect — the novel, as defined by Eringer. He loves

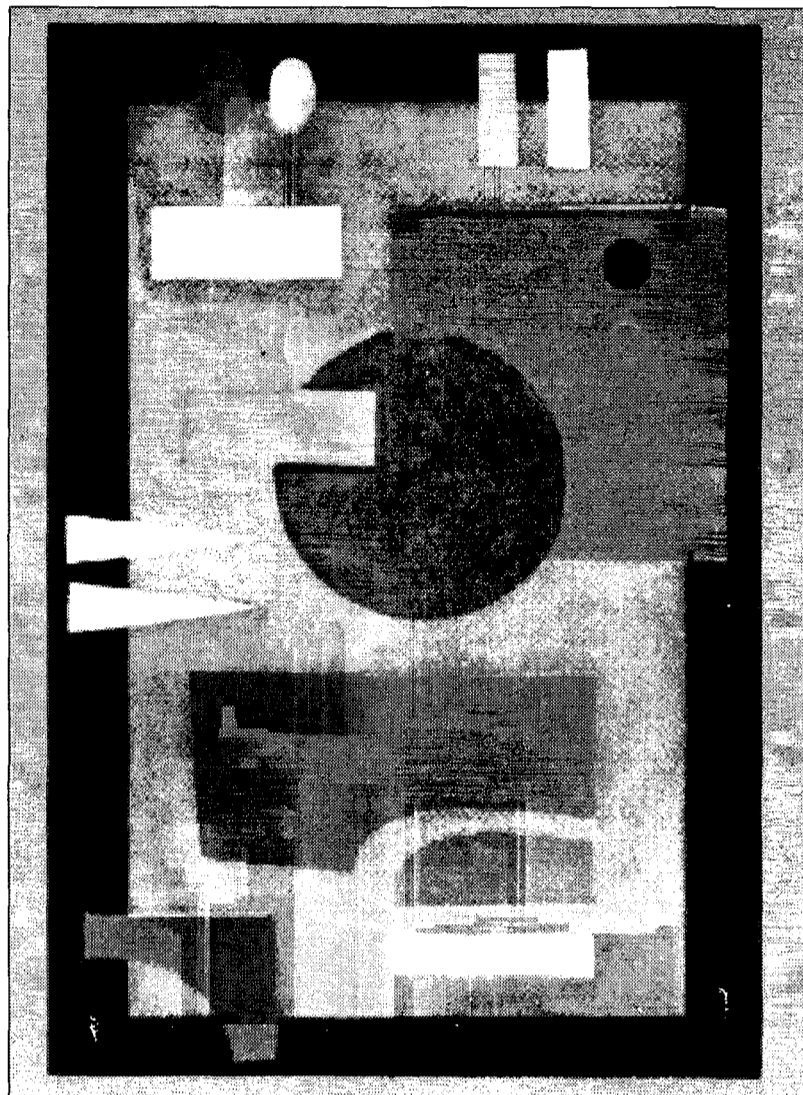


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In "Lo Mein," an artist uses the attention he gains through murdering to promote his art — like the piece above, represented on the back cover of the novel.

what he does and hopes his readers grasp such mirth from his writing.

In his most recent book, "Lo Mein: A Novel," Eringer's imaginative, zany and provocative flare for the distortion of reality

are necessary.'

'Killing people?'

'You have a hang-up about that?'

'Like, me and society in general, man.'

Stukey looked straight ahead, annoyed by this simpleton."

Stukey soon finds himself having to watch his back, for a Bruce Willis look-alike-Tourette's syndrome-ridden former FBI agent — hired by a worried and anxious Disney chairman — makes it his personal mission to capture the nation's hottest criminal celebrity. Jeff Dalkin is the name of that agent, and he and Stukey make for quite a pair.

In his own way, Eringer takes on the role of painter as he portrays a bizarre world with bright and flashing colors, vivid action and the insanity of wisdom.

"Lo Mein" is a book that will make one laugh and wonder about this crazy world. Eringer ensures that the reader takes on the role of writer while reading the book, for he leaves ideas and paths wide-open throughout the novel. The reader provides the answers to questions concerning priorities, pop culture, art and humanity.

Finally, in the words of Robert Eringer:

"Eventually everyone died. Life went on.

"Three hundred years later, Willard Stukey was recognized as the greatest artist of his time.

Lo mein."

The novel is currently available. See the publisher's website, <http://www.corinthian-books.com>, for additional publicity information.

Lo Mein

Ranking

Robert Eringer

Corinthian Books

more risk and excitement and receive more attention than the latter profession.

"I had to," snapped Stukey. "No one was paying any attention. My act of violence made them sit up, take notice. Sometimes desperate measures

BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL

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Dietrich caps off sweet victory for seniors

◆ No. 1 Keyplay.com edges NDToday.com 21-17 to win title

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

Both Keyplay.com and NDToday.com sailed through the Bookstore Basketball tournament, flattening their competition like steamrollers. One had to lose when they played one another in Sunday's finals.

In a classic Bookstore showdown, the two teams traded the lead throughout the game, one that could have easily gone either way. Keyplay.com found its niche at the right time, though, and scored the final five points to earn a 21-17 victory and go home champions.

NDToday.com's B.J. Kloska, a crowd favorite, put his squad ahead 17-16 with a shot from behind the 3-point line. Those were the last points NDToday would score, as Keyplay silenced their offense the rest of the way.

"Down the stretch, I think we all got our second wind," Keyplay's Tom Dietrich said. "[John] Teasdale had a couple big baskets. Cas [Schneller] had a couple big rebounds. Paul [Moore] clamped down on defense. Jimmy [Dillon] had that 3-point shot. That was a bomb. That made them tighten up on defense, and let us get to the basket."

Dillon finally found his varsity playing form after an unimpressive start, and slammed home a dunk on a pass from Tournament MVP Dietrich.

NDToday turned the ball over its next trip down the court, then fouled Keyplay's Schneller to send him to the free throw line. Schneller missed the free shot, but his team retained possession, and Dietrich poured in one of his team-high eight buckets with a pull up jumper.

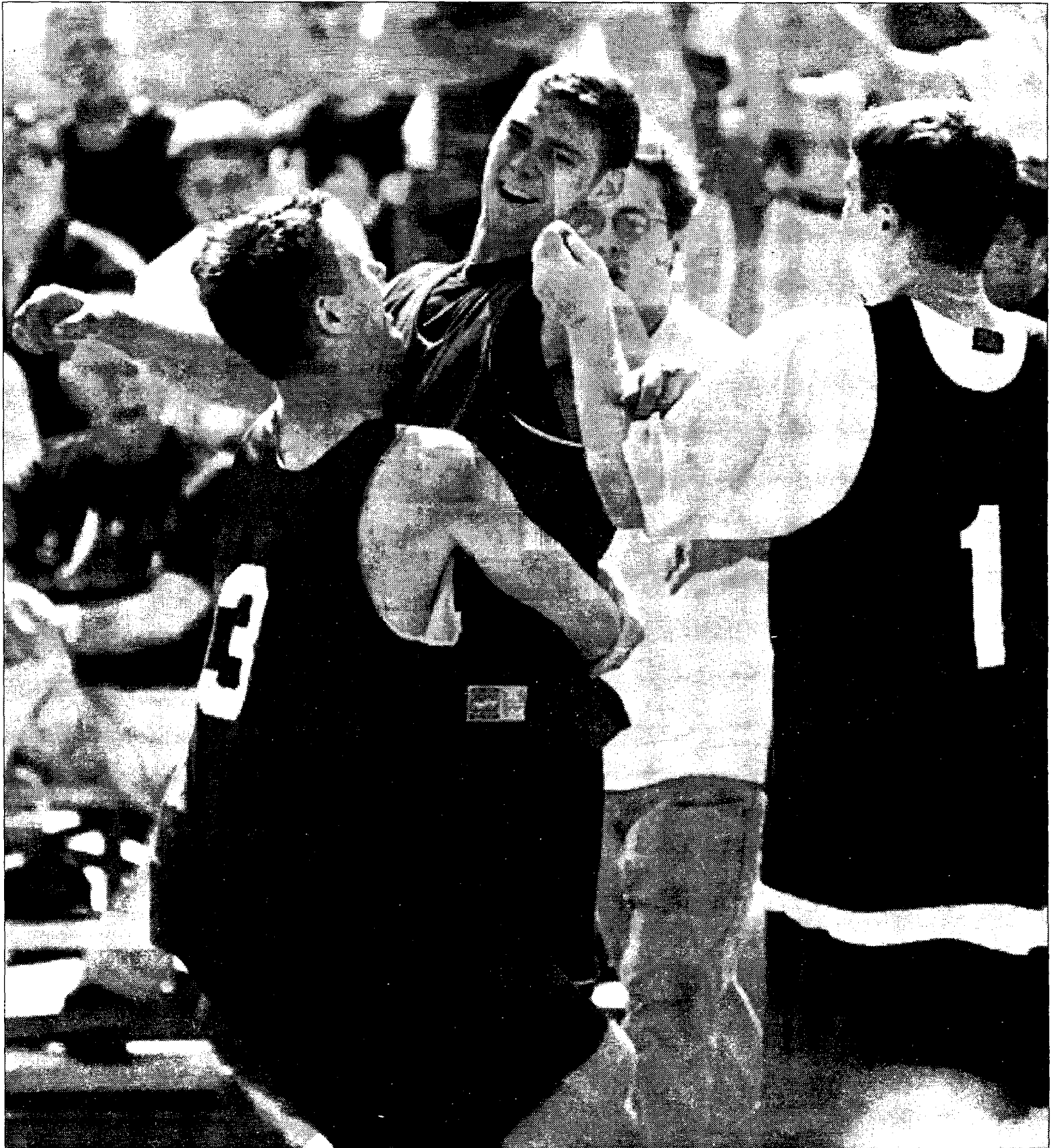
"I thought that we matched up with them pretty well with the exception of Tom [Dietrich]," Kloska said. "He shot the lights out every time he got the ball. That's what MVP's do."

Down 18-17, NDToday missed a shot which bounced out of bounds to hand possession back to Keyplay. Dribbling down the court, Dillon drew up and knocked down a surprise attempt, a long-distance shot from well behind the 3-point line that gave Keyplay all the momentum.

In a loose ball situation, refs called a jump ball, which kept possession in the hands of NDToday. But they missed their next shot, and were called for a foul on the rebound. Keyplay had missed its first three attempts from the charity stripe, but Teasdale managed to nail one to give Keyplay a 20-17 lead, just one point from victory.

"Our fouls in the end killed us," NDToday's Dave Mikolyzk said. "That had a lot to do with the ending. It just went their way at the end."

The two squads scrapped for



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Keyplay.com's Jimmy Dillon (No. 3) lifts Tom Dietrich into the air after Dietrich hit the gamewinning shot in the Bookstore Basketball championships. Teammate Paul Moore (No. 1) looks on. Keyplay.com defeated NDToday.com 21-17.

a jump ball, and this time the possession arrow pointed in favor of Keyplay. Dietrich, who was red-hot all day from the field, continued his streak. He took a 3-point-range shot, and even the hand of NDToday's Tim Muething in his face couldn't prevent it from going down. Dietrich's nothing-but-net shot was a perfect ending to a Bookstore Basketball career, and the senior wound up his three seasons of playing in the tourney by earning a team championship and MVP title.

Dietrich, Moore and Schneller

advanced to the Final Four together two seasons ago, and repeated that performance last year with Teasdale. This year, they pulled in Dillon after his

"We really wanted to make sure we were the ones on fire at the end this time. We were determined to go out as winners."

Cas Schneller
Keyplay.com

Fighting Irish basketball career concluded, and, with four seniors, got the results they'd searched for the past two years.

"We've been to this place two years before, and ended up on the losing end both times," Schneller said. "We really wanted to make sure we were the ones on fire at the end this time. We were determined to go out as winners. We went to

the Final Four the past two years, and made it over the hump yesterday. Those guys were great, Versatility and NDToday."

The two teams were the top two seeds from the start of the tournament, and the box score showed there were 13 ties in the game. The two teams were tied at every point interval but one in the first half.

Both Kloska and Dietrich scored five baskets in the first period. NDToday went into halftime ahead 11-10 after behind the arc shot by Mikolyzk. He also scored the first hoop of the second stanza, laying one in to make it 12-10 NDToday.

Dietrich answered with a shot that set the tone for the rest of the game, a 3-pointer that bounced well above the backboard but fell through the net, and the ball continued to roll

Keyplay's way the rest of the afternoon.

"Tom [Dietrich] was on all day," Mikolyzk said. "He kept hitting his outside shots."

NDToday had two players on the First Team All-Tournament in Kloska and Mikolyzk, and Muething was named to the Second Team.

"It's really nice to be recognized after four years," Mikolyzk said. "My whole team earned this award."

In addition to Dietrich being named Tournament MVP, Keyplay's Schneller earned Second Team All-Tournament honors.

While only Teasdale is an underclassmen from Keyplay's squad, NDToday returns all but Mikolyzk and Mark Godish.

"I'll come back next year to watch you guys win," Godish promised Kloska as he walked off the court.

Brandenburg pulls off three-peat with JAAKE

By BRIAN KESSLER
Assistant Sports Editor

When Erin Brandenburg took the court in the finals of Bookstore Basketball XXIX, she had one thought in mind — three-peat.

And Sunday, the third-year law student surely played like it.

Brandenburg poured in eight points to lead No. 1 JAAKE to a 21-9 victory over No. 2 Muffet's Second String in a hard fought game that took more than an hour to complete.

"I think the difference was experience," said Brandenburg, who captured her third straight women's Bookstore title. "Kelli Moran and I won it last year and Amy Anderson and I won the year before. So we definitely had experience on our side."

JAAKE took advantage of that experience early on. Brandenburg and Moran were on fire from the outside and JAAKE jumped out to a 6-0 lead.

"We didn't know how we would do against their zone, so it was tough early on," Brandenburg said. "We started to make a run and then they switched to man and we knew we could play against man defense."

Freshman Kaitlin McEwen finally got Muffet's Second String on the scoreboard and Colleen Sullivan added a jumper to cut the lead to 6-2.

JAAKE, however, went on a 5-0 run to close the half. Brandenburg drained two long range shots and Abby Coons, Jen Stefanski and Anderson each added a bucket to give JAAKE an 11-2 advantage at the break.

Early in the second half, Muffet's

Second String found themselves in foul trouble, but JAAKE couldn't capitalize. JAAKE bricked three free throws and Muffet's Second String started to gain some confidence.

Sophomore Meg Reynders of Muffet's Second String opened the second half with a sweet drive and lay-up. Then McEwen, Sullivan and Holly Hoffman got in on the action, rattling off three straight hoops to make a game of it. Reynders scored again to cap the 5-0 run and cut the lead to 11-7. JAAKE, however, struggled shooting at the rock at its second half rim.

"I was getting sick to my stomach [when they made that run]," Brandenburg said. "We were taking some good shots, but the lid wouldn't come off the rim. We were able to stick together though and hang in there and eventually we were able to break them down. We knew we were playing good defense and so if they were going to come back it was going to take a long time."

JAAKE eventually settled down and Moran finally put an end to Muffet's Second String's run. JAAKE stepped up the intensity on defense and held its opponent to just two points down the stretch. McEwen scored twice for Muffet's Second String, but missed free throw and poor execution led to its demise.

JAAKE took advantage of turnovers and fast break opportunities to close out the victory. Brandenburg's drives and Anderson's rebound baskets accounted for seven of JAAKE's second half points. Moran finally ended it with a game-winning free throw.

Brandenburg led the way for JAAKE with a game high eight points.

"That was rare," Brandenburg said.



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Meghan Crisham of Muffet's Second String drove her team past No Name but Got Game into the finals, but couldn't get past JAAKE for the championship.

"Usually everyone else steps up, but today, my teammates were making good passes and I was hitting my shots in the first half. Then we really got our fast break going in the second half."

Moran scored five points for JAAKE and Amy Anderson had four. Kaitlin McEwen scored a team-high four points in a losing effort for Muffet's Second String.

"It was fun out there; I really had a

blast," Brandenburg said. "They were tough. But we all wanted this bad and we came out and really played well as a team."

JAAKE advanced to the championship game with a 21-12 over No. 4 Silk Puppets in Friday's semifinal game. Muffet's Second String made it to the finals with a win over No. 6 No Name but Got Game.

Hall of Fame game showcases talent of Bookstore

Bookstore 2000 Awards

Mr. Bookstore - Steve Craig (Franchise)
MVP - Tom Dietrich (Keyplay.com)
Iron Man (*courage through injury*) -
Matt Wolbeck (Majestics) - Severed nerve in forearm
Hoosier Award (*Player who shoots the most, but scores the least*) - Red Croker (Coco Butter)
Golden Hatchet (*Bookstore's biggest hacker*) -
Dan McGowan (Double Down)

First Team All-Bookstore

Ross Hansen - Versatility
Pete Ryan - Majestics
Dave Mikolyzk - NDToday.com
Sean McCarthy - F-Bombs
BJ Kloska - NDToday.com

Second Team All-Bookstore

Cas Schneller - Keyplay.com
Tim Muething - NDToday.com
Matt Canna - Franchise
Doug Bartels - F-Bombs
Justin Heberle - Majestics

Third Team All-Bookstore

Chris Dillon - Versatility
Jason Childress - Versatility
Brian Ostick - Please Call Us Bosphus
Coley Brady - Double Down
Brett Ganson - Mourning Wood

All-Davie Team (Bookstore's Best Football Players)

John Owens - Coco Butter
Tony Fisher - Coco Butter
John Teasdale - Keyplay.com
Gary Godsey - Rampage
Brian Olenicek - Nylon Stokers

◆ Doherty plays to crowd with feisty play in gold team victory

By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

What do you get when you combine campus celebrities, Bookstore all-stars and a little debauchery on a bright, sunny Sunday afternoon on the Stepan Center Courts?

Trouble? No, the Bookstore Basketball Hall of Fame game of course.

In a contest that was far more fun than it was furious, Gold defeated Blue 21-11 in the annual Bookstore Basketball Hall of Fame classic on an afternoon that featured everything from a Leprechaun making a layup to a Notre Dame coach (surprise) heckling the officials.

Men's basketball coach Matt Doherty was on hand to steal the show, showcasing a dazzling repertoire of long range shooting and reverse lay-ups, while swatting shot after shot from his defensive post.

Sparked by the fiery play of Doherty, its captain, the Gold squad bolted to an 11-6 half-time lead and never looked back.

"The guys were intense on defense and unselfish with the ball on offense," Doherty noted. "I thought we played real well."

Teamed with familiar company in former player Skylard Owens, Doherty and his protégé led a team that also featured Bookstore all-stars Pete

Ryan, Coley Brady and Matt Canna, in addition to Keough Hall rector and Nunc Dimittis player Father Tom Doyle.

The Gold team triumphed over a Blue team that was captained by leprechaun Mike Brown and coached by athletic director Kevin White. Todd Palmer suited up for the Blue squad, but was outdone by his coach who seemed to relish his role as the "go-to guy."

"We focused on shutting down Palmer," Doherty said.

Though the casual observer may have thought otherwise,

the Irish coach hasn't had much time to work on his game.

"I haven't worked on it all year," Doherty admitted. "If I did I'd be broken down."

All Doherty did Sunday was break down the competition. After finding his touch from three-point range, Doherty forced the defense to respect his "game" and was able to compensate for his obvious lack of speed with some ball fakes that led to some highlight reel buckets.

The Gold team was also boosted by the solid play of Owens, who was mocked by Doherty for finally getting some playing time.

"I'm amazed how Sky Owens doesn't practice all year and then comes out and is all ready for Bookstore," said a baffled Doherty.

After seeing their lead stretched to 16-9, the Gold team moved to put the game out of reach. Mighty Mouse Matt Canna did just that, dunking on basket that was thought to be far out of his reach with a boost from teammate Pete Ryan.

From there on in, the "real pros" took over, as Doherty buried a couple long-range bombs before Sky Owens caught an alley-oop off the backboard and slammed home the victory.

Father Doyle did the clergy proud with his feisty play and contributed several assists to the effort. But Doherty was unimpressed.

"It's a good thing he has a job on campus

as a rector, because he belongs on the bench in a collar," Doherty noted emphatically.

Always on the lookout for talent to help next year's varsity team, Doherty admitted that he found none, but did note that Mike Brown "would make a good leprechaun."

After leading the Gold team to victory, Coach Doherty had high hopes for another of his pupils to score a Sunday afternoon victory. Doherty stuck around for the men's final, the result of which he correctly predicted.

"Jimmy Dillon all the way," he had said.

"I'm amazed how Sky Owens doesn't practice all year and then comes out and is all ready for Bookstore."

**Matt Doherty
Gold team**

For love or money, Bookstore played for the love

◆ Top-notch talent makes tournament unique event

In a time when fans pay upwards of \$20 to see a college basketball game in which the players are often more interested in securing multimillion dollar NBA contracts, Bookstore Basketball offers the Notre Dame community the biggest bargain in the house.



Kathleen O'Brien

Irish Insight

Onlookers get a free seat to watch great basketball played by guys revved up and excited about every chance to compete. They get to watch players give it their all day after day for the often overlooked rewards of onlookers' cheers and opponents' respect.

"One of my favorite images of the tournament is walking up that hill at Stepan and seeing hundreds of students just out there to watch a pickup game with 10 normal guys," Franchise player Matt Canina said. "I think the fans almost have a better time than the

players." Fans see top-notch competitors, some of whom could have starred at the collegiate level at a lesser-known college or university, but chose instead to end their competitive careers (aside from the annual Bookstore Basketball competition) in favor of a stint at Notre Dame.

One example is Tournament MVP Tom Dietrich, who gave fans an eyeful with his high-scoring performances on the road to a title with Keyplay.com. Dietrich scored a school record 1,200 points at Alliance High School and was named to the All-Ohio team as a senior. He was recruited to play college ball at Division I schools such as Vanderbilt, Bowling Green and Miami (Ohio). But he passed up those prospects in favor of watching Notre Dame basketball from the sidelines.

This year's Mr. Bookstore, Franchise's Steve Craig, likely could have kept his career going beyond prep school. At Notre Dame, however, his basketball competition consisted of pickup games at Rolfs and title runs in Bookstore. Not that he regrets the trade-in.

"I'm just lucky because I got to play with great players for four years," Craig said. "You have to go deep into the tournament to win this. The tournament itself is so much fun. I enjoyed it all four years, and I think they knew how much I enjoyed it."

NDToday.com junior B.J. Kloska, a First Team All-Tournament pick, was sought after to play Division II basketball but the Elkhart native chose to come to Notre Dame instead.

"My whole dream had always been to come to Notre Dame and play basketball and eventually get a diploma," Kloska said.

Kloska managed to walk on the Fighting Irish basketball team a year ago, but chose not to repeat the effort this season. He kept playing hoops for Rolfs every day to prepare for Bookstore, which helped him form some great friendships.

"When you really make the friends, it's down there at Rolfs," Kloska said. "It's interesting because the guys you see down there every day are the ones who make the final eight, the final four. It's friends before the game and after the game, but during the game, there's a switch that turns on."

Second Team All-Tournament senior Canina, a short but scrappy guard, wouldn't change a thing about his decision to come to Notre Dame and hang up his high tops.

"When I was in high school, I thought about maybe playing in college," Canina said. "But I also kept in mind that college is for one thing and one thing only, and that's a diploma. It was kind of a pipe dream for me. My four years here have been fantastic. I wouldn't change that for anything. After it's all said and

BOOKSTORE 2000

Men's Bookstore Results

Championship
Keyplay.com def NDToday.com (21-17)

Final Four
Keyplay.com def. Versatility (21-15)
NDToday.com def. Majestics (21-11)

Elite Eight
Majestics def. Franchise (21-17)
Versatility def. Coco Butter (21-18)
NDToday.com def. F-Bombs (21-17)
Keyplay.com def. Please call us Bosephus (21-10)

done, you have to walk away with a smile on your face."

Several football players starred on the hardwood in high school. Hit Squad's Eric Chappell was named all-state in basketball as a senior. Tony Fisher of Coco Butter averaged 20 points and 10 rebounds per game. And Javin Hunter was named the MVP of the state basketball tournament his sophomore and junior seasons.

Versatility's Ross Hansen, a Division I prospect in high school, did just that as he played Bookstore because of the boisterous atmosphere.

"There's nothing like it. That's the best part, the crowd support," First Team All-Tournament designee Hansen said. "Half of them are heckling you and half of them are cheering for you. It's just a great atmosphere to play in."

That atmosphere, created by the fans, players and commissioners alike, makes Bookstore Basketball the best show in town.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

NDToday.com, Keyplay.com roll to Final Four victories

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN
Associate Sports Editor

NDToday.com romped through the Bookstore Basketball semifinals with a 21-10 ride over the No. 10 Majestics.

The second-seeded team scored the first four baskets of the game on drives by Todd Titus and B.J. Kloska, a 3-point range shot by Kloska and an off-balance jumper by Dave Mikolyzk. The Majestics' Justin Heberle, who was named to the Second Team All-Tournament, tried to answer with two shots from behind the 3-point line, but NDToday kept on knocking shots down.

"We always think we're going to go out and play harder than the other team," NDToday's Tim Muething said. "If you just get to a good start, then you're on a roll and it helps."

The favored team went into halftime up 11-4. Mikolyzk nailed nearly all his attempts from the field, hitting five of his team's 11 baskets in the first period.

"They were falling today," Mikolyzk said. "We wanted to jump out quick and make them play from behind."

To start off the second half, Muething aced in a jumper, one which Majestics' Corey Hartmann quickly countered with a jump shot of his own. Kloska, a former Notre Dame basketball walk-on, swished three shots from near the 3-point line or beyond to give NDToday a 15-6 lead.

The two teams traded baskets the next two times down the court. Heberle made a jump shot for Majestics, then Mikolyzk drove the lane to make the score 16-7. Heberle drove beneath the basket for a reverse lay-up, and NDToday's Muething swooshed a trey to put the score at 17-8.

"We get our offense from our defense," Mikolyzk said. "Even when we got ahead by a lot, we didn't let up on defense, and that made it hard for them to get back into it."

An NDToday foul put Hartmann at the line to knock down a free throw, and Majestics' Peter Ryan scored to close the score to 17-10. After that, NDToday finished off the Majestics. Titus put back a rebound for a bucket. Kloska and Mikolyzk nailed free throws. And following a lay-in by the Majestics' Ryan, Kloska dropped in a long jumper to ice the victory.

The on-fire shooting of NDToday was the key to the victory, as it rarely missed a shot.

"They were sharp from the outside," Majestics' Matt Wolbeck said. "We tried to swing out on their shooters, and get a hand in their face every time. Obviously, it's disappointing to lose in the semis. Our ultimate goal was to win the whole thing, but we came up a little short. We'll be back next year."

Top-ranked Keyplay.com suffered through sloppy play and ice-cold shooting to advance to the finals with a 21-15 victory over fifth-ranked Versatility.

"It was nice to get in a close game for once," Keyplay's Tom Dietrich said. "It was a pretty rough game. Our rebounding helped. We didn't get them too many extra shots."

The semifinals round match was filled with turnovers and defensive stops for both teams. After Keyplay jumped out to a 6-2 lead on three baskets by sharp-shooter Dietrich, there was a stretch in which neither team scored on 15 straight possessions. The offense improved somewhat after that, as Versatility's Ross Hansen got into a groove and Dietrich converted on a couple key drives.

Following an 11-7 halftime lead, Keyplay let Versatility back into it. Versatility's Joe Lillis drove the lane, Jason Childress banged in a bucket and Chris Dillon pulled up for a long jumper to make it 12-10.

Keyplay's Jimmy Dillon put back a bucket and Dietrich hit a free throw to widen the gap to 14-10.

As the game wore on, the careless play continued. But Keyplay got a few more of its shots to fall, and that was the difference in the game.

"They just had too many weapons," Childress said. "It was a scrappy effort by both teams. I think we missed a lot of shots we should have hit. They played good defense though."

Quarterfinals

Fourth- and fifth-ranked Coco Butter and Versatility battled to the finish, with Versatility winning out 21-18 by earning the edge on free throws.

Versatility stormed to an early 10-4 lead behind the play of First Team All Tournament player Ross Hansen.

"We started off too slow, and just could never get things going," Coco Butter's Red Croker said.

But Coco Butter climbed back into competition, as it got two baskets by Croker, one by John Owens, one by Justin Thomas and another by Doug Connors to make the score 10-9. Coco Butter scored three of the next four points to grab a 12-11 lead on two Croker jump shots and a Tony Fisher rebound putback.

Things were nip-and-tuck early in the second half, but Hansen nailed a reverse layup and a jumper to put Versatility ahead 17-14. Fisher answered with a long-distance shot, but Versatility scored the next two buckets.

Owens missed a key free

throw, one of three he bricked down the stretch. Versatility, on the other hand, hit two of its three free throw attempts. And Hansen banged in the final bucket for the victory.

"It helped, us getting 10 fouls on them," Joe Lillis said. "We've all played high school ball, and we've played a lot here, so we know how to shoot those pressure free throws."

While Coco Butter and Versatility engaged in their tight quarterfinals battle, No. 6 Majestics and No. 3 Franchise played a similarly close game on the next court over, with the two games matching one another point for point.

Majestics worked its way to a 9-4 lead, and Franchise came back a la Coco Butter, scoring the next five points to tie things up. The two teams matched points on every bucket up until the teams were even at 17.

Suddenly Majestics figured out how to shut Franchise down. Hartmann drove for a basket, starting a four-point run for the underdogs.

"I thought there were some calls that didn't go our way, and in the end, we didn't hit our shots," Franchise's Dan Reidy said.

NDToday.com survived a challenge from the upstart No. 7 F-Bombs, outdueling its competition 21-19.

"They played really rough and physical," Kloska said. "We were just fortunate to pull this one out."

NDToday carried a one to two point lead through most of the

"We think they [Please Call Us Bosephus] are going to be the team to beat the next three years."

Cas Schneller
Keyplay.com

game, but could never pull away. Todd Titus and Mark Godish hit consecutive shots to give NDToday a 17-14 edge. Sean McCarthy, a First Team All Tournament selection, answered with a bucket of his own. Godish and McCarthy traded hoops again, followed by an F-Bombs hoop to narrow the scoring gap to 18-17.

Titus made a shot, followed by a basket by the F-Bombs' Matt Canina that left the score 19-18.

NDToday. Two First Team All Tournament players finished things off for NDToday, as Kloska sealed an off-balance driving jumper and Mikolyzk hit the game-winning shot.

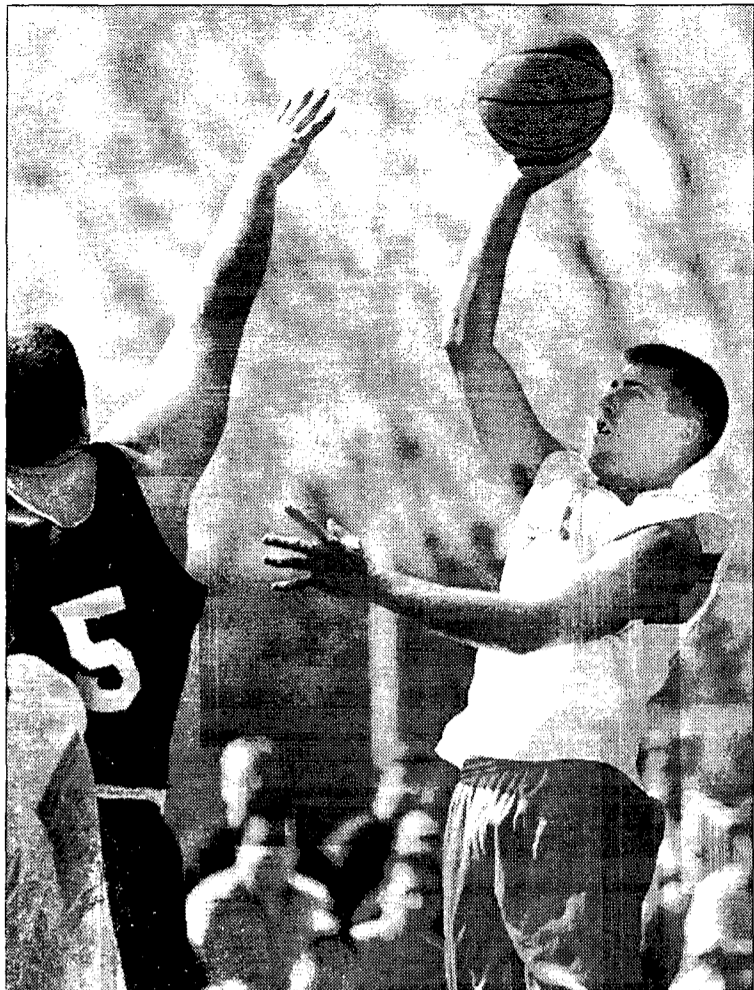
"Both teams gave it the best they could," F-Bombs' Doug Bartels said. "Some shots didn't fall the way we wanted them to, but that's basketball."

Senior-laden Keyplay.com used its age and experience to beat the all-freshman Please Call Us Bosephus squad.

Dietrich, Dillon and Paul Moore combined for all 11 first half points by the winning team. In the second period, Schneller lit things up with a 3-pointer, layup break and drive. Referees had to pause the game just before completion as Dietrich was bleeding at the elbow and the knee.

Although Keyplay didn't have too much trouble with Please Call Us Bosephus, it expects the young team to be a force to contend with in future Bookstore tournaments.

"We think they are the team to beat the next three years," Schneller said. "They're going to be great."



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NDToday.com's Dave Mikolyzk, a First Team All Tournament selection, goes up for a jumper over Keyplay.com's John Teasdale.

photos by JOHN DAILY and JEFF HSU

All the sentiments came out in Keyplay.com's victory over NDToday.com, from excitement in triumph to disappointment in loss, from exhilaration after a made 3-pointer to frustration at a missed shot. The hundreds of fans gathered at Stepan to watch the game got more than their money's worth, as they saw a nailbiter game for no cost.



JEFF HSU/The Observer

Keyplay.com's Jimmy Dillon slams home a dunk after catching the ball mid-air on a pass from Tom Dietrich. The basket started a five-point run for Keyplay.com that cemented its victory over NDToday.com.

Bookstore Basketball XXIX



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The members of NDToday.com (right) huddles together in the disappointment of defeat while a victorious Keyplay.com (left) celebrates with fans after winning the Bookstore Basketball championship. B.J. Kloska, Tim Muething, Mark Godish, Dave Mikolyzk and Todd Titus played on NDToday.com.

Scene

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ND Opera adds musical twist to Hansel and Gretel

By BRIAN SEAMAN
Scene Theater Critic

Voices soared this weekend as the Notre Dame Opera appeased the audience's sweet tooth with a production of Engelbert Humperdinck's "Hansel and Gretel."

Setting the famous fairy tale to beautiful lyrical melodies and lines, Humperdinck ably extends the range of this tale far past two children, their parents and a witch, by adding angels, a sandman and a dew fairy — all to good effect.

Despite this extension, the production nonetheless remains focused on the adventures and trials of the title characters, Hansel and Gretel, played in this production by Michelle Holden and Anney Gillotte respectively.

Playing Gretel, Anney Gillotte delighted the audience, warming the stage with her cherubic face and gentle voice. While shimmering opposite a performer with a bit more vocal maturity, Gillotte nevertheless charmed the audience, inviting them not only to witness her character's happiness, but also to smile right along with her.

As an energetically naïve Hansel, Michelle Holden commanded attention with her soaring voice and strong abilities.

Ms. Holden's mastery of the stage was especially apparent while engaged in childish play throughout the show, her voice reflecting an enjoyment of the task at hand.

Yet, it is this very enjoyment which seemed lacking in the production as a whole. Despite the opera being about two playful children, the actors were at times too concentrated on the moving melody lines to consider their enjoyment as characters or singers.

This was evident throughout, yet especially apparent in a scene in which Hansel and Gretel come upon the candy coated house of the evil witch. Instead of being elated by the absolute joy of such a childhood dream abode, they were restrained — as if they were so concentrated on making the singing beautiful that conveying a sense of joy to the audience was secondary.

Yet the energetic shot in the arm that this production needed was provided with brilliance by Paula Rae Kearney in her role as the Witch.

Kearney's first entrance, painted with black teeth and menacing fingernails, was comic perfection, peeking out of a Dutch door with a menacing joy. From this moment on, the production took a turn in a

much more exciting direction.

With such a performer joining the zestful Holden and Gillotte onstage, "Hansel and Gretel" finally came fully into its own. While the production up to Kearney's entrance was technically impeccable, only with the witch's entrance did the audience become fully involved in the action.

During the hilarious sequence in which Gretel saves herself from scorching in the witch's oven, Gillotte and Kearney played comic prattle off each other gloriously — suggesting to the audience that these actresses would be equally perfect in a musical comedy.

Apart from Gillotte, Kearney claimed the stage as her own during a sky high solo performance in the third act. Brandishing a magic wand, this lovably terrifying witch clicked her clawish fingernails at the audience, inviting them to fall under the same spell as the children.

While casting her spell, the witch shook her hips as if her feminine wiles were the basis of her magic; such a transfer of voice into body carriage was wonderful.

Gillotte, Holden and Kearney collectively were sheer candy coated delight for the audience, yet these singers were required to work extra hard at points to have their voices heard over the booming volume of the orchestra.

Conducted by John Apeitos, the orchestra was — as with the actors — technically superior. Though, whether due to the acoustics of Washington Hall or simply due to the number of musicians, the singers



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Special effects added to the power of the show — a power that was underscored by the accompaniment of a live orchestra.

were many times completely drowned out by the instrumentalists.

During the first act, the orchestra was so dominating that details or lines were often lost to the audience, thereby causing plot discrepancies. While no one can be blamed for this distraction, it nonetheless detracted from the overall effectiveness of the evening.

Volumes notwithstanding, the performers involved rose above any technical problems the production may have had. As in prior years, the Notre Dame Opera has proven that the musical talent on campus is extremely high.

After tossing the witch into her oven, Hansel and Gretel happily sing "Oh, the witch is toast," providing the audience with a giggle in what can be — at times — a serious opera.

Yet, as with the title characters, all does have a happy ending and the crowd at Washington Hall this weekend definitely walked out the door with a sweet taste in their collective mouth.



ANGELA CAMPOS/The Observer

Performers in Notre Dame's Opera "Hansel and Gretel" captivated the audience, drawing it into the carefree, comedic atmosphere in which the play is set.

THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK

Week of 5/01 - 5/07

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<p>~ Directing Finals — three one-act plays in the Lab Theatre, Washington Hall, 7:00 p.m. — free admission</p> <p>~ SMC Recital Forum, 12 p.m. - 1 p.m., Little Theatre</p>	<p>~ Directing Finals, Washington Hall, 7:00 p.m. — free admission</p>	<p>~ Seniors' Last Class Dinner at Senior Bar, 5-7 p.m., \$2 with student ID</p> <p>~ Directing Finals, Washington Hall, 7:00 p.m. — free admission</p> <p>Last Issue of The Observer</p>	<p>STUDY DAY</p> <p>~ "The Talented Mr. Ripley" in 101 DeBartolo at 10:30 p.m. — \$2 admission</p> <p>~ SMC Spring Choral Concert, 7:30 p.m., Little Theater</p>
Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
<p>STUDY DAY</p> <p>~ Spring Swing Dance at the JACC, 7-11 p.m., \$5 with ND/SMC ID</p> <p>~ "The Talented Mr. Ripley" in 101 DeBartolo at 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. — \$2 admission</p>	<p>~ Book Reading for mothers and children by South Bend author Julie Walters in the Hammes Bookstore, 11 a.m.</p> <p>~ "The Talented Mr. Ripley" in 101 DeBartolo at 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. — \$2 admission</p> <p>~ SMC "Girl Interrupted," 8 p.m., Carroll Auditorium</p>	<p>~ Book Reading by Notre Dame Alum, Steven Varni, 2:30 p.m., Hammes Bookstore</p> <p>~ Seniors, write a poem, short story or other creative piece reflecting on your years at Notre Dame for the Commencement edition of The Observer.</p>	

NBA PLAYOFFS

Bench play leads Kings to 99-91 win over Lakers

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. Shaquille O'Neal lost his shooting touch. Kobe Bryant was slowed by foul trouble. And suddenly, the mighty Los Angeles Lakers were not invincible.

Chris Webber had 29 points and the Sacramento bench finally came alive, sparking an 18-4 run in the fourth quarter, as the Kings defeated the Lakers 99-91 Sunday to stay alive in the playoffs.

The Lakers won the first two games by comfortable margins in Los Angeles. Game 4 in the best-of-five series is Tuesday night at Sacramento.

O'Neal had 21 points and 17 rebounds, but went 8-for-22 from the field and 5-for-14 from the foul line. Bryant, who picked up his fourth foul early in the third period, had 16 of his 35 points in the fourth quarter.

Predrag Stojakovic had 19 points and Tony Delk added 11 as the Kings' self-proclaimed "Bench Mob," which had little success in the first two games of the series, outscored the Lakers' reserves 34-11.

The Kings still face a harrowing task as they try to upset the best team in the NBA this season. Only 12 teams have rallied to win a series after trailing 2-0, and none since the Houston Rockets in 1995.

Sacramento opened the fourth quarter with a 7-1 run, taking its first lead of the game on a 3-pointer by Stojakovic with 9:43 remaining after Delk

twice kept the possession alive with offensive rebounds.

O'Neal's dunk and two baskets by Bryant gave Los Angeles a 78-73 lead, but the Kings replied with a 14-0 run that included another 3-pointer by Stojakovic, a windmill dunk by Webber and Vlade Divac's block of a layup by O'Neal.

After Glen Rice scored for Los Angeles to end the run, Delk and Webber scored baskets to give Sacramento a 91-80 lead with 3:18 remaining.

Leading 51-46 at halftime, the Lakers used a 9-0 run — including a 360-degree spinning layup by Bryant and Rice's 3-pointer — to take a 64-54 lead early in the third period. The Kings pulled within a point late in the period, but trailed 71-66 going into the fourth quarter.

The Kings missed 11 of their first 13 shots and fell behind 15-7 midway through the first period. A three-point play by Rice gave the Lakers a 27-17 lead late in the first quarter.

The Kings hit eight of their next 11 shots, responding with a 13-3 run and tying the game at 30-30 on a jumper by Stojakovic, but the Lakers answered with a 9-0 run.

A three-point play by O'Neal, following a turnover by Williams on an errant behind-the-back pass, made it 44-36. The Lakers, led by O'Neal's 15 points and 12 rebounds, held a five-point halftime lead.

Knicks 87, Raptors 80

On to Miami for the New York Knicks, who got a lucky 3-

pointer from Larry Johnson to sweep the Toronto Raptors.

Johnson banked in a 3-pointer from a nearly straight-away angle with 24.2 seconds left to lead the Knicks to a victory over the Raptors in the first NBA playoff game played in Canada.

"Definitely, the gods were with me," Johnson said. "I didn't call a bank on that one."

The Knicks had to work hard for this one, just as they did in the first two games of the series, and the difference came down to which team could make the right decisions and sink the key shots in the final minute.

Allan Houston, who led New York with 23 points, made the first one when he sank a 21-foot jumper with 44 seconds left for an 82-78 lead. After a pair of foul shots by Antonio Davis, Johnson made the next big play.

His 3-pointer slammed off the backboard and went right through the net without touching the rim, and Johnson pointed his first at his right elbow — his "Big L" gesture that has returned to fashion after a one-year absence. Only this time, the "L" might just as well have stHouston had his highest-scoring game of the series, while Johnson added 14 points, Patrick Ewing had 12 and Sprewell 11.

Davis led the Raptors with 18 points. The biggest statistical difference was in 3-point shooting, as New York went 9-for-16 and Toronto was 3-for-21.

Carter played only seven min-

utes in the first quarter and did not score, then sat out the final four minutes of the second quarter in a curious move by coach Butch Carter.

New York missed 10 of its first 11 shots as Toronto started 2-for-11, and neither team led by more than five in a first half which ended with the Knicks ahead 46-45. Houston led the Knicks with 10 points, while Davis had 14 for Toronto to make up for a lack of production from Carter and Tracy McGrady.

The Raptors made the first big move of the game midway through the third quarter as McGrady scored eight straight points for a 59-52 lead, but Houston spurred a quick comeback with a steal, a block and a 3-pointer as New York ran off an 8-0 spurt to regain the momentum.

Toronto led 63-61 entering the fourth, and each team had a run — 8-0 by the Knicks; 7-0 by the Raptors — in the first six minutes of the final quarter.

Timberwolves 94,

Trail Blazers 87

Terrell Brandon scored 28 points and shut down Damon Stoudamire as the Minnesota Timberwolves staved off elimination with a victory over the Portland Trail Blazers.

Brandon helped hold Stoudamire, his pal from their hometown of Portland, to two free throws, 14 points below his playoff average.

Kevin Garnett, who has just two triple-doubles in five NBA

seasons, had his second triple-double in a week with 23 points, 12 rebounds and 10 assists as the Wolves pulled to 2-1 in the best-of-five series.

Game 4 is Tuesday night at Target Center.

Only four teams have overcome a 2-0 deficit since 1984, when the league adopted the best-of-five format for the first round of the playoffs.

Playing just their second home game in three weeks, the Wolves did what they couldn't do in Portland: stifle Scottie Pippen (16 points), execute down the stretch and curb their mistakes against the more experienced Blazers.

The teams combined for just 13 turnovers, setting an NBA playoff record.

Steve Smith scored 22 points for the Blazers, who hit their first 17 free throws. When they finally missed, Brian Grant got his own rebound with a chance for Portland to cut its 80-77 deficit.

But Grant committed an offensive foul with just under five minutes left and the Wolves would never relinquish their lead.

Joe Smith made two free throws and Anthony Peeler (13 points) stole the ball and scored on the break for an 84-77 lead.

Aryvdas Sabonis hit a wide-open 3-pointer to cut it to 84-80 with 3:18 left, but the Blazers could get no closer and Brandon hit all six of his free throws in the final 28 seconds.

Sabonis finished with 17 points and Rasheed Wallace had 15.

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b- oh what a night (or two) -m

chicks

So I hear there's a chegger kegger coming up?

a what?

a duck

a what?

a duck

a duck

Jess, We got a date tonight?

she leaves me roses by the stairs

surprises let me know she cares

nana nana nana nana na na

nana nana nana nana na na

Krupa, feel better!

Missed ya, Jnell.

Yo, Stina, keep going. Almost made it!

Mark...thank you.

g'night, world.

Let's see if this works.

IM me: Fghtnirsh8

I mean, I know E-dogg will IM me...

But I'm looking for some new material.

Maybe a senior, or a fifth year, or a prospect...haha.

I've already got my townie picked out.

Outback guy, I love you.

E-dogg and Min, I love you too.

Mindy, I'm sorry about your heinous life.

Don't forget...she's SO young. And she's SO in Seattle.

HAHAHA

Hey Annie, another classified for you!! Hey you...church group.

That was too funny.

Mr. Bill!!! Mr. Bill!!!

Jeffrey, I LOVE YOU!! Haha. You actually get a real classified. You're a big nerd though. And I don't like you. Haha.

Noah, thanks for the Abercrombie. I'm worth so much more though.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Notre Dame falls to Rutgers, ends losing season 5-10

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
Sports Writer

Rutgers ensured Saturday that the Notre Dame women's lacrosse team ended its 2000 season in a loss, 14-7. But despite strong efforts, the team walked away wishing it could have ended on a positive note.

Rutgers 14
Notre Dame 7

"Going out and playing even though we had a losing record show our team's [dedication]," starting goalkeeper Tara Durkin

said. "We played hard the whole game — It would have been nice to come out with a win."

The Irish finish the season with a 5-10 record while the Scarlet Knights complete their season 7-8.

The Irish matched the Scarlet Knights in all areas of their game, except for two five point scoring runs in



O'Shaughnessy

each half. The first put the Knights up 5-1, and the second bumped them to a 13-5 advantage in the second portion of the game.

"There's always mistakes at both ends," Durkin said. "It could have gone either way."

Thanks to an early goal by Irish attacker Kathryn Perrella, the Irish jumped to a 1-0 lead in the first three minutes of the game. Rutgers, not willing to concede the game then and there, responded with their first set of five consecutive unanswered goals to take the lead by four with 11 minutes to play. Three minutes later, freshman Anne Riley scored off a free position shot to put the Irish back in the game.

Lael O'Shaughnessy tallied on for the Irish, helping Notre Dame close in on Rutgers' lead with 7 minutes to go. Rutgers slipped two more shots past Durkin to end the half up 7-3.

"One of the biggest things was being able to move [past] the goalie," Durkin said. "We were shooting straight to her stick. The shots weren't going in."

After an early goal for the Scarlet Knights increased their lead to 8-3, the Irish defense held firm for 10 solid minutes, scoring two goals in the meantime to chip away at Rutgers' lead. Riley got another free position shot, and defenseman Tina Fedarcyk connected to help the Irish up to 5-8.

But a scoring drought led the Irish to a point deficit, while the Scarlet Knights went on their second scoring drive of the afternoon to lead 13-5.

Sophomore attacker Maureen Whitaker brought the offense to life with a tally at the 1 minute mark.

Freshman midfielder Danielle Shearer also connected for the Irish with 30 seconds to play, but the Scarlet Knights held on,

cementing their victory with a goal in the final seconds to end the game at 14-7.

"It could have been anyone's game," Durkin said.

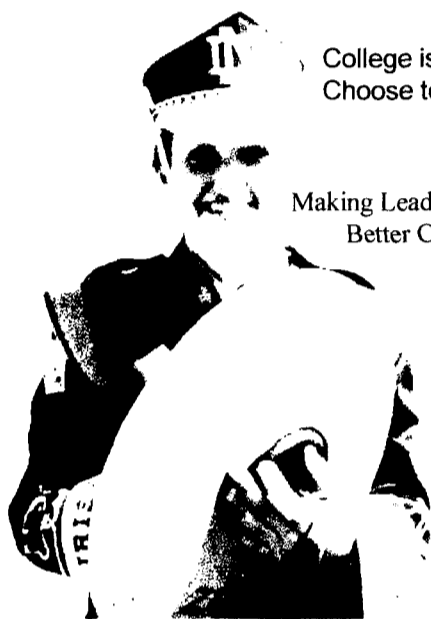
Rutgers' offense was led by All-American senior Liz Chambers, who scored 5 goals in Saturday's game, including two in the first half.

"She was getting in some shots right around the crease, which have a 99 percent chance of going in," Durkin said of Chambers. "She's a very good player, with very good placement."

The Irish begin Big East play in the 2001 season, where they will again face the Rutgers, along with Syracuse, Boston College, Connecticut, Georgetown, and Virginia Tech.

"We're definitely able to perform against Big East teams next year," Durkin said. "We didn't have many wins this season, but we built a foundation."

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WOMEN'S ROWING

Three boats place at Georgetown

Special to The Observer

WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Second Novice Eight boat of Pamela Swan, Andrea Amoni, Katherine McCauldren, Laura Aull, Ann Gurucharri, Megan McPherson and Kathryn Anderson placed first Sunday, while the First Novice Eight and the Varsity Four placed second at the Georgetown Invitational on the waters of the Potomac River in Washington D.C.

The Georgetown Invitational featured all of the Big East

schools that sponsor rowing including Georgetown, Syracuse, Rutgers, Connecticut, Miami, West Virginia and Villanova.

The First Novice Eight crew of Erica Drennan, Beth Fruzynski, Elizabeth Jeub, Julia Kelly, Casey Buckstaff, Becky Luckett, Ashlee Warren, Ann Marie Dillhoff and Cassandra Murphy placed second to Rutgers in the grand final, while the Varsity Four boat of Cassie Markstahler, Kolleen Myers, Kassie Stuart, Mary Lampe and Sandra Peterson finished second to Syracuse in its final heat.

In the varsity races, the First Varsity Eight boat of Claire Bula, Michelle Olsgard, Courtney Mercer, Kristen Vandehey, Katrina Ten Eyck, Lauren Lyons, Amy Braun,

Katherine Burnett and Katie Besson did not advance to the finals, as it finished third to Miami and Boston College in its preliminary heat.

The Second Varsity Eight crew of Erin Kiernicki, Megan Feely, Kerri Murphy, Maureen Carr, Elizabeth Nerney, Emily Deye, Allison Bartsh, Joslyn Moreau and Leah Ashe placed

third in its race behind Syracuse and Miami.

"Overall, it was a pretty good showing to put four boats in the finals against established programs,"

Martin Stone
head coach

Martin Stone said. "We are an up-and-coming program and are progressing nicely. I was proud of our Second Novice Eight crew as they won by over nine seconds. They pulled really hard and raced well."

"Overall, it was a pretty good showing to put four boats in the finals against established programs."



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WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

Belles manage one win in two weekend doubleheaders

By KATIE McVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

The Softbelles had a less than satisfying home stand this weekend, finishing 3-1 at the SMC Classic.

Saint Mary's faced off against Alma College on Friday, dropping both games by large run margins. The Belles lost the first game 11-2, then the second 11-3.

Sophomore Kristin Martin pitched the first game of the doubleheader, and junior Anne Senger pitched the second game. Martin came into to relieve Senger near the end of the second game.

"We weren't hitting very well," senior Elise Hall said. "But the loss was really due to the fact that we were playing against the No. 1 team in the conference. It really wasn't anything we did."

Alma came into this weekend's tournament with a 13-1 MIAA league record and a 34-6 overall record, leading the MIAA.

The Belles fared slightly better in the fair weather on Sunday, facing University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

Saint Mary's looked weak in the first game, dropping it 8-3, despite a good pitching effort by Martin.

Not wanting to leave the weekend on a bad note, however, they came back to win the second game of the double header 9-3.

"Our bats really came alive [Sunday] during the second game," Hall said. "We looked a lot better."

Rachel Deer and Melissa Hayes both hit well for the Belles. Hayes went 6-7 on the weekend, boosting Saint Mary's offense.

Sunday marked the last home game for the senior Belles on the softball team.

"It was a very sentimental day for the seniors," Hall said. "And it was good to end on a win."

Saint Mary's plays its last regular season game on Tuesday at Grand Valley State University at 4:00. The Belles will not attend the MIAA league championships because they did not finish as one of the top four teams in the league.

Game 1
Alma College 11
Saint Mary's 2

Game 2
Alma College 11
Saint Mary's 3

Game 3
Wisconsin-Oshkosh 8
Saint Mary's 3

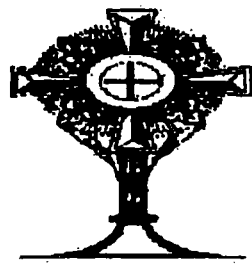
Game 4
St. Mary's 9
Wisconsin-Oshkosh 3



NELLIE WILLIAMS/The Observer

Batting for Saint Mary's suffered in the first three games of two doubleheaders, but the women were able to avoid a winless weekend when they defeated University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh 9-3 Sunday.

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BLUE AND GOLD GAME

Football

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Saturday's game used a complicated scoring system that awarded points for various offensive and defensive situations. The game also featured the offense against the defense, instead of the normal Blue versus Gold format.

Add in the fact that the quarterbacks were not allowed to get hit, the game plan was a fraction of the Irish's entire play book and the ability to evaluate the team's outlook for next year is minimal.

"There's always a temptation when you get out there in front of fans to try to do too many things," head coach Bob Davie said after the defense beat the offense 39-31. "But I fought that temptation today. You would love to do more things scheme-wise, maybe give Arnaz Battle a chance to beat you with his legs either by running the option or something else."

"I don't know how much we can determine from the outcome of the game, if anything. But it was a good day."

The day began with a field goal kicking contest pitting David Miller, Nick Setta and Matt McNew against each other. Each kicker attempted field goals from 32, 37, 42 and 45 yards out. Both Miller and McNew were perfect on their attempts, while Setta missed from wide left on the 37 and 45-yard attempts. The trio also had a chance to kickoff.

Miller and McNew kicked to the 15-yard line but Setta again struggled, kicking it out of bounds. Setta and Joey Hildbold also competed in a punting contest with each getting two chances. There was no real winner, as both punters averaging 35.5 yards per punt.

Battle started at quarterback for the Irish but alternated with Gary Godsey. With the Irish running no option attack or quarterback draws on Saturday, Battle had the opportunity to work on his passing game, a concern heading into the fall. For the game, Battle completed 10 of 23 passes for 117 yards.

"I have a lot more confidence with the offense now," Battle said. "I learned so much this

spring sitting down with Coach [offensive coordinator Kevin] Rogers, watching film. I think the chemistry is there this year."

"The only concern we had with Arnaz was that he seemed to be a little bit laid-back when Jarious [Jackson] was here," Davie added.

"Would he step up and take control? Would he have the confidence? I think since Jarious has left he's shown that confidence. Guys take on different personalities when it's their turn — So much of playing that position is when something bad happens, when that offense starts to struggle will he be able to jump in there and get that offense back on track?" Davie added.

"All of us will have to wait and see. But from a talent standpoint he's fine."

The other quarterback, Godsey, also threw 23 passes, completing 12 for 148 yards. Godsey showed what the coaches have been saying all spring: he's a legitimate backup quarterback.

Joey Getherall was on the receiving end of six passes while tight ends Jabari Holloway and walk-on Joe Recendez caught four balls apiece.

Holloway, in particular, stood out on the Irish offense. The senior-to-be from Riverdale, Ga., was Battle's favorite early target, picking up 23 and 19 yards on two catches on the first drive of the game. For his efforts, members of the media named Holloway offensive game MVP.

"We've got a bunch of Notre Dame people happy out there now," Davie said of his plan to throw to the tight end. "There's no question Jabari's a talent. Here's a player that has a legitimate chance to be a first round choice [in next year's NFL draft]. We've really worked hard this off-season to try to find a way to get the

football in his hands more."

One area where the Irish coaching staff decided not to concentrate on was the running game. The Irish's top three tailbacks, Tony Fisher, Julius Jones and Terrance Howard, had a combined 12 carries for 59 yards.

Before the game the three running backs — Fisher, Jones and Howard — flipped a coin to determine who would start. Fisher won and thus began the game.

"We have three tailbacks right now that are equal in my opinion," Davie said. "It looks like now we have four running backs but those three [Fisher, Jones and Howard] are still ahead of

Chris Yura."

After David Miller connected on a 26-yard attempt, the offense led 6-0. But the defense reeled off 24 straight points, including a 39-yard interception return for a touchdown by Anthony Denman. The senior linebacker earned the defensive MVP honors for his play.

"I was a little concerned early," Davie said, reflecting on the 24 points by the defense. "The way things go around here I didn't want to explain all summer at all these Notre Dame clubs why the final score of the spring game was 98-62 or something like that."

Luckily for Davie, the offense started to settle down and control the ball. Though they failed to score a touchdown, the Irish offense cut the deficit to 29-24 in the third quarter.

As the players concentrate

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Bob Davie
head coach

Blue and Gold Game Scoring System

Offense

- 6 for a TD
- 3 for a field goal
- 2 for a two-point
- 1 for each first down
- 1 for each play over 20 yards
- 1 for each PAT

Defense

- 12 for interception for a TD
- 5 for interception
- 5 for recovered fumble
- 3 for a field goal block
- 3 for stopping a fourth and one behind the 50
- 2 for stopping a fourth and one inside the 50
- 2 for stopping a two-point play
- 2 for a sack
- 1 for forcing a punt
- 1 for tackle behind line of scrimmage
- 1 for blocking a PAT

on studying for finals and getting ready for the summer, the memories of last season still remain. And those memories won't go away until the Irish win some games.

"We've been through so much," Battle said. "But we have the athletes, we have the ability. Now it's having that team chemistry and doing what's right."

Leaders' Statistics Blue and Gold Game

Rushing	No.	Yds.	Avg.
Julius Jones	4	17	4.3
Tony Fisher	3	15	5.0
Chris Yura	6	11	1.8
Terrance Howard	3	9	3.0

Passing	Att/Cmp/Int.	Yds.
Arnaz Battle	17-8-0	87
Gary Godsey	8-5-1	48

Receiving	No.	Yds.
Jabari Holloway	4	58
Joey Getherall	4	30
Jay Johnson	1	27
Mike McNair	1	7



Julius Jones, center, falls to the Notre Dame defense during the Blue and Gold game Saturday. Jones ranks as one of the top three tailbacks for the Irish. Jones, Tony Fisher, and Terrance Howard rushed for 59 yards in 12 carries in the weekend game.

KEVIN DALUM/The Observer

BLUE AND GOLD GAME

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Less prominent players impress Davie in scrimmage

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Editor

With a limited offense, a coaching staff using only a portion of its playbook and eight of next year's probable starters on the sideline, Saturday's Blue-Gold scrimmage was not indicative of things to come in the 2000 season.

Add in a newly-formatted scoring system that allowed the defense to score points for certain plays and the most any fan could garner from Saturday's Blue-Gold scrimmage was a glimpse at some of the talent the Irish squad has stored in its walk-on and reserve players, rather than a preview of the complete Irish arsenal slated to take the field when it counts in the fall.

One of Saturday's biggest surprises was senior Matt McNew's performance at kicker. A walk-on from Arlington, Tex. who led the Irish men's soccer team for four years as a defender, McNew proved he has what it takes to kick for the Irish.

An impressive kicker during his high school career, McNew chose soccer over football in his first four years at Notre Dame, was perfect on Sunday, nailing 5-5 field goals.

"In high school, Matt kicked a 52-yard field goal in the state

tournament at Texas Stadium," said Irish head coach Bob Davie. "He came here to play soccer, but really wanted to play football. Now he's exhausted his four years and wants to try to give football a shot."

With Davie trying to come up with a better kicking game than he has produced in the past, that shot seems to be as good as the four shots McNew put through the uprights in the pre-scrimmage field goal contest. McNew tied fellow kicker David Miller by connecting on 32-yard, 37-yard, 42-yard, and 45-yard attempts.

McNew later hit a 23-yard field goal under tighter defensive pressure in the second quarter.

Davie doesn't envision McNew's impact to be on the scoring end, however. He plans to use McNew's talent on kick-offs.

"He has been really impressive with the kickoffs, and if we had to play tomorrow, he would have a really good chance at being our starting kickoff man," Davie said. "He has a chance to be back in the fall with a scholarship."

McNew showed his ability in the pre-scrimmage kickoff contest, when he and Miller again tied with kicks to the 15-yard line.

Sophomore Chris Yura may

have earned himself some playing time with a solid performance as well. The 5-foot-11, 211-pound fullback/tailback from Morgantown, W. Va., led the Irish in rushing yards.

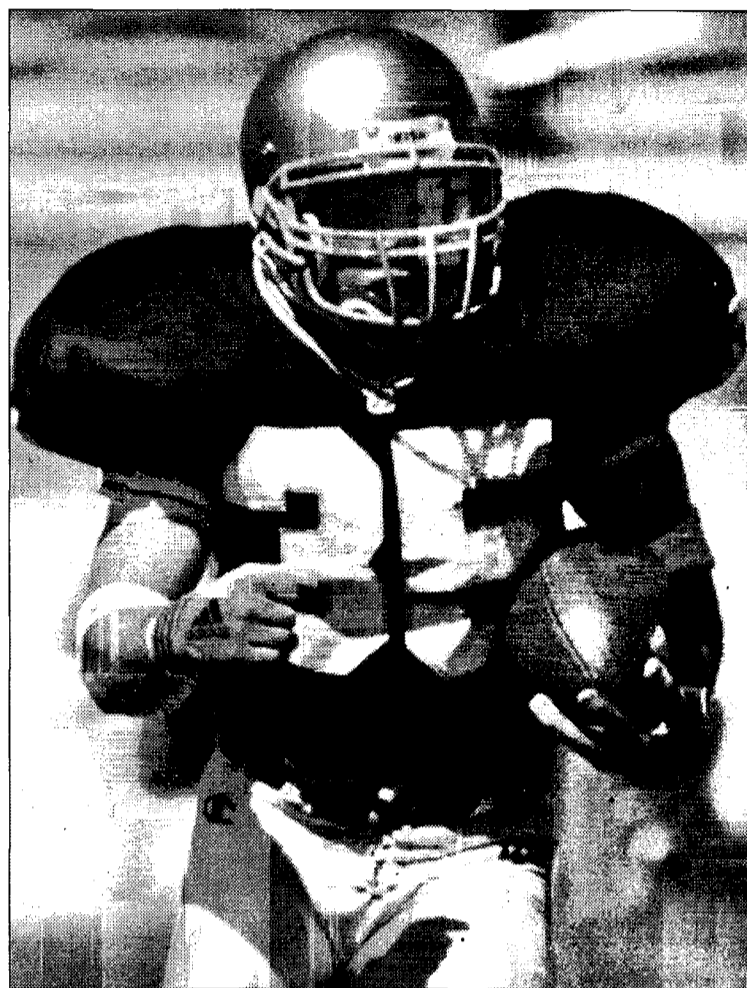
"Chris Yura helped himself today," said Davie. "You can see why when he was in Morgantown High school he gained all those yards. He's a talented football player and between fullback and tailback we just might have to find a spot for him."

Backup quarterback Gary Godsey found a good runner in Yura, who topped the Irish roster with 11 carries for 46 yards.

Two junior walk-ons also made their mark in Sunday's drills.

For the second-consecutive time in his college career, 5-foot-5, 170-pound tailback Timmy O'Neill led his team in rushing average in the Blue-Gold scrimmage. O'Neill carried the ball three times for 22 yards, averaging 7.3 yards a carry. Last year, O'Neill averaged 5.7 yards a carry in the scrimmage.

Fellow walk-on Matt Sarb, 5-foot-11, 201-pound strong safety scored five points for the defense when he recovered a fumble in the fourth quarter when senior tight end Joe Recendez dropped the ball after catching a pass from Godsey at the 44-yard line.



KEVIN DALUM/The Observer

Junior walk-on Timmy O'Neill led the offensive team in rushing with three carries for 22 yards.

Coaches avoid media with excuses, unwarranted pride

He walked from the Irish locker room, through a door leading to the adjacent media room, clenching a bottle of water in his right hand. He made his way up to the front of the room. His head angled towards the floor.

When he advanced to the front, he placed the bottle on the ground and stood in front of a podium. In full view were about 50 people — sports information assistants, some coaches and various others, including members of the media.

Moments earlier, the defense had beaten the offense 39-31 in the annual Blue-Gold scrimmage. Now it was time for head coach Bob Davie to address the media.

The dreaded media.

It was an interesting spring covering the Irish football team. On more than one occasion, Davie chose not to talk to the media after practice.

Never mind that before the spring began, reporters, Notre Dame's sports information directors and Davie had decided after each practice that Davie would talk to the media in a group in front of the gates facing Touchdown Jesus, on his way into the locker room. This was done to please Davie, so he wouldn't have to spend a half-

hour rehashing the news of the day (or lack of it) one at a time to a dozen different people.

All we wanted to know was simple things, like how the players were performing, or an injury update. It wasn't like Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein of the Washington Post, who broke the story on Watergate, asking President Nixon about the scandal.

A year ago, there were two scrimmages prior to the Blue-Gold game open to the media. But after a 5-7 season, the first NCAA violation in school history and a few disciplinary suspensions, a tight-lipped Davie refused to open up any practices, save for two when the Irish hosted a high school coaching clinic.

And when he did open practice, the Irish ran about 10 percent of their offensive package. Even on Saturday, according to Arnaz Battle, the Irish playbook consisted of eight inside runs, five drop-back passes and six play-action passes. No option, no quarterback draws, no clue on how Battle or the Irish will perform in the fall.

Maybe Davie has exhausted all the other excuses — the lack of talent, the injuries, the difficult schedule. Davie has become like a golfer who shoots an 82, then says that if he hadn't missed four three-foot putts and had scored a birdie on a hole instead of a triple bogey, he would have broken 75. The excuses have become legendary.

Maybe now he wants the public to believe the media leaked information to opposing teams' coaching staffs, leading to the demise of the 1999 Irish.

Maybe that explains why when

I questioned Gary Godsey about what the offense was working on in practice, he said he wasn't allowed to share that information. This was after the second practice of the spring, before the Irish even wore pads.

Or maybe the media excuse explains why Davie was upset that Clifford Jefferson told me the secondary would play more man coverage this fall. Bet Purdue quarterback Drew Brees is having trouble sleeping after hearing that news.

The coach-media relationship has always been strange. Coaches would love for media members to be like Aristotle's friends of utility, where the object of the relationship is the value obtainable from the friend. In other words, when the team wins, the media is welcome. But when they lose or some scandal arises, stay away, let them share their sorrows amongst teammates and coaches.

Too bad it doesn't work that way. The goal of journalism is to be accurate, to portray intelligent news judgement. I'm sure there are students on this campus who believe *The Observer* should stick up for our fellow student athletes, that we should avoid criticizing the losing teams.

But that would be naïve.

To write that the outlook for

the 2000 Irish team is "excellent" just because Davie said so would be foolish. If the Irish were winning the national championship, or even contending for it, the optimism, the "positive" outlook on the team's future would get the publicity. But now, with a relatively inexperienced team, an unproven coach and a

brutal schedule, it's difficult to find much on the field optimism.

This isn't to say that Notre Dame football is terrible. Far from it. There are plenty of things to take pride in: the commitment of the coaches, the off-field contributions of the

players to the local community, the high graduation rate. These are things that matter a lot more in the long run than whether or not the Irish beat USC in 2001.

But when a player sells his complimentary tickets or another gets suspended for numerous violations of pariets are we supposed to not print that because he's a fellow student? Of course not.

Davie's feelings about the media were never more apparent than on April 6, after the fourth practice. When reporters had finished asking questions, Davie shared a story. Earlier that afternoon, Dick Vermeil, the retired St. Louis Rams coach who was in town as a speaker

for Ara Parseghian's Nieman Pick Disease Foundation, met with Davie.

"He was telling a story of how two years ago they were 4-12," Davie said of the meeting with Vermeil. "Everybody said he was too old and the game was behind him. It's funny how you talk about passion and coaches showing passion. He said two years ago he showed all that passion and people thought he had lost his mind because they were losing and he should get out of the game. All of a sudden, he's that same guy who showed the passion now and they [reporters] said they won [the Super Bowl] because of his passion."

"It's amazing what winning does," Davie added. "[Vermeil] shared that with the team, and I thought it was a good message."

It was a great message. But has anyone ever criticized Davie's passion? If you've ever seen Davie following a game or especially the Sunday after a loss, it's clear that passion is not an issue. He works every day, all year long, trying to turn this program around.

But he'll always be judged by victories. Winning does change everything.

If the Irish start next year 4-0 and contend for a national championship the same media that has criticized the Irish will write "positive" articles.

And the same Davie will address the media next spring, after every practice, in front of Notre Dame Stadium.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.



Tim Casey

Irish
Insight

TRACK AND FIELD

Drake Relays, Purdue Invite prepare runners for Big East

By BRIAN BURKE
Sports Writer

With the Big East Championships one week away, the Notre Dame men's and women's track and field teams took a small group to Des Moines, IA for one final tune-up at the prestigious Drake Relays. While the Irish faced some stiff competition, several athletes turned in performances that can provide encouragement going into the conference meet.

"Collectively we ran pretty well. Individually we all might have been able to run better but there were no bad races," sophomore Luke Watson said. "We were pleased with the performance. It was just a big race and a fast race. Stanford was in our race and a bunch of other tough teams."

Senior Tim Kober's NCAA qualifying 800 meter time of one minute, 48 seconds was the highlight of the Drake meet for Notre Dame. Along with Kober, another solid race came from the men's 4x1600 meter relay team of Watson, Pat Conway, Sean Zanderson, and John Dudley which placed eighth with a time of 16:45.17.

"The 4x1600 meter relay, the time they ran was three seconds faster than the winner from last year. There was great competition in that race," Piane said.

Thompson's discus throw of 175 feet four inches was good for 10th at Drake. He also threw the hammer 155 feet, nine inches.

Meanwhile Engelhardt's high jump of 5-8 3/4 gave her the highest finish for the women, a tie for fourth. Besides

Volkmer pole vaulting her PR of 11-5 1/4, she also triple jumped 38-1 1/2.

One group that did struggle was the men's 4x100 meter relay squad of Chris Cochran, Travis Davey, Tom Gilbert, and Marshaun West. They finished third in their heat running their race in 41.06 seconds.

"Our exchanges didn't go well," said Davey. "We ran well, but the passes hurt us."

"The 4x100's exchanges were a bit suspect," Piane said.

While Piane thought the team overall did well, he also realized many of the top athletes were using this week to rest for the Big East Championships.

"[The week off] is definitely going to help. Guys like Ryan Shay who are running in a 10,000, the last thing they needed would have been a hard mile or 5,000 this week."

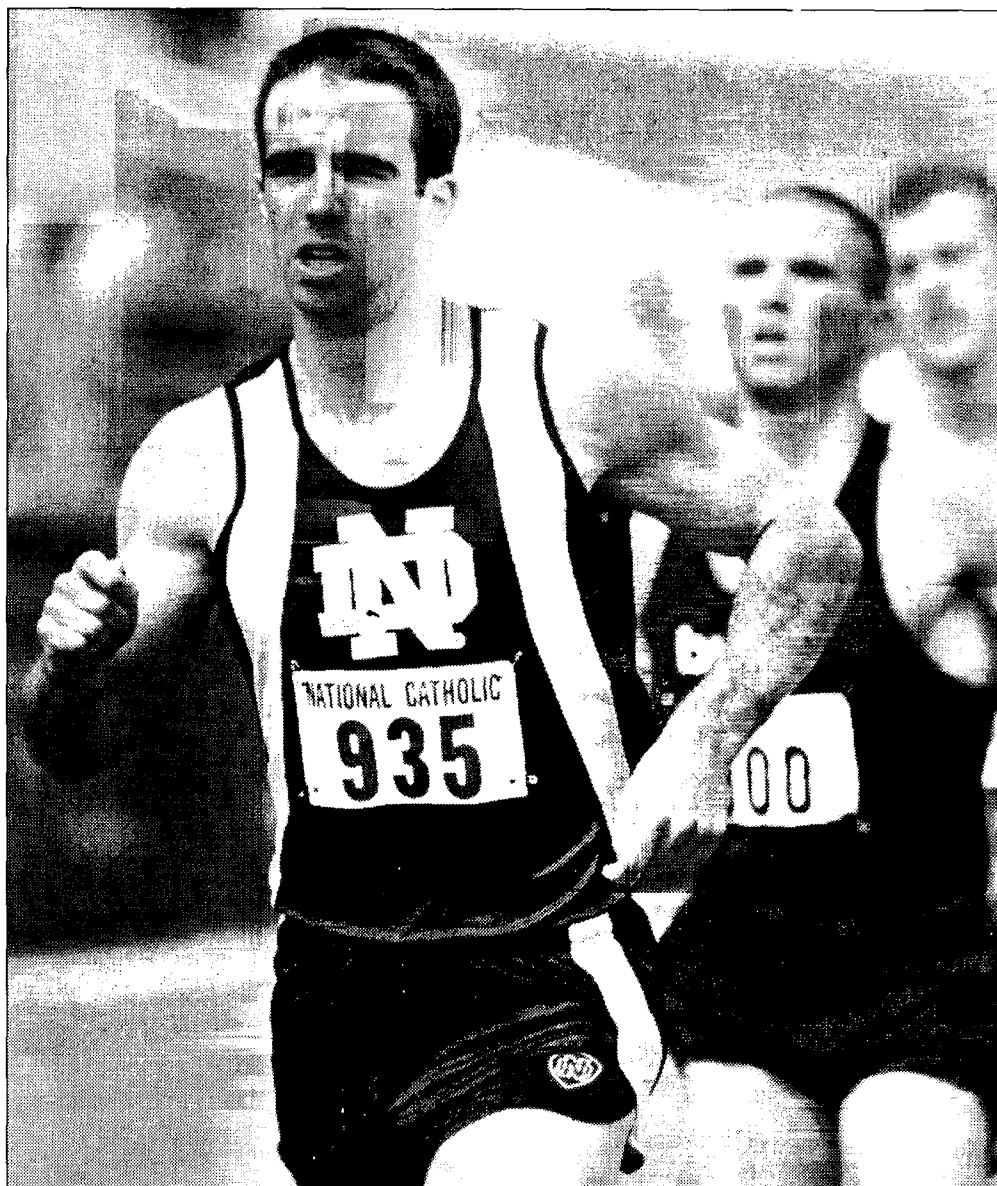
In addition to the group traveling to Drake, the Irish also sent a team to West Lafayette for the Purdue Invitational.

In that meet a pair of women's distance runner took the top spot in their respective races. Chrissy Kuenster finished first in the 3,000 meters with a time of 10:16.67, while Anne McGrath ran the 10,000 meters in 38:28.79. Ana Morales finished second in the 800 meters with a time of 2:13.68, and Kymia Love placed third in the 400 meters, clocking in at 57.22.

For the men, Terry Wray ran a good 200 meter race, finishing second with a time of 22.42. Mike Griewe and Ryan Maxwell finished first and second in the 5,000 with times of 14:54.48 and 15:00.17 respectively.

"Collectively we ran pretty well. Individually we all might have been able to run better but there were no bad races."

Luke Watson
sophomore



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Tim Kober, shown here in an early spring meet, qualified for NCAA national championships with a time of one minute, 48 seconds in the 800 meter race this weekend.

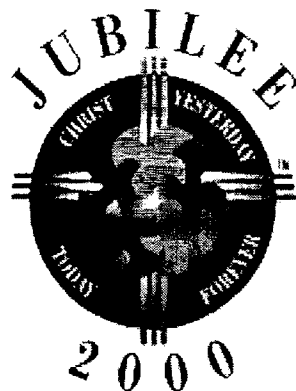
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Baseball

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another gem in the opener. In collecting his ninth consecutive win in the 8-3 Irish victory, Heilman recorded nine strikeouts in seven innings for his conference-leading seventh complete game.

"It was another typical performance for Heilman," said Mainieri. Meyer led the offense in the opener, collecting a triple and two doubles. "This weekend was great. I was really seeing the ball well," said a modest Meyer.

In the second game, senior righthander Scott Cavey pitched well, but ended up with a no-decision as the Red Storm rallied late to win the game 6-4.

Junior shortstop Alec Porzel lead off the game with a home run, his fourth of the season. Also contributing in game one were Felker and sophomore

third baseman Andrew Bushey, who each had three hits.

With the Irish up 2-1 in the top of the eighth inning, Cavey loaded the bases with one out before Mainieri brought in Corbin to close the game. After giving up a game-tying groundout, Corbin allowed a single by Eric Potts which put the Red Storm up 3-2.

In the bottom of the eighth, the Irish regained the lead on a lead-off triple by Meyer, followed by a double by center-fielder Steve Stanley and a single by Bushey.

Corbin, however, could not hold the 4-3 lead in the bottom of the ninth, as the previously unbeaten closer gave up three runs. The Irish were not able to muster a comeback in the bottom frame, and fell by the final of 6-4.

"That game was a heart-breaker," said Mainieri, "It was seemingly in our hand, then we lost it."

The Irish host Northwestern at 6:05 p.m. on Tuesday.

"[Sunday's] game was a tremendous victory. There were about 1500 people there today - just hearing the crowd was nice."

Paul Mainieri
head coach



Junior All-American Aaron Heilman pitched the third game in the Notre Dame vs. St. John's series, taking his ninth consecutive victory with nine strikeouts in seven innings. Leading the conference in number of complete games, Heilman pitched his seventh on Saturday.

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MEN'S GOLF

Kent takes fifth, Irish finish third in Big East tourney

By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

It was a tale of two seasons for Notre Dame men's golf team. After a sterling autumn that saw them surge into the nation's top 25, the Irish experienced a significant fall in confidence in the early spring and could never recapture their early season success.

After averaging a paltry 292 strokes in the fall, the Irish stumbled in spring play and saw their aggregate stroke total soar to 303 strokes per round.

"We just struggled in the spring," junior star Alex Kent admitted. "We just [seemed] to lose confidence."

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**Alex Kent
junior**

Coach George Thomas agreed. "We seemed to lose our momentum somewhere along the line," he said.

Nowhere was that lost momentum more apparent than at the Big East Championships, held on campus at the new Warren Golf Course this past weekend. Entering tournament play as one of the favorites, the Irish disappointed. After finishing the first day in fourth place, the team failed to overcome a 14-stroke deficit to eventual champion Seton Hall. Rutgers was also able to sneak ahead of Notre Dame, leaving the Irish with an uninspired third place finish.

"We were very mediocre," Thomas said. "I think the excitement of having the inaugural home tournament put some added pressure on the kids and they didn't respond very well."

After a total of 304 on the

tournament's first day, the Irish fared much better in the second round, matching the Pirates of Seton Hall shot for shot with a solid 290.

"Everyone tried really hard out there," Kent said. "We put a lot of hard work and practice into this, we just lost our focus and didn't execute well."

"I was disappointed with the team's effort as a whole," Thomas said. "I really expected much more."

The lone bright spot for the Irish was Kent, who shot a remarkable final round 68 that included five birdies. Kent's

score of 145 placed him fifth in a field of 45 and earned him a spot on the Big East All-Conference team.

"Kent played admirably," Coach Thomas said. "I'm really excited about his development in the future."

Kent was also happy with his play, particularly pleased with the fact that he was able to bounce back from an opening-round 77.

"My putting was awful on the first day. I couldn't make anything, and my confidence spiraled downward from there," he admitted. "On the second day, I could have made a few more putts but I was happy about the way I played."

Kent finished four strokes behind Seton Hall junior Eugene Smith, who tied a tournament record with a 141.

Sunday also marked a sad end for the careers of two players who have been cornerstones of the Irish program. Seniors Todd Vernon and Jeff Connell sunk their final collegiate putts, and

finished with two-day totals of 149 and 154 respectively.

Other action of note Rutgers sophomore Daniel Lee sunk three bunker shots and carded seven birdies on the final day en

route to a final round 66 that broke the Big East championship record by three shots and established a Warren Gold Course record.

All in all, it was a tough end to

a tough second half of the season for the Notre Dame golf team. A deep talent pool has the Irish hoping to dive into next year's with hopes of renewed success.

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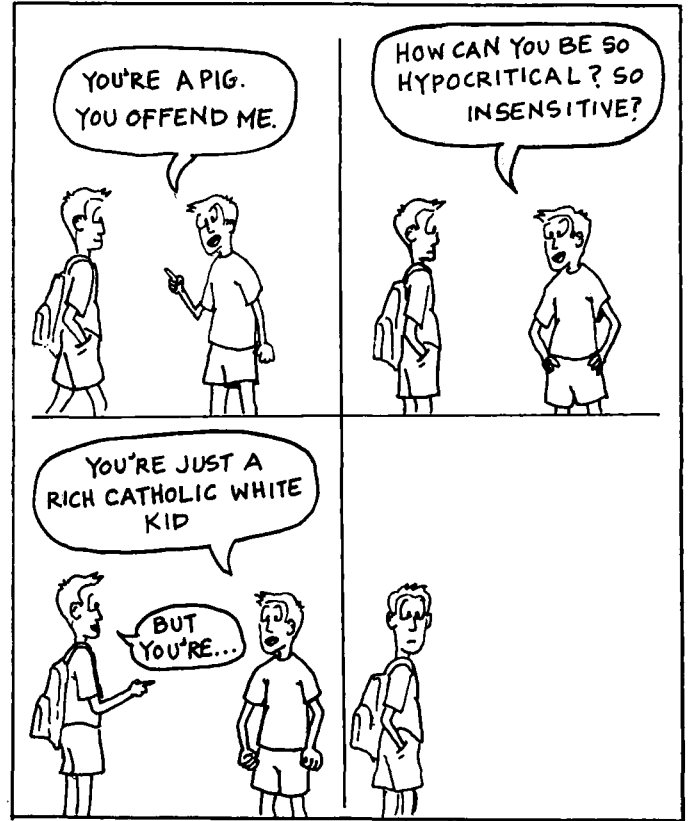
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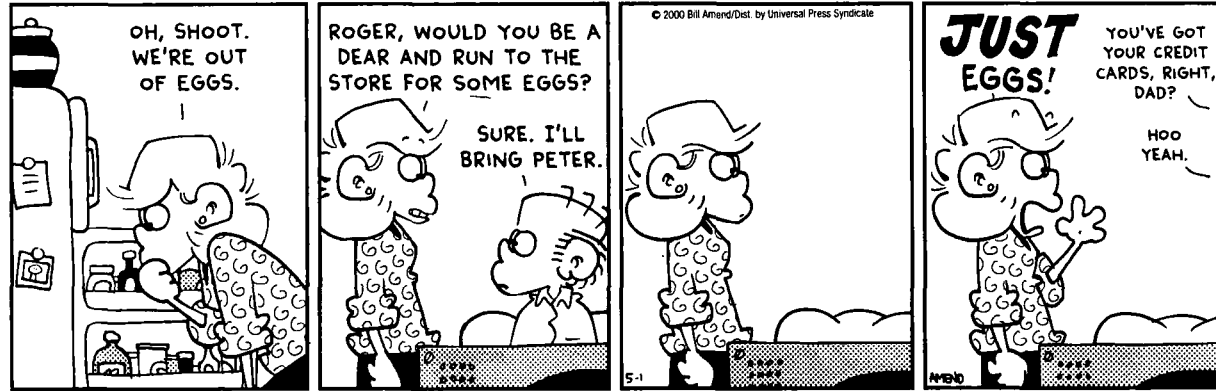


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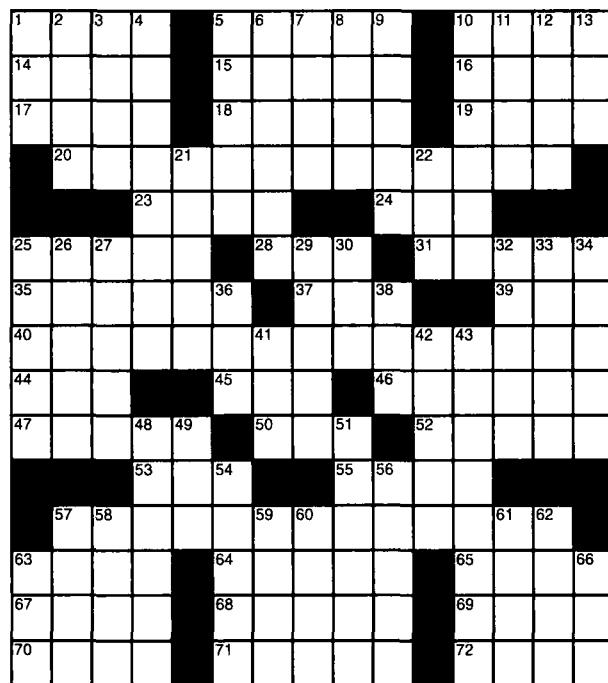
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- 1 Worker protection org.
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 - 15 Rome's river
 - 16 Eclipse, maybe, to the ancients
 - 17 Shuttle launch sound
 - 18 Verdi work
 - 19 The African Queen, e.g.
 - 20 1967 Van Morrison hit
 - 23 Lose, as skin
 - 24 "Erie Canal" mule
 - 25 "___ la vista!"
 - 28 The U.S.A.'s "uncle"
 - 31 City west of Montgomery
 - 35 Rooms with stairs leading to them
 - 37 "Skip to My ___"
 - 39 China's Chou En-__
 - 40 Flowers given to the Preakness Stakes winner
 - 44 Place with microscopes
 - 45 14, in old Rome
 - 46 Nail polish
 - 47 Liability's opposite
 - 50 Unused
 - 52 Swap
 - 53 Jabber
 - 55 Reagan's first Secretary of State
 - 57 1970 hit by Sugarloaf
 - 63 Bring to 212°
 - 64 Charlie Chan portrayer Warner ___
 - 65 Ooze
 - 67 "Just this ___"
 - 68 Recoil in pain
 - 69 Close tightly
 - 70 Shade of red
 - 71 In the buff
 - 72 Grand Ole ___
- DOWN**
- 1 Dinghy propeller
 - 2 One whose business isn't picking up?
 - 3 Listen to
 - 4 Word puzzle
 - 5 United (with)
 - 6 Humans, e.g.
 - 7 Listen to
 - 8 A ___ pittance
 - 9 Slender nails
 - 10 Ceiling-hung art
 - 11 Love, Spanish-style
 - 12 Lunch or dinner
 - 13 Aardvark's tidbit
 - 21 Hit with a bang
 - 22 Car fill-up
 - 25 "Usted ___ español?"
 - 26 Map site
 - 27 Knife wounds
 - 29 Tylenol competitor
 - 30 Up-to-date
 - 32 Incan transport
 - 33 Like a horse or lion
 - 34 Bridal path
 - 36 Reason for an X rating
 - 38 Put to work
 - 41 Yang's counterpart
 - 42 Before
 - 43 ___ Sea, in the North Atlantic
 - 48 Hole for a lace
 - 49 Menlo Park monogram
 - 51 From what place?
 - 54 On the map
 - 56 Threw in
 - 57 Auctioneer's last word
 - 58 Paddy crop
 - 59 Director Kazan
 - 60 U.S. soldier in W.W. II
 - 61 Not shallow
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your gut feelings will lead you into prosperous financial ventures. You will have innovative ideas that you can develop easily. Partnerships will be in your best interests. ○○○

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't let others take advantage of you today. Losses are likely if you trust others with your possessions or if you lend friends money. Offer advice and mental support instead. ○○○

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You have the discipline to pick up knowledge or skills that will help you get ahead in your chosen field. Don't neglect your partner in the process or you'll have problems at home. ○○○○

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your interest in changing your professional direction may lead you back to school. Your creative ability must be developed and incorporated into your goals. ○○

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't take on financial burdens that will put you in a tight spot. You need to cut back, not incur more debts. Your generosity with family and friends

will be your downfall. ○○○

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Love is likely, and you're ready to get serious. Talk about future plans and let your family know just how you feel. You can expect to face some opposition. ○○○

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Things will be more hectic than you like at work today. Hang in there; you will shine if you can hold it all together. Be sure to rejuvenate in the evening. ○○○

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Be prepared for an active but rewarding day. Get involved in activities that will be fun for the whole family. Camping, swimming and picnics should all be considered. ○○○

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Get busy. It's time to work on you. Lose weight, get fit and make positive changes. Don't be upset by criticism; do something about it. Don't let anyone make you insecure. ○○○○

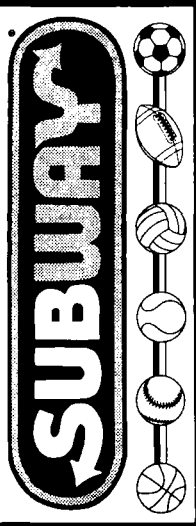
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take heed of the advice given by friends, but make up your own mind when it comes down to it. You may want to spend some time re-evaluating your motives. ○○

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You'll get a pat on the back for your insight into future trends. The same people who thought you were premature will eat their words. It's your day to prosper. ○○○○

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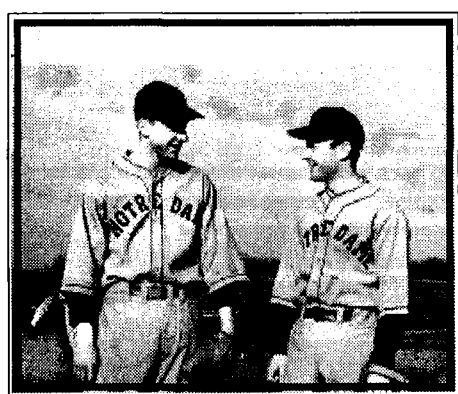
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SPORTS

Nationals-bound

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THE OBSERVER

Monday, May 1, 2000

FOOTBALL

Team unity pushes Irish through Blue and Gold game

By TIM CASEY
Assistant Sports Editor

Fresh off a 5-7 campaign which included a few embarrassing off the field incidents, the Notre Dame coaches and players came together this off-season and formed a leadership committee.

This leadership committee included approximately 15 players who were responsible for creating team unity and more open communication among coaches and players.

"It's not to separate us from the rest of the team," said Arnaz Battle, a committee member. "It just gives the coaches a chance to hear what the players feel and know what's going on."

"There were some incidents that could have been prevented last year," Battle said. "We've tried to not have that distract us going into the season. We've got to look out for each other. Every little thing you do goes to the media and gets out in the public so we try to keep things clean, do what's right and get rid of the distractions."

On Saturday, 14,135 fans had a chance to see the 2000 Irish for the first time since November in the annual Blue-Gold game.

Was this game the result of the new emphasis on team cohesion? It's tough to tell.

Unlike in years past,

Gold 39
Blue 31



KEVIN DALUM/The Observer

Rising senior defensive end No. 44 Grant Irons anticipates acting as a team leader in the fall, possibly as a captain. The Notre Dame defense defeated the offensive squad Saturday, gaining 39 points through a complex method of scoring that assigns specific point values for defensive plays and situations.

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BASEBALL

Strong pitching helps Notre Dame take St. John's in series

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Writer

In a series that featured some of the best pitching in the Big East, outstanding crowds and a walk-off home run, the Irish baseball team took two of three games over the Red Storm of St. John's this weekend.

In what was seemingly a mismatch on the mound Sunday afternoon, freshman J.P. Gagne took the mound against St. John's pitcher Kevin McGeery. McGeery, who brought in a 5-2 record, is rated as one of the top collegiate pitchers in the country.

Instead of giving in, Gagne held his own, giving up three runs in six-plus innings. Meanwhile, the Irish offense clicked against McGeery, scoring seven runs in seven innings.

Notre Dame opened up the game in the seventh inning. After the Red Storm scored three runs off Gagne and sophomore reliever Matt Buchmaier, the Irish scored four runs to take a 7-5 lead.

Three of those runs came on a tremendous home run by freshman right-fielder Brian Stavisky.

In the eighth inning, each team scored one run. The Irish scored on a homer by designated hitter Ken Meyer, who had a tremendous weekend at the plate, cracking out eight hits, six of which went for extra bases.

Unfortunately, the Irish could not hold the two-run lead in the top of the ninth. Buchmaier gave up two hits to begin the inning before head coach Paul Mainieri brought in senior closer John Corbin to try to stop the bleeding. Corbin kept the St. John's hitters from hitting

the ball hard, but still allowed two runners to score on ground balls as the Red Storm tied the game at eight runs apiece.

The Irish provided the most exciting moment in the eventful game in the bottom of the ninth inning as senior first baseman Jeff Felker hit a the ball over the fence to win the game for the Irish by a score of 9-8.

"[Sunday's] game was a tremendous victory," said head coach Paul Mainieri. "There were about 1500 people there today — just hearing the crowd was nice."

The game had been heavily advertised on campus all week as the "Breast Cancer

Awareness Game," a project of former Irish catcher Chuck Lennon's management class. One of the main planners from the class was sophomore Paul O'Toole, who got two hits to go along with two diving catches in left field on Sunday.

"It was really an exciting event, the class did a great job," said Mainieri. "The crowd was great and I feel everybody benefited from the knowledge they provided. It was a fun day at the ballpark."

The two squads split a doubleheader Saturday afternoon, with junior All-American Aaron Heilman pitching yet

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