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Gang members discuss life in Chicago's projects

By LINDSAY FRANK
News Writer

Five current Chicago gang members spoke with Notre Dame students about inner-city diplomacy and the recent decrease in gang violence Sunday at a lecture hosted by the Center for Social Concerns.

Brothers Bill Tomes and Jim Fogarty of the Brothers and Sisters of Love played an integral part in resolving the violence among the gangs in the Cabrini Green district of Chicago, according to the panelists.

"Brother Bill [Tomes] showed us there is another world outside of Cabrini Green and gangbanging," said one gang member.

One of the most effective ways Tomes was able to cease the violence was literally putting himself in the line of fire.

"When we'd see Brother Bill out there, we'd stop shooting out of respect for him," said a member of the Conservative Vice Lords. He also met with opposing gangs and listened to each side while mediating peace talks.

Tomes began working with members of the Vice Lords, Mickey Cobras and Gangster Disciples 15 years ago in Chicago in an effort to make others realize that gang members are people too.

"Many gang members think low of themselves. So if you look up to them, well then they tend to adopt that respect that you give them," he said.

Tomes and Fogarty said that the problems associated with gangs are not easy to pinpoint.

"The violence is not just about drugs or territory. It could result over a girl, or a sign of disrespect. It is really a social thing," said Fogarty.

One of the major problems is that people in the gangs have trouble trusting people outside their circles due to unfulfilled promises and injustices in the past, the panelists said. Many people come into the projects and make too many empty promises of jobs and other aid, according to Fogarty. Past confrontations with the police have also caused peo-

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Members of the Notre Dame community had the opportunity to ask gang members about life in Chicago's inner city. Said one panelist, "I don't want to see my kids grow up the way I did."

Survey gauges SMC activities

Students respond to how activities reflect the College

By COLLEEN McCARTHY
Saint Mary's News Editor

The idea that some events and activities endorsed by Saint Mary's are contradictory to the values the College promotes itself as a Catholic, all-women's college prompted senior Colleen Murphy to conduct a survey of seniors and their reactions to various events.

Events included Junior Mom's Weekend, Saint Mary's sporting events, retreats, the Keenan Revue, the Student Activities Board (SAB) Date Auction and the Graffiti Dance.

Murphy distributed 300 surveys and received a 60 percent return rate.

"The survey identified 21 different social events and asked students about their perceptions of the value of different events as positive, entertaining, a good social opportunity, demeaning to women, objectifying and how these events positively or negatively affected the perceptions of themselves as Saint Mary's students," said

Murphy.

The survey then asked students to answer the same eight statements about each event and rate how strongly they agreed or disagreed with each statement on a scale of one to seven.

She chose to survey seniors because, "after four years these students have experienced the wide range of

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COLLEEN MURPHY
SURVEY ORGANIZER

social opportunities Saint Mary's offers and because they have had the full benefit of being educated in a women's college environment."

"In the results, we found that the best predictor of an event having a positive effect on a student's perception of herself as a Saint Mary's stu-

dent is whether or not the event is seen as a good social opportunity," said Murphy.

The survey also found that the more demeaning an event was perceived to be toward women, the less positively it affected the self-perception of Saint Mary's students.

All the events from retreats to the Keenan Revue received good social opportunity ratings, said Murphy.

The three events that received the highest ratings as being most demeaning to women included the Keenan Revue, SAB Date Auction and the Graffiti Dance. Those three events also were rated relatively low for having a positive effect of one's perception of herself as a Saint Mary's student, said Murphy.

"Students are saying, 'I'm going to these events but it's having a negative effect on my self-perception even if it is seen as a good social opportunity,'" said Murphy.

Although events like the Keenan Revue, SAB Date Auction and Graffiti Dance were perceived as demeaning to women, they did not receive below average scores in the mean positive rating of the events.

However, that finding does not comfort Murphy who has

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■ SMC CLASS ELECTIONS

Students vote in run-off elections

By COLLEEN McCARTHY
Saint Mary's News Editor

With the failure of one ticket to earn 50 percent of the vote in last Thursday's primary elections for the classes of 2000 and 2001, run-off elections will be held today.

In Thursday's election, the ticket of Ann Pangilinan, president; Penelope Kistka, vice president; Kat Rademacher, treasurer; and Claire Burke, secretary, earned 46 percent of the vote for the class of 2000. Pangilinan's ticket will challenge the ticket of Maureen Donovan, president; Alison Wade, vice president; Agnes Bill, treasurer; and Emily Junius, secretary; in the run-off election. Donovan's ticket earned 30 percent of the vote in the primary election.

For the class of 2001, the tickets remaining are Molly Kahn, president; Allison Webb, vice president; Annie Rolles, treasurer; and Alice Fox, secretary. Kahn's ticket earned 40 percent of the vote in the primary election. Their opposition is led by Autumn Palacz, president; Julia Malczynski, vice president;

Alyson Leatherman, treasurer; and Gina Case, secretary. Palacz's ticket earned 48 percent of the vote in the primary election.

The class of 2002 was the only class to have a definite winner in the primary election last Thursday. One of the two tickets was disqualified after failing to meet a deadline.

The winning ticket was comprised of Michelle Nagle, president; Katie O'Connell, vice president; Katy Robinson, treasurer; and Mandy Schomas, secretary. Nagle's ticket earned 76 percent of the vote with 24 percent of voters abstaining.

Bridget Heffernan, elections commissioner, was pleased with voter turnout in Thursday's primary. The classes of 2000 and 2001 saw particularly high voter turnout with 61.5 percent and 50.3 percent, respectively, of the classes voting. Voter turnout for the class of 2002 was significantly lower with only 34.5 percent of the class voting.

"For rising juniors and seniors, the turnout was very good," said Heffernan. "We were very pleased."

INSIDE COLUMN

Part Three

There was once a time when everything was clear to me. I knew where I would be going. I knew who the people were around me. I was confident in my own identity. My picture of reality was clear as crystal and there did not seem to be any distractions.

C.R. "Teo" Teodoro
Illustrations Editor

That was a long time ago. Now, I have grown up since then. Grown up — I wonder just exactly what that means. Did I grow up by age, or length of existence? There must be something more to it. As far as I recognize it, "growing up" means that I have lost that clarity of perception that was so common in childhood.

Of course, when I was young, I did not have as many experiences as I do now. Do my experiences add to my perception of the world? Or are they distractions, an illusionary fog that obscures the mind's eye?

True, I have a better understanding of how the world works. I know the chemistry and physics of my environment. I have learned some of the math that binds our paradigm. I understand how language is used for the communication of thoughts otherwise left unknown. I have realized how expression has moved peoples, nations. I see the cycle of birth, life and death. But now, I ask myself, what have I forgotten?

Despite the fact that we learn so much from our surroundings, we are still distracted from other truths. To be taught one thing may mean to exclude knowledge of another. To follow one manner of thought, I would forfeit all others, or worse, forfeit my own. This is where the fine line of truth and deception begins to blur.

During my years of innocence, I once thought that Roman Catholicism was the only religion in the world. It was not until later when I learned of other Christian denominations, and still later other religions apart from the Judeo-Christian-Islamic traditions. Each religion was saying it was true, and all others were false. Were all paths true, or were they all false? I sometimes still ponder this question, but it no longer gives me much fear.

There is also the matter of who is right and who is wrong. Governments establish the laws of the lands. Sometimes they are fair, sometimes not. Governments clash, and war breaks out. When one side loses, then does the victor write history as they see fit, or is history an objective account regardless of time and people? I am not a politician, nor a historian.

What truly matters to me? That seems to be a continual question that is ever-present in my soul. What is special to me; what would I learn, follow and embrace? When you study something, then it becomes a science to you. When you develop a passion for what you study, then it becomes an art. When your passion is internalized and made into a way of life, then it becomes a philosophy.

There are many sciences that I have learned. There are even quite a few passions that I feel deeply about. However, I have yet to find that one philosophy that would make me whole.

But I guess I shouldn't think about it much now. I think what people really want to know is how my date was at the dance last Friday night. All I can say is that my date was breathtaking when I saw her that night and we both enjoyed ourselves at the dance —but, of course, that's assuming she wasn't lying to me.

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

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Outside the Dome

Compiled from U-Wire reports

BU students protest sweatshop licensing codes

BOSTON

Boston University administrators met with members of Students Against Sweatshops Thursday to discuss measures that would strengthen the University's standards for licensing collegiate apparel.

While more than 50 students demonstrated on the snow-covered sidewalk outside president Jon Westling's Bay State Road office, four student representatives proposed amendments to the code BU signed two weeks ago with Collegiate Licensing Company, the corporation that contracts manufacturing rights to insignia for BU and 160 other universities.

When they emerged from the president's office, SAS' four student representatives were met with cheers and praise, though their faces showed disappointment.

"Basically, the administration refused to negotiate with us because they didn't



like the way we had represented their position in the media," senior Roni Krouzman said after stepping to a microphone.

Despite repeated statements by provost Dennis Berkey indicating Thursday's meeting would only be a discussion, Krouzman insisted throughout the week that a strong show of student support would force the administration to negotiate.

Although administrators agreed to take the students' recommendations

into consideration, they will not renege on their commitment to the CLC code, BU spokesman Colin Riley said.

"The provost listened to the concerns of the students and is taking those concerns under advisement," Riley said.

While SAS representatives were in discussions with administrators, student protesters began a demonstration on Marsh Plaza. As several speakers roused the crowd, others unveiled a flag that read "People Power. We Will Be Heard."

As they began to march down Commonwealth Avenue, students held placards and chanted cries of "Sweatshops are jerky, Berkey!" and "Hey hey! Ho ho! Sweatshops have got to go!"

Protesters formed a circle around the president's doorstep and continued speeches and cheers for nearly an hour, despite the driving snow and wind.

SMITH COLLEGE

New major aids women in engineering

BOSTON

In an effort to increase opportunities for women in a male-dominated field, Smith College will start an engineering program next fall — the first of its kind in the nation at an all-women's college. Approved by the school's Board of Trustees last weekend, the program will provide degrees in electrical, environmental and computer engineering and is expected to eventually enroll 100 students, graduating 25 a year beginning in 2004. About 2,800 women attend the Northampton college. "Clearly it is a matter of national import that our country not only produce more women engineers, but also develop new, truly effective models for educating them," Smith president Ruth Simmons said. Nationally, only about 19 percent of engineering students are women, according to Solomon Eisenberg, associate dean of Undergraduate Programs at Boston University's College of Engineering. Women make up about 9 percent of professional engineers nationwide.

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Students change ethnicity on records

EAST LANSING, Mich.

About 15 Chicano and Latino students became "white" Thursday. Saying they do not want their numbers benefiting a university that doesn't allow them to study their heritage, members of two student groups changed their ethnicity to white on university records in the Administration Building. "We only have 300 Chicano-registered students in the University," said Adelita Garcia, an education sophomore who changed her ethnicity on the records. "If 10 of us change it, that will change the University's percentages, which will only hurt the University. It is not helping us any to be classified as No. 3 or No. 4." In a question on MSU applications that asks students to identify their ethnicity, choice No. 3 is "Chicano/Mexican American" and No. 4 is "Hispanic." In fall 1998, 379 MSU students were registered as Chicano or Mexican American and 687 registered as Hispanic, said MSU spokesman Terry Denbow.

UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

Regents oppose ID number bill

TUCSON, Ariz.

The Arizona Board of Regents yesterday proposed changes to a legislative bill prohibiting colleges from using student Social Security numbers for identification purposes. While board members said they wanted to ensure students' privacy, they were reluctant to accept the bill's 2001 deadline for implementation. University of Arizona president Peter Likins said the student-driven legislation would create a financial hardship for the three Arizona universities. "My strongest concern about this legislation is the time table," Likins said. However, student concerns about administrative stonewalling prompted the bill's 2001 deadline, said Sam Leyvas, executive director of the Arizona Students Association. During the meeting, Leyvas took the floor to defend the bill, for which his organization has lobbied. "The board shouldn't oppose students who are trying to protect their rights," Leyvas said after the meeting.

BROWN UNIVERSITY

State commission hears professor's suit

PROVIDENCE, R.I.

Nearly five years after former assistant professor of music Henry Kingsbury filed charges of disability discrimination against the University, the case went before the Rhode Island Commission for Human Rights this week. In 1991, Kingsbury took a medical leave of absence to undergo surgery for a brain tumor. Two years later he requested to return to work, but the University refused his request. In March 1994, Kingsbury filed suit with the Commission, alleging the University discriminated against him because of his disability when it refused to reinstate him. The following academic year Kingsbury resumed his teaching position under a three-year contract. But in 1997, the University declined to renew the contract when the department of music recommended that he not be rehired. Kingsbury again filed suit with the Commission later that year, alleging the University again discriminated against him because of his disability when it refused to renew his contract.

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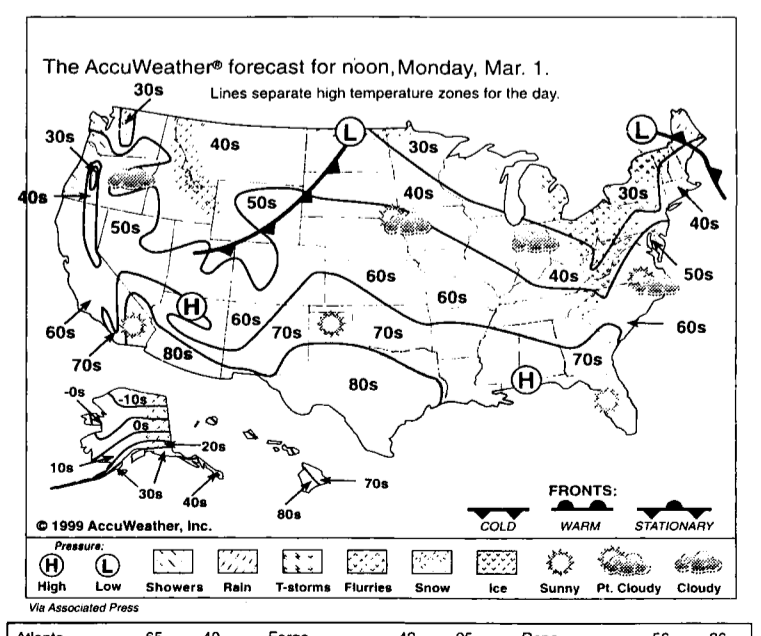


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Nussbaum discusses religious ethics, discrimination

By ERIN PIROUTEK
News Writer

A fine balance must be maintained between allowing religious freedom and preventing discrimination within religions, said Martha Nussbaum, University of Chicago law and ethics professor.

At her lecture Friday, "Religion and Sex Equality," Nussbaum discussed the legal ramifications of religious freedom, citing religious systems that discriminate against women in India.

"[A legal system] must respect religious women and men as choosers of a way of life, while at the same time taking just as seri-

ously the importance of the full range of the human capabilities that are sometimes at risk for women in traditional religious cultures," Nussbaum said.

She cautioned, however, that "respecting the freedom of religion does not mean giving a small number of religious leaders limitless license to perpetuate human misery. Religions forfeit their right to state protection when they overstep certain moral boundaries."

"There are areas of religious practice in which the government probably does not have

'A LEGAL SYSTEM MUST RESPECT RELIGIOUS WOMEN AND MEN AS CHOOSERS OF A WAY OF LIFE.'

MARTHA NUSSBAUM
PROFESSOR OF LAW AND ETHICS

compelling interest in forcing change," she added. "At least so long as the freedom of individuals to change their religion is also firmly established; public norms of sex equality

should not force the Roman Catholic Church to hire female priests, although it probably

should force them to hire female janitors."

Following the lecture, Fred Dallmayr, Notre Dame government and international studies professor, complemented Nussbaum's "nuanced sensitivity, that sense of balance; the search for a middle road that's the best part of Aristotelian tradition."

Dallmayr expressed concern, however, that Nussbaum's desires for religious personal freedom and equality laws will take time. He encouraged her to be cautious and patient.

Nussbaum, a renowned American philosopher and public intellectual, has held teaching and research positions at

Harvard, Wellesley, Princeton, Brown, Oxford and Stanford. She serves as a research advisor at the World Institute for Development Economics Research (WIDER) in Helsinki, a part of the United Nations University.

She has written numerous books, including "For Love of a Country" and "Poetic Justice." Her most recent book, "Cultivating Humanity," was praised by James Shapiro in the New York Times Book Review as a "formidable, perhaps definitive defense of diversity on American campuses."

The lecture was in the series of Theodore M. Hesburgh Lectures on Ethics and Public Policy.

Bishop supports Campus Ministry

Special to the Observer

Notre Dame has received a commitment from Bishop Robert Lynch of St. Petersburg, Fla., to support its office of Campus Ministry.

Announcing his commitment at a recent gathering of the University's alumni and friends in 1998, Bishop Lynch said that he was making the gift in honor of the late Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, who received Notre Dame's highest honor, the Laetare Medal, in 1995. He also warmly praised Notre Dame's ACE program, which has sent four recent Notre Dame graduates to teach in parochial schools of the St. Petersburg diocese, and those Notre Dame alumni who serve on the boards and councils of the diocese.

"Our diocese has benefited greatly from Notre Dame's commitment to campus ministry and to nourishing the faith life of its students," Bishop Lynch said, adding that he believed his commitment to the University's Campus Ministry program would similarly benefit parishes and dioceses throughout the country.

"We are as honored by the generosity of Bishop Lynch as we are grateful for it," said University president Father Edward Malloy. "Notre

Dame's most crucial responsibility is to summon an entire community to deeper prayer and intensified discipleship. That responsibility, which was the heart of Cardinal Bernardin's witness, is also the principal task of our Campus Ministry, and we are heartened by Bishop Lynch's recognition of its urgency."

Bishop Lynch, who has served the St. Petersburg diocese since 1996, was general secretary of the National Council of Catholic Bishops from 1989 until 1995.

Notre Dame's office of Campus Ministry, under the direction of Father Richard Warner, provides a wide variety of services designed to sustain the religious life of the students, faculty and staff of the University. In addition to arranging campus and residence hall liturgies and prayer services, it administers religious education, sacramental preparation and counseling programs, retreats, prayer groups and service projects.

Bishop Lynch's commitment is a component of the University's \$767 million "Generations" campaign. Announced last year, "Generations" is the largest fund-raising campaign in the history of Catholic higher education.

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presented her findings to the Board of Governance and to the Board of Trustees at their meeting that took place in February.

"This isn't saying that Saint Mary's is doing a horrendous job in promoting events because the mean positive

ratings of the events are all pretty good," Murphy said. "This finding does not take away from the fact that Saint Mary's is endorsing events that are negatively influencing self perceptions of students.

"If we want students to feel proud of being Saint Mary's students, we need to examine the events endorsed by the College and their effect of students' self perception."

■ IRELAND

More arrests made in terrorist bombing

Associated Press

DUBLIN

Police arrested a woman on Sunday in connection with last year's car bombing in Omagh, bringing to four the number of suspects being interrogated about Northern Ireland's worst terrorist attack.

Three men were arrested Saturday in the border town of Dundalk, the main power base for the Irish Republican Army splinter group responsible for the Aug. 15 attack that claimed 29 lives. The woman was arrested in Dublin, the capital of the Irish Republic.

Under an Irish anti-terrorism law strengthened after the Omagh bombing, the suspects

can be questioned for up to 72 hours before being charged or released.

Police in both parts of Ireland have arrested nearly 100 people in their efforts to track down the Omagh bombers. So far only one person has been charged, Colm Murphy, 48, a Dundalk pub owner.

Murphy appeared in a Dublin court last week, charged with membership in the IRA dissident group and with conspiring to cause explosions.

The dissidents oppose the IRA's July 1997 truce and the decision of the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party to accept the terms of the Good Friday peace agreement in 1998.

Gangs

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ple in the projects to distrust outsiders.

"Police beat us up and drop us off in other neighborhoods," said one long-time member.

Most of the gang members indicated lack of paternal presence as a reason for joining the gang. In fact, all the men joined their respective gangs around the age of 14, although one man had been a member of the Gangster Disciples for 27 years, ever since he joined at the age of 9.

Despite the truce among several of the gangs, the panelists expressed the ill effects of growing up amidst the violence.

"For a while, I couldn't walk next to my mom. When we left the house, I would lead. I wasn't afraid of me getting shot — I was afraid for her," said one of the panelists.

"One thing about going up in the projects is that you grow up fast," said another gang member.

Another panelist said that his cousin had just been killed last Saturday, and he initially had the urge to seek revenge.

"At first I thought about how we were going to deal with the guy that killed my cousin," he said. "But I calmed down when I found

out he was just a kid, only two years older than my daughter."

Many of the panelists discussed the brevity of life in the projects. "Where I come from tomorrow ain't promised to you," said one of the men. When asked how old they were, several of them replied that they were 23 or 28 years

The panelists also talked about the hierarchy within the gang and how many of them were "retired" members.

"I still get the same respect, and if they need me at a meeting or need help with a program I'll go, but I'm not as active anymore," said one veteran.

"Once you've been down with a gang for 10, 15 years they let you be a man and do your own thing."

For many of these members, that means spending time with their wives and children, obtaining their GEDs and pursuing other forms of education.

One Mickey Cobras member said that because of working with people like Tomes and Fogarty, his gang activity has "cooled down" and that he was busy working as a service coordinator for WIC (Women, Infants, and Children). He is also making an effort to make sure his children don't take the path he followed.

"I don't want to see my kids grow up the way I did. I make sure they have a lot of activities to keep them busy," he said.

Although Tomes and Fogarty were encouraged by the progress the panelists had made toward ending the violence and making the gangs less a part of their lives, they still feel that society needs to become more involved.

"We need to find ways to break barriers," said Fogarty.

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VISITING PANELIST AT CSC DISCUSSION

of age.

The discussion also focused on the rules that govern gang life. The majority of the panel attended grammar school together and had unwritten rules that fights ended before school and began after school.

"It was kind of weird because it was like 'I was just in class with you five minutes ago and now you want to fight me?'" said one panelist. They also said that no one left the gangs and that they just "had to battle it out."

■ INDIA

Pope advances sainthood crusade

Process to honor Mother Teresa will soon begin

Associated Press

CALCUTTA

Pope John Paul II has waived the mandatory wait of five years after death to begin the process of possible sainthood for Mother Teresa, the archbishop of Calcutta said Sunday.

Archbishop Henry D'Souza told The Associated Press he received a letter from the Vatican's Congregation for the Causes of the Saints on Dec. 12 announcing the waiver, but had not publicized it.

In Rome, the Vatican confirmed the waiver by the pope, who had previously indicated the five-year wait would be

required, even for the internationally beloved nun who dedicated her life to the destitute of Calcutta.

"The demand was so great and insistent that the Holy Father thought to go ahead," said a Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Ciro Benedettini.

With the waiver, Calcutta's archbishop has been allowed to begin the process of gathering information and testimony about Mother Teresa in the first step toward possible beatification and sainthood.

It was the first time in recent memory that such an exception had been made, the archbishop said.

"It is an important step forward, an important testimony to the sanctity of Mother Teresa," he said, adding that the pope would not have granted the waiver without "such requests from all over the world."

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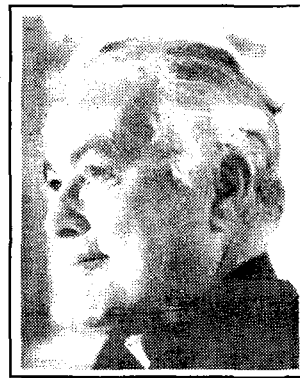
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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Mayoral candidate's phony site shut down

PHILADELPHIA

A phony Internet Web site for Philadelphia mayoral candidate John White that mentioned his views on race was shut down Sunday. The site, apparently designed by someone connected to an opponent's campaign, posted an apology before shutting down for "causing Mr. White's campaign some harm." The controversy over the fake Web site has cost the jobs of two top campaign aides to Democratic rival Dwight Evans. At issue were quotes attributed to White, taken from a Spanish-language newspaper, about how black and Latino voters ought to consolidate political power. The White campaign said it does not have a Web page and that the quote was taken out of context. They also suggested the site was created as a smear campaign to create racial controversy.

Balloon crosses India

LONDON

Two Britons determined to be the first to pilot a balloon around the world nonstop made slow and chilly progress above the Indian subcontinent Sunday. Colin Prescott, 48, and Andy Elson, 45, have already broken the endurance record for balloon flight — achieving 233 hours and 55 minutes early Saturday morning. The pilots, who took off from Spain on Feb. 17, said the balloon was flying at 15,700 feet — "low and slow" — and was expected to reach the east coast of the Indian subcontinent by the end of the day. They have been denied permission to fly over China and hope to catch a high-speed west-northwest jet stream around China and out over the Pacific, organizers at the project's London headquarters said.

Convicted minister leads service

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.

One day after being convicted of state racketeering charges, Rev. Henry Lyons quietly led Sunday morning services at his church and then went to the funeral of a grandmother who helped raise him. The once-influential and rousing religious leader faces months of legal and political battles, with the National Baptist Convention USA considering whether to oust him as president and federal prosecutors gearing up for their own trial against the minister next month. "I've got to sit down with my deacons and with my wife and with my family and see what we're going to do," Lyons quietly told reporters after jurors found him guilty Saturday of racketeering and grand theft. "I'll be doing some praying."

LEBANON



Supporters of Hezbollah celebrate in a mainly Shiite southern suburb of Beirut after the Shiite militia killed Israel's top general, Brigadier General Erez Gerstein, in south Lebanon.

AFP Photo

Four Israelis die in guerrilla bombing

ASSOCIATED PRESS

MARJAYOUN

Lebanese guerrillas detonated two bombs beside a military convoy Sunday, killing a brigadier general and three other Israelis in one of the most serious attacks on Israel's forces in southern Lebanon.

Israeli warplanes retaliated after the bombing, firing missiles at suspected guerrilla hideouts in southern and eastern Lebanon, Lebanese security officials said. There was no immediate word on casualties from the air raid, the second in south Lebanon in as many days.

Brig. Gen. Erez Gerstein was the highest-ranking officer to die in Lebanon since the 1982 Israeli invasion. His vehicle, described by area residents as an armor-plated Mercedes, careened off the road, rolled into the valley below and burst into flames.

Two Israeli sergeants and an

Israel Radio reporter, all of whom were in Gerstein's vehicle, also were killed.

Hezbollah, an Iranian-backed Lebanese guerrilla group, claimed responsibility for the attack. It came five days after another south Lebanon ambush killed three Israeli army officers, prompting renewed calls for Israel to pull troops out of Lebanon.

Israel occupied part of Lebanon in 1985 to prevent cross-border attacks, setting up a so-called "security zone" that covers about one-tenth of Lebanon. Hezbollah is the most active of guerrilla groups fighting to oust the Israelis and their militia allies.

Speaking after Sunday's attack, Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu called Lebanon "an acute problem."

"It's one that awaits a solution. Israel knows what to do," he said in Amman, Jordan, where he was

meeting that nation's new ruler, King Abdullah.

In announcing Sunday's retaliatory attacks, Israeli chief-of-staff Lt. Gen. Shaul Mofaz said Israel adhered to a three-year understanding with the Hezbollah to avoid civilian targets.

However, Netanyahu hinted that Israel's action, which would include land and sea forces, might eventually end the agreement. He accused the Iranian backed militia of "systematically" violating the agreement.

Netanyahu already faces a tough battle for re-election before a vote May 17. Top campaign issues include whether, when and how to withdraw troops from Lebanon.

More than 900 Israeli soldiers have died since 1982. As many as 25,000 Lebanese and Palestinians have been killed during the same period, according to Lebanese officials and international relief agencies.

Governor fires head of police

ASSOCIATED PRESS

TRENTON, N.J.

Gov. Christine Whitman fired the head of the New Jersey State Police on Sunday after he said in a newspaper interview that minority groups were more likely to be involved in drug trafficking.

The Black Ministers Council of New Jersey and the state chapter of the NAACP had been calling for State Police superintendent Col. Carl Williams' ouster for weeks, saying he was not acknowledging a history of racist procedures on the part of the State Police.

Whitman said Sunday the state's law enforcement system must be carried out free of bias. She said Williams' comments "are inconsistent with our efforts to enhance public confidence in the State Police."

Williams has come under fire over allegations that the agency practices racial profiling, targeting minorities for traffic stops.

In an interview with The Star-Ledger of Newark published Sunday, Williams said he did not condone racial profiling, but said it is naive to think race is not an issue in drug crimes.

"Two weeks ago, the president of the United States went to Mexico to talk to the president of Mexico about drugs. He didn't go to Ireland. He didn't go to England," Williams said.

"Today with this drug problem, the drug problem is cocaine or marijuana. It is most likely a minority group that's involved with that," said Williams.

Williams, 58, has repeatedly said he has never condoned racial profiling. But he told the newspaper some generalizations can be made.

"If you're looking at the

metamphetamine market, that seems to be controlled by the motorcycle gangs, which are basically predominantly white," he said. "If you're looking at heroin and stuff like that, your involvement there is more or less Jamaicans."

Last week, The Associated Press reported that the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division had been investigating the New Jersey State Police for two years.

Williams was not immediately available for comment, and a state police spokesman, John Hagerty, did not return messages.

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AMAT	AMAT	-12.95	-8,100	55.62
SOTR	SOTR	-1.32	-1,275	40.06
AOI	AOI	-1.51	-1,125	88.50
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IBM	IBM	-1.70	-6,900	97.81
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■ AUSTRIA

Families mourn avalanche victims

Associated Press

INNSBRUCK

Alpine rescuers in parkas and soldiers in winter uniforms on Sunday lined the aisles of a church where families mourned the 38 victims of avalanches that thundered into a mountain valley packed with ski vacationers.

Just a day after rescue teams dug up the final body from the devastating snowslides in the Paznaun Valley, Austria marked a national day of mourning. Church bells tolled throughout Innsbruck, capital of western Tyrol region.

As the victims' names were read aloud one by one, a candle was lit for each by mountain rescue team members, police and soldiers. Some family members, sitting in the front of the ornate church, dabbed away tears as speakers at the memorial service talked of the tragedy.

"The latest events in the Paznaun and elsewhere in the Alps have again made us conscious of how threatened and fragile human life is," said Roman Catholic Bishop Alois

Kothgasser.

Austrian Chancellor Viktor Klima and the ambassadors of Germany, the Netherlands and Denmark, whose citizens were among the dead, attended the ecumenical service at Wilten Church.

"The violence of nature has left deep wounds," Klima said at the service, televised live in Austria, Germany and other European countries. "The entire country must stand together and heal these wounds."

Disaster first struck in the late afternoon last Tuesday, when sun-warmed snow masses roared down a slope and into the village of Galtuer, killing 31 people. Hampered by bad weather, rescuers took four days to find all the bodies in the cut-off village. It was the deadliest avalanche in a winter of heavy snow and countless snowslides throughout Europe's Alps.

Seven others died the following day when a wall of snow pulverized the nearby village of Valzur.

Killed in the two avalanches were 21 Germans, nine Austrians, six Dutch and two

Danes; 12 of the dead were children. Twenty-five people were rescued.

Coffins containing 16 of the dead were shown during TV coverage of the ceremony, covered with flowers. The bodies of the seven local victims from the Paznaun Valley, who will be buried on Tuesday, remained in Galtuer, and others had already been flown back to their home countries.

Luise Mueller, a Protestant church leader who helped conduct the service, said that after an event like this, "There are always questions who is to blame, but there is no quick answer and that makes us fearful."

"The pain and the sorrow over what has happened in Paznaun leaves people speechless," she said.

Most roads into the snow-filled valley, 50 miles southwest of Innsbruck, were open Sunday as the area tried to return to normal. Thousands of tourists were evacuated by helicopter before roads were finally dug out on Saturday. Alpine crews continued cleanup work Sunday.

■ CUBA

Dissidents face trial in Havana

Associated Press

HAVANA

Magaly De Armas says she knew life would be hard as the wife of one of communist Cuba's best-known dissidents when she wed Vladimiro Roca seven years ago.

"He taught me to be prepared for whatever could happen," she said calmly, sitting by the open front door of her living room. "But I think that he was always better prepared."

Now comes one of the toughest moments.

Roca, 56, and three other opposition leaders go on trial Monday on sedition charges amid a new crackdown on political dissidents. One of the most important human rights cases in Cuba in recent years, the trial is seen as a test of how far the government is willing to bend to international opinion while maintaining its new tough stance toward the opposition.

De Armas said many other dissidents who support the group have been detained by state security agents in recent days, apparently to prevent protests outside the courthouse. Government officials, who never comment on such detentions, were infuriated by a demonstration last year outside the trial of another dissident, which was widely reported by foreign media.

Roca, Rene Gomez Manzano, engineer Felix Bonne and economist Marta Beatriz Roque were leading members of the opposition coalition Concilio Cubano when they were jailed in July 1997 for criticizing a major Communist Party document.

The trial is expected to last several days. It is unknown if journalists will be allowed inside.

De Armas fears that her husband, already held for nearly 20 months, will be sentenced to more time. Or that if he is released, he will be required to leave the country

where his father, the late Communist Party leader Blas Roca, remains a beloved figure.

"He doesn't want to leave Cuba. This is his homeland," De Armas said. "He says that outside of his country, he is no one."

Communist officials insist there are no political prisoners in Cuba, only people jailed for common crimes. They reject the characterization of the four as prisoners of conscience.

When the opposition leaders were charged last fall, the prosecution recommended a six-year sentence for Roca and five years each for the others.

Since then, the government has passed a tough, broadly worded law aimed at silencing dissidents who promote U.S. economic sanctions against Cuba. Those convicted can face up to 20 years in prison.

The four cannot be tried under the new law, but it sig-

nals a tougher government stance toward the opposition.

Meanwhile, more than a year after Pope John Paul II's visit in January 1998, Cuba remains under pressure from human rights groups and foreign governments to ease up on opponents.

The pope called for fundamental freedoms, respect for human rights and an independent civil society. More than 80 prisoners were released after his visit.

But the Vatican, European nations, the United States, Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch/Americas have pointed to the current case as an example of how far Cuba still has to go. They were held nearly 15 months before being formally charged.

The group's relatives have appealed to world leaders, including King Juan Carlos of Spain, to push for their release.

■ ETHIOPIA

Peace returns to Eastern Africa

Ethiopia claims victory in bloody border dispute

Associated Press

ADDIS ABABA

Ethiopia declared "total victory" Sunday and said Eritrea had suffered "a monumental and humiliating defeat" in the Horn of Africa border war.

The Ethiopian statement made no mention of Eritrea's decision late Saturday to agree to a peace plan drafted by the Organization of African Unity. Instead it focused on the Ethiopian offensive that breached the main battle front at Badme on Friday and allowed troops to advance six miles into Eritrean-held territory.

"The defense forces of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, in spite of such a large enemy military presence, were in the space of four days able to win a total victory," the government said in a statement.

Ethiopia stopped short of declaring the war won. But it made clear that it considered its gains at Badme — 600 miles north of the Ethiopian capital, Addis Ababa — the decisive victory in a conflict that has simmered since May.

There was no immediate word Sunday from the Eritreans, who have made no attempt to deny the Ethiopians' gains, which were widely seen as the beginning of the end of the war.

Ethiopia and Eritrea, whose rival leaders differ bitterly on political and ideological

grounds, have been contesting parts of their largely barren and poorly demarcated 620-mile border.

The latest fighting, which began Feb. 6, ended an eight-month stalemate after 1,000 people were killed in May and June.

Ethiopia, with its 58 million people, dwarfs Eritrea, whose population is just 3.5 million.

Eritrea's army "has suffered a monumental and humiliating defeat. Enemy army personnel left over have fled, scattering and leaving behind their military armaments," Ethiopia said.

The statement did not say whether fighting continued Sunday, repeating only that it had consolidated its 40,000 troops and heavy artillery on Saturday following Friday's gains.

Ethiopia claimed to have killed, wounded and captured tens of thousands of Eritrean soldiers.

There was no way to verify those claims, and neither country has permitted journalists to approach the front.

On Saturday, Eritrean President Isaias Afwerki told the U.N. Security Council that Eritrea was ready to abide by an OAU peace plan.

Ethiopia had agreed to the proposal when it was presented in November, but Eritrea had balked at a clause demanding that it unilaterally withdraw its troops from disputed border areas before any cease-fire could be reached.

In a statement, the council said it welcomed Eritrea's new position. The council expressed willingness to help implement the OAU accord, which it called "a viable and sound basis for a peaceful resolution to the conflict."

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■ ZAMBIA

Bombs explode outside embassy

Associated Press

LUSAKA

A bomb exploded Sunday at the Angolan Embassy, killing a security guard and extensively damaging the building. Bombs also went off in four other areas in Zambia's capital.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility. President Frederick Chiluba condemned the bombings as "unacceptable acts of terrorism" and asked Zambians to be on the alert for further attacks.

Police sealed off the Angolan Embassy in a northeastern suburb after the explosion shattered windows

and damaged part of the upper floor of the two-story building.

One security official at the embassy was killed and another was slightly wounded, state TV reported. Witnesses said police defused a second device at the embassy.

The nationalities of the victims weren't released.

Relations between Zambia and neighboring Angola have been strained over allegations Zambia allowed illegal weapon shipments to pass through its territory to Angolan rebels. Zambia denies the allegations but concedes its lengthy border with Angola is almost impossible to police.

■ NIGERIA

Obasanjo to win presidency

Associated Press

ABUJA

Retired Gen. Olusegun Obasanjo appeared increasingly certain Sunday to win Nigeria's presidential vote, the final step in the nation's long-awaited transition to civilian rule.

Election officials said Obasanjo, a former military ruler seeking a civilian comeback 20 years after giving up power, had further widened his lead — leaving Obasanjo's opponent Olu Falae almost no chance to make up the lost ground.

By Sunday evening, Obasanjo had captured 62 percent of the vote with 31 of Nigeria's 36 states and the federal capital reporting. Final results were not expected until Monday.

Falae, the former finance minister, plans to contest the

results of Saturday's election, a top aide said — calling the election "completely rigged." The claim cast a shadow over the vote billed as a chance to restore democracy to Africa's most populous country.

Falae's aide, Sunday Durodola, said the election — only the third in Nigerian history — was suspect.

"We have not had a free and fair elections, and Falae will contest this," Durodola, the party secretary for Falae's Alliance for Democracy, said in a telephone interview from Lagos, Nigeria's commercial capital.

A refusal to recognize the outcome by one of the two presidential candidates would taint the vote, though election officials said they would continue to count the ballots.

Nigeria has never held a presidential election in which the loser accepted defeat. In

both previous presidential elections, in 1979 and 1993, the apparent result was contested by at least one of the candidates.

An official of the All Peoples Party, which also backed Falae, interrupted a news conference at Nigeria's Independent National Electoral Commission to denounce the results.

"We cannot be bound by the results released thus far," said Ayo Opadokun, Falae's campaign director.

The announcements from Falae's camp followed reports by international observers of ballot box-stuffing and other serious voting irregularities.

"Our delegation members and others witnessed serious irregularities and overt electoral fraud in a number of states," said former President Carter, who led a 60-person delegation of election observers.

Carter, added, though, that "a saving factor was that there was no nationwide pattern to favor any one party."

Falae and top officials in his party, as well as the All Peoples Party, headed to the capital, Abuja, to meet with election officials, Durodola said.

To officially challenge the election, Falae's party would have to file suit with Nigeria's Court of Appeal, a process that could take months.

Obasanjo's Peoples Democratic Party already earned a majority of seats in the National Assembly after elections only days before the presidential tally.

Obasanjo, who voluntarily stepped down from power in 1979, is widely disliked by many southern Nigerians — including Falae's supporters — because of his military past.

Falae had told journalists Saturday that he would accept the results of the election — if they were free and fair.

The controversy did not immediately spark public protests. No violence was reported on the quiet streets of Lagos, often a hotbed of strife in times of political dissent.

In Obasanjo's southwestern hometown of Abeokuta, the retired general was mobbed by several dozen joyous supporters outside his house. Women hugged him, sang songs, and held up evening newspapers celebrating his apparent victory.

After several minutes, he hopped in a car and was driven to the airport to fly to Abuja.

Nigeria, ruled by a series of military leaders since Shehu Shagari was overthrown in 1983, has been economically battered and diplomatically isolated by its junta governments.

Corruption and mismanagement have cost the country billions of dollars of its massive oil wealth, leaving much of its infrastructure crumbling, with electricity and water service largely unknown in many cities.

The democratic transition began in June, when the five-year dictatorship of Gen. Sani Abacha ended with his sudden death. Abacha was followed by Gen. Abdulsalami Abubakar, who has repeatedly vowed to hand over power to a civilian government.

Abubakar is to turn over power to the new civilian president on May 29.

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■ THE COMMON GOOD

The Moral Limits of Private Property

In my columns thus far, I have argued that the neo-conservative rejection of economic rights constitutes dissent from Catholic teaching. I have also shown how this rejection is linked with a number of other claims that are at variance with official teaching, including the claims that Catholic teaching

**Todd David
Whitmore**

backs a single economic system, that the rich-poor gap is not morally relevant, and that consumerism is not a major moral threat. Today I focus on the question of private property and whether there are limits to how much we can procure for our own use. Here I will argue that although Michael Novak claims that there are moral limits to the private use of wealth, such claims in his book "The Catholic Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism" are empty. They have no real force or content, and in this way diverge from Catholic teaching.

We can begin to see how this is the case in terms of the sources upon which he draws. I have shown in previous columns how Novak relies on Adam Smith and cites the latter favorably at several points, particularly with regard to the rejection of the moral significance of the gap between rich and poor. Both hold that increased production of wealth in a capitalist economy makes the rich-poor question moot. Smith is less helpful, however, on the question of the limits to private property. This is because Catholic teaching provides a clear framework for restricting what we can use for ourselves, while Smith does not. The latter writes that private property gives a person, "sole claim to a subject, exclusive of all others, but can use it himself as he thinks fit, and if he pleases abuse and destroy it" (Lectures on Jurisprudence, A (1762-63), vol. i: 9-10). Novak knows this is in clear conflict with Catholic teaching, and so turns to John Locke.

Locke sets out natural law limits to the possession of private property, and Novak claims that these find strong parallels with the limits placed on private property by Catholic teaching's insistence that the created goods of the world have a "universal destination" - that is, that God intends them for everyone - and that while persons have a *right* to private property, the *use* of that property is limited ("The Catholic Ethic", 119 AND 151 ff) Close examination of Locke's theory of property, however, indicates that while he was likely sincere in his efforts to place natural limits on the use of private property, the limits are empty. In the early stages of Locke's "state of nature," there are three limitations to the accumulation of property. The first we can call the "spoilage constraint." A person can rightfully appropriate only as much property as will not spoil or go to waste ("Second Treatise on Government", sects. 31 and 36-38). Spoilage is against the fundamental law of nature because it wastes that which is intended by God to help preserve humankind. Second, there is what we can call an "industry constraint." One can claim only as much property as one can mix with one's labor (sects. 31 and 36). Finally, in light of the fundamental law of nature, there is a "preservation constraint."

One can appropriate only as much as still allows for the preservation of others. "For this Labor being the unquestionable Property of the Laborer, no Man but he can have a right to what that is once joined to, at least where there is enough, and as good left in common for others" (sect. 27, cf. also 33). For all practical purposes, the preservation constraint at this point in the state of nature is functionless because of the vast expanse of unappropriated land at the time. However, the two other constraints - spoilage and industry - function to put a limit on the inequality of property.

However, Locke the introduction of money prior to the social contract, and this permits persons to appropriate "larger Possessions, and a Right to them" (sects. 36-37). Money *bypasses the spoilage constraint* because, simply put, gold and silver do not rot. A person may "heap up as much of these durable things as he pleased; the exceeding of the bounds of his just Property not lying in the largeness of his Possession, but the perishing of anything uselessly in it" (sect. 46; cf 50). Money also *enlarges the industry constraint*, as it allows one to purchase another's labor for wages (Locke does not argue this out in detail, but it is certainly in the text and his assumptions. Cf. sect. 85.). Finally, the introduction

of money allows Locke to *reinterpret the preservation constraint*. Prior to money, one has to leave as much and as good for others "at least where there is enough" (sect. 27). However, the introduction of money makes land scarce (sect. 45; cf. 36). Still, because the private appropriation of land produces so much more than land left undeveloped, even those who are left without property by the introduction of money will be better off. In Locke's words, "A King of a large and fruitful Territory [in America] feeds, lodges, and is clad worse than a day Laborer in England" (sect. 41.). There appear, therefore, to be no substantive limits to the right to property.

The pattern is similar in Novak's thought: any limits are in name only. While he does cite the teaching on the universal destination of created goods and the distinction between the right to private property and the legitimate use of that property, he nowhere works out what this might mean substantively. On the contrary, his claim that in a capitalist economy the dynamic production of wealth renders the rich-poor gap morally moot also entails that any natural law limits on the private use of wealth are beside the point as well as long as the less well-off are faring better than in the other economic alternatives identified as presently possible. This is why Novak can reduce the distinction between "being" and "having" - which John Paul II links closely with the problem of the rich-poor gap - to a sense of "wonder" towards the goods one has accumulated and gratitude "to the will of God who created us to be where we are" ("The Catholic Ethic", 204).

In other words, Novak in effect reduces the natural law limits on the use of private property to admonishments to the wealthy to thank God that they are rich. He is indeed emphatic that the well-off should give to charity. This is why the last chapter in "Business as a Calling" is dramatically titled "Giving it All Away." However, such giving is a matter of a heroic call beyond the natural law norm, not of what is required. Therefore, in Novak's account, the well-off cannot lose. There are no natural law limits to the use of private property, so if one is a scrooge, there is (unlike in Dickens) no condemnation; yet if the well-off do share their goods with others, the former are lauded. In short, in Novak's account, the well-off can become saints through giving away their wealth, but he provides no way for identifying when they are sinners.

In Catholic teaching, however, the emphasis on the universal destination of created goods and on the distinction between the right to private property and the legitimate use of that property has the force of requirement. John Paul II writes in "Centesimus Annus," that "the church teaches that the possession of material goods is not an absolute right, and that its limits are inscribed in its very nature as a human right" (par. 30). He then draws on the concept of the universal destination of goods (par. 31) to argue, "It is a strict duty of justice and truth not to allow fundamental needs to remain unsatisfied, and not to allow those burdened by such needs to perish" (par. 34). The Pope later makes clear that increasing the production wealth and giving out of "charity" what one has left over is an inadequate response to the love of neighbor manifest in making the destination of goods indeed universal. "Love for others, and in the first place love for the poor, in whom the church sees Christ himself, is made concrete in the promotion of justice. For this to happen, it is not enough to draw on the surplus goods which in fact our world abundantly produces; it requires above all a change in lifestyles, of models of production and consumption, and of the established structures of power which today govern societies" (par. 58).

Such requirements for concrete personal and structural change in John Paul's writings reveal the lack of substance in Novak's claim to set natural law limits on the use of private property. Novak at one point notes that there are differences between Locke and the Pope, but he never tells us what they are. The result, both in impression created and in actual content, is a theory of political economy that is, once again, more classical liberal than it is Catholic.

In my next column, I will show how one direct implication of the requirement to do more than give out of one's surplus is what can be called the "maximum living wage," and I will challenge Novak to identify what he thinks such a maximum wage should be. Only by identifying such a concrete limit will his theoretical claims have any substance.

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

■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Pen is Mightier Than the 'Sword'

For the past several months, I have found myself feeling sick about every other Tuesday.

Even though it usually happens while I'm eating lunch, it isn't due to the egg rolls. It happens while I read The Observer, specifically Sean Vinck's column. I don't know if it's his words or his attitude that cause my nausea, but I definitely can trace feeling ill to his column. Recently though, I have found myself laughing during these Tuesdays at lunch. Why this sudden change of heart? Allow me to explain my three reasons:

First, Sean Vinck's writing is so self-contradictory as to be amusing. In his last column, he envisioned a "Catholicism strictly enforced" university. Anyone who committed acts contrary to Church teaching would be dismissed. Sean claimed that 10 percent of the people would be gone immediately. In fact, 100 percent of the people would be dismissed. The Catholic church does not condone sin, right? So every sinful act would be contrary to Church teaching. And who among us is without sin? I can't speak for the Holy Sean Vinck, but I believe that humans are born with sin, and it is God's love that forgives us. This basic premise of Catholicism seems to have been conveniently overlooked by someone claiming to write about true Christianity.

Second, Vinck seems to be a one-trick pony. While his anti-homosexuality writings sickened me before, they have now lost all effect. It seems Vinck cannot find another topic to fill his allotted space and must resort to the same old thing instead of thinking of a new argument. Sean made his point on this topic long ago, and now he seems to content to fill the remainder of his columns this year by running his point into the ground. We get it Sean, you're a bigot. Now tell us something new next time.

Third, I find amusement in the fact that Sean Vinck is a coward. It's incredibly easy to spout the extreme opinions that he does when 85 percent of your readers either agree with you or don't care enough about the topic to argue with you. Enjoy it while it lasts, Sean. Eventually you'll have to leave Notre Dame and go into the "real world." There, you'll find that your views won't be tolerated, either legally or socially. Homosexuals enjoy the same rights as heterosexuals nearly everywhere but on campus, and our president, a Democrat, recently avoided removal from office. Most Americans did not favor his removal, and his approval rating remains high. Not that I respect what he did, I just mean to point out that after Sean graduates, his views will be in the minority, instead of the majority.

Let him try to speak his opinions at his new job, and we'll see how long he lasts there. My guess is that Sean won't be quite so outspoken once his built-in audience of supporters is gone.

So enjoy your Observer space while it lasts Sean. You've got about another two years to say whatever you want. I hope you're at least getting something out of it because your poor writing is not enlightening anyone else.

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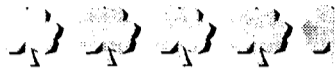
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Life truly is a beautiful thing

"Life is Beautiful"

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By V. VAN BUREN GILES
Scene Movie Critic

I was torn between watching "Life is Beautiful" and "Affliction." I knew little to nothing about either film — all I knew was that one was American and the other was foreign.

Like a true American I was going to take the easy way out — to see the local Hollywood production where I would know all the actors and be able to listen to the words instead of having to read subtitles for two straight hours. Based on the title alone, "Life is Beautiful," I assumed it to be some European love story filled with no-name actors. My ignorant American mind would not be bothered with such a gross display of a culture that was unfamiliar.

Not to take anything away from "Affliction," but I am very happy with the choice I made. "Life is Beautiful" is one of the best and most powerful films I have ever seen. It centers around a young man courting a beautiful woman.

The story begins as an Italian mixture of "Lady and the Tramp" and "Romeo and Juliet." Set in Italy during World War II, we first meet the salt of the earth in the form of the tramp (Roberto Benigni), who is a waiter in a luxurious hotel and restaurant. Then we are introduced to the lovely school teacher, Dora (Nicoletta

Braschi), who comes from a prominent and wealthy family. Though already engaged to another 'who's who' of society, Dora falls madly in love and marries this childish waiter, Guido. They are a match made in heaven, and with the arrival of their first child, Joshua, it seems like the gods are happy and nothing could possibly go wrong.

As is the case with all perfect unions, a problem arises which could destroy the already formed happiness — Guido is Jewish. In Italy during the World War II, there is no greater curse.

Eventually Guido and his son Joshua are removed from their home and set en route to a concentration camp. When

Dora finds this out — even though she is not Jewish — she pleads and is finally allotted a spot on the train which will take the entire family to the peril and danger of the German facility.

Though Guido understands the seriousness of his family's situation, he will not dare allow his son to learn of the horrors taking place. Instead, he explains that the camp and its brutal activities are all part of a giant game to see who can win the most points. After careful explanations from his father, Joshua begins to see the prisoners as mere players in this elaborate test to win the prize which he thinks is a tank. Guido's comical view of the war sets Joshua's mind at ease while he hides his from the SS guards who have already murdered the other children and elderly persons in the camp.



Photo courtesy of Miramax Pictures
Roberto Benigni shelters his son from the evil sights of the Holocaust in "Life is Beautiful."

it. Not one bad thing can be said about it, and after the first 10 minutes you hardly even notice the subtitles. If you can overcome your inhibitions about a foreign film, I promise you will walk out of the theater with a warm feeling of accomplishment.

Roberto Benigni directs and stars in the film as the Italian version of Charlie Chaplin. "Life is Beautiful" is up for Best Picture, Best Director and Best Actor — seven Academy Awards in total. After witnessing Benigni's performance, Tom Hanks should not be a shoo-in for this year's most coveted acting award.

The movie is also nominated for Best Foreign Language Film, which would make it the first since 1971's "The Emigrants" to receive nominations for both Best Foreign Language Picture and Best Picture.

Overall, the film is a triumph of the human will. It proves that when all is practically lost, there is always hope and love. In a year filled with excellent World War II movies, it is nice to see a film that keeps you away from all the bloodshed on the beaches at Normandy or Guadalcanal — still expressing all the heartache and emotion of the war.



Photo courtesy of Miramax Pictures
Roberto Benigni directs and stars in the comedy, "Life is Beautiful."

With all the chaos and death surrounding him, Guido's spirits are never dampened. Each time Joshua hears pieces of the truths involving soap and buttons, Guido fabricates another lie so that the quest for points will seem all the more real. Just when you think the game is over — that either Joshua will learn the truth, or Guido and his wife will be killed — some tremendous act of courage or kindness occurs which keeps the family alive.

The film is breathtakingly funny and sad. The opening 50 minutes are filled with outlandish humor and powerful romance. The last 70 minutes keep you even more enthralled in the story as the stakes get raised with the war coming to a close.

If you are debating whether or not to see this film, just do

Was there ever a job you didn't like?

"Office Space"

Director: Mike Judge

Starring: Ron Livingston, Jennifer Aniston, Gary Cole, Alexandra Wentworth and Stephen Root



(Out of five shamrocks)

By BILL FUSZ
Scene Movie Critic

"Office Space" is the live-action debut from "Beavis and Butthead" creator, Mike Judge. For someone with such illustrious origins, Judge turns in a surprisingly fresh movie which he wrote and directed. Unfortunately, though, too many clichés and a weak plot leave too many holes.

The film stars Ron Livingston ("Swingers") as Peter Gibbons, a software engineer at Initech, which becomes the butt of all the corporate culture humor throughout the movie. Peter soon reaches a new plane of existence, however, when his therapist dies during a hypnosis segment and Peter, apparently, never snaps out of it. This strange scene where his shrink dies as Peter gazes into space happily serves as the catalyst for the coming action.

Poking fun at the absurdity of corporate culture, Mike Judge has his protagonist ditching work, but still getting a promotion from the new consultant, against the wishes of his "evil, soul-less boss," played by Gary Cole ("A Very Brady Sequel," "A

Simple Plan"). In addition, Peter finds it within his new self to start up a romance with the beautiful waitress from Chotchki's — a TGI Friday's knockoff — named Joanna (Jennifer Aniston, "Friends", "Object of My Affection"). They fortunately share a love for late night kung-fu movies.

From here on out the movie winds into a thin and absurd plot-line in which Peter and some employees who are due to be laid off, arrange to steal

a great deal of money from the company.

It's another cliché payback move in a movie full of cliché. The jokes on corporate culture are infrequently fresh, usually sounding as if they have been recycled from NBC's "Working" or any number of other workplace sitcoms. It's painful to hear the same jokes about consultants, deadlines and customer-engineer relations — which "Dilbert" and others have done so well — massacred so badly by the onscreen presentation.

As dumb as the majority of the film was, I did laugh — very hard in fact — at some parts. That's why I'm holding on to some hope for Mike Judge's future in live-action, whereas most critics have completely trashed him thus far. The Tarantino spoof scenes, involving mean-looking software engineers walking between cubicles, tossing disks back and forth and smashing a copy machine with a baseball bat — while set in slow-motion to gangster rap — is genius. I laughed harder at those parts than I have at anything else in a movie since last summer's "There's Something About Mary."

The other part which I thought I would enjoy was the fact that Jennifer Aniston was starring. Unfortunately, contrary to what the previews would have you believe — her on-screen time is very sparse indeed. This is not just an aesthetic complaint either — more onscreen time for Aniston would have allowed for Judge to develop the relationship between her character and Peter. Instead, we see them

Livingston?"

No, it's not.

"Is this an extended, witty discourse on corporate culture?"

Extended, yes. Witty, not for the most part.

Instead the movie drags on with a merciless boredom and at no point contains the kind of masterful plot that "Mary" had. It was a weak first effort on Judge's part



Photo courtesy of 20th Century Fox
Jennifer Aniston and Ron Livingston converse in "Office Space."

cuddle during a kung fu movie, which isn't enough reason for anyone to sympathize when the relationship turns sour.

Finally, the plot is woefully underdeveloped and too slow. The main conflict of this movie doesn't even appear until the movie is half over, leaving the audience for the first half of the movie to wonder, "What's going on here? Is this a romantic comedy about Jennifer Aniston and Ron

— this is true. But it should be kept in mind that it was his first effort.

The gems of the movie — the "Pulp Engineering" segment — are enough to inspire hope in whatever Judge's next film is and to encourage the rental of "Office Space" for a boring weekend once it hits video stores. But they are not enough to suggest that it's worth the \$7.50 at the theaters.

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■ 185-POUND DIVISION TO HEAVYWEIGHT



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Junior Mike Romanchek [left] upset defending champion and fellow captain Brian Gaffney in the finals of the 180-pound division by a split decision.

Top seeds fall in championship Bouts

Romanchek ends Gaffney's undefeated streak

By KEVIN THOMPSON
Sports Writer

185-Pound Division

The torch was passed on Friday night as Mike "El Pescador" Romanchek dethroned three-time champion, senior Gaffney Brian "The Nutty Irishman" Gaffney in a priceless three-round battle.

Two years ago these warriors locked horns at Bengal Bouts. The sophomore Gaffney bested Romanchek in a split decision.

Coming into Friday's fight, Gaffney had dominated the competition for four years, earning three Bengal Bout titles.

Number four, however, eluded him.

The stalwart Romanchek, a junior captain, was too much Gaffney handle, countering most everything Gaffney threw at him. Gaffney stayed on the attack the entire fight but could not put together a consistent combination to convince every judges.

"I wanted to go out there and box, not

brawl," Romanchek said. "I knew I would be in trouble if I tried to match him punch for punch. So I tried to throw some straight jabs, hard rights and hopefully have him do the same."

Chants of "Gaffney" rang out as the fighters headed into the final round. The outcome was in doubt until the final bell; Romanchek won with a split decision.

After the fight, the two battle-scarred champions and good friends embraced amid a standing ovation. Romanchek still praised his opponent for providing great leadership to the boxing program in his four years.

"I have really looked up to Brian [Gaffney]. I have a great respect for him. I have watched the way he works with young boxers. He sets a tremendous example for them in and outside the ring," said Romanchek.

190-Pound Division

The drama of the Romanchek/Gaffney bout was a tough act to follow, but Dave "Bell-Vegas" Butz and Mike "It Hurts More Than It Feels Good" Velten did the job.

Butz's patient attack prevailed over Velten punishing hands.

The two seniors spent the first two rounds sizing each other up and looking

■ 125-POUND TO 145-POUND DIVISION

Will reclaims title with unanimous decision

By KATHLEEN LOPEZ
Sports Editor

125-Pound Division

In the spirit of true sportsmanship, Jason McMahon decided to postpone his championship bout since his opponent, Kevin Overbeck, could not attend the finals because of a medical school interview. The bout will be fought tonight at 5 p.m. in the boxing room.

135-Pound Division

With an aggressive style and big rights, senior Charles Madden earned his first championship in a split decision victory over senior David Seerveld.

"It is kind of overwhelming," Madden said. "I kind of think that I don't deserve it because it is my first year. Most of the guys that won

have been fighting for four years."

It was a match where both boxers landed solid punches and then rapidly found themselves on the receiving end.

Seerveld's combinations were not enough to lead him to victory. As the third round wound down, Madden landed several scoring punches to give him the edge.

Three solid rights and sheer determination helped Madden claim the title in the 135-pound division.

"The first couple of rounds were pretty tight," Madden said. "In the third round, I was tired. I saw that he was tired. So we were both tired, and I realized that then I felt better."

Madden's third-round spirit gave him the edge to take the lead and the title.

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■ 150-POUND TO 163-POUND DIVISION

Freshman sensation Hernandez upsets division favorite

By KATHLEEN LOPEZ
Sports Editor

150-Pound Division

Freshman Edward "El Papoose" Hernandez's footsteps haunted defending champion junior J.R. Mellin from the beginning of the tournament.

The second-seeded Hernandez entered the ring Friday and showed the top seed that to upset a defending champion one needs speed, footwork and a tough counterattack.

While Mellin got in some hits and landed some unexpected combinations, he could not rally in the end.

Mellin got the final say of the first round as he landed a huge left and sent Hernandez reeling, but Hernandez's lefts were too much for the Bengal's captain.

The freshman finally worked Mellin's eye, leaving him heavily cut by the bout's end.

Hernandez won his first title by unanimous decision, wowing the crowd and his massive cheering section.

155-Pound Division

With one solid punch, senior Tom Cronley's title slipped away.

His fight with senior Dave "The Rock" Murphy proceeded as expected until the start of the third round, when Murphy came out aggressive and threw a punch that caught Cronley off-guard.

Murphy claimed the 155-pound title when the referee stopped the contest just 20 seconds into the third round.

"It feels great," Murphy said. "It is something that I worked real hard for, and I am extremely happy."

"It meant a lot to me and my family. It was a real special time," he said.

Cronley controlled the majority of the fight, during which his technical style and long reach appeared too much for Murphy.

"I had to come out big," Murphy said about his mentality coming into the third round. "I knew it was close. I knew I had to come out to win."

The fight was one of determination, with each contender trying to win his first Bengal Bouts championship. Murphy's aggressive style and huge flurry in the third gave him the shot he needed.

160-Pound Division

Senior Mike "Lockdown" LaDuke's aggressive style gave him the ultimate edge in this fight, but senior Josh "Is My First Name But My Last Name Is" Kirley put on a show, taking LaDuke the full three rounds in an evenly fought match.

At one point, LaDuke backed Kirley in the ropes so hard that he almost fell out of the ring.

While LaDuke's aggressive boxing wore on his competitor, Kirley often took advantage of the intensity. In the third round, Kirley rallied and landed several shots.

In the end, LaDuke successfully defended his title and won his second-straight Bengal Bouts championship.

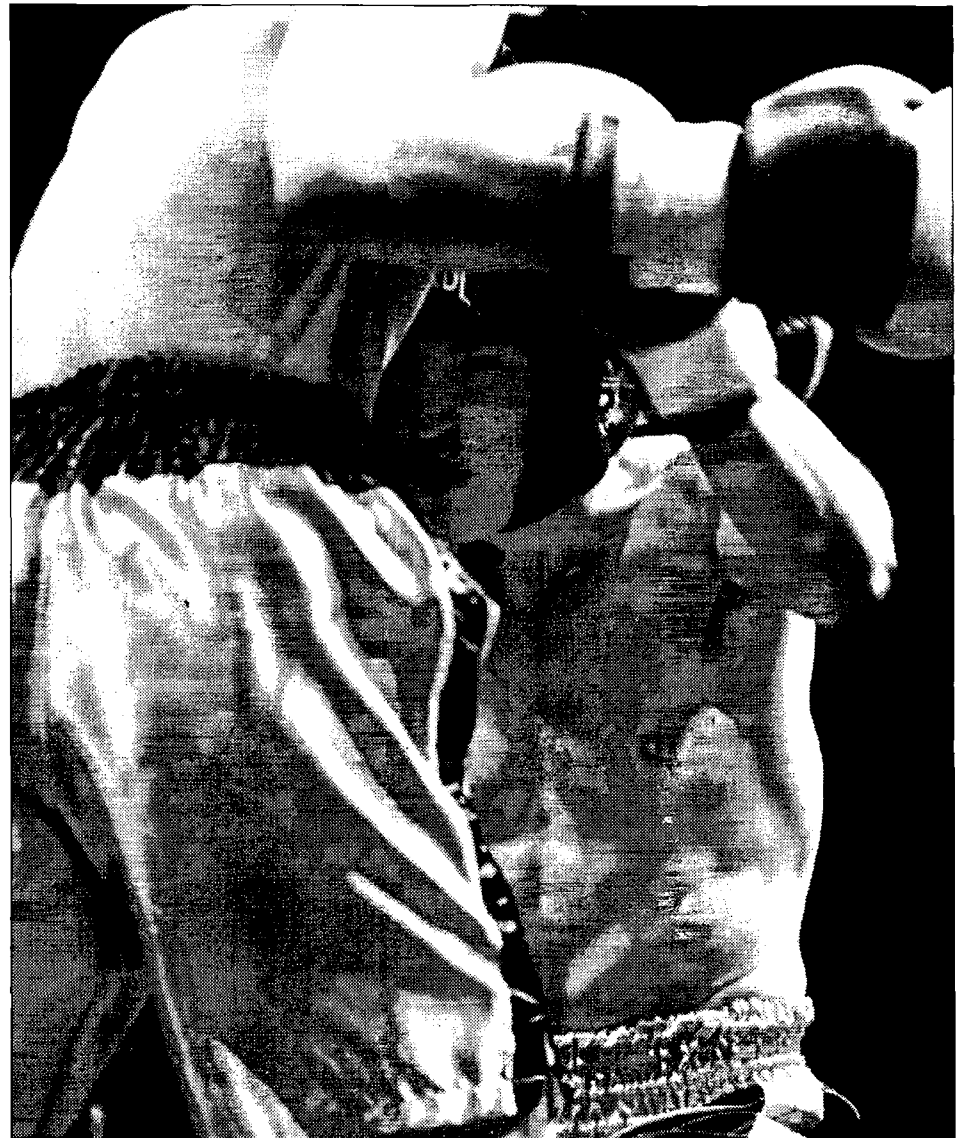
163-Pound Division

No love was lost in this fight.

Sean "The Erie Kid" Nowak and Travis Alexander came out fast and furious. Alexander controlled the ring, landing a series of combinations which earned him a standing-eight count. Nowak appeared in control of the first round.

Both came out swinging again in the second round. Nowak found himself on the receiving end as Alexander came out fast and furious, but he boxed his way out with a strong right cross.

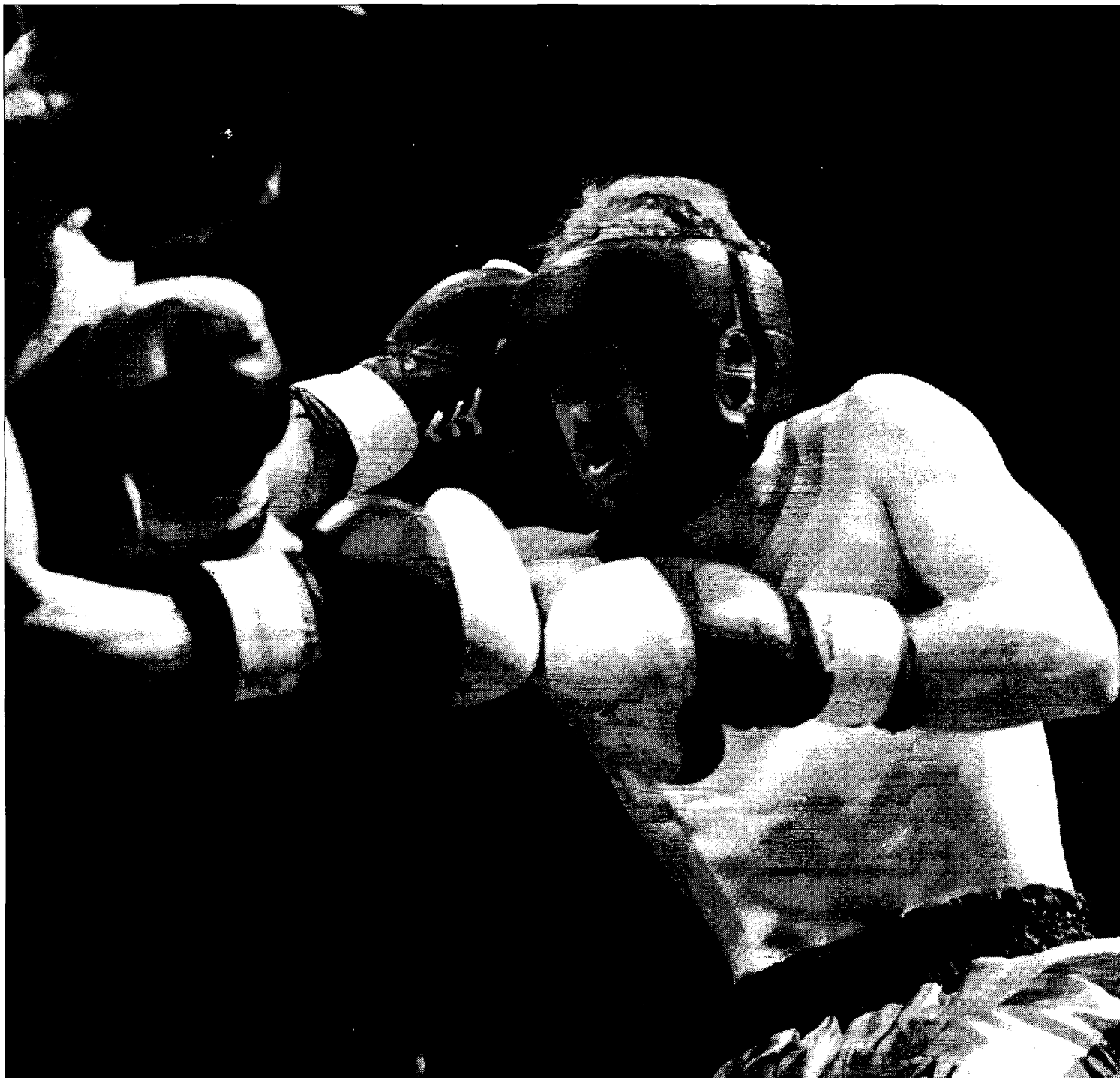
Alexander once again found himself in a corner, and Nowak's hits earned Alexander his second standing-eight count of the match.



The Observer/Jeff Hsu
Junior J.R. Mellin was upset by freshman Edward Hernandez by unanimous decision in the 150-pound division.

The third round proved much the same as Alexander received one more standing-eight count. Nowak's power

was too much for his tired opponent as Nowak claimed his first Bengal Bouts title with a unanimous decision.



Charles "The Montana Mauler" Madden brought home the 135-pound division championship in his first Bengal Bouts.

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145-Pound Division

The third time's a charm. Tommy Will learned just that Friday night at the 69th annual Notre Dame Bengal Bouts.

The senior entered the ring with a final chance to earn back the title he surrendered to Lucas Molina last year in the 135-pound finals.

"I came in wanting to box as best I could," Will said. "I wanted to make my friends, my family and myself proud."

The only person standing in the way for Will was his friend and fellow captain, junior Mike Maguire. But not even Maguire's powerful punches could stop Will from taking back his title.

"It is everything I'd hoped it would be," Will said about his victory. "It feels great. These past four years here have been just an incredible experience."

Will came out on the opening bell with a tremendously tight defense. Maintaining tight hands throughout all three rounds, the aggressive Maguire landed most of his punches.

"I tried to attack and not hang around too much," Will said. "If you hang around, Mike will really take it to you. I was able to be really aggressive in the third."

Will's patient yet aggressive style gave him the extra boost. While the two kept it close in the first two rounds, Will came out in the third and immediately backed Maguire into the ropes, securing the championship title in the 145-pound division.

"I have all the respect in the world for Mike Maguire," Will said. "He put up a great fight and he really kept it close."

■ 165-POUND TO 180-POUND DIVISION

Biolchini controls ring, triumphs over PennBy KERRY SMITH
Sports Writer**165-pound division**

Neither contender in the 165-pound division seemed daunted by the pressure of the large vocal crowd nor the stress of fighting for the championship title.

Junior first- and second-seeds Tom "Polly Prissy Pants" Biolchini and Don "Juan The Destroyer" Penn entered the ring ready to fight.

As the bell sounded to begin the first round, both fighters showed their determination to earn the winning title. Coming out strong in all three rounds, Biolchini and Penn exchanged punches for much of the fight.

"The guys in my first two fights came out strong, so I was expecting [Penn] to do the same from the start," said Biolchini. "And when that happens you can't fool around or you're going to lose points."

Biolchini's control of the center of the ring and strong right determined the outcome of the fight. In the end, Biolchini earned a unanimous decision.

"I tried to stay focused and throw a lot of combinations," said Biolchini. "And in doing that I managed to land a lot of punches."

Penn's quickness and strong footwork kept him in the fight and made Biolchini work for every landed punch.

"I knew [Penn] was a tough fighter and that it wasn't going to be easy," continued Biolchini. "He fought great. Even in the third round when we were both tired, he landed a lot of punches."

170-pound division

Favorite Alex "The Corn Cob Kid" Kerrigan stepped onto the mat determined to prove his No. 1 ranking against Mike "Honey" Hammes.

Struggling in the first round, Kerrigan secured the win late in the fight when he began utilizing his right-hand power.

"Nothing was working at all during the first round," said Kerrigan. "But once I started using my right it had an effect. There was a big change of momentum."

Hammes caused trouble for Kerrigan early. The junior challenger fought close and landed several jabs to Kerrigan's body.

"[Hammes] was a very good fighter. He liked to charge a lot, which was something I didn't enjoy," continued Kerrigan. "He tried to throw a lot of body shots and he ended up doing a lot of work on my body and a little on my face."

Throughout the three-round fight, Hammes tried to draw Kerrigan in close and caused many lock-ups between the two fighters. The difference came in the third round when Kerrigan refused to be held and began to box out of the holds.

Kerrigan put the fight away with 30 seconds remaining in the final round when his strong right knocked Hammes to the mat and almost out of the ring.

175-pound division

Law student Trent "Kid Kokomo" Sandifur pulled off three consecutive upsets to earn the championship title.

Facing off against No. 2 Steve "The Angry Pirate" Pfeiffer in the final round, Sandifur relied

on his huge right to carry him through the three-round bout.

"Winning was great. It felt really good," said Sandifur. "There were a lot of law students that came to watch, and to win in front of them was great."

Battling illness throughout the tournament, Sandifur was concerned about his endurance entering the final round.

"I had been in and out of the infirmary all week with bronchitis," said Sandifur. "So I was nervous going into the fight about being able to last the whole six minutes."

Sandifur's concerns were soon alleviated as he put on a strong performance to earn a split-decision victory.

Pfeiffer's early jab caused Sandifur some trouble, but Sandifur's combinations proved too much for his opponent.

"I spent the first round trying to figure out how to parry his jab," said Sandifur. "Then I concentrated on getting some combinations in and getting out."

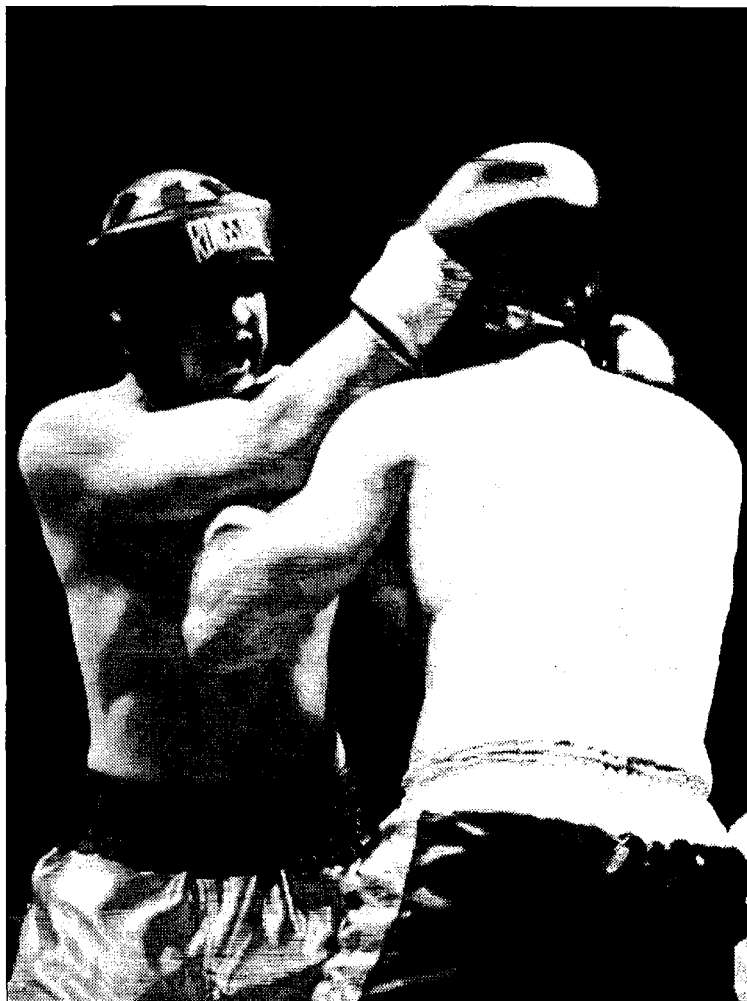
180-pound division

No. 2 Paul "You Better Recognize, Chump" Chen was true to form.

Dominating the ring, his controlled and patient attack was too much for senior Alex Kent to combat. Chen's unanimous decision victory came after a strong three-round performance.

"It didn't seem real," Chen said of the win. "It all happened so fast that it didn't really set in until afterwards."

Quick and accurate jabs coupled with a strong defense were keys to Chen's success.



The Observer/Jeff Hsu

Trent "Kid Kokomo" Sandifur upset No. 2 Steve "The Angry Pirate" Pfeiffer in the 175-pound division championship.

"My game plan was to dictate the fight and use the jab," said Chen. "My jab seemed to be working well for me."

Kent relied heavily on his left during the first two rounds before utilizing the power in his right during the third.

"[Kent] is really good at counter-punching," said Chen.

"So I had to focus on getting in some three-punch combinations and getting out quickly."

The challenger's counter-punches kept him in the fight, but it was not enough for an upset. Chen delivered a barrage of punches as the final bell rang, ending the fight as strong as he began.

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for the other to make a serious run.

Velten could not unload his power on Butz early. Butz slowly wore down his opponent with several quick jabs whenever Velten came in too close, which helped him put together some punishing combinations later in the fight.

At fight's end, both were obviously spent, but Butz had slightly more in reserve and gained the decision.

After settling for runner-up two years in a row and dropping a split decision in the finals last year, Butz earned his first Bengal Bouts title.

"The Bouts are important in different ways," said Butz. "We are out here for charity, but the bouts help you improve personally. You learn to set goals and accomplish them."

195-Pound Division

Jab, Jab, Hook.

The words echoed from the corner of Pete "Beat the Rap" Ryan Friday night. Ryan controlled the tempo against Alex Kent with several series of vicious jab combinations. Eventually the sophomore wore down Kent to post a victory in the 195-pound championship.

Kent showed some signs of

brilliance, backing up Ryan with several combinations, but it was Ryan's quickness off the jab that made the difference.

Ryan, a sophomore, has won two straight Bengal Bouts titles.

Heavyweight Division

When John "Pitbull" Salvino entered the ring Friday night for his heavyweight match-up with Greg "Rain Man" Yatarola, he had the look of a vicious Pitbull.

When he saw the Yatarola's unorthodox strategy, he looked more like a confused Pitbull.

Yatarola came right at Salvino with a low stance and a wild up-close attack to overcome him with a split decision. The fight resembled a wrestling match more than a boxing match as the boxers were flung into the ropes several times.

"It was definitely difficult to handle," explained Salvino. "I basically tried to get out of his way and hit him as he went past me."

Yatarola went down several times, but attributed his failings more to his forward stance than Salvino's actual blows.

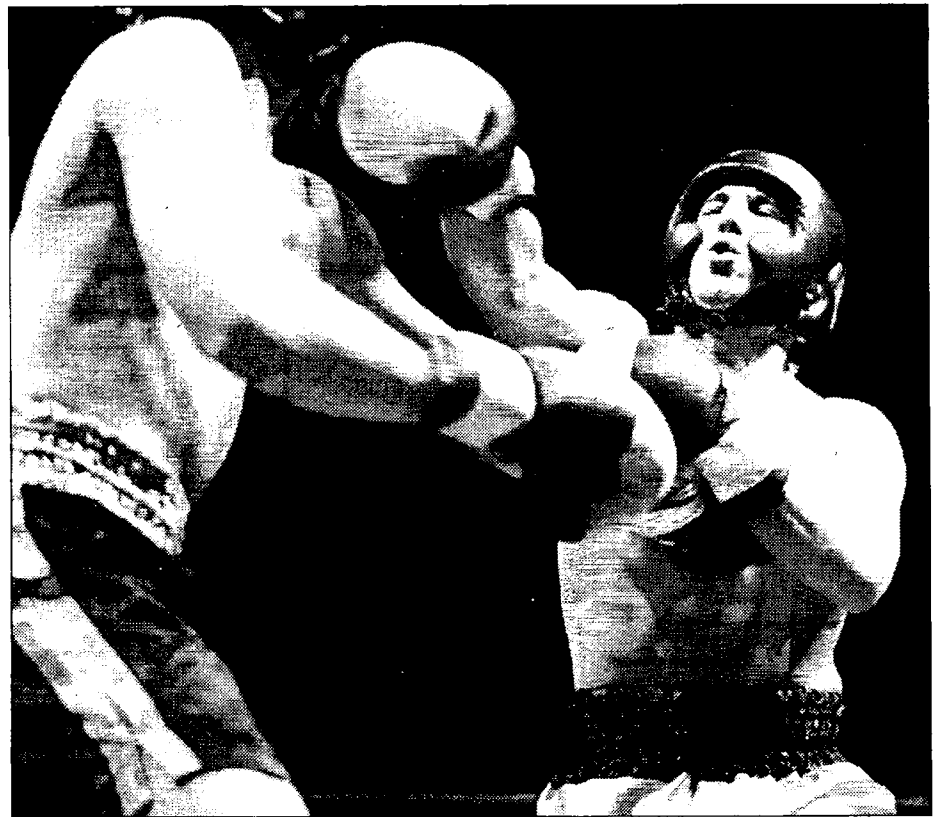
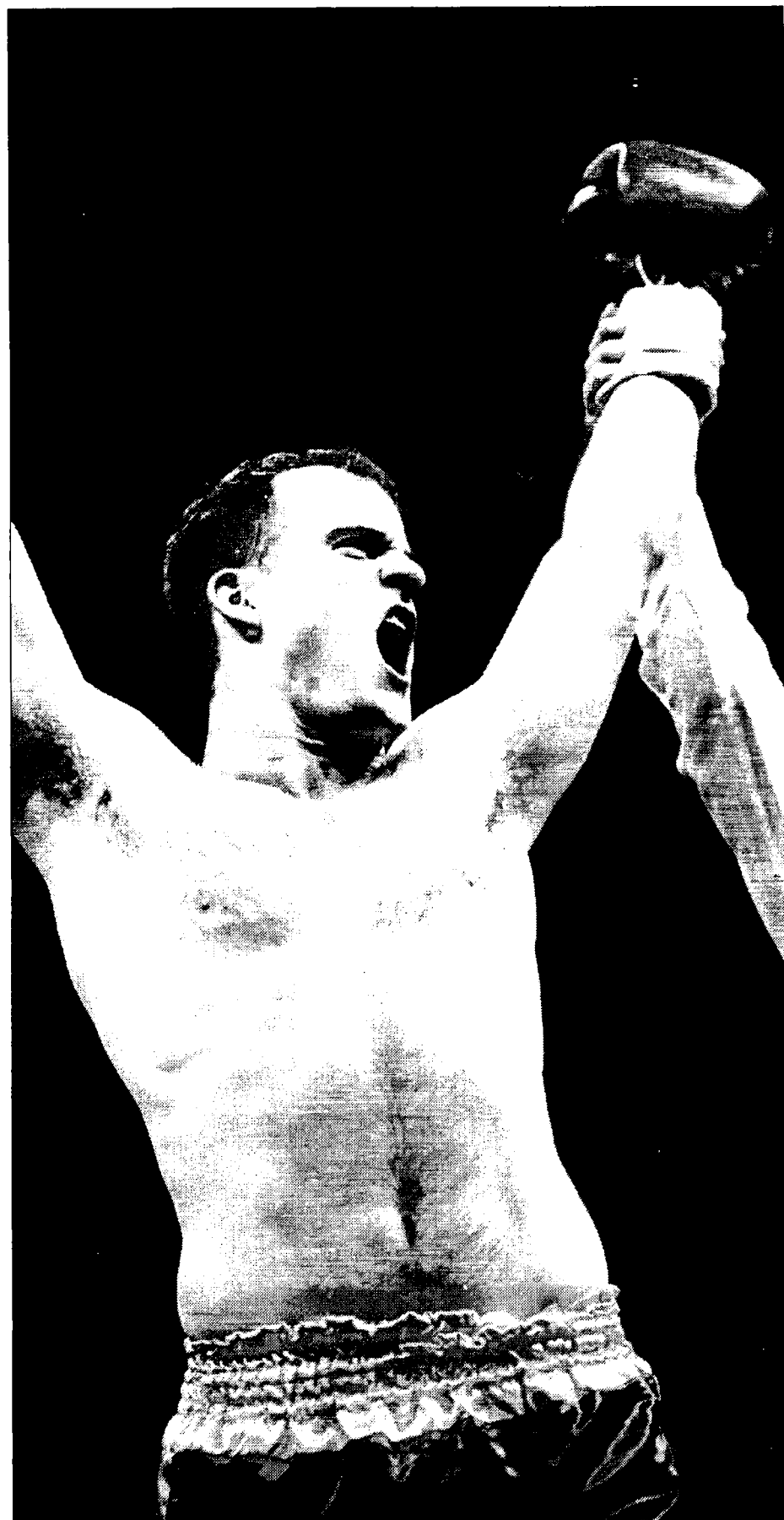
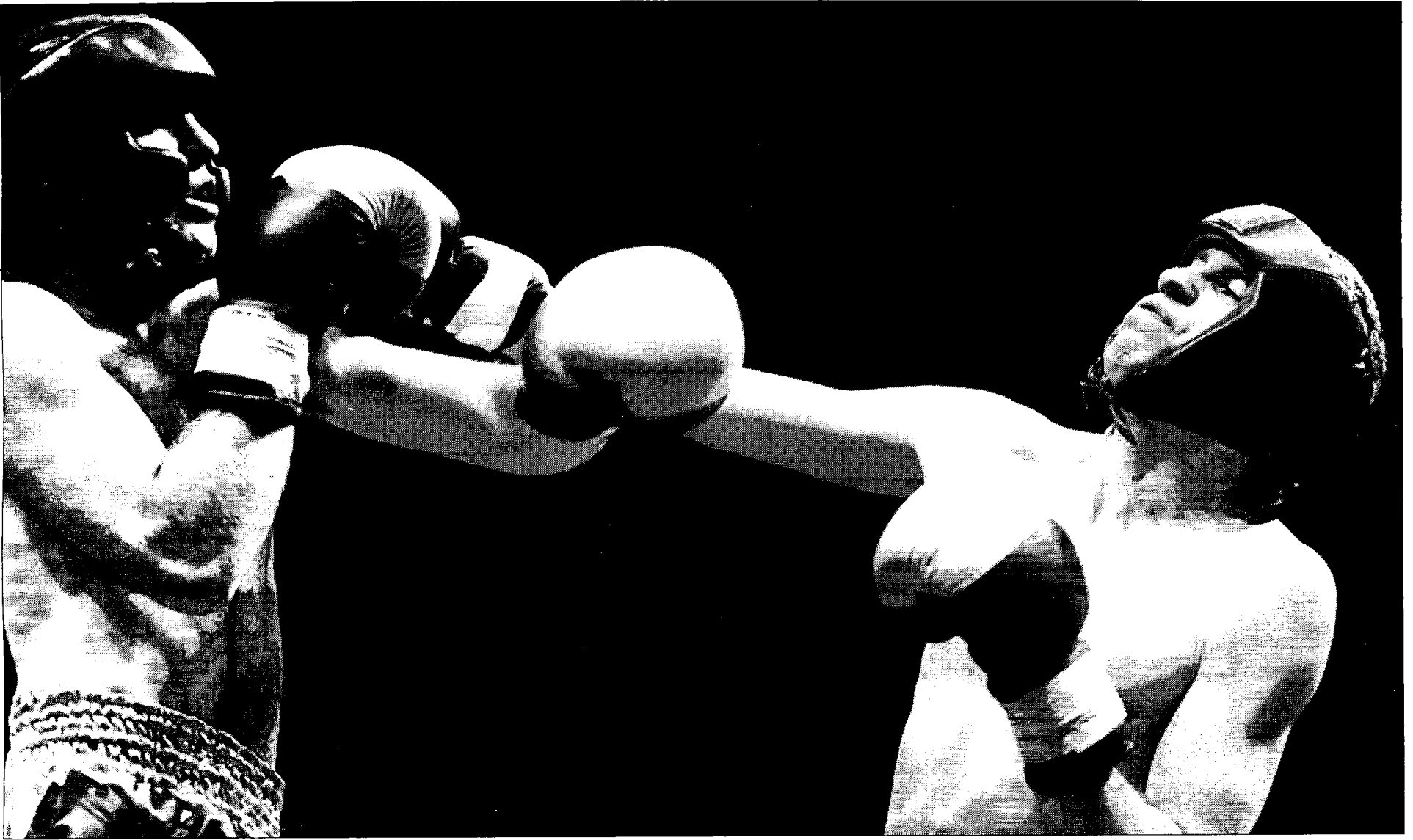
Salvino was unable to unload on Yatarola with full extension because of the pair's proximity, but he did manage to land several shots that left his opponent winded enough to score the split decision.

**BENGAL BOUTS RESULTS**

- 125 — Kevin Overbeck faces Jason McMahan today at 5 p.m.
- 135 — Charles Madden split decision over David Seerveld
- 145 — Tommy Will unanimous decision over Mike Maguire
- 150 — Edward Hernandez unanimous decision over J.R. Mellin
- 155 — Dave Murphy wins by RSC 20 seconds into third round over Tom Cronley
- 160 — Mike LaDuke split decision over Josh Kirley
- 163 — Sean Nowak unanimous decision over Travis Alexander
- 165 — Tom Biolchini unanimous decision over Don Penn
- 170 — Alex Kerrigan split decision over Mike Hammes
- 175 — Trent Sandifur split decision over Steve Pfeiffer
- 180 — Paul Chen unanimous decision over Willie Kent
- 185 — Mike Romanchek split decision over Brian Gaffney
- 190 — Dave Butz unanimous decision over Mike Velten
- 195 — Pete Ryan split decision over Alex Kent
- HWT — John Salvino split decision over Greg Yatarola

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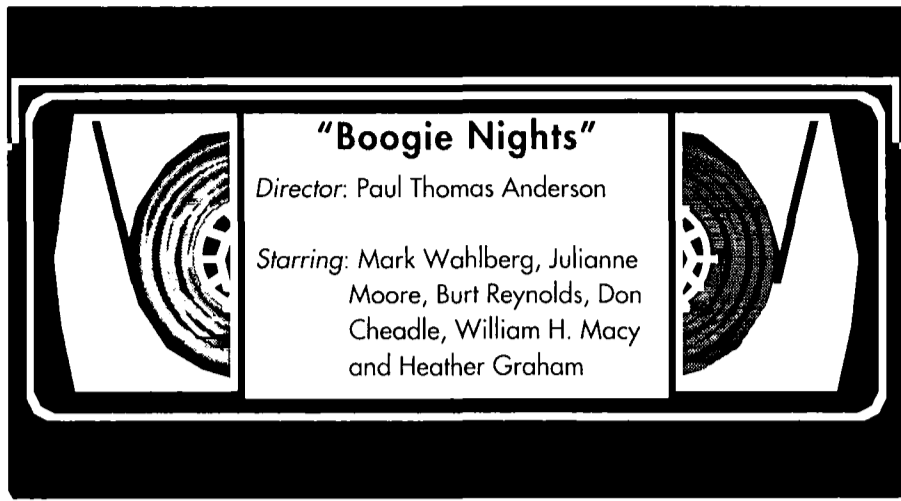
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■ VIDEO PICK OF THE WEEK



By JOE LARSON
Scene Movie Critic

"Boogie Nights" is a movie about naked girls and sex, right?

Wrong. "Boogie Nights" has almost nothing to do with naked girls and sex. But, you might ask, how can a movie about the pornography industry have almost nothing to do with sex? By creating intriguing characters set in an enduring era of the pornography industry, "Boogie Nights" becomes much more than sex.

While most mainstream movies use sex as a method to arouse the audience, "Boogie Nights" illustrates sex as a business. And in 1979, business is booming for pornography director Jack Horner (Burt Reynolds in his Oscar-nominated performance) and his well-endowed young star Eddie Adams (Dirk Diggler, played by Mark Wahlberg (Dirk Diggler is his porn star name)).

The film is viewed through the eyes of the cocksure young star as Horner takes him off the streets and introduces him to a life of pornographic fame and fortune. But "Boogie Nights" is about more than Eddie, Dirk or Horner. It's a story about a family's search to rise from their distraught pasts and find their true selves.

Writer and director Paul Thomas Anderson is a perfectionist who loves movies. He loves writing them and he loves directing them. This deadly combination leads to phenomenal film-making. And Anderson doesn't wait long to show his true genius. In the masterfully lasts uncut for the opening two and a half minutes, we follow Horner and his lover as they walk into a night club and meet all of the characters.

The first half of the film is depicted in the late 1970s and shows Dirk's discovery and introduction to the business. This segment is highly entertaining and enjoyable. In a few first scenes we see Dirk receiving his first porn awards, buying fancy Italian clothes and enjoying his fame, dancing the night away.

This dance scene was somehow snubbed at the MTV awards, but

nonetheless it has become legendary and produced many glorious SYR repetitions.

In the second half of the film we see a more dramatic narrative that moves with the change of the decade as well as the movie industry's decline from film to videocassette. While not nearly as entertaining, it is important to completing the artistic story that Anderson tells.

Ironically, a second theme of the film (from the second half) is the pornographers' search to make a meaningful dramatic film. Horner and the entire team yearn to make a film that keeps the audiences in the theater after the sex scenes have come and gone. These pornographers take their work seriously and consider themselves actors redefining their roles. In one dramatic scene, Buck Swopes (Don Cheadle), a country music-loving black porn star, is denied a bank loan because of his involvement with pornography. Buck's emphatic reply was, "I'm not a pornographer...I'm an actor...I am not a pornographer."

"Boogie Nights" is flawless — it gets



Photo courtesy of New Line Cinema
Burt Reynolds and Mark Wahlberg star in "Boogie Nights."

more interesting after every viewing. The lighting and cinematography really give a porn industry feeling. Recently, a DVD version was released with the entire movie shown — with Anderson commenting on his direction throughout many scenes. It is an excellent choice for those of you who don't believe that "Boogie Nights" is truly a magnificent work of art. Watch it fully, and you will see that it definitely is.

■ CHART-TOPPERS

Violence wins at box-office

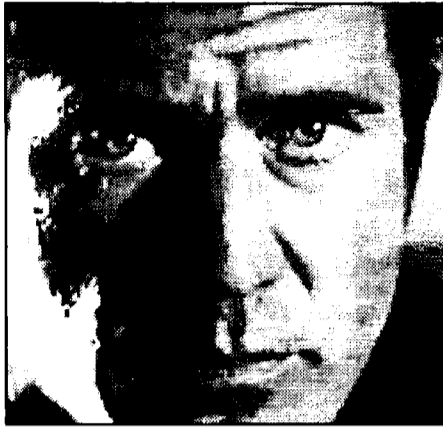


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Mel Gibson (left) and Nicolas Cage (right) show that they have the right stuff in Hollywood. "8MM" and "Payback" top this week's box-office, beating out lighter fare such as "The Other Sister" and "Message in a Bottle."

Top Ten

Weekend at the Box Office

Movie Title	Gross Sales
1. 8MM	\$ 14.3 million
2. Payback	\$ 6.9 million
3. The Other Sister	\$ 6.7 million
4. Message in a Bottle	\$ 6.4 million
5. My Favorite Martian	\$ 5.2 million
6. October Sky	\$ 5.0 million
7. Shakespeare in Love	\$ 4.4 million
8. Blast from the Past	\$ 3.7 million
9. She's All That	\$ 3.6 million
10. 200 Cigarettes	\$ 3.2 million

Source: Associated Press

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March 5

Analyze This, starring Robert DeNiro, Billy Crystal and Lisa Kudrow

The Corruptor, starring Chow Yun-Fat and Mark Wahlberg

Cruel Intentions, starring Sarah Michelle Gellar and Reese Witherspoon

March 12

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Sports, Philosophy and Jeopardy

By TED FOX
Sports Columnist

Like everyone else around here, I've had to take a philosophy class.

In this kind of class, you sit around and read stuff like Plato and pretend you know how it relates to the rest of the world. Unfortunately for me, or maybe not unfortunately, my ability to do this kind of philosophizing ends when I walk out of the class.

In its place comes a sports philosophy that is something akin to Jack Handy's "Deep Thoughts" on old Saturday Night Live episodes. This type of philosophizing is best conducted when everyone is about half asleep and will laugh at just about anything. Otherwise, everyone might realize you were crazy.

So what is sports philosophy? (I'm making this up as I go — can you tell?)

Well, just imagine you're on an episode of Sports Philosophy Jeopardy.

(Wayne's World dream sequence with sound effects, leading to Alex Trebek talking.)

Less than a minute to go. Joe, select.

I'll take "Crossing Sports Lines" for 100, Alex.

The answer: Gigantic men in tights ripping corner flags out of the ground and doing somersault, with the added bonus of "stone-cold stunners" replacing verbal complaints for refs who make bad calls.

Mark? What is the effect of combining WCW and international soccer?

That's correct. You now have control of the board.

Thanks, Alex. I'd like to go to "Sports That were Separated at Birth" for 200.

The answer there: These siblings grew up in very different climates, and although equally

boring to watch, only one made it to consistent TV coverage.

Mark? What are curling and shuffleboard?

Correct. You keep control of the board. Pick again.

OK. I'll take "Sports That Must Have a Point But We're Not Sure What" for 400.

The answer: Starting as a 1960's TV show, no one ever figured where this sport came from, and even fewer people know why it's being played again.

Yes, Alicia. What is Roller Derby?

That is correct. And that's the end of Double Jeopardy. And now our Final Jeopardy category: "Potpourri."

And here's today's Final Jeopardy answer: Enough orange juice produced to satisfy the needs of the world for one year.

Wait 30 seconds and hum Final Jeopardy music.

And let's see how our contestants responded. Joe, we'll start with you. You said: "What if Stone Cold Steve Austin met Goldberg in a cage match inside an Orange Julius?" Good guess, but I'm sorry, that's incorrect.

On to Mark. He said: "What would happen if labor productivity increased by..." I don't think so, buddy. This is Sports Philosophy, remember?

And now to Alicia. Did she come up with the correct answer? Let's see. She wrote: "What would happen if the Notre Dame leprechaun met the Syracuse Orangeman in a fight?" That's correct! Alicia, you remain Jeopardy champion, and we'll see you tomorrow. And until next time America, take care of yourselves. And each other.

Like I said before, it's a dream world. And you know Alex Trebek has always wanted to get the Springer line in there.

■ WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Tourney tickets on sale today

Special to The Observer

Advance-sale, three-game ticket packages for potential first- and second-round NCAA women's basketball tournament games at the Joyce Center will go on sale today to all Notre Dame women's basketball season ticket holders.

Tickets for the general public will go on sale

Wednesday.

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■ MEN'S SOCCER

Berticelli inks German blue-chipper to play for Irish

Special to The Observer

Andreas Forstner of Gernlinden, Germany, a 5-10, 165-pound defender, signed a national letter of intent to play men's soccer for the Irish.

"I'm very excited about the addition of Andy to our 1999 recruiting class," head coach Mike Berticelli said. "He will bring a great deal of maturity and experience to our team. He is a very versatile player with great vision and tactical awareness. He is a great compliment to the other players we have coming in this fall."

Forstner is the fourth men's soccer recruit to sign with the Irish and will join defender Justin Ratcliffe of Miami, Fla., goalkeeper Greg Talt of Fayetteville, NY, and midfielder Paul

Rodriguez of San Antonio, Texas, as members of Notre Dame's Class of 2003.

One of the best players in Bavaria, Forstner graduated from Olching Gymnasium. He is in his first season as a member of S.V. Lohhof, one of the top Bavarian club teams, and currently is that squad's starting sweeper back.

The team, presently has a 15-2-2 record and has allowed just 11 goals, while recording eight shutouts. S.V. Lohhof is in first-place in the Bavarian championship.

Forstner played on the Furstenfeldbruck Youth Team for six years. During his tenure, he helped that team capture two Bavarian championship titles. Last year, Forstner represented Bavaria at the National Team trials.

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start in Sunday's game is shadowed only by her impressive start in the tournament.

"I really wanted to start off the tournament with a great game to build poise and confidence," the junior guard said. "Shooting the ball well really got me into this game and I hope I can do the same tomorrow night."

Leading by as much as 20 points in the first half,

McGraw gave several starters time off the court to offer the bench tournament experience.

Riley and forward Kelley Siemon, both starters in the game, registered just 13 minutes while Julie Henderson and freshmen Ericka Haney and Sherisha Hills each played 20-plus minutes on the court.

"The lead allowed us to rest a lot of players," McGraw said. "With Ericka Haney and Sherisha Hills, we were worried to see how they'd come out. But both played extremely well — Ericka on the boards

and Sherisha with her poise."

Henderson, who played a key role all season off the bench in the post, pulled in six boards and picked up Notre Dame's only block on defense. Hills' 10 points and Haney's eight rebounds led the bench.

Villanova was unable to climb back into the game after trailing 36-17 at the half on shooting 24 percent. Jenea Skeeters, who poured in 23 points Saturday in Villanova's 68-59 first-round win over Providence, shot just 4-of-14 from the field in her 14-point effort against the Irish.

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The Observer/ Jeff Hsu

Senior center Aniket Dhadphale helped lead the Irish to an 11-1-3 record on home ice this season.

■ HOCKEY

Icemen end home schedule with win

By TED BASSANI
Sports Writer

In their final two regular season home games, Notre Dame seniors went out in style, taking three of four points from the Northern Michigan Wildcats last weekend.

Saturday's tense 2-1 victory and Friday's 3-3 tie return to Notre Dame sole possession of fourth place in the CCHA standings, one point ahead of Northern Michigan.

In Friday's contest, Ryan Dolder scored Notre Dame's first points in five games early in the second period, wracking up his fourth goal of the season and second in two games against the Wildcats.

After the Wildcats tied the game on a great end-to-end rush by freshman Chad Theuer, Ben Simon helped the Irish regain the lead with a spectacular individual effort.

Simon took the puck down the ice, going one-on-one with defenseman Sean Connolly. Simon trapped Connolly in the circle, but the Wildcat freshman slowed down Simon, hooking his leg. With one skate on the ice, Simon managed to flip a quick wrist shot over the shoulder of goaltender Dan Ragusett for a 2-1 Irish lead.

"I skated down the ice, the [defenseman] stepped up, and I just put it between his legs and then shelled it," Simon said. "It looked a lot better than it really was."

Notre Dame's third-period didn't last long, however, as junior Tyson Holly and senior Buddy Smith each scored third-period goals to give Northern a 3-2 lead with 6:30 to play.

At crunch-time, senior Aniket Dhadphale stepped forward. Simon carried the puck into the Northern Michigan end and slid a pass to Dhadphale, who beat Ragusett through the legs to tie the game with just 3:43 remaining.

While the Irish earned a tie,

Simon said they did not achieve their aim.

"We want to play here in two weeks," Simon said. "It all comes down to [Saturday] night, so I don't think we're satisfied."

Entering Saturday's game, the team desperately needed a power-play goal to jump-start its struggling offense. With all six goals Friday night scored at even strength, Notre Dame's power play drought stood at 30 straight opportunities without a goal.

"At this stage of the season, it's hard to score five-on-five because everyone tightens up defensively, so [the power-play] will have to be a big factor," Dhadphale

'WHEN YOU WIN 11 GAMES AT HOME, THAT'S QUITE A FEW, IN THIS LEAGUE ESPECIALLY.'

ANIKET DHADPHALE
NOTRE DAME CENTER

said. Midway through the second period, Dhadphale, who leads the team in power play goals, augmented his statistics. Team captain Brian Urick caught the Wildcats in a line change at center ice with a long pass to Dhadphale, who came into the offensive zone with room on left wing.

Dhadphale then surprised Ragusett with a slap shot that beat him high for his ninth power-play goal.

"I came down the wing, and I thought I saw him cheat a little bit towards the middle, so I just shot it high to the short side," Dhadphale said.

Notre Dame maintained that slim 1-0 lead until late in the third period. With Northern Michigan pressing to tie, the Irish caught their opponents in transition as sophomores Chad Chipchase and Dolder broke through center ice two-on-one.

Dolder beat Ragusett with a wrist shot from the right wing, making it three-for-three in his last two games against the Wildcats.

"You could definitely sense the pressure," Dolder said. "Tonight, we knew we had to get it done because if we didn't win tonight, we knew we wouldn't get home ice in the playoffs. You could tell it wasn't just a normal CCHA game."

Saturday's game ended in play-off fashion. With one minute to play, Northern Michigan had a power play and pulled their goaltender for a six-on-four skating advantage.

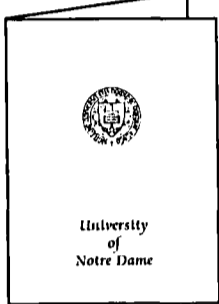
After Forrest Karr thwarted several point-blank attempts, Doug Schmidt found a rebound in the slot and finally beat Karr with a slap shot to end the bid for his third shutout of the season.

"Forrest has been so steady for us all year," head coach Dave Poulin said of his goaltender's performance. "He made big saves. His personality is such that his teammates have a terrific amount of confidence in him."

With a win and a tie, Notre Dame finished its home schedule with a record of 11-1-3, a drastic improvement over the 6-8-4 mark posted last season.

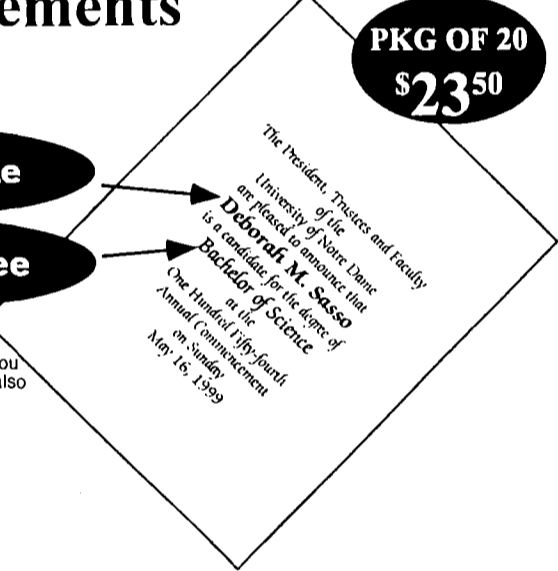
"Up until this year, we've struggled every year I've been here on home ice," Dhadphale said. "When you win 11 games at home, that's quite a few, in this league especially. If we get home ice in the playoffs, it's going to give us that much more confidence."

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■ WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Third-seed Irish move on to Rutgers rematch

By BRIAN KESSLER
Assistant Sports Editor

PISCATAWAY, N.J.

Following a 77-57 loss to Rutgers two weeks ago, members of the 10th-ranked Notre Dame women's basketball team walked off the Louis Brown Athletic Center's court with their heads hung in disappointment.

After defeating sixth-seeded Villanova 83-53 Sunday night, the third-seeded Irish (24-3) will have a chance to redeem themselves when they face the Scarlet Knights on the same court in the semifinals of the Big East tournament.

"I think that we all took it pretty personally," said Irish center Ruth Riley, who was named Big East defensive player-of-the-year. "We weren't overlooking Villanova in any way, but I think we all were looking forward to getting a second chance at Rutgers. We feel like we didn't bring our game the first time. We'll be ready for them."

In order to be ready for Rutgers, head coach Muffet McGraw will have to come up with a game plan that will be able to thwart the Scarlet Knight's top-ranked defense.

"I think getting our fast break going and cutting down on turnovers will be key," said Riley, who was also a unanimous first-team all-Big East selection. "We just need to play smart and execute our offense the way we have all year."

"The key for us will be our half-court execution," McGraw said. "Our transition game has been excellent, but we haven't done well with our half-court. It's something we haven't had to do against a lot of teams, but against Rutgers we're going to have to execute offensively."

The last time the two teams met, Rutgers held Notre Dame to a season-low in points (57) and field-goal percentage (33 percent). The Scarlet Knights also forced 23 Irish turnovers.

Riley was rendered ineffective for the most part by the defensive duo of Dana Boonen and Tammy Sutton-Brown. Riley got her double-double (12 points, 10 rebounds), but at one point in the first half, the Irish turned the ball over seven straight times

while trying to force the ball inside.

"Rutgers is a good defensive team, and not to take anything away from them, but I think I could have done things better too," said Riley, who had nine points in Sunday's victory. "Looking back, I don't feel like I played that well."

Notre Dame dominated last night's game with Villanova, which means the players will be well rested when they face Rutgers tonight at 8 p.m.

"I think it's great that we got to rest a lot of people, especially Niele [Ivey], who only had to play 20 minutes," said McGraw. "So I thought it was important that we were able to get a big lead in the second half and rest some players."

Sunday's blowout allowed McGraw to go deep into her bench and give some younger players a chance to log minutes and gain confidence heading into today's Big East semifinal.

Freshmen Sherisha Hills and Ericka Haney showed nerves and struggled in the first meeting with Rutgers. Sunday, however, Hills and Haney combined for 17 points and 12 boards.

"I was a little worried to see how they would come out," said McGraw. "They're good players, but playing in their first Big East tournament game is something that was on their minds. We tried to get them in early and I think they played extremely well. Ericka did a great job on the boards and Sherisha played with a lot of poise, so I'm pleased with their performance."

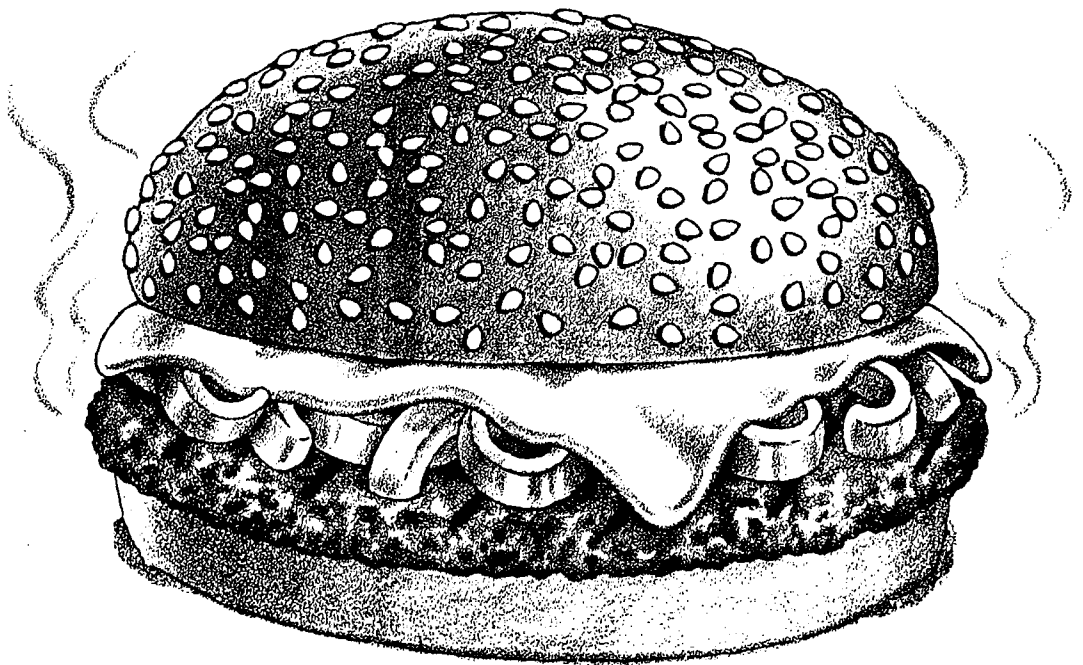
McGraw will also have a lot to be concerned about tonight. She will have to come up with an answer for a Rutgers team that has won eight straight and topped the Irish by 20 points without playing its best.

"I think they're a great team," said McGraw, whose Irish squad is 4-6 all-time against Rutgers. "They're very motivated. I don't think they played that well the last time we played them. Tasha Pointer and Tomora Young both had big games, but I think they can watch the film and see some things they need to improve on. I think it will be a great game and good rematch. We'll be ready."



Sophomore forward Kelly Siemon muscled to the basket during Sunday night's Big East tournament win against Villanova. Tonight the Irish face second-seeded Rutgers. The Observer/Liz Lang

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■ MEN'S SWIMMING

Win in last event lifts ND to tourney's second place

By WES RICHARDSON
Sports Writer

Pittsburgh easily won the meet, but Notre Dame stole the show.

Like a Hail Mary pass in the final seconds of a football game, the men's swim team rallied in the last event to upset Syracuse by a single point and place second at the Big East swimming and diving championships Saturday.

"We didn't compare places or what it would take to beat Syracuse," said coach Tim Welsh, who was voted Big East men's swimming Coach of the Year. "By magic, it all came together."

The magic was certainly at the Goodwill Games Aquatic Center in Uniondale, N.Y., as Notre Dame won the last event, the 400-yard freestyle relay.

The Irish were less than a body-length behind Pittsburgh and Syracuse after Vince Kuna, Rob Fetter and Steele Whowell finished their legs of the race.

Junior Ray Fitzpatrick then dove in, caught the competition and touched at 3:01.38, beating Pittsburgh by 12-hundredths of a second and leaving Syracuse in third at 3:01.92.

Providing the only combination that would lead to a Notre Dame victory over Syracuse, the Irish bleachers erupted when the number one appeared next to Notre Dame on the scoreboard.

"I was pretty sure I could pass the Syracuse guy, but I wasn't sure I could pass the Pittsburgh guy also," Fitzpatrick said. "I knew it was going to be a challenge."

Throughout the meet, the Irish seemed locked into third place. In the end, Notre

Dame beat Syracuse 565 to 564, but only after overcoming its pre-finals 26-point deficit.

Pittsburgh ran away with the meet with 756 points. Once a powerhouse, Miami placed a distant fourth with 286 points, followed closely by Rutgers with 284.

By Saturday night, Fitzpatrick had been out-touched for wins by Syracuse's Jose Gonzalez in the 50 and 100 freestyles, and by Pittsburgh's Steve Siler in the 200 freestyle.

However, Fitzpatrick's leg of the relay was nearly a second faster than Gonzalez's winning time for the individual 100 freestyle event.

Before last weekend, the Notre Dame men had been without an individual win at the Big East championships; Saturday night saw three Irish victories.

Out of 18 events swum during the three-day, six-session meet, the men broke 14 University records and achieved three NCAA Championship consideration times.

Freshman Jonathan Pierce broke two University records in one swim. On the way to scoring Notre Dame's first win in the 1650-yard freestyle at 15:35.65, his 1000-yard split time of 9:24.29 was also good enough for a school record.

Dan Szilier backed up his invitation to this summer's World University Games by winning the 200 breaststroke at 2:00.09. Co-captain Whowell and Szilier placed third and fourth respectively in Friday's 100 breaststroke.

Scott Zumbach placed second in the 200 individual medley at 1:50.68 and third in both the 400 individual medley (3:58.23) and the 200 butterfly (1:49.43).



The Observer/Wes Richardson
Notre Dame's men's swimming team nipped Syracuse in the closing minutes of this weekend's Big East tournament. The turn of events lifted the Irish into a second-place finish behind conference champions Pittsburgh.

In two years, the men's swim team has risen from a seventh-place rut in the Big East to the highly competitive top three. Last weekend, the men beat teams that have divers — which Notre Dame currently lacks — and 10 times as many

scholarship athletes. Welsh attributed the team's success to its dedication to long-term goals.

"It's a commitment on their part, a commitment to say, 'We want to be good,'" Welsh said. "The leaders on the team ... kept a clear vision that said, 'We want to go to Big East and be better than ever.'"

Whowell noted the strength that new swimmers have

added to the program. "Each recruiting class has had a lot of talent. With the leadership of the coaches, everyone has improved over the years," Whowell said.

Welsh also cited the help of assistant coach Jonathan Jennings, the resignation of Miami's former coach and stroke techniques learned from No. 1 Stanford as contributors to Irish success.

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■ FOOTBALL

Addazio, Rosburg join Davie coaching staff

By TIM CASEY
Sports Writer

Bob Davie finalized the 1999 Irish football coaching staff in time for spring training with weekend additions of Syracuse's Steve Addazio as offensive coordinator and Boston College's Jerry Rosburg as outside linebacker coach and aid for special teams.

Addazio and Rosburg have worked with Davie's other two recently hired coaches. Addazio served as the offensive line coach at Syracuse under new Irish offensive coordinator Kevin Rogers. Rosburg coached on the same defensive staff at Cincinnati with Lou West, the fall season's secondary coach.

The relationship between West and Rosburg is one that has seen them go from allies at Cincinnati to Big East rivals and now back to allies. Rosburg had nothing but good words to say about his friend and fellow assistant.

"Lou is a first-rate human being and

an outstanding coach. I think that Notre Dame has served itself well to get him as their secondary coach," said Rosburg. "It certainly was very evident when you watched the guys at Virginia Tech play that they were very well coached. I'm very confident that that will also be the case here."

While at Boston College last year, Rosburg coached second-team all-Big East performer Pedro Cirino, who ranked second in the Big East in tackles. Rosburg has spent his entire 20-year-career coaching linebackers and the secondary.

A Minnesota native, who played for North Dakota State, Rosburg grew up as a Notre Dame fan and said he is very excited to return to the Midwest.

"In the Midwest, there's two things: Notre Dame and the Big Ten. As a result of that, this job has always appealed to me. I'm not unlike a lot of Midwestern kids or even kids across the country growing up. That's just something that

sticks with you for a long time," said Rosburg. "And also just as being a football fan. Any football fan that ever watched college football would know that Notre Dame is a special place."

He had the opportunity to briefly meet with a few players.

"I was very impressed by the people I met. They're not unlike the young men we had at Boston College in that they're very articulate, friendly and intelligent. They're classy young men," said Rosburg.

Addazio, 39, comes to Notre Dame after four successful seasons at Syracuse where he coached the offensive line and tight ends.

His offensive line from last year paved the way for a Syracuse offense which ranked third in scoring in the country and 10th nationally in rushing. While at Syracuse, the Orangemen were always among the nation's top-25 teams.

He will coach the Irish tight ends, help with offensive tackles and work with the

special teams.

Like many coaches that come to Notre Dame, Addazio feels remorse for leaving his old school, but realizes that this is an opportunity he couldn't pass up.

"I'm looking forward to getting out and getting started," said Addazio. "You really can't look back at this point. You've got to move forward. I love where I've been. I tell you that with a tear in my eye and with all my heart. I have great memories and experiences at Syracuse. I really love Coach P [Paul Pasqualoni, Syracuse's head coach]. He's like a father. That's what make this the hardest. My feelings for him are so strong. Right now, this is where I'm going and really excited about it."

Now that the new coaches seem in tact, the hype now begins for the 1999 season. The team begins its spring practices on Saturday, March 27th.

It is allowed 15 practices in the spring, culminating with the annual Blue-Gold game on April 24.

Wild Ride

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"It was a great way to send the seniors out on their final game," head coach John MacLeod said. "It was a great second half of basketball, specifically for the starters. That's the way you like to have a senior night finish."

The Eagles outworked the Irish for a 34-30 halftime lead as the Notre Dame backcourt went a collective 0-for-7 from the field.

Martin Ingelsby started at point guard, after sitting out the St. John's game, and played 25 minutes. Foul trouble slowed Ingelsby in the first half, but he came out of the locker room and scored the first seven Irish points of the second half. Ingelsby finished with 10 points and four assists.

"I wanted to come out and play more aggressively in the second half," said Ingelsby. "I got some open looks that kind of opened the game for us."

A three-pointer from Kenny Harley, who had 21 points, put Boston College up 43-37 five minutes into the second half.

Then the Irish starting five began their run.

"We had an all-around good team effort today," Graves said.

After not attempting a field goal for the first seven minutes of the game, Troy Murphy scored 10 in the first half and added another seven in the second. The forward made another strong case for the Big East Rookie of the Year honors with 17 points, 12 rebounds and four blocks. He capped off the performance with a thunderous dunk that earned a salute from Graves and the 9,043 fans in attendance.

The crowd also saluted senior captains Wyche and Hickey after one of the year's better performances.

"They came in and had big games today," Ingelsby said. "It's great to see them go out with a victory."

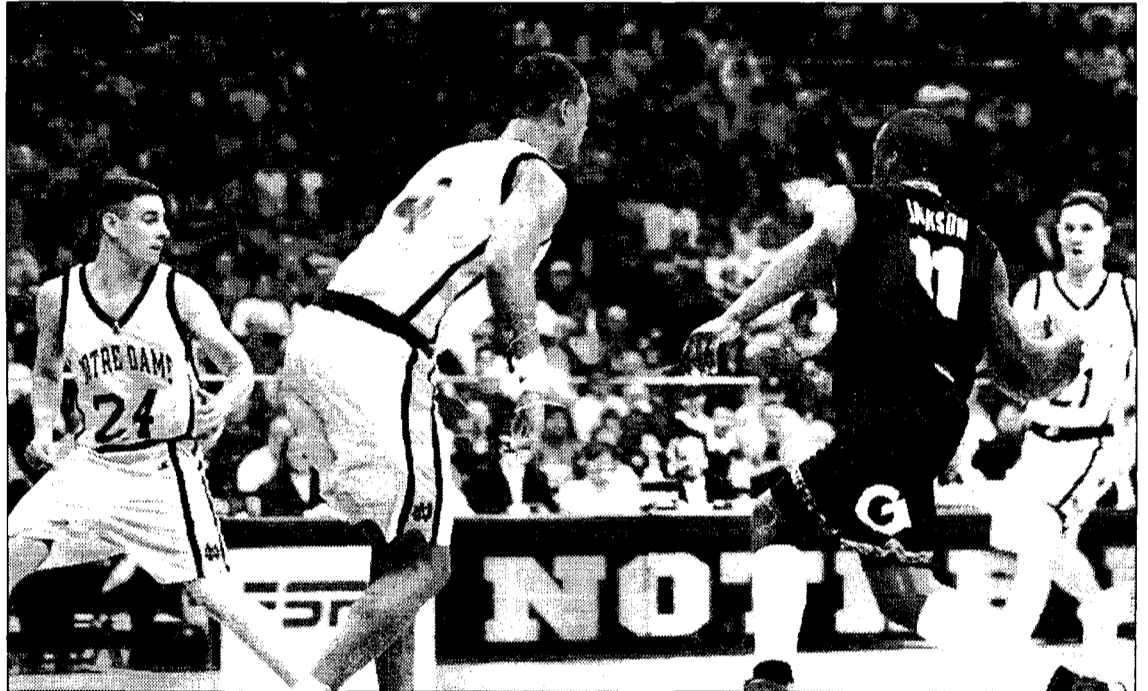
"It was a big game for us that we needed to win," Wyche said. "We had to block out all that whole senior night last game thing and play for the will of the team."

"Coach said that he wanted us to go out on a winning note, and that's what we did," Hickey said. "It's great to end our home career like this."

The Irish will play Seton Hall Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Big East tournament. The winner will play top-seeded Connecticut Thursday.

'WE HAD TO BLOCK OUT ALL THAT WHOLE SENIOR NIGHT LAST GAME THING AND PLAY FOR THE WILL OF THE TEAM.'

ANTONI WYCHE
SENIOR GUARD



Martin Ingelsby (No. 24) returned to the lineup in Sunday's 78-59 win over Boston College.

The Observer/ Kevin Dalum

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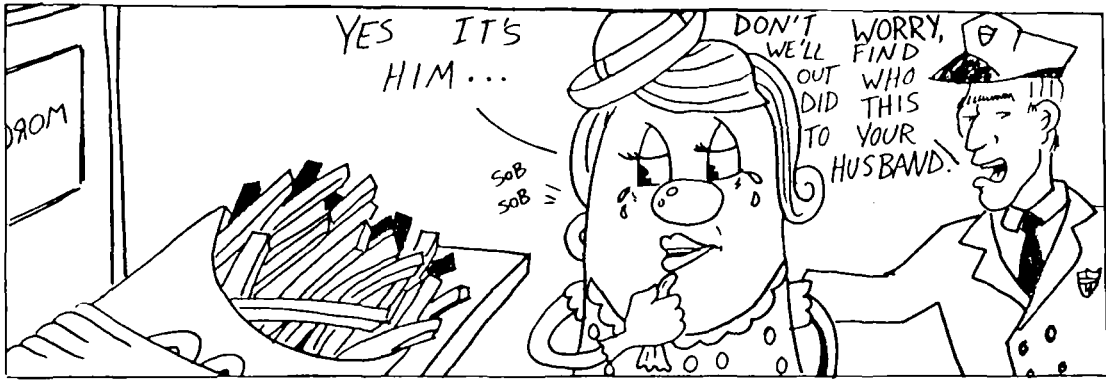
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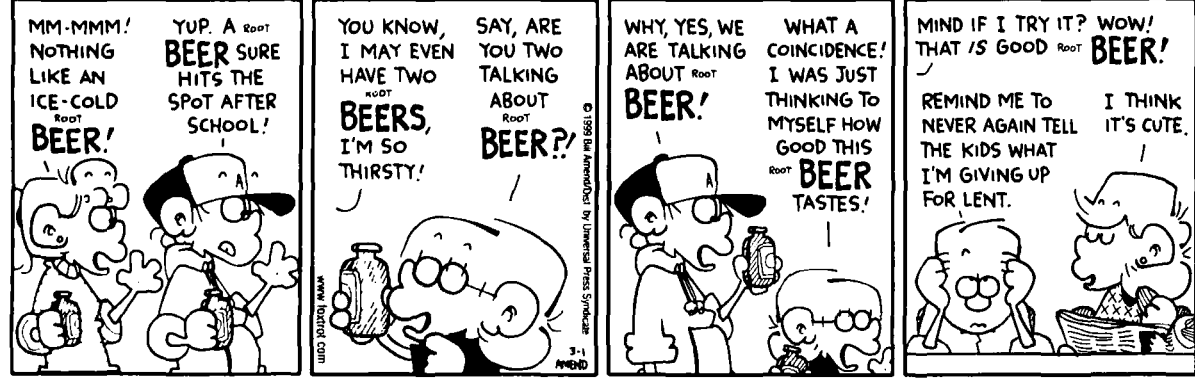
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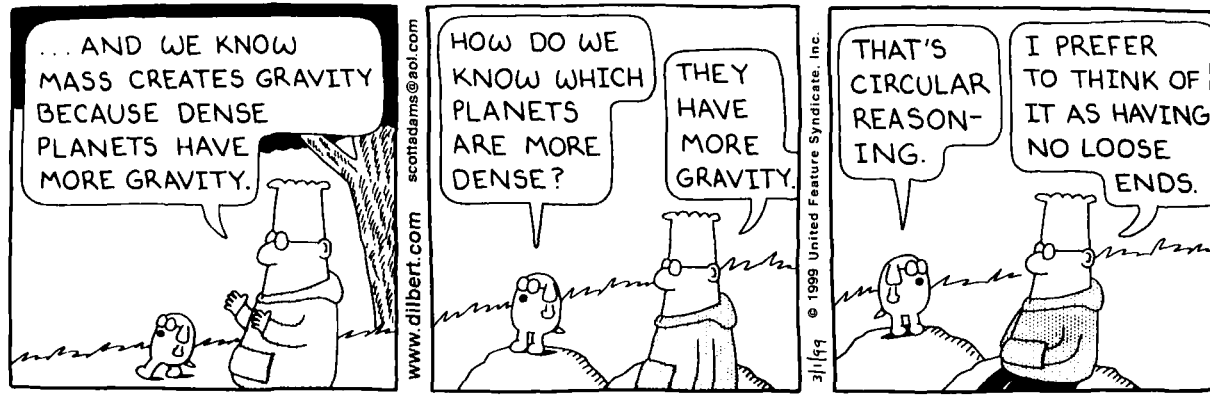
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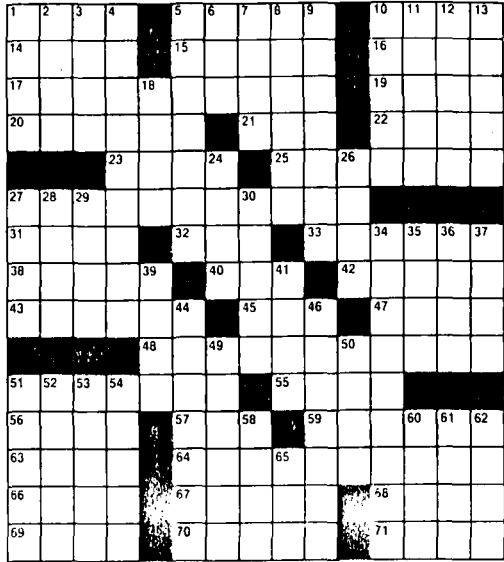
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): You may not be feeling up to par today. Plan to get a little rest and relaxation. Worry and fretting about your job have contributed to your lowered vitality. Start thinking of alternatives. ○○○○

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You can make a big difference when it comes to helping youngsters today. Family outings or events will bring a closeness that will make the home environment better. ○○

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You're trying to do too many things for too many people. Step back and be realistic about your projects. Your creative talent will be recognized. ○○○○

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Look into making changes that will help cut back the amount of time you spend in transit. You will have problems with relatives who can't tolerate you doing things your way. ○○○

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You will not be pleased with the outcome of any project you've been working on. Rather than pointing a critical finger, give it a few days and then decide how you want to change things. ○○○

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may be moving to larger quarters. There is greater activity in your home, and positive changes are taking place. You will have to bend if you wish to get assistance. ○○○○

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your ability to ferret out information will be a real plus. Make sure that you spend time with people who can offer exciting solutions to problems that have been causing you grief. ○○○

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Be careful what you eat. Problems with foods or medications are apparent. Financial information will be enlightening and could lead to some pretty big profits if you follow through. ○○○

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SPORTS

■ The women's basketball team looks forward to a rematch with Rutgers tonight.

■ Bob Davie rounds out his coaching staff with two new hires.

■ WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Cagers top Villanova in tourney

By ANTHONY BIANCO
Assistant Sports Editor

PISCATAWAY, N.J.

After barely escaping from Villanova in December and later dominating it in February, it was unclear which Irish squad would show up for their third meeting, this time in the second round of the Big East tournament.

The latter Irish team checked into the Louis Brown Athletic Center Sunday night with Niele Ivey's 19 points leading the way in a 83-53 win over Villanova as third-seeded Notre Dame advanced to the semifinals for the fourth consecutive year.

In the first few minutes of the game, the teams played as if the finish would be another close one instead of a blowout. Notre Dame and Villanova swapped leads four times in the first three minutes, both failing to build a quick drive off the tipoff that has been indicative of the tournament in its first two days.

Coach Harry Perretta and his No. 6 seeded Villanova team were banking on the gameplan that they executed to perfection against the Irish in the one-point loss: keep Muffet McGraw's team guessing on defense.

This time around the Wildcats were unsuccessful, failing to take an early lead after missing 13 of its first 16 attempts from the field.

"We used our special plays in the beginning of the game," said Perretta. "But we missed our first four shots. Once that happens, there's a snowball effect. [Notre Dame] figured out our plays, and we couldn't score off of them anymore."

Ivey helped freeze the Wildcats' efforts to keep pace with Notre Dame. Her jump shot off a Ruth Riley rebound gave the Irish the lead at 17:44 in the first. Notre Dame never trailed again as two minutes later Ivey had built the lead to eight on a pair of three-pointers.

The game leader in scoring with 19 points on a perfect 5-of-5 from the field, 3-of-3 from three-point range and 6-of-6 from the charity line, Ivey met Notre Dame's scoring needs after team-leading shooter Sheila McMillen was singled out by the Wildcats.

Playing a box and one defense — a zone defense with man-to-man coverage on one player — Villanova was able to hold McMillen to just nine points on 2-of-5 shooting. The five-attempts mark is her fewest all season.

The 19 points by Ivey tied her with her personal best in conference play this season, recorded against Miami last week and Syracuse in January. Her quick

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■ WOMEN'S SWIMMING



The Observer/ Wes Richardson

Breastroker Allison Lloyd was among the swimmers who helped propel the Irish to their third-straight conference title.

Team seizes Big East championship

By WES RICHARDSON
Sports Writer

The 23rd-ranked Notre Dame women's swim team stockpiled the awards last weekend at the Big East swimming and diving championships.

On their way to a third-straight conference title, the team collected eight race victories, seven team records, six Big East records, 20 NCAA Championship consideration times and one automatic time.

For the third-consecutive year, the conference elected Bailey Weathers women's swimming Coach of the Year. Caiming Xie won women's

diving Coach of the Year.

"I'm really proud of them," Weathers said of his team members. "They did a fantastic job and I'm really pleased."

Co-captain Liz Barger commented on the team's speed.

"I think this is the fastest meet by far that we've ever competed in. We had a lot more B-cuts [NCAA consideration times] than we expected," she said.

The Irish won soundly with 790.5 points, their highest team score. Villanova, ranked 25th, came in second with 613.5 points, followed by Miami at 517.

Sophomore Carrie Nixon provided the meet's highlights. On Saturday, she added to her record-setting, 50-yard freestyle win from Thursday with a victory in the 100-yard freestyle. She also placed third behind

Barger in Friday's 100-yard butterfly.

Barger won the butterfly at 55.53, breaking her own Big East and team records. Allison Newell followed her, and Nixon ended in fifth place.

Freshman Kelly Hecking captured Notre Dame's fourth individual win with a 56.00 in the 100 backstroke.

"Our team was really strong and focused coming into the meet. Everyone excelled in the more competitive environment," Barger said. "It just keeps getting better."

Weathers considered Villanova a strong competitor, despite the point difference in the team scores.

Villanova freshman Maddy Crippen handily defeated Irish swimmers in the 400 individual medley, 500 freestyle and 200 butterfly. She crushed NCAA

Championship automatic qualifying times and re-wrote the Big East record in all three events, earning the Big East Women's Swimmer of the Year award.

Notre Dame's Kristen Van Saun and Tara Riggs placed second and third respectively behind Crippen in the 500 freestyle, while Barger and Newell did the same in the 200 butterfly.

The Irish women dominated the 100 breaststroke. Shannon Suddarth defended her Big East title in the event, and was followed by teammates Allison Lloyd, Kathleen Rimkus and Brittany Kline. Their combined score totaled 49 points in a single heat.

The next step for the women is NCAA Championships, March 18-20, in Athens, Ga., where the Irish hope to become one of the nation's top 15 teams.

■ MEN'S BASKETBALL

Season-ending win leaves team 14-15

By JOEY CAVATO
Associate Sports Editor

Sitting in the Joyce Center for the 1998-99 men's basketball season has been kind of like sitting on Mr. Toad's Wild Ride.

There have been many ups, downs and twists.

Those things happen with a team that starts two freshmen and a sophomore, but on Sunday — Senior Day — everything fell into place in a feel-good 78-59

win over Boston College (6-20, 3-15).

Five starters scored in double figures as the Irish played one of their better halves of basketball in a 48-25 second half. Notre Dame (14-15, 8-10) had lost their last three home finalés before Sunday's win.

Senior Phil Hickey finished his career at the Joyce Center with a season-high 21 points on 9-for-13 shooting. Fellow senior Antoni Wyche came back after a scoreless first half to score 11 in the second. Wyche also made several key

defensive plays and had seven assists in 35 minutes.

"In the first half, I was focused on giving it to Phil and Troy in the post," Wyche said. "I've had games like that throughout my career where I've been shut out in the first but scored in the second half, so it was nothing big for me."

Head coach John MacLeod applauded the seniors' efforts in the second half.

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