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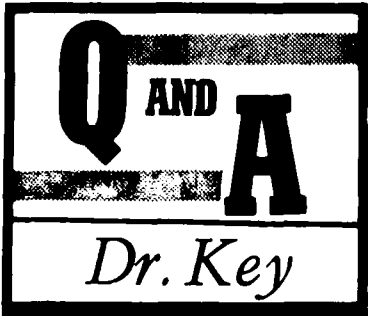
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Key talks on rip-offs

The exploitation of consumers through the advertising media is a growing problem, according to Wilson Bryan Key, who has served as a journalism professor at several major universities in the U.S. and Canada. Key has studied the problem for over ten years and is president of a media research group. Observer staff reporter David Sarphie spoke with Key when he lectured at ND in December.



Q: Dr. Key, what is subliminal seduction, and how widespread is it?

A: Basically, it's a technique of the advertising agencies to sell products by manipulating the unconscious mind of the consumer. How widespread, you ask? It's definitely a multibillion dollar industry. I've been examining advertisements since the early 70s, and I've yet to find a national ad that didn't employ the technique.

Q: How does it work?

A: I've discovered two distinct ideas that these ads seem to play upon. One, as you might have guessed, is sex. If you look closely at the ice cubes in many alcohol advertisements, you'll see that they are not ordinary ice cubes. In fact, they aren't ice cubes at all. They are pieces of plastic. Some are designed to spell out the word 'sex'. Others get a bit more graphic and portray the sex organs. These techniques are by no means limited to booze advertisements. No, I've found phallic symbols in such seemingly innocent ads as those for a margarine company. Strange, isn't it?

The other major idea used in many of the ads is that of the death wish. I've found skulls in those same ice cubes used in booze ads. Grotesque faces of monsters appear quite frequently, as well. In fact, I've found many images related to self destruction and death.

Q: How does that sell products?

A: Ever since 1558 and the work of Thomas Hobbes, philosophers have pondered the reasons behind man's self destructive tendencies. Such brilliant men as Nietzsche, Freud, and Fromm have all delved into this area, and they haven't been able to find the answer. I don't understand it, either. But I do know that companies have spent millions of dollars on ads that play on this death wish idea.

Q: Hasn't Congress been able to do anything in terms of legislation in this area?

A: Are you kidding? Congress is so swayed by special interest groups that legislation is very difficult. Of course, Big Business is probably the dominant force among those special interest groups. Their power extends into other areas, as well. For example, several years ago the United Nations did a study on this media exploitation. Their conclu-



With dreams of a future as an Irish cheerleader, this little tyke is already practicing the arduous routines at the Hofstra basketball game. (Photo by John Macor)

sion was that this type of media must be prohibited. Not one word of that study appeared in a U.S. newspaper, not even in the *New York Times*. Belgium is the only country that has definitive laws concerning this media exploitation.

Q: What does the future hold for

you and your studies?

A: The research corporation of which I'm currently president, Media Probe, has been studying these advertisements for quite awhile. We know the problem exists. Our job now must be to educate the consumers. If people can

U.S., Iran come to terms on hostages' release

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States and Iran, in accord on every point but still working on final translations, stood at the brink of agreement yesterday for the release of 52 American hostages, probably before President Carter leaves office Tuesday.

It was believed that the freed Americans would be flown to Algiers, and from there on to West Germany, where they would spend a "decompression" period of a week or so at a U.S. military hospital.

Six Algerian doctors were already in the Iranian capital to examine the hostages and certify their condition before their release. But there was no word on whether the doctors had seen the hostages, or even on the whereabouts of the 52.

A man who identified himself as one of the doctors told *The Associated Press* in a telephone interview, "I think that we can leave before Monday night. We shall go back by special airplane ... We leave Tehran with the hostages, and I don't know if we shall go to Algiers or West Germany."

In its report of Nabavi's announcement, the Iranian news agency Pars said, "The U.S. government has finally accepted all the terms set by the government of the Islamic Republic of Iran for the release of the American hostages. The minister said that the details of the agreement will be disclosed in a press con-

ference today, Monday, Jan. 19, 1981."

A White House official said Sunday evening that the signatures awaited only a final translation of the terms into three languages - English, French for the Algerian intermediaries, and Farsi, the language of Iran.

The Pars report, dated early Monday Tehran time, was received late yesterday Nicosia, Cyprus. The Iranian media said Nabavi would conduct a news conference about 3 p.m. Tehran time (6:30 a.m. EST) Monday.

Nabavi indicated in his remarks that the agreement had not yet been formally signed and the documents entrusted to the Algerians, as has been planned.

Nabavi had similarly announced a "final agreement" several hours earlier, but said at that time that "several wholly trivial points" remained unresolved. His later announcement apparently was made after Iran became satisfied that those points had been settled.

'I think that we can leave before Monday night.'

Vice President Walter F. Mondale said earlier yesterday the remaining differences were "not substantial," involving the precise amount of frozen assets to be returned to Iran, and a problem concerning court jurisdiction of certain claims.

A U.S. official said the second problem related to arrangements for transferring U.S. court claims against Iran to an international arbitration panel.

Tehran radio said Nabavi was asked whether he now expected the hostages to be released in the next few days.

"Yes, of course," he reportedly replied. "On the basis of the agreement reached after the statement has been signed by both sides and the Algerian government has made it public and the assets which it has been agreed to deposit in an account with the central bank of a third country have been so deposited the hostages will be released immediately."

Stereo stolen

Sorinites fall prey to another robbery

By LAURA LARIMORE
Senior Staff Reporter

Stereo equipment valued at over \$850 was reported stolen from two rooms in Sorin Hall during the recent semester break, despite what hall officials termed "an excellent job by Security." The items were discovered missing when residents returned on Monday, Jan. 12.

Fr. David Porterfield, rector of Sorin, appeared baffled by the incident. "Security noted that doors locked on say, Monday, would then be open on Wednesday," he said.

In addition to Porterfield and assistant rector Fr. Edward Malloy, part of a high school basketball team stayed in the hall over the vacation. According to Porterfield, seven team members, their coach, and a priest were allowed to use student rooms for several days, without the students' prior knowledge.

"The priest was a good friend of mine," Porterfield remarked. "The students wished they had been consulted, but they probably wouldn't have cared if nothing had been missing." The rooms burglarized were among those occupied by team members.

Paul Korzenecki, one of the theft victims, noted that record albums and a hat were left in his room. "I don't know whose they are," he said. "The door was locked when I came back Monday afternoon. They cut the cords and the plug from my receiver and turntable, but left the speakers and the reel-to-reel."

Two speakers and a turntable disappeared from the room of Mark Skorcz, down the hall. "They left the receiver and another turntable, and took the wires," Skorcz said. He noted that his door was also locked when he returned Monday evening.

Blankets reported stolen from neighboring rooms may have been used to conceal the equipment, residents surmised. Nothing else has been reported missing.

Porterfield said that he assumed full responsibility for his guests. He stated that he felt it unlikely that the team could have been responsible for the theft, but said it was being investigated. "I will see that the students are reimbursed," he promised.

"I never saw anyone out of the ordinary," he said. "Construction workers were repairing some showers and were in and out but I didn't see anyone else."

recognize these techniques and realize that they exist, the ads can't be as harmful. However, these ads are very dangerous to the uninformed person who allows it to reach his subconscious. That's why I give over 90 lectures each year. The more people we can reach, the more good we can do.

Malloy concurred, stating that to the best of his knowledge the front doors remained locked throughout the break. "But you know as well as I do that a person can get into any dorm on the campus if he wants to badly enough," he remarked.

Security is continuing its investigation.

Masked gunman rapes ND student

A female Notre Dame student was raped at gunpoint late Friday afternoon near the east perimeter of the Jake Kline baseball field in an incident that ND security surmise is related to a similar assault last Thursday.

According to the county sheriff's office, the student was walking home alone to her apartment when she was confronted by a black man wearing an orange ski mask, light-blue bell-bottom trousers, a blue nylon jacket and carrying a green blanket. He dragged her into a nearby wooded area at pistolpoint and then raped her.

The victim was treated at Saint Joseph's Hospital and released a few hours later.

ND security, working in conjunction with the county sheriff's office, theorizes that the rapist is the same person who was responsible for an incident Thursday in the same area when a lone female student was harassed at gunpoint while cross country skiing.

by The Observer and The Associated Press

Dolls, dope and porn are courses of study at various colleges and universities around the U.S. At Arizona State U., the Health Sciences department is offering "Marijuana and Man," a course which examines the history of the drug and its sociological and psychological impact. The purpose of the course, according to instructor Lee B. Croft, is to provide students with the facts needed to make a "sound, intelligent judgment" about marijuana use. At MacAlester College in St. Paul, Minn., a number of female professors and administrators are objecting to a psychology class that will focus on pornography, because they believe that pornography is degrading to women. And at Yale University, art history major Ella King Torrey is writing her final thesis on the phenomenal success of the Barbie Doll and the changes the doll has undergone since her introduction in 1959. — *Collegiate Headlines*

Adult bookstores and movie theaters in Atlanta have agreed to close in return for dismissal of charges against their employees, and a prosecutor hailed the bargain as proof that "law enforcement now has the upper hand" against pornography. "If you need a dirty book, you'll have to leave Atlanta to get it," said Glenn Zell, an attorney for the stores. Zell said owners of at least 16 adult bookstores agreed Friday to close their doors on condition that anti-pornography crusader Fulton County Solicitor General Hinson McAuliffe dismiss all charges pending against their employees. Assistant Solicitor General Leonard Rhodes said that would leave one adult bookstore, three adult theaters and one peep-show still operating in Atlanta. "We're tired of fighting. We're getting out of here," one bookstore employee said. Zell blamed "inflation" for the bookstore clients' decision to move out of Fulton County rather than continue the battle against McAuliffe. He said "hassles with the police, fees for lawyers," and higher rents had made "the marginal profits for pornography unbelievably low." — AP

Saudi Arabia will renew temporary crude oil supply contracts with countries whose fuel supplies have been affected by the Iran-Iraq war, excluding Japan, for the first quarter of 1981, the *Middle East Economic Survey* reported yesterday. In a report quoting unidentified "reliable sources," the weekly newsletter said Japan, previously the largest recipient at 140,000 barrels a day, was excluded because of reports of irregularities in oil pricing to customers. The war relief contracts, involving a total of about 600,000 barrels daily, were concluded for the last quarter of 1980 with countries facing shortages because of the war which erupted Sept. 22. Other customers are France, Italy, Brazil, Greece, Spain, Turkey, Yugoslavia, India, Pakistan, Morocco and Somalia. — AP

From bluegrass to black-tie ballet Ronald Reagan's four-day, \$11 million inaugural party kicked off this weekend with a show from the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and the biggest fireworks display in the history of the nation's capital. Reagan and his wife, Nancy and the Vice-President elect George Bush and Mrs. Bush were scheduled to brace 20-degree weather for the official half-hour opening ceremony just after dark on the Lincoln Memorial grounds. The President Inaugural Committee started out with a budget of about \$7 million, but it has mushroomed to close to \$11 million. Four years ago, Jimmy Carter's inaugural cost \$5 million. The entire show is being financed by private donations, including contributions by corporations who can take the cost off their taxes. The incoming First Family attended three concerts at the Kennedy Center featuring a long list of opera, ballet and orchestra stars, and also attended two candlelight dinners, priced at \$100 per plate. — AP

Browsers can no longer find a copy of Jonathan Swift's "Gulliver's Travels" among the frozen foods at the Hall Meat & Poultry butcher shop in Port Huron, Mich. The book was one of 640 being stored in the market's freezer in an attempt to salvage them. They were soaked over Christmas when a water pipe burst at a public library branch. St. Clair County Library Director Harry Wu said putting meat in a freezer for a long time will dry it out, adding the same thing applies to books. So, in they went — right along with the lamb chops and ham. Owner Howard Hall said the books were drying out nicely until a meat inspector came along and dampened the process. The inspector ordered the volumes moved, saying books, money and mail all are sources of bacteria. And, Hall said, the state did not want anything to contaminate the meat. Librarians say the books are drying out now in another freezer — but no one is saying where Gulliver traveled. — AP

The recent cold spell that froze water pipes and stopped many automobiles in the East had an equally chilling effect on many major insurance companies based in the Hartford, Conn. area. Aetna Life and Casualty, Allstate Insurance, Travelers Insurance and The Hartford Insurance Group all report that the number of claims from homeowner and automobile policy holders jumped dramatically last month, and all blame the recent subnormal temperatures. Weather-related claims in Connecticut, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania resulted in a \$30 million loss to insurance companies in a five-day period alone last month, the Insurance Group reported. — AP

Cloudy and mild today with a 30 percent chance of rain. High in the mid to upper 30s. Cloudy with a chance of rain changing to snow tonight. Low in the mid to upper 20s. Light snow expected tomorrow. High in the low 30s. — AP

Comps? What are comps?

"Quick! Someone tell me who was the mother of Oedipus? You know, the one he married?"

"Does anyone know what was the rhyme scheme Shakespeare made famous?"

"What was the major theme of the Romantic poets?"

Panic!!

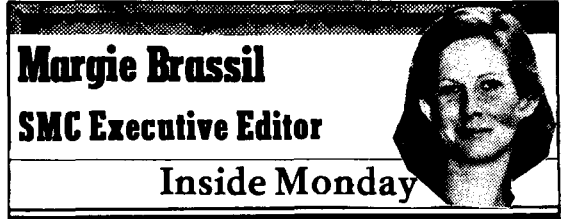
These are just some of the questions senior English majors will be mumbling back and forth for the next two weeks until their comprehensive exams are over. This panic is not unique to English majors, for within the next couple months, all departments at Saint Mary's will be conducting comprehensive exams that seniors are required to pass or face the consequences (as yet unknown).

Comps is an almost dirty word on campus. We heard rumours about them during our freshmen year. When we declared our majors in sophomore year they warned us about them, but then, it was still too far away to worry about. Last year we watched in horror as our senior friends crammed and cried until the exams were over. Then it was real, and anyone who was unwise enough not to save their notes for every class during their four years probably spent the summer copying over notebooks.

To most people at ND, (and probably the yet unformed freshmen at SMC) the comprehensives are an unknown phenomenon. Comprehensive exams are an archaic academic torture created to give seniors their final nervous breakdown during their academic lifetime. Depending on the department, the comprehensives can take the form of an exam, research paper or year-long project. As the weeks dwindle down to the final moment of presentation, panic sets in.

The real purpose of the exams, of course, is to pull together four years of academic endeavor and knowledge and to try and make some sense of it all. Being a senior English major, I have warned my roommate not to talk to me as I try to cram 900 years of literature into my head, since all I'll probably be able to say is "To be or not to be..." (wishing that I could not be, until its all over.) I plan to be buried under notebooks and textbooks for two weeks, and I've told all my friends that I will be unavailable for the usual senior fun for awhile. (If anyone tells you that senior year is all fun and games, she is not from Saint Mary's.)

Seniors from the other departments will probably want to deny this statement, but it has been rumoured that the English comps are the worst ones at the college. (A statement that does not make me feel any better.) Whether true or not, the English exams would definitely be in the running. Picture this: some 20 students with bloodshot eyes huddling over piles of blue books as they write for 90 minutes on the use of the color blue in imagery from Chaucer to Fitzgerald. And there are four such questions to be answered in a two day period.



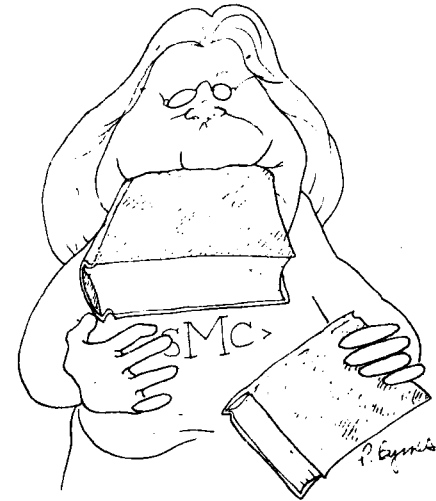
PANIC!!

What is it like to study for one of these exams? Well, there are various systems that have been used over the years. One method is to not study at all and trust to memory when exam time comes. Students who have tried this method were removed from the exam by ambulance, having fallen comatose after reading the first essay question. Another method, used primarily by departmental throats, is to begin studying second semester junior year straight through the summer, skipping Christmas in Florida to finish studying. These students are usually pried from the desks at the end of the exam screaming, "But I've only filled ten blue books!"

There really isn't any proven way to insure the passing of these exams. In the end it will all be up to the judgement of one's teachers, as they read the blue books and listen to the presentations, with the option to yell, "That stinks!" at the student of their choice. Just the realization that she will have to face all her profs at once and display what she really knows, (or doesn't know), has been known to send even the most coherent and intelligent students into fits and spasms.

This is really just a warning to the rest of the SMC-ND world, that if you happen to come across some poor bleary-eyed

senior wandering around in a daze during the next few weeks, be kind to her—she's probably trying to memorize, "When that Aprille in the shore soute/The drought of Marche bath pierced to the route..."



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Off Campus Students Sign up at Student Activities Office — First Floor LaFortune
Saint Mary's Students Sign Up by Calling Joan Driscoll at 4-1-5121 or Joe Witchger at 1652 or 1714.

Changes in procedure' Placement Bureau controversy

by DAVID SARPHEIE
Staff Reporter

The Notre Dame Placement Bureau has become a center of controversy among students and administrators due to recent changes in procedures.

Over Christmas break, the Bureau altered the time and place for the scheduling of interviews, causing an uproar among many seniors. Under the changes, scheduling begins on Tuesdays at noon in the LaFortune Student Center, instead of Monday mornings in the Administration Building.

Perceiving this new procedure as a tremendous inconvenience, students have reacted negatively. Some must miss their required classes on Tuesday mornings. In the past, waiting lines have begun to form several hours prior to the opening of the placement offices.

"This is absurd," remarked one outraged senior. "They didn't consult us once about our feelings."

The changes were necessitated by increased security precautions in the Administration Building. The hazard of fire in the old building and the administration's reluctance to keep the building unlocked over weekends were instrumental in the decision.

According to Placement Director Richard Willemin, the administration also took into consideration the needs of the seniors.

"We were really choosing between the lesser of two evils," he explained. "We felt that there were fewer classes to be missed on Tuesdays than on Mondays."

Willemin said the new hours would also alleviate the problems of early morning waiting lines which cost many seniors their sleep. "The previous arrangements were almost inhuman," he observed. "I think the new hours will cause much less inconvenience."

Willemin hesitated to say if the

new arrangements would be permanent. A meeting of those affected was scheduled for this morning.

He was optimistic that the discussion would relieve the tension caused by the changes.

"We're going to look at it carefully and do what's best for all involved,"

he noted.

Willemin said that the current problems of manual scheduling will be alleviated next year, when the Placement Bureau employs a computer to do the job. "The machine will make waiting lines obsolete," he predicted.



The Irish cheerleaders do their part in the success of the Notre Dame basketball team. (Photo by John Macor)

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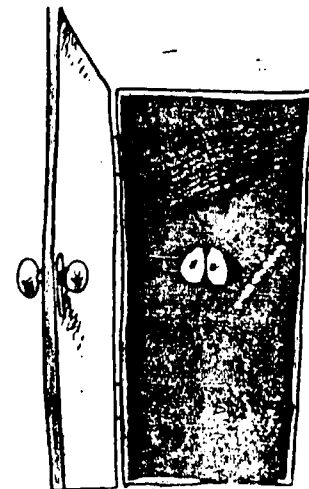
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College Bowl sponsors competitions

By ANN JANE DREGALLA
Staff Reporter

Each year as the holiday season closes, bowl season begins. Our community is in the middle of its own bowl—College Bowl.

College Bowl, "the varsity sport of the mind", is a question and answer game of quick recall played on hundreds of campuses across the nation. Competitions are categorized as intramural, intercollegiate and regional championship tournaments guided by the College Bowl Co., Inc.

The intramural level is open to almost anyone. The game is played between two teams of four players each to score points by answering toss-up and bonus questions.

The varsity tournament team is then made up of up to eight players, usually four from the winning team on campus and up to four chosen from an all-star team of other campus competitors. This varsity team then competes on the intercollegiate and tournament level at regional competition.

This year, intramural winners will travel to Illinois State, Feb. 6-7, for competition with 12 other schools in the region. This region includes Ohio, Illinois and Indiana.

In the spring, all regional champions and any other team who has won three games in a row on radio or television (special attraction games) are invited to compete for the College Bowl National Cham-

pionship.

The United States national crown winner than completes in the College Bowl World Championship.

Notre Dame held its on-campus tournament in the two week period prior to break. The on-campus winning team includes Scott Jacobs, Annette Lang, and Michael Kristo with Edward Bylina as team captain. This team has earned the right to compete against a team of all-stars chosen from among the other competitors to determine who will comprise the tournament team attending the regionals.

Notre Dame, after retiring from College Bowl Competition for a few years, once more entered the competition three years ago. Notre Dame reached the national level all three years with the 16 best players in the country, an objective Notre Dame College Bowl coordinator Dr. Lombardo of the CCE hopes to attain once again this year.

Lisa Schulte, the Saint Mary's coordinator is working under Mary Anne O'Donnell who has been appointed the Regional Coordinator for Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. Saint Mary's has nine intramural teams vying for the chance to compete on the regional and hopefully national level. This on-campus competition begun Wednesday evening, will continue through the week-end and conclude Sunday, January 24.

Junior Parents Weekend set

Junior Parents Weekend is scheduled for Feb. 6-8. Notice and information on the event was sent to juniors' parents prior to Thanksgiving break. Parents who have received their packets and plan to attend should return the forms with payment as soon as possible.

Juniors whose parents have not received packets can pick up the forms in the Student Activities Office, LaFortune. All ticket applications should be placed immediately to guarantee reservations.

The itinerary for the weekend is as follows: Thursday, Feb. 5: Registration — LaFortune 7-10 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 6: Registration — LaFortune 9:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.; Cocktail Dance, ACC 9 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 7: Registration — LaFortune 7:30 a.m.-12 p.m.; Collegiate Workshops 9:30 a.m.; Junior Class Mass 6:30 p.m.; President's Dinner, ACC 8 p.m.; Receptions in Dormitories 10:30 p.m.

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ATTENTION JUNIOR CLASS

Seating for President's Dinner

Junior Parent's Weekend

LaFortune Main Lounge

Thurs., Jan. 22, 7-10 p.m.

Fri., Jan. 23, 6-9 p.m.

For Seating Arrangements the Following Information Is Necessary:

- 1) Each person may bring 3 ID's total (including his own)
- 2) Parents' full names and home addresses will be required for each student ID.
- 3) Number of people attending per family.

For those wishing to sit together involving more than one table, there must be one representative per table to make seating arrangements.

We will not sign up anyone who does not have the above information or who has not returned reservations for the President's Dinner. **Maximum Seating Per Table: 9**

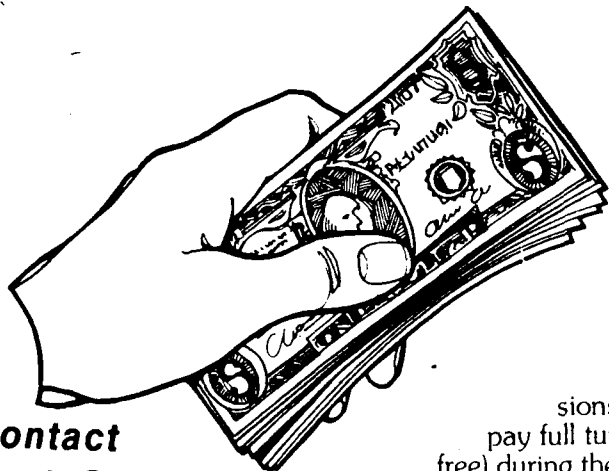
English Dept. sponsors Chaplin films

The English Department is sponsoring a Charlie Chaplin film festival beginning Tuesday, Jan. 20, and continuing on consecutive Tuesdays through April 28. Each film will shown at 9 p.m. in the Annenberg Auditorium of the Snite Museum of Art.

The series begins with Chaplin's silent films (1914-1936) in which he develops his beloved "Tramp". On Jan. 20 the Keystone shorts such as Caught in a Cabaret and The Property Man will be projected. More of Chaplin's classic shorts will be shown on Jan. 27.

Such classics as *The Gold Rush*, *City Lights*, *Modern Times*, and *Monsieur Verdoux* are also scheduled. The festival will conclude with some of Chaplin's last films (1952-1957), *Limelight* and *A King in New York*.

The films are open to the general public. The charge for each is \$1. Tickets for all fourteen films can be purchased for \$10 from Anne Brown at 2108.



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Rev. Robert Griffin



Letters To A Lonely God

On Christmas Eve, I listened patiently as the young man told me of making love to the young woman he was going steady with; of how beautiful it was, and of how close it made them feel; and of how neither of them, afterwards, felt any sense of guilt or shame. Obviously, as he explained it, for both of them, this was really it: a legitimate passion that was the cat's pajamas. Marriage was a formality that could be added later; but for now: wow, Father, they had experienced passion, and pronounced it good. I felt as though I were expected to applaud.

It was Christmas Eve, and I didn't feel like arguing; I felt sure enough of Faith that I didn't need to argue. I was suddenly happy enough to laugh, because I knew I wasn't going to try to prove anything to anybody. "It's obvious," I said, "that being deeply Catholic isn't everyone's cup of tea. You have to be a little nuts, to be a good, serious-minded Catholic. You have to be slightly absurd to accept literally the teachings of the Church."

"Our love," he said very solemnly, "is certainly sanctified by holiness as though God had breathed on our hearts."

Maybe, I thought, God had breathed on your hearts, or maybe you have only breathed deeply on one another. I wasn't tempted to judge whether their relationship was wholesome. "You'll pardon me

for saying this," I said, "but your arrangement doesn't strike me as being particularly Christian."

"The love that we have," he said, "and the way we express it, makes us feel that we are very close to Christ."

It was Christmas Eve. I could smell fir trees, and I was waiting to hear sleigh bells ringing in the midnight sky. "You don't have to defend yourself," I said. "I'm not accusing you of sin." I'm never comfortable posing as a travel agent selling tickets for a guilt trip.

"In Bethlehem, on a night like this," I said, "angels were heard singing in the heavens above a manger. In the Middle Ages, it was believed that creatures, on Christmas Eve, fell on their knees at the stroke of midnight, and that ghosts and demons were kept chained in their prisons, unable to stir during the days of Christmas."

He wanted to tell me how much in love he was. I wanted to tell him how much in love he might be.

"Catholics, of course, believe more of these pious legends than anyone else," I said. "It is embarrassing, if you are sophisticated, to notice the beliefs that Catholics take seriously."

"My grandmother" he said, "takes religion very seriously."

"Grandmothers," I said, "are an endangered species. When the last believing grandmother has gone to heaven, the world will be a more practical place in which to be a Catholic."

He said: "It's nice, even when it isn't Christmas, to believe that Jesus is Son, and Mary is His virgin mother."

"If you believe that," I said, "the rest of it is easy. I suppose you also believe in Easter?"

"I thought to be a Catholic," he said, "that you had to believe in Easter."

"You've really put it all together," I said. "You and I believe in incredible things. We're regular chips off our old grandmothers." We laughed as we imagined ourselves saying rosaries and lighting holy candles, as grandmothers are reputed to do.

He said: "You see, I am Christian after all."

"Words reflect faith," I said. "Actions reflect faith even more honestly than words do."

"I've been very honest in loving a woman," he said. "I want to be with her for the rest of my life. Am I being dishonest in sincerely believing that we've got a good thing going for us?"

"I think that the Church has more in mind for you than that you should have a good thing going for you," I said. "Of course, what the Church has in mind may

not be your cup of tea."

"The Church undoubtedly has in mind that we should be married," he said.

"At Christmas, when you think of God's loving the world, and all that," I said, "the most ordinary love gets caught up on God's love. Married love, the Church thinks, should reflect Christ's love when He laid down His life for the Church, His bride."

"As poetry," he said, "it's very nice."

"It's more than a metaphor," I said. "It's a pattern for Christian husbands. 'Sexual love especially represents the way God loves the world as a Bridegroom. That is why sexual love among Christians is an intimacy properly expressed between husband and wife.'"

"Give me hell for sleeping with a girl," he said, "though I don't know why you should want to. But don't, in the name of faith, expect me to bank my lustiness in a mystical fog."

"How silly, of me, of course, I'm being mystical," I said. "What a fool you must think me for supposing that your sex life has anything to do with the birthday or death of the Son of God."

I knew it wouldn't be his cup of tea. Like everybody else, he only wanted the comfort of Christmas, without making a commitment to the Cross or the Crib.

No playing hooky in life

If Life were a course, would any of us take it?

Imagine finding this course description in an Arts and Letters catalogue:

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God is the Prof, naturally, determining how long the class lasts, when we have to

stay after, when tests are due, and most importantly, whether we pass or not.

Life would have some advantages over a regular class. We wouldn't have to worry about registration because our parents had already taken care of that. No lines for computer cards, no Form 50's to fill out, no add or drop slips. We'd just show up on the first day.

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The Class could be frightening at first, with no syllabus, and with the Professor not really explaining what He expected of us. And unless we had already heard about the Class from someone else (which is doubtful), it's a wonder that we wouldn't all run to the Divine Registrar and drop Life after the first day.

But then again, being impressionable freshmen, we'd decide to stick it out.

Life could be taken many ways. Most of us might take it pass/fail, although some would just as soon audit it. But even Life would have its holy roller grace-throats, wrecking the salvation curve for the rest of us.

And some, of course, would want to handle Life on their own, as an independent study. Not content to work at everyone else's pace, they would go off and study on their own. Albert Camus and Ayatollah Khomeini are obvious examples.

What if the great Professor would call on us and we would be asleep? Or if we had blown off Class on the day He took attendance? Or even worse, what if we walked into Class and discovered we'd forgotten to do the day's assignment? Life would also have additional expenses at mid-semester which we hadn't counted on. There would be plenty of time to drop Life, but where can we transfer to? Life doesn't have any USC's.

Many of us are stuck in classes we aren't too wild about. In Life, some are destined to be bunched together and sleep through Class like it's an eternal Emil. Others might sit back and watch Life flash by in an unending version of Art Trads, knowing Life is pass/fail and that they can work hard early and take it easy when the final comes.

A third group of students would be in a perpetual Accounting class, analyzing, graphing, and evaluating anything they can debit and credit, looking at their final as one big CPA exam in the sky.

Still others might prefer to talk their way through Life as in a non-stop seminar Class, an all-encompassing core Course. They could BS their way out of every test, and would probably end up as salesmen, sportswriters, or U.S. Presidents.

And there would be those caught up in a lifelong philosophy course. Although no better off than anyone else, these people would at least have a sense of security in that they can rationalize where they are (but in relation to what?)

When God graded our finals, we'd find out our fates. If we passed Life, we'd go to heaven (or Eternal Life 102). Borderline cases would be sent to purgatory, a kind of God-given summer school. If we failed, it would be back to Life again, but with different classmates, a different syllabus, and a different final.

I wonder if God accepts extra credit...

Bill Marquard

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Campus

•6:30 p.m. — alpha phi omega, rm 2-d, lafortune.
•7 p.m. — women's basketball: saint mary's vs. taylor, aaf.
•7:30 p.m. — film: north by northwest, annenberg aud., \$1 admission.
•8 p.m. — men's basketball: nd vs. fordham, acc.

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Sunday, Feb. 8: Closing Breakfast — ACC 9:30 a.m. .
The opening event, the Cocktail Dance, will prove to be one of the weekend's highlights. It will be held at the ACC and attended by parents, students, and guests. Extra tickets will be available at the door.

Seating reservations for the President's dinner will be taken on Jan. 22, 23. More information concerning seating will appear in *The Observer* soon.

To obtain additional tickets for this event, contact Student Activities.

ND Choir holds auditions

The Notre Dame Chapel Choir will hold auditions to fill several spaces in the second-semester choir. Both male and female voices are needed. Interested persons should contact the choir director, Professor Sue Seid-Martin at 277-5181.

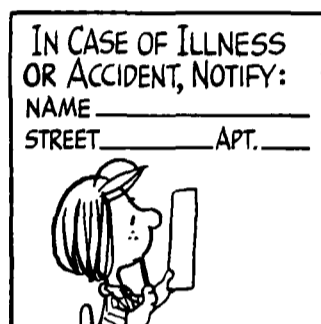
Chapel Choir is a liturgical choir which sings at the Sunday 10:30 Mass in Sacred Heart Church, and at Sunday evening Vespers in the Lady Chapel. The choir also celebrates various other university events, such as graduation and Holy Week. The choir will tour through the Midwest during the last two weeks of May with jazz musician Dave Brubeck.

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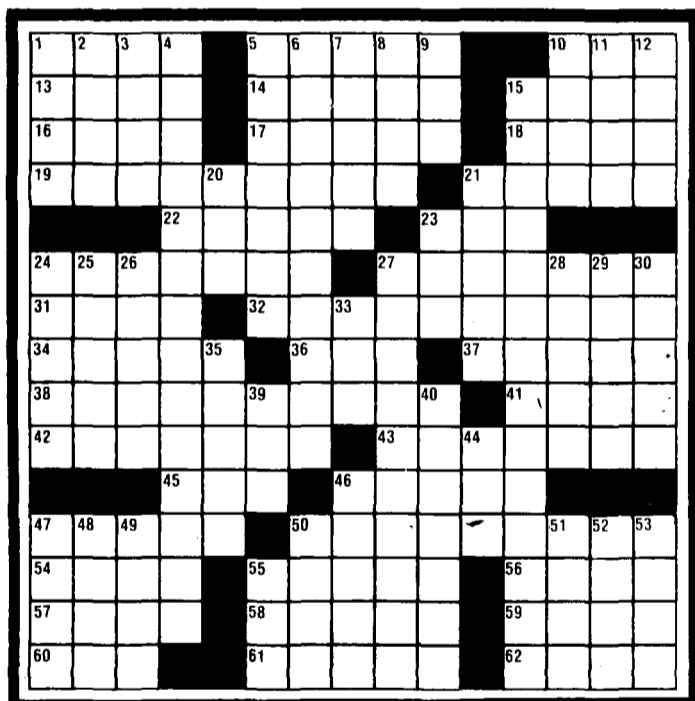
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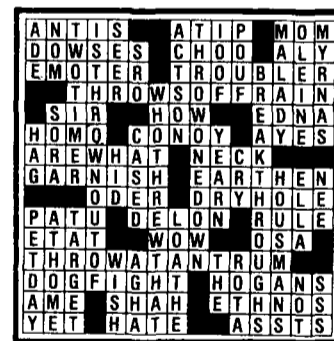
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The Daily Crossword



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Sports Briefs

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by The Observer and The Associated Press

The Water Polo Club will hold a mandatory meeting tomorrow at 7 p.m. in the small auditorium of LaFortune for anyone interested in playing water polo this spring. Elections for officers will also be held. Contact Pat McDivitt at 8650 or Mike Goscienski at 8603 for more information.

Bjorn Borg, the master craftsman from Sweden, thrashed Czechoslovakia's Ivan Lendl 6-4, 6-2, 6-2, yesterday to win his second consecutive Volvo Grand Prix Masters tennis tournament. Borg's victory in New York's Madison Square Garden avenged two straight losses to Lendl. It was the first trip for Lendl to the eight-man, round-robin tournament that climaxes the 92-tourney worldwide Grand Prix circuit. The 20-year-old Czech was the top junior player in the world in 1978 and has risen quickly to the top of the professional ranks. The victory was worth \$100,000 and a new Volvo for Borg. Lendl received \$64,000. — AP

The Rugby Club will hold a meeting on Thursday at 7 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom. New members are welcome.

The Notre Dame and St. Mary's fencers all enjoyed success this weekend, posting three team victories apiece. The Irish men rolled past Tri-State (22-5), Purdue (22-5) and Wisconsin-Parkside (26-1). Marc De Jong, Jim Thompson, Tom Lansford, Dave Anthony, Jaime Colley Capo and Joe Gamarra all went 3-0 in the foil competition. In the epee, Rich Daly went 5-0 and John McBride went 3-0. Greg Armi, Sal D'Allura and Sal Muoio went 2-0 in the sabre. The Notre Dame women beat the same three opponents by 14-2, 5-4 and 9-0 scores respectively as Marcella Lansford (Tom's sister) went 8-0 with the foil. St. Mary's turned back the same trio by 12-4, 6-3 and 9-0 counts. Twila Kitchin led the Belle's going 7-0 in the foil. These were the first matches of the season for all three teams.

The women's track club practices every day in the ACC concourse at 4:30 p.m. Anyone interested in participating is encouraged to attend. Be prepared to run outside. For more information contact Cindy McNally at 8152 or Rosanne Bellomo at 6896.

DePaul forward Mark Aguirre shattered the Blue Demons all-time scoring record of 1,896 points with a 25-point performance yesterday to lead the fourth-ranked Blue Demons, now 15-1, to a 90-75 victory over Wagner. Aguirre, a 6-foot-7 junior, surpassed the mark of former DePaul center Dave Corzine, who amassed his points from 1974-78. Aguirre, who now has 1,902 points in less than three years, set the mark when he converted a slam-dunk with 11:17 remaining.

Practice for Bengal Bouts will begin today at 4 p.m. in the boxing room. The Bengal Bouts are scheduled for March 14 and 7.

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from behind the net went in off of goalie Jensen's arm. Quickly after, Logan picked up a legitimate score off a fine feed through the crease by Humphreys, and the Dakota lead

was down to 5-3. But Dakota's Frank Burggraf netted a rebound on a scramble in front of McNamara, and the Irish could never regain their momentum.

Saturday's game was a hockey

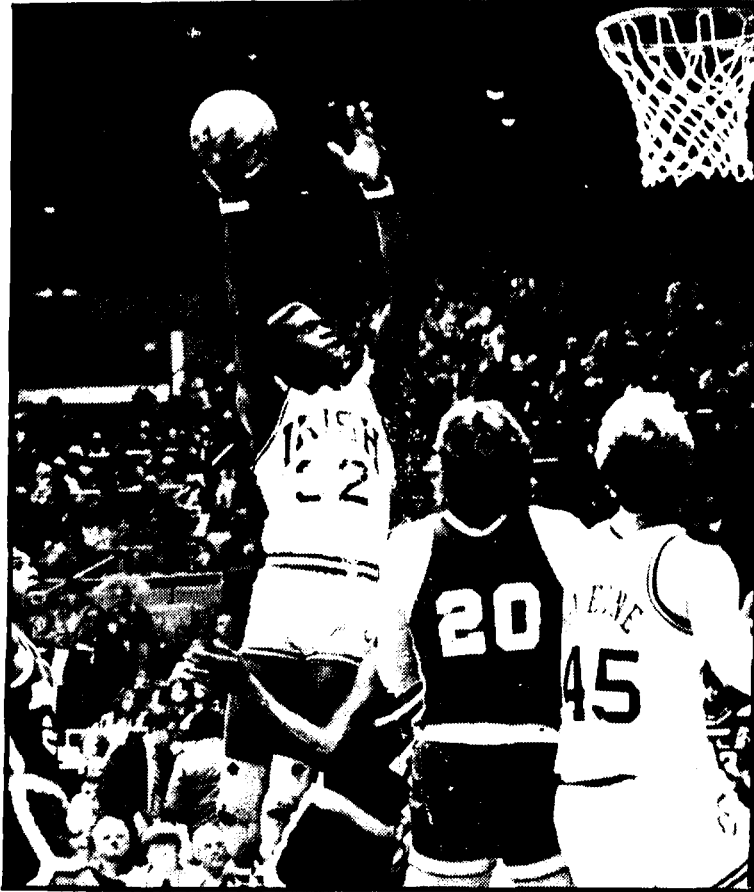
purist's delight, marked by close checking and steady goaltending by Jensen and McNamara. McNamara was almost perfect, allowing only a point-blank wrist shot by Phil Sykes — at 1:48 of the first period — to get past him. He faced 34 shots on the night, and looked sharp in his first full outing since suffering a 12-1 shellacking at the hands of Wisconsin.

The Irish offense was more efficient, but not more effective. They managed 40 shots on Jensen, but only Humphreys could get the puck past him. Midway through the third period, Poulin set up Logan with a shot from the right wing circle. His shot was blocked, but Humphreys, parked in front, slapped in the rebound to tie the game.

The ten-minute overtime produced no serious threats to either goal, although Smith agreed that his squad looked tentative in its forechecking, allowing the Sioux to outshoot his club 13-4 in the extra period.

"It was really sort of hairy out there," Smith said. "We started to be a little bit too cautious, and this is exactly what we warned them against doing."

Also hairy was Notre Dame's glaring inefficiency on the power play, with the Irish failing on all 10 advantages Saturday night and all six Friday night. "I don't think this has happened before in the entire history of the league," Smith joked afterwards. But it was a punchline accompanied by frustration: "It just drives you out of your tree."



Orlando "The Tree" Woolridge pumped in 15 points during Notre Dame's lackluster 10-point victory over visiting Fordham. See Gary Grasse's article on page 8. (Photo by John Macor)

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Vermeil is one of those coaches who has a bit of a warped sense of purpose in an amateur setting. But at the professional level, the former UCLA head coach's Lombardi-like philosophy seems to fit.

"The only fun thing about football," he professes, "is winning."

And to win in Philadelphia, Vermeil has gone to great lengths, including grueling training and practice sessions, staff meetings until 3 or 4 a.m. and then work by himself after that. The week before his team knocked off Pittsburgh in 1979, Vermeil spent the entire week in Veterans Stadium — night and day.

The Bergeys and the Charmichaels and the LeMasters know what the Vermeil Work Ethic has done for them. They remember the days when Ed Khayat made all of his players with facial hair remove it or they would be removed from the roster. They also remember Khayat's dismal 2-11-1 record in 1972.

They remember Mr. Nice Guy, Mike McCormack, who left George Allen's staff in Washington to lead the Eagles. They remember Mike's disappointing 4-10 1975 season.

They remember the Bicentennial weekend. Everyone else in the country was whooping it up as they celebrated America's 200th birthday. The Eagles were beginning their first Dick Vermeil summer survival-test, at least a week ahead of the rest of the teams.

They remember wondering, "What on earth could be worth all this?" The Eagles' first draft pick in 1976 was in the 4th Round, in 1977 the 5th Round and in 1978 the 3rd Round. All the blood, sweat and tears in the world couldn't build a future for this team.

But Dick Vermeil did.

Philadelphia enters Super Bowl XV with a roster that features just four 1st Round draft choices (DB Roynell Young, 1980; LB Jerry Robinson, 1979; OT Jerry Sisemore, 1973 and Claude Humphrey, 1968 by Atlanta), hardly a home-grown dynasty like the teams of the '70s — Pittsburgh, Dallas, Miami and Minnesota.

Vermeil took his own wisely-chosen picks, a surprising number of free agents, like Herman Edwards, Louie Giammona and Charley Smith, and refugees like Ron Jaworski, Woody Peoples and Humphreys, and built a championship... Vermeil-style.

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with Fordham will tipoff at 8 p.m. in the ACC...the game will be telecast nationwide on independent networks as part of Madison Square Garden's college basketball series on Monday nights...Fordham, coached by Tom Penders, is 10-3 on the season and penders has been saying this could be the year of a Fordham win over the Irish in the New York papers the past few weeks...Digger's move from Fordham to Notre Dame ten years ago has not been forgotten by the revenge-seeking Easterners...The Rams possess a balanced attack led by David Maxwell's 12.6 scoring mean...7-0 Dud (that's Dude) Tongal and cousin Edward Bona are key Fordham guns who hail from Sudan.

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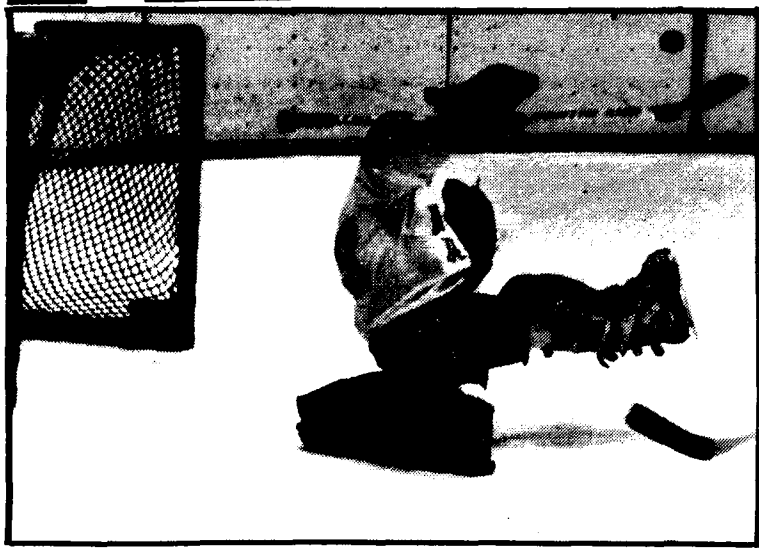
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Sophomore goalie Bob McNamara was nothing short of spectacular during Saturday night's sudden-death overtime period, collecting 13 of his game-total 33 saves during a 1-1 tie with top-ranked North Dakota. (Photo by Rachel Blount)

Five minute letdown

Icers salvage Saturday tie

By TOM JACKMAN
Sports Writer

By Lefty Smith's estimate, his Irish hockey club played about 125 minutes of solid hockey this weekend against the nation's top-ranked team, North Dakota. But in the remaining five minutes of the series, the visiting Fighting Sioux scored more goals than Notre Dame could muster both nights combined, and Dakota left South Bend with three additional points in the standings, via a 7-3 victory and a 1-1 tie.

The series kept Dakota solidly in first place in the WCHA, with a 10-4-2 league record, but the Irish fell further back in their continued struggle for the league's eighth (and last) playoff spot. The Irish fell to 5-10-1 in the league (11 points), while eighth place Colorado College picked up a Saturday night victory over Minnesota-Duluth, giving them three points of breathing room between themselves and the Irish.

Notre Dame did well to shut down the high-powered Dakota offense, led by freshman center Troy Murray (52 points in 22 games) and sophomore wing Glen White (42 points in 22 games). Of the two, only White was able to pick up a point when he assisted on Friday night's game-winning goal, while Murray was shut down completely.

The Irish skated well on both nights, forechecking aggressively and keeping the pressure off of its goalies. Notre Dame probably played most effectively during the first period of the first game, when Dakota could manage only six shots on Dave Laurion and the Irish repeatedly pressured Dakota goalie Darren Jensen.

The pressure finally paid off late in the period, when scrappy wing Bill Rothstein dug the puck out from behind the net and sent a centering pass in front. Defenseman Scott Cameron picked up the loose puck and fired it past Jensen with 15 seconds left — his second goal of the year — and the Irish had a 1-0 intermission lead.

Notre Dame continued to outskate the Sioux early in the second period, but Dakota smartly took advantage of two brief defensive lapses to find the net five times and put the game out of reach.

"There's always a snake out there waiting to bite us," noted Smith, "everytime we make a mistake." It was an appropriate metaphor to describe Dakota's tying goal, a routine slapshot from just inside the point by Craig Ludwig, which broke through the heel of Laurion's goalie stick and slid into the net.

Less than three minutes later, Dakota went ahead for good. Applying heavy pressure in front of the Irish goal, Troy Magnuson finally picked up a rebound and scooped it into the upper heart of the net over a sprawled Laurion. Dakota now had the momentum, and used it not long after for a three-goal burst that exploited some obvious Irish lapses.

First, Dunstan Carroll scored on a two-on-one break, sailing down the left side and then poking a wrist shot

between Laurion's legs. Forty seconds later, Laurion was beaten to the glove side as Dean Dachyshyn floated into the slot untouched and whipped a waist-high shot just inside the post. Finally, Dachyshyn scored again — Dakota's fourth shorthanded tally of the year — taking advantage of ND's failure to backcheck. The junior wing netted an easy backhander off another two-on-one break to up the margin to 5-1.

Laurion faced only eight shots in the period, but stopped only three, and Smith replaced him with Bob McNamara in the third period.

Notre Dame looked ready to jump back into the fray in the third period, scoring two goals in the first 40 seconds. Both goals were courtesy of Notre Dame's only effective line of the night: the line of Kevin Humphreys — Dave Poulin — Jeff Logan. Poulin scored after 12 seconds when his centering pass

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Women drop two

By DONNA WITZLEBEN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's women's basketball team met two tough Division I opponents over the weekend. But the inexperience of the Irish at that level showed as they lost both games by decisive margins.

Saturday, the slumping Irish played host to Miami of Ohio. The Irish and the Redskins played a tight first half as visiting Miami clung to a slim 27-26 margin with 3:48 remaining until the intermission.

The Redskins then exploded, taking advantage of an defensive breakdown to outscore the Irish 33-4 for a 61-30 lead early in the second half.

"We just died," said Coach Mary DiStanislao about her team's effort in the second half.

The Redskins, now 8-10 on the year, took advantage 62 per cent shooting for the game to tie an all-time Notre Dame opponents record for most points in a game enroute to their 93-53 romp.

Notre Dame's freshman guard Jenny Klauke poured in 14 while classmate and backcourt mate Molly Ryan and sophomore forward Shari Matvey each helped with 10 a piece.

Notre Dame's disappointing 40 per cent shooting from the floor made the difference.

Against Illinois Chicago-Circle yesterday, DiStanislao decided to "try and break out of the slump," starting freshmen Klauke, Ryan, Teresa Mullins and Kara O'Malley and sophomore Debbie Hensley. Little seemed to go well for the Irish, however, as Circle rolled to a 78-61 victory. One of many fast break buckets put the hustling Chikas up by 12 with 8:07 remaining in the first half. Notre Dame was unable to pull no closer than nine points thereafter. The Irish couldn't contain red-hot Linda Blackwell who finished with 26 points.

Notre Dame was led by game-high scorer Matvey with 29 points. Klauke added 16 in a losing cause. The Irish shot poorly from the floor once again — a 34 per cent effort. The Irish record dropped to 5-8.

DiStanislao's crew must now regroup for its Thursday night clash with visiting Valparaiso. "We're going to play more aggressively," said DiStanislao, who must erase this weekend's performance from her team's mind. "Tomorrow's another team and another game."

For Eagle vets

Tears of joy in Philly

PHILADELPHIA — It's very easy to accept things that are given to us. It's another matter to fully appreciate them.

The City of Brotherly Love was quite fortunate during the last 10 months. The world of professional sports blessed this city with the best baseball team, the second best basketball team and the second best hockey team in 1980. Now Pittsburgh's replacement as the City of Champions is on the verge of owning a Super Bowl championship.

Philadelphia Eagle fans cannot fully grasp what their team accomplished this year. They filled the stands, made their feelings known when they disapproved and went bonzo when everything went the way it was supposed to. But to really appreciate what the team accomplished, they would have had to have been part of the organization for the past decade.

Their beloved "Iggles" had just beaten the Minnesota Vikings, 31-16, to earn a spot in their first conference title game in 20 years. The crowd of 70,000 strong remained in the stands chanting "We Want Dallas," with hopes of a Cowboy victory over the Falcons the next day. That would bring the title game to Philadelphia instead of making their "Iggles" go to Atlanta.

In the locker room, the scene was somewhat different. The players and coaches were politely telling Irv Cross on CBS that they didn't care who they played next week. "I'm just happy to be going," said veteran linebacker Bill Bergey.

A few minutes later, the room fell silent. The players fell to their knees as the team chaplain read a Psalm of Thanksgiving. Then Coach Dick Vermeil collected himself enough to express a few heartfelt emotions.

"You guys know how I feel," he said as he fought to hold back further tears. "You guys who have been here



for five years, and I'm not slighting the ones who have been here for four or three or two or one, but you guys like Harold Carmichael and Stan Walters and Bill Bergey and Jerry Sisemore and Frank LeMaster — you remember what it was like when I first got here. You hated the way I made you work. But man, it was worth it."

And a week later, the dream of a lifetime became a reality. The Cowboys couldn't turn things around like they did in Atlanta the previous week. The Eagles overwhelmed the line of scrimmage, and Dallas, 20-7. They were on their way to New Orleans. The scoreboard told the fans who had endured a 17-below wind-chill factor the good news:

"WEATHER IN THE SUPERDOME — 72 AND DRY"

"America's Team" would be watching the Super Bowl on American TV. His team was on its way to perhaps the biggest sporting event in North America, but Vermeil couldn't believe it.

"I really can't visualize going to the Super Bowl," he said. "I really can't. I told the squad that last night. I said, 'It's almost incomprehensible we're this close to going,' and now it's almost impossible to believe we are going."

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Cagers get by Hofstra, ready for Fordham

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Fresh from two last-second defeats at the end of its Christmas road trip, the Notre Dame basketball team returned to more familiar quarters, but even some good homecooking and the confines of the ACC couldn't generate more than the sloppiest of victories over Hofstra by a 65-55 margin Saturday afternoon.

"They gave us a scare when they got (the lead) down to four," said All-America forward Kelly Tripucka of the seventh-ranked Irish, now 9-3 on the season. "But we kept our composure. I never felt we were going to lose."

But the Flying Dutchmen from Long Island sure felt they had a chance to steal an unlikely win with 4:32 to play and Notre Dame's lead cut to 51-47. Hofstra had trailed by seven, but Dutchmen high scorer David Taylor drove to the hole and drew an invisible foul from Notre Dame's Orlando Woolridge.

Taylor, who totaled 16 points, hit both free throws and was awarded a third because Woolridge had grabbed the rim on after his foul. The 6-8 Dutchman hit the technical and Hofstra prepared to inbound at midcourt. Despite the pleas of coach Dick Berg for his team to call a timeout, the Dutchmen inbounded, Taylor traveled, and the momentum swung to Notre Dame.

Tracy Jackson hit a jumper from the left side of the key for Notre Dame. Irish forward Bill Varner followed home his own miss and Hofstra, although the lead was only four with 1:37 left, was forced to play catch-up and foul the rest of the way.

"I thought two of them (Hofstra players) were looking right at me or I would have stepped further out on the court," Berg said of the non-timeout.

The game probably wouldn't have stayed close had the Irish been able to dispell the gang-that-can't-shoot-straight image that has plagued them since Tuesday's loss to San Francisco. Saturday's 37 per cent performance from the floor was only the second time Notre Dame has failed to make half its shots in a game all year.

The game had all the makings of a

scoreless tie before Tripucka converted a three-point play almost four minutes into the contest. Hofstra didn't grace the double-figures category for 11 minutes when 6-8 Gary Cheslock hit an awkward hook from in close to lift the score to a resounding 12-11 count in Notre Dame's favor.

Hofstra, which chipped in 22 turnovers to the Irish cause on the day, was very sloppy. But Notre Dame's offensive play was equally gracious in the missed-shot category and the Irish struggled to a 31-28 halftime edge.

"We're just not shooting well," said Irish guard John Paxson, who was an uncharacteristic 2-of-8 against Hofstra. "But then again anytime you can beat a team by 10 and shoot whatever we shot, we're not in bad shape."

Notre Dame lead all the way and by as much as 45-34 eight minutes into the second half, but Hofstra, one of the best 6-8 teams in the country, never gave up. Taylor worked the lane effectively with the unorthodox Cheslock (14 points) and Lionel Harvey (13 points), but the Tripucka-Woolridge-Jackson trio bailed out the Irish when it counted.

Jackson used his muscle to dominate Hofstra's smallest backcourt with 17 points and 8 rebounds, while Tripucka and Woolridge cashed in 19 and 15 points respectively. The 6-6 Tripucka sank four of his nine foul shots in the final minute to end Hofstra's final threat.

"I thought early in the game, our shot selection was poor," said Notre Dame coach Digger Phelps. "At the end of the game we kept our poise and made our foul shots."

Tripucka was relieved to end the two-game losing streak, but surprised by the Dutchmen. "I think there was a confidence factor working against us," he said. "After two tough losses to two teams we were better than, to turn around and play somebody we didn't know much about was hard."

"We'll get the momentum back," he added. "We're trying to catch up on our sleep after the trip, but Fordham's gonna be tough...these next three games are gonna be tough."

HOOP-LORE — Tonight's game

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