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258 soldiers on trip home perish during plane tragedy

Associated Press

GANDER, Newfoundland - A DC-8 charter full of U.S. soldiers returning from the Middle East crashed and exploded yesterday near Gander International Airport, killing all 258 aboard and scattering gifts and weapons across snow-covered woods.

Families and friends learned of the disaster as they assembled for a brass-band welcome at the headquarters of the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Ky., but carried on with plans for a Christmas music concert as a tribute to the dead.

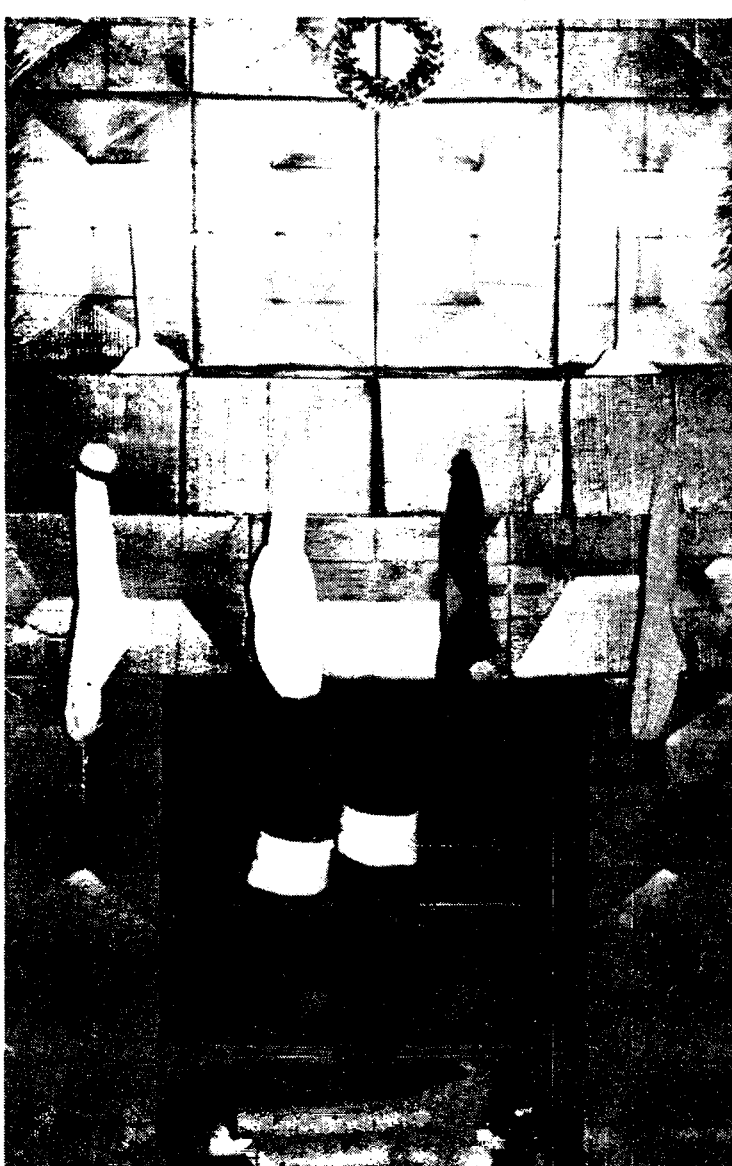
Airport employees recalled hearing the exuberant Americans singing carols as they crowded into the duty-free shop.

"Just about every one of them bought some little thing to take back home," said cashier Cynthia Goodyear. "They were just so happy to be going home."

Cause of the 6:45 a.m. (5:15 a.m. EST) crash remained under investigation, but the White House said preliminary reports showed no indication of sabotage or an in-flight explosion in history's eighth-worst aviation disaster.

The charred cockpit voice and flight recorders were recovered and will be taken to Ottawa for analysis,

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Suspended Santa

The Observer/Mary Sharon White

Santa Claus seems to need to do some light eating for the holidays as he is shown stuck in a fireplace made by residents of Alumni Hall. The Christmas stockings hung with care are among many holiday decorations found throughout the campus.

Six million dollars presented by Kroc for peace studies

Special to The Observer

The University of Notre Dame has received a \$6 million gift from Joan Kroc, widow of Ray Kroc, the founder of the McDonald's restaurant chain, to establish an Institute for Peace Studies. The benefaction is one of the largest personal gifts ever received by the University.

The announcement of the award was made this morning.

Father Theodore Hesburgh, University president, said, "In her bold efforts for the cause of global peace, Joan Kroc displays an enthusiasm harmonious with Notre Dame's deepest institutional aspirations. Her generosity will invigorate and dramatically expand several initiatives already underway here to promote peace in both the academic and policy-making worlds."

The institute endowed by Kroc's gift will be directed by John Gilligan, former governor of Ohio and now Francis J. O'Malley University Professor at Notre Dame. Gilligan, who has been a fellow at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and at the John F.

Kennedy Institute of Politics at Harvard, was appointed by President Jimmy Carter in 1977 as administrator of the Agency for International Development. He has been on Notre Dame's faculty since 1979.

Among other activities, the new institute will establish peace fellowships for young scholars of several nations including the Soviet Union and the People's Republic of China; consolidate existing courses into a comprehensive program of peace studies for Notre Dame undergraduate students; develop a multidisciplinary research program to explore specific aspects of the relationships among human rights, justice and peace; attract eminent scholars to lecture, write and guide the work of peace studies graduate students at Notre Dame and develop a series of lectures and seminars.

In announcing her gift, Kroc noted, "Father Hesburgh knows that peace on earth won't come through a quick technological fix, but by dealing with the causes of conflict: injustices of all kinds, ignorance, poverty, hunger and disease."

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Government approves temporary funding bill

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Congress, unable to agree on a multi-billion dollar funding measure for the full fiscal year, whisked through a stop-gap bill yesterday needed to tide many federal agencies over for the weekend and prevent disruption of government services.

At the same time, administration officials reported progress in their efforts to cajole Republican lawmakers into reviving proposals for major overhaul of the tax laws - the top item on President Reagan's second-term domestic agenda. Even so, Representative Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., told reporters, "The bill's not dead yet, but the patient is on the table and dying."

The stopgap spending measure replaced an existing bill due to expire at midnight, and was approved first by a voice vote in the House. The Senate quickly followed suit, with Senator Mark Hatfield, R-Ore., chairman of the Appropriations Committee, saying that the alternative could be the "furloughing of federal employees" if the federal till ran dry.

With the end of the congressional session clearly in sight, House and Senate negotiators also made headway on a compromise long-term farm bill, and labored on a measure to cut federal deficits by as much as \$80 billion over the next three years.

Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole said it would be an "abdication of everything we've done all year" if Congress left town without finishing

work on the spending cuts. But others said agreement would be difficult, since many of the proposed cuts involve domestic programs.

A compromise bailout for the Farm Credit System also was on a short list of year-end legislation.

Weary lawmakers looked forward to the end of the session as Reagan, acting without ceremony, signed landmark legislation designed to force a balanced budget by 1991. That bill was cleared by Congress on Wednesday after months of wrangling.

But the controversy lingered as O'Neill blistered the plan as a "fake and a fraud" that would harm the poor, and Representative Mike Synar, D-Okla., filed suit in U.S. District Court challenging a provision that could lead to automatic spending cuts.

The bill signed by the president also raised the debt limit above \$2 trillion in time to avoid serious dis-

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Rhodes quest continues for three

By MARY HEILMANN
Assistant News Editor

Three Notre Dame seniors have been selected as regional finalists in the Rhodes scholarship competition, one of whom also has won the Marshall scholarship.

Greg Abowd, a math and physics major from Michigan, was given a Marshall scholarship, one of only 30 chosen nationwide, following his interview last Monday. Abowd was also named a regional finalist from his state for a Rhodes scholarship.

Also advancing to the regional competition were Theresa Doering, an English and German major from South Bend, and John Beretska, a science pre-professional major from Minneapolis.

"We're very excited about the success of the students," said Nathan Hatch, director of the Institute of Scholarship in the liberal arts, and one of the faculty members who was involved in the application and endorsement process for the University.

Hatch said the University contacted those students in the top ten percent of the senior class during the first week of school and invited them to participate in the competition. Of these students, 29 completed applications, which were examined by a team of four faculty members who chose 14 to interview. This number was then pared to seven students who represented

the University in the state competitions, Hatch said.

"It's probably as intensive an internal process as exists in any university," Hatch added, explaining that the endorsement committee wanted those students chosen to have the best possible chance for advancement in the competition.

After students are endorsed by their universities, their applications are sent to their home-state's committee, which chooses 12 students for interviews. From these 12, the state committee endorses two, who advance to one of the eight regional competitions. These regions then select four Rhodes scholars from the 12 students sent to them by the states.

"It's a great accomplishment in itself that each of the students endorsed by the University received a state interview," Hatch noted. "Each state accepts 30 or 40 applications, but only chooses 10 to 12 students to interview, so in a sense you've made a big cut there," he added.

Abowd echoed this feeling, saying, "I think it's important to stress not so much the fact that I won one of these, because that involved a lot of luck. I think something more commendable was just receiving the interview, because that's a great accomplishment itself. My luck shouldn't be blown out of proportion."

In addition to Abowd, Beretska, and Doering, Notre Dame students

who received state interviews were: Greg Dingens, an arts and letters pre-professional and history major; Carl Krill, a physics and philosophy major who also was nominated for the Marshall scholarship; Dava Newman, an aerospace engineering major; and Sean Reardon, a PLS and math major.

The University has received no word as yet on Newman's and Krill's status in the competition.

The Rhodes scholarship was established when Cecil Rhodes, a successful South African colonist, sought to bring people from the British commonwealth to Oxford, his alma mater. It grants two-year fellowships which enable scholars to pursue a second undergraduate degree or a graduate degree at Oxford University in England.

Like the Rhodes, the Marshall scholarship provides for two years of study, but it is applicable to any British university.

If he decides to accept the Marshall scholarship, Abowd will study mathematics at Cambridge University. "I'd have a hard time choosing between one or the other (the Rhodes and Marshall scholarships) but it's a decision I might not have to make," Abowd commented.

Abowd and Doering will be interviewed for the Rhodes scholarship in Chicago this Saturday, while Beretska will have his interview in Minneapolis.

Until 1986

Although Santa's Workshop is just beginning operations, The Observer production is closing. This will be the last issue of The Observer before semester break. The newspaper will resume publication on Wednesday, Jan. 15. The Observer staff wishes all students, faculty, and staff a safe and happy holiday season. Merry Christmas!

In Brief

Liberal but apathetic is how the students of Princeton University appear in a recent survey by the school's student newspaper. Of those students who voted in the 1984 election, 62 percent voted for Mondale and 36.7 percent for Reagan. The catch, however, is that only 28.6 percent of those eligible to vote participated. Overall, 40 percent call themselves Democrats and 24.8 percent Republicans. - *The Observer*

A drug to cure baldness has been developed by Upjohn Co., and now awaits approval by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for prescription sales of the drug, the company said yesterday. The drug has been tested as a remedy for both male pattern baldness, which is the hair loss many men experience with advancing age, and patchy baldness, which is an unusual massive loss of hair all over the body, an Upjohn spokesman said. Upjohn hopes to market the drug as a prescription medicine under the trade name Regaine. - *AP*

Of Interest

Notre Dame's Shakespeare Club will hold its second annual Christmas celebration tonight from 7 to 9:30 p.m. The celebration includes a candlelit three-course meal, drama and music. A limited supply of tickets is available at the English department office, Room 309 O'Shaughnessy. The price is \$3.50 for students, \$7 for faculty. - *The Observer*

Parietals at Saint Mary's during final exam week are as follows: there will be no male visitation from today until Sunday. Regular parietals hours will resume on Monday. - *The Observer*

New Jersey Christmas bus sign-ups are today from 1 to 3 at the OBUD desk at LaFortune Student Center. Stops include East Brunswick and New York City. The price of a round trip ticket is \$80. - *The Observer*

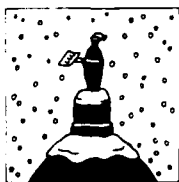
A Freshman Class Mass will be held on Sunday, Dec. 15 at 2 in Sacred Heart Church. The Mass will be celebrated by Father Andre Leveille. A collection will be taken up for Kevin Hurley. - *The Observer*

The Clark Telecommunications office in Memorial Library will be closed for the semester break beginning Dec. 21. Any questions or problems during break can be directed to a Clark representative at 282-3838. - *The Observer*

A holiday Mass and reception sponsored by the Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph Valley will be held on Sunday, Dec. 15 at 4 p.m. in Sacred Heart Church. Father Theodore Heshburgh, University president, will be the celebrant. A reception will be held afterward. - *The Observer*

Weather

Since we've no place to go, let it snow, let it snow... Seventy percent chance of snow showers today and tonight. Cold tonight with lows of five to 15, and a northwest wind 10 to 20 miles per hour. Snow accumulation possible. Chance of snow flurries tomorrow with a high in the low 20s. - *AP*



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Up on the dormtop

*Up on the dormtop
Reindeers said,
"Where's our driver,
Santa Ted."*

*"He's due here with
Sacks of toys,
All for good Domer
Girls and boys."*

*Ho! Ho! Ho!
Who wouldn't go?
Ho! Ho! Ho!
Up on the dormtop,
In a sled,
Off to Santo Domingo
With Santa Ted.*

*First comes the stocking
Of little Bill,
Oh dear Santa,
Load it well.
Give him a senate that doesn't pout,
And a smirk that won't wear out.*

*Next comes the stocking
Of little Lou,
Oh dear Santa,
Fill it, do.
Give him a team that will win, win, win,
Cause under the Dome, losing's a sin.*

*Now comes the stocking
Of Annie Firth,
Oh dear Santa,
Don't leave a dearth,
Do a favor to all good Domers,
Take her home and bring back Roemer.*

*Next comes the stocking
Of little Dave,
Santa dear, tell
What you gave.
Slingshots and squirt guns and teddy bears,
And some real neat plastic hair.*

*Last here's the stocking
Of the Danny Dome,
Oh dear Santa,
Send him home.
Give him a final like ice cream cake,
Cause if he fails, Mom's heart will break.*

*And next semester, please help him through,
Please try to give him a date or two.
Give him a sky that's odor-free,
And R.A.'s and rectors who cannot see.*

*Ho! Ho! Ho!
Who wouldn't go?
Ho! Ho! Ho!
Up on the dormtop,
In a sled,
Off to Santo Domingo
With Santa Ted.*



MARK WEINHOLT

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By Amy Stephan

Just in Time for Christmas!

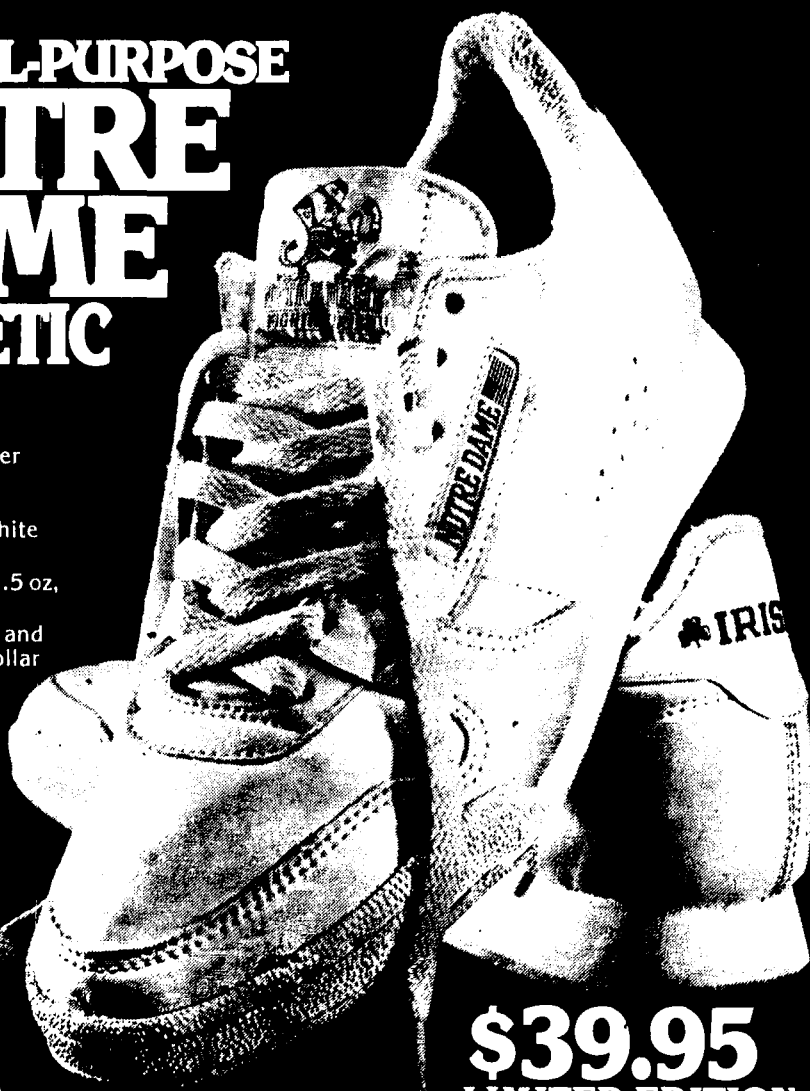
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Resident assistant forms due at beginning of semester

By JAMES BRENNAN
News Staff

Students interested in becoming resident assistants at Notre Dame next year can pick up their applications until Jan. 17 at the Office of Student Affairs. The selection process will begin Jan. 24 and will last until March 10.

Any present or prospective senior or graduate/professional student who has achieved a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average by the end of this semester is eligible for the selection process, according to a memorandum issued by Associate Vice President for Residence Life John Goldrick.

Financial need is not a require-

ment; applicants do not have to file the Financial Aid Form. An applicant's financial circumstances, however, may be considered by the rector. Applicants should limit their hall preferences to their own residence hall or any other hall, according to the memo sent to hall rectors and assistant rectors.

As compensation for their services, resident assistants are provided room, board and laundry.

Resident assistants perform many duties and services for their dorms. Working under the direction of the rector, resident assistants help enforce University rules and work with the students to maintain an atmosphere conducive to their growth, according to a general description

provided by the Office of Student Affairs.

The description says resident assistants are expected to be available to the students and to help them with their needs, whether academic, social, personal or physical. They also are expected to display leadership and maturity in their own personal lives.

Candidates must include three recommendations in their applications. It is preferable that two recommendations come from faculty members or advisors and that the third come from a former employer. Prospective law school students must include a formal letter of approval from the assistant dean for academic affairs at Notre Dame

Law School.

The Office of Student Affairs must receive all applications, recommendations, and letters of approval by the Jan. 24 deadline. Any applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

In the initial stage of the selection process, senior staff members of the Office of Student Affairs will review all the applications. They look for completeness, any negative recommendations, and the applicant's grade point average. On Feb. 3 the office will notify the rectors which applicants have been approved for further consideration. It also will notify all approved or unapproved candidates of its decisions.

Applicants approved by the Office

of Student Affairs must contact the rector of their listed hall preference in order to arrange an interview. All interviews must be completed prior to March 3. The specific qualities a rector looks for in an applicant are left completely to his or her discretion.

By March 3, the rectors will have interviewed and selected applicants and notified the Office of Student Affairs of their decisions. If the Office of Student Affairs concurs with the rectors' choices it will send letters of appointment to the selected candidates on March 10. At that time, it also will notify all unapproved candidates. Those selected must sign appointment contracts in the Office of Student Affairs on March 31.

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The reading and musical auditions: Wednesday,
Jan. 15, and Thursday, Jan. 16 in O'Laughlin Aud.
Saint Mary's, 7:10 p.m.

Prepare two contrasting short monologues and a
song from West Side Story.

Kroc

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On May 30 of this year, Kroc published full-page advertisements in major newspapers calling on citizens troubled by the nuclear arms race to share their views with elected representatives. On July 17, she published similar advertisements in 94 newspapers suggesting that readers urge President Reagan and Secretary Gorbachev to agree on a halt to nuclear weapons testing at their November summit meeting in Geneva.

Before her marriage to Ray Kroc, Mrs. Kroc, a native of Saint Paul, Minn., worked as a musician, music



Joan Kroc

teacher and director of music for KSTP-TV in Minneapolis. She moved with her husband to San Diego in 1974 when he purchased the San Diego Padres baseball team and has lived there ever since.

In 1976, she founded Operation Cork, an educational program on the problems of drug and alcohol abuse. The program promotes the establishment of employee assistance programs in American businesses to combat chemical dependence and other problems affecting job performance and personal relationships.

In addition to her financial gifts to pro-disarmament organizations like the Center for Defense Information and Mothers Embracing Nuclear Disarmament, Kroc recently commissioned the printing of 500,000 paperback copies of disarmament activist Helen Caldicott's book, "Missile Envy" for free distribution to leaders in government and education.

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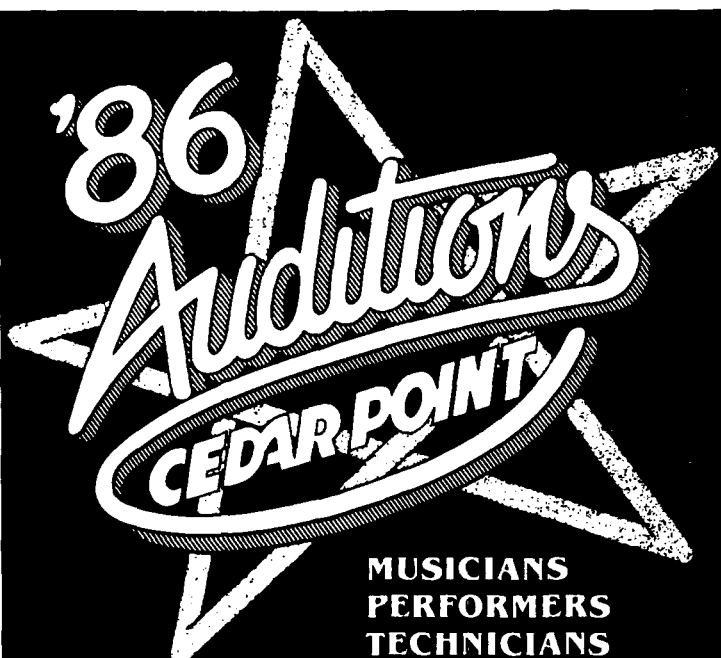
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Western Michigan University
Dallan Center
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Registration: 2:30-5:30 p.m.

East Lansing, Mich.:
Wednesday, Jan. 15
Michigan State University
MSU Union Ballroom
Registration: 4-7 p.m.

Pittsburgh, Pa.:
Friday, Jan. 17
University Inn
Forbes at McKee Place
Registration: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Kent, Ohio:
Saturday, Jan. 18
Kent State University
Wright-Curtis Theatre
Registration: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Columbus, Ohio:
Monday, Jan. 20
Ohio State University
School of Music - Weigel Hall
Registration: 2:30-5:30 p.m.

Dayton, Ohio:
Tuesday, Jan. 21
Ramada Inn North
4079 Little York Road
Registration: 2:30-5:30 p.m.

Indianapolis, Ind.:
Wednesday, Jan. 22
Butler University
Atherton Center - third floor
Registration: 2:30-5:30 p.m.

Bloomington, Ind.:
Thursday, Jan. 23
Indiana University
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Registration: 2:30-5:30 p.m.

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Brother discouraged about summit conducts one-man demonstration

By MEG EGAN
News Staff

The recent summit between the United States and the Soviet Union was a failure, according to Brother Bill Mewes, member of the Holy Cross order and nuclear activist.

Armed with several hundred fliers and a placard stating, "Russia Stopped Testing. Why Don't We?" Mewes initiated a one-man nuclear demonstration in North Dining Hall on Dec. 4.

Mewes demonstrated in response to President Reagan's failure to comply to a Soviet proposal for a unilateral halt to nuclear weapons testing, he said.

The Soviet Union halted all nuclear testing on August 6. It will not resume testing until Jan. 1, 1986, according to Mewes. The Soviets have presented the possibility of eliminating all tests beyond that date, but only if the United States does the same, he added.

Thus far, President Reagan has refused to halt nuclear weapons testing. If he continues his refusal, the U.S.S.R. will resume its testing Jan. 1, said Mewes.

The chances that the United States will cease its testing by then "are practically nil. President Reagan has said he isn't going to stop."

Yet, said Mewes, the Soviet proposal presents a first step

towards unilateral disarmament, a step so significant that he was willing to don a sandwich-board placard and stand at North Dining Hall to tell people about it.

Mewes said he believes the press has all but ignored the issue, and so he has taken upon himself the job of advertising it.

"There's a real lack of awareness, both at Notre Dame and across the nation, that the Russians have stopped testing... and the emphasis here is to let people know that the Russians have halted testing and we haven't. We're at a tremendous opportunity here for a unilateral halt."

Students responded quietly to Mewes's lunchtime demonstration, he said. "Most of the students just took them (his fliers). I passed out about 500 or so at North Dining Hall. Five to 10 refused to take them, two or three had positive remarks, and two or three had negative," Mewes said.

Mewes worked single-handedly because he "couldn't get anybody else to do it," he said. A steering committee of the St. Joseph County Nuclear Weapons Freeze Committee, which Mewes founded, refrained from involvement because of the wording of Mewes's placards, said Mewes.

"When people see 'Russia' a red flag pops up in their heads," he said. The steering committee felt that the

wording, "Russia Stopped Testing. Why Don't We?" would cause negative reactions to the protest, rather than arousing responsible awareness, Mewes said.

Mewes, who describes himself as "basically a full-time student," has spent a total of 13 years at Notre Dame. His student-status may cause him to refrain from future demonstrations. "I've gotten to a point where I've got to cut back. I had a big talk with myself. Since I'm here to study I'd better spend more time with the books and let other people do it (demonstrate)," he said.

Mewes first became active in the nuclear issue when he "realized we were going to blow ourselves up." Mewes said he believes that the so-called "arms race" between the United States and the Soviet Union is leading the two countries to imminent nuclear disaster.

He said he believes that this rate of proliferation, coupled with the race for technological superiority, can lead only to destruction. Both countries run their nuclear systems by computer, and the number of computer errors in the United States grows yearly, thus increasing the likelihood of an accidental nuclear war.

The recent Geneva summit talks with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev were, in the words of Mewes, "a big flop."

Canadian Transport Minister Don Mazankowski said the plane climbed no higher than 1,000 feet before crashing.

Transport Canada spokesman Bruce Reid, returning from a helicopter tour over the site, said there was no suggestion that the plane exploded in flight.

"Where it came down, it obviously exploded on impact. Everything in the area is charred," he said.

Children's clothing, apparently intended as gifts, and pieces of gray fuselage were strewn across the ground at the north end of Gander Lake.

Crash

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said Peter Boag of the Canadian Aviation Safety Board, who was directing the investigation.

The charter flight operated by Arrow Air of Miami carried members of the 101st Airborne who were being rotated home after six months service in the multi-national peacekeeping force in Egypt's Sinai peninsula.

Military authorities said it might take a day or two to notify all the next-of-kin, and as long as a week to positively identify remains.

CBC television showed debris smoldering in the snow beneath tall evergreens in sparse, hilly woods where the plane went down almost a half-mile from the runway near Gander Lake.

Airport manager John Pitman said the aircraft carried 101,000 pounds of fuel on takeoff.

Roads to the airport were blocked and emergency vehicles with yellow lights flashing stood by as shivering rescue workers searched in vain for survivors. Smoke lingered in the air hours after the crash.

"There was a flash, just like a sun-burst," said Judy Parsons, a car rental agent who witnessed the crash from the Gander parking lot. "It lasted for just two seconds and then I heard an explosion. There was a lot of black smoke."

Hedley Gill, another car agent who also was outside, said, "I saw this big mushroom cloud off the runway."

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Dan DeCarlo

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Priest acts as pastoral advisor in bishop synod videotaping

By LIZ PORTER
News Staff

As the synod of bishops conducted their talks at the Vatican, Father Joseph Gremillion, director of the Institution for Pastoral and Social Ministry at Notre Dame, assisted Golden Dome Productions in videotaping the assembly.

Gremillion served as a pastoral advisor to Golden Dome Productions, which is based at WNDU in South Bend. This was its first major en-

deavor in video ministry, which includes video cassettes and teleconferencing.

During his seven years of work in the Vatican as a department head, Gremillion promoted the goals of justice, peace and human rights in Africa, Asia and Latin America. These, and other issues "at the heart of the gospel," were to be discussed at the synod, he said.

According to Gremillion, the fact that black African and Asian ministers had been taking greater leader-

ship roles in the church produced a major influence at the synod, with 280 black bishops in attendance. Gremillion said he condoned the introduction of African and Asian cultures and tribes into the ministry.

He stated that this "evangelization of cultures" made the church "no longer a Western church, but a truly universal church."

Showing its importance in world issues, this synod attracted 600 accredited journalists to cover the

proceedings in Rome, with 100 from the United States.

In regard to the synod's effects on the Notre Dame community, Gremillion reiterated the deep feeling that Notre Dame is part of a world-wide movement which must maintain its leading role towards the goals of justice, peace and human rights.

Continuing these movements through the Institution of Social and Pastoral Ministry remains Gremillion's goal. Established 10 years ago,

this organization provides a channel through which Notre Dame's resources may be used for the continuing education of the ministry and lay people, carrying out the principles of Vatican II. By stretching far beyond the Notre Dame campus, the institute reaches the clergy of 180 dioceses and 19,000 parishes nationwide.

This ministry consists of seven major programs, serving not only the clergy, but the elderly and members of community parishes as well.

Observer News Staff

Don't forget to have a very merry Christmas, and a happy new year, too.

From Frank, Dan and Tess



Hesburgh: Union leads arms fight

Special to The Observer

A united effort by scientists and religious leaders has led the fight against nuclear weapons which has surfaced dramatically in the 1980s, Father Theodore Hesburgh, University president, said yesterday.

In remarks prepared for delivery at the 40th anniversary dinner of The Bulletin of Atomic Scientists at the University of Chicago, Hesburgh noted that "the nuclear arsenal grew in numbers and megatonnage, with new and more accurate systems of delivery on land, sea and sky - and now in outer space. Somehow in the early 1980s, our moral consciousness at last began to stir."

Hesburgh, whose term on the National Science Board from 1954 to 1966 coincided with the beginnings of the atomic age, said the United States has, more often than not, led the arms buildup. He pointed out that the United States first introduced the atom bomb, the intercontinental bomber, the jet bomber, the H-bomb, submarine-launched missiles, and multiple re-entry vehicles, with the USSR quickly following.

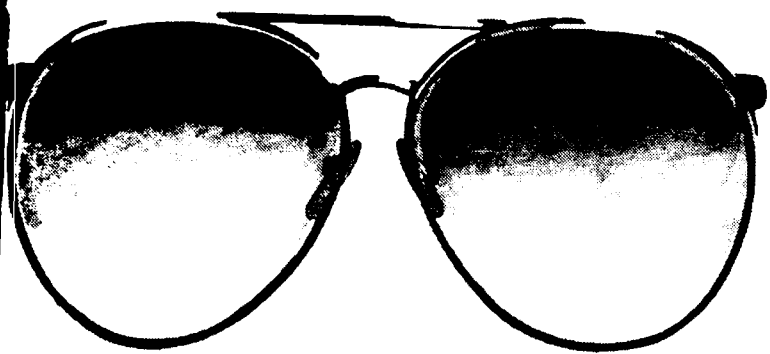
The Soviets were first with the intercontinental ballistic missile and the anti-ballistic missile, with the United States not far behind.

"There were during this period

many religious appeals to nuclear morality and sanity... but they went unheeded," Hesburgh observed. "About a quarter of our scientists and engineers were engaged in the macabre arms race. What caught the headlines were the war games spokesmen."

In the past few years, according to Hesburgh, a growing number of scientific groups - including the International Council of Scientific Unions, the Pontifical Academy of Sciences and the 1985 Nobel Peace Prize recipient, the International Physicians for Prevention of Nuclear War - have warned sharply about our new capability to virtually destroy the Earth.

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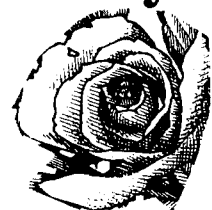
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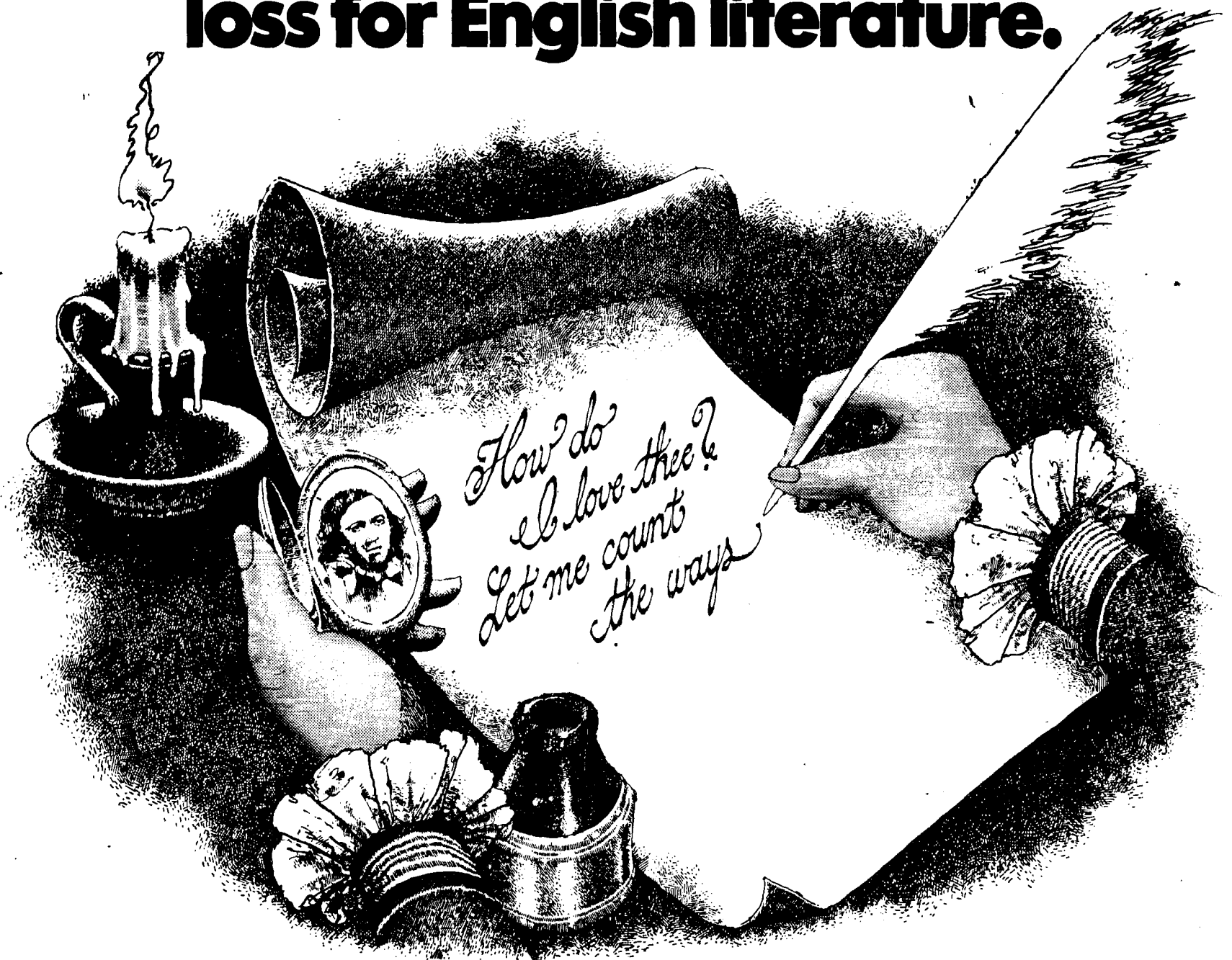
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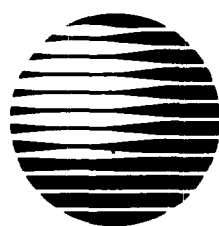
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Purity of Christmas spirit in bag lady's giving

Father Robert Griffin

Letters to a Lonely God



Pearl is a bag lady who pushes a shopping cart through the streets of Greenwich Village. She dresses in skirts that seem to be made of old bedspreads, and she wears men's shirts with the tail hanging out. You see her sleeping in doorways on warm nights. During the cold weather, she must have a hideaway in a building where heat comes up; otherwise she couldn't survive.

She never talks to anyone except to ask for a cigarette, or to yell at fresh kids, warning them to get away from her. Her old eyes always seem to be examining the street: watching for danger, guarding her things from curious street people who want to poke through them, and looking for trash cans where opportunity might knock for her. Everyone agrees that she's odd but harmless. The ladies who attend Mass at my church tell me that she is very street-wise.

Bag ladies belong to the poor whom the Lord said we would have always with us. Two years ago, Tiffany's had some sculptured figures of street people, including bag ladies, in their windows. At the feet of one of the bag ladies, Tiffany's had on display a \$25,000 diamond bracelet. The do-gooders were outraged: the store was

making fun of street people, they complained. It was a mockery of homeless women to use them to promote the sale of jewelry.

God knows the street people didn't care if they were featured. Very few of them, I suspect, bothered to go to 5th Avenue to look in Tiffany's windows. There is a protectionism that goes on in New York, where the bag ladies are a tourist attraction like the horse-drawn cabs at the Plaza.

At Christmas, every service group in town wants to serve dinner to the bag ladies. Other derelicts are invited too; but sad to say, the winos need watching, because they have a habit of getting drunk on the cash handouts they collect from shoppers.

Bag ladies, if they were ever drinkers, have had their thirst burnt out; they don't seem to be winos. They may have lice, or be anti-social; but if you can get them to sit down to a meal, they are peaceable enough. It's a status symbol, when you're running a program that serves turkey "with all the fixin's" to the homeless at Christmas, to have a group of bag ladies on your guest list.

Some of the street people eat two or three Christmas dinners in the same afternoon, and you can hear

them comparing menus. The first place served them turkey and dressing. The second place served them chicken and ham. Every place in town served pumpkin pie, except the Salvation Army, which served ice cream. Early comers got mints in a paper cup. They sound observant enough to write restaurant reviews for the New Yorker.

I hope that it doesn't sound insensitive, like Tiffany's, to say that the street people, as part of the local color, are highly entertaining. Some of them are pros in manipulating you with guilt. A regular approach is you with outstretched hand: "Merry Christmas! Can you spare a little change?" Playing Santa Claus, you give him two dollars instead of the usual one. He wants to shake you down for five or 10: "God bless you, sir. Do you know where I can get a good Christmas meal, like mother used to make, for two bucks?" A hour later, you'll meet him in a different neighborhood going through the same routine.

He'll give you a wink that says he counts on you as his co-conspirator to be amused to find out he's a fake. Thousands of the street people are profoundly tragic; but a good number of them make a good living from playing the tragic role.

Christmas, as you grow older, hurts more every year. The plastic holly and styrofoam candy canes which have been decorating the stores since Halloween are so offensive that they leave you depressed. The artificial trees seem

like a mockery of the evergreens that traditionally symbolize Christ.

The merchandising on television, the sales in the stores, emphasize the phoniness of a celebration in which you need lots of money or credit cards to be a serious participant. Christmas is hard on aging bachelors for obvious reasons: you have too many memories. In your younger days, when Christmas was still a family gathering, the holiday didn't seem so coldly materialistic.

In a year when Christmas is so tinselly it seems intolerable, I need the street people most. They remind me of the Holy Family in Bethlehem on the night there was no room for them in the inn. There are a thousand legends in our religious tradition of the stranger, who asks for help, turning out to be Christ. Since the time of Abraham, men have entertained angels representing God. Israel of old stressed the importance of showing kindness to the stranger in the camp; the least of them, Jesus said, are holy, for they are stand-ins for Himself.

One of the major lessons of Christmas, it seems to me, is that there is room for everyone: the poor, the lame, the sick, the blind; for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven. After they have all come in, there is still room in my life for all the others I pay no attention to: the dullards, the bores, the fools, the rogues, the ugly, the creeps, the nerds, the cruel, the bums. Christmas tells me that no one should be allowed to feel un-

wanted; it's part of Christian discipline to find the divine spark in the poorest specimens of humanity. Christmas began the story of the unwanted God: unwanted at His birth, and so unwanted at the end that they finally killed Him. Yet He Himself turned no one away. He says to us: "Don't treat anyone as unnecessary."

At Christmas, I make room for the garrulous aunt, the idiot cousin, the uncle maudlin with drink, the neighbor who should be hanged as a nuisance. Sometimes they seem deeply touched because I'm kind to them; and I resolve to live lovingly as though it were Christmas the whole year long.

Pearl the crazy bag lady, I hear, has a gift list of her own. Her gifts aren't from Tiffany's. The stories circulate about her giving a can of fruit cocktail to a neat old man who tips his hat to her; three oranges wrapped in a newspaper to a Hispanic mother who makes her children tell Pearl hello; a pretty wreath, lifted from in front of the bank building, to two sisters who offered to knit gloves for her; some change in a dirty envelope to the pastor who lets her use the rectory bathroom.

She doesn't say a word, or stop to accept thanks. The Lord Himself isn't a more silent giver. Hearing about her, I think: if Tiffany's has a bag lady and a diamond bracelet in their window, the bracelet is out-classed by a Pearl of great price.

Blind date wins Gipp another try with Nicki Summers

This is the 12th episode in The Observer's serial publication of the Notre Dame football story, "The Gipper's Ghost." In last week's episode, Nicki Summers surprised an "overwhelmed" Dutch Reagan (the ghost of George Gipp) with her passing prowess, and Father Rock (the ghost of Knute Rockne) forecast the bright future of the new bunch of Irish starters.

The quest

It was Friday night. Hart Collins had arranged a blind date for Dutch Reagan with his girlfriend's roommate.

I don't know about this, Hart. I've never been on a blind date before."

"What's the matter, Dutch, you're not scared, are you? You didn't seem to be afraid of Purdue's tackles last week."

"Tackles are one thing. Brunettes are something else."

"Trust me. You'll like her. She's Lauren's roommate so she can't be all bad," Collins had met Lauren Kennedy at last year's freshman mixer. It had been love at first sight. She was a lovely, tanned blonde from Connecticut. Many considered her the most attractive girl on campus.

Collins had arranged to meet the girls at the entrance to the Engineering Auditorium, which did double-duty as a lecture hall in the daytime and a movie theater at night. This week, the Student Union Movie Commission was staging a George Lucas revival, showing some of his old classics. Tonight's feature was "The Empire Strikes Back."

Ryan O'Connor was joining them. He didn't have a date, but that wasn't unusual. He was forever faithful to his H.T.H., or "home-town honey," in Erie, a dark-eyed Italian girl named Linda.

Collins had been suppressing a smile all afternoon. Reagan was sure of it, but couldn't guess the reason. He knew the moment Kennedy arrived - with her roommate.

"Nicki," Lauren said, "I'd like you to meet

Dutch Reagan. Dutch, this is Nicki Summers."

Summers said, "This is a wonderful surprise. Dutch and I are practically old friends. We've met twice before."

Collins burst out laughing. "And Nicki won both rounds!"

The group entered the auditorium and chose seats in the middle rows. For the next two hours, they were transported to another galaxy as Luke Skywalker, Han Solo and the other Star Wars heroes battled the forces of the evil Empire.

Reagan seemed to enjoy the film most. He told Summers he had never seen it before, which she thought was odd. Imagine someone who had never seen a Star Wars film!

After the movie, the party of five squeezed into Summers' Camaro and drove to Denny's on U.S. 33, about 10 minutes north of campus. Many Notre Dame students chose to supplement their dining hall menu with an occasional meal off campus... just to be safe about good nutrition, vitamin requirements, and so forth.

Collins loved the movie. Ever thoughtful, he tried to put it in a broader perspective. "You know, my favorite character in the Star Wars series has always been Han Solo, the pilot of the Millennium Falcon. No matter what happens, he always fights his way through. No matter what the odds..."

"Great or small?"

"Cut it out, Dutch, I'm trying to be serious. No matter what the odds, he always keeps trying, facing every challenge. Remember the scene when Solo and his friends are being chased by enemy spaceships and he decides to fly his ship, the Millennium Falcon, directly into an asteroid belt to avoid the laser blasts? The rest of them thought he was crazy. Remember how C3PO, the gold robot, told him the odds of successfully navigating a spaceship through an asteroid field were something like 3,720 to one?"

His friends nodded.

Collins said, "What did he say?"

They knew.

They all said together, "Never tell me the odds!"

Collins paused.

"I know it's only a movie, but I wish we could instill a little of Solo's attitude into the team."

Summers agreed. "You're right. I think the old Notre Dame teams had that kind of spirit, if you want to call it that. There always seemed to be a common thread through the great game stories. No matter how much time was left, the greatest Notre Dame teams played their hearts out until the final gun sounded."

"Especially when Joe Montana was quarterback!" Collins said. "Remember the Cotton Bowl game when Notre Dame trailed 34 to 12 with seven minutes and 37



seconds to play, and still won 35 to 34?"

For the next half hour, the group debated what had led to the downfall of the Notre Dame football program. There was general agreement that many factors had contributed to the decline: academic pressures, higher admission standards for student-athletes, and of course, the routine scapegoat, co-education. They all dismissed the "Samson and Delilah" theory advanced by some of the more cynical alumni who remained convinced that the downfall was inevitable as soon as the school became

co-ed in the fall of 1972. The argument generally stated the players would be unable to concentrate on football with all those pretty girls on campus to distract them. Male students from those early days of co-education generally disputed that theory, and often supported their claim by producing visual evidence from their old Freshman Photo Directory, or "dog book" as it was more commonly known.

Finally, Collins said, "sometime before we graduate, I want to win the national championship for Notre Dame. I don't really have any interest in pursuing professional football, but I sure would enjoy winning the the national title for Notre Dame. I think that's a quest worth pursuing."

There was silence for a few moments while the others pondered his proposal.

Reagan broke the silence. "Like you said Hart. Never tell me the odds. It's agreed. We win the national championship."

Summers gave him an affectionate elbow. "Here, have another French fry, dreamer."

Around midnight, back on campus, Reagan walked Summers back to Breen-Phillips. At the door, he said, "I really enjoyed this evening, Nicki."

"Me, too."

"Well, I guess I should be going now." He moved closer.

"I guess so. I'd invite you in, but it's almost pumpkin time. You know how strict our hall rector, Sister Sarah, is about parietal violations."

"Yeah. Well, Nicki..." He moved closer.

Summers tilted her head slightly back. Extending his arm, Reagan shook her hand vigorously.

"Well, goodnight, Nicki. Thanks again. Be seeing you." Then he rushed away.

Summers folded her arms and sighed. She thought to herself, typical Notre Dame male!

But he is cute. For a football player.

To be continued...

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Lack of faith apparent from parietals decision

Two hours may not seem like a long time.

This Friday and Saturday nights, parietals will end at midnight, two hours before their usual time. The Notre Dame administration has decided to cut short hall visitation hours because it wants students to utilize their weekend study days before final exams.

This is not a major decision by the University and it will not have a great effect on student life. It is, however, yet another example of how administrators regard students as something other than mature adults capable of making their own decisions.

Shortening parietals this weekend will not make anyone study longer or harder for exams. What it will do is show students that administrators lack faith in them. Administrators are making decisions students should be allowed to make for themselves.

Saint Mary's parietals policy during exam week used to be even worse than Notre Dame's is now. Before a parietals revision last year, there was no visitation at all during exam week. This year, parietals will maintain their usual hours during the week.

It is time the Notre Dame administration stopped treating students as children and began treating them as mature, responsible citizens of this community.

- The Observer

Do not let love dwindle during your busy times

"I love you."

Three words mean so much and are easy to say. Yet, we still find difficulty in saying them. As the holidays approach and we look forward to being with family and close friends, these words must not be forgotten.

Mary Berger

makes you think

It may be trite, but it is true: Love does make the world go 'round. There may be war, hunger, loss of human rights and multitudes of other pains in the world which must be dealt with, but when it comes down to the line, the

most important things in our lives are those people near and dear to our hearts.

Friends and family do so much for us. They aid in our growth, always there to catch us if we fall or pat us on the backs. They share our tears and joys of laughter. They hope to shelter us from harm, but let us learn from our mistakes.

One may think success in life depends on the dean's list, a high-paying job or other material things gained through hard work. Without the love and support of someone, though, what do those rewards mean? Very little.

We must nurture the love we share with those close to us at all times. We must show our love and give it freely to those we care about. We must never let any priority top our need to love and be loved.

Signs of affection need not be big or grandiose. A smile shows you care, and "How are you doing?" does the same. These may be commonplace, but do not tell me you don't feel some warmth and desire to smile yourself when encountering a smiling face.

Short notes, cards and letters are always great because the receiver can return to them over and over whenever he or she needs to be reminded that they are loved.

Telling someone you love him is also wonderful. At times, we find it difficult to voice that feeling. Find the right time, though, and let that person know how you feel.

What I am trying to say is, don't get so caught up in finals now and whatever happens in the future that you let the blossoms of love surrounding you wither and die.

Let your friends here know what they mean to you and share with your family all of the love you feel for them. If you do not take the time to show your love now, after you finish what is keeping you so preoccupied at the moment, you'll find it is too late.

Mary Berger is enrolled in the Freshman Year of Studies at Notre Dame.



College is a great step for parents and children

I never really thought it would happen when I was growing up; some things always seem unattainable, just a little too crazy to be true. This certainly was one of those things. Sometime near third grade we heard about this college thing. Some children had even seen older brothers and sisters go to this mysterious place. I never thought I would make it. Think about it, you get to go live by yourself with 10,000 other kids in a place where no one can tell you what to do. When you are a child, that seems a little bit hard to believe. Come to think of it, it is hard for parents to believe too.

Daniel De Carlo

guest column

As the youngest of three boys I saw what happened to my parents and my brothers as one by one the children began to depart and head for the world of opportunity. College is one of those experiences in life that has the word "step" written all over it. College is a big step for the child and I think an even bigger step for the parents.

College is one of those special times in life that has the power to dictate your fate. For parents, sending a child to school is on par with bringing a child into the world. Most mothers and fathers will tell you the happiest times of their lives were when their children were born. The first born is always the biggest thrill, but the children that follow are not far behind. There is something about a birth that can cheer up just about anybody. Mom and Dad walk around with the bundle in their arms smiling from ear to ear as if to say, "Hey you, look what we made."

The years that follow are not always as smooth. It does not take long for most parents to discover that the kids take a little bit of work and an exhausting amount of love. So much love that an outsider might not be able to tell that what is going on in a certain house is indeed love. No matter what it sounds like, it is love. It just so happens that love takes on different faces.

I can't say for sure, but I have been told that raising a child takes a lot of work. So much work that most parents look forward to the

day when they can kick off their shoes, sit at home in peace and wait for that phone call from the university of wherever. They "claim" that will be their day of peace. I have come to the conclusion that that is not always the case. It has been my experience that when all the children leave, parents become just a little bit deranged.

For 18 years the parents have been a part of each and every day of their child's life. When the time comes they find it just a little hard to give that up without a fight. When the first child goes, the thought of being left alone does not yet enter their minds; there are still several more left to guide. But as each one goes, a sense of fright enters their hearts, until finally it is time to send "the baby" to the wolves. No one is left; there is no one left to guide. It is at this point that many parents become irrational in their behavior. They have spent the better part of their lives caring for other human beings, and now they are left with the sight of an empty house for the better part of the year.

After all the children have left, parents tend to relate past family events in a warped fashion. Stories that never really happened are told to friends about their children. They remember how their children were so caring always willing to lend a helping hand. They say things to people like, "Our children never cried when they were babies." Parents are thrown into stages of blind reminiscence. All of a sudden they have forgotten how rotten their kids can be. When mom and dad walk through department stores, they are always peaking into strollers saying absurd things like, "Honey, should we have another one?"

College is indeed a big step for parents and children alike. Pretty soon we will be heading home for a couple of weeks to spend some much needed times with our families. We look forward to our vacations because we treasure the time without the pressure of school. Our parents look forward to this time because it allows them to spend time with the projects into which they put so much heart and love. These three weeks are a chance for them to pat themselves on the back for a job well done.

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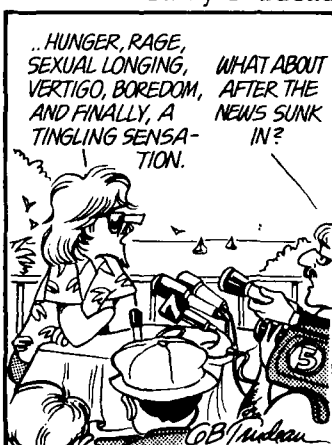
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Happenings

The perfect gift

Searching for presents is half the fun

CHRIS DALLAVO
features writer

Don't look now, but the Christmas shopping season has once again arrived. This brief period after the snowball civil war and before students leave the land of parietals and alcohol policies is a pressure-packed time for everyone. So, as a service to students busy with finals, here are some time-saving Christmas gift ideas for the whole family.

For those who can't stand losing sight of the Golden Dome, the Notre Dame Bookstore comes to the rescue. This is a unique store where one can buy clothes, gifts and everyday items - each of which has "Notre Dame" written all over it. The bookstore is the perfect stop for younger brothers and sisters who love anything associated with Notre Dame, especially sweatshirts. On-campus shopping not only saves time but usually makes everyone happy.

For those who wish to venture away from campus, there are all kinds of wonderful new toys just begging to be bought.

To be like everyone else, one can get the toddler in the family a Cabbage Patch doll, which comes complete with its own birth certificate. A more original gift is a newer doll, an updated version of a popular candy. That's right, direct from the local vending machine come the Gummi Bears - Gruffi Gummi, Zummi Gummi, Cubbi Gummi and Tummi Gummi. For slightly older people there is the latest from Mad Dog Productions - Earl the Dead Cat, who comes complete with his own *death* certificate.

For those sisters who have outgrown teddy bears and dolls or who already have the complete Notre Dame sweatshirt collection, don't panic. The perfect gift might be Calvin Klein designer sleepwear,

something no fashion-conscious prep student should be without. Or, there's always the latest spin-off from Dynasty, Forever Krystal *eau de toilette* spray. For only 20 bucks an ounce, women can smell just like

Kids of all ages, especially those who enjoy the popular holiday television show, "The Grinch That Stole Christmas," will always be grateful for an electro-Whomordial schnook or maybe a Hoover-

membership in the Coffee of the Month club. Just think, exotic coffee beans from all over the world delivered right to the family's door every month; Mom will be overwhelmed.

If Mom doesn't like coffee but is inclined more toward fashion, maybe she would enjoy decorator potato chips. Imagine, the traditional potato chip in four beautiful colors, perfect for all occasions.

Now what is there to get for Dad? Never fear, plenty of gifts remain. From Presto comes the electric shoe polisher, which polishes and shines in one easy step. But he probably already has one of those. Is he a car buff? For only \$21,000 an authentic London taxi can be his. If Dad's not interested in cars, there's always the old stand-by gifts of ties or underwear - what he probably receives every year anyway.

Also, one might want to keep in mind the new video game/breath analyzer for those out-of-hand parties. For \$3,000 this toy will tell a party when he's had too much to drink and then laugh in his face.

What about the family pets? Made especially for the lovable kitten or cat, personalized kitty dishes complete with personalized placemats are popular this year. And for Spot, Niemann-Marcus stores offer a \$23,000 fur coat to keep him warm on those cold winter walks.

Sadly leaving South Bend for the holidays, students who feel they will miss the beautiful weather here may want to consider the Kohler Masterbath Spa. For a mere \$18,000, the spa creates wind and rain on a moment's notice. This programmable-environment device also comes with sun, steam and sauna for the non-Domer.

Well, there it is - a list of unique holiday gifts for everyone in the family. Enjoy them and have a Merry Christmas!



Krystle Carrington herself.

Now what about big brother? He too can smell like a Carrington with the Essence of a Man cologne.

Somewhat more elegant gifts are available, like a silver-plated penguin cocktail shaker for a mere \$400, a definite contrast to Earl the Dead Cat. Still stuck for a nice gift? Here's one that will look great in big brother's apartment - a bean bag chair shaped to look like him, solving any lack of seating he might have.

magnetical frunk, so keep those in mind.

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As if that's not enough, another gift-giving possibility is a year's

Saint's charity proof enough of Santa

J. CHRISTOPHER MURPHY
features writer

"I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick." This line from the famous poem "Twas the Night Before Christmas" invokes images of celebration around the world as children laugh and play. St. Nicolas has arrived and everyone is happy. But who is this St. Nicolas? Why is he better known as Santa Claus? Is he really a saint - even a real person for that matter - or is he simply a toy-toting gentle old man?

St. Nicolas was born of and raised by noble Christian parents, and he lived their example all his life. He entered the monastery at a very young age and thus is closely associated with children; he is known as the patron saint of children and students. At a relatively young age, Nicolas became bishop of Myra in Asia Minor in the early part of the 4th century. Stories of his kindness spread throughout Europe during the 1300s, with his popularity becoming greater after his death.

While still a young priest in the monastery, Nicolas heard of the misery of three daughters of a local and once very wealthy man. The girls were not accustomed to work and thus were helpless in their new-found poverty.

As the girls had no dowry with which to catch a husband, Nicolas secretly threw a bag of gold, equivalent to the sum of a sizable dowry, through the window of the daughters' room on each of three

consecutive nights. On the third night, the father discovered Nicolas' identity. He was hardly surprised, because Nicolas had always been known as a kind and giving person.

On another occasion Nicolas is said to have restored life to three young boys who had been brutally murdered by a cruel innkeeper. If such legends are true, it is easy to see how Nicolas gained the title of Saint.

Dec. 6, the feast day of St. Nicolas, is still celebrated in Europe, although it is downplayed in the United States in favor of Christmas. In the Netherlands, a young man is appointed to represent St. Nicolas for the day. As he rides through the streets on his white horse, parents tell him of their children's behavior, and the children are either rewarded with gifts or reprimanded and given a bundle of sticks. In Germany school children elect a young boy to oversee mock festivities from Dec. 6 to Holy Innocents Day on Dec. 28. These customs were so loved by the children of Europe that they were settlers. English-speaking children in the new world, trying to pronounce the Dutch *sinterklaas*, excitedly exclaimed "santy claus" or "santa claus" and joined in the festivities.

Today "santa claus" is most commonly used. Popular American traditions date back to St. Nicolas. As we give gifts to each other at Christmas, we can look back at Nicolas' giving to the needy as he showed his kindness toward all,

especially to children.

The custom of hanging stockings over the fireplace can be traced to the story of the three daughters. On one of the three nights, the bag of gold landed in a stocking being hung out to dry. That's why

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children today hang stockings on the mantle in hopes of finding presents in them when they awake. Nicolas himself wore a bright red miter on his head and a long red robe as he preached. Today these garments have been changed into the red cap and a furry red suit worn by Santa Clauses the world around.

Thus Santa Claus is not just some mythical figure. He was a real, kind and saintly man who brought joy to the hearts of all good little boys and girls.



St. Nicolas, the patron saint of children and inspiration for Santa Claus

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'Rocky' perpetuates anti-Russian hysteria

BOB MUSSELMAN
features writer

Forgive me, Father, for I have never seen a "Rocky" movie.

Oh, sure, I saw parts of the original film on TV, but all I remember is that some stupid and greasy - albeit very big - Italian gets a chance to fight "The Champ." He proceeds to pound on some meat, date a very ugly

Movie review

Rocky IV

★★ (out of four)

woman named Adrian and fight "The Champ" to a draw.

That makes me the perfect person to review "Rocky IV," Sylvester Stallone's latest sequel. I'm objective. I haven't seen "Rambo," even.

So I asked my roommate to tell me the "Rocky" story from start to finish. It's a good thing he did. "Rocky IV" has a hard time standing on its own.

In "IV," Rocky Balboa (Stallone) is living luxuriously in semi-retirement with his wife Adrian (Talia Shire), who is now magically beautiful, his son Rocky Jr. (Rocky Krakoff) and his brother-in-law Paulie (Burt Young). His best friend is Apollo Creed (Carl Weathers), who he once destroyed in the ring.

Like the "commie hotbed" that it is, the Soviet Union spoils Rocky's happiness. The Russians announce that they are entering the world of professional boxing and come to the United States with Ivan Drago (Dolph Lundgren), world heavyweight amateur champion. He's 6'6", weighs 240 pounds and has been trained using the most modern fitness equipment available. Though his body's been tuned like a fine piano, it reacts with the brute force of a Soviet tank.

People in the United States start saying: "Hey, wouldn't it be great if our American-stud champion would beat up this guy and prove we are superior to those pagan Marxists?" But Rocky, with considerable pressure from Adrian, isn't about to get his face bloodied again.

Creed isn't as intelligent. Deciding he's the one to defend America, he agrees to fight the Russian. After considerable hype, the two meet in the glittering Ziegfeld room of the MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas.

As the preveiw shows, Creed is defeated badly. And Rocky feels that he must defend the honor of his defeated friend.

But the Russians, lead by Drago's wife Ludmilla (Brigitte Nielsen), demand that the fight be held in the Soviet Union - on Christmas.

The rest is predictable. Rocky trains in an isolated spot in Siberia which could double for South Bend, except that it has mountains. And the Soviets are evil, godless peasants who hang pictures of Lenin on everything. Eventually, he fights.

I use the word "fight" loosely. These guys don't fight. They pummel each other with force that, if realistic, no one could survive. This isn't boxing; this is science fiction.

The story is adequate, though one really needs to know the "Rocky" story to understand it. Fortunately for United Artists, everyone has either seen the movie or has a friend, neighbor or roommate who can tell them about it.

The movie epitomizes the Rocky-Rambo-Reagan brand of patriotism which seems to be popular now. In the end, however, the message of the movie is surprisingly good-natured.

For those who think Stallone's a cool dude or just hate Russians, "Rocky IV" will prove enjoyable. But for people who are tired of watching Stallone movies and realize that Russians are humans, too, it might be better to save \$4 and read a book.



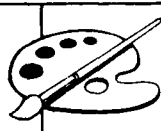
A battered but triumphant Rocky Balboa holds the American flag aloft as Soviet sports fans cheer his victory in 'Rocky IV.'

Theater



• The Notre Dame/Saint Mary's Theatre presents Noel Coward's comedy "Hay Fever" tonight and tomorrow night in O'Laughlin Auditorium. Directed by Roberta Rude, a new member of the Saint Mary's faculty, the play recounts a weekend at the English country estate of the Bliss family. Each of the four family members has invited a guest for the weekend without informing the others of the additional occupants. The collection of guests includes an innocent young boxer, a Gothic novelist, an actress, a flapper and a diplomat. The author demonstrates his mastery of English wit as he guides the play from comedy to farce. Tickets for the 8:10 p.m. shows are \$5 and \$6.

Art



• The exhibit "Africa and the Americas: A Curator's Choice," continues this weekend in The Snite's O'Shaughnessy West Gallery. Examples of the museum's finest paintings and sculptures with ceremonial and ritual functions will be on display. A pictographic painting of the Battle of the Little Big Horn by a Crow Indian named White Swan, a Dogon wooden figure from the year 1620 and a 17th century pre-Colombian bone bloodletter from Xochicalco, Mexico, are among the featured works. The show is open to the public. Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and Thursday evenings from 4 to 8 p.m.

• An exhibition of recent work by Moira Marti Geoffrion continues at The Snite Museum. Geoffrion, who currently teaches sculpture, is the acting assistant chairperson of the Notre Dame department of art. She creates organic forms derived from tree branch structures which combine sculpture, drawing and collage elements. Her works are particularly influenced by a 1982 trip to India. Featuring a room installation and 17 polycrome bronze sculptures and drawings, the exhibition is free to the public.

• The exhibit "Aerial Images," by Kalamazoo photographer Gary Cialdella, can be viewed in The Woman's Art League Gallery of the South Bend Art Center. The Michigan landscape and shoreline are featured in these photographs.

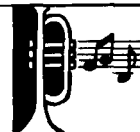


'Hay Fever'

The Observer/Steve Grabicki

The Scoop

Music



• The piano duo of Leifheit and Mihalso will perform tomorrow at 8:15 p.m. in Northside Recital Hall at Indiana University at South Bend. Karl Leifheit and Andrew Mihalso teach music at Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas. Featured in the performance will be Mozart's "Fantasia 1 in F Minor," Schubert's "Fantasia in F Minor," "Slavonic Dances" by Dvorak and "Sonata in B flat Major," by Fibich. Admission to the concert is \$2 and tickets are available at the door.

Assorted



• The Northern Indiana Historical Society celebrates an old-fashioned Christmas with decorations in the style of the Civil War Era and the Victorian Period. Featured exhibits include a 19th century toy store window, ornaments and toys from the Fredrickson Collection. The exhibits and decorations will remain in the museum until January.

Mass



The celebrants for Mass at Sacred Heart Church this weekend will be:
Father Robert Griffin at 5 p.m.
(Saturday night vigil).
Father Thomas Blantz at 9 a.m.
Father Daniel Jenky at 10:30 a.m.
Father Robert Kennedy at 12:15 p.m.

The schedule for confessions in Sacred Heart Church is:
Monday through Saturday at 11:15 a.m.
Monday through Friday at 5 p.m.
Monday through Thursday at 7 p.m.

Saturday only 4 to 5 p.m. in the Crypt.

Vespers are held Sundays at 7:15 p.m. in the Lady Chapel.
The rosary is said daily at 6:45 p.m. at the grotto.

Mexican-style restaurant makes thick margaritas

DAVE DVORAK
features staff writer

Yes, Virginia, there is a classy place to eat and drink in South Bend. It's called Senor Kelly's, a stylish combination lounge, restaurant and disco in the heart of the city's business district.

If South Bend has yuppies, this is where you'll find them. Across the street from the Marriott Hotel, Senor Kelly's offers a bit of



Mexican flavor in a smart, rather elegant atmosphere that seems to cater directly to the young urban business professional.

The front portion of the establishment is the lounge, a spacious and attractive area distinguished by its brass-and-wood decor. Seating is available at the bar, at tables or at a long, high counter in the center of the room.

The popular drink at Senor Kelly's is the Margarita, served by the glass, the mug or the liter. One will find the Margaritas here thicker and richer than the comparable drink for which the rival Chi Chi's Mexican restaurant is famous.

A good selection of bottled imports and draft beer is also available.

In addition to the standard nachos-and-dip routine found at most Mexican-style bars, Senor Kelly's features a complimentary hot hors d'oeuvres table from 4 to 7 p.m. every day. Here one'll find a great variety of bite-

sized delights, including Mexican bean treats and the not-so-Mexican cocktail franks and chicken wings.

The main rear portion of Senor Kelly's is the cafe, a simple but elegant restaurant that serves a great variety of Mexican and American food. The menu features everything from chicken enchiladas to taco salad to New York strip steak. The quality of the food as well as the price range clearly indicate that this place is no Taco Bell.

Senor Kelly's also has an adjoining side room which houses the discoteque. Open Wednesday through Saturday nights, this long, narrow room is stylishly furnished and features a rather modern dance floor, complete with a laser lighting package and live DJ. It's not Rush Street, but the singles scene here does hop on weekend nights.

The crowds at Senor Kelly's are just what one might expect: business people and assorted singles in the 23- to 35-year-old age group. The clientele is well-dressed and well-mannered.

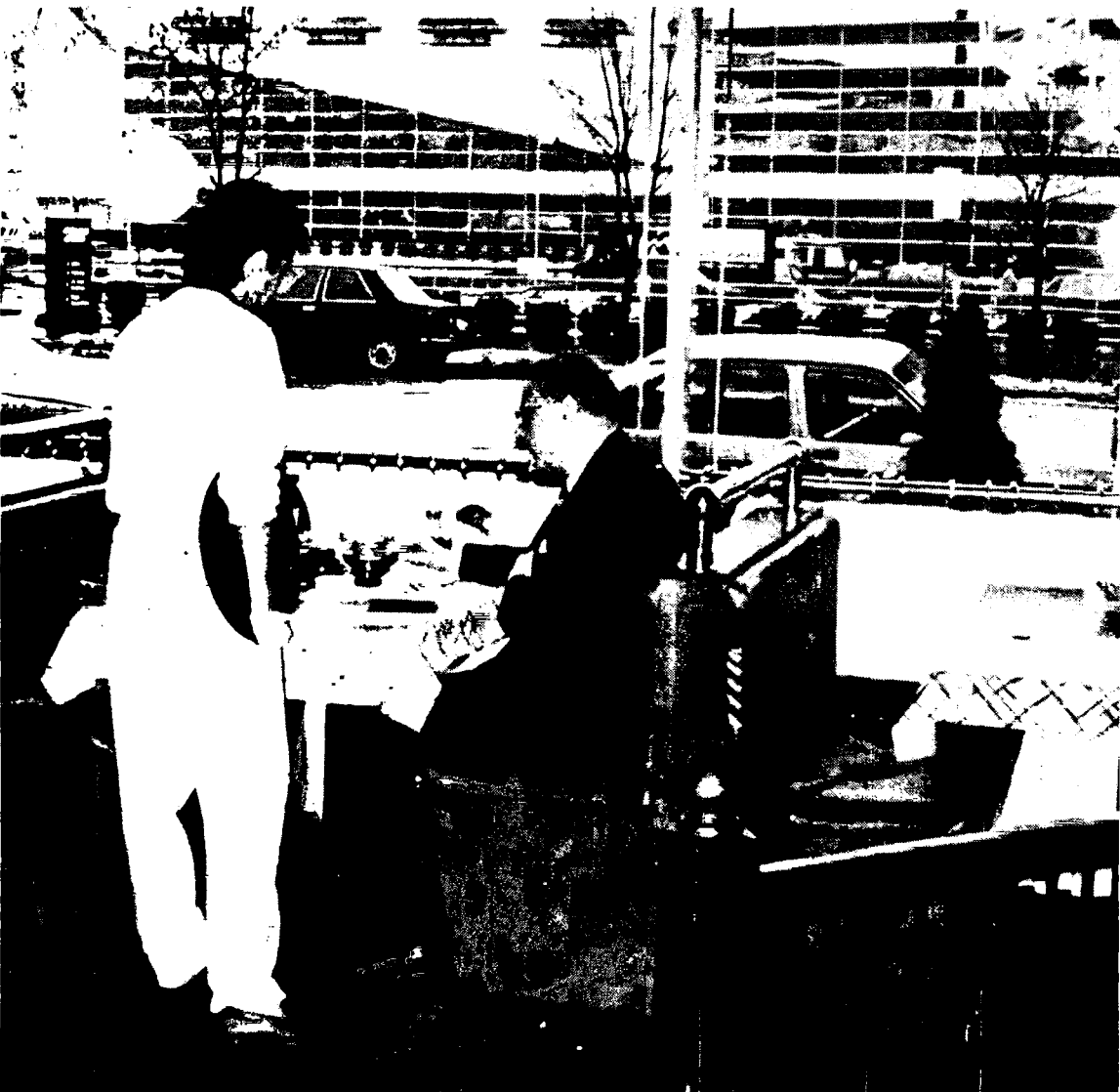
For those who feel like dressing up a bit and enjoying a nice drink or Mexican dinner, Senor Kelly's is a good idea. One should bring his own group of friends, though, - the slightly older local crowd does not seem to be overly anxious to socialize with Domers. It might cost a bit more than the average dive, but customers are paying for atmosphere as well as drinks.

Located at 119 N. Michigan, Senor Kelly's is open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Sunday, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 10 a.m. to midnight on Friday and Saturday.



The Observer/Stephen Blash

Above: Two students relax in the elegant ambience of the lounge at Senor Kelly's; Below left: a man eats in the restaurant of Senor Kelly's; located at 119 N. Michigan, Senor Kelly's rests in the middle of South Bend's business district - its location and versatility (a combination lounge, restaurant and disco) make it an extremely popular attraction for many, in particular the "yuppies" of the area.



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Professor Clancy on 'designer genes'

Mary Clancy, who teaches the undergraduate course in genetics, joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1982.

Mary became interested in molecular genetics while an undergraduate at Cornell University, and went on to graduate study at Princeton University. While there, she acquired a Ph.D., a husband (Bob Tax) and two cats. The Clancy-Tax family now lives near downtown South Bend, in a large Victorian house which they hope to fix up sometime before they retire.

Let her tell you why her research, the ultimate in "designer genes," has conspired to delay the renovations.

John Kozak

something different

I teach a big class, so I often have student visitors in the afternoon. If I'm having a lucky day (not so often at this point in the semester), they find me in my lab, standing in front of a lab bench strewn with Erlenmeyer flasks, test tubes, beakers and other paraphernalia. It's mostly familiar stuff to anybody who has struggled through high school chem and Emil.

Nonetheless, first time visitors stand uncertainly in the hallway, eyeing the big yellow sign on the door. It says, "Caution, Radioactive Material, Authorized Personnel Only," and deters all but the most intrepid, at least for a minute. Once they make it past the sign, though, most students seem curious about what actually goes on in the lab. They want to know about molecular biology research, but they also want a glimpse of the other, alien university that coexists with their own. Here, the major concerns are research, publications, grants and other forms of mature scholarly activity. Many students don't believe it, but most faculty are more than eager to share this part of their lives with them.

So what actually goes on in my lab? To explain this requires a little bit of digression. Most people are familiar with the notion of the "genetic code" the set of rules by which a series of nucleotides or bases, on DNA molecule (A,G,C,T) is read in words of three such that the cellular machinery for constructing proteins translates a particular sequence of three nucleotides to mean a particular amino acid. For example, the sequence ATG corresponds to a methionine in the final protein molecule (an RNA which is a replica of the DNA sequence) and an "adaptor" molecule called a tRNA. The adaptor recognizes the code word on the messenger and allows it to be physically matched up with the proper amino acid. Thus, construction of a protein involves a nucleotide sequence as well as a recognition-adaptor molecule, which tells the other non-specific enzymes in the cell where and how to act.

That's the genetic code that most people know about. But, if you think a little bit about nucleic acids, you'll realize that there must be much more coded information in the DNA sequence than just this. The enzymes in the cell must have some way to recognize where individual genes begin and end, and where to start making RNA molecules. The DNA must be replicated every generation, starting at a specific place. It turns out, also, that RNA molecules are modified before they actually are translated, by addition of a series of A nucleotides to one end, and by removal and

rejoining of particular pieces within the molecule. There must be a kind of second genetic code, to allow the cell to do all these things properly. This information must be embedded within the DNA sequence, perhaps, in a way analogous to that of the genetic code for protein sequences.

The simple-minded solution to this actually turns out to be true, for a change. Particular DNA sequences "mean" certain things to the cellular machinery, apart from the traditional meanings of the genetic code. For example, the sequence TATA means "start an RNA molecule 30 bases down from here," while the sequence AUAAA means "cut this molecule 50 bases down and add some A residues to the end." Similar types of code words exist for the beginning and end of DNA replication, and for various types of RNA modifications. Thus, this second genetic code shares many properties with the first, since particular sequences of DNA are recognized and acted upon, although not literally translated, by specific effector molecules within the cell.

The second genetic code is less universal and less rigid than the first, since variations are possible for some of the sequences. The TATA sequence, for example, is not exactly the same for all genes; it may be TATAA, TATATA, TATAAA, etc. Almost all genes have some version of this sequence, though, in approximately the same place, so that people are pretty confident that TATA is important. It does seem rather strange that this sort of sloppiness is allowed to occur in biological systems, where precision should be the rule. Perhaps the protein molecules which recognize these sequences are not simple adaptors like tRNA, and take a more active role in assuring specificity.

The third type of genetic code is not yet understood, and is the basis for work in my lab. We know, at least in outline, what signals are needed to make proper RNAs and protein. These include TATA and other sequences mentioned above. The next question is, how does the cell know when to express a particular gene? All genes have all of the right signals all of the time, because their sequences are identical in every cell of an organism. How is it, then, that many genes are most quiet most of the time? All of the information must be present, but not acted upon. Thus, another layer of "code" must be needed, to modulate the extent and timing of expression of genes in different cells. This question is a tough one and is going to keep a lot of labs busy for quite a long time.

It is already clear that the third layer of code is going to be much more complicated than the first two. Unlike the protein code, which is interpreted by adaptor molecules which are identical for every gene in every cell, the third code will have to involve modulations in the adaptors themselves. Thus, to truly understand how any particular gene is regulated, it will be necessary to identify both of the important components: the DNA sequence which is being read, and the protein molecules which interact with this sequence.

In my lab, we are studying a set of regulated genes in a simple yeast. These genes are not expressed at all under normal conditions, and are very dramatically "turned on" during meiosis. All six of the genes we are looking at act exactly the same way, and we think that they may share a regulatory signal with each other that most other genes in the cell would lack. We have cloned these genes and are now

trying to identify the DNA sequences which they contain which are responsible for this regulation. Our tentative hypothesis is that genes that have the same regulation will have identifiable sequence similarities adjacent to the actual gene. We are now sequencing several of our genes to see if this turns out to be true. If so, we will judiciously alter the sequences which seem to be important, reintroduce the altered genes into the cell, and test to see if the genes still work normally.

As mentioned above, identification of the important DNA sequences is only half of the story. It would actually be more important to identify the molecules which interact with the regulatory sequences, to see how they

work. This is actually pretty hard to do with most organisms, so we're lucky to have chosen to work with yeast. We are now looking for variant strains of yeast which don't know how to regulate our genes properly. We expect that some of these will be altered in the regulatory sequences above, and will help to confirm that our sequencing information has given us the right result. Other variants will be altered in the other, protein components of the regulation system. These, we hope, will allow us to identify the entire regulatory system and really understand these genes in some detail. The results should be applicable to regulatory systems in higher organisms as well.

Saint Mary's continues tradition of innovation

Daring undertakings have been part of life at Saint Mary's ever since the Sisters of the Holy Cross founded the College nearly 150 years ago. Pioneering was the creation, in the 1940s, of a graduate school of theology by Sister Madeleva, internationally known poet and president of the College. In this program, women earned graduate degrees in theology, an opportunity not available to them elsewhere. Innovative too, was Professor Bruno Schlessinger's Christian Culture Program (now humanistic studies) which got underway in the 1950s.

Keith Egan

guest column

In the same spirit as these enterprises, Saint Mary's College has established a Center for Spirituality. The center's activities were inaugurated by the Madeleva lecture in spirituality presented on March 28, 1985 by Professor Monika Hellwig of Georgetown University. Paulist Press has published this lecture as "Christian Women in a Troubled World."

Ideas for the creation of a Center for Spirituality emerged in 1983 as the College sought ways to focus on its religious heritage at the same time as it moved ahead with the strong academic standing that it had achieved in its last 10 years. A proposal for such a center was submitted to William Hickey, then vice president of the College, and to former President John Duggan, both of whom enthusiastically endorsed the notion of a Center for Spirituality at Saint Mary's College. On March 28, 1984, the Board of Regents formally approved the proposal for the Center for Spirituality.

The Sisters of the Holy Cross immediately embraced the idea of the center with a large financial contribution. In the fall of 1984, a search for a co-director of the center culminated in the appointment to this post of Doris Donnelly, who, with her characteristic energy, assumed her duties as co-director on Sept. 1, 1985. A new venture was underway at Saint Mary's College.

The center's first event following the Hellwig lecture was a symposium on "Women in the Church," presented by Rosemary Haughton and Nancy Schwoyer at the June 1985 reunion of Saint Mary's alumnae. Bishop Joseph Imesch, chairman of the American bishops' committee that is writing a pastoral letter on "Women in the Church," accepted the center's invitation to attend sessions of the symposium as an observer. A report on this symposium will appear in the Saint Mary's Courier.

During the summer of 1985, the Center for

Spirituality presented a two-week intensive program on the spirituality of the Spanish mystics, Teresa of Avila and John of the Cross. Over 200 laity, sisters and clergy from as far away as Tokyo, Mexico, Brazil and Scotland participated in this rigorous study of the texts of the two mystics. This summer program, the symposium for alumnae, and the Madeleva lecture on spirituality will be repeated in 1986 along with other events soon to be announced.

As befits a women's College, the Center for Spirituality focuses attention on the theme of women in the Church, especially on the development of programs that prepare women to be leaders in the Church. The Church will need to look more and more to women to provide effective leadership in an era of laity. The center wishes to avoid, however, all exclusivism, and is anxious that both men and women participate in its programs which are non-degree.

The spirit of the Center for Spirituality is, as is fitting, evolving, but also wishes to be faithful to the ideals presented in 1984 to the Board of Regents in the proposal which states, "Saint Mary's College has a unique heritage out of which it can contribute to the formation of women as leaders in the Church. Many signs indicate the upcoming decades will witness a continued and growing interests in spirituality and, in particular, in what may be called the feminine aspects of spirituality." This proposal admits that "Saint Mary's College has not been spared the turmoil and the challenges" of the turbulent era since Vatican II. "Nevertheless, Saint Mary's College has emerged from these demanding years, not as a casualty, but as an outstanding and vibrant Catholic liberal arts college for women." The Center for Spirituality pledges to affirm, in its undertakings, the College's commitment to the search for justice and peace, an affirmation that is fraudulent without this commitment.

An advisory board of faculty, administrators, Holy Cross Sisters and students already have begun to work with the center's co-directors to lay the groundwork for the implementation of the dreams of the center, which is not a place on campus, but a symbol for the entire community of Saint Mary's College who dare once again to undertake a new venture when budget cuts everywhere say, "Try nothing new." Saint Mary's believes the Center for Spirituality is a way of expressing and sharing, in the modern world, the sacred traditions brought to the College by the Sisters of the Holy Cross in the 1840s.

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establish consistency by working aggressively everyday at practice. As a coach, I can only describe a level of competition, then they have to experience it and know what level of skill it takes to win. That motivates them in practice, and that is what makes great programs."

The first opponent for Notre Dame will be James Madison and though not a household name in women's basketball, the Dukes could be a tough game for the Irish. "James Madison is the spoiler type who play a physical game and capitalize on errors," said DiStanislao.

Oklahoma, Notre Dame's next potential opponent, just defeated Western Kentucky with a tough,

veteran Sooner squad that features a run-and-gun offense. Oklahoma just missed qualifying for the NCAA tournament last year. Other teams in Notre Dame's division include Dayton, Fairfield, LaSalle, Miami and Southwest Texas.

"We will play three games in four days, which is not as taxing as the older two-games-in-one-day format used in the Regional tournament just a few years ago," said DiStanislao. "It is tough, but these are conditioned athletes."

Injuries to Heidi Bunek, Beth Morrison and Willis have cut down the depth on the front line, a situation which has forced pressure on the rest of the team. Trena Keys, a 6-1 senior forward, has been the catalyst for the Irish all season.

"She has to be a leader since she gets the most playing time, and has

the experience and the most tools," DiStanislao said. "But she isn't the whole team, she has a very good cast around her."

The accomplishments so far of the Irish freshmen must not be overlooked.

"Diandra Toney, (a 5-9 guard), has contributed many important minutes, said DiStanislao. "She is a multi-faceted player, and she plays bigger that she is when getting rebounds. She will replace the graduating Lynn Ebben, who has been our utility player. Lisa Kuhns, (a 5-10 forward), has good instincts and is a fine shooter."

The team will finish its action during break at Rutgers, who has a long tradition of winning, and is especially tough to play at home. The Knights possess depth and a top-notch forward in Sue Wicks.

SMC swimming wins 1st

By ANDREA LaFRENIERE
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's swim team defeated North Central College, 76-24, last night in the Belles' first home dual meet of the season at the Rockne Memorial Swimming Pool. Head Coach Nancy Jo Kemnitz was pleased with the Belles' performance.

"This was an excellent meet for us. We had some really good performances, and we had some surprises, too," said Kemnitz.

Among the standouts was freshman Peggy Halloran, who finished first in two events. Halloran won the 1000-meter freestyle with a time of 12:19.7 and the 500-meter freestyle with a time of 6:01.4.

Other first-place winners for the Belles were sophomore Meghan Rafferty, who won both the 100-meter backstroke and the 100-meter freestyle event. Junior Margaret Mannion finished first in the 200-meter freestyle, and the 100-meter breaststroke. Sophomore Heidi Traxler finished third in the latter event.

Juniors Patty Juckniess and Mary Fisher gave the Belles a one-two finish in the 50-meter freestyle.

Sara Maurer, a freshman, finished second in the 200-meter individual medley, and senior Anne Cushing took third in the 500-meter freestyle.

Saint Mary's placed first in two relay events. In the 200-meter medley relay, the team of Mannion, Rafferty, Jennifer Burke and Tanya Reeves had a winning time of 2:07.1. The 200-meter freestyle relay team of Fisher, Juckniess, Maurer, and Rafferty finished first with a time of 1:51.

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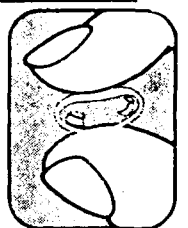
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mediately after the Valpo game and won't be required to return until the night of the 26th, when an evening workout will be held.

Three more days of practice will follow before the Irish play host to Creighton on Dec. 30. Notre Dame has a debt to repay in that game. Last year the Bluejays upset the visiting Irish, 60-58.

"We played very poorly in Omaha last year," Phelps recalls, "and I would hope our players would remember that. We were coming off a three-week layoff and it showed. The situation is similar this year, so I would hope we would be better prepared. We've just got to come out and play our game and get back in the swing of things after the time off."

The Bluejays lost their top gun, 7-0 center Benoit Benjamin, to the NBA and are looking to regroup under this year under new coach Tony Barone. At this point in the season, Creighton is 2-2 with five more games on its schedule before the date with the Irish.

The first of four road games is next, when Notre Dame travels to the Palestra in Philadelphia for a Jan. 4 contest with LaSalle. The game will be a homecoming for Irish freshman guard Mark Stevenson, a native of the city of brotherly love.

"LaSalle is always a tough game for us," Phelps says. "They lost some good players off the team we beat here last year. The key for us will be how well we stop their outside shooting."

The Explorers lost their top two scorers of last season, Steve Black and Ralph Lewis, to graduation. That pair combined for over 38 points a game for LaSalle and will be heavily missed.

Three days later, the Notre Dame travelling party will be in Providence, R.I., for a game with the Friars of Providence College. The Irish came out on top by a 70-63 margin in the last year's meeting at the ACC.

"Providence has got a new coach, a good coach, in Rick Pitino," says Phelps. "They will play multiple defenses, which is going to force us to read some things."

Traditional rival DePaul shows up next on Notre Dame's agenda, with the Irish visiting Chicago's Rosemont Horizon on Jan. 11. Despite finishing as the nation's top independent last season, Notre Dame lost both of its games to the Blue Demons.

As usual, DePaul will rely on speed, rebounding and the transition game to get the job done and should be better adjusted to Head Coach Joey Meyer now that Meyer is in his second year at the helm.

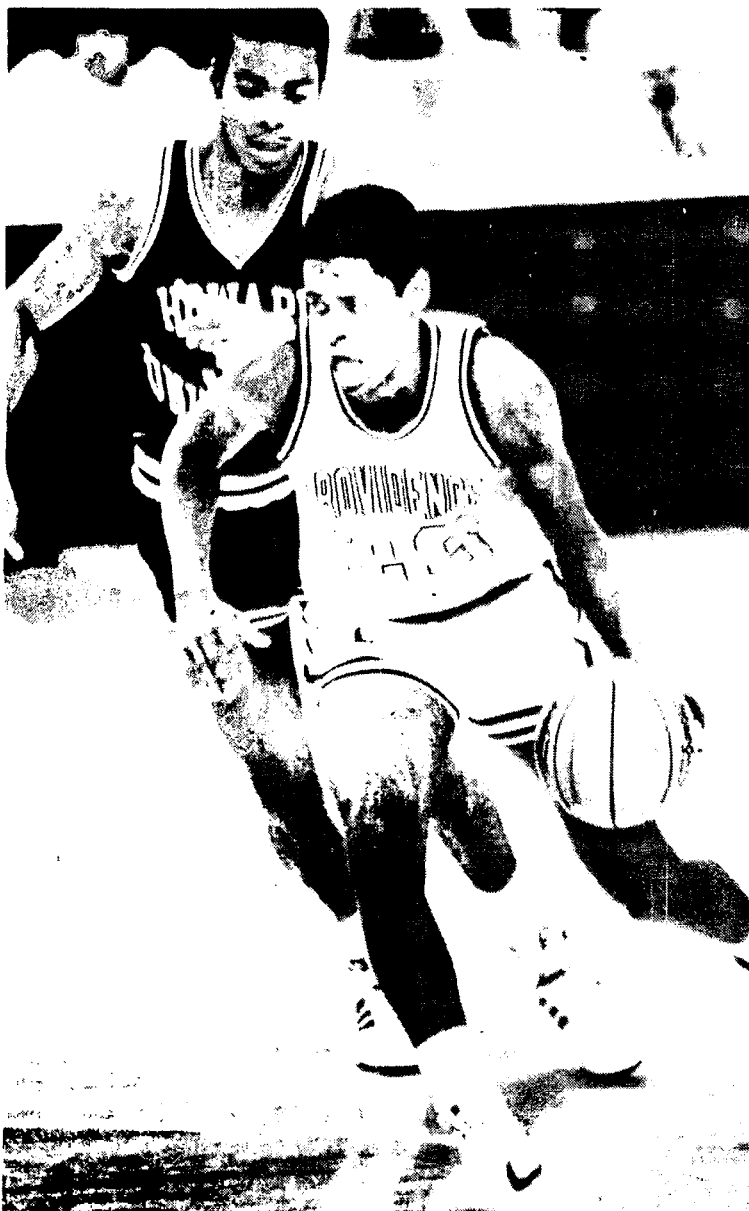
"We haven't played well in the Horizon yet against DePaul," says Phelps. "This will be an important game for us in terms of getting an NCAA Tournament bid. Rodney Strickland (DePaul's freshman guard) and David Rivers will be the key matchup here."

The final road stop for Notre Dame will be Provo, Utah, where the Irish play Brigham Young on Jan. 13. The Cougars suffered heavy losses to graduation and church missions. BYU's top three scorers in Timo Saarelainen, Scott Sinek and Andy Toolson all have departed from the squad which dropped a 67-58 decision to the Irish last season at the ACC.

Notre Dame lost two years ago at the 22,700-seat Marriott Center and will have an equally-tough time this season.

Of the six games over break, it really is the four road contests which will spell success or failure for the Irish.

"These are four games that we've got to win," Phelps says, "because we've got so many tough games on the road coming up later in the season. We can't go below .500 on the road schedule. If we play .500 on the road and win all our home games, we'll be in good shape."



Observer file photo
Junior swingman Ernie Lewis (23) will be counted on to help carry the Providence offensive attack when the Friars host the Irish Jan. 7. The game with Providence will be the fourth of six games that Notre Dame will play during break, including four straight road games which will be a big test for the 4-1 Irish. A good showing is important for post-season aspirations. The Irish return home to the ACC to face rival UCLA on Jan. 18.

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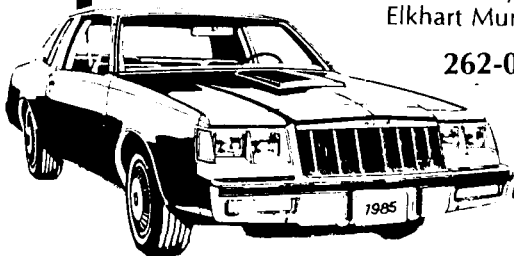
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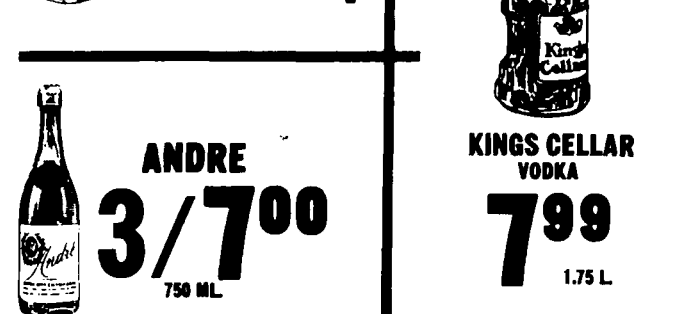
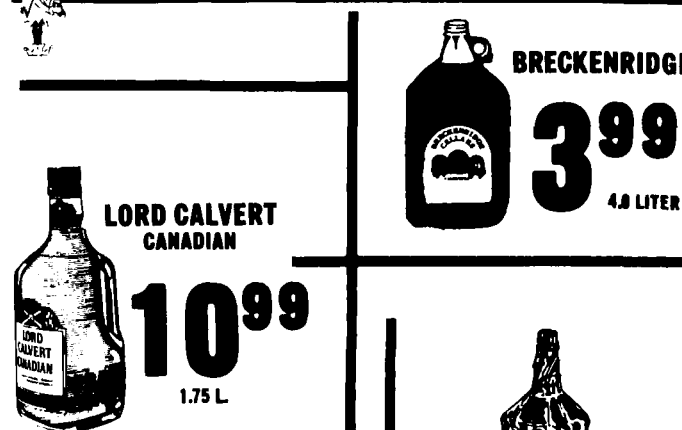
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Sports Briefs

The Notre Dame Hockey Team travels to Syracuse, N.Y., to compete in the Syracuse Invitational Tournament Dec. 27-28 followed by two games at SUNY-Plattsburg Dec. 30-31. - *The Observer*

The Notre Dame fencing teams take to the road for the holidays, as they begin their season with matches with Harvard and MIT Jan. 6; Temple, Princeton and Cornell Jan. 7; and Pennsylvania Jan. 8. The Iris squads will compete in the USFA Collegiate Open Jan. 10-12. - *The Observer*

Stepan Center will close for the semester on this Sunday and will not resume its schedule until Wednesday, Jan. 15. For more information call the Stepan Center. - *The Observer*

The Saint Mary's basketball team will hope to improve its 1-3 record when they travel to Judson College tonight. - *The Observer*

Off-Campus interhall football players who have not yet returned their equipment can do so **today** by taking the equipment to the NVA office in the ACC between the hours of 8:30-5 p.m. - *The Observer*

Any Off-Campus student interested in playing on an 'A' league interhall basketball team should contact Kevin Hamer by Jan. 20 at 272-0416. - *The Observer*

The ND fencing team needs someone mechanically inclined who wants the opportunity to earn a monogram and be a part of the fencing program. A knowledge of fencing is not necessary. Those interested should call Coach Mike DiCicco at 239-5585. - *The Observer*

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Yanks, Sox trade pitchers

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO - The New York Yankees and Chicago White Sox settled for second-best, swapping pitchers when they really wanted to trade hitters, as the official portion of baseball's annual winter meetings came to a close yesterday.


The trade that the two clubs made sent left-hander Britt Burns and two minor leaguers to the Yankees for right-hander Joe Cowley and catcher Ron Hassey.

The trade the Yankees and White Sox might yet make would send free-agent catcher Carlton Fisk to the Yankees for designated hitter Don Baylor.

The deal was the 11th at these meetings, involving 25 major league players.

Before making the second deal with New York, The White Sox must first sign Fisk, and both players are demanding bonuses for waiving no-trade rights. Agent Jerry Kapstein, who represents each, said Thursday that neither has yet given assurances these rights will be waived.

Though neither club would confirm that the Fisk-Baylor deal would be made, White Sox General Manager Ken Harrelson said, "it's Kapstein's party now."



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Bengals, Skins meet; decide fates

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The Washington Redskins and Cincinnati Bengals will be looking to keep their National Football League playoff hopes alive Sunday - and looking at the scoreboard.

The Redskins, 8-6, are one game behind the Dallas Cowboys and New York Giants in the National Football Conference East, with the co-leaders meeting Sunday at Irving, Texas.

"If I don't see it first, I know there will be 56,000 fans who will be watching the scoreboard letting the players know what's happening," said Washington Coach Joe Gibbs.

Victories in their final two games, coupled with a Giants' victory over Dallas Sunday, virtually would give the Redskins a wild-card berth in the playoffs.

Cincinnati Coach Sam Wyche, meanwhile, said he would tell his players to ignore the scoreboard, specifically the game involving American Conference Central co-leader Cleveland and the Houston Oilers.

A Cincinnati victory coupled with a Cleveland loss would give the Bengals their first division title since 1981.

"What happens with Cleveland doesn't make a difference if we don't win," said Wyche. "If we don't beat the Redskins, we're not going anywhere."

Neither the scoreboard nor their opponents on the field have made much difference of late to the Bengals, who have moved into contention with five victories in their last seven games, raising their record to 7-7.

Their offense in high gear, the Bengals are coming off one of the most convincing victories in their history, having whipped the Cowboys 50-24 last Sunday, setting a club rushing record of 274 yards and rolling up 570 yards in total offense.

The Bengals, who have gained more than 500 yards two straight weeks, have scored 394 points this season, including at least 35 points in five games.

"It will take a little trickery, a lot of luck and at least 31 points to beat them," said Redskins assistant coach Richie Petitbon.

"The Dallas game is a potential

problem," said Wyche. "There is always a chance of a subconscious let-down after a big win. That's all people in Cincinnati have been talking about for a week."

Bengals fans have had a lot to talk about this season beginning with quarterback Boomer Esiason. Esiason has thrown for 2,816 yards and 23 touchdowns.

"He is throwing as well as anyone we have seen this year," said Gibbs.

Esiason will have to be on his game against a Redskins' secondary that has allowed fewer than 166 yards passing and is ranked No. 2 in the league.

Cris Collinsworth, with 59 catches for 1,016 yards and four TDs, and rookie Eddie Brown, with 46 receptions for 789 yards and 6 TDs, lead the receiving corps.

The Bengals' running game is powered by James Brooks (865 yards, 7 TDs) and Larry Kinnebrew (662 yards, 9 TDs).

The Redskins will counter with the league's second-best rushing game and the league's top 1-2 receiving punch.

Art Monk (74 catches) and Gary Clark (62) have combined for more receptions than any pair of wide receivers in the league.

On the ground, the Redskins have averaged better than 155 yards per game. George Rogers, who has replaced John Riggins in the team's single-back attack, rushed 36 times for 150 yards in last week's 17-12 victory over Philadelphia.

At quarterback, the Redskins feature Jay Schroeder. Since replacing injured Joe Theismann, Schroeder has led the Redskins to victories in three of four games.

Schroeder suffered a cracked rib last Sunday, and as insurance the Redskins signed veteran Steve Bartkowski, who was released by Atlanta.



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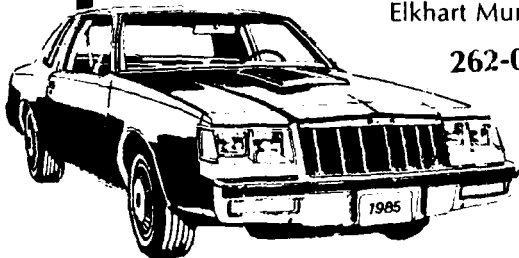
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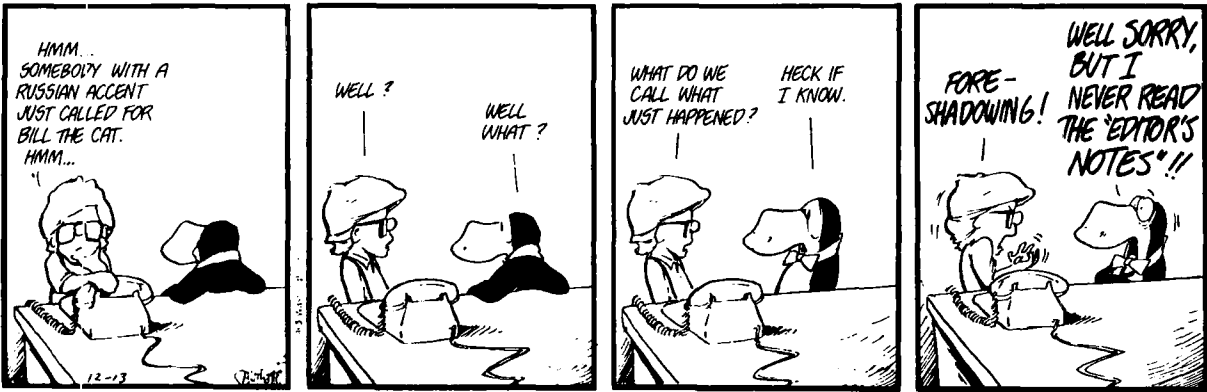


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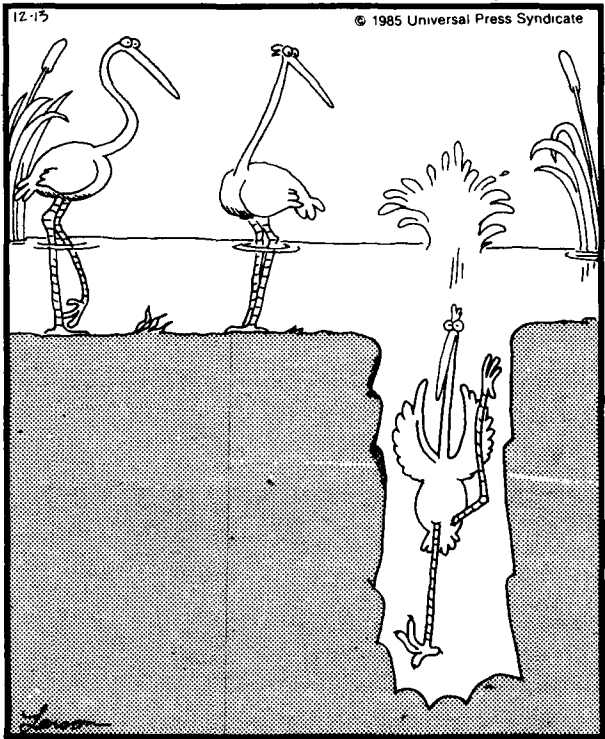
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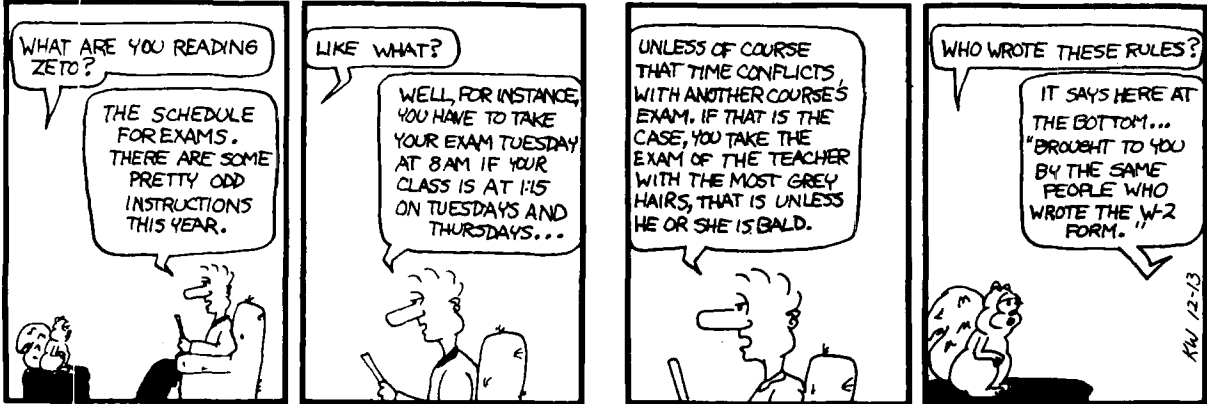


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Men's and women's basketball face busy holiday schedules

Men have tough road trip ahead

By JEFF BLUMB
Sports Editor

Notre Dame basketball coach Digger Phelps has called a timeout. The 4-1 Irish now will cease practicing for several days to take their final exams along with the rest of the student body. There are no practices today through Sunday to prepare for finals, and attendance at next week's workouts, save Friday's, will be optional.

Following the conclusion of final exams, the 17th-ranked Irish will face six games over the semester break, including four tough road contests. Success in these six games could play a big part in how Notre Dame fares the rest of the season.

But first all players must contend with their final exams, a key ingredient for staying eligible to play during the second semester. Last year the Irish managed to come through first semester with everyone eligible, but recent years prior to that hadn't been quite as kind.

"I always sweat the final exam period," says Phelps. "We just have to be patient with our players in terms of practicing, though, because of the commitment to academics we have at Notre Dame."

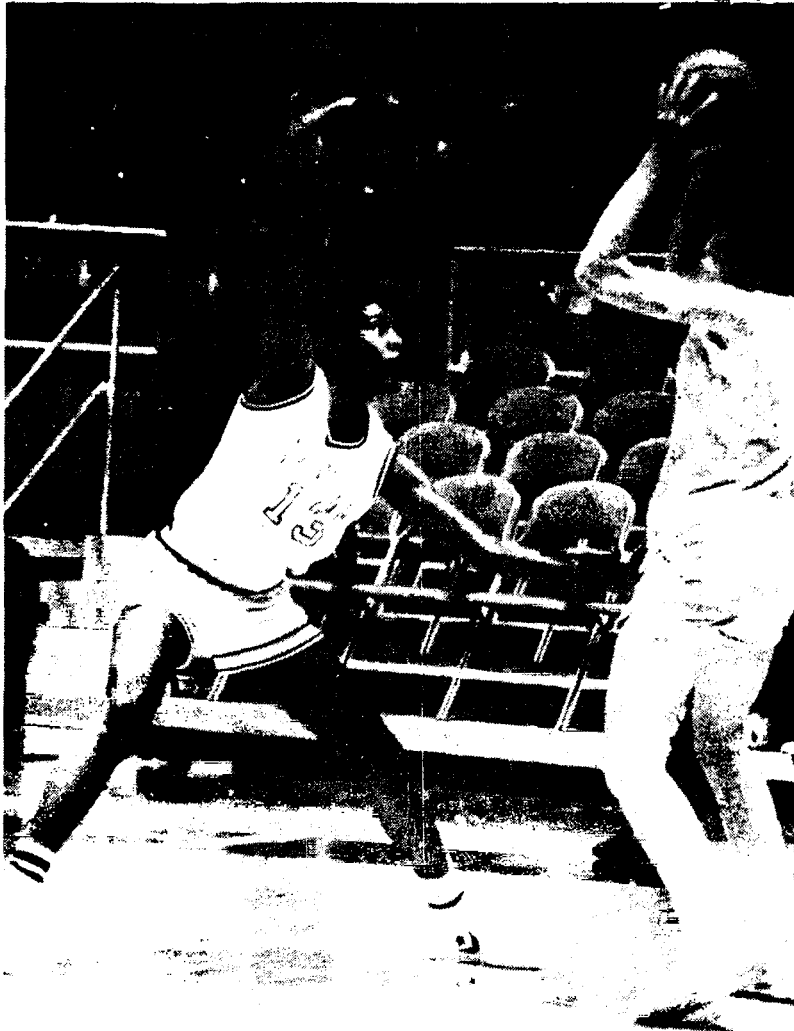
From all indications, it doesn't appear that any players are in serious academic trouble at the present time.

Valparaiso will visit the ACC on Dec. 21, the day after finals are over. Not many people are giving the Crusaders a chance to win this game as Notre Dame has won the last 26 contests between the two teams.

"We're going to be coming off final exams, so it's going to be difficult for us to be sharp," says Phelps. "Valpo had a tremendously young team a year ago, and I'm sure that's going to begin to pay off this year for them. They'll have a whole week to prepare for us, and our preparation time will be very limited."

The players are free to go home for Christmas im-

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Senior captain Trena Keys defends Tennessee's Sherry Bostic in a game earlier this week. Mike Szymanski previews the upcoming women's games in his story at right while Jeff Blumb previews the men's action at left.

Women to meet Marquette today

By MIKE SZYMANSKI
Sports Writer

While most Notre Dame students study for finals and then relax over break, the Notre Dame women's basketball team will be facing tough rivals and a prestigious tournament over the next month and it is aiming to establish a higher national ranking.

The Irish travel to Marquette today, where they will have to pressure the Warriors' fine perimeter shooting game, according to head coach Mary DiStanislao.

"With finals ahead, the players have to keep a balance between academics and basketball," DiStanislao. "We try to indulge their requests and make adjustments. We will be travelling without Lavetta Willis and Denise Basford, who will stay back to study."

The team returns to the ACC Sunday to take on a young, inexperienced Northern Illinois team that does boast talent.

"They are quick and have the ability to score inside and outside," said DiStanislao. "We will have to block out well under the boards, cut off their penetration, and use our offense to force them to play defense."

Right after finals, the team has little chance to catch their breath as they face rival UCLA, a team that soundly beat the Irish last year after Christmas break, 78-51.

"UCLA is not as strong on the front line as previous years, but they will have experience and solid outside shooting," said DiStanislao.

Next, Notre Dame will go to Florida for the Miami Tournament to play in a two-part affair.

"The Super Eight tourney will include top 10 teams, while our tournament will have teams who want to be in the top 10. It will be very intense," predicted DiStanislao.

"There is no question that with this talent, we could be in the top 20," continued DiStanislao. "We have to

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Irish wrestling team takes two, beats Valpo and Drake

By RICK RIETBROCK
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame wrestling team took another step toward reassuring its status as a quality squad Wednesday at the Valparaiso Tournament where they scored a 58-0 triumph over Valparaiso and, more importantly, in Head Coach Fran McCann's view, a first-ever victory over a solid Drake team, 27-14.

"Valparaiso will most likely be dropped next year in order to upgrade our schedule," McCann explained. "The victory over Drake,

however, is a stepping-stone for the future. They are a good team, the type of team that we have to beat consistently in order to begin to defeat the great teams."

In the Drake contest, the Irish received key pins from 134-pound Jerry Durso, 150-pound Greg Goad and heavyweight Mark Antonetti to carry them to victory.

"The three pins by Durso, Goad, and Antonetti were a real factor in winning the match," said McCann. "Those points are hard for the other team to make up."

Other victories against Drake

were scored by Dave Carlin at 126 pounds, Pat Boyd at 142 pounds and Chris Geneser at 167 pounds.

In the Valparaiso rout, the Irish had six pins, including five by freshmen. The pins were recorded by senior Eric Crown at 118 pounds, Matt Primich at 177 pounds, Carlin, Durso, Goad and Antonetti.

Other victories were recorded by sophomores Ron Wisniewski and Dan Corrigan and freshmen Spero Karas and Geneser.

The Irish will take a break for finals before trying to continue their impressive performance so far this

year. They will travel to Evanston, Ill., to compete in the 40-team Midlands Tournament.

"Aside from the NCAA tournament, the Midlands is probably the most prestigious tournament," McCann said. "All the top schools will be there because it is a special-invite-only tournament."

McCann hopes the tough competition will help his wrestlers in the long run.

"I'm approaching this tournament just like the Las Vegas Invitational (in which the Irish placed 13th out of 44 teams)," noted McCann. "The

Midlands will provide the best of both worlds as far as competition is concerned."

"There will be a few Olympians at the meet, as well as the best post-graduate wrestlers in the country."

This may seem like a tall order for a young team, but McCann said he feels it will be beneficial to the team.

"I just want to give our young kids exposure against the best competition, which will prepare them for tough matches in the future, and will simply improve their overall performance."

The time has come to tie up a few loose ends

These days it seems that everyone is trying to get ready for final exams by tying up any loose ends they might have. Not to be left out, there are a lot of sports-related things everyone should be aware of before they head home for Christmas.

Be that as it may, today is the day to tie up a lot of loose ends in the Observer sports department.

The University of Virginia recently was given the College Football Association's award for best graduation rate of football players. Notre Dame and Penn State both received honorable mention by the CFA for their graduation rates.

Since the award's inception in 1981, Notre Dame has won it twice, in 1982 and '83, and was a co-winner with Duke last year. Duke also won the award its first year.

The award is given based on each school's graduation rate of its football players over a five-year period. Computation of the rate includes players who transfer or drop out for whatever reason.

Notre Dame was judged this year on Gerry Faust's first-ever crop of recruits, those which arrived in South Bend in the fall of 1981.

Irish tailback Allen Pinkett finished eighth in the balloting for this year's Heisman Trophy behind such preseason favorites as Bo Jackson of Auburn and Chuck Long of Iowa, as well as a non-entity in September, Lorenzo White of Michigan State.

Pinkett also failed to receive recognition as either a first- or second-team All-American.

Jeff Blumb

Sports Editor



Unfortunately, Pinkett's accomplishments in the past season were often lost in the controversy surrounding Gerry Faust. The holder of more Notre Dame career records than one can keep track of, Pinkett wasn't helped by the 5-6 record of the Irish, either.

A total team player and a classy individual as well, the well-spoken senior deserved much more in the way of accolades. In fact, he probably was the most well-rounded Heisman candidate in the country this year.

Pinkett was the model of grace even in the toughest of times during the season. The losses hurt him probably worse than any other player on the team because of his undying dedication to the success of the team.

I can honestly say that I have never encountered a finer individual than Allen Pinkett in all my dealings with Notre Dame athletes and coaches. I feel fortunate to have had the chance to work with him.

Best of luck next year in the NFL.

The decision of Lou Holtz to return Joe Yonto to an active coaching role cannot be praised enough. Yonto is one of the best defensive line coaches in the country and,

perhaps more importantly, is an excellent teacher of college football players.

Gerry Faust made a big mistake five years ago in choosing not to utilize Yonto's talents. You don't just throw away 17 years of experience under Ara Parseghian and Dan Devine, no siree.

Yonto has a good rapport with the players, and despite his age, 60, should be highly beneficial to the 1986 team.

It's really good to see some of the old guard back in the fold again.

The Irish basketball team will be facing perhaps its most important test of the season next week with final exams. It is imperative that everyone stay eligible if the team hopes to reach all of its goals the rest of the season.

After Christmas, the Irish start a big four-game road trip which should give a better indication of just how good this team is. The 82-67 loss to Indiana earlier this month was a sore spot, indeed, and showed that the Irish have a long way to before the NCAA Tournament in March.

A recently published book, Hooping It Up, details the complete history of Notre Dame basketball. It features over 400 pages of facts on Irish basketball and includes information on the evolution of the Notre Dame women's program.

Written by former Observer staffer and 1983 University graduate Tim Neely, it is on sale at the bookstore.