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Supreme Court rules Exxon inflated prices

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The Supreme Court yesterday made final the largest monetary judgment in American history to be upheld on appeal by telling Exxon Corp. to pay more than \$2 billion for inflating oil prices.

The court, with no recorded dissent, let stand rulings that force Exxon to pay refunds and interest for overcharges of \$895 million on the 1975-81 sales of oil from a Texas field.

The money, totaling about \$2.1 billion, will be deposited by Exxon into the U.S. treasury, and then will be distributed to the states based on estimates of energy consumption during the six-year period.

Most consumers of gasoline and heating oil will receive no cash. States must spend the money on energy conservation - such as weatherizing hospitals and schools - and on helping the poor pay their home utility bills.

Exxon Chairman Clifton Garvin said he was "extremely disappointed" by the Supreme Court's decision not to hear the corporation's appeal. He said Exxon will pay the judgment from available resources and by taking short-term loans.

In other matters yesterday, the court:

- Let the Reagan administration put into effect, at least temporarily, regulations aimed at combating drug and alcohol use by railroad workers.

- The regulations require train crews to undergo breath or urine tests as soon as possible after a serious rail accident, and require such tests whenever there is "reasonable cause" to believe an employee is under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

- Voted 5-4 to give states the legal authority to prevent bankrupt businesses from abandoning property that poses a threat to the public health and safety.

- The justices barred the trustee of a bankrupt waste oil storage company doing business in New Jersey and New York from abandoning facilities contaminated with highly toxic chemicals.

- Ruled unanimously in a case from Washington state that providing public aid to handicapped people studying for careers in the ministry does not offend the constitutionally required separation of church and state.

The Supreme Court also took

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Slip, sliding away

This Cavanaugh Hall resident, sophomore Pete Pellegrino found that nothing stopped him from playing football in the snow. Yesterday may have found most students keeping warm inside, but several found a wet and challenging game on the North Quad.

The Observer/Paul Pahorensky

ND senate increases campaign allotment

By CHRIS BEDNARSKI
Senior Staff Reporter

The student senate increased the amount of money a candidate for student body president can spend on the campaign and also heard an initial report of the senate's committee on restructuring student government last night.

The senate raised the amount a candidate is allowed to spend from \$95 to \$125. Student Body President Bill Healy said the \$95 limit was too restrictive. "That's (\$95) very restrictive to inform 7500 students about yourself," said Healy.

Healy said that during his campaign he didn't have enough money. "The biggest one (problem) was not having enough to give people copies of the platform. Posters aren't the biggest draw, it's the ideas," he said.

Brian Holst, chairman of the committee on restructuring gave the senate a report on the committee's first three meetings. In the report Holst said a "tentative" consensus had been reached on several issues. He said that anything in the report can still change, however.

The report states "Each dorm on campus will have one senator on the senate with the exception of Grace and Flanner, which will each have two senators. Off-Campus students will be represented by two senators. The decision on whether or not the classes will have voting representatives on the senate has yet been determined."

The preliminary report also gives the student body president veto power over any decision made in the senate, although the veto can be overruled by a two-thirds vote of the senate.

The report also creates five standing committees chaired by a presidential appointee. The five committees would be a Student Concerns Committee, a Student Life

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Thatcher battles to get Parliamentary support

Associated Press

LONDON - Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher battled shouts of derision and calls for her resignation yesterday in what the news media called a life-or-death Parliament speech to rally her Conservative Party from the embarrassment of two major Cabinet resignations.

Thatcher won solid backing from her Conservatives, including former Defense Secretary Michael Heseltine, whom she had blamed for sparking the political crisis. Heseltine had said he was leaving because the prime minister had used unconstitutional means to steer the Cabinet toward favoring an American bid over a European at-

tempt to rescue Britain's failing Westland PLC helicopter company.

Thatcher won a technical vote to close the raucous, three-hour debate in the House of Commons by 379-219. Her Conservatives have a 143-seat majority in the 650-seat house, but the significance of the action was that nearly all her party members were present and voted together.

During the debate, opposition legislators accused her of a cover-up involving a leaked letter, critical of Heseltine, that subsequently led to the resignation of the second Cabinet member, Trade and Industry Secretary Leon Brittan. He took responsibility for the news leak.

Thatcher said in her speech to a

raucous house that both matters could have been handled better. The opposition erupted in derisive laughter.

David Owen, leader of the centrist Social Democratic Party, told Commons Thatcher "is not worthy to hold the high office that she does."

Labor Party leader Neil Kinnock had called Monday's emergency debate, saying it was to determine if Thatcher was involved in the leaking of the letter and if she had lied in earlier statements to Parliament.

Thatcher maintained that for 16 days after Brittan leaked the letter on Jan. 6, she did not know of his involvement.

She said an inquiry determined that the letter was leaked to the news media as a result of a misun-

derstanding between officials of the Trade and Industry Department and bureaucrats at her No. 10 Downing St. office.

"I did not give my consent to disclosure," the prime minister told Parliament. "It was not sought. And I have indicated I deeply regret the manner in which it was made."

Brittan, who resigned Friday after Thatcher first disclosed his responsibility for the leak, backed her account saying: "I accept full responsibility for the fact and form of disclosure ... I profoundly regret the way it happened."

Heseltine, who left the Cabinet Jan. 9 following a confrontation with Thatcher, said her speech had ended the political row over the Westland affair.

Awareness week to remember efforts of Tom Dooley

By SEAN NEALON
News Staff

Today marks the second day of Tom Dooley Awareness Week, honoring the memory of one of Notre Dame's most internationally-known alumni.

Dooley, who studied at the University as an undergraduate, won world-wide recognition when he brought medical relief to Southeast Asians during the 1950s.

He died of cancer in 1961 at the age of 34.

One highlight of the week will be a speech by Teresa Gallagher, Dooley's former personal secretary and friend, according to Larry Skendzel, publicity coordinator of the week-long event.

Among the week's featured events will be the dedication of the Dooley Statue at the Grotto on

Saturday afternoon. University President Father Theodore Hesburgh and Executive Vice President Father Edmund Joyce will preside at the dedication ceremony.

After graduating from Notre Dame, Dooley went to St. Louis University to study medicine. He graduated from SLU in 1953 and traveled to North Viet Nam as a medical officer in the Navy. There he assisted in the evacuation of more than 600,000 refugees.

Dooley served as director of a refugee camp which often treated more than 15,000 people daily. Later, he established several hospitals to deal with some of the curable diseases of war victims.

He was presented with numerous humanitarian awards, including the Congressional Medal of Honor, the Legion of Merit

Award and the National Award of Vietnam, that country's highest honor.

He was also presented with commendations by Presidents Dwight Eisenhower and John Kennedy, the United States Congress and Pope Pius XII. He was also recipient of the first World Humanitarian Award.

Dooley was stricken with malignant cancer while working overseas and lecturing in the United States. He died on Jan. 18, 1961, a day after his 34th birthday.

Throughout his later life, Dooley lectured extensively in the U.S. He was also the author of three books about his experiences. In his books he achieved the dual purpose of calling attention to the plight of the refugees while raising money to support the hospitals he founded in Indochina and other

underdeveloped nations.

One of Dooley's last, most inspiring letters, written to Father Hesburgh, remains at the Grotto as a reminder of his sacrifice and humanitarian efforts.

Week's events named

The events of Tom Dooley Awareness Week are designed to familiarize the campus community with Dooley's achievements. The events are scheduled as follows:

- January 30- 4:00 PM at the Center for Social Concerns. A slide presentation by the Tom Dooley Heritage, Inc. celebrating Dr. Dooley's life and influence.
- January 30- 8:00 PM at the Center for Social Concerns. A lecture by Teresa Gallagher, Tom Dooley's

A special exhibit on Dooley's life is currently on display in the Memorial Library concourse. Also, the library's audio learning center is featuring several speeches read and authored by Dooley.

former personal secretary and the Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Tom Dooley Heritage, Inc. on her work with Dr. Dooley.

- February 1- 2:00 PM at the Grotto. Dedication of the Dooley Statue by Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C. and Rev. Edmund P. Joyce, C.S.C.
- February 1- half-time of the N.D. Marquette basketball game. The Dooley Award will be represented to this year's honoree, Ann Titus.

Of Interest

That's Entertainment at Saint Mary's tonight will include the Notre Dame student band "New Age Mothers and the America Dream" from 9 to 11 in Haggar College Center's Chameleon Room. The band is an acoustic rock band that plays songs from Neil Diamond to the Grateful Dead. There is no admission charge and free food will be served. - *The Observer*

Toastmasters International will meet tonight at 6 in room 223 Hayes-Healy. - *The Observer*

Chile: Slides and Stories, will be a program at 7 tonight in the Center for Social Concerns. Notre Dame graduates Ceci Schickel, Brian McGlinn, Jack Schneider and Kathy Bego will share their experiences as Holy Cross Associates in Chile. - *The Observer*

Peter McPherson, administrator of the Agency for International Development, will give a lecture titled "The Scope of U.S. Famine Relief" tomorrow at noon in the Notre Dame Law School's student lounge. In 1981, President Reagan appointed McPherson administrator of AID, an agency which oversees and directs U.S. economic development operations in more than 60 Third World countries. Prior to his appointment as administrator, McPherson served as a legal advisor to Reagan. McPherson's lecture is sponsored by the Notre Dame Law School's Thomas J. White Center on Law and Government. - *The Observer*

Spiritual Rock, a Christian Fellowship group, will hold a second semester organizational tonight at 7 in the library lounge. All are welcome. - *The Observer*

Housing Contracts have been issued for the 1986-87 academic year by the Office of Student Residences. In order to be eligible for room picks the signed housing contract must be returned to the Office of Student Residences by Monday, Feb. 3. - *The Observer*

Juniors Interested in lectoring for the 1986 Junior Parent's Weekend Mass on February 22 should call 283-2626 by 7 tomorrow night. - *The Observer*

Men on on-campus waiting list: there are empty residence hall spaces. The Office of Student Residences has attempted to contact every person on this waiting list. Those male students who are on this priority list should contact the Office of Student Residences immediately if they are interested in living on-campus. - *The Observer*

Weather

Let it snow. Let it snow. Today there is a 20 percent chance of light snow with highs near 10. Tonight, a 40 percent chance of light snow with lows from 5 to 15. Tomorrow there is a 20 percent chance of light snow with highs near 20. - *AP*



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Room picks might arrive early for some Saint Mary's students

With spring break only 38 school days away, the time has come to think about next fall and where you want to live. And the next obvious question would be, with whom, if anyone, do you want to live?

You may think it's too early to start thinking about next year and where you want to live. But the Saint Mary's annual lottery will soon be here and all Saint Mary's students will know their room assignment before they leave for spring break.

According to Pat Rissmeyer, director of residence life and housing for the College, Feb. 17 will be the most critical of days as it is the final day for room deposits to be paid. At that time, all students who have paid their deposit will have their name put into a lottery and anxiously await their number. This, in turn, will be the determining factor for their room assignment.

Augusta lottery will take place on March 10 and room selection will be on March 11. Seniors-to-be will pick their rooms on Saint Patrick's Day, March 17. Juniors will pick their rooms on March 18, with sophomores choosing on March 19-20.

According to Minni Owens, coordinator of housing for the College, many times people will join together and make up a quad or quint because they want so desperately to live in a certain dorm or they are in a hurry to get a certain kind of room. Owens noted, however, that sometimes students are forced to live in a quad or quint because that is their only choice.

Owens commented that there are approximately 300-350 room changes yearly and the majority of these changes are because of personality conflicts. Owens also said a good number of room changes happen over the summer before students even come back to school. Either students realize they don't want to live with a certain person anymore or they want a different room.

In all the dorms combined there are a total of 60 quads and quints. This in itself may be the problem, but students also can take steps to prevent an unhappy living situation.

It is important to be comfortable with the atmosphere of your room. A dorm room should be a place where you can be you. With all the pressures of school, family and just plain life, a dorm room should be a relaxing place to hang out.

In order to help with the decision of choosing a roommate(s), the department of residence life and housing has developed a series of questions that perspective roommates can discuss. The pamphlet is

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divided into four sections.

- The first is on habits and preferences. Questions on how much sleep a person needs as well as individual study habits are posed. It is important for students to consider all facets of academic, social and personal life before they choose a roommate. In some situations it is possible to be good friends with someone, but impossible for them to live with each other.

- The next series of questions focuses on feelings. This deals with how a person may act when they are upset, confused, lonely, or pressured. Many times, people will interpret others' sadness or depression against themselves; the person may feel her roommate is mad at her, when actually she is depressed or maybe she just feels like being quiet. This can in turn cause added pressure, and unnecessary conflict may arise. This conflict could be non-existent if people learn more about the person they decide to live with.

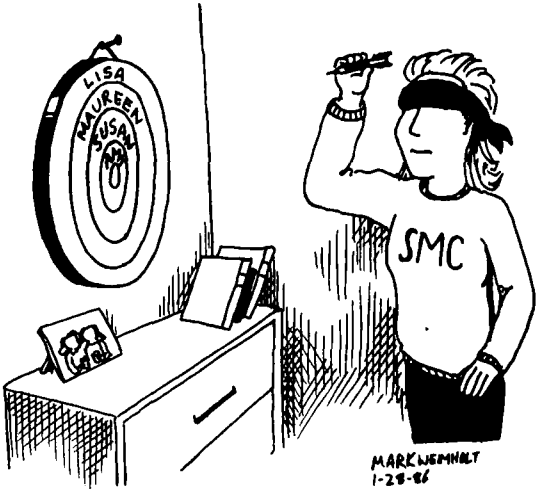
- The third section is labeled "Reacting to each other." Here students discuss how they are similar or different and what exactly they may

have to compromise on while they share a room. Students also can discuss what they have learned about each other, thus far, by discussing the questions raised.

- The last section focuses on things to consider. Here students are encouraged to ask themselves what they want out of a roommate: friendship or independence. Students are asked to give the pros and cons of living in a single, double, triple, quad or quint. By making a mental list of these points, students will be able to make an educated decision, and the chance of being unhappy will be lessened.

Rissmeyer noted if students have questions about who they should live with they should contact the department of residence life and housing.

So, it might not be a good idea to wait for 38 school days before you decide who to live with.



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'Serious deficiencies' discovered in quality of reformed Medicare

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The first hard look at quality control under recent Medicare reforms has found "serious deficiencies" in procedures that are supposed to protect America's elderly from incompetent, indifferent or greedy doctors and hospitals, a senior government investigator says.

The review of more than 4,700 cases that were flagged by watchdog Peer Review Organizations as suspicious uncovered a few striking examples of physician ineptitude or hospital indifference to patient health - and a general indifference by the PROs to policing those abuses.

The results prompted an unusual "early alert" by Inspector General Richard Kusserow to the Health and Human Services Department, privately warning that the review was uncovering serious problems in the Reagan administration's heralded reform program.

"The early findings of our inspection have disclosed serious deficiencies," Kusserow said in his Nov. 25 memo to McClain Haddow, the acting head of the department's Health Care Financing Administra-

tion. "We have found numerous cases of substandard care in which there was little or no action by the PROs. ...

"We are deeply troubled by the ineffectiveness of the existing procedures used by PROs to review cases of substandard care," he said. "We believe that it is imperative that HCFA take strong action to place more emphasis on PRO responsibilities."

Haddow, in his response, told Kusserow he was surprised by the inspector general's conclusions and disagreed with the assessment of their severity.

"It is not reasonable to expect that all possible problems will be anticipated or that snags and delays in implementation will not occur (in new programs)," Haddow said of the problems Kusserow described.

Kusserow, in an interview with The Associated Press, said he stood by the assessment in the "early alert," a copy of which was obtained by the AP.

"You will never get the inspector general of this department to say there isn't a big problem out there. There is a problem," Kusserow said.

But, he added, the cases reviewed covered a period from October 1983 through last May, a period during which the reforms were new and review organizations still were feeling their way.

"A lot of these things were in the early stages," Kusserow said. "As the PROs have been phased in, as they come aboard, they are beginning to work better and better."

Kusserow's inspection involves the potent political question of whether quality health care for the elderly is being sacrificed in the drive to reduce the federal spending, as many critics charge.

Faced with soaring Medicare costs, the Reagan administration in 1983 launched a "prospective payment" system for Medicare that dictates in advance how much the government will pay for a specific ailment.

The system controls medical costs by putting hospitals on a budget. Quick, efficient care means profit; dawdling means losses. But critics charge the system sabotages quality, pressuring hospitals and doctors to discharge patients before they are ready.

Reagan to address union

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - President Reagan's fifth State of the Union address, tailored for a television audience tonight, will be shorter and more visionary than his previous four, White House officials say.

But it will launch three days of hard-sell by a president who will flesh out the details of his agenda in a variety of appearances around Washington later in the week.

The speech, to a joint session of the House and Senate, will be broadcast live by the major radio and television networks beginning at 9 p.m. EST.

Reagan, who came to Washington five years ago committed to shrinking the size and reach of the federal government, is ex-

pected to renew that struggle, arguing that people are better off making their own financial decisions than paying taxes to a government that decides what to do with their money.

It is, one aide said privately, an effort "to redefine the role of the government for the next decade and into the next century."

Presidential spokesman Larry Speakes said the speech will "deal more with themes and ideas and goals of the president ... than the specifics and nitty-gritty of the legislative process."

The president will send a more detailed written message to Capitol Hill tomorrow setting out his specific goals for this session of Congress. And he is scheduled to make a tour of federal agencies to promote key elements of his program.



Dr. Tom Dooley Awareness Week

Thursday Jan. 30 at Center for Social Concerns

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8:00 Talk by Teresa Gallagher

personal friend and co-worker of Dr. Dooley

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Have a nose for news?

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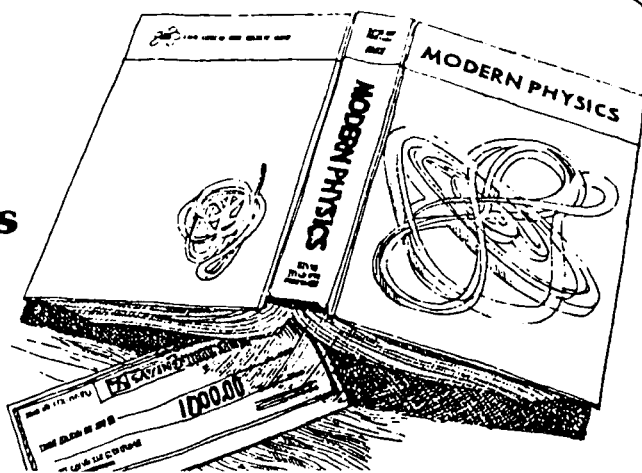
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Strong winds again reschedule flight of space shuttle Challenger

Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. - The flight of schoolteacher Christa McAuliffe on space shuttle Challenger was postponed yesterday because of strong winds that built up during the more than two hours that technicians wrestled with a balky hatch bolt.

"We are going to scrub for today," said NASA spokesman Hugh Harris, announcing the third postponement for the flight in as many days. Officials reset the launch for 9:38 a.m. EST today.

Although the weather was perfect at the scheduled launch time of 9:37 a.m. EST, the problems with the hatch started about an hour before that. They were not resolved until shortly before noon when workers used a hacksaw on the bolt after contending with the late delivery of tools, a drill with a dead battery, and

broken drill bits.

By the time the repairs ended, the winds strengthened and sent gusts of 30 mph whipping across a runway where Challenger would land if there were an emergency after liftoff. Winds of more than 17 mph are considered dangerous for a landing.

Launch director Gene Thomas called off the effort about 12:30 p.m., the third weather postponement in as many days for the flight.

The seven astronauts, including 37-year-old McAuliffe, the first ordinary citizen named to a space flight, had grim looks on their faces as they returned to their quarters.

The problems began when microswitches failed to confirm that the shuttle's hatch was closed properly. Technicians put a ring of tape around the circular opening and an engineer climbed in the cabin to verify the door would shut.

The workers then were unable to

remove a "frozen" bolt that holds a hatch handle that is not needed in flight. They called for a portable drill and a hacksaw, but only a drill was sent, and it took 35 minutes to reach the launch pad.

When the technicians tried to use the drill, they found that its battery was dead. Ten minutes later, the hacksaw and a second drill with a spare battery pack arrived. But the bolt was too hard and it chewed up the drill bit, and the bolt was finally cut away with the hacksaw after two hours of frustrating labor.

Because of the long delay, Challenger's guidance platform had to be realigned, forcing a hold in the countdown. As the hours passed, a cold front moved in and the winds became too strong.

During six days in orbit, the crew of the Challenger is to launch two satellites and McAuliffe is to teach two lessons that will be watched by students in hundreds of schools.



AP Photo

Christa McAuliffe yells to well wishers as she leaves the crew quarters at the Kennedy Space Center enroute to the Launch pad. At right is Mission Specialist Ellison Onizuka. The space shuttle Challenger is scheduled to be launched later this morning. Story at left.

Senate

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Committee, a Social Committee, a Student Business Committee, and a Finance and Budget Committee.

The idea behind the new structure is to centralize student government, Holst said. "All we are trying to do is make things more coordinated so they run better," said Vince Willus, committee member.

Under the new structure, the Student Activities Board would become part of a senate committee. This concerned SAB manager Lee Broussard. "I firmly believe the SAB should remain the way it is. It's doing its job now," he said. Broussard said the proposal to put the work of the SAB under a committee with senators as voting members is "stupid."

"The SAB will never become a senate committee. I don't think you have to worry about that," said Willus.

In other senate business, Healy told the senate that presently, there are no plans to expand the North Dining Hall even though two new dorms are planned to be built on North Quad. Healy said that Notre Dame Food Service Director Bill Hickey said he wouldn't be able to handle the increase with the present facilities.

Willus also announced a Valentine's Day dance that will be held in Stepan Center. "It's going to be a quality event," said Willus. Ticket prices will be kept low and a "wedding style" band will play. All the proceeds will go to the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation he said.

Saint Mary's Board of Governance discusses problem of early arrivals

By ELLYN MASTAKO
Senior Staff Reporter

Students arriving early to school after vacations, or breaks was the main topic discussed at the Saint Mary's Board of Governance meeting last night.

According to the College's present rules, only members of the board of governance and the orientation committee may return to their rooms before the designated days.

There have been problems with roommates, friends, and sisters of these authorized students taking

advantage of the earlier arrival times said Pat Rissmeyer, director of residence life and housing.

She asked the board to make suggestions to remedy the problem.

Also discussed was a "Toast to the New Year Dance Party" to be held in the Haggar College Center parlor on Friday, Jan. 31. The dance party is sponsored by the College.

Student Body President Ann Marie Kollman announced that all three candidates for Saint Mary's College president will be interviewed in Chicago this weekend by members of the Board of Regents.

Also discussed by Christian Life Commissioner Cath Dahle was the series titled, "Spiritual Roots" which will be held every Wednesday in the Stapleton Lounge. The series is part of the Saint Mary's Center for Spirituality.

Dahle also announced that a family in South Bend is asking students to help them with their autistic son.

In other business, Professor Ann Loux of the English department will speak this week on author Flannery O'Connor.

Exxon

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these actions Monday:

- Turned down the appeal of Anna Hauptmann, widow of the man executed 50 years ago for the kidnap and murder of Charles Lindbergh's infant son in New Jersey. The appeal sought, in effect, to exonerate Bruno Hauptmann.

- Ruled 7-2 in a case from Amarillo, Texas, that criminal defendants convicted after wrongly being forced to stand trial together are not always entitled to new trials.

- Agreed to consider blocking trial of a lawsuit against a judge and owners of a car dealership by a White Plains, N.Y., woman who says she was arrested falsely for not paying a car repair bill.

- Refused to revive a libel lawsuit filed against the Atlanta Constitution by William Shockley, a controversial figure because of his views that racial differences in intelligence are inherited.

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Jeffrey M. Leggett

guest column

to an idyllic meadow bathed in golden sunlight. Little children, junior Communists and Young Republicans alike, pick daffodils and frolic in unison, freed at last from the specter of nuclear war.

Or picture a more likely scene. The defense budget reaches a new high, now devoted entirely to the maintenance of conventional forces. The draft returns, in the form of universal conscription.

Something is profoundly upsetting about these weapons which have shadowed our every move for forty years. I speak not of their ability to obliterate our major cities at a half-hour's notice, though that may be cause for some consternation. It is upsetting that we may not even want to dump these weapons. Granted, the mere chance of a computer gaffe, or of a nuclear weapon falling into the wrong hands, may bode well for their elimination. In-

stead, the quality of Soviet-American relations has been largely a function of our proximity to an arms-reduction agreement. Nonetheless, there is a compelling temptation to preserve nuclear weapons, and the balance of terror which is incident to their existence.

War has been characteristic of man throughout history. The aggressor nation enters war seeking a certain end, be it territory, the natural or human resources of another country or liberation from an oppressor. Sure, there have been costs. Men die, families are torn apart, property is destroyed, entire cities may be vanquished. It is all part of a neat little equation for the leaders. That is, if the end to be achieved by fighting the war, discounted by the probability of attaining that end, outweighs the loss of lives and economic resources, then fight.

In the nuclear age, the war equation can never compute in favor of waging an unlimited war. The losses would infinitely outweigh any benefit that could possibly be achieved. For the first time in history, nothing is to be gained through a total conflict of the world war variety. Leaders throughout history have used war as a device to further their own or their nation's aggrandizement. Now war no longer serves its purpose. Nuclear weapons have rendered it impotent as an economic or political tool. Is it safe to assume that, in the face of such odds, the rational leader would never incite an unlimited war?

The Soviet Union itself lost millions of soldiers and civilians during World War II but, in the process, extinguished Hitler and emerged

as the second most powerful nation in the world. Stalin surely deemed it a bargain. Today there are no such bargains for Gorbachev or Reagan.

Nuclear arms have slapped the reality of war smack in the face of those who hold the power to make war. Now, for those who sit in map rooms plotting troop movements, for those who feed casualty forecasts into a computer, war means death. War now means death for the leaders, just as it always has for the innocent men whom they have forced to bear the costs of their booty. No longer can we throw into battle those unfortunate enough to draw the short straw, intoxicate them with drivel about the glories of war and retreat into our shelter, praying that their sacrifice will result in a better life for the rest of us. For in such a war there is no shelter, no survival.

Yes, it was a tragic day when man discovered how to convert the energy of an atom into a force capable of mass destruction. But human history, a history in which military conflict has played so prominent a role, has also been tragic. So we may rid ourselves of nuclear weapons, but we would not be rid of war's eternal scourge. Arising out of every age of turmoil have been idealists foolish enough to envision a world without war. Could it be the fate of mankind, that it can only realize this dream with a gun at its head?

Jeffrey M. Leggett is a second-year law student at Notre Dame.



P.O. Box Q

The crossword puzzles appear in wrong place

Dear Editor:

Not meaning to take any importance away from the usual Viewpoint issues, I would like to address an entirely different topic, yet one that is quite important to me.

Why must a guy need to take Japanese paper-folding classes just to figure out how to fold The Observer so that the crossword puzzle is showing? Why can't the advertisements be in the center and the crossword logically be placed in the corner?

It seems sensible to me that folding a paper three different directions is clearly a waste of time compared to the traditional one fold (along with one prefolded way).

I find nothing more frustrating than to be sitting at a crowded lunch table, at a small school desk, or in the ever-popular bathroom stall while trying to fold my Observer so I can do the crossword puzzle. And when I do get it folded, I can't move it, or it all unfolds again. Do I need scissors? Do I need tape? Am I the

only one with this problem?

Why can't The Observer drop this "new frontiers" idea of interestingly-placed crossword puzzles and just follow tradition? Let's put the puzzles back in the corners where they belong. What you're doing is not logical; it's not sensible; it's just not American.

Anthony Zirrille
Alumni Hall

Apartheid supporter should keep up work

Dear Editor:

I believe that I have discovered the reason for Chris Edwards' "stupid" articles. Edwards is a closet activist working to end the evil of apartheid in South Africa. He writes his articles in order to gain support for the anti-apartheid movement by pointing out the absurdities of apartheid and those who stand behind it.

Intentional or not, let's hope he keeps up the good work.

Mark Groggin
Notre Dame Student

Stop treating symptoms and get to the source

Dear Editor:

All week long I have been bombarded with articles on the problem, both moral and legal, of abortion. I hold that in all of these, the wrong problem is being addressed.

In this country, in this century, I am wondering why the question of whether or not to undo a baby ever has to come up. Yes, I agree that there are times (i.e. rape cases and complications of pregnancy) when unwanted pregnancy is not the result of a couple's negligence. But I don't believe that these things account for thousands of unwanted pregnancies.

I also don't believe that making abortion illegal will stop rapists. Let us get to the root of our problems. Rather than waste time and money sending buses of people to Washington to sit on the White House lawn, I suggest we work for constructive solutions to the REAL problems, those being ignorance, crime and irresponsibility, to name a few.

Right to Life Club: send out people to ed-

ucate our teenage public. Women: Stop being so meek, take back the night. People in general: Be more responsible in your sexual activities. Not so easy? Who said it would be? There are also medical problems to work on such as birth defects. These are just a few meager suggestions of what getting to the roots might involve.

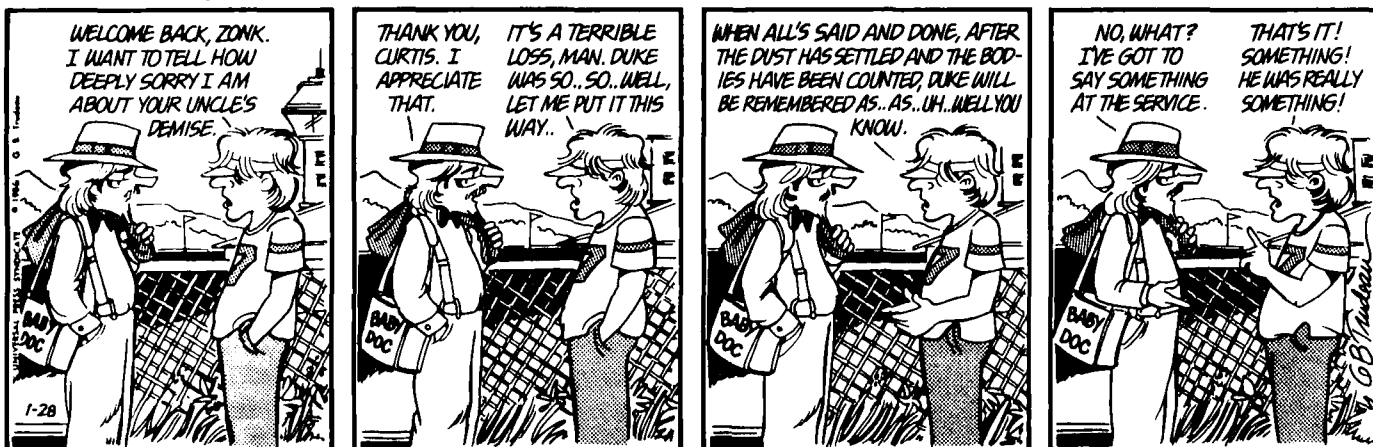
Also, each time I read in The Observer how terrible it is to have an abortion, I don't read how it is to be an unwanted child. I rarely hear of positive alternatives to abortion for either the kid or the mother (at least I have now heard of a pregnancy help center). Who will donate the money set aside for a new stereo to a children's home instead?

People trying to adopt children tell me there are not enough children to go around; people trying to find homes for children claim there are not enough homes. Does anybody know what the facts are? I would appreciate the publication of these facts in this responsible newspaper.

Stop treating the symptoms and cure the disease.

Gay E. Canough
Physics department

Doonesbury



Quote of the day

"If the devil doesn't exist, but man created him, he has created him in his own image."

Fyodor Dostoyevski
(1821-1881)

"The Brothers Karamazov"

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Computers make life easier for ND students

LEICESTER CHEONG
features writer

The computer is probably the best tool that man has ever devised. Although computers have zero IQs, they never make mistakes and are fast and hard workers. Humans on the other hand have superior intelligence, but they always make mistakes and are relatively slow and lazy workers. As most engineers and business majors will agree, a dynamic combination results from adding the two.

Students in the science and industry related fields are not the only ones who use this wonderful tool. A computer facility in the College of Arts and Letters enables students of non-science oriented disciplines to learn and take advantage of the computer's versatility in making life easier. Located on the second floor of O'Shaughnessy Hall, the facility can be used by students for word processing, statistical computing, and even financial accounting on the personal level such as balancing one's checkbook.

The facility's 15 Apple Macintoshes and 11 printers are simple to operate and practically no formal background in computers is required. This suits the purposes of the college, explains Jeff Vuono, an economics and computer major and facility assistant. According to Vuono, students in the college rarely have any need nor desire to indulge in hard-core programming or complex engineering computations, even though the computers are capable of doing so in any computer language. Instead, these students take advantage of the Macintoshes for classroom assignments and homework, preparing resumes and term papers, storing personal data, categorizing letters, or just for fun. After all, the Macs are fun to play with sometimes. They

also help to introduce basic computer skills to the arts and letters students, some of whom will never get a chance to even touch a keyboard otherwise.

The Macintoshes in the facility are of the "closed-system" type, which means that each terminal and printer set is independent of each other, sharing no memory or processing units other than the same electric socket. This set-up parallels that of the popular "PC," the personal computer. Personal computers are generally found in family homes and small businesses, and they aid in small-time accounting and recording purposes. The facility's set-up is advantageous to students as it provides for an early educational exposure to the personal computer which they might eventually buy after graduation to assist in personal or even family accounting purposes. Word-processing in the facility is done with the "Mac-Write" system, of which the latest version is available.

John Jorden, an Economics/ALPA junior, has had little exposure to computers since high school. Now he finds them extremely useful in school assignments and personal management. According to Jorden, the Macs are easy to use and he has had no problems so far. His sentiments are shared by Jenny Flynn, a Government/ALPA sophomore.

John and Jenny are a few of the arts and letters students who have learned to appreciate the computer. The facility encourages others to join them, and assistants are present at all times when the facility is open to offer assistance and advice to beginners. Other members of the Notre Dame community are also invited to participate and use the facility's hardware. The hours are: 8 a.m. to 1 a.m. from Monday thru Thursday, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Fridays, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturdays and 1 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Sundays.



Jim Rudser explains to Karen Potocki how to type in his history paper in the O'Shaughnessy computer center.

Reagans endorse favorite causes

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS - Matching his-and-her billboards featuring President and Mrs. Ronald Reagan touting the couple's favorite causes have been unveiled in Indianapolis by Kiwanis International.

A spokesman for Kiwanis, which is based in Indianapolis, said more than 4,000 of the billboards will be erected nationwide.

"The response has been tremendous," spokesman David Blackmer said Friday. "I can't think of any other persons that we could have had the same response."

The billboards, placed side-by-side in some locations and stacked on top of each other elsewhere, tout two of the Reagans' favorite projects: drug abuse prevention and community food programs.

Reagan endorses Operation Share & care, a national private-sector campaign to increase public support for local food banks and meal programs for the needy. The billboard says, "Support community

food programs. Volunteerism makes a difference."

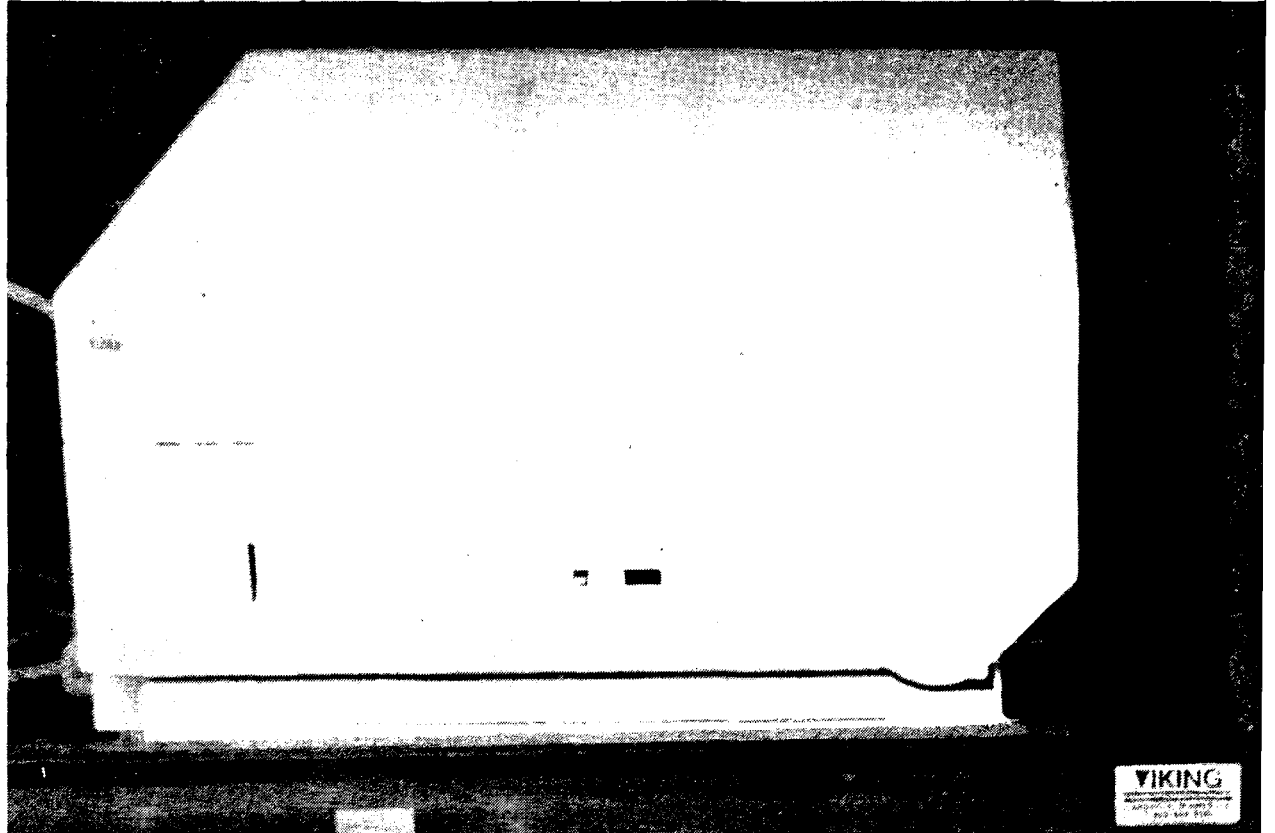
Mrs. Reagan's sign reads, "Help save a generation of children. Fight school-aged drug abuse."

Blackmer said the billboards are tied to radio, television and print campaigns. All three national television networks and the Cable News Network have agreed to broadcast the Kiwanis spots featuring the Reagans, he added.

The Reagans' public service advertisements are being underwritten by the Kiwanis International Foundation, which boasts 8,200 local clubs in 76 nations.

"We wouldn't want to disclose the (cost) figures," Blackmer said. "Being a non-profit agency, we have a tight budget. But people in the television industry, the radio industry and the billboard industry have been very, very generous."

Blackmer said the Reagans agreed to participate in the Kiwanis program "because we asked."



This laser printer in the Computer-Math Building helps students to do



Edward Otis works on his MBA paper on an IBM computer

The Observer/Hannes Hacker

Priest helps youths in need on the streets of New York

MAUREEN LYNCH
features writer

Muttering uttering "bag ladies" huddled in the restrooms of bus terminals, expressionless drunks sprawled in doorwells, elderly figures pathetically searching trashcans for returnable bottles. These scenes give painful testimony of the great numbers of homeless in our country. At what point in their lives were they forced to sacrifice self-dignity and hope in exchange for the barest level of survival, and was such a trade unavoidable?

Perhaps, given the right support at critical times in their lives, these Americans might not have had to give up such valuable parts of themselves. Such critical periods may arise early in their life. According to a 1980 Senate report, "between 240,000 and 500,000 children and adolescents become homeless each year." Lacking guidance, experience, and employable skills, these youths face an unfair battle and may become trapped in the destructive worlds of pornography and prostitution.

An estimated 20,000 homeless children under 21 are said to reside in New York City alone. Attracted by the glamour of big-city life, some may have fled unhappy homes and others may simply have been kicked out of the house by parents unwilling or unable to cope. In the city, they are approached by sweet-talking, persuasive men who promise to feed, shelter and protect them. Naive, or simply desperate, the youngsters follow the pimp and find themselves forced into a sort of enslavement. The results are rarely

happy: an 11 year old is arrested a seventh time for prostitution and once more is bailed out and reemployed by her pimp; a 17 year old is found murdered after keeping back a few dollars from the pimp who "owns" her; a 5 year old is abandoned for weeks by his drug-addicted mother.

A Franciscan priest, Father Bruce Ritter, became aware of similar accounts and was spurred into action. In 1972, he formed Covenant House. Its aim was to provide help to the neglected and exploited youths of New York City. Currently, an average of 200 homeless children and teenagers a night sleep at Covenant House, approximately 70 percent of them victims of the multi-billion dollar sex industry. In an Oct. 1980 Reader's Digest article, Dr. Peter Masella says, "These kids' bodies are maps of their lives. People have burned them with cigarettes, scarred them with whips and red hot coat hangers, and broken their bones. Many have VD, it's an epidemic with our kids. Many have tuberculosis. Many are hooked on drugs; virtually all use marijuana, and a lot use angel dust. No one has given them value systems, and often their best instincts have been destroyed. I wish I had an intravenous injection with a huge shot of love in it. That would do more good than all the penicillin in the world."

At Covenant House, not only are the kids' immediate needs of shelter, food, medical attention and protection met, but they are also offered psychological and legal counseling, educational and vocational training, a Mother/Child program as well as spiritual support.

Jonathan Hill, one member of Covenant Community, a group of full-time volunteers who live and pray together, says that a main goal of Covenant House is to restore to the kids their feeling of self-worth. Poverty, he has learned, is not simply a matter of lack of money but a lack of choices. Through the care and commitment of the workers at Covenant House, some children do regain their pride and are able to break out of the vicious circles of their lives on the street.

Hanging on the walls of the chapel at Covenant House is a series of pictures, painted and donated by a religious brother who worked at the center. The paintings illustrate the story of a young boy, mistreated by his environment, who is helped and gradually grows into a healthy, confident individual able to cope. However, the pictures make it clear that although the boy recovers, the injuries he has received are so serious that the scars will remain for life. In reality, sometimes the wounds never heal: over half of the children Covenant House touches return to the streets, for its strong hold can't be easily severed. Homeless children grow to be homeless adults, the defeated elders one sees camped out on the sidewalks. "If you want to see what my kids will become," says Father Ritter, "just walk down 42nd Street between Seventh and Eighth Avenues. You can't live for months on the street."

Friday evening, Father Ritter will talk about Covenant House and the children it serves. Anyone interested in learning more about the program is invited to attend the lecture to be held at 7:30 p.m. in the library auditorium.

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Chicago Bears fans celebrate the team's victory in Super Bowl XX Sunday night in New Orleans. Yesterday, the victorious Bears were treated to a tickertape parade in downtown Chicago.

AP Photo

Men's swimming team goes 1-1 on road trip to push record to 2-3

By SCOTT INGLIS
Sports Writer

With just four more meets left before the Midwestern Collegiate Conference championships, the Notre Dame men's swimming team (2-3) finally returns home this week after having been on the road since Dec. 12. In dual meet action this Friday, the Irish will take on Oral Roberts and St. Bonaventure starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Rolfs Aquatic Center.

Last week, the Notre Dame swimmers completed their road stint by traveling to New York and facing St. John's and Fordham. On their first night in the Big City, the Irish were clipped by the Red Men 58-55, as St.

John's rallied late to take five of the last six events.

"It was a close meet all the way," commented first-year Irish coach Tim Welsh. "We started off strong, but St. John's would not let go and came on strong in the end."

However, Notre Dame was not to leave the Big Apple without first taking a bite. The luck of the Irish returned when they defeated Fordham 63-50. Jim Dowd (Murrysville, Pa.) swept the freestyle sprints by posting a 22.2 in the 50-yard race and a 48.6 in the 100-yard event, while also swimming a leg in the 400-yard freestyle relay (3:16.1).

Dowd's performance, coupled with the efforts of his teammates,

gave Coach Welsh much reason for optimism heading into this week.

"It was a great way to end the trip," remarked Welsh. "The team really pulled together after such a tough loss the night before. It's easy to get down on yourself, but the spirit of this team is tremendous."

"Coming home will be nice after being on the road for so long," continued Welsh. "Oral Roberts and St. Bonaventure have strong swimmers, and this weekend's meet is going to be a tough one. If we take both teams, we would push ourselves over the .500 mark. The men have the enthusiasm and the winning tempo and want to continue our recent success."

Brown, two-mile relay stand out at Western Michigan track meet

By JOHN COYLE
Sports Writer

Both the old and the new performed well for the Notre Dame track team Saturday at the Western Michigan Relays, a non-scoring meet. The experienced quartet of seniors Robert Nobles, John McNelis, Jim Tyler and junior Jeff Van Wie won the two-mile relay in strong fashion, while sophomore Tim Brown, making his collegiate debut, took first in two events.

The Irish two-mile relay team got its season off to a quick start with an impressive time of 7:29. According to Notre Dame head coach Joe Piane, it is one of the top three times in the country at this point in the season. The time qualified the foursome for the IC4A's and was only two seconds away from the NCAA Championship qualifying time.

"If we ran a hair better, we would have qualified. They probably feel like they should have but I'm confident they will do it before long," said Piane.

Brown, a split end on the Notre Dame football team, was somewhat of an early surprise to the Irish head coach since the talented sprinter had not competed in track since his senior year in high school.

"He ran really well. Both were very good times. I was a little surprised at how quickly he has developed," explained Piane. "But Tim is so talented and has rounded into shape so quickly that he has made up for the lost time."

The sophomore's time of 6.32 in the 60-yard dash missed the NCAA's qualifying mark by a 10th of a second. It was good, though, for the IC4A's as was his winning time in the 300-meter dash of 34.77.

Another Notre Dame football

player, Brandy Wells, also turned in a strong performance for the Irish with a IC4A qualifying time of 6.48 in the 60-yard dash. Other top Irish finishers were sophomore Rick Mulvey and senior Tom Warth, who tied for sixth with a solid time of 8:32 in a very competitive 3000-meter race. Freshman David Warth, younger brother of Tom, had another good time of 2:30.82 in the 1000-meter meter run.

In the field events, sophomores Rick Muench and Chris Matteo had the best finishes for the Irish. Muench, with a long jump of 22.3 feet, finished fifth in that event. In the pole vault, Matteo was also fifth with an effort of 14 feet.

Overall, Piane said that he was pleased with Notre Dame's performance in the meet, which took place in Kalamazoo, Mich. It included teams from Michigan, Michigan State, Marquette, Purdue and Central Michigan.

"How can I argue with the two-mile relay team and Tim Brown's showing? Both are extremely good and they can only improve," said Piane.

The schedule gets more difficult for the Irish, since this was their last non-scoring meet. They now must prepare for the Midwestern Collegiate Championships this Saturday at the ACC.



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Fencing teams remain unbeaten with five victories over weekend

By KEVIN HERBERT
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men's and women's fencing teams continued their invincibility this past weekend by winning five of five matches in Chicago.

On Saturday, the Irish men faced and defeated squads from Chicago, Wisconsin and Michigan-Dearborn, while the women did the same to their two opponents, Wisconsin and Chicago.

"Michigan-Dearborn and Chicago really did not have that tough of a team. However, I was surprised at how impressively we defeated Wisconsin," said Notre Dame fencing coach Mike DeCicco. "I think the momentum from the Chicago and Michigan matches carried the team right through Wisconsin."

"We fenced a little better than I had expected us to. I thought the matches would be a little closer than they were."

The Notre Dame men easily trounced Chicago to start off the action on Saturday. Against Chicago, the scores were: epee 6-3, foil 7-2 and sabre 9-0, for a final tally of Notre Dame 22, Chicago 5.

The Irish followed this landslide victory with another against Michigan-Dearborn. The scores in this match were: foil 9-0, sabre 9-0

and epee 7-2, for an even more convincing 25-2 win.

Next for the Irish were the defending Big Ten champion Wisconsin Badgers. The match, however, was not nearly as close as expected. Notre Dame won easily, 20-7. The scoring breakdown was as follows: foil 8-1, sabre 6-3 and epee 6-3.



Charles Higgs-Coulthard

These impressive wins upped the men's record to a perfect 7-0. The Irish will face their toughest opponent this weekend, at home, when the defending national champion Wayne State Tartars come into town.

"The kids fenced very well this weekend against some tough competition, but we must sharpen all three of our weapons to stay with Wayne State this weekend," said DeCicco.

Going undefeated in the foil this

weekend for Notre Dame were Mike Van der Velden (4-0), Charles Higgs-Coulthard (5-0) and Yehuda Kovacs (4-0).

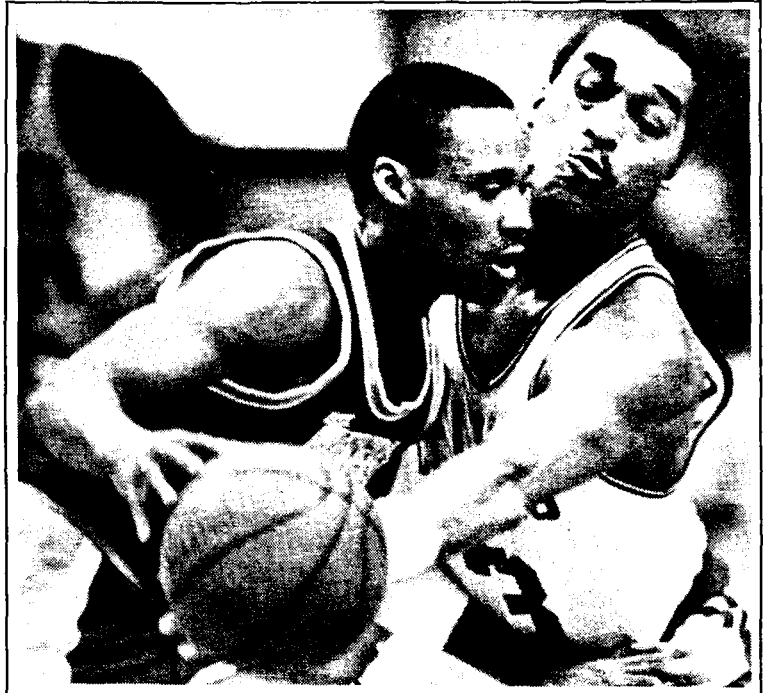
Outstanding in the epee were Christian Scherpe (4-0) and Tim Vaughan (4-0).

In the sabre, senior Don Johnson was perfect at 7-0.

The women were also very impressive this weekend, as their two wins improved their ledger to 6-0.

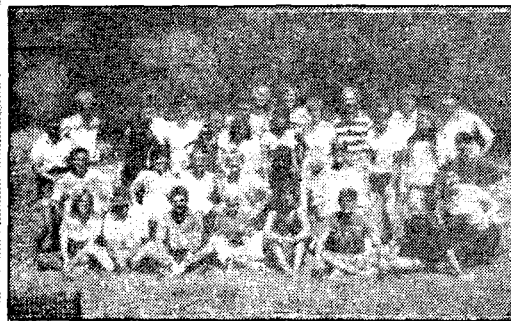
Against Chicago, the Irish dominated from beginning to end with a 16-0 win. The Badgers proved to be tougher, but not too much so, as Notre Dame won this handily as well, 10-6.

Cindy Weeks went a perfect 4-0, while sophomore sensation Molly Sullivan went 3-1 to lead their team to 26 wins in 32 matches.



Boston Celtics guard Dennis Johnson (3) reaches in to knock the ball away from Los Angeles Lakers guard Byron Scott in the Celtics' victory last Wednesday night in Boston. Boston beat the Philadelphia 76ers, 105-103, in action Sunday.

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Irish wrestler Carl Hildinger struggles to stay on top of an Illinois State wrestler in action two weekends ago. Hildinger was victorious in the 118-

pound class in the National Catholic Tournament over the weekend. Rick Rietbrock details the tournament below.

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Irish wrestling team performs well in National Catholic Tournament

By RICK RIETBROCK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame continued its outstanding wrestling by scoring a convincing win in last weekend's National Catholic Tournament in Cleveland, Ohio.

In gaining the victory, the Irish won six weight classes, finished second in three classes, and finished third in another to reach the goal Head Coach Fran McCann had set before them.

"We needed a contribution from everyone," said McCann. "We wanted everyone to place in the top four in his class."

The contribution from all sources helped the Irish score 118.25 points, tops in the eight-team field. The host team, John Carroll, finished second with 83 points, while Seton Hall placed third with 61 points.

The impressive performance set aside some of McCann's uncertainties going into the tournament.

"John Carroll has a good program," continued the second-year coach. "They've dominated this tournament for years, and being at their place, I wasn't sure how a young team like ours would react."

"It's just tremendous for our team. We only lost 4 of 27 matches," he said. "The kids really hustled and showed a lot of desire and heart. Our

people just outthusted everyone else."

That hustle enabled six Irish wrestlers to capture titles, including freshman Jerry Durso, who was named the Outstanding Wrestler of the Tournament. Durso tallied a pin and two technical falls in gaining top wrestler honors, a selection that McCann said was no contest.

"If he wasn't selected, they don't know a good wrestler if they see one," he said. "I'm very happy for him."

Durso, however, had plenty of help in supporting the Irish cause.

Carl Hildinger and Dave Carlin posted one pin on their way to capturing the 118-pound and the 126-pound titles, while Chris Geneser pinned two opponents in claiming the title at 167 pounds.

John Krug and Dave Helmer captured championships at 177 pounds and 190 pounds, respectively, with each recording one pin.

McCann singled out a couple of wins by Helmer and Ron Wisniewski, a second-place finisher at 150 pounds, as especially critical.

"Helmer and Wisniewski won semi-final matches that we just had to have, despite the fact that they were wrestling out of their weight classes," he pointed out. "They both beat guys from John Carroll and really widened our lead."

Besides Wisniewski, 142-pound Pat Boyd and 158-pound Dan Carigan also earned second-place honors, while heavyweight Spero Karas came away with a third-place finish.

The Irish posted 12 falls or technical falls, including six in first-round matches. That early-round success was extremely beneficial, according to McCann.

"The early rounds are great opportunities to get extra team points because usually you are up against a weaker opponent," he said. "We needed those big scores early in the tournament."

The Irish completed their sweep of tournament honors when McCann was named National Catholic Coach of the Year.

"That kind of honor is always nice," he said. "But we have some really good kids here."

The Irish travel to Central Michigan to face the Chippewas Friday. McCann says that he has confidence in his squad.

"Central Michigan will be a tough meet for us," he said. "They're a good team and we'll need a couple of upsets to win."

"Our kids are sky-high though, and their confidence is really high after winning this tournament. Central Michigan had better be ready, because we're going to be ready."

Women swimmers take two victories on trip

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The Notre Dame women's swim team returned home successful after meets with St. John's and Fordham, improving its overall record to 4-2. Swimming on the road showed little effect on the women, as they beat St. John's 79-61, and Fordham 60-44.

"We swam extremely well against St. John's," said Coach Tim Welsh, attributing the win to the girls' strong start in the first half of the meet. "We controlled the meet after the first few events and were able to pull the win out from there."

In Friday night's meet the Irish came out strong with three straight first-place finishes, in the 200-yard medley relay, 200- and 1000-yard freestyle, and led 20-4 in points after only three events. This set the pace for the rest of the meet, as the Notre Dame swimmers won 11 of 16 events. They also claimed second- and third-place finishes in nine events.

Leading the Irish women in individual performances was junior Suzanne DeVine with three first-place finishes against St. John's. She took the 1000- and 500-yard freestyle events in 11:05.5 and 5:21.6, respectively. She also contributed to the winning effort in the 200-yard medley relay with Barbara Byrne, Tracy Johnson and Venette Cochiolo, with a combined time of 1:55.8.

Also leading the Irish swimmers was senior co-captain Cochiolo, who added wins in the 100- and 200-yard breaststroke in 1:11.0 and 2:33.2. Sophomore Amy Darlington and freshman Johnson racked up additional points with strong efforts in the 100-yard freestyle, as well as individual wins in the 200- and 50-yard freestyle events, respectively.

The women swimmers' depth gave them strength in most events, according to Coach Welsh. This helped them take first, second and third-place finishes in so many events. Even when the roster was rearranged to have fresh swimmers in new events for the meet against Fordham on Saturday, the Irish still dominated, winning seven events.

Coming off the tough meet against St. John's, the Notre Dame women

might have had fatigue as a factor against them, but a less powerful Fordham provided little obstacle to them.

Suzanne DeVine again led the Irish with victories in the 200-yard freestyle and butterfly events with times of 2:02.07 and 2:17.0, as well as contributing to the 400-yard medley relay win with teammates Byrne, Cochiolo and P.J. Amberg, in 4:35.8.

Coach Welsh noted the 200-yard butterfly event as one that was particularly strong for the Notre Dame women.

"This is a powerful event for us; this weekend we placed five different girls in the top three spots in this event."

Other highlights included wins in the 500-yard freestyle by Anne Costello in 5:32.85 and in the 200-yard individual medley by Amy Darlington in 2:18.32.

One of the key performances over the weekend was by sophomore diver Andrea Bonny. While tallying two wins off the 1-meter board and a win and second-place finish off the 3-meter board, she also qualified for the NCAA Division I zone diving championship. This will enable her to compete within the region, hoping to move on to the NCAA national championship. Bonny is the first Notre Dame diver to achieve this.

Md. tickets available

Special to The Observer

Students without season basketball tickets will have a chance to be on hand for the Notre Dame-Maryland clash slated for Monday, Feb. 3, at the ACC, the ticket office announced yesterday.

There will be 77 bleacher seats for the Maryland contest available for sale to students tomorrow afternoon from 1-5 p.m. at Gate 10 of the ACC. The tickets are part of Maryland's allotment which were returned to Notre Dame.

The tickets are \$3 apiece, and the buyer must present a valid student ID.

Skiers encounter hardship on weekend trip

Are you having one of those days where nothing seems to be going right? If you are, then pay attention, for you are about to read the adventures of the ski team.

Friday night on the way to Crystal Mountain in Thompsonville, Mich., the team took a wrong turn and added two hours to the average travel time.

The following morning before the race, the course was hit by rain, creating icy skiing conditions. To make the race more challenging, a rather difficult course was laid out for the skiers. It appeared that whoever would finish the race standing would have a good shot at winning.

K.K. Meyer of the Notre Dame women's team took a spill in her first race. Then Tony Jordan of the men's team took a serious fall, suffering a hairline fracture and nerve damage to the right leg, as well as a concussion.

That is not all. Notre Dame women's captain Kathy Skendzal, usually a reliable finisher in the top five, was disqualified in the giant slalom when, attempting to get out to a fast start, she left one of her skis at the starting gate. And, as if to emphasize the point, John Kruger did the exact same thing.

But the ski team persevered, and the results were not as bad as they could have been. The men placed fourth, the St. Mary's women took fifth, and the Notre Dame women placed sixth.

Except for Jordan's spill, the men did rather well in the icy conditions on Saturday. Club President John O'Donovan finished fifth in the giant slalom and sixth in the

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slalom. Jordan took 12th in the giant slalom, and John Kruger placed ninth in the slalom. Mike Murray was the third finisher for the Irish in both events, taking 20th in the giant slalom and 22nd in the slalom.

"We raced real well Saturday," said Jordan. "But we sort of fell apart Sunday."

Because of bad weather conditions, only the giant slalom was run Sunday. But the new snow came just in time to help the women's teams.

Maureen Connoughton, who had placed ninth in the slalom, took sixth place for St. Mary's in the giant slalom. Solid skiing by her and Sheila Smiggen and Lisa Hamann led the Belles to fifth place.

The Notre Dame women were led by Skendzal, who placed third in the slalom and took first in the giant slalom. Laurie Shea kept up her consistent skiing by finishing 17th in the slalom and 20th in both giant slalom races. Stephanie Eck finished 22nd in the giant slalom, and Jane Heisel placed 43rd in the slalom.

The men's "B" team was the other team which competed at Crystal Mountain. Strong finishers for the Irish included C.B. Thomas, Jeff Parker and Joe McBride.

The skier with perhaps the most talent on the team is Skendzal. She was an all-state performer in high school, and she qualified for the collegiate nationals her freshman year.

"Getting there was my main goal," she said. "I just wanted to have fun while I was there."

She did not win anything, though, as the differences between the Michigan "hills" and the Colorado mountains were too much.

Last year as a sophomore, she spent the year in Algiers, France. She only skied a few times last year, so returning to the team she was a little nervous.

She is also a little less consumed with skiing than she was as a freshman. As captain, she is more concerned with team goals.

"As a team, to qualify for regionals is our goal," she said. "To qualify for nationals would be great, but the competition is stronger, and it would really be tough, almost impossible."

Considering that the team has only one senior, that is the best goal right now for Skendzal and the rest of the Notre Dame women. The team is strong right now, as shown by its victory in the Michigan Governor's Cup race, but should be even stronger next year.

Coming up this week, the Gymnastics Club opens its season at Miami (Ohio) Saturday, and the Ski team returns to both Caberfae and Crystal Mountain for a meet. The men's Volleyball Club plays tomorrow at Western Michigan, and then takes on the Wolverines of Michigan at the ACC pit.