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Students consider reforms ND graduate contests

By MATTHEW LOUGHRAN

Assistant News Editor

from Student Leaders Government and the Student Union Board gathered for the first meeting of the reform committee last night. Brendan Kelly, chief of staff for Student Government, called the committee together for the express purpose of revising the student body constitution.

"This is a general reform committee to suggest changes to the constitution," he said. "According to the constitution, any student can make a recommendation and it has to be talked about by the Student Senate.'

The clause which Kelly referred to is in Article XVI, Section I of the Student Body constitution. It reads, "Any amendment to this constitution may be presented to the Student Senate by any individual student or student organization.

He indicated that even though the first committee members were also high ranking officials in each of their organizations, they came together merely as individual students to suggest these changes. "We are students that have a particular



Student Government Chief of Staff Brendan Kelly (center) and other high ranking officials met to discuss constitutional reforms last night knowledge about the processes that need to be changed.

The committee listed among its goals reform of the Student Senate and increased communication between organizations.

The General Senate Reform Subcommittee was proposed at the beginning of the meeting. 'We have to look at the process of how the Student Senate operates and who sits on the Senate," said Mark Leen, a senator and member of the committee. He also indicated that issues to be addressed include the purpose and content of the major elected bodies on campus including the Hall Presidents Council and the Office of the Student Body President. Committee members that offered their expertise in these fields included Leen, Kelly, current Student Body President Seth Miller, and three members of the Hall Presidents Council.

Another major point that the committee members discussed was a lack of communication between the members of Student Government, SUB, and the Office of Student Activities.

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School Board decision

By MAUREEN HURLEY

Associate News Editor ·

Following an unsuccessful bid for a seat on the South Bend Board of School Trustees in November elections, Peter Helland, a 1978 Notre Dame graduate, is attempting to advance his platform agenda of increasing teaching of morality in the public schools through a legal appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

After his dismissal from the South Bend Community School Corporation as a substitute teacher in 1993, Helland filed suit against the corporation, stating that he was wrongfully dismissed due to his religious beliefs. U.S. District Judge Robert Miller ruled against Helland, with that ruling later being upheld in the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Fourth-year Notre Dame law student Tom Arkell assisted Helland, who was acting as his own counsel, with the formalities of the process—such as filing motions and writing legal briefs—throughout the district and circuit court level.

"It was great legal experi-

ence. Once I started working on the case, I felt there was merit in the case, and wanted to help out as much as I could," said Arkell, who presented the argument for the Helland case to the 7th Circuit Court under the sponsorship of Robert Palmer, assistant professor in the Notre Dame Law School.

Despite defeats in the district and circuit level, Helland maintains that his case is meritorious because of the possibility of setting a legal precedent in religious rights cases, and has appealed to the Supreme Court.

This is a case that will have bigger ramifications than my situation," Helland said. "Every Circuit Court has different rulings on this issue, and a decision in this case [at the Supreme Court level] would give public school teachers clear guidelines and standards on their religious freedoms in the classroom."

In Helland's termination letter, John Hemphill, the corporation's assistant director of human resources and services, stated that Helland was terminated as a result of "discussion

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Retired general outlines NASA plan for Mars



The Observer/Dave McCaffrey Thomas Stafford addressed students in Niuewland Hall yesterday

By MATTHEW LOUGHRAN Assistant News Editor

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration plans to begin assembling an international space station in orbit around the Earth in November 1997, according to Thomas Stafford, a retired Air Force general and astronaut.

The station will consist of American and Russian components, Stafford said. He also indicated that it represents the next step in the further exploration of the near solar sys-

"We have a schedule that would put us back on the moon by 2002 and exploring Mars by 2014," he said. "We may not make those times, but the plan is there for the next 25 to 30 years."

Stafford organized and chaired the Synthesis Group in 1990. The group was convened by Dan Quayle, then vice president of the United States, and Admiral Richard Truly, then the NASA administrator, to study the possibilities for exploration of Mars and a permanent station on the moon.

'We are looking into a permanent artificial environment on the moon," Stafford said. "The environment is going to be tried out on the space station first, then converted to the project on the moon."

Reasons for creating a permanent station on the moon include the ability to mine the helium-3 that exists in the first few layers of ground there. That element can be used in fusion," Stafford said. "If we were to mine it from the moon, bring back 25 tons and put it into fusion, it would be enough to power the U.S. for the year 2000.'

The element is not found on the Earth, according to Stafford, because it is positively charged and thus does not penetrate the Van Allen radiation belt.

As far as the expedition to Mars is concerned, Stafford sees it as the next logical step for the space program. "There are a lot of unique processes going on on Mars,' he said, citing large canyons and volcanoes on the surface

"[Exploring Mars] is a challenge too because it is so much further away than anything that we have tried before," Stafford said. "At its closest point [in the planet's orbit] it is 35 million miles from Earth."

The logistics of the program could slow down the progress towards manned exploration of Mars, according to Stafford. He does, however, see the plan proceeding, if only at a slower pace than first expected.

"In order to get to that point, [where it is safe to send an astronaut to Mars] we have to revitalize old technologies and utilize new technologies," he said. "The Russians were far

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i Shuttling Program sets national trend

Editor's Note: This is the third in a three part series dealing with rape on the college cam-

By ANN KEARNS Assistant Saint Mary's Editor

Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, is setting trends in its security department.

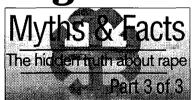
Eleven years ago, Miami began a student-operated security program. It started with a walking escort service first run by members of Reserve Officers Training Corps. The program changed management several times, being run at one point by the Association to Women's Studies and later by the service fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega.

This evolved into a van escort service, known as the Campus

Assault Prevention program (CAP). Made up of male/female teams that bus students to different parts of the campus or of the city, this security department is completely student run. They have their own telephone line which is answered by a student dispatcher, according to Det. John Barnhart, Miami University policeman.

Sgt. Andrew Powers believes the program is effective because students feel more comfortable calling their own peers than campus security employees. People that are intoxicated are more likely to use the student-operated service instead of calling police or security guards, he said.

Miami University's rape statistics have remained consistent since 1993. According to



Miami's Right to Know Statistics, there were two reported rapes in each of 1993, 1994, and 1995. In 1996, between the months of January and July, there was one reported rape.

The University of Notre Dame is now discussing generating a program similar to that of Miami's CAP. If passed, it would be known as Safe-Rides, a spin-off of Safe-Walk.

Molly Detgen, executive coordinator of Student Life, has been active in the planning of this program. Initially it would run between 10 p.m. and 3:30

ROTC members will help to initiate the service, according to Capt. Patrick Walsh, commandant of cadets of the Army ROTC at Notre Dame. The members will work in pairs and serve as drivers. They will drive Saint Mary's and Notre Dame students from bars to their campus or off-campus

address if it is within a two mile radius of Saint Mary's or Notre Dame, according to Detgen.

'[The ROTC participants] are willing to do this as a service, but they don't want it abused as an excuse to drink too much. This is not meant to be a drunk wagon," Walsh said.

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THIS IS THE LAST ISSUE OF THE OBSERVER FOR THE SEMESTER. HAVE A SAFE AND WONDERFUL BREAK. MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

■ INSIDE COLUMN

What makes Christmas so romantic?

It's snowing, and your sweetheart's got a red sweater on. Her cheeks are cold and rosy, she's smiling, and you swear you've never heard anyone hum "Jingle Bells" so well. Instead of entertaining your typical erotic fantasies that she usually inspires, you're musing about decorating the



Jillian Pagliocca News Copy Editor

tree with your kids and saying to your wife, "Would you like some more egg nog, my little

For some reason, the Christmas season inspires romance and a purer kind of it: affection that is cozy, comfortable and sentimental.

What is it about Christmas that makes us excessively cheezy and passionate? You never see lovers pointing and cooing in front of store windows the week before Halloween. There's nothing provocative about Easter. And why should chopping down a Christmas tree-it's cold, one of you is being entirely too picky, you're forced to pay for something that you could find for free in a forest anyway-be so much more romantic than picking out a Thanksgiving turkey in the frozen foods sec-

And Christmas is, after all, a religious holiday. It commemorates the birth of our Savior: a Savior conceived not in passion, but virginity. So where does the romance come from? Somehow that sacred moment has become the impetus for a whole month of infinite cuddles and kisses. Although originating with the visit of three royal intellects and a couple of shepherds who had a small party in a haystack, somewhere along the line Cupid found his way to the scene.

In struggling to find the explanation for why this religious holiday has turned quasi-sensual and seductive, here's what I've come up with:

- Mistletoe is difficult to identify. In fact, nobody seems to know what it looks like. To be safe, you wind up kissing under anything that's green and leafy.
- It's cold. Hand-holding is perfectly legit.
- There is something so intimate about sitting close to someone and praying with them in church.
- Too much spiked egg nog.
- The whole holiday's based on birth. Heck, even Santa's got his Mrs. C. And although they don't claim children of their own, how else do you explain all those elves?
- Men who venture into Victoria's Secret to buy their lover/wife/ "other" a gift get so embarrassed they wind up letting a devious saleswoman do the picking. The guy unfailingly walks out of the store with something skimpy
- Any holiday that's stored in a box for the majority of the year has a lot of pent up frustration to release.
- If you aren't pressed up against your darling while shopping, you are bound to get gonged by a Salvation Army bell or hit on by a suspiciously sloppy Santa.
- Women can be awfully sexy when it comes to hinting at gift-giving ideas.

So, however the spirit moves you, let it inspire caresses, as well as blessings and wishes of good cheer. Start by punctuating holiday requests with kisses. If he looks at you strangely, just point to something green and leafy nearby. Chances are he won't know it's not mistletoe.

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■ World at a Glance

Zairian rebels take last major northeastern city easily

BENI, Zaire Zairian troops have fled the last major government-held city in northeastern Zaire, destroying homes with rockets and looting the city before leaving it to rebel forces, residents said Tuesday.

Bunia, a trading center near the border with central Uganda, was calm Tuesday. Residents said the soldiers left without a fight.

Radio CANDIP, a local station that had not broadcast for three days, went on the air Tuesday morning with messages from people calling on their friends and family to return.

Residents heard over ham radio said they were ecstatic that the rebels had finally arrived.

Rebels of the Alliance of Democratic Forces for Liberation have encountered little resistance in their eight-week push north through eastern Zaire. They have claimed control of more than 310 miles of territory along the eastern border, and say they intend to press on to

Kinshasa, the capital hundreds of miles to the west. President Mobutu Sese Seko is in France after cancer treatment in Switzerland. His protocol chief, Bosco

Zaire Detail area Rebels take control of city looted and abandoned by Zairian troops ZAIRE Kisangani Rebel control of eastern UGANDA **RWANDA** Walikale . Lake Kivi **○** Kigaji 🔾 Bujumbura 100 miles BURUNDI Lake Tanganyika TANZANIA AP/Wm. J. Castello

Cassoubia, told The Associated Press Tuesday that the president would return to Zaire next week, although the

exact date is undecided. 'The president is obliged to cut short

his convalescence," Cassoubia said. The 66-year-old president has been out of Zaire since August.

Command of Bunia could help the rebels consolidate control over eastern Zaire. With the city's airport in rebel hands, the government could have a hard time moving in troops and equipment for a counterattack.

Bunia also is the site of gold mines, including one belonging to Mobutu.

The rebels had claimed to have surrounded and taken control of all roads last week. It was not clear how the soldiers got away.

A large plane landed in Bunia on Monday to evacuate senior Zairian officers to Kinshasa, leaving most of the soldiers behind, one resident said.

With rebels advancing from the south and west, the Zairian troops fled north

toward the Ugandan and Sudanese borders, according to residents reached by ham radio from Beni, 100 miles

Bennett accuses Universal Studios

Former Education Secretary William Bennett, an outspoken conservative voice on issues of morality, said today Universal Studios Inc. is violating a commitment not to distribute profane or violent music. Universal Studios, formerly MCA Inc., sells music recordings under the MCA and Geffen labels.

'MCA now joins other corporations in America in trying to make as much money as it can out of the wreckage of civilization," Bennett said at a news conference. "Their word is not worth anything." When Interscope Records — the label behind some of music's most controversial rappers — moved to MCA in February, MCA said they "would not profit from or distribute music they found offensive," said Bennett's aide, Christian Pinkston. Interscope artists included "gangsta" rapper Snoop Doggy Dogg and the late Tupac Shakur. But so far, MCA has failed to live up to its commitment, according to Bennett, Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., and C. DeLores Tucker of the National Political Congress

Ritalin doses increase for children

WASHINGTON

Doctors use about 2 1/2 times more Ritalin for hyperactive and inattentive children now than in 1990, a far smaller increase than the alarming sixfold rise that some reports have suggested, researchers say. About 1.5 million young people ages 5 through 18 take the drug for relief from attention and hyperactivity disorders, the researchers reported in the December issue of Pediatrics, the journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Some politicians and policymakers have suggested that Ritalin is being overprescribed for youngsters. The new study, led by Dr. Daniel Safer of Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore, did not address how much Ritalin use is appropriate. But it pronounced some estimates of its use exaggerated. The study was based on regional and national surveys of Ritalin use. The researchers said recent increases in Ritalin use appear to be due in part to the drug's improved image and children being kept on it longer.

Sailors charged in Thanksgiving rape

Three sailors stationed at a submarine base are accused of plying a 16-year-old girl with liquor and sexually assaulting her on Thanksgiving night at a motel run by the Navy. Lionel A. Benjamin, 19, and Raymond Johnson, 17, were arrested Monday on charges they raped the girl after a night of dancing and drinking. A third sailor, Luis C. Jones, 20, was charged with a lesser count of sexual assault and attempted sexual assault. They were jailed on \$100,000 bail each and could get up to 20 years in prison. A fourth sailor, Greg Watkins, told police he was in the room but did not take part in the attack. He backed up most of the girl's story, according to court papers. Watkins has not been charged. The girl, a 10th-grade student, told police she met the sailors at the restaurant where she works as a waitress. The sailors, whose hometowns were not released, are newly enlisted at the Naval Submarine School in Groton. The girl told police she met the sailors at the restaurant and was attacked after going back with them to the Navy lodge to party, get drunk and smoke marijuana. The lodge, a motel for Navy personnel and their families, is a few blocks from the base.

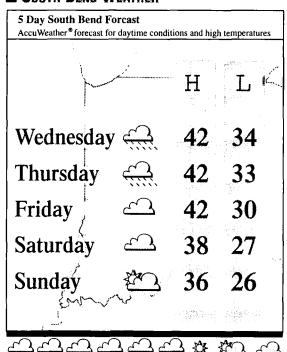
Safety agency recommends crib test

WASHINGTON

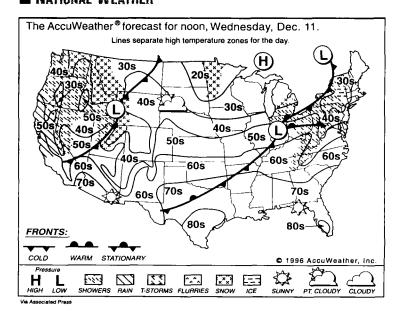
A government safety agency moved Tuesday to develop a mandatory test for measuring the strength of the slats in children's cribs. The Consumer Product Safety Commission voted 2-1 to go forward with its rule making because it said months of negotiations with the child furniture industry over an improved voluntary standard have resulted in no action. The agency has received 138 reports since January 1985 of crib slats that were loose, missing or broken-including 12 deaths and five injuries to children who got stuck in the space created by the missing slats. Five crib manufacturers have recalled more than 670,000 cribs since 1991 because of problems with the slats, including four recalls in 1995 and this year, and offered consumers free replacement parts. 'Manufacturers will now know there's a performance test that the cribs have to meet," said Mary Ellen Fise, general counsel for the Consumer Federation of America, which has pushed for the standard.

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■ NATIONAL WEATHER

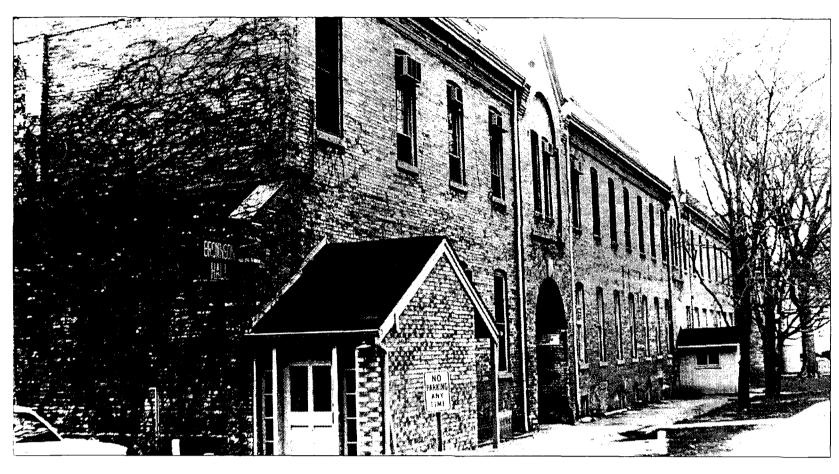


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Today...

The First Year of Studies

With finals just a few short days away and most of campus cramming, the Departments Page takes a look at the First Year of Studies, and the work they do to make sure students learn to study the right way.



Brownson Hall, located behind the Main Building, houses the Learning Resource Center. The center's director, Nahid Erfan, encourages all freshmen to utilize its resources. Registration for spring semester programs should be done through a First Year of Studies academic advisor.

Learning Resource Center aids freshmen to 12 students, and language tutoring is often on

Erfan adds that most students do not realize that tutors are available for all courses, not just

math and science. Elective courses with tutors

include 100 level classes in economics, engineer-

ing, anthropology, and psychology. If a formal

tutoring program is not available in a given course, a referral to the department can be

made. "No one ever gets turned away," said

An additional resource of the LRC includes collaborative learning groups for courses in math

and science. These groups consist of four to six

students and a tutor. Each student in a collabo-

rative group helps the other group members

with their homework. In order to ensure uniform

progress, group members are selected from the

same course section. "You should be [kept] with

people from your

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twice a week

throughout the

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Erfan said.

groups

By JUSTYN HARKIN Departments Page Editor

Since 1962, the University of Notre Dame has been accepting all freshmen into a First Year of Studies curriculum in an effort to ensure a more well-rounded education. Requirements of the First Year of Studies include courses in English, foreign language, theology, history, mathematics, natural science, and social science. All first year students are provided with academic advisors who meet with them over the course of the

According to Eileen Kolman, dean of the program, the advisors help students decide on which colleges to enter and what majors to choose. Advisors also receive the results of all midterms and major departmental exams in order to oversee the progress of each student.

Kolman boasts the success of the program by stating that 98 percent of all freshman finish the year, 96 percent of all



Eileen Kolman

ath is not a spectator sport. **IV**■You have to participate.'

Kolman notes that one of the goals of the First Year of Studies is to help students to develop good study habits early so they can cope with college caliber work. Frequently students will come in asking for help by themselves; however

they can also be referred by their professors, or even their rectors.

percent will graduate.

Although most students can choose whether they wish to receive additional help, probationary students with GPAs less than 1.7 do not have the option. "When a student goes on probation, something went wrong and something has to change," said Kolman.

Perhaps one of the greatest resources of the First Year of Studies is the Learning Resource Center (LRC). The center offers programs in tutoring, collaborative learning, math workshops, and learning strategies workshops in addition to test files, interest tests, and a career library.

Nahid Erfan, the center's director, claims that with all the available help, first year students have no excuse for poor grades. "What's the excuse for bad grades?" she said. "They have so much help [available to them]; they only have to

The LRC has 88 tutors available for all freshman year courses. Tutoring groups consist of 10

a one-on-one basis.

dance policy. freshman will return as sophomores, and that 94 Kolman comments on the effectiveness of the groups: "Math is not a spectator sport. You have to participate." Erfan notes that the student needs to be an active member of the group in order to get any benefit from the experience. The student is considered a team member, however, and excessive absences will warrant a dismissal from the group.

> For students who only need occasional help, the LRC offers a series of math workshops. The workshops are offered once a week and operate on a walk-in basis. Unlike tutoring and collaborative learning, the math workshops do not require a student to sign up with his or her advi-

> Freshman who find they are having difficulties with their writing are encouraged to consult Sandra Harmatiuk, an associate professional specialist. Harmatiuk offers individual assistance with term papers by appointment, but also has open hours for walk-ins. Harmatiuk also offers workshops on test taking and time management skills. The workshops run for 50 minutes and students have the option of seeking additional assistance where individual needs can be

> For more information, consult the First Year of Studies' homepage at http://www.nd.edu:80/n fresh/. All of the tutoring programs available from the LRC are free of charge.

It's not too late for help

Tt's 4:30 a.m on your first day of finals, and sometime between now and 8 a.m. you're going to have to teach yourself an entire semester of finite mathematics. Frequent trips to the bathroom because of the multiple liters of caffeine-rich Mountain Dew coursing through your veins have caused you to move your desk into the stall to maximize productivity.

The sun will soon be up, you haven't even begun to study

Course Course# Day

for the theology final later afterthis noon, and you still can't figure out how to do a matrix problem. You contemplate waking up your sleeping roommate for help but you stop yourself because you realize that not even Einstein himself can save you now. You think "If only started

sooner... Fortunately, even with the few short days that remain in this semester, the

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scenario described above can be prevented. The Learning Resource Center, located behind the Main Building in Brownson Hall, will organize help and study sessions for all students enrolled in 100 level classes.

The LRC will be open during reading days and finals until 5 p.m. where students can sit in on last minute study sessions, consult old test files and lecture notes (a copy machine is available in the building), or receive advice on test taking strategies and, ironically enough, time manage-

— Justyn Harkin

Rape

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Phil Johnson, assistant director of Notre Dame Security, feels that binge drinking plays an integral role in sexual assaults. "Our communities have to address substance abuse and its role in the crime," he said.

According to Johnson, when students are intoxicated, they are more likely to make the unwise decision of walking home at 4 a.m. or going to someone's apartment who they do not know.

Adrian Duran, co-president of Campus Alliance for Rape Elimination (CARE) believes the Safe-Rides program will improve campus safety, by giving students the option of calling other students. "We're peers. We're all in the same boat," according to Duran.

In a look at other women's colleges:

more advanced on how to

counteract the effects of pro-

longed weightlessness and

they have an old thruster

model that would be very

"As far as new technology

goes, we have looked into dif-

ferent ways of constructing the

gear, such as the spacesuit, to

Mars

effective.

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Spelman College, located in Atlanta, Ga., is an all women's school in the center of a college town. Spelman's primary security measure is its shuttle bus, providing students with transportation to other local colleges as well as to the closest public transportation stations. It runs until 2 a.m., which is the curfew for the freshmen. The security department was unable to comment on Spelman's rape statistics.

Wellesley College is also an all women's school with an enrollment of approximately 2,500 students. Frank O'Donnell, campus chief of police, admits that the students are not well-protected. "The students here are on their own," he said.

Wellesley does offer a shuttle; however, it only takes students to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. O'Donnell also stated that in 1995, there were three reported rapes which were proven and one which went unproven.

make them more efficient and easier to use."

Stafford is a retired three star general in the United States Air Force. He became a Gemini and Apollo astronaut in 1962 and served in that capacity and as deputy chief of staff of research, development and acquisition for the Air Force until he retired in 1979.

He was the head of the Astronaut Group during the Apollo 13 crisis and commander of Apollo 10 in 1969.

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"Often [Student Activities] plans events and SUB plans events without one telling the other what is going on in either office," said Kelly. The directors of SUB agreed and added that often Student Activities simply overruled SUB events with their own programming.

This led the committee to SUB/Student Government/Student Activities Link Subcommittee to study ways of increasing communication between these three offices. "We would like some of this to be a guide for Student Activities," said Miller. "How can we have continuity when the links between departments do not exist?'

The committee also determined that they would form a Empowerment Subcommittee and Organizational Continuity Subcommittee to deal with clubs and other campus organizations in the same issues that the Link Subcommittee is dealing with.

The final subcommittee formed was the Spending Review Subcommittee which will review the budgets and funding for every club. Student Body Treasurer Erin Hoffmann offered information from her office to the subcommittee in reference to these

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of religion and evolutionary theories," and because he "brought a Bible into the classroom" in

The letter later cited references to 1992, when Helland was informed of concerns of his "involvement in religious discussions," "reading the Bible in the classroom," and "not following lesson plans and problems with classroom management.'

Helland and his lawyers maintain that the 1993 incidents sparked his termination, and, as a result, violated his free exercise of religion rights and his academic freedom rights under the First Amendment.

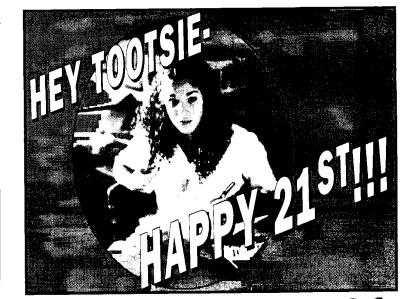
According to the petition to the Supreme Court written by Jeffrey Pombert of Bird and Associates, an Atlanta law firm noted for its Supreme Court victories in religious rights cases, Helland was justified to bring a Bible to silently read during his planning period, and he had the right to discuss religion in the classroom in response to student questions during a lecture on evolution.

Statistically, the chances of Helland's case being heard by the Supreme Court are slim, as the Court receives over 6,000 petitions yearly, and only accepts 45 to 60, according to Pombert.

"It's a long shot," Helland said. "But no one ever thought it would get this far. But we have a strong, factual case."

Pombert maintains that the case does have strong potential particularly because it intertwines numerous Amendment issues, including Congress' Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

"Teachers and students should not shed their rights to religious freedom when they enter the classroom," Helland said. "Schools should teach moral improvement, but teachers are scared to death to talk about it. This case deals with issues involving the freedoms that teachers have in the classrooms.'



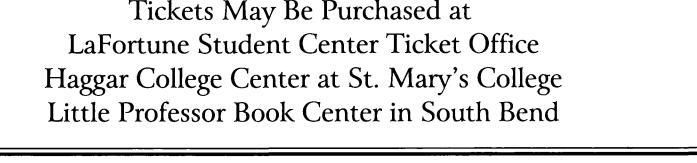
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Saturday, December 14th 6:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Proceeds Will Benefit the South Bend Center for the Homeless Tickets May Be Purchased at LaFortune Student Center Ticket Office Haggar College Center at St. Mary's College





'Jeopardy!' will broadcast Torma's spot in two weeks

By MAUREEN HURLEY Associate News Editor

Over midsemester break, a dream came true for senior Mark Torma.

And, in two weeks, millions of viewers will watch it unfold on national television, as Torma will appear as a contestant on the nationally syndicated game show, Jeopardy!

"I still can't believe that I'm going to be sitting down on Dec. 27, watching myself on national television," said Torma. "It still hasn't sunk in. The whole experience of being on the show was simply out of this world."

Looking back on his time behind the buzzer, the St. Ed's senior said, "It wasn't until I was driving home [from Los Angeles] that I realized that I actually lived out a dream of mine. I've been watching Jeopardy! for 14 years."

Despite confidence gained from two of his favorite categories, the Oscars and world capitals on the board, Torma said, "It's far more difficult to do than anyone realizes. When I first got behind the contestant booth, I was trying to stay calm, but my legs were trembling so badly."

Torma auditioned for the show in September, where he was required completed a 50-question written test, along with a mock Jeopardy! game, before being selected as one of 440 people who appear on the show yearly.

After signing a contract with Jeopardy! officials before the taping, swearing him to secrecy of the final results until the show's airing, Torma simply stated, "I did very well."

Jeopardy!, known as the number one quiz show in America, as cited by Neilsen ratings, is broadcast at 2:30 p.m. in Michiana on WBND channel 58, the local ABC affiliate.

The show in which Torma competes airs on Dec. 27 of this year.

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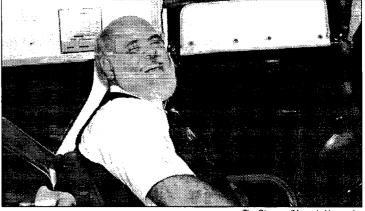
ND/SMC shuttle a 'service'

By ALYSSON COOK News Writer

Integral to many Saint Mary's and Notre Dame students' logistical movements, shuttle drivers chauffer students between the two campuses seven days a week.

One driver, Donna Taber, has worked for the United Limo shuttle service since it began seventeen years ago. "The service was started by a used car salesman. His college-aged sons were always flying back and forth to O'Hare airport in Chicago and needed to get back to South Bend," said Taber. "He knew other families were going through the same thing, so he started driving two used station wagons to Chicago and back three times a day," she continued.

Taber has worked on the Saint Mary's/Notre Dame route for three years. While on her



The Observer/Manuela Hernandez

Steve "Santa" Springer buses students back and forth to Saint Mary's and Notre Dame all day, giving them advice during the trip.

O'Hare route, Taber saw Siskel and Ebert and said, "they just didn't recognize me".

Steve "Santa" Springer is another shuttle driver on the Saint Mary's/Notre Dame route.

He advises his riders that "it's all in the way one approaches life. 'The surly bird gets the germ' meaning, if you worry and let the gloom get to you, that's how you get sick"

Springer was a youth minister for thirty-three years, and also led bicycle tours between San Francisco and Seattle for junior high and high school adolescents.

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Police urge holiday security

Special to The Observer

Area police departments are urging off-campus students to take precautions with their residences before leaving for the Christmas holiday break.

"There are specific precautions students can take to reduce the chances of being a target for burglars," said Phil Johnson, assistant director of Notre Dame Security. "The Student Home Watch Program, offered by local police, and the Christmas break storage, offered by ND Security/Police help keep your property safe."

Lt. Wanda Shock, head of the South Bend Police Crime Prevention Unit, suggests that students sign up for the Student Home Watch Program offered by local Michiana police agencies

"By signing up for this program, police officers will make periodic checks of your home," she said. "Students should contact the police department responsible for their neighborhood and should coordinate their requests so that only one roommate per residence registers in the program."

Off-campus students can also store their property at the Notre Dame Security building on Dec. 19 and 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 n m

Michiana police departments also recommend the following measures to ensure the safety of students' valuables:

 Make sure every exterior door has a sturdy, wellinstalled deadbolt with a minimum 1.5 inch bolt.

• Do not hide keys in mailboxes, planters or under doormats

• Request the Post Office to stop your mail for the duration

of the break. This will prevent tipping off a criminal that you are not home through an excessive build up of mail.

• Stop newspaper delivery during your Christmas break.

 Lock all doors and windows and keep all drapes, shades and curtains closed.

• Keep a written record of all your furniture and electronic products and put them in a safe place. It also helps to engrave your items with your driver's license number so that police might easily track any stolen items.

• Notify your landlord that you will be away for break. They can help watch for strange occurrences involving your residence and notify the police if necessary.

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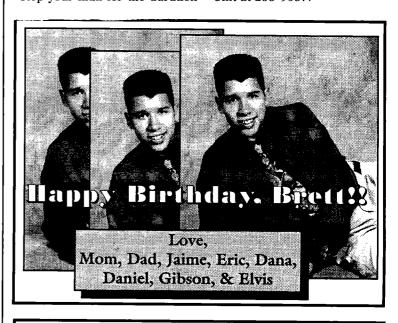


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Court justifies confinement

By LAURIE ASSEO Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON

In a case pitting public safety against individual freedom, the Supreme Court was urged Tuesday to let states keep sexually violent predators locked up after they complete their prison sentences.

Confinement is justified when someone has been diagnosed as mentally abnormal and is likely to commit new acts of sexual violence, Kansas Attorney General Carla J. Stovall said.

But an admitted pedophile's lawyer argued that the Kansas law creates unconstitutional double punishment for the same crime.

"I don't believe we can incarcerate people solely because they have the possibility of committing a criminal act," said Thomas J. Weilert, the lawyer for Leroy Hendricks.

"What is the state supposed to do, just wait until he goes out and does it again?" asked Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist.

Hendricks, who was convicted five times of child molesting, has said his death is the only way to guarantee he won't commit new crimes against children.

But the Kansas Supreme Court said the law violated his right to due process because it let the state confine him without proof of mental illness.

The Kansas law requires a judge or jury to decide whether someone convicted of a sexually violent crime has a mental abnormality and is likely to commit new predatory acts.

Anyone committed to a mental health facility under the law is entitled to a new evaluation every year.

Five other states have similar laws: Arizona, California, Minnesota, Washington and Wisconsir

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor said the Kansas law "seems to be kind of a new category of confinement" based on a diagnosis of "some sort of mental abnormality" instead of mental illness.

She noted the justices have let states set their own definitions of mental illness and added, "Maybe this boils down to whether this particular condition of pedophilia" qualifies.

"What's the magic to the term 'mentally ill'?" added Justice John Paul Stevens.

Stovall said the Kansas law was limited to people convicted of sexually predatory crimes in an effort to "identify those that pose the greatest risk to the community."

"We've never looked at civil commitment as punishment" for a crime, Stovall added.

Some justices appeared troubled by Weilert's argument that people cannot be confined in an effort to protect society.

Clinton emphasizes women's rights, issues

By SONYA ROSS Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON

President Clinton urged the Senate Tuesday to embrace a 17-year-old treaty barring abuses against women, to show com-

mitment to "the unfinished task of extending freedom's reach."

The president made women's issues the focus of his

activities on International Human Rights Day. He met with six women activists and pledged to build upon a commitment he made earlier this year for \$5 million to support women in Bosnia.

Clinton

"Today, we dedicate ourselves to the unfinished task of extending freedom's reach," Clinton said.

"History shows that nations where rights are respected and governments are freely chosen are more likely to be partners in peace and prosperity."

Clinton urged the Senate to ratify the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, a treaty approved by the United Nations in 1979. Many other nations have approved the measure, Clinton noted, and the United States, "where we have worked so hard to empower women," has procrastinated far too long

"It is, to say the least, an embarrassment that the United

States has not done this," Clinton said. "There is no excuse for this situation to continue."

His administration also is pushing \$4 million in new initiatives, including \$1 million toward relief for Rwandan women, \$1 million for an antidiscrimination consortium for Asian women and \$1 million toward empowerment of women in Africa.

The treaty, already ratified by more than 130 nations, was adopted by the U.N. General Assembly in December 1979 and signed by President Carter in July 1980.

It was not submitted for Senate approval until November 1980—after Carter had lost to Ronald Reagan. Neither President Reagan nor his successor, President Bush, sought ratification.

Among other things, the treaty requires that women have equal rights to work, pay, benefits and safe working conditions. It prohibits discrimination against women in political activities and requires a minimum age for marriage.

Clinton picked up on some of the concerns that first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton raised in China a year ago. He thanked his wife for "bringing back to me the knowledge" about efforts on behalf of women and girls.

Last year, at a U.N. conference on women, Mrs. Clinton criticized customs in some parts of the world that routinely victimize women, saying they represent some of the most blatant human rights violations.

Nazi aids get citizenship revoked

By MICHAEL SNIFFEN Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON

The Justice Department sued on Tuesday to revoke the citizenship of a retired physician on grounds he aided Nazi persecution of Jews in Lithuania during World War II.

The department's Office of Special Investigations, which hunts war criminals in this country, alleged that Adolph Milius, 78, of St. Petersburg Beach, Fla., was a member of the Lithuanian Security Police, known as the Saugumas, at

least during the summer and fall of 1941.

During his service in the unit, Milius, also known as Adolfas Milinavicius, participated in Nazi-sponsored acts of persecution in Vilnius province, including the arrest of Jews seeking to escape the ghetto, the government said, citing wartime records in the Lithuanian Central State Archives. The Jews were taken to Saugumas headquarters, searched and jailed.

Milius could not be reached for comment.

This was the third govern-

ment effort this year against former members of the Saugumas. "The Vilnius province Saugumas played a key role in the annihilation of more than 50,000 Jews in Vilnius," said Eli M. Rosenbaum, head of the special investigations office.

In May, Aleksandras Lileikis, former Vilnius province chief of the Saugumas, was stripped of his U.S. citizenship by a federal court in Boston, which cited his involvement in the arrest of Jews and their subsequent turnover to a special execution squad.



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Pope will not preside over Christmas Mass

By DANIEL WAKIN Associated Press Writer

VATICAN CITY For the first time in 18 years, Pope John Paul II does not plan to celebrate Mass in St. Peter's Basilica on Christmas

Day. He is under doctors' orders to slow down.

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John Paul II

season. It followed the appointments of past years except for the Dec. 25 Mass. The Vatican gave no explanation for the change, but said John Paul would celebrate midnight Mass on Christmas eve.

Doctors counseled the 76year-old pope to take it easy after surgery on Oct. 8 to remove an inflamed appendix blamed for periodic bouts of fever and intestinal problems.

One of those bouts may have been behind the pope's failure to appear at last Christmas Day's scheduled Mass. The Vatican at the time said the pope was suffering from "something like the flu."

John Paul later that day appeared at his window overlooking St. Peter's Square, but cut his Christmas greetings short because of nausea.

Also Tuesday, the Vatican confirmed the pope would visit Brazil in October for a meeting on family issues. Trips to Paris, the Czech Republic and Poland also are planned for next year.

There has been speculation the pope will stop in Cuba during the Brazil trip—his only scheduled visit to the Western Hemisphere next year—but the announcement made no mention of a visit to Cuba.

Nobel winners plead for peace

By DOUG MELLGREN Associated Press Writer

OSLO, Norway
A Roman Catholic bishop
and an exiled activist who
oppose Indonesia's occupation of East Timor
accepted the Nobel Peace
Prize Tuesday and praised
the committee for bringing
attention to the 21-yearold "forgotten conflict."

Bishop Carlos Filipe Ximenes Belo, 48, and Jose Ramos Horta, 51, shared the honor in a ceremony that was boycotted by Indonesian representatives.

Ramos Horta offered his "deepest appreciation" to the committee members for "your generosity in thinking of the wretched of the Earth and your

courage in standing up to the might of states."

Indonesian troops seized East Timor in 1975, and forcibly annexed it the next year. In announcing the Peace Prize on Oct. 11, the Nobel committee blamed Indonesia for widespread death, terror and persecution during its occupation of the former Portuguese colony of 720,000 people.

Indonesia says it invaded East

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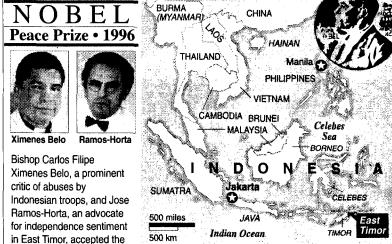
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their resistance to Indonesia's occupation of their native East Timor. Indonesia considered the peace prize an insult and boycotted Tuesday's ceremony in Oslo.

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The government has denounced Ramos Horta, a former leftist guerrilla, as a traitor, and accused him of "unspeakable atrocities." The government has avoided criticizing Belo, but has complained that he was abusing his position by making political comments.

On Tuesday, Indonesia denied

On Tuesday, Indonesia denied it had warned Bishop Belo not to criticize the government when accepting the Nobel Prize. Speaking in Indonesia, Foreign Minister Ali Alatas said Belo's appeal for talks were appropriate to his role as a spiritual leader.

Both laureates urged Indonesia to release political prisoners, and open talks on the future of East Timor.

"I say stop bloodshed. And I add, stop oppression. Stop violence. Stop conflict. Let us sit down around a table and understand each other," said Belo, clad in black and magenta clerical robes.

"I firmly believe that I am

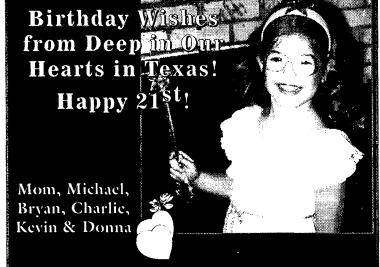
here essentially as the voice of the voiceless people of East Timor," he said. "And what the people want is peace. An end to violence and the respect for their human rights."

Ramos Horta called Belo "the real winner" of the prize as "the embodiment of the East Timorese people's resilience, moral rectitude, dignity and identity and its long quest for peace and freedom."

Each Nobel Prize carries a \$1.12 million cash award. The other prizes were presented in Stockholm, Sweden, on Tuesday—the 100th anniversary of the death of the prizes' benefactor, Alfred Nobel, the Swede who invented dynamite.

Polish poet Wislawa Szymborska, celebrated for her "beautiful, deep and subtle poetry," accepted the Nobel Prize in literature.

David Lee and Robert Richardson, both of Cornell University, and Douglas Osheroff of Stanford University, shared the Nobel Prize in physics for their discovery of superfluidity in helium-3.



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■ BELGIUM

Christopher to Russia: No nukes in Europe

Associated Press Writer

BRUSSELS

Secretary of State Warren Christopher assured a nervous Russia today that nuclear weapons would not be deployed in Eastern and Central Europe if NATO proceeds with an eastward expansion.

But the former Soviet allies would be backed by the nuclear-armed United States and the rest of NATO if they are attacked, American officials

Christopher offered the assurance to Russia in his ninth and final speech to the North Atlantic Council. He is retiring next month.

"We are declaring that in today's Europe, NATO has no intention, no plan and no need to station nuclear weapons on the territory of any new members," Christopher said. "We are affirming that no NATO nuclear forces are presently on

There was no immediate response from Russian Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov. He told Christopher tonight he would reserve a judgment until he meets with NATO ministers on Wednesday.

However, Primakov did not shrink from criticizing NATO's plan to expand eastward to Russia's border. "We treat this negatively," he told Christopher in an 80-minute meeting at NATO headquarters.

Under the NATO charter the United States and the 15 other current members "will enjoy the protection that comes with

NATO membership," including weapons, State nuclear spokesman Department Nicholas Burns said later.

Burns also stressed NATO would not be deterred from expanding eastward, whatever Russia's views. "No country will have a veto," he said.

The NATO foreign ministers will hold a summit meeting July 8-9 in Madrid to expand the alliance by adding at least three Central and East European countries, probably in 1999. The NATO leaders then will invite some prospective new members to begin negotiations to enter the alliance.

It is an open secret that Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary would be taken in and possibly Romania and Slovenia

The result will be a "dynamic alliance," reflecting changes in

Javier Solana. The alliance also will be ready to define a new relationship with Russia at the same time, Solana said in a speech to the North Atlantic Council. Negotiations will be offered to Ukraine, as well.

In Washington, President Clinton said the meeting will help "forge a partnership with Russia" and bring into NATO "aspiring new members from Europe's new democracies.

"My goal is to see them become full members by the time of NATO's 50th birthday in 1999," he said during remarks at a White House ceremony marking international human rights day.

German Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel proposed, meanwhile, that NATO establish a committee to give Russia a voice in European security mat-

newspaper Der Tagesspiegel, Kinkel wrote: "As Europe comes together Russia and Ukraine must have a place that corresponds to their size and importance.'

He said security "can only be organized with these two important countries, not against them.'

The projected eastward enlargement of the military alliance is alarming to Russia.

Christopher also announced the allies had joined in endorsing U.S. demands that Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic open a dialogue with opposition leaders and recognize last threatened renewed sanctions unless Milosevic complied.

"We join in condemning the Serbian government's decision to ignore the results of the Nov.

17 elections," he said. in a prepared speech. "That decision must be reversed. The people of Serbia deserve what their neighbors in Central Europe have: clean elections."

French Foreign Minister Herve de Charette, meanwhile, said, "We must clearly make it known to the Serbian leadership that we are not prepared to accept the continued conduct that is contrary to universally accepted rules of democracy.'

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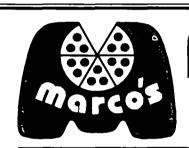


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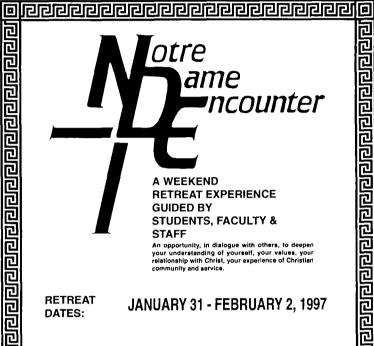
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■ South Africa

Convicted man gets amnesty

Associated Press

CAPE TOWN

A white policeman convicted of 11 political murders walked out of prison Tuesday after being granted amnesty by a panel created to uncover apartheid-era abuses.

Brian Mitchell, who had been serving a 30-year prison sentence, was the first former policeman to be pardoned by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

He left Pietermaritzburg prison in KwaZulu-Natal province Tuesday afternoon by a back entrance to avoid

In a statement issued through his lawyer, Mitchell said his successful amnesty application proved the integrity of the

Truth Commission. He encourmurder. The death sentence aged other members of apartheid security forces to seek amnesty

The deadline for applying for amnesty is Saturday, though commission chairman Desmond Tutu is seeking an extension

Many whites consider the commission a witch hunt against apartheid officials by President Nelson Mandela's African National Congress. The ANC said it accepted the decision to grant amnesty to Mitchell, and that it hoped victims of such crimes would receive reparations.

Mitchell, former commander of the New Hanover police stain KwaZulu-Natal province, was sentenced to death in 1992 on 11 counts of was commuted after the Constitutional Court outlawed capital punishment.

Mitchell is the fourth person to receive amnesty from a special panel of the Truth Commission that will evaluate thousands of applications.

The amnesty committee said it was satisfied that the 11 killings were politically motivated-a key requirement for amnesty

It said the crimes were part of a campaign against antiapartheid groups and that Mitchell acted within the scope of his duties as a police officer.

The committee said Mitchell was not present during a Dec. 3, 1988, attack on United Democratic Front activists that killed 11 people and wounded two in Trust Feeds, a village near New Hanover.

However, the committee said it is quite clear that the execution of the whole plan was directed by him in his capacity as the station commander of the area."

Only after the attack did police learn the wrong house had been targeted.

■ GREAT BRITAIN

Government announces study of war syndrome

By SUE LEEMAN Associated Press Writer

LONDON

Britain announced a \$2 million study Tuesday to investigate the source of ailments plaguing veterans of the Persian Gulf War, including muscle aches, fatigue and sleeplessness, collectively dubbed "Gulf War Syndrome.

In a statement to Parliament, Armed Forces Minister Nicholas Soames said two leading independent scientists will lead studies into whether the veterans are in worse health than they would be if they had not served in the gulf.

They also will investigate whether veterans suffer "dis-proportionate difficulties" having children and whether such youngsters have an unusually high number of birth defects, he said.

The government retains "an open mind about the question of whether there is or is not a Gulf-War Syndrome," Soames said. "Whatever the case, we are

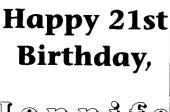
determined to get to the bottom

Last month, more than 1,000 British veterans who claim their health has deteriorated following the war said they will sue the government for compensation. They claim they were poisoned by a combination of pesticides and anti-nerve gas tablets.

During the war, allied soldiers were given a powerful mixture of vaccines against polio, hepatitis B, anthrax, yellow fever and cholera. They also took tablets, called NAPS, to counteract the effects of chemical and biological warfare

Since 1991, thousands of American and British veterans have complained of symptoms including lethargy, numbness and sleep disturbances. Veterans' associations have reported a high number of children born to Gulf War veterans suffering disabilities and physical abnormalities.

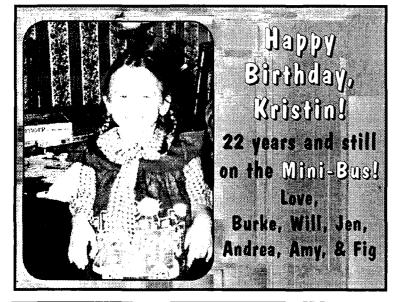
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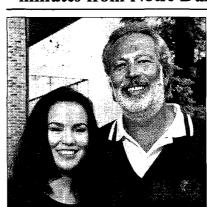
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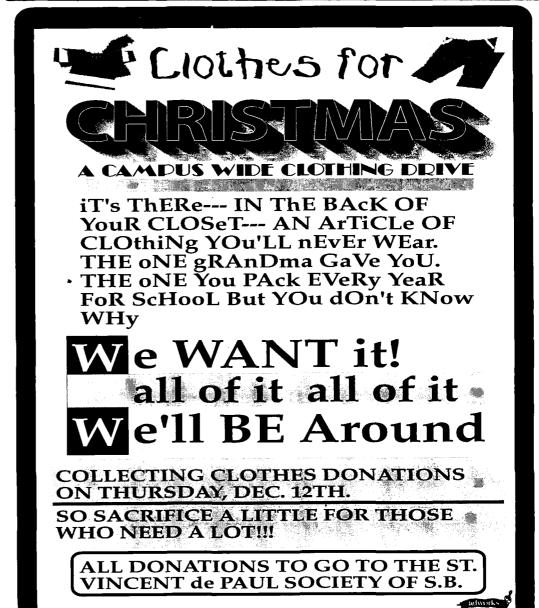
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Food Lion sues ABC for fraud, trespassing

By PAUL NOWELL
Associated Press Writer

GREENSBORO, N.C. Hidden-camera journalism went on trial Tuesday in a closely watched lawsuit brought by Food Lion over an ABC "PrimeTime Live" expose that accused the supermarket chain of selling rat-gnawed cheese and spoiled chicken.

Seeking \$2.5 billion in damages from the network, Food Lion is suing not for libel but for fraud and trespassing, accusing two ABC producers of using illegal tactics in going undercover to get the story in 1992.

The case could help open a new line of legal attack for companies burned by hidden-camera exposes. The question is whether reporters have the right to pose as employees of

the company they are investigating.

Robert Sack, a First Amendment lawyer in New York, said corporations and the news media are watching.

"Reporters don't always get news by being wholly up front and forthcoming," said Sack, whose clients include The Wall Street Journal and Newsday. "It is likely that important law will be made by this case precisely because some variant of this form of behavior is part and parcel of what reporters do to get the truth."

ABC's report accused the supermarket chain of unsanitary practices such as selling cheese that had been gnawed by rats and spoiled meat that had been washed in bleach to cover the odor. The Salisbury-based chain denied the allegations and sued.



Plan to settle racial lawsuit

By ROBERT GREENE

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WASHINGTON
Faced with a lawsuit and new
evidence of unfair treatment of
black farmers, the Agriculture
Department said Tuesday it will
take steps to settle longstanding
discrimination complaints.

The announcement came as black farmers from the Southeast planned to demonstrate in front of the White House, contending the Clinton administration has done nothing to remedy past discrimination despite admitting a legal duty.

The complaint focuses on allegations of discrimination by the old Farmers Home Administration, the department's lending agency, now called the Farm Service Agency. Blacks have complained over the past two decades that unequal treatment has aided in the decline of black agriculture.

On Tuesday, Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman said he has asked the Office of Inspector general to investigate immediately the status of the complaints. The inspector general is to recommend a plan to resolve those complaints.

Moreover, Glickman said, the inspector general will examine minority participation in lending programs and have other agencies investigate their service to black and socially disadvantaged farmers.

"I am committed to creating an environment in which every customer who comes to one of our offices is treated fairly, effectively and efficiently," Glickman said. He also announced national and statewide forums on program delivery and the creation of special "outreach" offices to work with minorities.

From 1982 to 1987, the number of farms run by blacks dropped 30 percent, according to Census numbers cited in a 1990 report by the House Committee on Government Operations—less than 1 percent of all farms.

The number had peaked at about 950,000 in the 1920s. The Commission on Civil Rights first called attention to the situation in 1982.

On Friday in Washington, U.S. District Judge Thomas Flannery will hear arguments on whether a lawsuit brought last year by six black and Hispanic farmers against the department should be widened to include hundreds of alleged victims of discrimination.

The Justice Department has argued against turning the lawsuit into a class action. It says there is no way to sort out who would be covered without reviewing hundreds of detailed complaints that would force a probe into personal financial management and dealings with thousands of county-level officials

However, attorney James W. Myart Jr. of San Antonio said in court papers that a study recently done for the department found a common thread to the discrimination complaints.

Also, a 36-page report done in April 1993 by the Virginia Farmers Home Administration found common complaints. Neither had been disclosed by the government during earlier

requests for evidence.

Black farmers complained they have been given smaller loans than their white counterparts, making it harder to keep financially afloat.

Other allegations say loans are granted late in the crop season, aggravating debt problems; black farmers are denied equal help with loan applications, and in some cases the applications are shelved by county officials or false numbers are entered.

An Associated Press analysis of lending records from 1980 to 1992 found that black farmers received about 51 cents for every dollar lent to whites. While the number of loans to white farmers dropped by 66 percent over that period, the number of loans to black farm borrowers tumbled by 82 percent.

The department has said at the time the AP study was done in late 1992 that the smaller loans were due largely to smaller farms.

In some instances, the department has acknowledged discrimination. But the lawsuit says the department has refused to award damages or provide other relief, such as reversing foreclosures, even though it has acknowledged a legal obligation to do so.

"He's saying he's asking the inspector general to do something three or four months down the line," Myart said in response to Glickman's announcement. "This issue has been with the administration for four years. The administration is just now proposing to conduct a study to determine how to do it."



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Media spotlight shows individuals in their true light

I've been watching the O.J. civil trial lately. I should say, more accurately, that I have been watching reenactments of the civil trial recently on the E! network. E! is a channel which specializes in show business fluff — gossip, swimsuit "documentaries," and other television

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flotsam. E! generally functions as a kind of clearing house for excess infotainment, so it's not the sort of place one expects to find innovative trial reporting. But since the judge in the civil trial ruled that it would not be televised, E! stepped into the breach with a brilliant idea. Since the transcripts would be available at the end of every day, why not just hire actors and have them play the transcripts like the first-draft melodramas

I think this is a profound insight into our art and culture, and one worthy of the Caryl Chessman Memorial Dramaturgy Award most recently given to LIRR gunman Colin Ferguson, who provided us with such fireworks with his spirited self-representation in court. The O.J. trial part one was such a colossal failure at least partially because Judge Ito was at all times aware of the camera, and felt the need to display Solomonic patience with the defense's hijinks. The current judge, a taciturn sort, has little use for publicity, and his reticence has paid off big for the lost art of trial reporting. And, of course, for docudrama: the E! reenactments represent a quantum leap in the merging of news and entertainment. The first trial had the feel, if not the look, of a television show; the E! reenactments remedy even that problem.

The civil trial is being handled on all fronts, in fact, in a more sophisticated way than had been the criminal case. O.J.'s guilt having had time to settle into an institution, an immovable object in the common psyche, television has learned to accommodate it. The first trial was treated as a news event, more or less; the civil trial has been promoted to a genre of its own, like professional sports or bug films. Charles Grodin and Geraldo are the Lewis and Clark of this field. They kept homilizing about O.J. without interruption between the trials, keeping the details in the air, and making permanent guests of such prominent juicologists as Chris Darden, Alan Dershowitz, and The New Yorker's Jeffrey Toobin.

The result has been that by the time of the civil trial, the apparatus was in place for a whole O.J. industry, whose unstated premise — that O.J. was wrongfully freed by a bigoted jury, in spite of a mountain of irrefutable physical and circumstantial evidence — now supplies the moral certitude of a nation. The New York Times Magazine recently ran a story on radio psychologist Dr. Laura Schlesinger, which restated my point of a few weeks earlier in these pages. Society craves moral absolutes; the Times and I understand Dr. Laura's high ratings in this light, but I think it is even more true of the O.J. issue.

During the criminal trial, I think it was even more true, since a vast majority of black people believed unshakably in O.J.'s innocence. Now, if the white news media are to be trusted, many blacks are jumping off that bandwagon. The defense's portrayal of Nicole Brown Simpson as "a coke whore" didn't go down well with black women, particularly mothers; and the Juice's high living,

multiple perjuries, and general carefree demeanor seem to have undercut his credibility as well. But for the great white audience, all this was preaching to the converted. We believed the DNA audience to begin with; we never put faith in an intricately constructed, fiendishly clever cabal of detectives who

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conspired to mix the victims blood with O.J.'s and plant it in his car, to put Bronco fibers at the crime scene, etc. etc. So for the white audience, so ambivalent these days about matters of God and Country, love and money, to have a subject of such unambiguous moral certainty is almost a godsend.

All of the O.J. shows have a black talking head to speak in O.J.'s defense, and while this thankless job is generally performed through declamation (a female attorney on a recent show claimed that O.J. was "charming and sincere" and that she "believed wholeheartedly in his innocence") one remark that comes out has the ring of truth. That is the claim that O.J. is "a scapegoat." In this, I would fully agree. O.J. carries the sins of the many on his broad shoulders, and his sculpted and impassive face is infinitely preferable for most of us to a mirror. Whether this makes him innocent, I wouldn't say.

The Holtz Legacy

Coach Holtz's career at Notre Dame ended prematurely with the USC loss, an evil end to so great a man as he was. I kidded Coach Holtz a lot during the last three and a half years, only because he seemed to be treated around here with an undue reverence, but once he announced his retirement I felt something go out of me.

Bob Davie seems to be a stand-up guy - he certainly looks like a football coach. But I don't see how he can bring with him the things we lose when we lose Coach Holtz. That wry, sardonic wit, always underlaid with self-deprecation; that soft-spoken pessimism with which Holtz, like the last Czar, always seemed to see through the next opponent to defeat and despair, and the magnificent ease with which that prediction was so often averted; his tense, compulsive habits on the field, where he would pick at the grass like a bull preparing to charge; his big-game grand strategies; his imperfect, waspish, flawed, brilliant personality. Coach Davie is too together a person for me to ever really love. He's too straight, he looks too right running at the head of a column of giants out of the tunnel. (I always liked the sight of that shrunken genius standing beside those Apollos like Dr. Silvana beside Captain Marvel.)

Coach Davie may restore Notre Dame's football fortunes, but I think a flawed yet upright personality like Coach Holtz's better serves the spiritual doctrines of the university, themselves so paradoxical and pure.

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GARRY TRUDEAU

■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

T That you don't know would make a great book."

—Sydney Smith

VIEWPOINT

■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Discrimination exists in any and all forms

Dear Editor:

I am writing to follow up on James Friday III's letter to the editor (The Observer, Oct. 16). First, let me provide some background information about myself. I am a typical Notre Dame student — white, Irish, heterosexual, football-loving, Catholic... heck, even my name is Mary! However, one thing distinguishes me

This may be overdue, but better late than never.

erosexual, football-loving, Catholic... heck, even my name is Mary! However, one thing distinguishes me from the rest of the student body — I am profoundly deaf. I am an oral deaf person, meaning that I use speech and lip-reading skills as a means of communication, and I have limited knowledge of sign language. One may ask why I am writing; read on.

I don't think many people realize that there is discrimination associated with deafness just as there is with skin color. Discrimination against skin color, socio-economic background, or religious belief is usually more obvious than it is against deafness. However, believe it or not, I have encountered prejudice on this campus as a result of my deafness, and (I hate to say this) I have faced more discrimination here than anywhere else.

I want to use this opportunity to tell everyone a little about deafness, because the only way to decrease ignorance and discrimination is through education. Long ago, deaf meant being dumb. Yes, it is true that the unemployment rate for deaf people is staggeringly higher than the national average. However, this statistic is due to the fact that a hearing person's education is generally more difficult for a deaf person because of the difficulty of communication. Deaf people are struggling daily just to communicate, and as a result, being deaf sometimes means being the butt of jokes

Being deaf means dealing with people who panic and walk away because they don't know sign language, and they assume all deaf people sign. Being deaf means dealing with faculty who couldn't understand why I ask so many questions even though I attend (and stay awake in) class daily. Being deaf means not being able to communicate by voice on the telephone. Being deaf means not being able to hear

the question (or joke) a student asks (or says) behind me. Being deaf means getting stares when I talk. Being deaf means putting up with people who forget to face me when they talk, even after I ask them to do so several times. Being deaf means not being able to hear someone call my name from across the quad. People may judge me as quiet, but they don't realize how difficult it is to follow a group conversation, unless each person speaks without interruption and waits for me to look at them before starting their comments.

For those who don't realize, I face discrimination not only from hearing people, but also from some of my deaf peers in Deaf Culture. They see their deafness as an honored trait, not as a disability as seen in hearing people's eyes. Gaulladet University, located in Washington, is known as a mecca for Deaf Culture. Yes, they speak a different language, and they pride themselves on it. They look down upon the likes of me, just because I speak and attend a university full of hearing people. They look at it as if I am denying my deafness — I'm not; in fact, I appreciate my deafness because it has made me a more compassionate person. My deafness has made me who I am today. Also, it forces me to be alert and appreciative of my surroundings.

I see my deafness as a challenge, not an obstacle, since it is a part of me wherever I go. Those in Deaf Culture see me as a deaf oral person trying to pass for hearing in a hearing world, while hearing people see me as a deaf person. A comparison would be a black person who has many white friends and is shunned by black people fro trying to pass for white, while white people will always view him or her as black.

I cannot say that I know exactly an African American's viewpoint on this campus because I am not African American, but at least I can relate. There is a very common remark on campus; "If you are complaining so much about the lack of diversity on this campus, then go somewhere where you'll be happy." I tell you why we chose to come here and

the question (or joke) a student asks (or says) behind me. Being deaf means getting stares when I talk. Being deaf means putting up with people who forget to face me when they talk, even after I ask them to do stayed put — it was the exact same thing that drew you to Notre Dame — the strong unity and spirit of the students, academic reputation, beautiful campus, etc.

However, one big reason I chose to come here: all the great people I met when my parents and I visited during my senior year of high school. I had been planning on attending Michigan, since it is my home. But the willingness to help and the friendliness of the people I hade met that day left me no choice but to attend Notre Dame.

One of the people I met was my freshman adviser, and she is still one of the warmest and best people on this campus — she is also African American. I was excited about coming here because I had thought the people would be similar to the ones at home in Ann Arbor. I also had thought that prejudice would decrease with age and maturity. I don't want to say that I was misled, but I did carry the false impression that ignorance was not prevalant on this campus. I had expected a smooth ride at Notre Dame. I had a lot to learn.

Yes, my road up to this point has been long and winding, but I wouldn't trade it for anything else in the world. Yes, I've thought about transferring, but only until I went to visit a school that my childhood friend (who is also deaf) attends. It wasn't long until I decided against transferring, because it struck me that Notre Dame offers some things that cannot be found anywhere else in the world.

I hope all understand my letter; if not feel free to e-mail or talk to me. I thank the Lord for my blessings everyday, and I ask him to help me, repeating after Friday, "to do my part to make this University and this world a better place because it is mine, and it is ours"

MARY RYAN HEPBURN

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Holiday gift-giving guide for that special someone

Christmas is just around the corner, and those of us who don't want to be standing in never-ending lines at the last minute are trying to prepare for the season ahead of time. Sometimes this can be hard, though — we all have at least one person in our lives who is nearly

your martial arts belts into a drawer again. Give someone this display and let him show off the awards he has worked so hard to earn. Perhaps the biggest selling point for this item is that there's absolutely no assembly required!

The Private Eye. This is an essential for those friends — and possibly family members — who thrive on scoping out people at bars, clubs, parties, and so on. When you hold this object to your eye in the proper position, it allows you to see to one side or the other. The drawback to this gadget is that it is still blatantly obvious that you're focusing on something (or someone.) However, the person you're REALLY checking out will never suspect that he's the object of your spying. In fact, the guy or gal next to you may even approach you when they notice your toy and ask you what's so interesting. At that point, the ice is broken and you can start talking to the previously-unapproachable person. Of course, it will be another matter for you to avoid the question of what you were doing with your little toy, and I have to leave you on your own to figure that one

A Praying Mantis Cluster. Another garden-protector, albeit of a different variety. Praying mantises can't do much about moles, but if insects are the bane of your garden, these little fellows can help. You see, these guys live by eating insects such as fleas, lice and aphids. And this package contains a sufficient number of praying mantises to protect even the largest gardens — each cluster contains hundreds and hundreds of eggs. The territorial mantises will stay on your property and will lay their eggs there, so that for years to come, you'll always have their company and protection. Shock and amaze someone with

this special and unique gift. It will be the surprise of the recipient's life.

The Perennial Calendar. I know quite a few cheapskates - do you? If so, this is the gift for those tight-wads in your life. The calendar has four changeable scenes to correspond to the seasons, and while most of us are accustomed to a different scene for each month, the benefit to this baby is that you NEVER, ever need to replace it! That's right, kids, the person for whom you get this calendar will be able to use it up until the day he or she drops dead. Simply adjust the solid-wood pieces for the particular month and year and insert the little holiday symbols (e.g., a bunny, a birthday cake) wherever appropriate. This is also a good idea if you, the donor, happen to be frugal yourself. Give this calendar this year; next year, don't give a squat. If you take heat, simply remind everyone that you've already given a gift that lasts a lifetime.

Eagle-Eyes Glasses. These amazing glasses duplicate the light-handling characteristics of an eagle's eye, resulting in much clearer and sharper vision. What's better, while they do block UV rays and can be used as sunglasses, they process light rays rather than reducing them. Translation: you can wear these puppies day OR night. Now, that's what I call a sweet gift. (By the way, my computer won't make that little "R" in a circle, but please note that "Eagle-Eyes" is, indeed, a registered trademark. Do not confuse these glasses with the sundry other glasses which duplicate eagle vision.)

L'il Makin' Faces Dolls. Is there a child you have to buy for, but whom you really resent? The kid of one of your dearest friends, perhaps, — but never-

theless a real brat? Get her one of these dolls and give her nightmares for life. These dolls make horrible and contorted faces, and look eerily like Chucky of the Child's Play movies. (You might even want to spend the extra dough to get the movies for the kid, just so she gets the full effect.) The best part, though, is that they're advertised as being cute and cuddly, so your friend won't be able to say anything to you about the horrid, freakish doll you got her child. She'll accuse you of bad taste, perhaps, but who cares! It's not as if she ever got YOU a gift YOU really liked...

The Multi-Currency Wallet. This handy pocketbook has a different slot for each denomination of money — \$1's, \$5's, \$10's, \$20's, and "larger bills." Pretty unique, huh? Possible drawback: your recipient might be too destitute to have \$20's and even \$10's — much less "larger bills" — to stick into the various slots. So my advice is this: if you give this gift, give it with the companion gift of cash. Splurge a little — it's Christmas! And giving is better than receiving, right? (By the way, if you were thinking of getting me a gift, this — with the cash, naturally — would be absolutely perfect!)

And who knows? If you look around, you might find even better gifts than these! At any rate, good luck in your shopping, and have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Later!

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Kirsten Dunne

impossible to buy for. That's why I thought I'd help you out today with some gift ideas for those difficult folks. I don't guarantee satisfaction — some people are never satisfied — but I do guarantee that, if you choose your gifts from the following list, the recipients will, at the very least, have to compliment you on your ingenuity.

The Mole Repeller. This gadget couldn't be easier to use — it's simply a pole which you stick in the ground near your garden. The pole emits electrical impulses which, while they effectively keep moles away from your valuable plants, do nothing to harm the little creatures. What could be better than this? Not only is it sure to elicit a smile from the recipient — it's also so darn practical that it's a winner for anyone you might have on your list.

The Karate Belt Showcase. This beauty allows you to display as many as six belts, and it even comes personalized with a nameplate at the top. With this handy item, you'll never have to shove

ACCENT ASKS...

How do you deal with stress?



"Exercise."

Stephanie Frigon Freshman, Badin

"Call my mom."

David Bradshaw Junior, St. Edwards





"Go running."

Kristin D'Agostino Sophomore, Lewis

"Drink, (either that or play Nintendo.)"

Keith Murphy Junior, Off Campus





"I do not have any stress."

Ann Hatfield Junior, Pangborn

"I like to bake ... cookies."

Pat Bellmore

Junior, Off Campus



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Don't F It's Just

By JOSEPH WEILER

Assistant Accent Editor

n American businessman was on vacation in the Caribbean. Walking along the beach, he spied a fisherman asleep under a palm tree, covered with his net. Walking up to the fisherman, the businessman asked him what he was doing.

"Sleeping."
"Yes, but you should be out fishing," admonished the businessman.

"Why?"

"So you can get more fish and more money and a bigger net."

"Why?"

"So you can get a bigger boat, and maybe start your own company."

"Why?"

"So you can become rich."

"And why do I want to be rich?"

"So you can do whatever you like. You could take a vacation in the Caribbean and sleep all day under a palm tree if you wanted."

"Yeah, I could," responded the fisherman, who promptly went back to sleep.

Stress — everyone has it, everyone has to deal with it. Whether it's writing a ten page paper until four in the morning which is due the next day, or worrying about that Physics final for which you have three hours to cram, you have probably felt stress at some point in your life. Not only is it an unpleasant sensation, it is also hazardous to your heath. It leads to heart attacks and hypertension, headaches and back

pain, and may even put you at high risk for cancer.

That is, while stress is good for you in normal amounts, as it is the deciding factor which forces us to meet that deadline

or finish that project, high levels can adversely affect your physical and mental well being. Yet, we are living in a culture where one's worth is measured by monetary gains, buying power, and status on the

social ladder.

Businessmen become imprisoned in their quest for wealth, authority, and fame, spending seventy or eighty hours a week at their job. No longer do they worry about happiness or family. Notre Dame and Saint Marys students, as a faction of society at large, are also pulled into this evil form of competition. They obsess about grades, yet they forget the true point of school. It is common to cram for a test until the final hours of the morning, take the test and then immediately forget all of the material. While one will get a decent grade, he will not have actually learned anything, nor will he have enriched himself in any way. He will simply have attained a score

that he can compare to his peers'.

Which brings us to the important questions of "Why do I have so much stress and how do I get rid of it?"

The first question is not that tough to answer. Stress comes from two different sources: Pressure and pro-

crastination.

There is so much pressure placed on the shoulders of men and women these days that the weight is almost unbearable: We get pressure from our bosses who not only want us to do everything, but to do it perfectly. We get pressure from our co-workers who need favors, or need help, or need this and that. We get pressure from our competition, who dare us do as well as them, and force us to oneup them in order to merely survive. And most importantly we get pressure from ourselves. We feel the constant need to be busy, to go that extra step so we can get a better grade or a promotion or a raise or even to win over the affections of a certain someone. In fact, the greatest amount of pressure in our lives comes from the constant desire to top ourselves.

The second source, procrastination, is almost self-explanatory. A wise man here on campus once said, "Procrastination is like drinking. Once the pain from it hits, you swear that you'll never do it again, but when the temptation next arises, all promises go out the window."



It's easy enough to say that people hat because they wait too long to finish their to not just a matter of willfully putting things about a paper due three weeks from now v

reak Stress

tests in the next week, club duties to take care of, responsibilities in the dorm to finish and problems with their significant other that need to be resolved. Procrastination is an unfortunate fact of life.

But on to the more important question, "How do I get rid of so much stress?" One senior joked that the best way to deal with finals is to kick back and have a few brews. He may be on to something. The

why, then don't most of us do it? Deal with the things that you can deal with now and worry about the rest later. Enjoy

best cure for stress is actu-

ally to relax. Duh, every-

one knows that. But

life, even those killer orgo tests and twenty page pa-Remember. you're given every opportunity to do exactly what

vou want to do. No regrets - no worries! Stress is only what we make it

out to be. There is no set formula stating that so much work load constitutes an x amount of

If, however exam time rolls around and the pressure just keeps pouring itself on, here are a few suggestions that might help relieve your overburdened life for just a little

There is nothing more relaxing than watching other people go through more stress than yourself. This being

the case, you might want to head up to the lab theater in Washington Hall tonight. There you will see many young men and women performing for their final projects under not only the scrutiny of their professors, but their peers and families as well.

After that, take a walk up to the third floor of LaFortune around one o'clock in the morning. There you will find those young men and women who epitomize the most stressful conditions possible. Running around late into the night making last minute adjustments for late- breaking stories and eagerly anticipating the news coming from the outside world.

After a night like this it's a guarantee that you'll go home and thank the Good Lord in Heaven above for your good fortune in having only three finals the next day.

But, perhaps this sadistic method of self-gratification isn't quite your thing. In that case order a pizza at midnight and don't start studying again until at least 1:30 AM. Or head down to the nearest pool table and vent some aggression on those little marble balls. Or perhaps you'd rather do something more

> drastic - vent some aggression on the world. Now don't go running around the library naked, or screaming that the stress is "JUST TOO MUCH!!!" in a freshman final, but have a good time. Enjoy your experiences here.

The sleepy old fisherman had the right idea. So what if he was a little bit lazy. So what if he wasn't rich or famous or prosperous or even very lucky. He was

taking advantage of those little things that he did have and not worrying so much about the things that he didn't. He was happy, and that's all that really matters.

ACCENT SPEAKS

WHO'S STRESSED?

By MARY BETH ELLIS

Accent Copy Editor

his is a time of great stress, when our academic careers come into harsh focus, when scholarships hang in the balance, when an entire semester's work is judged within a single ninety-minute period, and I'd just like to take this opportunity to say to one and all.... FOR THE LOVE OF GOD, STOP WHINING!

There are people worse off than us, you know. Take, for example, that woman featured in an extremely touching local used car dealership commercial who, in a moment of great dramatic tension, passes out on the hood of a 1985 Ford Escort due to- and I do hope I'm using the correct medical jargon here—"sticker shock."

I 'm just saying, we aren't the only ones ready to drop from exhaustion and worry. Here follows a comprehensive list of People Who are More Stressed Than You:

1) O.J. Simpson. Pity the Juice, who in the midst of continuing his exhaustive search for the REAL killers by selling his signature on any surface a Marks-A-Lot will write on, now faces an increasingly incriminating heap of evidence in his civil trial. Even without Robert Shapiro on hand to deliver the much-needed legal strategy of continually being held in contempt of court, Simpsons' alibis seem to be holding up extremely well, even after the prosecution introduced a close-up photograph of him wielding the murder weapon at the murder scene during the exact time of the murders. (His explanation: "I was just holding it for the REAL killers, who are most assuredly out there somewhere.")

2) Jenny McCarthy. We all need to get down on our knees this very instant and pray for Jenny, who is so adversely affected by the unbearable stress that comes from being fawned over as the most wondrous woman to be born into the human race since the Mother of God that she is unable to form complete sentences. I know those two-syllable words are hard to pronounce, Jenny, but Hooked on Phonics worked for me.

3) Father Edward Sorin. I realize that Father Sorin is technically dead, but I have sincere concern for his mental well-being in the hereafter. I started feeling this way after I overheard the following conversation in LaFortune's flower shop between the salesclerk and some Domer wearing his baseball cap backwards:

STUDENT: (As though announcing that he has just effectively ended

world poverty) I need flowers.

CLERK: What kind?

STUDENT: Dance flowers.

CLERK: No, I mean do you need roses, carnations, orchids....?

STUDENT: (He has never entertained the possibility that flowers do not spring out of the Earth completely dance-ready, pre-cut and bound in tissue paper with a pink ribbon.) I don't know. My date said she's wearing a black dress. Do you have anything that goes with black?

**An agonized discussion ensues, at the culmination of which the student purchases— prepare yourself for yet another demonstration of that superduper Domer creativity-a single red rose.*

STUDENT: (Leaving, noticing me standing behind him in line.) Hey, I need a girl's opinion. If I took you to an SYR and gave you this rose, would you let me get to first?

ME: Kid, I wouldn't even let you out of the dugout.

This, my friends, is what Sorin's university has come to. Am I the only

one picturing him in heaven banging his head against a wall?
4) My mother. Besides facing the daily, unenviable task of assuming fifty percent of the responsibility for putting me on this planet, in the past several days she has had to face the following:

-A phone call from my sister announcing that she is engaged to a person named — this is true — "Britton." Besides having a wedding to plan, she must now adjust to the idea of acquiring a son-in-law named after a coun-

-A phone call from me posing the hypothetical question of how to get a hypothetical grape juice stain out of a hypothetical white silk dress

-Moving for the first time in twenty-five years. This entailed not killing my father, who randomly flung everything he owns into boxes, then added an incoherent listing of their contents. So now my mother is completely surrounded by cardboard labeled thusly: "Deflated Football, some Important Pink Papers, Half-Empty Box of Cough Drops. Also, 1 Sweatsuit (Pants

Do not tell me that this woman does not deserve, at the very least, a personal visit from the Pope congratulating her on maintaining the will to live. I'd continue, but the stress of typing is simply too much. I think what I

need to recover are some high quality chocolate chip cookies, preferably hand-fed to me by a scantily clad Chippendale's dancer.

Mary Beth Ellis, a Saint Mary's sophomore, wrote this column rather than beginning to study for her theology final, which, besides being the only exam in this course this entire semester, is partially objective, fully comprehensive, and possibly fatal. Not that she's, you know, stressed out about it

e too much stress ks. But it's usually off. No one thinks nen they have four

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Dame and Green Bay tradition is further solidified in 1996 when you open the Packer program before a game at Lambeau Field. The fact that five of the 53 man roster of the Packers are Notre Dame football alumni is truly amazing! (In fact, most NFL teams have two, more rarely three players from the same college playing for them.)

Punter Craig Hentrich, Offensive lineman Lindsay Knapp, Wide receiver Derrick Mayes, Offensive lineman Gene McGuire and Guard Aaron Taylor are current Packers that wore the Blue and Gold under Lou Holtz.

Taylor, the former first round draft pick of the Pack in 1994, perhaps epitomizes the "never say die" attitude all ND players have. He tore the patellar tendon in his right knee during mini-camp in June of 1994. His real rookie

season (1995) was a great success, but adversity struck again when he tore the same tendon in his left knee during a playoff game last December against Atlanta. Still the former Lombardi Trophy winner was there to start the season opener, a 34-3 win by the Pack over Tampa Bay.

When asked if he saw any similarities in playing for both teams, Taylor emphasized a tradition of winning that permeates each town (Green Bay and South Bend). "It matters whether you win or lose when you play for Notre Dame just like it does when you play here for the Packers" he said. "It's evident from the quality of the people that both organizations recruit."

Hentrich, the "senior" member of the ND contingent on the Packer roster was acquired by Green Bay as a free agent after being drafted in the 8th round by the New York Jets in 1993. After spending that year on the Packers practice squad, Craig beat out incumbent Bryan

Wagner in 1994 training camp and has been the Packer punter ever since. Hentrich is especially valuable to the team because he can kick off, hold on field goal attempts and do what he did as a four year letterman: both punt and kick field goals. Although Chris Jacke is the Green Bay placekicker, Craig was called on to revive his dual role last season for two and one half games.

Craig also saw a parallel in the tradition of both organiza-"The comraderie of Notre Dame is very similar to playing here because people of the (Packer) past. Nitschke, Fuzz Thurston, all those guys are still around here. I get to play in a lot of charity golf tournaments with them. Just to hear their stories is very similar to Notre Dame." He also sees a lot of similarities in the fans of his former and current team. "Both are very knowledgeable and know when to cheer. They also know of certain situations in the game that other fans might not understand.'

Wide receiver Derrick Mayes

is Notre Dame's all time leader in receiving yards (2512), and touchdown receptions (22). Mayes inexplicably slipped to the second round in the 1996 draft and was snapped up by the Packers who felt that his pass catching ability would fit quite nicely in their pro-style West Coast' offense, which favors a player of Derrick's ability but takes time to learn. Mayes was expected to back up Packer starters Robert Brooks and Antonio Freeman, but injuries to the wide receiver corps have pressed Mayes into more game action than anticipated. He excited the Packer faithful in a game earlier this month against Kansas City when he caught the ball in one arm while being interfered with (the opposing player's helmet in the other arm) for his first NFL touchdown.

When asked about any similarities between former coach Lou Holtz and current coach Mike Holmgren, Mayes' answer showed insight far beyond his age (almost 23). "Holmgren is dealing with a lot

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Bia C---

of older, married guys with families. People are at their growing stage between 18 and 22. Coach Holtz understands that. There's a more disciplined role that he takes for his players and rightfully so. Those (ND years) are the most influential years of your life. Once you get here (the pros) you've pretty much gotten set in your ways. You are not dealing with personalities that you have to mold and cultivate. You have guys who know what they want to get out of life and how they want to get there.

Taylor also noted the dissimilarities between the coaches, but more so in their styles of coaching and the philosophies behind the offenses they run. "They are almost polar opposites. Holtz is three yards and a cloud of dust. Holmgren is pass, pass, pass. went to ND where we threw the ball 10 times a game, then I come here and we may run the ball 10-15 times a game. I had to learn how to pass block when I got here. I'm still learning.

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your list...
Happy 21st, Big C!

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Hey Cavanaugh - Have fun withrfinals and come and visit me in the cubby whenever you want to chew the fat. However, the mascot maybe a teensy weensy bit stressed next week. Have a Merry Christmas and, to be P.C. (Kerry does not want to discriminate) to those non-Christians - Happy Winter Break. Enjoy the three weeks of nothing but presents and sleep - bliss:)

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-The Golem

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Happy 21st, Ellie! We love you!

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■ COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Herren leads Fresno to victory

By DAVID KINNEY Associated Press Writer

PHILADELPHIA

Tim Thomas had 15 points and No. 4 Villanova outshot and outrebounded overmatched Penn in a 89-62 blowout Tuesday night.

The Wildcats (6-0) put the game away on a 14-7 run early in the second half, pushing the ball upcourt and running Penn weary. They took a 55-33 lead keyed by Howard Brown's eight points and a flurry of fast breaks, layups and a dunk.

Thomas had 11 points in the first half as Villanova took a 41-26 lead

The Quakers (2-1) didn't match up at any position, from 6-foot-6 center George Mboya to Garett Kreitz, their 6-foot-1 leading scorer. And the Wildcats took advantage, scoring 50 points inside and challenging Penn to make its jumpers and 3-pointers. Penn

Coach Fran Dunphy played three freshman at times, and it showed in turnovers and illadvised bombs several feet outside the 3-point circle. Kreitz's 18 points led the Quakers, who shot just 23-for-62.

Jason Lawson had 13 points for the Wildcats. Brown and Malik Allen added 10 each.

Villanova outrebounded the Quakers 53-25, led by Rafal Bigis' 15.

It was a blowout midway through the second half as Villanova took a 70-42 lead after 3-pointers by freshmen Brian Lynch and T.J. Caouette.

Penn staged a brief rally on 3-pointers by Kreitz and Matt Langel, but it stalled after a technical foul was called on Dunphy.

The Quakers stayed close early behind 3-pointers by Jed Ryan and Kreitz, who led Penn with 11 3-pointers going into Tuesday's game. They pulled to 21-20 with 8:45 remaining, but Villanova's aggressive man-toman defense wore down Penn.

The Wildcats finished the half with a 20-6 run behind Thomas' 11 points, most coming inside or at the foul line.

Thomas missed his first foul shot in 28 attempts.

No. 16 Fresno St. 102 Massachusetts 81

AMHERST, Mass. Chris Herren made his homecoming a special one, scoring a career-high 25 points Tuesday night as No. 16 Fresno State beat Massachusetts 102-81 to become the first non-conference team to win in the Mullins Center and set a scoring record

The Bulldogs (6-1) scored the most points by an opponent in the Mullins Center, which opened during the 1992-93 season, and they were the first team to score 100 points

against the Minutemen since Rutgers did it in a 103-96 overtime victory on Feb. 24, 1991 a span of 184 games.

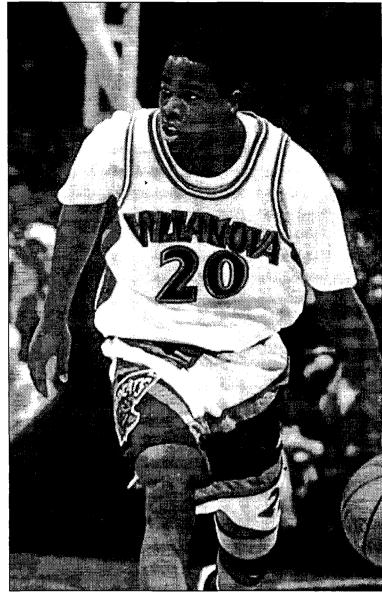
Herren, a native of Fall River. attended Boston College out of high school but injured his wrist and played in only game there before transferring to Fresno State.

He finished 9-for-14 from the field, a far cry from his 3-for-10 effort against Oregon on Saturday, the Bulldogs' first loss of the season.

The Minutemen (2-4) trailed 52-42 at halftime and were able to get within nine points only three times over the final nine minutes. Each time Herren made a big play to make sure there was no big run by the home team.

When Massachusetts got to 71-62 with 9:46 left, Herren made a great feed to Terrance Roberson for a dunk. The Minutemen scored on their next possession, but Herren answered with a nice drive to restore the margin to 11 points.

The last time the Minutemen closed within single digits was 84-75 with 4:19 left on a 3pointer by Carmelo Travieso. Herren was fouled eight seconds later, made one of two free throws, and after Fresno State got the rebound of the miss, he found Roberson all alone for a 3-pointer with 4:04 left that made it 88-75.



Alvin Williams has led the Villanova Woldcats to a 6-0 start this season.

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■ COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Xavier continues to dominate



No. 19 Xavier extended its best start in four years by scoring the first 15 points and rolling to a 94-86 victory Tuesday night over Long Island.

Darnell Williams and T.J. Johnson scored six points apiece as Xavier (6-0) opened a 15-0 lead in the first six minutes. The Musketeers led by double digits until the closing minutes, when it put its backups in.

Xavier is off to its best start since 1992-93, when it opened 8-0 and eventually climbed to 18th in the national poll. The current ranking is its best since

Long Island (1-3) opened its season with a 76-73 victory over St. John's, but has lost its last three games. The Blackbirds are halfway through a season-opening stretch of eight consecutive road games.

The game essentially was decided in the first seven minutes, when Long Island missed its first 10 shots and had eight turnovers while Xavier hit 7-of-14 from the field. Long Island trailed by as many as 25 and didn't get the lead under double digits until the final seconds.

Johnson finished with 19 points, leading five Xavier players in double figures. Charles Jones led Long Island with 30

Five of Xavier's six victories have been lopsided. The only close game was a 71-69 victory over then-No. 1 Cincinnati on the Bearcats' home court, a win that vaulted Xavier into national prominence.

Xavier's strength is its backcourt, which features slashing guards who run an uptempo of fense and trigger a full-court press. Long Island couldn't handle either.

Xavier's guards either drove past the slower Blackbirds for layups or penetrated and passed off for easy baskets. Xavier had five dunks and four layups in the first half, when it pulled ahead 48-28. Long Island trailed by 20 points for most of the second half, closing the margin only when Xavier put its backups in the game.

No. 20 Arkansas 137 Troy St. 70

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. Pat Bradley scored 20 of his 27 points in the first half and No. 20 Arkansas tied a Southeastern

Conference record with 21 3pointers in a 137-70 victory over Troy State on Tuesday night.

Bradley, a 6-foot-2 sophomore guard who had a career-high 30 points Saturday at Missouri, hit a career-high 8-of-11 3-point attempts and 9-of-13 shots over-

Eight of Arkansas' 10 players scored in double figures as the Razorbacks shot 58 percent from the field.

Arkansas connected on 21 of 37 3-pointers in tying Kentucky's SEC record and surpassing the Arkansas record of 20 set in 1993 against Texas Southern.

Ali Thompson had 17 points, Glendon Alexander 15, Lee Wilson, Landis Williams and Kareem Reid 13 each, Steve Green 12 and Derek Hood 10 for the Razorbacks (4-1). Reid also had 14 assists.

Wilson grabbed 11 rebounds and Hood and Williams each had 10 as Arkansas won the rebound battle 54-38.

Rhodney Donaldson had 15 points and Eric Neal 14 for Troy State (3-4).

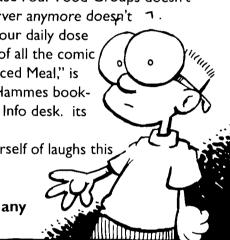
The Trojans led the nation the last three seasons in 3-point attempts, but were just 8-of-33 Tuesday night.

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I refuse to accept the idea that the 'isness' of man's present nature makes him morally incapable of reaching up for the eternal 'oughtness' that forever confronts him.

King's stalwart faith in the true potential good of humanity is unmistakable.

To what extent does society contentedness hinder the fulfillment of King's dream?

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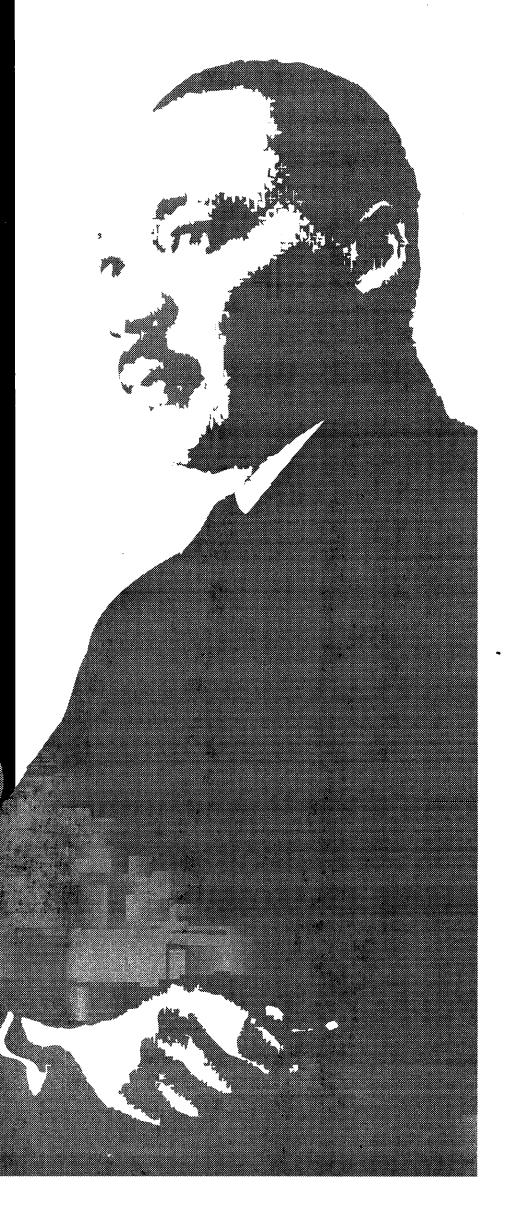


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Rev. David Scheidler, C.S.C.

Scripture Readings for this coming Sunday

First Reading: Isaiah 61: 1-2, 10-11

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

"LA MORENITA," THE MADONNA OF THE PEOPLE

My dream is to visit Mexico City some year on the 12th of December, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. I have contemplated her image encased in glass behind the main altar of the basilica built in her honor, and have walked the hill of Tepeyac where she appeared. But nothing compares to the festivities celebrated there in these days. Pilgrims stream to Mexico City from all parts of the country, many walking in large groups for days, in something reminiscent of medieval European pilgrimages. Colorful "matachines," with plumed headdresses, dance and turn to the beat of drums in the plaza. Throngs of pilgrims jam the grounds all around, bearing flowers for Our Lady, many camping in the open air through the night. Throughout the nation, children of the rich and the poor dress like indigenous children in imitation of Juan Diego. It is the greatest of Mexican celebrations.

Anyone who visits Mexico City for the first time is struck by the unavoidable presence of this Virgin of Mexico. Her image is found in taxi cabs and buses, churches and bars, emblazoned on t-shirts and baseball caps, and frequently men choose her as their tattoo of choice. No one, believer or unbeliever, can understand Mexico without first understanding Our Lady of Guadalupe. She is Mexican, and she lives deep in the heart of Mexicans, and defines their culture.

I believe that this fierce devotion stems from the fact that Guadalupe, "La Virgencita," has always been a refuge and comfort for the Mexican people in times of pain and turmoil. She first appeared on December 9, 1531, to an Aztec Christian named Juan Diego. It was a time of upheaval and great suffering. The Aztec deities had fallen silent after the brutal Conquest of 1519, the masses were confused and abandoned, and Christ was as yet an unknown God. Suddenly, near the sight of the ancient Aztec mother goddess, a woman appears clothed with the sun. She speaks Nahuatl, the language of the people, she shares their features—with her dark hair and beautiful copper-colored skin—and she tells Juan Diego that she is his mother who loves him as a son. She gifts him with her motherly concern and presence, and eventually with her image left on his cloak.

She has been a comfort and gift to the Mexican people ever since. The history of Mexico has been torturous at times, with a difficult struggle for independence, foreign occupation, the loss of half its territory to the United States, a bloody revolution, grinding poverty, and constant political and economic upheavals. Our Lady of Guadalupe has been with them through it all, and has followed the poor immigrants of Mexico in our nation as they struggle to find a better life for their children.

I believe that this dark-skinned Madonna can help us understand Notre Dame. What was Mary to Fr. Sorin but his comfort and inspiration through fires, cholera epidemics, and the poverty of his community and students. She never abandoned him or Notre Dame, and Notre Dame has placed her on a dome as both a comfort and a reminder. Mary is still a refuge to many students who struggle as they kneel at night before the lights of the grotto. We see in her one like us, but one who has power to comfort, to console, and to help us find our way to her Son.

On this feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we thank a poor nation for a gift so great, for she is the Patroness of the Americas. Our American church and our University are enriched by her Mexican-American children who can help us recapture our love and devotion to her, people who have kept faith with God through impossible odds. May our celebration at Mass today, December 12, in our own basilica, bring her honor, give glory to Christ, and make us more committed to the poor of Mexico and elsewhere in our midst. They need our words of welcome, solace and love. And may she be a comfort to all of us children of Notre Dame, in our studies for Final Exams, our personal and family struggles, in our desire to keep faith through the upheavals of life.

Fr. Pat Neary, C.S.C.



■ NBA

Heat squeaks by Cavs on last second shot

Associated Press

CLEVELAND

Voshon Lenard banked in a twisting second-chance shot at the buzzer and the Miami Heat beat the Cleveland Cavaliers 76-74 Tuesday night.

After Bobby Phills tied it at 74 with two free throws with 24 seconds left, the Heat set up a 3-point attempt that Dan Majerle missed from the top of the circle.

The rebound bounced toward the sideline, and after chasing it down, Lenard dribbled through defenders before making a wild, double-clutch jumper just before the buzzer sounded.

Lenard had eight points. The Heat was led by Tim Hardaway's 25, while Alonzo Mourning had 14.

Cleveland overcame the Heat's 14-point first-half lead and trailed only 39-35 at halftime. It was tied 57-57 after three quar-

But Miami started the fourth with a 12-2 run, including four straight points that followed an intentional foul by the Cavs' Chris Mills. Mills raked Lenard on a layup attempt, and Lenard hit both foul shots. After another foul on the inbounds, Mourning drove down the middle for a dunk and a 69-59 lead with 8:01 left.

After Gary Grant sank a 3-pointer to make it 72-61, the Cavs came back again, scoring eight straight. Danny Ferry hit a jumper to cut it to 72-69 with 3:40 to play.

Mills led Cleveland with 17, and Hill had 15. Terrell Brandon had 14 points on 4-of-17 shooting against Hardaway.

Cleveland took its first lead at 41-40 on a layup by Phills three minutes into the third quarter. Majerle, who came in with a 14.7 scoring average, finally got his first points with a 3-pointer that gave the Heat a 47-43 lead three minutes later. Majerle was 1-for-10 and had three points in 46 minutes.

Brandon got an uncharacteristic technical foul when he argued his fourth personal foul. Hardaway sank both free throws and the technical to make it 54-51 Heat with 3:50 left in the

Knicks 85, Bullets 73

NEW YORK
Patrick Ewing, playing for the
first time since he criticized New
York fans, heard some of the
loudest boos of his career as the
Knicks sent Washington to its
fifth straight loss, 85-73 Tuesday

Ewing was booed during player introductions and nearly every time he touched the ball, but he scored four straight baskets after his 0-for-8 start to help New York pull ahead for good in the second quarter.

The 12-year veteran finished with 15 points on 7-for-21 shooting as the Knicks beat the Bullets for the 13th straight time at Madison Square Garden.

New York improved to 6-4 at the Garden, where the fans have booed in all but one of the 10 home games.

"They're annoying me. If they're going to act that way, they might as well stay home," Ewing said Saturday after the crowd turned on the Knicks when they allowed the Clippers to score 21 straight points.

"If something goes wrong, they jump off the bandwagon. It's been like that 12 years, and I'm fed up with it," Ewing said.

The comments were splashed across the sports pages in New York, and the crowd wasted no time reacting to it.

The booing got loudest as Ewing missed his first eight shots, and it didn't help matters that opposing center Gheorghe Muresan scored eight points as the Bullets opened a 10-4 lead.

Washington was ahead 24-22 when Ewing checked back into the game with 8:50 left in the second quarter, but things quickly changed for New York's 10-time All-Star.

Ewing made his next four shots, drawing louder cheers each time, and a 3-pointer by Chris Childs gave New York a 35-32 lead. The Knicks closed the first half with 12-1 run to lead 42-33 at the break.

The booing resumed early in the third quarter when Ewing had three turnovers in the first four minutes, but the Bullets were unable to pull closer than four points and trailed 63-54 entering the fourth.

The crowd responded to the Knicks' hustle in the fourth, most noticeable a pair of tip-ins and a rare, driving layup with a quick first step by Charles

Oakley. Washington trailed by double digits throughout the quarter.

Warriors 101, Raptors 91

TORONTO

Joe Smith scored a careerhigh 36 points and grabbed a season-high 17 rebounds Tuesday night, leading the Golden State Warriors to a 101-91 victory over the Toronto Raptors.

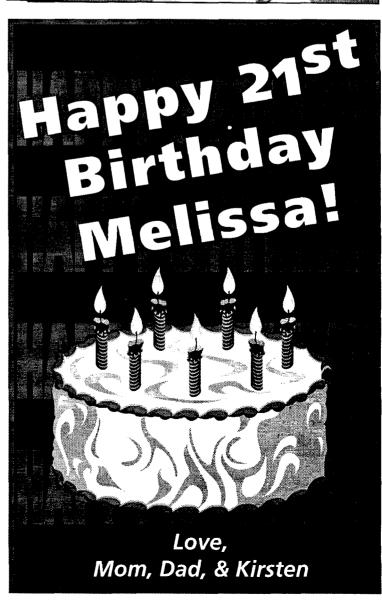
Latrell Sprewell added 23 points, Chris Mullen 16 and the Warriors outrebounded the Raptors 51-32 in ending Toronto's four-game home winning streak.

Smith, whose previous high was 30 points, scored 21 in the first half on 8-of-14 from the field. The Warriors used a 10-2 run to close out the second quarter to take a 50-44 lead at the break.

Mark Price made consecutive field goals to open the third quarter as Golden State went on a 9-0 run to open a 15-point lead with 9:21 to play in the quarter.

The Raptors, coming off an 97-89 upset of the Chicago Bulls, closed to 78-71 on Carlos Rogers' layup with 8:57 to play, but Smith's three-point play allowed the Warriors to regain their double-digit lead.







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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

"The Snake" slithers into Heisman race

By MEL REISNER Associated Press Writer

If Jake "The Snake" Plummer didn't exist, someone would have invented him to jazz up the Heisman race.

Quirky. Intuitive. Brilliant. Emotional. The adjectives run together like watercolors under a tap. The one that gets used over and over: most valuable.

The No. 2 Sun Devils (11-0) have won 15 of their last 16 games under Plummer, who will make his 40th consecutive start at quarterback for the Sun Devils against Ohio State in the Rose Bowl.

"I may go another 34 years of coaching without running into another guy like this in terms of where things really, really counted, when our backs were against the wall, he consistently — and I'm talking 100 percent this season — did whatever needed to be done," Arizona State coach Bruce Snyder said.

That means evade almost any rush, as he did so effortlessly in a the Sun Devils' 19-0 upset of then-No. 1 Nebraska on Sept. 21.

Although he adopted his nickname after reading Ken "Snake" Stabler's autobiography, "The Snake" aptly describes Plummer's intuitive ability to elude pursuers.

Just ask UCLA coach Bob Toledo. He stood by helplessly as Plummer threw a TD pass, caught another and ran for a third in the final eight minutes of a comeback 42-34 win over the Bruins.

"I never felt our lead was safe with Plummer," Toledo said.

It's a safe bet you won't see Plummer take the field without red, white and blue sweatbands above the elbow of both arms, a habit he picked up when he wore one in 1994 against Brigham Young and had a career-best, 327-yard game. And the 6-foot-2, 190-pound senior never goes anywhere without a white ASU baseball cap, worn backward.

Plummer says he just likes hats, but acknowledges that he wore the same one for months without washing it after a professor in one of his classes chided him for forgetting to wear it one day.

"I washed it after the scason," Plummer said. "I hope that doesn't have anything to do with the bowl game."

He also likes extra-long socks, and nearly panicked when a trainer told him there were none available before the Sun Devils' game against Arizona.

"But we went out there and kicked them around, so obviously it was not the socks doing it for us," Plummer said.

In many cases, it has been Plummer doing it for the Sun Devils this season, leading them to their first undefeated season in 21 years.

When Arizona State upset Nebraska, he threw for 292 yards, the fourth highest total of his career. But that was overshadowed by Arizona State's defense, which rattled the Cornhuskers into three safeties and the achievement of felling the two-time national champions.

■ NBA

Hill replaced as Spurs coach

By KELLEY SHANNON Associated Press Writer

SAN ANTONIO

The San Antonio Spurs, reeling from a 3-15 start, fired coach Bob Hill on Tuesday, the same day David Robinson was to join the lineup for the first time this season.

Spurs general manager Gregg Popovich replaces Hill and was to make his first appearance as an NBA coach Tuesday night at Phoenix, where Robinson was expected to play against the Suns.

Hill was fired despite having led San Antonio to 121 victories the last two seasons. But with Robinson out with a sore back, the Spurs started 2-10, the worst start in franchise history.

Even without Robinson, though, team president Jack Diller said he thought the team's performance should be better than it has been.

"We have perceived over some period of time now that the team has not been playing anywhere near as competitively as it should," Diller said. "We had dropped to a point where it was unacceptable."

Diller said Popovich, who was an assistant with Golden State for two seasons, will be Hill's permanent — not interim — replacement and will retain the general manager's job.

"At this point I thought a change in direction was necessary," said Popovich, who was an assistant with the Spurs from 1988-92. "The decision wasn't made in a knee-jerk way. It was made with a lot of thought and a lot of counsel and a lot of heartache."

Popovich acknowledged in a telephone interview that Hill's ouster and his stepping in as coach the day Robinson was set to return "looks quite self-serving." But Popovich said a change was needed.

"It's better sooner than later," he said. "We'll have more time to do what we need to do with this particular group of guys. To wait just for (public relations) reasons or for a so-called better time just doesn't make sense as far as the good of the team is concerned."

The Spurs have been plagued by other injuries, too.

Chuck Person has been out all season with a back problem, Charles Smith has missed games because of inflammation in his right knee, and other players have been struggling with assorted minor injuries.

On Monday, Hill had said the team's mental state was not good.

"We've been playing shorthanded and that gets a little old. It wears you down," Hill was quoted as saying in Tuesday's San Antonio Express-News.

Before Tuesday's game, Robinson said the players liked the meticulous Hill and were disappointed he was leaving.

"We're all very shocked," Robinson said. "Do I agree with the decision? No. But it's not my decision to make. I feel like if we have some adversity, we should try to stick it out and

stay together."

Hill's dismissal followed a loss last weekend to the Vancouver Grizzlies, the only team in the league with a record worse than San Antonio.

Despite the Spurs' regularseason success under Hill the last two seasons, the team didn't excel in the postseason.

He led the Spurs to a leaguebest 62-20 record in 1994-95, his first season in San Antonio, but they lost to eventual champion Houston in the Western Conference finals. Last season, they won 59 games only to lose to Utah in the conference semifinals

Diller said Spurs executives were disappointed with the team's playoff performance last season.

Hill came to the Spurs in August 1994 from the Orlando Magic, where he was an assistant coach. He coached the New York Knicks in 1986-87 and the Indiana Pacers from 1990-1993.

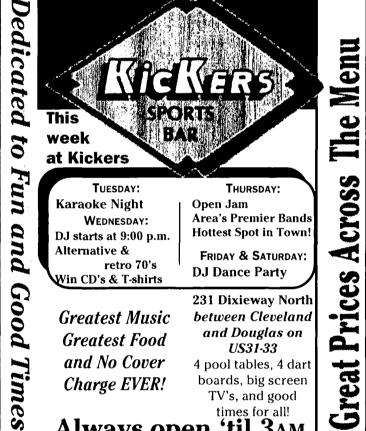
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■ HOCKEY

Irish again sign top recruits

By CHARLEY GATES Sports Writer

Just how crucial is recruiting to a coach's and a team's success? "Absolutely crucial," answered head Notre Dame hockey coach Dave Poulin. "It's the lifeblood of the sport. To be successful, you have to attract the top talent.'

Notre Dame's past two recruiting classes have been outstanding — freshman and sophomores usually comprise two-thirds of the starting line-

appears this trend will conintue, as three stand-out forwards have already committed to play hockey at the University of Notre Dame during the NCAA's early signing period.

The signees include Dan Carlson (Edna, Minn.), Chad Chinchase (Clinton, Ont.), and Matt Van Arkel (Richton Park,

"After this season," Poulin explained, "we will graduate three players with extensive front-line experience, so our up on any given night. And it primary goal was to increase

our skill, offensive ability and speed up front. All three of these players can help improve that dimension of our offense and each has the skill level to contribute immediately for us next season.'

Carlson is a member of the USA Hockey Select-16 team and, as a speedy left wing for Edna High School, earned MVP, all-conference, and allmetro honors last season while also being named to the state all-tournament Chipchase, who has experience playing at both center and left wing, recently played on the Team Ontario squad that captured the under-17 world championship.

Renowned for his ability as both a defensive forward and offensive threat, Chipchase currently plays for the Waterloo Siskins of the Western Ontario League. Van Arkel is a right-handed forward who led Team Illinois in scoring last year with 60 goals and 43 assists. Currently playing with the Milton (Ont.) Merchants Junior A team, the strong-skating Van Arkel also has been named to the alltournament team at the prestigious Midget Showcase.

These quality players will join another group of talented players, the current freshman, who decided to matriculate at Notre Dame. Many considered this class, which Poulin recruited, to be among the top freshman classes in the country last year. To what does he attribute his success?

"Notre Dame sells itself," he stated. "It's really a unique



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tion of academics, athletics,

Assisting Poulin in recruiting players are his assistant coaches, Tom Carroll and Andy Slaggert.

"Both of them are absolutely critical in the whole process," elucidated Poulin. "Tom is good at targeting kids who will do well here, because there is a lot more to it than playing

hockey.' Indeed it does take a lot more than fancy skating to succeed at an academicallyrenowned university, such as Notre Dame. Because of the

high academic-level, "our market segment is smaller. We go after kids who are good on the ice and in the classroom.

The recruiting process, however, does not stop with the signing of these players. At the end of this season, two defenseman, Brian McCarthy and Ben Nelsen, and a goalie, Erik Berg will graduate, so Poulin will be looking to fill these holes in the line-up. If the trend of excellence in recruiting continues, and every reason exists for people to believe that it will, Notre Dame will be back on top in no time.

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■ SAINT MARY'S

Belles join MIAA conference

Observer Staff Report

HILLSDALE, Mich. America's oldest collegiate athletic conference will grow from seven to nine members beginning with the 1997-98 school year.

Defiance College of Ohio and Saint Mary's College of Indiana have been awarded provisional membership in the 108-year-old Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA), according to Dr. John Jacobson, president of Hope College and chair of the league's Council of Presidents.

They will join seven Michigan colleges — Adrian, Albion, Alma, Calvin, Hope, Kalamazoo and Olivet — in comprising the NCAA Division III conference which offers 18 sports for men and women.

Commissioner Sheila Wallace-Kovalchik and the MIAA is looking to the future with this step toward expansion. "As the NCAA evolves through the growing pains of restructuring, we felt it was time to make a decision regarding our place in the ever changing scene of NCAA athletics. Division Previously independent colleges are seeking conference affiliation. Both Defiance and Saint Mary's support the philosophy and mission of our conference and we're happy to welcome them into the long standing traditions of the MIAA and look forward to their inclusion in our sports schedules.'

The MIAA has conducted

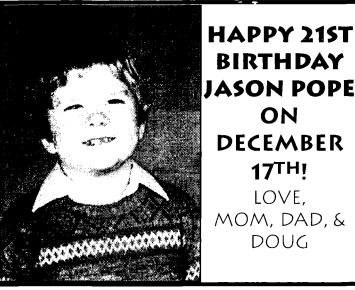
full-season championships in multiple sports since 1888. This is the first change in MIAA membership since 1960. The MIAA's continuity is noteworthy. Of the 10 schools that have ever belonged, seven are still members. The only former members are Michigan State University (1888-1907), Eastern Michigan University (1892-1926) and Hillsdale College (1888-1960). The inaugural year for current members are Adrian (1908), Albion (1888), Alma (1902), Calvin (1953),Hope (1926),Kalamazoo (1896) and Olivet

Sports sponsored by the MIAA include baseball, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's cross country, football, men's and women's golf, men's and women's soccer, softball, men's and

women's swimming, men's and women's tennis, men's and women's track and women's volleyball.

Even though the new member schools are from outside Michigan, the conference will keep its name, according to Wallace-Kovalchik.

Defiance is a coeducational liberal arts college of 900 students located in Defiance, Ohio while Saint Mary's is a liberal arts college of 1,500 women in Notre Dame, Ind. Both are NCAA Division III members and neither is currently affiliated with a conference. This will be Saint Mary's first conference affiliation. Defiance currently offers 16 of the 18 sports sponsored by the MIAA while Saint Mary's offers seven of the nine sports offered by the league for women.





■ NBA

Rodman Suspended

Associated Press

CHICAGO

The Chicago Bulls suspended Dennis Rodman without pay for two games Tuesday, citing his profane language in a television interview following the team's loss Sunday to the Toronto Raptors.

The Bulls said in a statement that the suspension would go into effect immediately, with Rodman missing Wednesday's game against Minnesota and Friday's game at New Jersey.

"Dennis' use of foul and abusive language and the embarrassment he caused the Chicago Bulls organization by subjecting young children and loyal fans to his profane outburst cannot and will not be tolerated," said Jerry Krause, the Bulls' vice president of basketball operations.

"We condemn in every way what Dennis said and the words he used," Krause said. "This suspension, which will cost Dennis \$104,878 in salary, speaks out about our concern."

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Men's

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Balanced scoring finally found its way into the season's record books as five Irish players notched eight or more points with three in double-fig-

Derek Manner's 12 points came mostly on tip-ins and strong fast-break play. Manner also helped keep the Wildcats' leading scorer tamed as he bumped forward Matt Acres into a dismal 4-16 shooting night and 11 points.

'Derek is a very competitive player; he loves to practice, he loves to play, he loves a challenge," MacLeod evaluated. "I

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thought Derek was a catalyst (offensively). He made a couple of great drives to the basket. He loves to get out on the fast break and run. Defensively, he is a digger and a banger.'

Antoni Wyche added 10 points and forced the Wildcat defense to move out of the post. His two three point shots and success in driving the lane are good signs of progress.

"It was great to see Admore and Anton loosen up and finally begin to score the ball and re-lax a little bit," MacLeod admit-ted. "That's what we need them to do.'

The Irish had the lead with 16:28 remaining in the first half, and never looked back. They had a double-figure point differential for most of the game, up 13 at one point in the

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first half and 24 ahead in the second. The Irish kept the game moving with good transition offense and lots of points on the fast break. With 4:48 remaining, the walk-ons began to find their way into the blowout, and out-played New Hampshire's squad in the foulfest that ensued.

Guard Carlos Bradberry led the Wildcats with 16 points on 6-16 shooting. He had some effectiveness on the dribble, and also went 2-3 from down

"We were actually pleased with how we were playing," Jackson said. "We missed free throws and a lot of good looks from the perimeter, so we weren't pleased with our shooting. In terms of our execution, our effort, and our intensity we

felt that we gained some ground.

Notre Dame continues to lack scoring from the center slot. Marcus Young and Phil Hickey combined for one shot attempt, two missed free throws, and zero points in 37 minutes on the court. The duo also recorded 11 rebounds.

Matt Gotsch was unable to play against New Hampshire because of a bout with the flu.

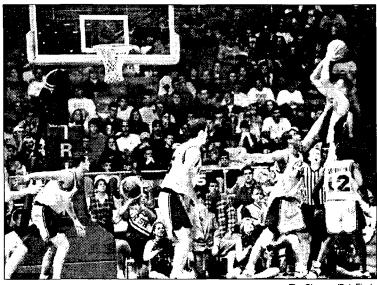
Notre Dame wants to take some confidence and momentum gained against the Wildcats into Rupp Arena when they face the top-ranked Kentucky Wildcats on Saturday at Kentucky. Although

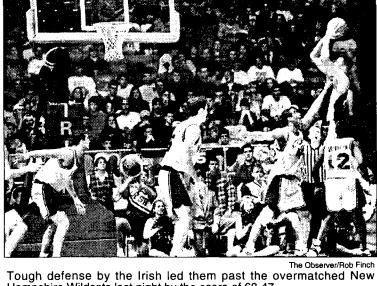
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Kentucky will utilize a press much more difficult to break than the one Providence suffocated the Irish with last weekend, the players feel that the only way to enter the game is with an air of confidence.

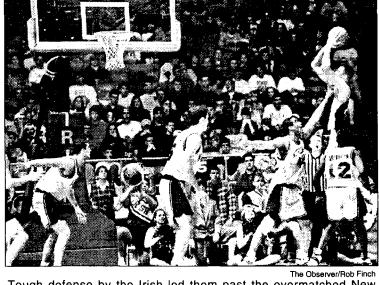
"We knew that if we could take this team and play our game like we're supposed to, then we'd really have some good momentum going into Saturday (at UK)," Manner said.
"There's definitely ways to beat them, you just have to play your best game.

"Everybody has to go in thinking that we're going to win, not just that we're going to be in the game," White said.





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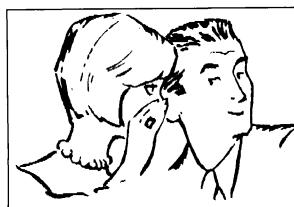
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game against the Hoosiers will mark their fourth in a week's time which has not allowed McGraw to run a solid practice.

"I think that we're just going to have to go out and start working hard, we haven't had a full practice for awhile," Peirick explained. "That is something we need right now, to just go out and work on the things that we need to in order to get better.

"We've had so many games, our practices have just been concentrating on preparing for the next opponent. We need to get some good practices in without games in order to get better."

The Irish will get their chance for a break after tonight's contest as they have only one more game in the month of December, at

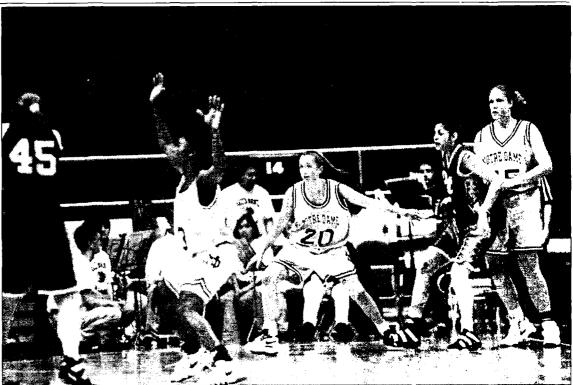
Valparaiso on Dec. 21. But, as Gaither explains, the team needs fine tuning on the mental side of the game as well.

"I think we just need to get ourselves back to par and we need to increase our motivation and desire to play," Gaither added. "We're a good team, a great team, and we just need to believe that. We need to play a great game against Indiana and I think that will help us get back on our toes."

"We're angry about it," Gaither added. "They are teams we could have beaten. I think we need to find that inner strength so we can increase our mental game.

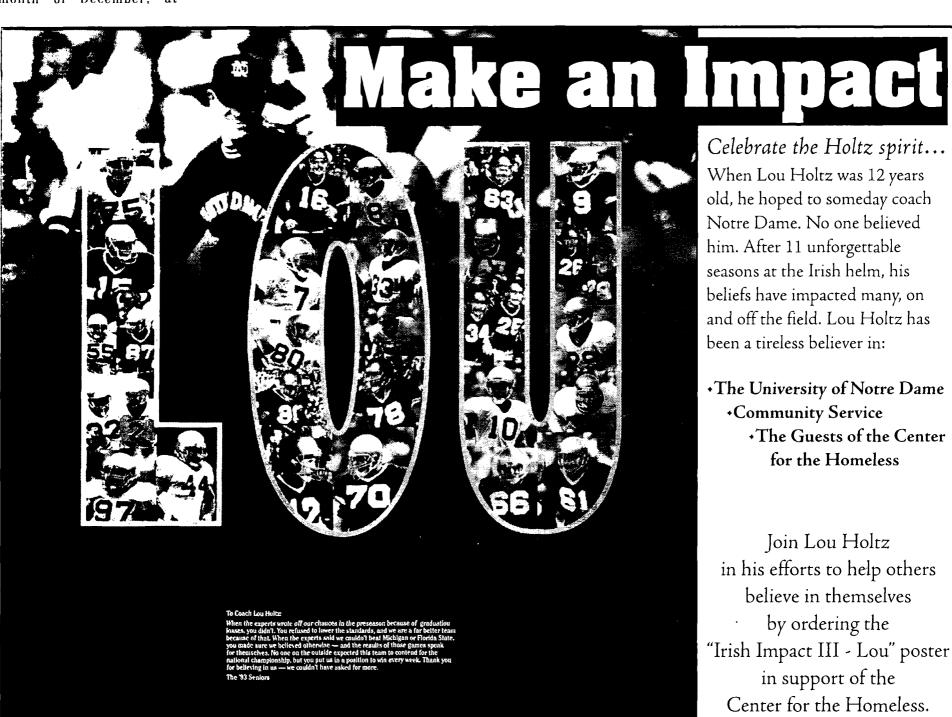
"We also need to become more aggressive, and we have to want to win more than any other team."

Fans will find out if they want to win more than the Hoosiers tonight as the Irish hope they are cured and don't need any more medicine.



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Notre Dame sophomore Sheila McMillen is coming off a career high 20 points against Wisconsin.



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seas. Consult a travel agent.
CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: poet Emily Dickinson, movie star Dorothy Lamour, basket-ball player Mark Aguirre, director

Kenneth Branagh.
ARIES (March 21-April 19): Assistance comes from a mysterious source. A weight is lifted from your shoulders. Be grateful for favors large and small! Your optimistic

nature is a big asset.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Exchanging data with well-informed associates helps get an important venture off the launching pad. Expect your requests to be granted. Romance will require a gentle

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): A good day for buying and selling valuable objects. Trust your sixth sense when judging the quality of an item you are offered. A friend's input turns a project into a paying proposition.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A

co-worker's attitude may be puzzling. Time is too short for you to dwell on things beyond your control. Showcase your special talents to attract the notice of influential

people.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Diplomacy and compromise help you win a battle of wits. Cement new alliances in writing. Paying cash for

JEANE DIXON last-minute holiday purchases will

help you avoid high interest charges.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):
Changing your lifestyle promises
great happiness for you and your
loved ones. Financial planning is
essential. Discuss household needs
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with your mate or partner.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22); Letting someone in on a secret will transform your entire relationship. At work, concentrate on improving the bottom line. A benefactor could develop romantic feelings for you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Be patient with those who do not understand your views. Progress comes when you contact former employers or colleagues. Put your romantic partner's needs first if a longtime arrangement suddenly

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Going back to school will widen your intellectual horizons. Update your home library. A new relationship could be a dream come true. Use tact when dealing with anyone who questions your authori-

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): An exciting new relationship could change your outlook. Avoid raiding your financial reserves. Children will learn from your example. Be frugal. Look for painless ways to

reduce your holiday food bills.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Instead of dropping hints, voice your approval or dismay directly. Homemade gifts from the kitchen prove highly popular this month

Others appreciate your efforts to give them something special.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your good humor is contagious. Once you get a difficult co-worker's cooperation, you will accomplish more. Professional alliances enjoy favorable influences. Be modest when accepting an award or honor.

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ND Bike Security storage: Last chance is Thurs., Dec. 12 from 2-5 p.m. at the Security Building. Notre Dame College Bowl Players: To sign up for the 1997 season, please call the Center for Continuing Education at 631-6691 or stop by the CCE information desk to pick up an application packet. Deadline for team registrations is 5 p.m. on Tues.,

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SPORTS

■ MEN'S BASKETBALL

White breaks out of slump

By DAVE TREACY Associate Sports Editor

As an assistant coach at Stanford University a few years ago, University of New Hampshire head coach Jeff Jackson tried to recruit Pat Garrity and Admore White.

It's a shame for Jackson that things didn't work out for the Cardinal because Notre Dame used the players' services against Jackson and his Wildcat ball club last night in a 68-47 Irish victory.

"Pat's a great player," Jackson said wistfully at the post-game press conference. "I was definitely heart-broken that we didn't get him."

"He does change the focus of what you can do offensively and defensively with his presence. When he's not in the game, you feel a little more comfortable."

Garrity was in the game early, tallying 14 points in the first six minutes of play, hitting three-point shots and converting offensive rebounds seemingly at will. He scored only four more points in the remainder of the game, including two in the second half, on two dunks. His lone bucket after

half time game was slammed in after a nice Derek Manner pass caught Garrity's defender on the wrong side of his assignment. But missed free throws in the second period kept Garrity out of his rhythm, forcing other players to step for-

Admore White toed the line.

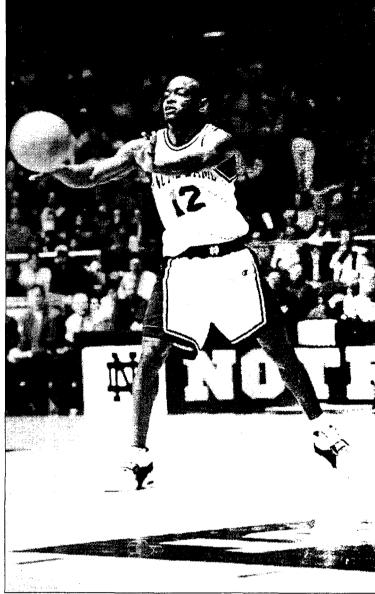
The senior point guard made some headway in snapping his early season slump, tallying 11 rebounds, eight points, and six assists in 22 minutes of play. Combined with only one turnover, White had easily his most productive effort of the season and made a huge difference in the game.

"I was happy for Admore; I knew he had been struggling coming into the game, but I'm disappointed that he started playing well against us," Jackson offered. "I think he has a chance to be a good player for Notre Dame.

'(White) was out early this morning with nobody else on the floor, shooting," Irish head coach John MacLeod said. "Ad wants to have a good year, and we want him to have a good year. But I liked the way he played tonight; he really, really played hard.'

"We got the ball out and started running," White recalled. "I had a few chances to score and I took the shots, and fortunately for me they went

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The Observer/Rob Finch Admore White stepped up last night in the Irish victory over UNH.

Antoni Wyche's outside shooting keyed a balanced Irish attack.

The Observer/Rob Finch

Alums carry tradition to Pack

By MIKE PREVITE Special Correspondent

Tradition n. 1. the handing down orally of customs, beliefs, etc. from generation to generation. 2. a story, belief, etc. handed down this way. 3. a long-established custom that has the effect of an unwritten

Images of football season are lasting in the minds of those who believe that the sport transcends time. When stories are told from father to son and son to grandson as the years pass, these images bind together to form a history; a collection of characters and magic moments that create a tradition.

Nowhere in America has that tradition greater on a college campus where football is played than at Notre Dame. Each alumni, each player, each fan has indelible memories of their piece of that tradition.

In the world of pro football, the parallels between the tradition in South Bend and the tradition in Green Bay, home of the Packers, are truly endless.

The parallel between Notre

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Aaron Taylor is one of many former players to play for Green Bay.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish need to become defensive minded

By JOE CAVATO Sports Writer

Recently the Notre Dame women's basketball team has received a dose of their own medicine. After jumping out of the blocks to a 6-1 record in which they upset two top ten foes, the No. 10 ranked Irish have lost two of their last three, suffering upsets to Purdue and No.

Wisconsin. Head coach Muffet McGraw has seen her team drop to 7-3 with a chance to improve on that mark tonight against Indiana at the Joyce Center.

been ranked that teams have been gunning for us in every game we play," junior guard Mollie Peirick observed. "Right now we need to get our composure back after the loss to Purdue and the loss Monday night.'

Seniors Katryna Gaither and Beth Morgan have carried the load thus far but other Domers have recently gotten into the action. Sheila McMillen is coming off a

career best performance of 20 points against the Badgers on Monday night. In addition, Rosanne Bohman has gotten offensive minded as she had a career high of 17 against Providence over the weekend while Peirick added 18 of her own.

The recent losses have given the hoopsters an indication that offense is not where their main concerns "The main thing we need to

work on is defense," Peirick said. "That's what worked for us in the past games, especially Iowa. Our defense and that is what we need to start focusing on again."

"I think every loss is a learning process and we need to grow by it," Gaither assessed. "One aspect that needs to be improved is defense, and we need to control the turnovers on the offensive side."

The Irish have had a very busy itinerary as tonight's

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at Kentucky, December 14, 8 p.m.

> vs. Indiana, December 11, 7 p.m.

Women's Swimming and Diving at Hawaii, December 30



at Princeton, December 28, 4 p.m.

Men's Diving at Longhorn Diving Invitational, January 5-7



Basketball at Olivet College, December 10, 7 p.m.



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