

■ Students studying in Maynooth, Ireland, describe the stereotypes they face as American students in a foreign nation.

The Last of the Home Games

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Students stand vigil outside Indiana State Prison

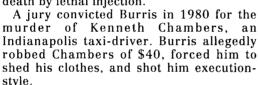


By HEATHER COCKS

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind. While the clock counted down the minutes until Gary Burris's execution early yesterday morning, more than 60 members

of the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's community prayed quietly together near the Indiana State Prison.

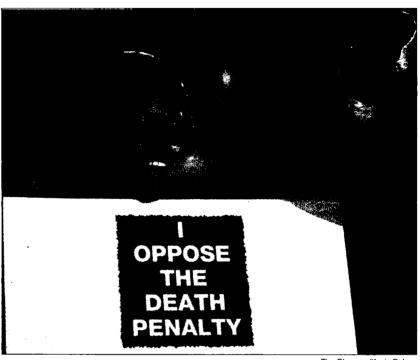
Notre Dame groups and area residents traveled to the jail in Michigan City to stand in protest of capital punishment both before and after prison officials put Burris to death by lethal injection.



'For me, this was a chance to act on a strong opinion of mine," said senior Kimberly Rosenkoetter. "I haven't been

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Gary Burris



others simply knelt and prayed (pictured left). Above, a member of "Blacks United to Save the Hood" stands against capital punishment.

Group uses WV game to protest land mine use

Students invited to 'raise a shoe' as tribute to victims By ANNE MARIE MATTINGLY

This December, 113 countries will approve an international ban on land mines; the U.S. is not SEE ALSO:

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In an effort to show support for the ban, several Notre Dame students have founded the Notre Dame Campaign to Ban Land Mines and are shoe in the air, one hand on the heart"

News Writer

among them.

p.13 campaign for this Saturday's football game against West

Virginia. The group is asking students to hold one shoe over their heads while placing the other hand over their hearts during the playing of the national anthem at Saturday's game. The gesture is intended to draw attention to the fact that the most common injury caused by the explosion of land mines is the loss of one leg, an occurrence that has prompted the sale of single shoes in Bosnia, Cambodia, Angola and Afghanistan.

"It's a good opportunity to pay respect to the people who have risked, lost, and had their lives seriously altered by land mines," said Mike Deemer, a graduate student in the Peace Studies program who is helping to organize the event.

Land mines injure or kill an average of 70 people every day, according to fliers distributed by the campus group; FRIDAY FEATURE



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Jamie Spencer, a fullback on the Notre Dame football team, poses with elementary school children after reading to them. Shown left, Jim Sanson (far left, football), Angela Bessolo (softball), Allen Greene (baseball), Matt Johnson (soccer), Carrie Gulick (track) and Kerry Audley (women's lacrosse) are also active in community service.

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Athletes carry love of community service beyond ND to pro careers

By COLLEEN McCARTHY

t the 1995 Fiesta Bowl, the Notre Dame football team took time out of its scheduled practices before the game to visit the residents of a hospital in Phoenix.

Senior wide receiver Malcolm Johnson distinctly remembered the residents' response.

"We gave them a boost and brightened their day even if it was only for 20 minutes," Johnson said. "It was the most rewarding experience. Coach [Lou] Holtz made service work important and now Coach [Bob] Davie is continuing to also.

Student athletes receive a strong foundation in volunteerism when they first arrive on campus and become acquainted with the athletic department's Life Skills pro-

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■ INSIDE COLUMN

Win or Lose

When we come to Notre Dame as freshmen, two of the categories into which we can be divided are those who have seen an Irish football game and those who anticipate the experience.

My first game experience came at Chicago's Wrigley Field against Northwestern. Twenty nine games — 23 home



Dan Cichalski Assistant Managing Editor

and six away — later, I sit here on the eve of my final game in the Stadium.

The won-lost record of those games I've seen escapes me, but each one has been spectacular. There was the Michigan loss in 1994, a great game despite the final score. There was the Texas game in 1995 and the Washington game last year, where two ranked teams came into South Bend and were thoroughly embarrassed.

That first game at Northwestern was where I learned the fight song and saw the cheerleaders lead the "We Are ND" chant in another stadium. I was there for Ivory Covington's gamesaving tackle against Army in the Meadowlands. And last year, when Boston College tied the game in the third quarter, I saw the Irish storm back to plaster the Eagles with three late touchdowns.

The point is, win or lose, each and every Notre Dame game I've seen as a student has been wonderful. I've left each time hoarse and exhausted after putting everything I've got into cheer, cheering for old Notre Dame.

Unfortunately, not everyone who leaves a Notre Dame football game leaves his or her voice behind. A month ago, after a loss to USC, Bob Davie criticized the fans for not supporting the Irish in their attempt to stage a comeback.

To some extent, he had a point.

Eighty thousand fans in South Bend are not as loud as 80,000 fans in Gainesville, Fla.; Knoxville, Tenn.; Lincoln, Neb.; or Columbus, Ohio.

The reason was expressed last week, when Davie talked about the fans at LSU. He madethe point that the fans who watch the Tigers come every week from all over Louisiana, and they're always pumped for every game. The fans who come to watch the Irish come from all over the country each week, and the regulars are fewer.

Another problem: Notre Dame Stadium is full of "old fans."

You've heard of "old money" and "new money"? Well, it works for football too. Three weeks ago, against Navy, I looked across at the seats — no bleachers there — behind the visiting team's bench. Empty.

Well, at least 60 percent empty. Seems the people who are rich and important enough to afford those seats are rich and important enough to leave them empty because of a little rain. Those tickets could be put to good use if they were given to the children of South Bend who walk around campus looking for football players to sign their books.

My point is, this is an important game tomorrow, one that will decide if the Irish get to play in December, or even January. Those players will need our support, whether it's Powlus at quarterback or Jackson; whether they go for the first down or a field goal on fourth-and-seven; whether they win or lose. The last time Notre Dame played West Virgina, the Irish left Arizona with a national championship.

So let's forget the cold weather and imagine the game's in Tempe, not South Bend. And let's cheer like it too.

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Outside the Dome

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Universities reconsider validity of standardized testing

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Every year, more than 1 million high school seniors take the SAT and ACT in hopes of scoring high enough to get into the college of their choice.

But those standardized tests are getting criticism for being biased against minorities, women and low-income students. And some universities are asking if the tests provide an accurate correlation of students' performances.

"Numerous studies have questioned the SAT's ability to predict college success for minority students," said a report by the University of California system's Latino Eligibility Task Force. "Equally pressing concerns are the data associations between low test scores and levels of parental income."

The task force recommended that the standardized tests be optional for UC system applicants in hope of increasing Hispanic enrollment, said Raymund Paredes, a task force member.



"If it doesn't do what it's supposed to do, which is to predict how students will fare in college, then why use it?" said Paredes, UCLA vice chancellor for academic development. "For certain students, the SAT doesn't have a predictive value."

Eligibility for Hispanic students in UC system schools would increase 59 percent without the SAT scores, the report said. Eligibility for all high school students would increase between 12.3 percent and 16.9 percent.

A UC senate committee is looking at

the proposal. In Texas, students who are in the top 10 percent of their class are automatically accepted into the public university system regardless of their SAT or ACT scores. Both states are hoping to boost minority enrollment in the wake of affirmative action rollbacks.

But Northwestern sociology professor James Witte said eliminating SAT scores is not going to solve the problems in California and Texas.

"For minority enrollment, the game starts early," Witte said. "It requires much earlier intervention. Dropping the SATs is not going to help these kids. It's getting minorities of all types ready to compete at a fair level. The floor's got to be brought up in the education system."

The real problem with the tests stems from people thinking the test is supposed to predict a student's overall college performance, Witte said.

■ UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

New stimulant gains popularity

BOULDER, Colo.

Most people wouldn't think of gulping down a tall cool glass of antifreeze. But mix it with lantern fuel, drain cleaner and Sudafed and people might inject the concoction directly into their bloodstream. This blend of chemicals is the recipe for one of Colorado's newest drug trends - methamphetamine. With varieties such as crank, crystal meth and ice, methamphetamine use is on the rise in the Centennial State and the problem appears to be spreading. While meth use is highest in Denver, the stimulant is quickly gaining popularity across the state. "There certainly has been an incline here in Boulder County,' said Boulder police Sgt. Pat Haugse. "But it makes sense. Meth isn't difficult to manufacture and its ingredients are easy to get a hold of. It's a problem that's likely to grow." In 1996 alone, police busted 28 clandestine meth labs in Colorado, more than double the number of the previous

■ University of California-Davis

El Niño to affect global economy

DAVIS, Calif

Not only will this winter's El Niño cause a potential increase in rainfall, according to research done by Daniel Sumner, professor of agricultural and resource economics, and associate professor of economic research Hyunok Lee, the weather phenomenon may also affect the global economy. "We're looking at this year's El Niño with two things in mind," Sumner said. "One, we're watching how the El Niño effect is progressing and affecting agricultural production (such as) crop yields and acreage planted." Secondly, Sumner is looking for evidence that people in the agricultural markets are making use of the forecasts for the El Niño, no matter what actually happens. Both Lee and Sumner have been researching the economic effects of forecasting El Niños for the past year and a half, focusing particularly on how forecasts will affect the "international grain — wheat, corn, rice - markets

■ University of Connecticut

Students and faculty stage sleep out

STORRS, Conn.

Sixty UConn students and one faculty member braved the 20-degree weather Wednesday night for "Love Shack" — a sleep-out fund-raising event, as a part of Hunger and Homelessness week. The event, held to raise consciousness about homelessness, included an overnight sleep-out in cardboard boxes, guest speakers, and a candlelight vigil. The sleep-out, including the 'Love Shack" and cardboard city, were constructed by Habitat for Humanity, according to Carlye Thomson, a seventh-semester psychology major and Habitat for Humanity volunteer. The speakers and events were sponsored by UConn PIRG beginning with a speech by local State Rep. Denise Merrill. "It's really hard to believe the state would spend \$107 million on a football stadium when there are so many other needs," Merrill said, who had just returned from the legislative hearings for UConn football in Hartford.

■ University of California-Los Angeles

Prisons win out over schools

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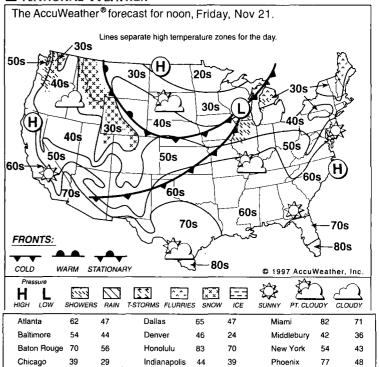
Believe it or not, prisons directly affect students, and the undergraduate student council (USAC) has launched a program designed to tell you why. USAC is currently holding presentations on the issue of prisons vs. education, and how funding for prisons and prisoners has surpassed the amount spent on education. According to booklets distributed during the presentations, California spends almost \$27,898 per year on each inmate and only \$12,005 on each UC student. "The money that is going to fund prisons can be used on higher education or health care," said USAC president Kandea Mosley. "Where are the nation's priorities?" Organized by offices of the USAC president and external vice president, the prison vs. education presentations are one part of a larger program titled "Education Campaigns." This campaign embodies a wide range of subjects and issues that deal with students and Californians

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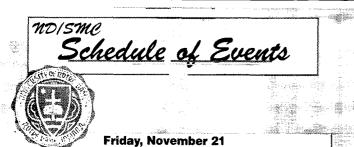
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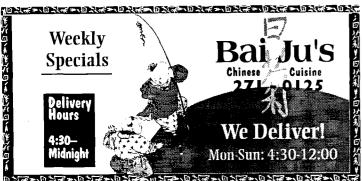
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Learning the 'American' way

Students encounter Irish stereotypes of U.S. lifestyle, people

By BRIDGET O'CONNOR Ireland Correspondent

MAYNOOTH, Ireland The 17 students on the Saint Mary's College Ireland Program never dreamed that spending a year in Ireland would make them feel so Amer-

"I don't understand what it is that makes them know that we're Americans. They can't pinpoint one characteristic,' explained Beth Beatty. "They just say it's something about us.

For many of the students on the program, the idea that they act, dress or think like an American, or that there is even an identifiable "American" way of doing any of these things, is quite strange.

'You can spot an American from 50 yards away," said Barry McHugh, an Irish student at National University of Ireland, Maynooth. "It's like [they] have an American flag above [their] heads.

The discussion of what it means to be a typical American is often among the first things that the students here discuss when they meet an Irish person.

Generally they have been

very welcoming but you encounter stereotypes," said JoEllen Jeselnick, a student on the program.

People greeted me in a Southern accent, as if everyone from the United States was from the South," said Sean Mallon, a native of Philadelphia who has lived in Ireland for the last two years and has been visiting all his life.

Other stereotypes that the students encountered in Ireland include that all or most Americans are fat or stupid, that every American family owns a gun, that American girls are easy," that every teenager has their own car and that everyone in the U.S. is racist.

"[The Irish people] think I'm obnoxious and closed-minded that I don't care about anything outside my own country," student Brigid Reagan said.

Said Mallon, "A lot of the Irish would be very anti-American, resenting the fact that we come over here with the attitude, as they perceive it, that everything in the U.S. is bigger and better.

'Many of them believe that we are too proud and too patriotic, especially being a comparatively new country," he added.

Most of the students attributed the bulk of the stereotypes to the influence of American television programs broadcast in Ireland.

'Sadly enough, they judge us from what they see on Ricki Lake and Sally Jesse Raphael,"

"I had a guy say to me, 'I would never want to go to America because why would I want to come home to a family like "Married With Children"? related Jeselnick.

Reagan said, "I hold back a lot because I'm afraid that I'm going to offend someone. I always have to be on my guard so that I don't prove any of the stereotypes true inadvertently."

McHugh did note, however that "'The Simpsons' reaffirms that there could be some intelligence [in the United States] in that they share our satirical humor.

Another factor that can foster the stereotypes is tourism, the students said.

"A lot of people think that Americans are rich because they see the tourists throwing their money around," said Patrick Geraghty, an Irish student.

Despite the fact that tourism is the largest industry in Ireland, some bitterness arises as a result of the Americans that come over. Many of the students felt that the Irish get an unfair representation of typical Americans because they never consider the idea that many of these tourists had saved for years to pay for their vacations:

The nature of the country has also been seen as contributing to the development of the stereotypes. Because the country is isolated geographically and the population is fairly homogeneous, many felt that visitors stand out more than they would in other countries.

As to whether or not Irish students would feel the same way if they spent a year in the United States, opinions varied.

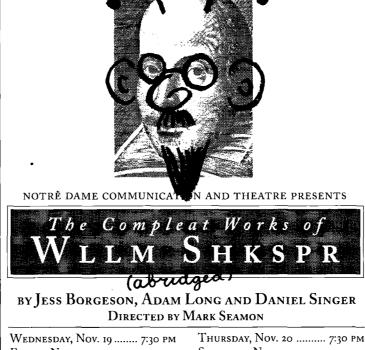
"I don't think that they would feel the same way because our country is so diversified," said Jeselnick. "We wouldn't even know that they were Irish until they started to speak.'

Some felt that the stereotypes of Irish that Americans have would not run as deeply as those held towards Americans.

"I think that these sentiments are directed specifically toward Americans," explained Reagan. "There are going to be stereotypes like that they are always drunk, but that stereotype exists here in Ireland too. We don't have any reason to be bitter towards the Irish like they seem to be toward us.'

While dealing with these attitudes toward Americans has been difficult for the students on the program, most felt that they had or will soon break through the stereotypes.

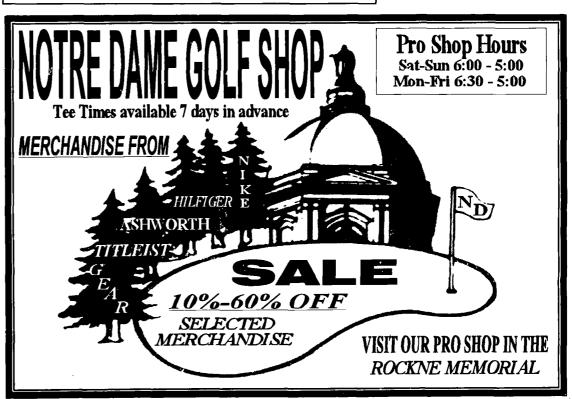
"I think it just takes some time for them to get to know you," said



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gram. Throughout their time on campus, many athletes use the program's opportunities to volunteer for local charitable causes; for some of these men and women, continuing community service after graduation is only natural.

With more than 77 percent of the Notre Dame student body

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volunteering in some form or another before they graduate, it is not difficult to understand why the campus' student-athletes choose to participate in service work.

"The athletes come in with the desire to

serve and are surrounded by that culture here also," said Frances Shavers, coordinator of Life Skills. "They have high expectations of themselves and personal responsibilities, so they want to volunteer.

To better understand the source of these athletes' dual commitment to service and community, one need only look to the holistic approach of Shavers and the Life Skills pro-

"We believe that community service is certainly one of the most critical aspects in this approach," Shavers said. "Our goal is to help them develop success as athletes, students, and members of the communi-

Life Skills sets up programs, workshops, and various events to help the athletes achieve this well-rounded persona. One of the programs sponsored by the office, Student-Athletes Read for Success (STARS), allows student-athletes to go to local elementary or middle schools, pediatric units at local hospitals, or local libraries to read to chil-

Another program, Notre Dame Athletes Against Drugs (NDAAD), has also gained support from the student-athletes. Football player Scott Palumbo

formed the program in 1996 in an effort to encourage kids to resist drugs and appreciate the importance of self esteem, academic achievement, and goal set-

Jim Sanson, a sophomore place-kicker and chairman of NDAAD, understands the need for such programs.

"We talked about it last year and realized we never had anyone our age to talk to us about drugs when we were kids," Sanson said. "We thought that if

we started this organization and went out to talk, these kids would listen to us and maybe we could make an impact on

Regarding the NDAAD program, Shavers

added that the athletes who speak at the schools try to encourage a wide variety of questions.

'We try to stress the importance of not just asking questions about football, but also about anything from peer pressure to study habits," she stat-

This year, athletes can find more service opportunities with the new IRISH Speakers Bureau. The Bureau encourages student-athletes to speak to schools, community organizations, or alumni groups. Through participation in this program, the athletes are able to hone their communication

Shavers emphasized the importance of getting studentathletes involved in community service work.

"It's important to put them in the position not just where they are known, but also to be positive role models," she said.

Johnson said he recognizes the responsibility that comes with being a Notre Dame football player.

"Notre Dame is a high profile school, and we as football players have a responsibility not only to the kids in South Bend, but kids nationwide," he said.

Johnson also noted the signifi-

cance of kids growing up in single-parent homes without positive male role models

"My brother is growing up in a single-parent home. We are in the position as football players to be good male role models for these kids," Johnson added.

For another football player, junior Mike Rosenthal, the desire to volunteer came from his family. Even before coming to Notre Dame, Rosenthal says he was committed to service

"My parents instilled it in me to help people," the offensive lineman said. "My mom is a school teacher so I used to go in and talk to her students about drugs and alcohol when I was in high school.

Requests for the athletes to speak in their hometowns are not unusual, and many feel this is a natural continuation of their service work.

"I feel it is an obligation to give back to the people who have helped you to get this far," Sanson confirmed.

Many football players' commitments to community service continue after they leave Notre

"It's almost selfish why I do it," said Aaron Taylor, a 1994 graduate and current defensive lineman for the Green Bay Packers. "It makes me feel good, and I help other people in the process."

Taylor has continued his volunteer efforts in the NFL as a local spokesman for the AIDS Walk and for the Cerebral Palsy Center of Green Bay.

In addition, Taylor organized a 1995 team-wide sponsorship of 45 needy families in Green Bay and furnished hats and mittens through player contributions to over 1,100 children.

"There was a time when my family was not the most blessed, and I'm in a very fortunate position now," Taylor stated.

'I think it's important for kids to have a good role model. Green Bay Packer punter and former Notre Dame player Craig Hentrich said. Hentrich volun-

Artistic admiration



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Members of Native American Students at Notre Dame, in honor of their heritage week, sold jewelry in the Huddle Wednesday.

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teers at the Boys and Girls Clubs as well as to the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin.

Hentrich also expressed the feeling of being indebted to the community.

"I want to do anything I can to help this community out.

They've given a lot to me, and it's time **6** FFEEL IT IS AN OBLIGAfor me to give back," he said.

While many monogram winners share similar altruistic sentiments, Chris Zorich, a 1991 graduate and current

Washington Redskins defensive tackle, is one of the most recognizable charitable Notre Dame alumni.

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"My mom always told me, Treat the world as you would your family, and you'll be rewarded with loyalty and kindness," Zorich said.

The Chris Zorich Foundation, created in memory of his mother who passed away unexpectedly during his senior year at Notre Dame, aims to perpetuate Zorich's mother's advice.

Besides providing football tickets for young residents in

homes and orphanages, the Zorich Foundation also sponsors programs such as "Love Grows Here,' a Mother's Day program that provides fresh flowers abused

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■ WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Rebels kill 300 in prison fire

KIGALI, Rwanda Hutu rebels trying to free their comrades attacked a prison in northwestern Rwanda and burned down a courtroom, killing nearly 300 people, a military spokesman said Thursday. At least 200 rebels, 88 prisoners and two soldiers died in Monday's clash at Giciye, about 40 miles northwest of Kigali, army spokesman Richard Sizibera said. The army was pursuing 93 prisoners who escaped and any survivors of the rebel force, estimated at 1,500 men, he said. The rebels armed with automatic rifles, machetes and spears - attacked the prison under cover of darkness, Sizibera said. "They had two motives: freeing their comrades and burning down the court." In a separate incident, at least 27 civilians were killed Monday by suspected rebels in the nearby village of Mukamara, Sizibera said.

Bike collision results in death

A bicycle courier struck and killed a man on a Manhattan sidewalk, an accident that has leaders calling for stricter laws on the delivery business. Arthur Kaye, 68, of Fort Lee, N.J., was leaving a restaurant on the Upper West Side when he was knocked off his feet Tuesday night by a bicycle deliveryman for a chicken restaurant, said Det. Robert Samuel. Kaye's head struck the sidewalk, and he died an hour later at St. Luke's Hospital. Courier Eduardo Delossantos, 24, was given a summons for not having identification, which carries a fine but no jail time. Mayor Rudolph Giuliani on Wednesday ordered police to step up enforcement of traffic rules for bicyclists. Councilman Andrew Eristoff said businesses should be held liable for their workers.

French police catch suspect

NANCY, France

Police arrested a California psychologist accused of murdering his girlfriend before abandoning their 18-month-old son on a sidewalk, French authorities said Thursday. James DeWayne Nivette was taken into custody as he entered his apartment building in Munster, near the German border. "He had no time to move," said Lt. Col. Jean-Jacques Rousseau, a military policeman in nearby Colmar. Nivette was not questioned. French authorities received an international arrest warrant for Nivette through Interpol on Wednesday. Police easily found him in Munster, where he spends several days a month, Rousseau said Nivette could face extradition to California within weeks, but it was not clear if France would transfer him to the United States for prosecution. France does not have capital punishment, and normally does not extradite criminal suspects to states or countries that do.

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Iraq allows return of inspectors



I raqis burn an American flag during an anti-U.S. rally Nov. 20 in Baghdad. Iraq announced it would accept the immediate return of all U.N weapons inspectors under a deal brokered by Russia in a bid to end the crisis sparked by Iraq's expulsion of U.S. members of inspection teams.

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The Russian-brokered agreement to get American and other U.N. arms inspectors back into Iraq may have defused the latest crisis with Saddam Hussein - but it has not removed the differences that produced the show-

Under the agreement, Saddam has promised that all members of the U.N. Special Commission, which performs the inspections, can return to work as soon as possible.

The commission chairman, Richard Butler, plans to send the inspectors back into Iraq on Friday.

But American and U.N. officials remain cautious about predicting whether this latest promise of full cooperation will produce what they want: free and unconditional access to all sites where Iraq is believed to be hiding weapons of mass destruction. The problem is Iraq has declared dozens of sites as sensitive to national security, including presidential palaces and other facilities.

What's more, the number of such sites keeps increasing the closer inspectors get to tracking down Iraq's stocks of chemical and biological weapons, such as the nerve agent VX.

Deputy chief inspector Charles Duelfer said Wednesday that since March 1996, U.N. inspectors had visited 63 "sensitive" sites. They have been delayed at 38 of them and denied access to 14 more.

In some cases, U.N. inspectors learned from U-2 flights that the Iraqis used the delays to move out barred materials, Duelfer said.

U.N. officials say there are no guarantees that they will not face similar delays when they return to Iraq. But they do have leverage. Without gaining access, the inspec-

tors refuse to certify Iraqi claims that they have destroyed prohibited weapons and materials. Iraq needs the certification because

it is the condition for lifting the economic sanctions imposed in 1990 when Saddam invaded Kuwait.

As part of the deal, Russia agreed to "actively participate in the speedy lifting of the sanctions.'

Russian Ambassador Sergey Lavrov said Thursday those efforts will focus on persuading the council to certify that Iraq has dismantled its nuclear weapons research program and destroyed its long-range missiles.

Russian and French diplomats have suggested that the council should consider a gradual easing of sanctions as the inspectors "close the book" on selected weapons programs.

But U.S. Ambassador Bill Richardson said the United States would veto if necessary any move to ease sanctions against Iraq unless it complies fully with U.N. resolutions.

"It is our view ... that the missile files should not be closed," Richardson said. "There is still significant work and oversight that has to happen in those areas." Furthermore, there are subtle but significant differences within the 15-member Security Council on precisely what actions Iraq must take before sanctions are removed.

Iraqi officials repeatedly cite the 991 U.N. resolution that mandates inspections and orders destruction of long-range missiles and chemical, biological and nuclear weapons.

Egypt tightens security after massacre

CAIRO, Egypt President Hosni Mubarak moved to tighten security at Egypt's tourist sites today, guarding against

m o r e attacks after gunmen massacred 58 foreigners at a Pharaonic temple. M u



barak and his Cabinet, meeting in emergency session, created a security committee to oversee sites such as Luxor's Temple Hatshepsut. Six Islamic militants stormed the temple Monday, cornering and killing tourists from Europe and Asia.

Mubarak ordered the new committee to conduct an immediate inspection of security at tourist attractions. The panel was expected to report back within days, Information Minister Safwat el-Sherif told Egypt's Middle East News Agency.

Today's moves followed a shakeup of Egypt's security forces, including the removal of Interior Minister Hassan el-Alfy, who supervised the nation's police, as well Luxor's police chief and several lower-level officials.

The outlawed al-Gamaa al-Islamiya, or Islamic Group, which claimed responsibility for the attack, derided the government in a statement faxed today to a Western new agency, saying "the firing of el-Alfy is not enough."

It offered to declare a cease-fire if the government meets a string of

demands, none of which Mubarak is likely to accept: end a government crackdown on militants; end relations with Israel; and install strict Islamic law.

For the past several months, group members on trial for assassination attempts and other charges, including allegedly trying to overthrow the government, have made similar truce offers. The government, however, has consistently refused to consider such an agreement, expressing confidence it can stamp out the Islamic uprising.

Vigil

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convinced that capital punishment is good for any reason, moral or economic. For me, there's no consistency in its usage.

Said Lyons Hall rector Sister Kathleen Beatty, "I think it had a real impact on them to be that close to the site of an execution, to be in vigil on the actual property.

The group prayed, read from the Bible, and sang hymns in the hours leading up to 12:01 a.m. CST, Burris's scheduled time of death.

"When we arrived, a small group had lit candles in front of the prison and were chanting," said Beatty. "Many came around our group and joined

in; at one point, I joined our students in a rosary." [stood vigil at] an execution." She and Rosenkoetter students in a rosary.

One of the most moving moments for her came just after midnight: As the group sang the hymn "You are Near," Burris' fel-

inmates raised their voices in protest.

When the [execution] time came, we heard the prisoners in the penitentiary wailing and banging on the cell bars," she said. "It was definitely moving we could hear all their screams."

Said Beatty, "I think the noise from the inmates sent shock waves through our participants, because this was the first time many of them had

recalled that even the freezing temperature did not deter participants from constant praying and chanting in sup-

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KATHLEEN BEATTY

port of Chambers, Burris, and their respective families.

"At one point, we walked in a big circle to keep warm while a woman from Gary,

'That must have made it agonizing," Rosenkoetter said. "He just had to lie there and

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For her, only one thing tainted the experience of traveling to Michigan City to keep vigil. Rosenkoetter said that the media's presence intruded on the atmosphere participants tried to create.

"A friend of mine noted, 'The vulture press was depressing,'" she said. "A bunch of people from the South Bend media got in people's faces while they prayed. It took away from the solemnity of the moment.'

Senior Katie Donnelly still felt moved by the night's events, admitting her surprise at how emotional, yet stirring the vigil was.

"It was a powerful experience; in fact I'm still trying to deal with it," she said. "Everyone there was joined by prayer ... it was really very

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■ COALITION COUNCIL

Huie reviews session results

OMSA informs members about upcoming events

By CHRISTOPHER SHIPLEY News Writer

Leaders from the multicultural organizations on campus gathered last night with members of the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs to announce upcoming activities and go over the results of a listening session with the University Committee Cultural Diversity.

Kevin Huie, the assistant director of OMSA, took the opportunity to speak to the council members about the session held on Wednesday night with the University committee, which includes members of the faculty, staff and administration.

Huie reiterated some of the major points from the listening session, including the comments about the "Men About Campus" comic strip which ran in The Observer on Oct. 31.

'The committee agreed that this was just a flashpoint that showed that there are negative race relations on campus," Huie told the council members

He also said that neither of

the subcommittees on which he serves, Campus Climate and Recruitment and Retention, have met outside of a CCC discussion to reorganize the Bookstore Basketball tournament in the spring.

OMSA staff took the opportunity of the coalition meeting to praise the PEACE organization for its efforts in attempting to

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KEVIN HUIE

bring education to the campus about the comic strip.

"I encourage everyone to let them know that we are proud of them," Huie said.

Iris Outlaw, the director of OMSA, encouraged members to view the notes that she and Huie made of the topics and issues discussed.

Outlaw also briefed the students on OMSA's search for a second assistant director, whose responsibilities would be to aid Huie in acting as a liaison between the office and the different organizations on campus. The office has been advertising the position in Hispanic Outlook for two weeks and plans on interviewing candidates in the near future.

Coalition members then received an updated list of officers for the multicultural organizations on campus.

The council's five-point mission statement was also formally presented to members for discussion after a recommendation made by Steven Gomez, the chairman of the Student Union's Diversity Council, at that group's Oct. 30 gathering.

The council discussed several upcoming activities, including study-day breaks sponsored by La Alianza and the Filipino American Student Association on Dec. 11, and the NAACP on Dec. 17.

Also, Pachanga, a Chicano student forum, will be held at Princeton University over the Thanksgiving holiday, and the Filipino celebration Fiestang will take place Feb. 28.

A full list of multicultural activities can be found in Out of the Shadows, the official newsletter of OMSA.

The next Coalition Council meeting will be Jan. 22 at 5 p.m. in the Notre Dame Room, located on the second floor of LaFortune Student Center.

Outlaw: All students can help ease racial tensions

By MATTHEW LOUGHRAN Associate News Editor

Students of color at Notre Dame may have a problem convincing themselves that younger siblings and members of their

community should attend the University, according to Iris Outlaw, director of the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs.



"[Racial tensions] influence recruiting directly because, for the students that are here, there has been a racial incident every year that they have been here,' she said in a presentation in Alumni Hall Tuesday night. "A lot of these students feel as though they are not part of the community. They cannot get on the phone and tell their younger brothers and sisters that Notre Dame is a good, diverse place to come.

"As a matter of fact, many of them are steering their siblings away from the University," she added.

In her presentation, Outlaw focused on the racial tensions existing on campus and how all students can ameliorate them.

"For a lot of students, this is the most diverse environment

that they have ever encountered," she said. "But for many of the students of color, this is a very homogenous environment.'

She spoke about the creation of ethnic-study programs at the University as a step in the right direction. But she also said that the affirmation of students of color must start at an early age.

"The students that are coming up through the education system now are not seeing their ethnicity affirmed in their studies,' Outlaw said. "We need to see more Asian, Latino and African-American students on posters and classroom materials. These materials are out there for the more open-minded teachers.

Outlaw shared stories about her own children and their experiences in local schools as examples of how the children should be affirmed in school. She then described how students who do tutoring projects in predominately minority schools should bring that experience back with them.

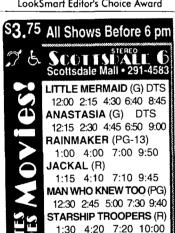
"The fact that students can interact with people of color on that level, but cannot interact with their section-mates, is wrong," she said. "If you see a table of people that is all one ethnicity, go sit there.

"You may be ignored at first, but if you are being sincere and continue to sit there, the students will talk to you," she added.

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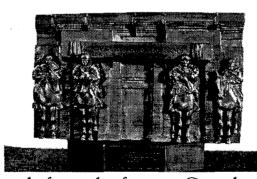
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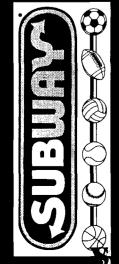
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■ News Analysis

Prof: Judges have unlimited power to overturn verdicts

News Writer

Shock waves have resonated throughout the United States in the past several weeks in response to the conviction of English au pair Louise

Woodward. Though many felt the initial reaction to her conviction evolved into a media cirthe cus. reduction of the second



degree murder conviction to involuntary manslaughter by Judge Hiller Zoebel of the Massachusetts Superior Court provoked even greater furor.

The original verdict of second degree murder and its subsequent reversal have put the functions of both judge and jury into focus.

"The jury's job involves finding fact; the judge makes sure that the law is applied," said Deborah Cerullo, an associate professional specialist at the Notre Dame Law School.

G. Robert Blakey, a Notre Dame Law School professor, said. "We have a system of trial by judge and jury; the jury only gets the first crack at the facts. Essentially, the role of the jury is to make a determination of guilt, and the judge serves to ensure that justice is done."

In Massachusetts, reductions in convictions, as in the Woodward trial, are common, Blakey said, adding that "there is potential for such set-asides in every criminal case." Though the set-aside in the Woodward case has been discussed a great deal in the media, in reality such action does not transcend the power of a judge.

"There is hardly any limit to the judge's power [in reducing a defendant's conviction]," Blakey

Surrounding the media frenzy at the Woodward trial, speculation has emerged about the mechanics behind both the conviction itself and Zoebel's ruling, including rumors that Zoebel may have been coerced into his decision. Because Zoebel was appointed to a life

term by the governor of Massachusetts, he is neither accountable to the voters, as in other states, nor to a higher executive authority.

"You can't touch him [Zoebel]" says Blakey.

It has also been speculated that the jury's conviction may have been the result of an adverse reaction to defense attorney Barry Sheck, of O.J. Simpson notoriety. The rumors state that the perceived injustice of the Simpson verdict may have offended jurors, and that they would manifest their anger by finding Sheck's client guilty. Cerullo said such a response by the jury would be "shocking."

Since the action of reducing convictions is common in Massachusetts, there may not be a great effect on other criminal trials throughout the coun-

try.
"Anytime he [Zoebel] takes action, he helps like-minded judges elsewhere in accordance with the law, but all judges want to see justice done and to see their role in it," Cerullo

A great deal of the discussion

of the Woodward trial has centered upon Sheck's perceived "gamble." Sheck did not allow the jurors to consider involuntary manslaughter as a possible verdict in their deliberations, thus limiting them to choosing either first or second degree murder and "forcing" the jury consider acquitting Woodward.

The only other option would have been to convict her of murder, something Sheck must have viewed as a harsh judgment both in light of Woodward's youth and the contradictory medical evidence in the trial.

When the jury convicted Woodward of murder, the socalled gamble failed.

"It was a no-loss situation, because even if the jury convicted, Sheck knew he would have a shot to appeal to Judge Zoebel," Blakey said.

Cerullo concurred, saying, He [Sheck] had a fall-back plan.

Both Cerullo and Blakey believe that Sheck knew he would be able to argue his case before Zoebel again even if Woodward was convicted.

To examine the legal precedence behind the judge's decision, it is necessary to understand the relevant criminal statutes. In Massachusetts, the state in which Woodward was prosecuted, there are two courts: the District Court, which has jurisdiction over misdemeanors and certain felonies; and the Superior Court which deals with more serious felonies and capital crimes. Zoebel was appointed by the governor of Massachusetts to serve for a life term as a Superior Court judge.

There are two types of murder convictions - first and second degree. First degree murder carries a life sentence without parole in Massachusetts; it is defined as a murder with aggravating circumstances and no mitigating factors. Second degree murder, of which Woodward was originally convicted, is defined as a murder without malice and with certain mitigating circumstances; it carries a less harsh sentence and offers the possibility of parole. There is no capital punishment in Massachusetts.

Involuntary manslaughter, the crime to which Zoebel lowered the conviction, is less serious and carries a minimum penalty of 3-5 years in prison.

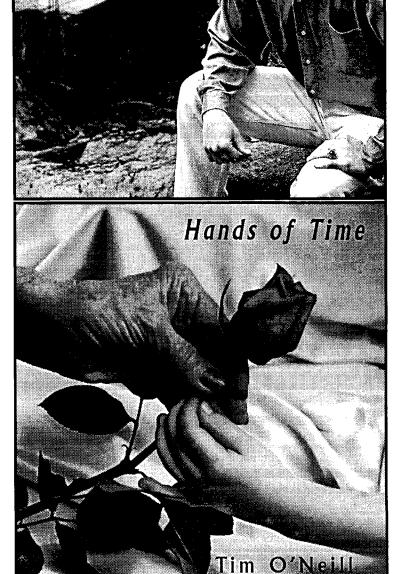
The significance of the Woodward trial may lie in the fact that it wasn't particularly significant, except for the manner in which it was conducted, and in the way the media reported it.

"I am outraged that the judge didn't permit the manslaughter option from going to the jury," said Blakey. "Zoebel handled the case poorly ... it was a media circus; he should have either given the option of manslaughter to the jurors, or when he changed the verdict, sentenced her at the manslaughter level instead of giving her time served.

"Through his actions, he depreciated the life of the child, saying that she was indeed guilty of manslaughter, then not sentencing her as such," Blakey

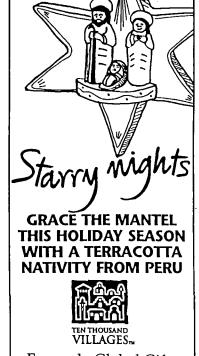
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SMC art students display work in Moreau Center

By P. COLLEEN NUGENT Associate Saint Mary's News Editor

Every semester, art students at Saint Mary's College collaborate to display their diverse creations.

Whether these pieces of art are hung on the walls, laid on the floor, or left standing alone, Moreau Center contains an ambiance for young aspiring artists.

Beginning this past Monday, and continuing through this afternoon, the Moreau art galleries will be open for student observation between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Marica Rickard, the chair of the Saint Mary's art department, has been a member of the Saint Mary's community for 20 years. According to Rickard, the event allows students from other majors to grasp a stronger feeling for what really goes on in the College's art classes. She added that it is a positive way to show support for friends who spend much time working on their projects.

"We are very pleased with the quality of work and the student participation," Rickard stated.

All students who are taking an art course and attend Saint Mary's College must present their art in this portfolio review, according to Rickard.

ment, has been a member of A committee of seven faculty the faculty will be sending the Saint Mary's community members are responsible for students a letter within the

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Junior Amy Fors stated that

the faculty will be sending students a letter within the next couple of weeks regarding their artwork and whether they met the necessary requirements, or if further improvement is needed.

On Tuesday, the freshmen, sophomores and juniors whose goal is to earn a bachelor of arts were critiqued; seniors and other students earning their bachelor of fine arts were critiqued on Wednesday.

The professional art degree with a BFA honors degree requires 78 credit hours, while earning a BA requires 42 credit hours upon graduation.

Senior art major Allison Holloway is participating in the art review for her seventh semester. Next semester, Holloway and the other senior art majors will not be participating in the review, she said, adding that their work load is not going to be lessened because they must spend time on their senior comprehensive studies.

While earning her BFA in art, her main concentration is in photography, and she is minoring in women's studies.

"I have always loved looking at pictures, because of the endless stories they have to tell." Holloway said.

Upon graduation, she hopes to do a few years of service work before returning to her hometown of Indianapolis.

This semester Fors took two art classes, completed her portfolio, and hung samples of her work in Madeleva.

"This has been a great experience for me, and putting together a portfolio knowing that it is going to be critiqued gives me a sense of confidence that I know I will benefit from in the future," Fors stated.

Although Saint Mary's

Although Saint Mary's College offers this critique-based portfolio section for the art majors each semester, many other schools do not provide the same offerings, according to junior Carolyn Lateulere.

"This reviewing process is a really great thing that SMC has to offer, because not many other colleges offer this type of method to get proper feedback prior to graduation," Lateulere said.

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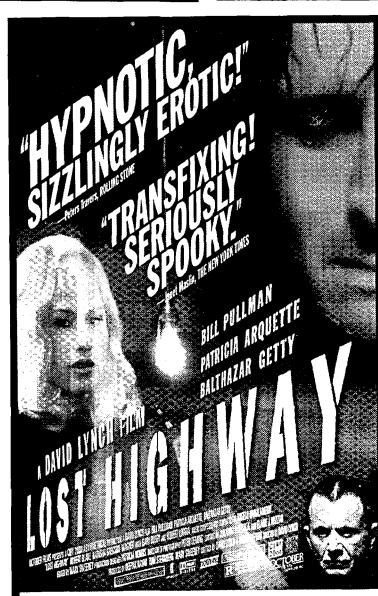
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of those, 53 are civilians and 13 are children. Despite the harm they cause to innocent victims, 5,500 new land mines are planted daily, the group's literature states, and the majority of injuries and deaths caused by mines occur after military conflict has

'The biggest problem is that land mines stay in the ground long after the war is over," Deemer said.

Land mines also render land unusable for agriculture, prevent water sources from being utilized, and interfere with the delivery of relief shipments, according to the recent socio-economic study, "After the Guns Fall Silent." They also impede refugees from returning home, and cause farmers to resort to cultivating the same land repeatedly, leading to desertification and deforestation.

BACKGROUND

The worldwide effort to ban land mines began in 1991, when the Vietnam Veterans of America Foundation hired Jody Williams to head an anti-mine coalition.

The group, which began with just three members, became the U.S. Campaign to Ban Land Mines and grew in size to include 250 organiza-

After going global in 1992 and forming the International Campaign to Ban Land Mines, which currently includes over 1,000 groups in more than 60 countries, the campaign began calling for a full review of the Land Mines Protocol of

Weapons 1980 Convention, whose attempts to regulate land-mine use had been unsuccessful.

The group is now advocating a ban on the use, production, stockpiling, sale, transfer, and export of mines, as well as the creation of an international fund to be used for assistance programs for mine victims and worldwide education and clearance pro-

The international ban will be signed this winter in Ottawa. President Clinton has refused to approve the treaty because it does not include an exception for the U.S. use of land mines along the border of North and South Korea, or for the use of anti-personnel mines in combination with anti-tank mines.

SIGNING UP

Members of the Notre Dame campaign will be in the dining halls and in LaFortune today so that students may sign a petition for the U.S. to join the countries approving the ban, which will be sent to President Clinton.

Approximately 300 signatures have already been collected, according to Anne Monaghan, a graduate Peace Studies student.

Several of the students organizing the event attended presentation by the International Bus to Ban Land Mines last week.

They developed the current plan after Paul Piatti, western director of the Vietnam Veterans οf America Foundation, encouraged them to take advantage of Notre Dame's national exposure to express their support for the land mine ban, according to

The First Noel...



The Christmas spirit has infused the halls of the College of Business Administration, the windows of which are decked with wreaths. The courtyard (pictured above) boasts a large, brightly lit Christmas tree.

Schiffer, Collins win awards

Special to The Observer

Peter Schiffer, assistant professor of physics at the University of Notre Dame, has been named one of 60 1997 recipients of the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers.

The award is the highest honor given by the U.S. government to outstanding scientists and engineers early in their research careers. Schiffer and the other recipients each will receive up to \$500,000 over five years to further their research.

Schiffer joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1995, following a two-year post-doctoral fellowship at AT&T Bell Laboratories. He received his bachelor's degree in physics from Yale University and earned his doctorate at Stanford University.

Schiffer's research centers on novel magnetic materials and their properties at low temperatures near absolute zero. Schiffer also performs research on the properties of wet granular materials — such as sand — with his colleague, Albert-Laszlo Barabasi, assistant professor of physics.

Separately, Oliver Collins, associate professor of

electrical engineering at the University of Notre Dame, is the recipient of the 1998 Judith A. Resnik Award presented by the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE).

Collins's work was instrumental in allowing the. Galileo probe of Jupiter to transmit information without needed telecommunications upgrades, and his concepts helped NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory complete a decoding machine in 1990.

A member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1995, Collins specializes in deep space communications, satellite communications and coding theory.

Collins attended the California Institute of Technology, where he earned his bachelor's degree in engineering and applied science in 1986 and master's and doctoral degrees in electrical engineering in 1987 and 1989, respectively.

The Judith A. Resnik Award was established by the IEEE Board of Directors in 1986 in honor of the late Challenger astronaut.

It is presented to an individual for outstanding contributions to space engineering within the disciplines of IEEE.

■ Security Beat

SATURDAY, NOV. 15

2:30 a.m. Security transported a Keough Hall resident to St. Joseph Medical Center for treatment of a laceration.

1:30 p.m. A Knott Hall resident reported the theft of a golf cart. The cart was not locked at the time of theft.

SUNDAY, NOV. 16

3:44 a.m. Security responded to a snowball fight outside of Zahm Hall. Zahm had numerous windows broken during the snowball fight, and Security also cited several students for their involvement in the fight.

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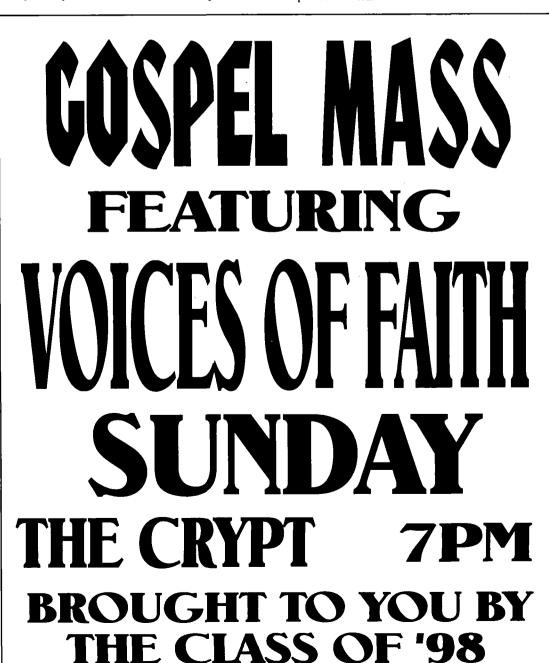
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EDITORIAL

Students have right idea in urging U.S. to ban mines

Anyone who saw the photos of land-mine victims that were on display in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies last week knows the horrific damage that land mines can do to the most innocent person.

But just as tragic is the United States' unwillingness to join the rest of the world in supporting a treaty that would ban the use of the war devices. When diplomats from about 110 countries gather in Ottawa, Canada, on Dec. 3-4 to sign a treaty banning anti-personnel land mines, the American presence will be noticeably lacking. The United States will be in the same group as Iraq, China, and North Korea.

The problem with land mines is their perpetual indiscrimination. Regardless of who steps on a mine — soldier or civilian, adult or child the weapons at worst kill and at best cause the loss of a limb. Moreover, land mines remain active well after their intended purpose has become obsolete. Earlier this year, for example, a girl in Egypt was killed by a mine apparently buried in the desert by Rommel's Afrika Korps in 1942.

The statistics are just as sobering. Each year, 26,000 people are killed or maimed by land mines, an average of 70 per day. Of the 70, 53 are civilians and 13 are children. In Cambodia, there is one land mine planted for every person in the country, and some Cambodian stores sell only

one shoe because so many people are crippled by land mines. The American military has argued that it would sign the ban treaty only if granted two exemptions. The United States wants to be able to continue using 1 million land mines to protect South Korea from a possible invasion by North Korea, and it wants to exempt so-called new "smart" mines that are designed to destroy tanks and to self-destruct after a given time period, thus preventing them from causing harm to innocent civilians

The United States maintains a military presence in South Korea because of a United Nations mandate and America's desire to be at the forefront of policing the world's conflicts. But, as many analysts have said, such a role can be accomplished without the use of land mines. In fact, the United States itself has noted the problems inherent in land mines, and passed legislation prohibiting the exportation of land mines by American manufacturers five years ago. And "smart" mines have their problems, too: The anti-tank mines must be accompanied by anti-personnel devices so that opposing troops are not able to remove them and allow the tanks to move on.

The campaign to ban land mines has come even closer to home in recent days. A group of Notre Dame students spent the week collecting signatures on petitions urging the United States to sign the ban treaty. The group members' efforts will culminate this weekend, as they urge students to raise a single shoe during the playing of the national anthem at Saturday's football game.

These students deserve credit for tackling an issue that can be boiled down to one simple truth: If the United States considers itself a world leader, it ought to take the lead and throw its support behind the treaty

■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

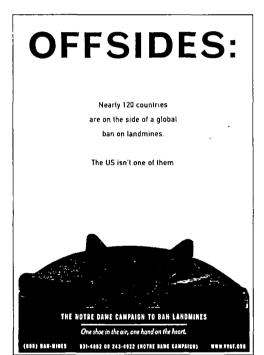
One Shoe in the Air, One Hand Over the Heart

Land mines strike 26,000 people per year, most of whom are non-combatants. What can you do about it? Lift one shoe into the air and put one hand over your heart during the Star Spangled Banner at Saturday's game.

Why the shoe? In some places, a pair of shoes is *one* shoe too many. In countries like Bosnia, Cambodia, Angola and Afghanistan, stores sell only one shoe because so many people are crippled by land mine injuries. The fact is, land mines remain in the ground long after the fighting has stopped. There they wait for a victim to walk along. Never do they miss! Unfortunately, there are 110 million land mines waiting to be stepped on; and 110 million single shoes wait to be sold. When you lift your shoe on Saturday, it will be in remembrance of the hundreds of thousands of men, women, and children who have been crippled or killed by land mines. Lifting your shoe will also be a statement to President Clinton that the American people will not support such devices of ter-

Why during the Star Spangled Banner? This is a time to reflect upon our national ideals and all that we have done in pursuit of these ideals. We cannot stop pursuing these ideals now! Raising your shoe will crank the gears of democracy and make your voice heard, and raising your shoe will be silent affirmation of your belief in these ideals. As we all, with unified purpose, raise our shoes into the air, we place our hands over our hearts to honor those American soldiers who have died for the cause of freedom - especially those who were killed by land mines, more than 30 percent of the casualties in both Vietnam and the Gulf War.

Why Notre Dame? For one, we are a Christian institution, dedicated to the teachings of the Bible. As members of a Christian community we believe that all life is sacred, and we are called to stand up for that belief. As many of us are Catholics, the pronouncement by Pope



John Paul XXIII that land mines must be banned also has some resonance. The truth is, land mines cause senseless death and suffering. We, as Christians, must prevent or remedy this to the best of our ability. Furthermore, because of our faith and religion, Notre Dame has become an established beacon of ethics and moral reasoning. With this honor comes the responsibility to act upon our beliefs. In making a unified statement against land mines, we show that Notre Dame is a leader both on and off the field.

So now the challenge has been to you. This is your chance as an individual and as a member of the Notre Dame community to show your compassion for humanity as well as your pride in the ideals of the United States of America.

> The Notre Dame Campaign to Ban Land Mines November 19, 1997

■ DOONESBURY



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GARRY TRUDEAU

QUOTE OF THE DAY

LL T have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

—The Second Epistle of Paul the Apostle to Timothy 1:7

VIEWPOINT

COLUMN OF REASON

Consult Faculty on Construction Decisions

Marybeth

Failla

This essay neither critiques a building, nor offers an aesthetic commentary; but rather questions the manner in which decisions regarding such

issues are made.
Our university's
extensive building
campaign has
become more and
more apparent with
each new mound of
churned up earth.
As you observe the
ongoing construc-

tion around you, have you ever wondered who determines the fate of our campus? Or, have you ever thought that all this work must be a great learning experience for the architecture department. Well, if you have not, the students and faculty who reside in Bond Hall have. However, the administration's attitude regarding the involvement of the School of Architecture has dashed our hopes for any sort of participation in current and future building projects on this campus.

Five years ago, in anticipation of the University's ambitious construction plans, several faculty members from the School of Architecture proposed the formation of an advisory council to aid an administration with little to no architectural background. This council was not intended to become a platform upon which faculty would impose their designs, but was meant to offer an expert opinion concerning the built environment at Notre Dame. This proposal was firmly rejected based on the claim that teachers are supposed to teach and not meddle with university affairs. This response contends that it is wrong for members of a community to take an active interest in its future.

The faculty members that the university wishes to relegate to their respective academic tower are internationally recognized as foremost experts in their fields. They were sought out to help guide the school's curriculum toward a study of traditional architecture. The uniqueness of this type of program and the reputations of our professors have brought this university and the School of Architecture national, as well as international attention. Most recently, several professors have been involved with projects near Beirut, Jordan, and Greece.

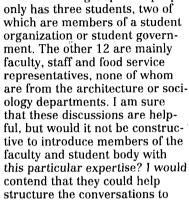
Despite their personal endeavors, the faculty has spent years sharing their knowledge and expertise with us in the hopes of building our future course, whichever form that may take. And just like our professors, we too have a desire to share our newly acquired knowledge with classmates and yes, most definitely, our administration. Unfortunately, the University's policy of exclusion has extended to the students as well. A prime example is the current debate over the quality social space on our campus

As I read the article about social space in Scholastic Magazine, the implicit sociological and architectural issues addressed by the debate immediately struck me. As I read on further, I was sadly disappointed to discover the manner in which the administration was seeking a solution. I first noticed that the school had hired a large, commercial consulting firm to analyze the situation here at Notre Dame. A group of designers who have never attended the University or lived on its campus will supposedly interview a number of students and faculty and then produce interesting charts that quantify the pulse of Notre Dame social life. It concerns me that the administration prefers to place this critical decision in the hands of a firm who has no more emotional attachment to our university than any other. They did not even entertain the possibility of opening discussions with the architectural staff who has been a part of the Notre Dame

community for years, several for nearly 20 years.

The second point of contention is the composition of the student "vision groups" created by

groups" created by the office of Student Affairs. While these groups are vital in discovering the main issues at hand, they fall short of their full potential. The group of 16 people



the point of verbalizing the wishes of the students and alumni into an architectural or spatial concept.

I have listened to many architecture students voice their opinions and frustrations as they have watched one opportunity after another pass them by on campus. It is disheartening that such meaningful discussion has been kept within the walls of our school. "The column of reason" has been our first means of recourse, but why not take it a step further. I could cite various institutions that have attempted to integrate their students and faculty with their campus planning but ironically, the most compelling precedent is our very own university.

In the 1920s, the University was seeking a master plan for the campus. The administrators asked Francis Kervick, the chairman of the architecture department, and Vincent Fagan, a professor of architecture, to develop a concept. Their proposal was chosen despite an offer from a very prominent architect by the name of Frank Lloyd Wright. Their plan resulted in the organization and definition of open farmland to form South Quad. They were also responsible for the design of the residence halls Lyons, Howard and Morrissey. Their plan would dictate the development of the campus for the next 30 years. Another chairman of the department, Frank Montana, was called on for the design of over nine buildings on the campus from the 1960s through the 1970s. His works included the CCE, Hammes bookstore and the post office. Then, most recently, the University held a design competition for the new bookstore. The firm that won, S/L/A/M Collaborative, employs four Notre Dame alumni. including the principal architect of the

Whether or not you agree with the style of these architects, it is more important to see what itswork represents — a University that was once very open to encouraging their faculty and students to participate in its development. If the administration would only recognize the School of Architecture as the resource it is, they might be pleasantly surprised at the level of talent and thoughtfulness they encounter. I do not dare to suggest that you carry out everything we propose, merely open your minds to our suggestions. After all, as students of Notre Dame, do we not have the University's best interest at heart?

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■ RIGHT OR WRONG?

Death by Starvation: Death with Dignity?

In 1994, 51 percent of Oregon voters approved the Death With Dignity Act. This November, they rejected, by a 60-40 margin, a proposal to repeal the act.

Charles Rice



Court challenges are expected, but that Oregon result has prompted efforts to enact similar laws in other states.

The Oregon Act provides that a 'capable" adult, "determined by {two physicians) to be suffering" from an 'incurable and irreversible" terminal disease which "will, ... produce death within six months," "who has ... expressed his or her wish to die, may make a written request for medication [to end] his or her life in a humane and dignified manner." The patient must also make "an oral request ... and reiterate [it] to the attending physician no less than 15 days after making the initial request." "No less than 48 hours shall elapse between the patient's written request and the writing of [the] prescription." The Act applies only to Oregon residents. And it does not authorize "... any ... person to end a patient's life by lethal injection, mercy killing or active euthanasia.

In Washington v. Glucksberg and Vacco v. Quill, this year, the Supreme Court upheld laws forbidding assisted suicide and left open the constitutionality of laws, like Oregon's, which allow it. In Vacco, the Court said that "a State may prohibit assisting suicide while permitting patients to refuse ... lifesaving treatment [and] it may permit palliative care ... which may have the .. unintended 'double effect' of hastening the patient's death ... [W]hen a doctor provides ... palliative care ... the physician's purpose and intent is, or may be, only to ease his patient's pain. Palliative care" includes what the Supreme Court referred to as "terminal sedation." While that physician's intent in such cases may be to relieve pain, it may instead be to kill. It can be difficult for the law to determine the physician's

We can expect officials and courts to defer to medical judgment in such cases, barring exceptional circumstances. This will enable physicians to sedate their willing patients to death as long as they are circumspect about it. The experience in Holland, where active assisted suicide is tolerated, indicates that such practices will not be limited to willing patients and will be extended to others who, in the physician's judgment, would be better off dead, including incompetents who will have the desire to die attributed to them. "The 1990 Remmelink Report by Dutch researcher P.J. van der Maas found involuntary euthanasia in 30.76 percent of the cases studied. The New England Journal of Medicine published a 1995 study by him in which 22.5 percent of euthanized patients had not given doctors their consent.' Washington Times, Nov. 4, 1997, p.A2.

It is also difficult for the law to determine whether the intent is to kill when the technique is not sedation but the withdrawal of nutrition and hydration. Competent patients are allowed by the law to starve and dehydrate themselves to death. As to incompetents, the Supreme Court, in the 1990 Cruzan case, allowed withdrawal of food and water from an incompetent vegetative patient who was not dying, was not insignificant discomfort and had a life expectancy of 30 years. The intent clearly was to kill her for the purpose of relieving her, in accord with her desire, of a burdensome or useless life. On Dec. 26, 1990, 12 days after removal of the

food and water, she died. The official cause of death was "shock due to dehydration due to traumatic brain injury."

Withdrawal of food and water will not endure as a usual technique for intentional killing of patients. Since the law acquiesces in international killing by starvation and dehydration, it makes no sense for it to forbid such killing by a painless injection. In the 1986 Massachusetts Brophy case, Justice Lynch, dissenting from the withdrawal of food and water from an incompetent vegetative patient, said, "The withdrawal of ... food and water is a ... diffi-cult, painful and gruesome death; the cause of death would not be some underlying physical disability ... or the withdrawal of some highly invasive medical treatment, but the unnatural cessation of feeding hydration ... Why not use more human methods of euthanasia if that is what we indorse?" If you euthanized a dog by starvation, you could be prosecuted.

Justice Lynch recounted the evidence in the case as to the usual effects of starvation and dehydration: "Brophy's mouth would dry out and become caked or coated with thick material ... His tongue would swell, and might crack. His eyes would recede back into their orbits and his cheeks would become hollow. The lining of his nose might crack and cause his nose to bleed. His skin would hang loose on his body and become dry and scaly. His urine would become highly concentrated, leading to burning of the bladder. The lining of his stomach would dry out, and he would experience dry heaves and vomiting. His body temperature would become very high. His brain cells would dry out, causing convulsions. His respiratory tract would dry out, and the thick secretions ... could plug his lungs and cause death ... [H]is major organs, including his lungs, heart, and brain, would give out and he would die." 497 N.E.2d at 642, n.2

Paul Brophy died eight days after his feeding was terminated. The stated cause of death was "pneumonia." "His death was extremely peaceful," said Mrs. Brophy's lawyer. During those final days Brophy received only anticonvulsants, antacids and laxatives.

It will become increasingly possible to reduce the pain of starvation and dehydration. However, at best, it is a difficult way to die and it takes several days. That it will be replaced by a painless injection or death pill is a foregone conclusion. In a Harris poll this fall, 68 percent answered "yes" when asked if terminally ill people should be allowed to obtain a lethal perscription.

to obtain a lethal perscription. More than three decades of contraception and abortion have left the United States with a diminished pool of workers to support the elderly, sick and disabled. If, through contraception, man makes himself the arbiter of when me begins, ne will predictably make himself the arbiter, through abortion, suicide and euthanasia, of when it ends. All are based on utilitarian approach. In Evangelium Vitae, Pope John Paul II described euthanasia as "one of the more alarming symptoms of the 'culture of death,"... in prosperous societies, marked by [a] preoccupation with efficiency ... which sees ... elderly and disabled people as intolerable and too burdensome. These people are ... isolated by their families and by society, which are organized ... on criteria of productive efficiency according to which a hopelessly impaired life no longer has any value." No. 64 If you haven't read Evangelium Vitae, you should. And share it with your theology professor. It might be a news flash to

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VIEWPOINT

■ CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE OBSERVER

Through the Eyes of a Child

Since arriving at this University nearly a year and a half ago, I have had many teachers, each with seemingly endless knowledge about their respec-

Jaclyn Villano

tive fields of sociology, French, literature and the like. I have been taught by gifted graduate students, world-renowned professors, and published authors. So who knew that among all of the brilliant scholars I've encountered in my college career, I would learn some of life's most valuable lessons from a group of wide-eyed, innocent four-year olds?

My roommate and I volunteer every Tuesday at the Early Childhood Development Center on campus, and it is here that I have encountered some of the best teachers I will ever know: children. The two hours a week I spend with these kids serve as a reminder that there is more to life than studying and partying and dances. So often, we go through our daily routines without thinking and before we know it, life quickly becomes stale. For these children, life is still a source of wonder, something to cherish and be excited about ... and something not to be taken too seriously.

There is one instance in particular that stands out in my mind. On my first day at the ECDC, I met a bouncy, energetic little boy named "Lucas." When I entered the room, he came bounding up to me and introduced himself. Upon learning my name, he dissolved into giggles and informed me that I had a "fuzzy" name that reminded him of a big fish. With that, he ran off in search of more Legos to finish the pirate ship he had been creating.

Later on, I noticed that Lucas was very intent on getting and keeping the attention of a little girl in the class, Resign

If she would choose to play a computer game, Lucas was right there at her side. If Rosie was talking with her girlfriends, Lucas made sure his presence was known by pulling her hair. Like a shadow, or a love-struck little boy,

Lucas followed Rosie everywhere. He knew what he wanted and he pursued it relentlessly, despite her sometimes loud protests. At one point, he turned to her and shouted from across the room, "Someday, I'm gonna marry you, Rosie!"

Embarrassed, she yelled back, "Stop it, Lucas!" But he just flashed her a huge grin and proclaimed, "You'll see, Rosie! Someday!"

I wish I had the power to freeze that moment in time. I marveled at his determination, for he had spoken these words with utter assurance, as if it had never occurred to him to doubt their truthfulness. More than anything, I wanted to shake him and say, "Don't ever lose this, kid. Don't ever stop believing that what you want can become real, no matter how out of reach it may seem."

But how could I explain this to a fouryear old child? By the time I turned around, he was off hitting another little boy with a pillow, having no idea of the lesson he had just taught me.

Children have an amazing ability to speak fearlessly and freely about whatever is on their minds, be it a comment about a name that they find amusing, or a declaration of love for a classmate. Kids have too much to learn to be politically correct. They are much too busy LIVING to be tactful. In early years, the language of a child is always simple, honest and straight from the heart. Perhaps time is cruel in taking this away from us.

What would life be like if we could all stand up and proclaim our innermost feelings without giving a thought to the consequences? How different would our lives be if we could all shout aloud the things we keep hidden deep within, things we long to be heard but are too afraid to say? Even when faced with rejection, if we could all remember how to just smile and hold fast to the knowledge that if we believe in something enough, then one day it can become a reality?

"You'll see, Rosie! Someday!" He turned away after that, and never saw the tiny smile that played at the corners of her mouth.

But I did.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Show Loyalty to Powlus

This weekend's game has particular significance for several players for whom it will be their last home game. One of these players is quarterback Ron Powlus. It was only four short years ago that Ron Powlus arrived on campus. Being one of his fellow freshmen, I can vividly recall the buzz about campus in August of 1993 when Lou Holtz was prepared to announce that Powlus would be the starter in the season opener the following week. The announcement never came, though, as Powlus' season was ended the following day due to a broken collarbone. The freshman received support from everyone that he came across. Everyone wanted to be Ron Powlus' friend. After all, he was going to lead us back atop the college football polls upon his return to the playing field.

Powlus made his debut the following year in the season opener. His performance was so impressive that ESPN analyst Beano Cook simply wondered how many Heisman Trophies he would win. Sure enough, everyone on campus still wanted to be Ron Powlus' friend.

Those days must seem like an eternity ago to the fifth-year quarterback. During the first five home games this season, Powlus has been booed, has been the subject of numerous attacks in the media, has been highly criticized by members of the student body and the alumni, and his parents have been treated with utter disrespect by many so-called fans.

This is how we have come to treat the person who we all wanted to be friends with a few years ago. And why? Because we claim that he has not been a good enough quarterback to deserve our support. His statistics clearly indicate otherwise. Powlus holds most of the Notre Dame career passing records, including records for passing yardage (7,346), touchdown passes (51), passing yards per game (175), touchdown passes per game (1.21) and lowest interception percentage per attempt (.0288.) For those who believe that his performance this season has been sub-par, then consider the fact that through 10 games he has completed 62.9 percent of his passes. This number will be the best for any single season in Notre Dame history if Powlus keeps it even close to that mark after the last two

Many people argue that despite all of these records Powlus is not a great quarterback because of his win/loss record. Football is a team sport. Teams, not individuals, win or lose football games. The play of a quarterback can often times have a large role in determining the outcome of a game. However, the games that Notre Dame has lost during Powlus' career have by no means been his fault. I played quarterback in high school and I know that what many times appears to be the quarterback's fault is actually attributable to the receiver running the wrong pattern or the lineman missing a block. Most fans cannot pick up on these less noticeable mistakes. However, those who are able to recognize these mistakes realize that other players are the cause of many bad plays that have appeared to most fans to be Powlus' fault.

In addition, Powlus consistently correctly reads the defenses and audibles at the line of scrimmage to change what would have been a disastrous play into a successful one. Not all quarterbacks have the ability to do this.

Our fight song speaks about loyalty. It says that our loyal sons will march onward to victory. However, the loyalty of our sons must be questioned as of late. Even if one disagrees with the assertion that Ron Powlus is a good quarterback, he is still a member of the Notre Dame family. Family members are to be treated with loyalty and respect. Ron has shown his loyalty to this university throughout his five years here. He came back for a fifth year to help the transition to a new coaching staff go smoother. He has continued to state that he would not trade his experiences for anything because he was able to be a part of Notre Dame. For him to say that after what he has gone through truly shows what it means to be a loyal son of Notre Dame.

Sadly, though, this loyalty has not been returned this season. Tomorrow will be Ron Powlus' last game at Notre Dame Stadium. He has taken more abuse and criticism during his career than anyone deserves in a lifetime. Ron Powlus' statistics indicate that he has been one of the best quarterbacks in this school's history. It is up to you to decide in your own mind whether or not you believe that he has been. However, it is your duty to be a loyal son of Notre Dame this weekend by showing Ron Powlus that we appreciate the effort and loyalty that he has given to this school. We should all show him and his family that we know what it means to be a part of the Notre Dame family by sending off one of our family members in an appropriate manner to the cheers and appreciation that he deserves.

> Jamie Bordas Law student November 20, 1997

■ ON THE POLLEN PATH

The Personal Gamble of Happiness

Right about this time of year it all starts to come crashing down. The snow starts to fall (and does not stop until April) the temperature drops, the

Kyle Smith



flu and cold season arrives, and, worst of all, term papers, projects and finals lurk just a few short weeks away. With all these dark clouds hanging overhead, many start to get quite cranky and will whine to anyone who will listen about how rotten their life is right now.

Listening to these people complain is something to complain about in and of itself. All of us succumb to stress at one time or another, yet many feel the need to make their worries everyone else's, as if we all have not been through it before. I am reminded of a "Calvin and Hobbes" in the paper a few years back: "I hate all this wind! Boy, this is unpleasant! Stupid, miserable wind! What lousy weather! What an awful day!," whines Calvin. Hobbes, always the optimistic stoic, insightfully asks Calvin "Well if you can't change it,

what's the point in griping about it?" only to have Calvin respond "I'm not going to let a little wind be more annoying than me."

Philosopher Alan Watts describes those who cannot accept the bad as well as the good as "playing the game of black and white." What Watts means by this is that those who play this "game" are always trying to force one side (in this case happiness and pleasure) to conquer the other side (misery and hard times). What these people do not realize, explains Watts, is that black cannot exist without white and white cannot exist without black. He compares the conundrum to trying to have only one end of a stick without the other end. To use another example, it is like trying to keep the mountain but lose the valley. Watts encourages us to accept all our highs and lows as part of the whole wonderful experience called living. To quote an old Arab proverb, "All sunshine makes a desert.'

Watts' philosophy is akin to a story some friends of mine recently told me. The self-proclaimed "Poker King of the Midwest," Stu Ungar, has frequently been met with glory and defeat. Known in the poker world as "The Kid," Ungar possesses one of the most unyielding poker faces anywhere, a mirror image of his stoic persona. Ungar has won and lost hundreds of thousands of dollars in just a few hours time, yet he has never

reveled in his winnings, nor despaired about his debts. The Kid, simply, plays the game. Ungar sums up his life philosophy with an analogy to the game of poker: "In the long run, everyone gets the same quality of cards, a few good hands and plenty of bad ones. It's how you play all those hands collectively that

matters.' The practical wisdom of Stu Ungar, learned in casinos across the Midwest and also in his formative years on the streets of New York's Lower East Side, is apparent throughout history. For example, Saint Boethius, a Roman philosopher who lived during the sixth century, wrote that allowing the "wheel of fortune" to determine one's ultimate happiness is unwise. It would be quite unfortunate for one to be happy when rich and unburdened by work, yet sad and despondent when in debt, ill or under duress because, as Watts tells us, if you have the mountain you cannot escape the valley. Instead, countered Boethius, one can only find true happiness in immutable things. That is to say, one can only find happiness in things which are eternal and unaffected by good or bad fortune

Another old philosopher, Epictetus, recognized as one of the most prominent philosophers of the stoic school, proposed ideas similar to those of Saint Boethius a few hundred years prior. Epictetus, much like Hobbes, argues

that the universe is somehow a perfect, organic whole and that any occurrence (good, bad or neutral) is inseparably linked to all other events. Herein lies true happiness. Like Hobbes told Calvin, instead of trying to alter the outside world (which we cannot change) to bring it in line with our desires, we should put our desires in line with the way the outside world really is.

Finally, I offer Rudyard Kipling's words of wisdom about a life well-lived, summed up beautifully in this excerpt from his famous poem, "If:"

"If you can make one heap of all your winnings/And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss, /And lose, and start again at your beginnings/And never breathe a word about your loss; /Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it, /And, which is more, you'll be a Man, my son!"

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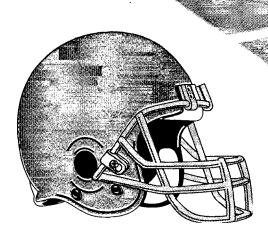
The History

Notre Dame has only faced the Mountaineers of West Virginia once, and that was on Jan. 2, 1989, at the Sunkist Fiesta Bowl. The 34-21 Irish victory capped off a perfect season as we went 12-0 and won a national championship Here's how it went down:

Notre Dame scored on its first two possessions and held WVU without a first down through the first 20 minutes. On the third play from scrimmage, Major Harris went to the sidelines with a separated left shoulder. He continued to play although severely set back by the injury. In addition to Harris, WVU lost John Stroia and Jim Gray to concussions and Undra Johnson to a knee strain.

Meanwhile, the Fighting Irish had hiked up the score to 23, but kinker. Bharlie Baumann kicked two field goals to keep the game relatively close at the half.

The Mountaineers struck early is third quarter with a 12-12 to the pass. Then things got scary for ND as Willie Edwards intercepted a Tony Rive pass and run it back to the 26-yard line to change the momentum of the game. But the Fighting is the pass in the D-line made three huge plays for consecutive lesses. After that the game was pretty much over, and a late scoring drive by the Mountaineers made the game seem a lot closer than it really was.



The School
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Enrollment - 21,500
Colors - Old Gold and Blue
Nickname - Mountaineers
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The Fight Song

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And let us pledge to her anow,
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Let college spirit rule,
We'll join and give our loyal efforts
For the good of our old school.

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Come on you old grads, join with us young lads,
It's West Virginia new we cheer!
New is the time, boys, to make a big noise
No matter what the people say,
For there is anught to fear; the gang's all here,
So hail to West Virginia, Hail!

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Here Come the Men in Yellow

By JOSEPH WEILER

Assistant Accent Editor

Vou cannot escape them. Everywhere you look they are there. If you run they will be there. If you hide they will be there. And if you are Lefoolish enough to try to enjoy a cold brew while at a home football game, they most certainly will be there.

They are the myriad of men assigned to the gates and isles at every contest tried in the Notre Dame stadium. They are, THE MEN IN YELLOW. Yes, they are the ushers.

As this first historic season in the new stadium draws to a close, Accent decided to take a closer look at those heroic men chosen to meet, greet, and enforce the law. Who are they? What do they want? What exactly do they do besides escort rowdy fans from the stadium? And what does it take to be one of the few, the proud, the ushers?

"There are a tremendous amount of applicants each year," says Cappy Gagnon, coordinator of stadium personnel, "and we don't even advertise for them. They just come to us." Of this huge pool of applicants, about 850 are fortunate enough to be chosen for the nation's single largest corps of ushers. And, contrary to popular belief, they are not all Notre Dame alums, nor are they overeager parents of students. In fact, there are only three members of the ushering staff who can claim this university as their Alma Mater, of which Gagnon ('66) is one.

So if they are not alumni or parents then, who are these people and where do they come from? "They are the loyal fans," says Gagnon. And amazingly, about 550 of these men are unpaid volunteers. The other 300 are either ticket takers who don't get to see most of the game or supervisors in charge of the rest of the staff. Until about seven years ago, nobody was paid. No other school in the country can claim such undying loyalty in its staff.

Even more mind-blowing than that stat is that these men aren't just locals either. While a majority of the volunteers come from southwest Michigan and northern Indiana, they are a diverse crowd with representatives from across the nation: Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., Chicago, Detroit and St. Louis.

These men aren't just your average "Joe Blows" either. Gagnon boasts of lawyers, architects and physicians! Also, two current ushers were even recruited to play for the Golden Dome back in their day. The Notre Dame fan truly is a special breed.

Being chosen as one of 850 ushers out of thousands of potential applicants seems an intimidating feat, but Gagnon claims that the qualifications are really quite simple. First and foremost an applicant needs to be 21. Other than that, we are looking for men who can be friendly greeters and ambassadors for the University. They also need to be able to know when to put the fan side away and when they have to be an usher."

And just when is that? "Well, unfortunately, people do need to be escorted out of the stadium. Most of the time it is because of infringement of the alcohol policy," which, stated briefly is: you can't have any. Aside from that, both students and people in the general admission section have been removed from the stadium for various violations, such as doing pushups after touchdowns and fighting with other fans.

After someone has met all of the qualifications and can finally call themselves the proud owners of a bright yellow hat and jacket, their duties as an official usher at the Notre Dame stadium can begin.

Once chosen, the ushers are required to attend all of the games. Here is a typical Saturday:

5:45 a.m. — Gagnon opens the stadium.

6:00 a.m. — A crew of ushers show up to get things running.

9:30 a.m. - The top 25 usher captains show up and the assembled staff start to plan for game day — this includes review of past games and problems. For instance, there are typically problem areas with ice on certain stairways and people slipping. Other concerns are snowball fights when it snows and, of course, alcohol violations,

11:00 a.m. — All of the usher captains arrive.

11:30 a.m. — All remaining ushers arrive and training begins. This laste for about half an hour and includes instructions on how to be friendly greeters. good ambassadors of the University, and techniques and problem spots te watch for in dealing with alcohol.

12:30 a.m. — The gates open to the public and the friendly greeting begins. Aside from courteously helping students and fans to their proper seats, they are scanning the crowd with a sharp eye for any sign of trouble (alcohol). They answer questions and are expected to help with any problems or accidents that may occur



Gametime — While they are allowed to watch the game, they have no seats and are expected to be on duty should the occasion arise that they need to be of any assistance.

Immediately after the game — The ushers are expected to stay until most of the fans have left the building and are usually done about 15 minutes after the game has ended.

Given all of this, it is hard to imagine anyone wanting to be an usher, much less volunteer to be one without any pay. They do receive what Gagnon calls "psychic pay" in that they become part of the Notre Dame experience, but they give up both a seat and any comfort hoped for in watching a game. Not only that, but they have to deal with all of the rowdy fans and problems that should

But just like everything else at Notre Dame, being an usher is not entirely without it's charm ... or it subjectly. Knute Bockne began the program in 1930. He used to make a process of taking the ashers out onto the field and giving them a pre-game and ladd.

One usher who is an Ruckne's original stall, Leo Pasman, just recently retired. Leo was so dedicated to his job as a volunteer that he would give up the time and halt pay that he was entitled to on Saturdays, while working at a local deli during the depression era, so he could attend Notre Dame football

The loyalty and service provided by the ushers during home football games is but a shadow of the entire effort require to pull off six games throughout the season. Thousands of employees and volunteers all pull together to make sure that everyone they serve is happy. And, if they've done their job correctly, you'll never even know they've been there.

■ Men's Cross Country

First-time Big East champs race into NCAA finals

By KATHLEEN O'BRIEN Sports Writer

Another successful season. Another trip to the NCAA championships. Will it be another top-10 finish?

The Notre Dame men's cross country team may be the best-kept secret in Notre Dame athletics. The Fighting Irish are looking for their sixth top-10 finish in the past eight years this Monday at the NCAA championships at Furman University in Greenville, S.C. They are ranked ninth in the nation and recently won their first Big East championship

Under head coach Joe Piane, Notre Dame has become a perennially dominant team. Senior Jason Rexing is a returning all-American.

In its first three years in the Big East, Notre Dame has finished third, fourth, and first. The team has also qualifies for nationals virtually every year. Yet many people in the Notre Dame community are not even aware of the team's success. "People don't even realize how good we are," said junior Ryan Maxwell.

Piane and the runners emphasized the role recruiting plays in Notre Dame's success.

"We've been real fortunate to get recruits that blend in with the returning kids, so the chemistry is good," said Piane. "If the kids on the team feel that a kid wouldn't fit in, I stop recruiting him, so we get kids with similar interests. We recruit kids that will fit into our scheme. That way, they believe they're going to be in the top 10 in the country and believe they're going to qualify for nationals."

Another major factor in Notre Dame's continued success is its work during the off-season. "Summer is the time when cross country teams are made," said Piane. "I tell the kids they cut the diamond during the sum-

mer, and what we do during the season is polishing."

In the summer, the runners primarily do long-distance running. Piane encourages them to do three road runs in the summer and very occasional interval training, mainly as a motivator. After nationals, the top seven will run only distance for a couple weeks, with the exception of freshmen Ryan Shay and Anthony Alt, who will run in the U.S. Junior national championship the first weekend in December in Portland, Ore.

Rexing, the team's top finisher at the 1996 NCAA cross country championships, was the first runner in five of seven meets last year. He placed second overall at the Big East and district cross country meets last year. He is a cross country, indoor track, outdoor track, and academic all-American — the first to do all four at Notre Dame.

"Jason's running the way

Jason Rexing's capable of running. He's a real workhorse," said Piane. "He's capable of being an all-American, and so is [Antonio] Arce."

A major factor in Notre Dame's success has been the performance of the two freshmen, Shay and Alt. "The two freshmen in the top five have adapted to college cross country exceptionally well," said Piane. "I think they've been running just wonderfully. The future looks excellent."

Shay and Alt were the first two freshmen finishers overall at the Big East championships and the second and fourth freshmen at the Great Lake Region.

The final key had been the consistency of seniors Mike Conway and Scott Grace.

"They had flirted with the top seven in the past, but really are in the top seven this year," said Piane.

At the NCAAs on Monday, the first goal for the Irish is to finish

in the top 10, but they would also like to be among the top five teams and come away with at least one all-American.

"We want to get in the top 10. That's something we'll be very disappointed if we don't do," said Rexing. "We're reaching for fifth. Four teams have set themselves apart, but if we run really well, fifth is there for the taking."

For the seniors, Piane said, "I'd like to see Jason as an all-American and see Scott and Mike run the way they've run all year. That's been the hallmark of Notre Dame cross country the last 10 years — the guys don't screw up and they don't make mistakes."

The team will be competing against 21 other teams from across the country. The biggest competition should come from defending champion Stanford, Arkansas, Michigan, and Colorado. The championships are Monday at 11 a.m.

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die table

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Kevin: I'm coming for you! -Laura ;)

Corn: it does a body good.

What? Lost on a minor technicality?

RED ALERT!!!!

Fall back to the defensive positions, ladies! The first code name has been breached!

REMEMBER: Lose lips sink ships!

What are we going to do with all that cheese?

To all of you who so faithfully read the personals: this one's for you.

Maybe after break we can buy a basket.

Hi Tenille. I hope your weekend goes well; I'll be in the library thinking of you. Maybe you can bother me tonight and we'll get some ice cream.

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I'm sorry; it must have been my uterus talking!

Emily, Emily, Emily, Emily Emily, Emily, Emily, Emily.

Just wanted to get your attention!

—L.P.

Michele—

It's good to be crabby sometimes. Especially when you're not feeling like such a "Pretty Woman." Love ya!

what else did he say that was funny?

I can never remember when I no

I can never remember when I need to write them.

NO CLASS FOR ME!

Krilla has been awake waaaaaay too long! -----

Katie-did: Annie's calling!

Hi Joe, my favorite physics major. Now you have a classified all to yourself! —Red

It's late. I'm tired.

ER... ER... ER... ER...

3:20 and no end in sight!

"Red, I do believe you are talking out of—" Oh, I can't print that, can I?

"No, I mean the last person, EVER."

l like phcorn.

Tamiko: isn't that your name?

lo non ho problemi!

Happy birthday Andy Noethe!

Non me ne importa un fico secco.

Someday I will go home.
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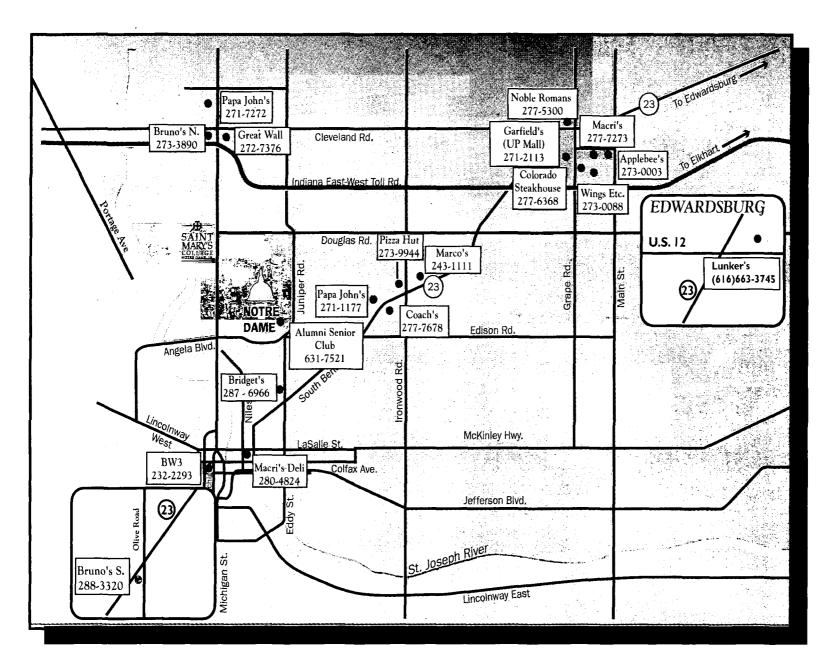
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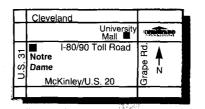
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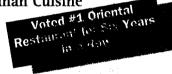
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■ SAINT MARY'S BASKETBALL

Saint Mary's bent on revenge

By SHANNON RYAN Sports Writer

The theme of revenge is as common in the Saint Mary's locker room as in a Shakespearean tragedy.

As the Belles basketball team prepares for its season opener this weekend at Kalamazoo College's Hornet Tip-Off, the returnees remember last year's games against Defiance and Kalamazoo all too well. And they've certainly reminded the freshmen about last year more than once.

Defiance went to national competition after going undefeated in its regular season, which included a 98-48 annihilation of Saint Mary's.

"They're a tough team," second-year head coach David Roeder remembered. "We'll have to play an up-tempo game if we want to win.'

If the Belles can triumph, they'll move on to play against Kalamazoo or Whittier College on Saturday.

Kalamazoo, trying to rebound off a 9-16 season, still boasts a speedy offense which came back from a nine-point deficit to deliver a heartbreaking 67-79 loss to the Belles last year.

The Belles have yet to play Whittier.

Attempting to propel Saint Mary's as far from last year's 4-20 record as possible, Roeder has learned the importance of the first win.

"We want success early," Roeder said. "It's important for our motivation and confidence.

Reminded of last year's losses, which became as habitual as nail biting, he also knows better than to shoot for the

"We're keeping our goal realistic," Roeder said. "We'd like to improve to .500.

Although not a lofty aspiration, the Belles may still have difficulty reaching it.

With only nine healthy players averaging 5-foot-6, optimism has become as sparse as the handful at tryouts.

"We're in a tough league," Roeder said about his team's first year in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association. "It gets frustrating with the injuries and lack of size and numbers. We're going to struggle for awhile.'

"Awhile" may mean up to eight weeks. That's how long three-point leader Nikki Griffin will be out nursing multiple stress fractures in both legs.

Despite setting school records last year with 355 free throws, 330 steals, and 1,647

points, the Belles' offense could not atone for their defensive follies.

Their easily exhausted defense took the blame for nine fourth-quarter losses within six points.

Lacking bench depth, the defense may again prove to be a side-stitch for Saint Mary's.

"We're working on playing aggressive defense without making dumb or ugly fouls,' White stated.

Dumb this team is not.

Using the 1996-1997 season as a parable, Roeder won't let his squad bury their less-thanpretty record in embarrass-

"He uses last season as inspiration," said Nikes. "He doesn't focus on records, just on stats. He wants us to remember how close we came to winning so many games."

The Belles hope their opponents can recall last season's woes as well.

'Our record was really misleading," co-captain Julie McGill said. "They'll all come in thinking it'll be a cakewalk, and we'll really surprise them.

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Swimmers refocus after loss to Albion

By MOLLY McVOY Sports Writer

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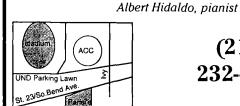


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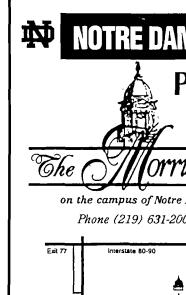
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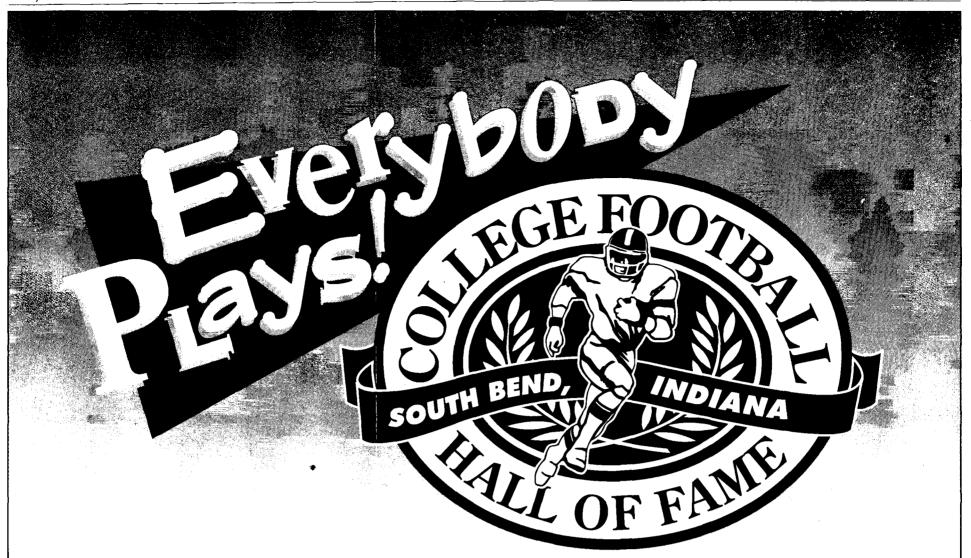
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■ JOCK STRIP

Pro wrestling fans addicted to 'a guy soap opera'

In case you missed the biggest sports news of the past two weeks, I'll inform you now. It wasn't this week's past expansion draft nor the numerous

trades that went down or are about to. It happened in Connecticut will and stand out in many people's mind as the end



Gene Brtalik

Sports Writer

WWF as we know. What happened? Bret "the Hitman" Hart and "Ravishing" Rick Rude bolted the organization which boasts, "For over 50 years the revolutionary force in wrestling entertainment" and headed over to "Where the big boys play" --

Those reading this right now are probably saying, "Who cares? Wrestling is fake and not cool." Well professional wrestling may be fake, but deep down inside of all males and quite possibly females there lies a passion for the sport that takes place within the squared circle. Our lives may have changed when little-known Terry Bollea, a.k.a. Hulk Hogan, picked up the Iron Sheik while in the camel clutch and slammed him into the turnbuckle, breaking the hold

and leaving the Sheik on the mat. Hogan bounced off the ropes and dropped his now famous leg drop across the Sheik's chest, then rolled him for the pin, winning the belt.

From that moment many became hooked on whatever Hulk had told us. Kids were trving to tear off their shirts, saying their prayers, and eating their vitamins. We watched Hogan wrestle the toughest opponents: King Kong Bundy, Andre the Giant (RIP), the Macho Man, Ric Flair, and the Ultimate Warrior. With that one win Hulk Hogan changed the face of the wrestling that our parents used to watch. What does this have to do with ND, you must ask. Simply put, all across the campus of Notre Dame the wrestling fans are coming out of their hibernation and are not afraid to declare that they are wrestling fans. As junior Jerry Barca put it, "Bottom line, wrestling is very entertaining. It is a guy soap opera mixed with athleticism." The fans know that the sport is unreal, but as Barca put it, people are hooked in over what happens outside of the ring - the story lines.

While most students are watching football on Monday happenings

"Why watch the hapless [Indianapolis] Colts when you can watch real athletic ability in the squared circle. Plus Ric Flair is the greatest man alive," added Barca, who is taking the trip to see the WCW's pay-per-view World War 3 this weekend in Detroit. For Barca Monday Night Football is just another show while the real action takes within the confines of a ring that sometimes is surrounded by a steel

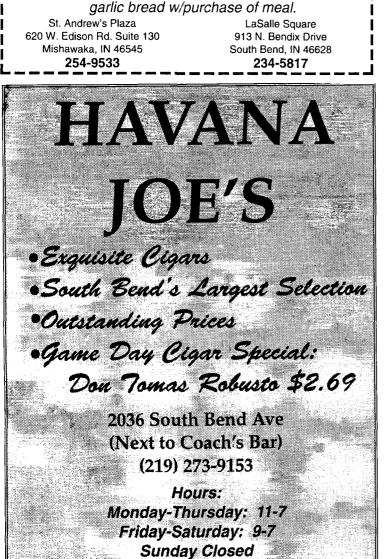
Although wrestling may seem for kids, turn on wrestling one night in your dorm's common room and you are bound to have

students reminisce about the good old days of wrestling.

This happened one night last year as students were studying for a calculus test. The theme music to Monday Night Nitro began to play and cheers for the show rang throughout the room. The occupants of the room began to discuss the latest happenings in the wrestling world. As passers-by made comments about people watching wrestling, they couldn't help but be drawn in by the chatter taking place in the room. By the time the show ended, close to 50 members were now gathered around the TV cheering and jeering at every wrestler. One of these occupants was Dave Whelan, a Stanford Hall resident interested in forming a pro wrestling club (if interested call 4-1911). "The tragic departure of Andre the Giant to the squared circle in the sky left a void in the world larger than 7foot-4 and 500 pounds," stated Whelan "The pro wrestling club will be an attempt to begin the healing process."

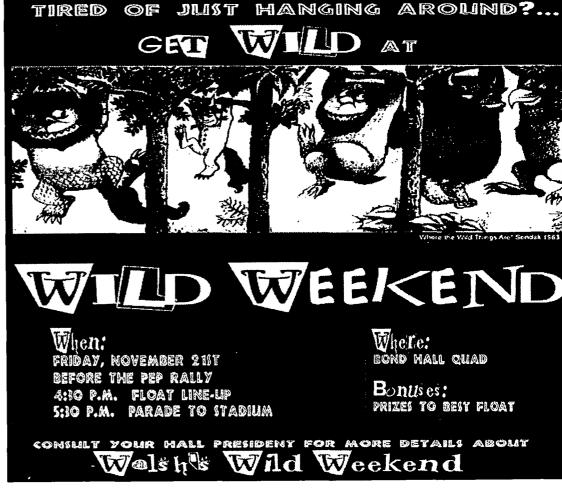
To many, pro wrestling may seem like a dumb form of entertaining a mass of people, but as much as people try to deny their feelings towards wrestling, these feelings will always rise like the Undertaker.

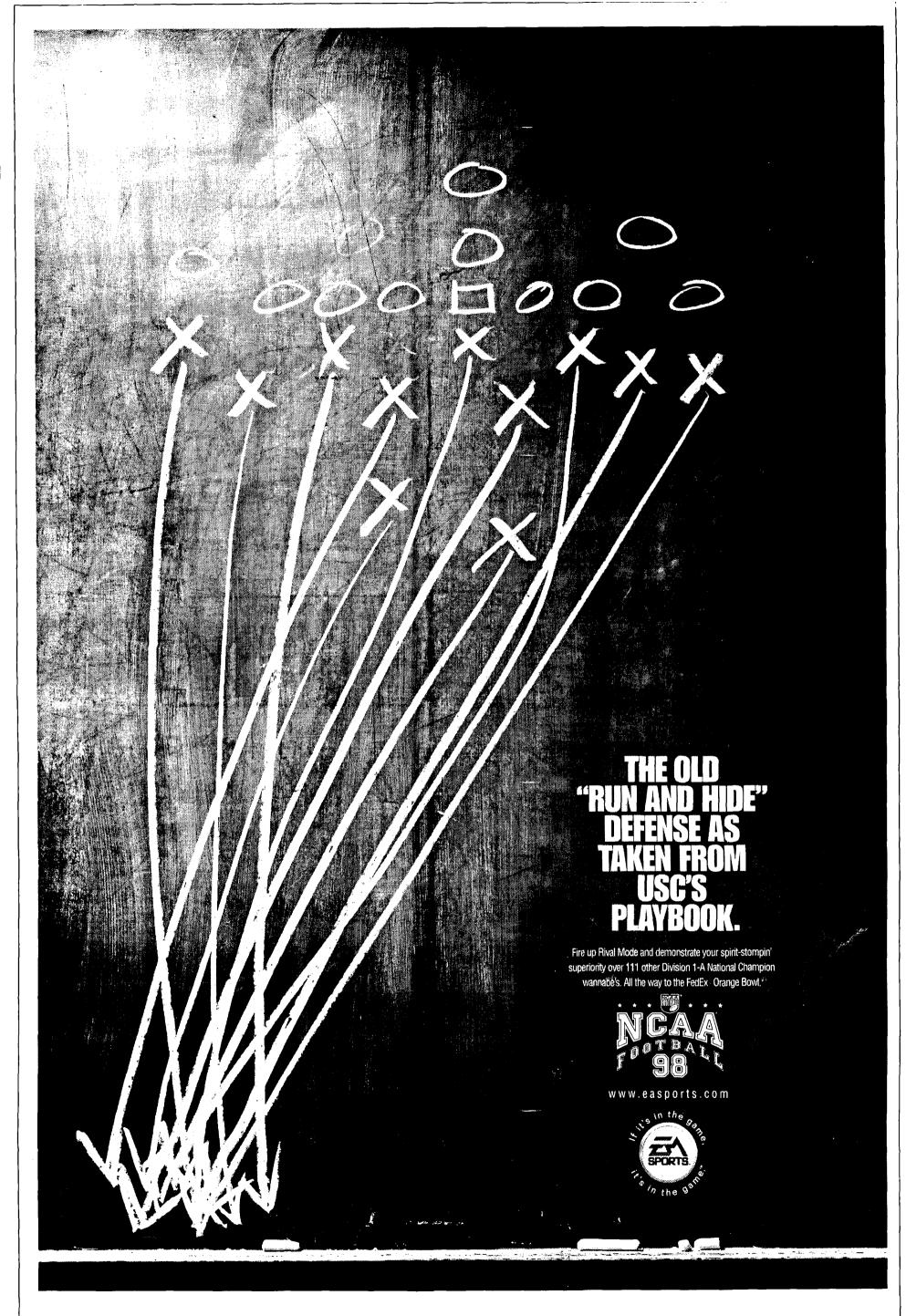




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■ Hockey

Irish tie Bulldogs in nail-biter

By JOHN COPPOLELLA Sports Writer

The Notre Dame hockey team's battle against Ferris State last night at the Joyce Center was like a roller coaster. Up and down, back and forth, in and out, the two teams went at it like the football team and the .500 mark.

When was said and done, the Irish were relegated to accepting a 5-5 tie with the Bulldogs, in a game that involved more uncertainty and nervousness than a Notre Dame field goal.

The Irish got on the roller coaster from the inception of the contest. Ben Simon and Troy Bagne had one-on-one breakaways against the Bulldogs that resulted in near

However, the roller coaster began as the Bulldogs pounded away at Notre Dame's net. This consistent battering against an Irish squad that was seemingly lifeless in the first period led to two goals, the first by Jim Dube at 12:01 and the second by Geoff Bennetts at 13:58, putting the Irish in a hole to begin the second period.

In the second period, the roller coaster once again shifted and the Irish came out as a team reborn. From the get-go they attacked the Ferris State nets like maggots to a decaying carcass, and emerged with three goals to take the lead. The first goal was credited to Jay Kopischke, as a shot was fired at the Bulldog net from the upper right corner with Ryan Clark and Tyson "Franny" Fraser assisting on the goal.

Then, the Benoit Cotnoir show took over. The junior defensemen netted two powerplay slapshots. At 7:23, Cotnoir found the back of the net

assisted by Simon and Dan Carlson, and again at 16:28 off a Simon feed. The Irish headed to the third period riding the roller coaster and clinging to a one-goal lead.

In the third period, the roller coaster went haywire.

The Bulldogs began the hellraising with a power-play goal from Kevin Swider at 1:13. The Irish retaliated, and retribution arrived in the form of an Aniket Dhadphale goal two minutes later, set up by Lyle Andrusiak and Brian Urick.

Ferris State answered with two goals, at 7:37 and 8:41, from Joel Irwin and Brian McCullogh. Ahead 5-4, the Bulldogs looked to upset the Irish and were about to do exactly that until Dan Carlson found the back of the net as a scramble ensued in front of the Bulldog net at 15:39. Carlson rebounded repeated shots by Mark Eaton and Simon and, in the process, led the Irish to overtime.

Overtime maintained the helter-skelter nature of the first three periods with one exception: no goals were scored.

Matt Eisler, who turned in another fantastic effort despite what the scoreboard indicates, refused shot after shot and ensured that the Irish would emerge with at least a tie. The offense came close a few times, but was unable to find the net and Notre Dame was forced to accept the tie.

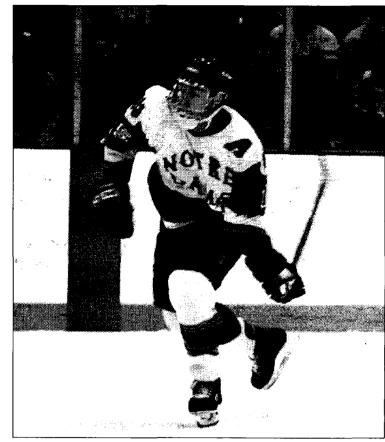
Although the tie earns the Irish a point and elevates their standing in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association, don't expect the Irish to be happy about the result of this match.

"We played the game schizophrenically," stated Simon, who had three assists. "We know that we are one of the better teams in this league, but

we were unable to show that at times tonight. We always expect to win, but this tie hurts more than some losses because we feel that we should have won this game.'

Assistant captain Dusbabek found a lesson in the loss, saying, "Ultimately, they impressed upon us the important lesson that, although we may be able to dominate the game at any given time, we need to play the whole game consistently in order to win. I am confident we will be able to do this against them Saturday and hopefully for the rest of

The Irish get another chance to defeat the Bulldogs Saturday night at Ferris State. The Irish, who have been a better team on the road this season, will look to this game as another parameter on which to measure their ascension through the ranks of the



Notre Dame's tie against Ferris State last night raised its standing in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association.

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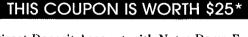
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■ Women's Basketball

Haney, Hills sign with Irish

Special to The Observer

Ericka Haney, a 6-foot-1 forward from Toledo, Ohio, has signed a national letter of intent to attend the University of Notre Dame as a member of the class of 2002.

Haney is the second signee for Irish women's basketball coach Muffet McGraw during the early signing period. Notre Dame also signed 5-foot-8 guard Sherisha Hills from Tampa, Fla.

Rated 49th on Blue Star Basketball's list of the top 60 seniors in 1997-98, Haney led Toledo Catholic Central in scor-

ing, rebounding and blocks in the state tournament this during her junior year. Haney earned first-team all-state, allcity and all-district honors last year, and was named the Associated Press district seven player of the year.

A four-year starter and threeyear captain at Toledo Central Catholic, Haney led her squad to a 23-3 campaign in 1996-97, leading the team to the Toledo City Athletic League championship, and district and sectional crowns.

A member of the Ohio Heat AAU team, Haney paced the team to a ninth-place finish at the nationals and second place

summer, while earning AAU all-America honors.

"Ericka is the type of player we needed in the post," said McGraw. "She's very versatile and can play either the three or four positions on the floor. Ericka is an athletic player with good post moves and strong defensive skills, McGraw said.

"Ericka and Sherisha fill a lot of needs for us. They are both extremely talented players; we'll be a much more athletic team with them in the line-up. They were our first two choices, so we're pleased they willboth be part of our program."

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straight matches, three against Big East opponents. However, a four-game loss to Southwest Missouri State ended the streak, followed by a threegame defeat at the hands of the Irish, by the score of 15-5, 15-7, 15-9.

Syracuse has one of the strongest blocking games in the conference with three players averaging more than one solo block per game. Julie Nicholson and Desiree Hobbs are first and second on the Big East leaderboard in blocking, with 1.60 and 1.49 blocks, respectively. They also have one of the finest setters in the conference, senior Carrie Urton. Urton averages 11.61 assists per game, just ahead of Irish freshman Denise Boylan.

Pittsburgh is another team that clinched a tournament berth in the final week of regular season competition. Also 6-5 in conference play, the Panthers won the first two matches of the month against Providence and Boston College before losing their next three. In the midst of their slump, the Panthers lost to the Irish in four games by a score of 15-2,

15-13, 14-16, 15-5.

Despite a misleading conference record and overall lack of experience, the Panthers are also one of the strongest teams in the conference. In Big East matches this season. Pittsburgh ranks second in service aces, third in kills, and fifth in hitting percentage.

"It's a real advantage for us to have played both teams earlier on in the season," head coach Debbie Brown said. "We know what worked for us against them, and we know what they did that worked well against us. I think specifically we need to work on our passing and ball-handling. We need to play as consistently as we have for the entire season. Our offense and siding out is strong, and I think we'll improve as time goes on.'

The Irish have proved that they are more than ready to take on the challenge that either of these teams presents. For the past two seasons, the Irish have not lost once to a Big East opponent. This year is no different, as they rolled through the conference schedule while losing only two games to the opposition. Five of the six teams in this year's tournament bracket have lost to the Irish in three games, the exception Pittsburgh.

In the latter half of the season, a change in Notre Dame's offensive strategy helped the team win its last eight matches and 15 of its last 16. All six of Notre Dame's losses have come at the hands of ranked opponents, including current No. 4 Florida and No. 5 Wisconsin. The schedule gets no easier, and after the Big East tournament the team will face sixthranked UC Santa Barbara and current No. 1 Long Beach State.

The other first-round match tomorrow is between No. 3 seed Connecticut and No. 6 seed West Virginia. Later that day, the winner of the match will face Villanova, the only team other than Notre Dame to receive a bye in the first round. During the regular season, the Wildcats defeated both teams, each in three games.

"It think right now our focus is on playing well," Brown remarked. "I think we need to realize the level which we need to compete for the next couple of weeks. Right now, though, I'm confident that we're able to compete with the best teams in the nation.

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Marlins take advantage of some 'Counselling'

Former Irish star comes up big in 1997 World Series

By BETSY BAKER Associate Sports Editor

Craig Counsell has some big shoes to fill if he wants to get into the Hall of Fame someday.

Luckily, his are already there. Because the Notre Dame graduate hit the tying RBI and scored the winning run in Game 7 of the World Series to give the Florida Marlins a 3-2 victory, his spikes

Height: 6-0

Bats: Left

Weight: 170 lbs.

Positions: Second Base

1992 free-agent draft.

Drafted: Selected by the Colorado

Rockies in the 11th round of the

Throws: Right

are now in the baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y.

And if he keeps performing the way he did in Game 7, he might not be too far behind them.

Counsell's story is the kind that is made into a

movie. In fact, don't be surprised if it someday it is. Although it has been nearly a month since that fateful October night, people are still talking about the "baby-faced assassin" of the Cleveland Indians, as one Florida reporter referred to him, or the kid who came out of nowhere to steal the Series for the Marlins.

The screenplay goes far beyond the 1997 Series, howev-

From Aug. 21, 1970, the day Counsell was born, he was meant to be a baseball player. Born in South Bend and baptized in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on Notre Dame's campus, Counsell was immediately thrust not only into baseball, but Notre Dame baseball. His father, John,

captained the last of his four years under head coach Jake Kline in 1964, and then returned as an assistant to Kline after playing four years in the Minnesota Twins organization.

By age two, Counsell was already strutting the Irish uniform as an honorary bat boy for the Notre Dame freshman team.

When his dad got a job with the Milwaukee Brewers as their community relations director in 1978, Craig then was surrounded by players like Paul Molitor, Robin Yount, and Jim Gatner.

There was no doubt that the stage was set for Craig Counsell

Craig Counsell

be to ballplayer. But that didn't exactly guarantee him an easy time selling his story. Counsell, who was not heavily recruited out of Whitefish Bay High School (Whitefish Bay, Wis.) due to his size, has con-

tinually had to convince the world what kind of ballplayer he can be.

Former Notre Dame head coach Pat Murphy (1988-94) was the first of the many skeptics Counsell had to face.

'When we went to talk to Coach Murphy, he was hesitant about recruiting Craig because he thought he was too small, and kind of had to figure out a nice way of saying, 'I don't want to have to cut your son," John Counsell, who knew Murphy through his connection with the Irish, said. "I was just kind of laughing inside and thought, 'He doesn't know how good Craig is.' Craig is the kind of person that when people say you can't, that becomes his challenge to prove them wrong.

The Counsell is one person who never needed to be convinced of his son's ability, and within a very short period of time, neither did Murphy.

"I've never known a player that has improved so much in four years," Murphy said of Craig going into his senior year. "He's going to be very valuable to some pro team he's invaluable to us."

"Craig grows on you," John said of his son. "He began in left field at Notre Dame and the coaches happy with the progress he made, so they tried him at third base. His career at Notre Dame was just like Marlins second baseman Craig Counsell was a defensive key in the World Series. his life. He added

to each year, and improved each year.

By the time Counsell was finished with the Irish, he had captained the 1992 team, and he was and is still the all-time career leader in games played and games started for the Irish.

The two most impressive statistics Counsell left with the Irish. however, and the two that are most indicative of the kind of player he is, are that he is the all-time leader in bases on balls and second in total sacrifices.

"Craig is not flashy," John said. "He does what is necessary to be successful himself, but more importantly, he does what is necessary to help his team."

Counsell sums up his time at Notre Dame not as what playing baseball there did to enhance his career; instead, he says it is what it did to enhance him as a per-

"I think more than anything, it was a great place to go to school and to play sports," Counsell commented. "I feel like I really grew up there. Coach Murphy had a big impact on my life. He taught me about more than just baseball. Also, my best friends are still from there.

His time with the Irish served as a catalyst for what Counsell planned to do his whole life play professional baseball.

That's all I ever wanted to do," Counsell answered when asked if he thought when he was at Notre Dame that he would be drafted when he left. "Obviously, I was there to go to school, but all I've ever wanted to do is play baseball. That was my goal when I went to Notre Dame after I went to school - to play professional baseball.

Counsell graduated from Notre Dame with a degree in accounting, that at this rate, he may never need.

The adversity for Counsell did not end at the college level. After being drafted by the Colorado Rockies in the 11th round of the free-agent draft on June 1, 1992, his convincing skills were once again called upon. Counsell suffered a broken foot and a severely broken nose in 1992 that hampered his first shot at the majors. After leading the California League shortstops with 621 total chances in 1993, he was again back on the bench with another foot injury in 1994, totaling three times on the disabled list throughout the summer.

But like he always had before. Counsell fought back for the '95 season, leading the Pacific Coast League shortstops with 598 total chances and 86 double plays, until a broken leg put him back on the DL for the 1996 season.

Despite the fact that the injuries began to frustrate the then 26-year-old, he never lost faith in himself or his ability to make it in the "show."

"Injuries were really frustrating — out of the five years I played in the minor leagues, I probably missed two and a half to injuries," Counsell said. "But I never thought about quitting or giving up, though, because I still wanted to play baseball. It is what I feel like I am good at and it is what I've always wanted to do. So there was never a thought of giving up.'

However, after nearly three years of injuries, the Rockies gave Counsell up to the Florida Marlins. As it turns out, the Florida Marlins had been interested in Counsell throughout his minor league career, but it was not until the final injury that the Rockies began considering giving him up in a trade.

"The Marlins tried to trade for Craig for three years," John Counsell said. "Two years later, the Rockies began giving up because of injury, and the Marlins got their way.

A midseason trade for pitcher Mark Hutton landed Counsell with the Marlins, and the rest is

After battling for the position at second base, Counsell finally became the bonafied starter, and what he has done from there is now part of the record books.

Before his World Series performance, Counsell batted .400 in the Division Series, and .429 in the Championship Series against the Atlanta Braves. And it is no surprise how he made history in Game 7 — in the bottom of the ninth with the Marlins trailing 2-1. Counsell hit a sacrifice fly to score Moises Alou and send the game into extra innings. He

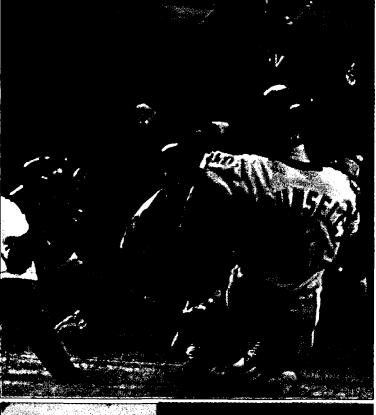
then got a base hit in the 11th, and Tony Fernandez brought him home as the winning run of the 1997 World Series. So the remaining question is:

where does Craig Counsell go from here? At 27 years old, he has gone from a kid who, during post-season play, had to show identification to an usher in order to get into Pro Player Stadium because the usher thought he was a fan hanging around for autographs, to one of the heroes of the World Series. It makes one wonder whether it

can get much better than that. "I think what it does when you win a World Series as a baseball player is that you are experiencing the ultimate of your profession," Counsell said. "You realize you might never experience that again, and you realize you are lucky to have had the chance to experience it at all. So I think in that sense, it has changed me because I've been to the top of the mountain. It has changed the memories of my life, and I think it will change how I approach baseball in the future, but I'm still going to keep going out to the ballpark every day."

End of story? Don't bet on it. Look for the sequel.

Amy Blaska contributed to this report.





Traig Counsell, left, is interviewed following dGame 7 of the World Series in which the Marlins beat the Indians four games to three.

Right, Craig's father, John Counsell, a former assistant coach at Notre Dame, joins his son and the Marlins agent who was responsible for signing Craig in a post-game celebration.

Above left, although Counsell in tagged out here in Game 5 of the World Series, he scored the winning run of Game 7.

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■ WOMEN'S SOCCER

Best foot forward, soft-spoken Streiffer leads Irish

By KATHLEEN LOPEZ
Assistant Sports Editor

North Carolina goalkeeper Gretchen Overgaard may vaguely recall her first encounter with Notre Dame forward Jenny Streiffer. Streiffer knocked Overgaard unconscious while scoring the winning goal against the Tar Heels during last year's regular season game.

The soft-spoken Streiffer soon found herself thrust into the spotlight. Prior to last year's North Carolina game, not many people knew who she was. Then when she knocked in both goals in the 2-1 overtime win to dethrone topranked North Carolina, she exploded onto the women's soccer scene and was named College Soccer Weekly's favorite player to watch for the 1996 season.

After the game, Petrucelli said, "She really dictated the pace of the game by holding the ball, by playmaking, and creating chances."

Petrucelli found himself the jealous envy of numerous head coaches across the country, not only for handing North Carolina the loss, but for finding such a hidden talent. Streiffer went relatively unnoticed by numerous collegiate coaches. She only looked at Stanford, Duke, and Virginia. Her trip to Notre Dame's campus sold her on the University and the women's soccer program.

"I really liked the team," Streiffer said. "Their playing style was what I was looking for. The coach was great and that is what I liked. Also he said that the team's goal was always to win a national championship and that was really appealing."

At the Duke adidas Women's Soccer Classic, she was named MVP for her two-goal performance against North Carolina and her single-goal contribution in the 2-0 win over the Duke Blue Devils.

Just a couple weeks later, Streiffer found herself in the midst of another tight game against the Broncos of Santa Clara. The topranked Irish fell to Santa Clara, 3-1. Despite the losing effort, Streiffer found herself on the Santa Clara Nike Classic all-tournament.

Being named to two all-tournament teams was just a miniscule amount of the awards to come during the regular season and into the post-season.

Only two freshman in the country earned NSCAA all-American honors: she was one of them. Along with numerous teammates, Streiffer found herself on the all-Big East team. She was named the Big East rookie of the year.

Streiffer and Co. realize that they hit their stride a little too early last season. She promises this year is different. In the Big East tournament finals, the team played its best game yet against Connecticut, winning 6-1.

"It was great playing Connecticut," Streiffer remarked about the season. "It was a fun game for me and the team. We just played so well and that was what was so great."

Streiffer has remained somewhat of a silent leader this season. Strained ligaments have hampered her effectiveness this year.

"We really don't know what is wrong with them," Streiffer said. "I was really unlucky because I strained some ligament in both feet at about the same time. It is frustrating because it is such a nagging injury."

After a stretch of quiet playing, Streiffer bounced back in a game against Georgetown. She was named Big East offensive player of the week with her four-goal performance against the Hoyas.

After the win, Petrucelli said, "She struck a couple hard balls which she hasn't been able to do in the pass."

Currently she is on pace to break or tie her point total from last year, which incidentally ranked second on the team behind allAmerican Cindy Daws. Last year, she ranked seventh in the nation with 22 goals and 22 assists. Thus far in the season, she has 19 goals and 18 assists and leads the team with 56 points.

"She is really focused and intense on the field," senior captain Kate Sobrero said.

During the tournament play, Streiffer feels that there are numerous aspects of her game which could still use some sharpening

"As the games get harder, I need to put it away more," Streiffer said. "I need to focus on my concentration and make sure that I am prepared and won't let the slightest opportunity slip away."

During her high school career in Baton Rouge, she was a four-year letterwinner, four-time all-state selection, and three-time state MVP. She set high school records with 90 goals and 69 assists at the midfield position. Also, Streiffer was name Parade and Umbro all-Americans.

Prior to her arrival at the University, she was an alternate for the U.S. Olympic team and was invited to play on the U.S. victory tour.

"We knew that she was an alternate on the Olympic team coming in but we were just impressed by her conditioning and skills," Sobrero said.

Prior to the beginning of the tournament, Streiffer had one wish and that was to play Nebraska. The Cornhuskers defeated the Irish during the spring and Streiffer is thirsty for revenge.

"We lost to them in the spring and that really stunk," she said. "They were really intense and physical. It was a tough loss and a frustrating game."

Streiffer believes that the team is ready more than ever, and with her pacing the pack, there is no stopping this determined team from the ultimate goal, the national title



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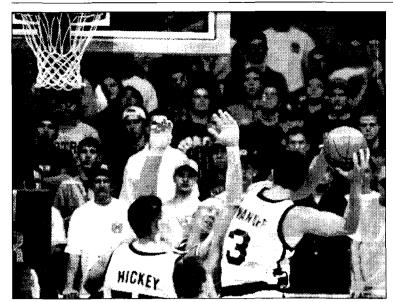
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Phil Hickey (left) and Derek Manner must step up and take the scoring load off Pat Garrity if the Irish hope to beat the Golden Eagles.

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That Irish are coming off an impressive season opener in which they defeated The Citadel by 19 points. MacLeod got tremendous efforts from Wyche, Ingelsby, and Hickey, who all scored in double figures, while superstar Pat Garrity could not quite find his shooting touch.

Unfortunately for Garrity, the Bradley Center is not where one goes to find his stroke. Marquette is always known for its tremendous defense, and last year was no different.

The Eagles ranked seventh nationally in scoring defense, yielding just 57.8 points per contest. They were also tops in the land for the third time in the last five years in opponents' fieldgoal percentage, just 36.2 percent, which ranks as the second

Against The Citadel, Notre Dame had a tremendous shooting effort, including nine of 12 from the three-point line. So, the team will try to remain patient

'We're just going to try to play smart and play together and hopefully get some open looks," Ingelsby said. "We'll try not to force things and probably try to pound it into Pat and Phil and try to get on the foul line early to

get some easy baskets.' Although the Irish were deadly from the perimeter Monday night the team will still look to its bread and butter; go inside to last year's Big East player of the

"Pat's our best player, so hopefully we can get some easy baskets down there early and take the crowd out of it," Ingelsby explained. "But they have some good big men but that's where our strength is so we're going to pound it in there early and see what happens."

After getting off on the right foot Monday night, the Irish are hoping they can build on their momentum in the Bradley Center.

"Hopefully we can keep on winning, and going into Indiana undefeated, you never know what could happen there,' Ingelsby said. "If we can win tonight we'll be in pretty good shape; but it's going to be a really tough game.

Which is exactly what makes it a pivotal game for the entire ■ Women's Basketball

Irish to face ranked Blue Devils

By JOE CAVATO Assistant Sports Editor

The early stretch of the college basketball season provides opportunities for learning. With that in mind, women's basketball coach Muffet McGraw will have her squad learning in the most ideal way — by playing the best.

The next six opponents for the Irish are teams that are either ranked or are receiving votes in

"We've got a very tough road ahead of us," McGraw said, "and not only that, to have Rutgers and Connecticut, who are the two teams in the Big East to win their division, is really a difficult schedule."

The Duke Blue Devils, ranked 14th and 16th in the polls, will host the Irish this Saturday in the first of four road games for a young Notre Dame

Going on the road for the first time with a young team, we're going to learn a lot," McGraw observed. "Just getting used to everything that goes along with a road trip is going to be a little bit different for them.'

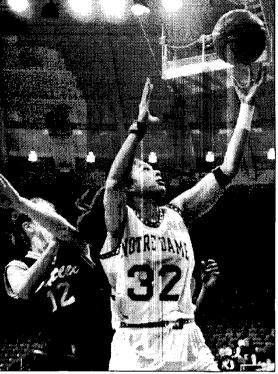
Heading into North Carolina to challenge the Blue Devils will not be an easy task, because Duke's starting lineup is loaded with experience.

"They've got three starters back from last year and their other two starters [are transferrs]," McGraw explained. "So they are a very, very experienced team.

McGraw, at the opposite end of the spectrum with only one returning starter, will look to her co-captains, senior Mollie Peirick and junior Sheila McMillen, to keep her squad poised and within their game.

"We're really going to have to rely on Mollie and Sheila, once again, "McGraw explained, "to just maintain that poise and leadership they've been showing us.

The back court duo certainly demonstrated their leadership capabilities in Tuesday night's season opening victory over Butler. McMillen lead the team in scoring with 17 points and came up with the big basket down the stretch. Peirick



Julie Henderson leads a young Notre Dame squad on a difficult road trip.

handed out eight assists and also scored in double figures while consistently being able to come up with the big play.

When looking for a weakness in the Blue Devils' game, one has difficulty. Duke can do it

"They've really got an all-around game," McGraw explained. "They have great outside shooters, they handle the ball real well and they have a strong inside game."

Notre Dame will look for its defense, which held Butler to 24 percent shooting in the first half, to slow the Duke attack. The three-guard look of the Irish gives McGraw a smaller and quicker line-up that can pressure the ball handlers.

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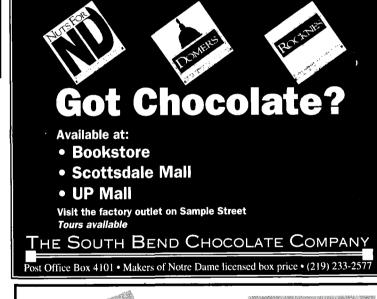
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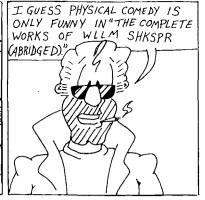
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Gemini: You provide an invaluable service to someone in need today. You are late for a meeting, but have no trouble understanding what you missed. If you stop trying to do all the work, a friend or partner is willing to meet you halfway.

Cancer: Generosity feels incredibly noble today. You let others have their way because you love them, not because you agree. Take a break from your responsibilities and go have a little

Leo: Today you manage to dance on the edge while making it look as if you are striding purposefully along. Bad weather, bad health, and bad credit only happen to other people. Teach someone else how to be perfect before you forget again.

Virgo: Events wash over you too fast for you to maintain the illusion of control. Live in the moment, even if it's only for a moment. Pretend to enjoy yourself, and you may find that you really

Libra: You know exactly what needs to be done today, and everyone applauds you for getting out and doing it. Your partner learns something new about who you are. A good mood is contagious among friends.

Scorpio: You may not be able to talk your way out of anything today. The best and most obvious solutions are rejected by parties in control. Risk-taking is not favored. Caution wins the day.

Sagittarius: Ease up on the self discipline and let your hair down. There's no law against having some fun. As long as you're sincere, people will be happy to give you a lot of slack today.

Capricorn: Sometimes, as the lone voice of reason, it's best to just be quiet for awhile. Creative approaches may not be appreciated today. Take comfort in the fact that at least you did your best.

Aquarius: In the economics of love and friendship, if you give a little, you get a lot. Waiting for something to happen can be the biggest waste of time. Learn a lesson or two from following your heart today.

Pisces: Today Pisces looks and feels like a bottom feeder. Reverse your downward spiral and swim up to where the sunlight penetrates the surface. You're the one who has the final say about the shape and color of your world.

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■ WOMEN'S SOCCER

How sw Notre Dame takes on

Nebraska at home in second round play

By ALLISON KRILLA Sports Writer

A string of upsets plagued some of the top women's soccer teams in last weekend's first round NCAA tournament action. Fifth-seeded Duke, seventh-seeded Portland and eighthseeded Maryland dropped close contests to several scrappy underdogs

But Notre Dame (21-0-1) handily advanced to the Sweet Sixteen with a 7-1 victory, dominating Cincinnati after giving up an early goal. Now the Irish are hungry for a national championship.

"It could be an interesting run." said Holly Manthei, who leads the



&M in the Big 12 champi-



Sophomore Jenny Streiffer leads the Irish in scoring and hopes to help the team topple Nebraska in the second round of the NCAA tournament on Sunday

onship game. In the first round of the NCAAs, the Cornhuskers downed Michigan 5-1

This will be the first meeting between Notre Dame and Nebraska. In 1997, the teams faced two common opponents - Duke and Michigan. Both teams defeated Duke 5-0, and Notre Dame downed Michigan 5-0 on Oct. 26.

Leading the way for Nebraska is junior striker Kim Engesser, who owns Nebraska single-season records for points and goals. Against the Wolverines, the transfer from Portland recorded her third hat trick of the season, her team-leading 26th goal and 55th point.

On Sunday, the Cornhuskers will have their hands full with the second-ranked Irish. Notre Dame has won 15 straight games, outscoring the opposition 120-7. Goalie LaKeysia Beene anchors the defense with the nation's lowest goals against average (0.32). Defenders Kate Sobrero, Kelly Lindsay and Jen Grubb have held opponents to 1.91 shots per game.

Offensively, the Irish have pounded opposing goalkeepers, averaging 15.77 shots per game. Sophomore Jenny Streiffer leads the team in scoring with 56 points in 21 games, and freshmen Meotis Erikson and Anne Makinen pace the squad with 20 goals apiece.

"This team has a lot of young players that have really stepped into big roles for us," said Manthei. "They are not naive players, and they have stepped up when it counts.

Notre Dame also has the home field advantage on its side. In the friendly confines of Alumni Field, the Irish have compiled a 7-0 record in NCAA tournament play. All-time, the Irish are 77-5-1 at Alumni Field, and 54-1-1 in their last 56 games there.

"I think our big thing is going to be attitude," said head coach Chris Petrucelli. "If we can continue to play with an attacking attitude, then we'll be okay.

■ MEN'S BASKETBALL

Young squad faces difficult road contest

By JOE CAVATO Assistant Sports Editor

Although the men's basketball season is barely out of the gates, tonight's contest could prove pivotal for the entire season.

The Irish will travel to Milwaukee tonight where they will take on the Marquette Golden Eagles for an early season battle. With Big East teams dominating the schedule, out-of-conference match-ups don't come around too often.

Tonight's game and the Dec. 3 game at Indiana are by far the most difficult out-of-conference games for the Irish with teams like Drexel and Sam Houston State filling out the rest of the early season schedule.

Although it sounds odd in November, when the post-season rolls around committees look at games like these and head coach John MacLeod would certainly like to have a win against either the Eagles or the Hoosiers to his team's credit.

"This is definitely a huge game for us especially going into Marquette and playing them there, freshman point guard Martin Ingelsby said. "This is a huge game for us in our season and which way we're going to go, and if we can we can get a win there it would be a huge turning point."

The task will certainly not be an easy one. The Golden Eagles are coming off a 22-9 record and a trip to the Big Dance. They were ousted by Providence in the first round of the 1997 NCAA tournament. The Eagles already have a win over Wisconsin and return one of the better guards in the country in senior Aaron Hutchins.

Last season, while running the Eagle's offense Hutchins averaged over 13 points and five assists per game. Hutchins is an all-around player who can knock down an open three and play pressure defense. The Notre Dame back court combination of Antoni Wyche and Ingelsby will certainly have their hands full with Hutchins.

"He plays the two guard now, but I'm sure that during the game sometime I'll be guarding him.' Ingelsby said. "But I'm going to go out there and just try to do my best. I know he's one of the best guards in the country and we got our game plan on what we're going to do against him.'

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■ VOLLEYBALL

Defending champs favored in Big East tourney

By BILL HART

and the Big East tournament dent that we'll be able to domiare used in the same sentence, nate the field. Also, winning one word usually comes to mind: dominance. This year is no exception, as the Irish are overwhelmingly favored to defend and capture their third consecutive Big East title.

Because of the team's stellar 11-0 conference record. Notre Dame will have a bye in the first round of the tournament, held this year on the campus of Seton Hall. This means that Syracuse and Pittsburgh will battle it out on Saturday for a right to face the Irish in the

"I think that the tournament is really important to the season," freshman Christi Girton When Notre Dame volleyball remarked. "We're pretty confithe tournament would improve our chances of getting into the NCAA tournament.'

> Syracuse enters the tournament with a 6-5 record, having gone 1-1 over last weekend. During the month of November, the Orangemen have gone 3-3, defeating Georgetown, Pittsburgh and Seton Hall, but falling to Villanova, West Virginia and Rutgers. During one stretch in October, they won seven

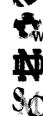
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