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'Generations' surpasses planners' timetable

Fundraising project is more than a year ahead of goals

By DEREK BETCHER
Assistant News Editor

Bouyed by a record-breaking fiscal year of donations, the University's Generations fundraising campaign stands approximately 16 months ahead of schedule, according to executive director of development Dan Reagan.

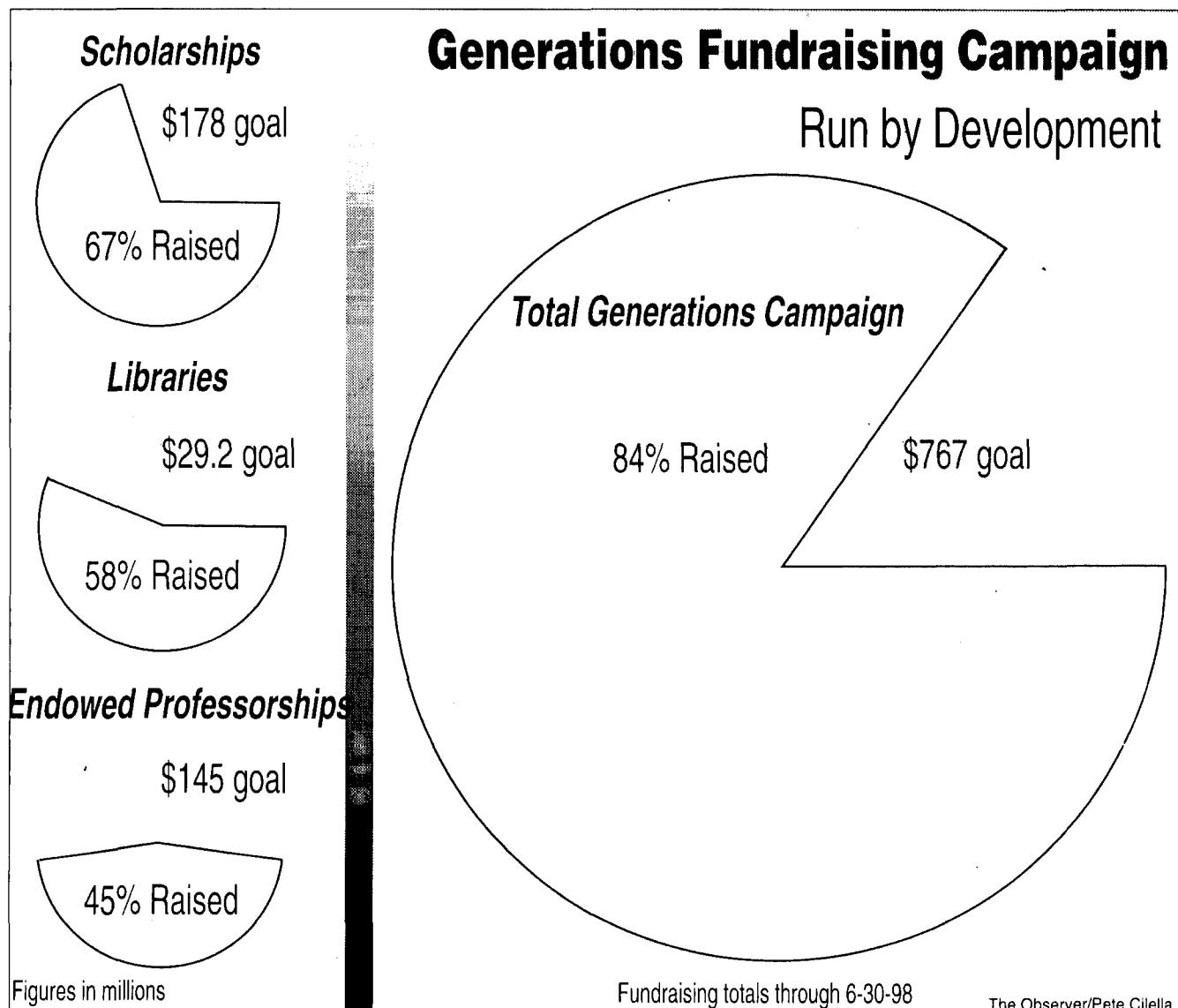
Notre Dame launched the campaign in May 1997 and has already raised \$647 million towards its final goal of \$767 million. Generations will not reach its formal deadline until December 2000, creating the promising scenario of allowing two years to gather the final donations and perhaps exceed planners' goals.

"We are real excited and happy about how this campaign stands right now, but we realize that there's still a significant portion to be raised," Reagan said. "Still, we feel very good about our momentum."

Only 16 percent of the final goal remains to be raised, and the development office has an optimistic outlook as the Generations campaign nears its target, Reagan said. To minimize any slowing near the home stretch, the campaign's stewards will enact a series of overlapping initiatives to boost totals to the finish line.

First, a series of fundraising events around the country will continue to promote the campaign along with the efforts of regional development offices already in place in Atlanta, Chicago, Los Angeles and New York. Second, a new telemarketing campaign will contact prospective donors and raise awareness of the opportunities to donate. Lastly, the development office has added a handful of new staff to

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■ STUDENT SENATE

Expenses exceed budget by \$66,000

By TIM LOGAN
Assistant News Editor

The Student Union exceeded its '97-'98 budget by \$66,000, stated treasurer T.J. Wolfe at last night's student senate meeting.

This deficit was discovered earlier this week by staffers in the treasurer's office. It includes a \$38,458 loss by the Student Union Board and \$11,740 in overspending by the Office of the President.

"I wouldn't label it a crisis," said Wolfe, "but it is going to cause us problems."

He said that the Financial Management Board (FMB), which oversees Student Union finances, would meet on Monday to plan what steps could be taken to remedy the situation.

One possible solution would be a total reallocation of funds to the various bodies.

"Running a deficit is unacceptable," said student body president Peter Cesaro. "There's plenty of blame to go around, but we have to realize what went wrong and realize how we can solve this problem."

Senators were concerned that budget cuts would negatively impact services offered by the Student Union, and some expressed hope that SUB wouldn't lose much funding.

"I think SUB does a great job," said Dillon senator Eric Linster.



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PETE CESARO
STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT

"They shouldn't get cut for what happened last year," Linster noted that SUB funding is tight as it is, and that the programming they offer is important to many students. "The point of all this is to help students."

SUB Board Manager Ryan Stecz agreed, pointing to the popularity of his body's events.

"When you take that money

away, you take away what we can do on campus," he said. "If SUB funding gets cut, it's going to hurt the entire student body."

Few of the people currently in SUB or the treasurer's office were involved in the deficit spending, as the budget covered the period from July 1997 until July 1998 and Student Union officials took over on April 1. One who was, however, is Stecz, who served as controller of the body last year.

"When we left last year, some accounts were over, but most weren't," said Stecz. "A lot of bills we hadn't anticipated came in over the summer."

He explained that when SUB runs an event, they often hire out the University's department of Facilities Operations, and do not receive the bill until late May. He also noted that SUB events such as the Collegiate Jazz Festival and AnTostal take place late in the academic year and so the bills are often received after classes have

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Kern settles with ND out of court

By TOM ENRIGHT
News Writer

A decade of gender bias allegations came to an end this summer as Beth Kern, a former instructor of Notre Dame's College of Business Administration, settled her claims of gender discrimination out of court Aug. 10.

Kern, now an assistant professor of business and economics at Indiana University-South Bend, claimed that she was unfairly denied tenure by the University in 1993. She and former management professor Sonia Goltz, who filed her complaint at almost the same time, sought backpay wages, attorney's fees, punitive damages, and re-instatement with tenure.

Neither Kern nor the University are able to discuss the settlement due to a condition of the Aug. 10 agreement. The case would have gone to court on Aug. 31 if a settlement had not been reached, according to an Aug. 9 article in the South Bend Tribune.

Kern, who joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1985 as an instructor in the accounting department, became an assistant professor in 1986 and held the position until she was denied tenure in 1993. She was the first woman considered for tenure in the accounting department.

At the time Kern applied, the method for deciding whether to grant tenure was not widely known. Faculty members applied for tenure at the beginning of the academic year and received

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■ INSIDE COLUMN

Blue Plate Special

I had an awful dream last night. It started out simply enough: dining hall, lights and people scattered everywhere, arms grabbing and bodies shoving for their fair share of Fajita Sunrise Surprise and Turkey Au Gratin. I ate quickly as to escape the chaos, walked out of the dining hall doors and walked over to collect my backpack.



Heather MacKenzie
Assistant Managing Editor

Then I panicked. The immense wall of book bags yawned over me like some giant puzzle I could never begin to solve, green and black and blue with straps and handles poking out all over like stubble on a demon's chin. I pulled out one bag, and then another, but they all looked the same. Up and down the rows I searched, tearing open the bags to find books on Concepts of Mechanical Engineering, old Observers, sweaty gym clothes and drawing pencils, but my backpack seemed forever lost. And my history thesis research, including original documents and irreplaceable interview notes, had been inside.

Okay, so this nightmare has hints of the "go to school naked" theme that all of our subconscious selves explore at one time or another, but it brings up something that has bothered me ever since I walked into the newly renovated South Dining Hall two weeks ago.

Why on earth can't we take our book bags inside?

Maybe I'm different from the rest of you, but sometimes I like to have something other than the table flyers to look at during lunch. Last year, I'd sneak in the dining hall during off times to do homework and catch up on reading before my classes, with the added option of free soda refills and a cookie if I felt the urge. Mid-term and finals time were especially backpack-centric, as I joined several of my fellow students in last-minute crams before the big test.

But as I skipped into the new dining Mecca on the first day back, I was halted by the dining hall militia (who masquerade as those nice people who swipe your ID cards).

"STOP!!" the food police screamed. "You can't take THAT in there!"

So I can't do work at the dining hall. I'm at school, where I had always assumed the major premise was to study, to become more knowledgeable and learn how to question the world around me, but God forbid I educate myself and (gasp) eat at the same time.

My roommate and I have several theories on this new rule:

1) We might use our backpacks for evil, like stealing those new blue plates from the pasta line.

2) We might use our backpacks as weapons, pummeling the dining hall staff when they won't let us take out more than one fruit or pastry.

3) We might eat our backpacks instead of all the new food, therefore costing the University millions.

I've started going to North a lot more, where the rules haven't changed and I am free to keep my belongings with me at all times. For a University so steeped in tradition, they sure do seem to change the rules a lot. I just want my book bag so I can study. I promise.

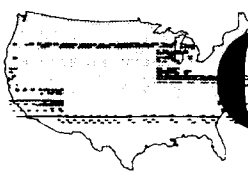
Although those blue plates have been looking pretty tempting lately ...

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Outside the Dome

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Michigan bill aims to protect students' free speech

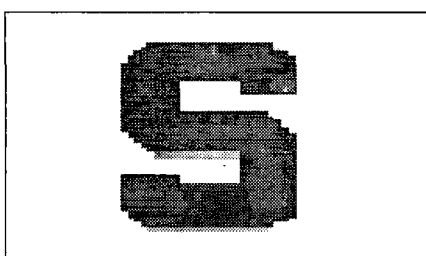
EAST LANSING, Mich.

A bill that would prevent colleges and universities from punishing student speech — even if it is considered offensive or hurtful — is being debated in the state Legislature.

Rep. Michelle McManus, R-Lake Leelanau, introduced the legislation that would prohibit state-supported colleges and universities from establishing rules that would punish students for speech-related incidents.

The bill is being reviewed in the House Constitutional and Civil Rights Committee.

"Rep. McManus wanted to establish a state statute that makes it inappropriate for universities to establish a policy that would punish students for speech," said Sylvia Warner, a spokeswoman for McManus' congressional campaign. McManus is running for the U.S. House of Representatives. McManus introduced the bill



because she recognized free speech rights had been a continuing issue, Warner said.

MSU doesn't enforce any speech codes, but the bill would protect future decisions to prohibit speech, said Henry Silverman, president of the Lansing branch of the American Civil Liberties Union.

"This sounds very encouraging that this kind of safeguard may be built into legislation," he said.

Jenny Matouka, former co-director of the Alliance of Lesbian-Bi-Gay and

Transgendered Students, agreed the bill would benefit college students.

"I think that the transient population at MSU makes it hard to have a solidified voice," she said. "People want censorship because they're afraid. It's not going to change their ignorance, it's just going to censor what they hear."

MSU has expressed its views on the free speech issue in the past.

President M. Peter McPherson issued statements in The State News in past years stating his "strong beliefs in the First Amendment of the Constitution." The letter emphasized "individual responsibility" and the "spirit of (MSU's) core values."

"Free speech is fundamental to the exchange of ideas; that is the academy," said Terry Denbow, vice president for university relations. "Malice and a reckless disregard for the truth is wrong."

■ OKLAHOMA UNIVERSITY

Smoke bomb damages fraternity

NORMAN, Okla.

Residents were evacuated from the Delta Upsilon fraternity house Tuesday morning when a smoke bomb was thrown onto a carpeted staircase, setting it on fire. Norman fire inspector Kevin Leach said that by the time he arrived on the scene at around 3:30 a.m., a member of the fraternity had extinguished the fire. "If it was not for someone being awake, someone could have gotten hurt," he said. Leach said he found the remnants of the smoke bomb on the charred staircase and another type of firework on the floor in the main entry. The back door to the house was left unlocked, he reported, and the city is investigating leads relating to the matter as possible first-degree arson. "It doesn't appear that anyone in the house did this as a practical joke," he said. Delta Upsilon President David Burrage said damage has not yet been estimated, but the carpet on the staircase and in part of the hall will have to be replaced.

■ UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-BERKELEY

Religious group taunts gay students

BERKELEY, Calif.

A rainbow flag waving next to a banner warning gays and lesbians to "Turn to Jesus or burn in Hell" was an unusual site meeting Berkeley students on the first day of classes. What shocked many students was that a church used fear tactics to denounce the homosexual lifestyle. Pastors from Bible Believers, a church in Newark, Calif., led a few members of the congregation in a rally on Sproul Plaza last week. The group taunted gays and lesbians with a six-foot banner that turned the word "gay" into an acronym for "Got AIDS Yet?" The Bible Believers also quoted scripture dooming homosexuals to an "eternity in hell." Pastor Kevin Farrer, 40, said his group came with good intentions. "I came to share the good news that Jesus forgives sins," said Farrer, who calls himself an ambassador of the kingdom of God. For the past 17 years, the Bible Believers have traveled across the country preaching the "good news" on college campuses.

■ SOUTH BEND WEATHER

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Friday	79	61
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Boise 98	63	Detroit 76	56	Phoenix 107	85
Chicago 76	56	Helena 96	56	St. Louis 93	69
Columbus 81	59	Maui 85	67	Topeka 93	63

Workshop teaches students to study, manage time better

By SARAH MAGNESS
News Writer

Even Leo Tolstoy had problems in college, but maybe he wouldn't have flunked out of school if he had attended one of the academic workshops offered by the Saint Mary's College Counseling and Career Development Center.

The eight-week workshop series, which began yesterday and is sponsored by the CCDC, aims to help students improve their study skills.

The workshops are run by Marylou Weber, a counselor at the center, for one hour every Wednesday beginning at 4 p.m. They attempt to reach out to freshmen who may have trouble studying during the transition into college and try to help those who have the tendency to procrastinate.

Students took a test to evaluate their habits in 12 areas: test taking, planning, motivation, memory, reading, observation, creativity, relationships, health, money, resources and purpose.

The first step was designed to determine how strong or weak the students are in the different areas so they can attempt to change their counter-productive habits. The scoring bases itself on a scale of one to five, with five indicating that the statement is always or almost always true and one meaning never or almost never true.

"My test scores reflect my knowledge of a subject" and "I assign priorities to each day's list of things to do" are examples of the statements in the self-evaluation.

An important point to realize, Weber said, is that there are areas where students are very strong and areas where they are weak. The goal is to reach a

balance among the different areas.

Weber gave the students some helpful tips such as completing the most difficult or least favorite subjects first. She also suggested studying somewhere quiet, preferably away from the dorm room.

"Treat study time like a class," she said. "Be there and stick to it."

Freshman Angela Cederquist said that the hour was well spent and worth her time. She looks forward to additional workshops, especially the one covering time management.

Weber stressed that students who may do very well in high school may not do as well in college because, if they do not have the right foundation of study habits, it can be a very difficult transition.

"[Parents can see] your purpose as being here to succeed academically while the student wants to succeed as a whole person," Weber said. She added that students needed to find a balance between the two ideas in order to create a healthy and happy college lifestyle.

Weber also emphasized that it is never too late to pick up effective study habits.

She hopes that the freshmen showing interest in the workshops will benefit from the information so that they may avoid the great stress associated with the end of the semester and exams.

The CCDC is open daily Monday to Friday for students who have further questions or cannot make the times of the workshop.

Weber concluded the session by stating a theme of the workshop: "If you wish to improve and you apply yourself, you can."

New offices dedicated

By MICHAEL FLANNERY
News Writer

At an afternoon ceremony attended by dozens of office employees, Notre Dame President Fr. Edward Malloy and Executive Vice President Fr. William Beauchamp blessed and dedicated the new facilities in Flanner and Grace Halls yesterday.

Both buildings are former residence halls, and each was closed for a year during their conversions into office buildings.

Malloy began his remarks by reminding the audience that he lived in Flanner Hall the year it opened. He

called the choice to convert the two dorms into offices "a difficult decision," but explained that he believed the buildings are better suited for office use than residence life because of their size.

Beauchamp, who lived in Grace Hall when he attended Notre Dame Law School in the early 1970s, called the renovations "a sign of how the campus has grown." He added that the changes are only some of many improvements taking place on campus.

After the ceremony, Malloy sprinkled holy water in the lobbies of both buildings.

Prof wins chem award

Special to The Observer

Richard W. Fessenden, professor of chemistry and biochemistry and associate director of the Radiation Laboratory at the University of Notre Dame, has been awarded the Silver Medal for chemistry from the International Electron Paramagnetic Resonance/Electron Spin Resonance (EPR/ESR) Society.

The award recognizes Fessenden's "outstanding contributions to the development of EPR spectroscopy." Throughout his career, Fessenden has been at the forefront of using EPR to interpret the molecular and electronic structure of free radicals and developing time-resolved EPR techniques to measure reaction rates of free radicals.

His 1963 work on the structures of hydrocarbon radicals remains the definitive study.

The medal was presented in August at the joint meeting of the 29th Colloque Ampere and the 13th

International A Conference on Magnetic Resonance.

A member of the Radiation Laboratory staff since 1976, Fessenden previously worked as a senior staff member at the Radiation Research Laboratory of the Mellon Institute. He also was a professor at Carnegie-Mellon University.

He received his bachelor's degree in chemistry from the University of Massachusetts and a doctorate in physical chemistry from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Funded by the U.S. Department of Energy and operated by the University, the Radiation Laboratory attracts chemists, physicists and biologists from around the world for research into the effects of radiation on matter.

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aid in coordinating Generations.

"There will be more activity than ever before," the 1976 alumnus said. Seeking donations of all sizes from many sources will remain a significant issue for the development office.

"This campaign can only be totally successful if we receive support from all levels. Annual fund giving is as important as other high profile donations," Reagan emphasized.

Preparations for the final fundraising push coincide with beginning of a new academic semester and new football season, timing that Reagan admits can help his department's efforts by rekindling interest in University activities.

Reagan disagreed with any notions that Notre Dame's fundraising activities rest on the fate of its football team. Studies completed by the University's marketing department reported that success on the football field does not necessarily translate into development success. Reagan explained. As an example, he pointed to the record-breaking fundraising that accompanied last year's unimpressive 7-6 season.

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a yes or no answer at the end of the year, she said. Individuals seeking tenure could suggest outside reviewers to evaluate their credentials, but none of Kern's four suggestions were consulted.

According to the Tribune article, only two women have gained tenure in the Business school since Kern applied: Carolyn Callahan, an accounting professor, and Carolyn Woo, a management professor and current dean of the college. The article also reported that of the 85 current members of the college, 12 are women.

Kern's case has led to a number of accusations against various faculty members in the college. She has claimed that a hostile environment created by the college resulted in her being treated differently in tenure and promotion decisions. Kern also claims that female faculty members received lower wages and benefits than male counter-

"It's not anything we worry about," Reagan said. "We're like everybody else in that we want the team to do well... [but] our alumni are very loyal." He added that external factors such as health of the national economy and strength of the stock market have a greater impact on development efforts than athletic circumstances.

Near the time of the University's sesquicentennial celebration in 1992, leaders began formulating the Generations campaign. Although more than 40 component goals were eventually selected to receive Generations money, three primary areas receive special fundraising consideration "day in and day out," Reagan explained.

Financial aid represents the single largest commitment of Generations money. Most of the \$120 million already raised towards this \$178 million commitment has entered the University's endowment where it will generate scholarship funds in perpetuity.

Faculty enhancement constitutes a second area of special importance for the campaign. Planners earmarked \$145 million for endowed faculty chairs. This money will be used to recruit and retain outstanding faculty, and donations towards this end have recently gained momentum following a slow start, Reagan said.

parts who perform similar jobs.

Although the male professors involved in Kern's case declined to comment in the Tribune article, Dennis Moore, Director of Public Relations and Information, criticized the story and said they remained silent due to the possibility that the case might go to court.

During the first week classes this year, Woo sent a letter to all MBA and MS accountancy students addressing the case.

"I am disheartened by the unfounded allegations that were used to build this case," Woo said in the letter. "Mostly, I am saddened by the damage and hurt that such allegations inflict on my colleagues."

Woo stated that the Department of Accountancy was the first department within the College of Business Administration to grant tenure to a woman. She also noted that the percentage of women faculty within the department actually exceeds the percentage of women active in the discipline. Woo pointed out that Professor Goltz lost her case in court.

"One of the great things about adding endowed chairs is they raise the quality of education without affecting tuition," he added.

A third primary component

in the campaign is money for the Hesburgh Library. The campaign has already raised \$17 million, much to improve and add academic collections.

While a recent increase in

campus construction has been a significant result of the Generations campaign, its costs represent only 20 percent of the total money, Reagan reported.

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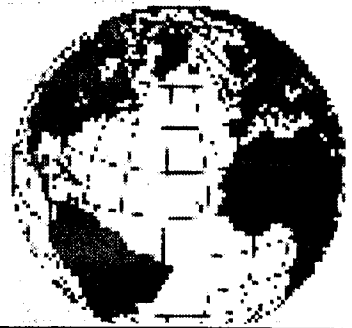
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■ WORLD BRIEFS

Pakistan: India's missile tests threaten the region

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan

Pakistan on Wednesday protested a missile test this week by neighboring India, warning that such weapons programs endanger the entire region. India on Tuesday test-fired a short-range ground-to-air Akash missile as part of an ongoing missile development program, Indian news reports said. The rocket is designed to carry conventional weapons. In response, the Pakistani Foreign Ministry said the deployment and testing of such missiles undermines regional security, and urged international pressure on India to show restraint in developing weapons. Pakistan has lost three wars since 1948 to its larger neighbor India, and in May it exploded its first atomic weapons in response to a series of nuclear weapons tests by India this year.

Earl rages through Florida

PANAMA CITY BEACH, Fla.

Unpredictable Hurricane Earl lumbered Wednesday toward Florida's Panhandle with 100 mph winds and whipping streets, shearing off tree limbs and whipping up dangerous surf. "It's sitting out there kind of shopping for a place to come in. The longer it stays the more it's going to build," said Mick Homer, 51, a car salesman from Panama City Beach buying batteries at a Wal-Mart. Though still offshore, Earl's effects were already being felt along the coast by Wednesday evening. Winds gusted up to 50 mph as Panama City Beach residents boarded up homes and businesses. Many tourists packed up and left. At 8 p.m. EDT, Earl was centered about 70 miles south-southwest of Destin, Fla., moving northeast near 10 mph. Hurricane-force winds extended out 90 miles to the east of the center and tropical storm-force winds of 39 mph extended out 175 miles. Earl's center was expected to come ashore early Thursday, then cut across southern Georgia and into South Carolina. A hurricane warning was posted for about 320 miles of coastline, from Pascagoula, Miss., to a point near Tallahassee. Meanwhile, islands off Tallahassee were under mandatory evacuation.

FDA approves cancer drug

BETHESDA, Md.

The first in a wave of gene-based attacks on cancer took a step forward Wednesday as government scientists recommended that the drug, Herceptin, be sold to fight advanced breast cancer. Herceptin does not cure breast cancer, but for some 30 percent of patients whose tumors are fueled by a bad gene, it offers a chance at living a little longer after the cancer has spread through a woman's body, scientific advisers to the Food and Drug Administration concluded. In a second potentially critical advance against breast cancer on Wednesday, FDA officials said another drug, tamoxifen, may reduce chances that healthy women will get the disease late in life.

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Sanmina Corp.	SANM	-7.80%	-2.125	25.125
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Coston Corp.	CO T	-2.75%	-0.338	45.06
Oracle Corp.	ORCL	-1.42%	-0.236	20.31
Ciena Corp.	CEN	-15.34%	-5.125	28.47
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The Rescuers: Army personnel rescue children in Malda Town in West Bengal state of India Tuesday after Malda town and adjoining areas of Malda district and parts of Bihar state lay submerged in water. A total of 53 million people have been affected by the floods.

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Rising Waters

Tensions run high as floods continue to ravage India

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ARSASHUKRULLAH, India

Poor villagers driven from their mud huts by the worst flooding in decades in northern India pushed and vied for scarce food packets as they fled for safety.

The death toll from the relentless rains has risen to nearly 1,350, officials said.

Nearly 12 million villagers have been marooned or left shelterless in the past three weeks as the monsoon rains pushed rivers over their banks in Uttar Pradesh, the most populous Indian state with 150 million people.

On Wednesday, air force helicopters ferried crucial food supplies to thousands of villages whose only connection to civilization are makeshift helipads built on rain-soaked terrain, Air Commodore B.N. Gokhale, a spokesman for the air

FLOODS IN INDIA

- More than 53 million affected
- 1,350 dead, 12 million villagers rendered homeless in 3 weeks

force, told The Associated Press.

Gokhale said pilots were flying 20 or more sorties a day to drop food packets in battered and hungry villages.

Near Parsashukrullah, a Muslim-dominated village that until last week was under 7 feet of water, about 1,000 men, women and children lined up to receive parcels of rice.

Several young men jostled each other and threw punches as they grabbed for the small packets thrown from a parked truck by volunteers. Police tried to keep order with wooden clubs.

Rescue workers said they were hamstrung by a shortage of boats and doctors. "We could do with 300 more boats," Pradeep Srivastava, a local government official, told reporters in Gorakhpur, the hardest-hit district.

Rescuers are relying on 7,685

small country boats and 73 motorized skiffs, officials said. The government's Flood Control Center in Lucknow, the state capital, said 23,145 villages in 47 of the state's 83 districts were either submerged or surrounded by water. At least 1,203 people have drowned and another 141 have died from waterborne diseases such as cholera, diarrhea and hepatitis, the center said.

Villagers stranded in relief camps have little or no access to drinking water and often drink, bathe and wash their clothes in fetid water. In deep floodwaters, poisonous cobras and vipers have been flushed from their homes, and doctors have been treating a growing number of snakebites.

Most of those rendered homeless or marooned are poor farmers who live in mud-thatched homes. Kasha Singh Gosain, a 45-year-old farmer who lives near Gorakhpur, said he would have earned \$150 from his rice — a third of his income for the year — if the rains hadn't come.

"Below this lies my rice crop," he said, pointing to a vast expanse of water outside his village.

■ NORTHERN IRELAND

IRA will 'work with' disarmament groups

ASSOCIATED PRESS

BELFAST

The Irish Republican Army took a step closer to disarming Wednesday, while peace-making momentum mounted on the eve of President Clinton's visit.

Ending months of delay, the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party announced that Martin McGuinness — its senior

negotiator and a reputed former IRA chief — would work with the Canadian-led commission charged with disarming paramilitary groups under terms of Northern Ireland's peace accord.

In London and Dublin, the British and Irish governments welcomed Sinn Fein's move as they convened emergency sessions of lawmakers to push through anti-

terrorist laws designed to imprison IRA dissidents who oppose the April accord.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair faced stronger-than-expected criticism from a minority of lawmakers — including 16 from his own Labor Party — over his determination to push his Terrorism and Conspiracy Bill through both houses of Parliament by

Thursday night.

Most of his critics said they supported the proposed crackdown but thought Parliament deserved more time to consider amendments to the bill, which would restrict the right to silence for suspected IRA dissidents and give greater weight in court to police claims that people are splinter-group members.

Senate

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often received after classes have ended, making payment more complicated.

Finally, he pointed out that SUB's movie series was not as profitable as in the past because the company from which they get the movies takes a certain cut of profits.

Stecz did shoulder some of the blame, however, while also pointing to the complicated nature of budgeting the Student Union Board and pledging to decrease what spending he could.

"We can definitely make some cuts, and we will, but it's hard to keep track of every dollar," he stated. "I tried as hard as I could and I wish I'd done a better job."

To help alleviate some of the deficit pressure, Cesaro announced that his office would cut \$8,000 in spending, which amounts to approximately %20 of its budget.

"We plan to implement our contingency plans," he said, stating that one of his projects over the summer was to cut waste from the budget. "We can still put on activities, but in a different way, and in a way that will get more people involved."

Ultimately, the ramifications of this deficit will not be felt in the immediate future. Because when the \$247,000 in funding comes in July when the Student Activities Fees are paid, it is enough to cover the deficit.

No programming will be canceled, but no capital improvements such as new computers or furniture will be made either. However, all those present agreed that the loss must be erased.

"Someone will take the hit," said Wolfe. "Whether it's now or later, the FMB will decide We don't exactly know where the money is going to come from."

In other Senate news:

•The senate passed a resolution calling for increased student involvement in the selection of



Pete Cesaro announced yesterday that the Office of the President would cut 20 percent of its budget, amounting to \$8,000, in an attempt to recoup money that was lost in the last fiscal year due to excessive spending.

commencement speakers. The bill was written last spring during the controversy over the selection of Indiana Lt. Governor Joe Kernan.

The resolution, which calls for change in the time for solicitation of ideas from the junior class officers, has been the subject of significant debate in the Senate and has been rewritten several times. If it did not pass at this meeting, it would have been

killed under senate procedural laws.

The motion passed 22-1-3.

•The senate unanimously passed a resolution commending the University for its work on campus improvements over the summer.

"This will put the honor where it needs to go," said residence life committee chair Matt Mamak. "This is a clear, easy way to show our gratitude."

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Tough college assignment: finding housing in big cities

Associated Press

BOSTON

Before she even cracked a book for graduate school, Jennifer Jensen was handed one of the toughest assignments in Boston: competing with 67,000 other students in finding a place to live.

Jensen arrived in this college-rich city only to learn she was homeless. An apartment she found had been rented out from under her, a result of the tightest housing crunch in years.

The story is the same in cities across the country. Slim vacancy rates and anti-student attitudes are forcing young scholars to share apartments, to seek dormitory rooms and even camp out on campus.

Housing is so tight at the University of California, Berkeley that one student rolled out a sleeping bag in a Bay Area Rapid Transit district station.

Another lived in a van. At Stanford University, some students pitched tents on campus to protest rental rates.

Boston's 3 percent vacancy rate, the lowest in almost 15 years, has students scrambling for housing before the semester begins.

"Loans for school are \$22,000 a year, and I'm gonna have debts for the rest of my life," Jensen said.

"I just didn't realize it would be so hard to find somewhere to live."

Some students are clamoring to live in dorms. But Boston's 32 area colleges and universities cannot offer the same guarantee as small liberal arts schools, such as William College, which provide four years of campus housing.

And students who opt out of Boston University's housing system their sophomore year — maybe for a cheaper apartment a few blocks

away — have no way back in.

Nationally, rents rose 3.2 percent between June 1997 and June 1998, according to a National Multi Housing Council report based on data from the Department of Labor.

In cities with large student populations, rents rose even faster.

In Berkeley, the average monthly rent now for a one-bedroom apartment is \$763, according to college housing officials. Rents in the Boston area, where students pay from \$800 to \$1,400 for a one-bedroom home, increased an average of 4.3 percent during the year ending in June. In San Francisco — the nation's second-most expensive real estate market, according to some surveys — rents went up 8.3 percent in the same period.

Even in small cities, students face a crunch. Landlords in Burlington, Vt. — where the vacancy rate is only 1 percent and a one-bedroom place averages about \$660 — say it's not uncommon to receive 50 phone calls the first day an apartment is advertised. Prospective tenants often offer to pay more than the advertised rent, said Joan Tessier, owner of Apartment Finders.

And in Seattle, the vacancy rate has dropped to 2 percent, according to the Student Housing Office at the University of Washington.

At this time last year, the office was receiving 30 to 40 housing listings each day. Now, an average day brings only 14 listings.

At the same time, rents for studios and one-bedroom apartments — which range from \$550-\$700 — are going up an average of \$100.

"Our school doesn't start until the end of September, so a lot of problems haven't gotten that bad yet," student Alysia Madsen said. "But in about three weeks students will start to freak out."

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JENNIFER JENSEN
COLLEGE STUDENT IN BOSTON

Teens know TV stats, not government info

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Three-quarters of all American teen-agers know what city has the ZIP code 90210 (Beverly Hills), but only one-quarter know in what city the Constitution was written (Philadelphia).

And 81 percent know that the musical group Hanson is made up of three brothers.

Twenty-one percent know how many lawmakers are in the Senate (100), the National Constitution Center said Wednesday.

The group is building a museum in Philadelphia designed to make Americans more familiar with the Constitution.

There is some good news:

Nearly 74 percent know that Al Gore is vice president. But that's well below the 90 percent who know that Leonardo DiCaprio was the male star of the movie "Titanic."

Too few Americans have even a basic working knowledge of their government, especially the Constitution, Philadelphia Mayor Edward Rendell told a Senate Appropriations subcommittee.

"I believe that building this museum and reversing this tide of ignorance is absolutely critical to the health of our democracy," said Rendell, who is chairman of the center.

"The Constitution doesn't work by itself. It depends on active, informed citizens."

Groundbreaking for the "experiential" museum is scheduled for Constitution Day, Sept. 17, 2000. Rendell is asking Congress to approve a \$20 million contribution toward the museum this year, and the center hopes the

government eventually will contribute half the \$130 million cost.

The center's survey was released a few days before the start of Constitution Week, Sept. 17 to Sept. 23, an observance that will mark the 211th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution.

The nationwide telephone survey of 600 teen-agers between the ages of 13 and 17 had a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points.

It also found that:

- Only 41 percent of American teen-agers can name the three branches of government, but 59 percent can name the Three Stooges.

- Seventy-four percent can name the city where cartoon character Bart Simpson lives (Springfield), but only 12 percent know where Abraham Lincoln lived (Springfield, Ill.).

- Less than 2 percent recognize James Madison as the father of the Constitution, while 58 percent know Bill Gates as the father of Microsoft.

- Nearly 95 percent can name the actor who played the Fresh Prince of Bel Air (Will Smith) on television, but only 2 percent can name the chief justice of the Supreme Court (William Rehnquist).

- Twenty-five percent know at least one of the constitutional rights the Fifth Amendment protects. Nearly 64 percent know what "The Club" protects (a car).

- About 90 percent can name the star of the television series "Home Improvement" (Tim Allen), but less than 33 percent can name the speaker of the House (Newt Gingrich).

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Pilots avert collision course over California

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

Pilots of two commercial airliners on a collision course at 25,000 feet averted disaster by turning sharply at the last second — a situation created by what federal aviation officials called a lapse by a busy air traffic controller.

No one was hurt in the incident Monday, but the controllers union says it was a symptom of understaffing at the Los Angeles Air Route Traffic Control Center in Palmdale, which monitors 178,000 square miles of airspace over Southern California.

"The flying public and the American people need to know that at Los Angeles Center, routinely, positions that are designed to be staffed by two controllers — especially during busy times — are being staffed by just one controller," said Hamid Ghaffari, a spokesman for the National Air Traffic Controllers Association.

Delta Airlines Flight 550, an L-1011, and Alaska Airlines Flight 257, an MD-80, were as close as 2 1/2 miles apart when an air traffic controller noticed the potential disaster Monday afternoon.

With a combined speed of 1,000 mph, that means impact was just eight seconds away. Federal Aviation Administration rules call for

planes to be five miles apart horizontally and 1,000 feet vertically, said FAA spokesman Mitch Barker in Seattle.

The two planes were over the Anza Borrego Desert State Park in San Diego County.

The Alaska plane was headed to Los Angeles from Mexico and the Delta plane from Los Angeles to Atlanta. Both planes were at 25,000 feet, and the Delta plane was rerouted south to avoid thunderstorms — putting it closer to the Alaska plane.

When the Alaska plane was handed over from the Mexican air traffic center to the Los Angeles one, the air traffic controller in Palmdale requested the pilot pull up to 27,000 feet.

The pilot was unable to get to that altitude, but the controller was too busy and forgot to record it — which amounted "operational error," Barker said.

When the controller realized it, both planes were ordered to make immediate 40-degree turns.

Spokesmen for Delta and Alaska Airlines said they were unaware of the near miss and didn't know how many people were on the planes. The Delta plane can carry around 400 people and the Alaska Airlines plane about 140.

Ghaffari said the Los Angeles Center has only 228 certified controllers despite authorization for 323.

Former Senator Bill Bradley of New Jersey

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**Thursday, September 3,
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student union HAPPENINGS

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Movie: The Wedding Singer.

09/03. Thursday.
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09/05. Saturday.

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1030PM.
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09/03. Thursday.

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0900PM-1200AM.

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Dillon Hall Pep Rally.

09/03. Thursday.

Dillon Hall.

Gender Relations Week.

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OMSA (OFFICE of MULTICULTURAL STUDENT AFFAIRS)

OMSA First Friday.

09/04. Friday.

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Fieldhouse Mall.

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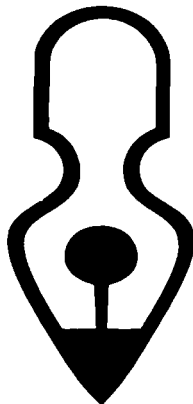
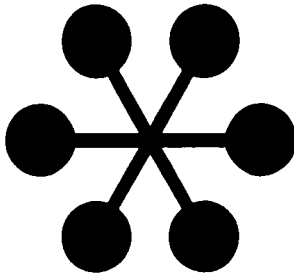
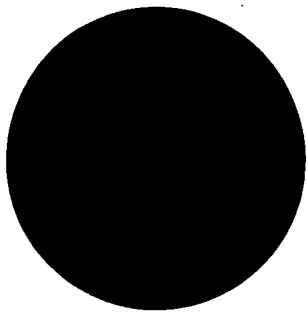
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09/08. Tuesday.

0700PM-0900PM.



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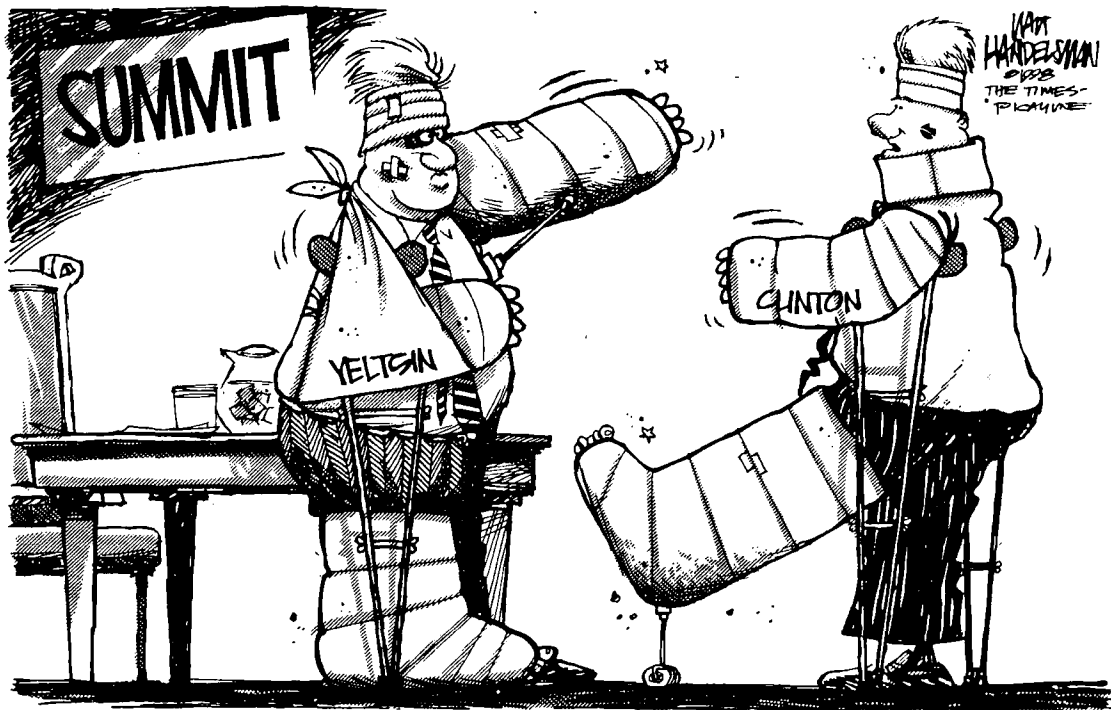
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"...OKAAAY... WELL, SO MUCH FOR THE CEREMONIAL HANDSHAKE....."

■ THE WILD COLONIAL BOY

Drink with your family before you drive

I began the last column I wrote raving about Spain, where I spent some time this summer teaching English. Well, I'm going to begin this column the same way. I don't want anyone getting the wrong impression. I love America, and I'm

Eduardo Llull



proud to live here, but Spain is definitely ahead of us in a few areas.

First of all they set aside a period of the day as nap time. For some reason we do away with this custom during childhood. Also, the food is exquisite, and the wine is great, oh, and then there's the sangria. In Spain you can drink on the street and not be harassed, they party until nine in the morning and — here's the best part — they have beer vending machines. What a great country!

This brings me to the point of my column. The attitude about drinking in Spain is much different. Kids can drink when they're 16, and most of them begin much earlier than that because their parents let them drink at home.

It was a bit strange for me to be eating lunch with my students and have them bring a bottle of wine to the table for us to share. (It was even stranger to have them light up a cigarette after the meal — the smoking age in Spain is 14.) Just six months earlier I had turned of legal age in the States, and there I was in Spain teaching kids, many of whom were already legal to consume and buy alcohol.

They laugh at us when it comes to this

issue. We call ourselves the land of the free and yet some of our laws are much more restrictive than those of other countries.

According to our government we are adults when we turn 18, however we are adults that are forbidden to drink alcohol for three years after that. Good old Ronald Reagan felt so strongly about increasing the drinking age to 21 that he threatened to pull federal funds from each state that didn't comply. As we all know, they complied.

Obviously our leaders are concerned with our alcohol abuse in this country, as they should be. The number of deaths from alcohol poisoning and drunk driving accidents is appalling. What our leaders need to do instead is reexamine the nature of our laws.

In Spain they don't drive until 18 — until the thrill of legally drinking has worn off. In America we begin driving at an age when legal drinking is far in the future which makes driving to a remote area to get drunk fun.

We can learn from other societies, and in this case, we need to take a lesson from the Spanish. We should receive all the responsibilities and rights (i.e. voting, driving, tobacco) of adulthood when we become adults at 18 — all the rights and responsibilities with the exception of

drinking.

The Spanish believe that the pros and cons of drinking alcohol should be learned in the home under the supervision of the parents — not when people leave home and have their first taste of freedom. People wonder why there is a drinking problem on America's college campuses.

I'm pretty sure that in Spain they don't do 16 shots on their 16th birthday, and I

never out of control.

The juxtaposition of these two societies and their approach to drinking leads one to believe that it may have a lot to do with the age factor. The reason Americans have problems with alcohol may be more complex than just this, but it is still worth considering.

In my last column I discussed the importance of family structure. There are many things the government could do to foster the strength of the family (i.e. protect life). How about giving the family a chance to instill virtues such as temperance in their children? Instead we spend good tax payers' money to police our alcohol consumption until, all of a sudden at 21, we're ready to drink.

As I already conceded, there is more to the drinking problem in America than just the drinking age — take the stress factor for example. I also understand that such a change in culture could be dangerous. The point is that it would be beneficial to take away the magic that surrounds getting drunk by making alcohol something that begins in the home.

As far as the stress problem goes, I believe the Spanish once again have a solution for us — la siesta.

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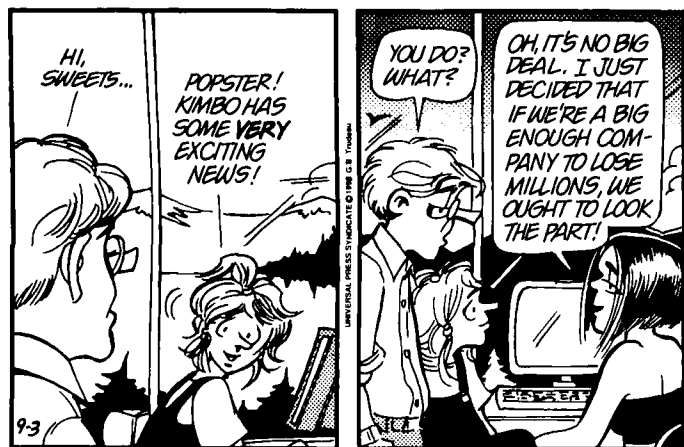


didn't once see a Spanish kid shotgun a beer. They don't understand how we Americans sometimes drink ourselves into the hospital or get into accidents because we're drunk. (In Spain they get into accidents because they're horrible drivers.) They don't bong beers or pass out at the bar. (Note: This is not a holier than thou lecture. Believe me, my hypocrisy has its limits.)

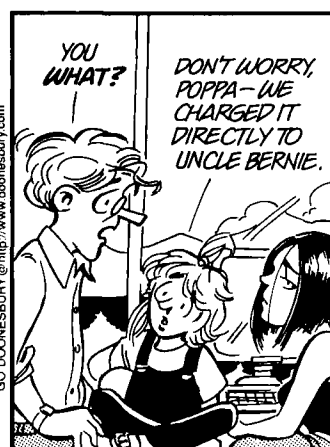
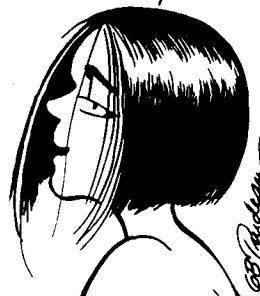
Don't get me wrong. The Spanish are not exactly models of sobriety themselves. I did see Spaniards get drunk, but

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WHAT DO YOU MEAN?



■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

'The difference between Los Angeles and yogurt is that yogurt has real culture.'

— Tom Taussik

■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The virtue of listening is a fundamental ministry

Listening is a virtue rather than an art, because it lies in both the spiritual and the human; and as we listen, he or she is telling a little about their lives as well as our own.

One writer has observed that, "For nothing opens the human heart more than complete listening, taking the time to enter into the worries, loneliness and good news that are being put before us; a school of patience, but in the first place, a school of self forgetfulness. The greatest good we can render for him or her, is not to give them what we have, but rather, to show them how much they have to give."

Another writer speaks tellingly of the amount of abuse and negligence that women and children suffer, the number of unhappy marriages or those that end in divorce, and the number of family feuds is sufficient witness to the fact of a continuing family apostolate where family members will have a loving and a patient listening to each other's joys sorrows, ups and downs of daily living which should be our first area of concern.

The Reverend Father Kenneth E. Grabner, C.S.C., has authored a book titled "Focus Your Day," a meditative reminder for each day of the year published in paperback by the Ave Maria Press, Notre Dame, Indiana, which is so helpful to me in bringing God, my neighbor and myself closer together as we pass each other on the way by being awake and attentive.

Allow me to quote (with permission of the author) the excerpt for the 26th of August titled, "Meaning What You Say," "Words spoken without meaning touch no one's heart, neither God's nor man's. Would such words be best unspoken?"

"We speak meaninglessly whenever we speak mindlessly. Whenever we ask, 'How are you?' without mindfulness or caring, we betray our lack of attention. And when we speak to anyone without attention, we show a lack of love.

"Communication that touches the heart can be made only by those who are attentive to the persons they address, and who are mindful of what they say.

"Lord, may I be awake and attentive to the way I communicate, and truly mean the words I speak."

Organizers of work shops, seminars and/or study groups might consider including listening for discussion because of its importance (as I have indicated), in human relationships whether in families or whatever.

May I suggest to preachers of the Word, a pastoral ministry of visiting and of listening to the lonely, the elderly and the disabled and their needs. As President Kennedy once said, "We must make God's Work truly our own." Surely, one of God's finest attributes is "listening," but we must be attentive to His soft, tender and whispering voice.

As resource persons in the study of "listening," I seriously recommend bartenders, barbers and/or hair dressers for their long experience in "listening" to a variety of concerns and personalities, and whenever I think of these dedicated professionals, I'm reminded of the Seventh Beatitude, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God."

In addition, we must be patient with ourselves, so that he or she will be at their ease and given ample room and time to express themselves in their own time and harmony. We must be willing to become vulnerable ourselves, so that they cease to be others and become like ourselves.

When we are too busy (like two trains passing each other in the night whiz and they are gone), to take time off from our work and relax, may be the time when we need to "listen" to our own needs and even better to "listen" to the needs of others who pass us on the way.

Brother Edward V. Courtney, C.S.C.
Columbia Hall, Notre Dame
August 31, 1998



■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Despite record on abortion Notre Dame benefits from Bradley's presence

A university is a forum for unrestricted intellectual exchange. Although Notre Dame is a Catholic academic institution, I feel it would be a disservice to the students of this University if the administration were to require all courses and professors to conform to every aspect of the Catholic catechism.

Higher education should prepare the individual to function in the real world. For better or worse, all humans must one day leave this Catholic Disney World and enter a society in which each person has the right to not only think what he or she chooses, but to also speak those views and to take appropriate action, such as voting a certain way.

Even though one of the factors causing me to attend Notre Dame was the Catholic influence, I would not have come here if I thought the school operated in some type of Catholic vacuum.

The world is full of varying opinions and it is my hope that a college education will expose me to as many viewpoints as possible rather than selectively filtering those that may contradict my personal beliefs. I feel it is my right to decide which views I shall adopt as my own and it is the University's obligation to protect that right through offering a myriad of choices.

A university is a forum for unrestricted intellectual exchange. It is time to stop lamenting over the imminent poisoning of our Catholic tradition by Senator Bradley. We must welcome him to our community and share with him what Notre Dame and the Catholic faith have to offer. Education is not a one way street. For all the fear that Bradley is going to affect attitudes at Notre Dame, is it not just as plausible to hope that Notre Dame can have the same effect on the senator?

Brian Wolford
Class of '01
September 1, 1998

In response to the letter to the editor entitled "Bradley invitation a disservice to Notre Dame community," I disagree with Joseph Scheidler's position.

Scheidler's primary opposition to Bradley's invitation, and any other guest lecturer at Notre Dame, is he votes in favor of abortion. Worse is that Scheidler likened inviting Bill Bradley to the same as inviting the Grand Dragon of the Klu Klux Klan (racist) or Mussolini (fascist)!

Excuse me, but I don't recall one's opinion on abortion being a consideration for teaching at or admission to Notre Dame. Unless, he is lecturing on the teachings of the Catholic church, I'm not sure how or why this topic would even come up in the classroom.

I don't know much about Bill Bradley, but I do know that he has been a senator, a Rhodes Scholar and a two-time NBA champion. His insight into the making of American policy alone is enough to warrant an invitation to lecture here. He also represents to our athletes what we hope for in them; one who excelled in sports as well as academics.

It's okay for a Catholic university to have students, faculty and staff who have differing opinions. I'm not sure what the Church's position on capital punishment is, but I don't see why that should prevent someone from teaching math or English or even speak to the graduating class.

It would be a disservice not to have had the opportunity to hear, for example, Albert Einstein lecture at Notre Dame if he thought it was okay for a woman to decide what she could do with her body.

Jucaian Butler
Graduate student
September 1, 1998

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album reviews



Photo courtesy of W.A.R. Records

The Samples Here And Somewhere Else W.A.R. Records ★★★★ (best out of five)

Walk another mile/Climb another hill/While tripping through the daisies/I take another fall" sings Sean Kelly in an obvious reference to the band he fronts, The Samples. Known for a work ethic that other bands can only dream of, The Samples have been through pretty much everything in the last 10 years. They've seen bands that once opened for them (the Dave Matthews Band, for example) rise to national stardom, lost loved ones, left two different major record labels, and as of recently, witnessed themselves on the verge of breakup. In the spring of '97, drummer Jeep Nichols and keyboardist Al Laughlin amicably left the band, while singer/guitarist Sean Kelly and bassist Andy Sheldon were faced with yet another hill to climb.

Instead of letting the departures be the final chapter of the band, Sheldon and Kelly decided to forge ahead and establish a new era in the band's rich history. After more than two years in the making, The Samples have released their first studio album since the band's membership major shuffle. On *Here and Somewhere Else*, Sean Kelly and Andy Sheldon reflect back on their careers in The Samples while incorporating the new members' talents to the band's creative energy, resulting in the most mature album put out by the band yet.

The album opener, "We All Move On," immediately reminded this fan of the band's two earliest studio albums. Celebrating change and perseverance, the song's reggae-pop sound, characteristic of the band's early material, is actually attributed to the contributions of new keyboardist, Alex Matson. Matson's masterful touches help guide the song through its "ebb-and-flow" tempo, giving the song the same instant-gratification sound that blessed The Samples favorite "Did You Ever Look So

Nice."

The album reflects a change in the band's approach to songwriting. Instead of building a song around a groove, the tracks are laden with smart, elaborate arrangements and incredible production craftsmanship. Backed by a cello, Kelly's melodious piano piece, "Little People" sounds like a *White Album* era McCartney song. "Losing End of Distance" and "Going Through Changes" also demonstrate the orchestration and maturation of the band's music.

As a bonus, the CD is enhanced with behind-the-scenes footage of the band recording *Here and Somewhere Else* which can be viewed on your computer. Following along the lines of the band's '94 home video, *Ten Wheels*, there are interviews, lyrics (which explains why they weren't printed in the sleeve), and hilarious skits featuring the band.

The Samples and their music have evolved over the years and *Here and Somewhere Else* is a fresh beginning for the band. I applaud The Samples for reestablishing themselves with this album. Even with all the challenges Kelly and Sheldon have faced in the last two years, they have released a album that reflects the loose nature that The Samples are known for, while at the same time, they have taken their songwriting to a more mature level.

Emmett Malloy

Umphrey's McGee Greatest Hits Volume III Independent ★★★★ (best out of five)

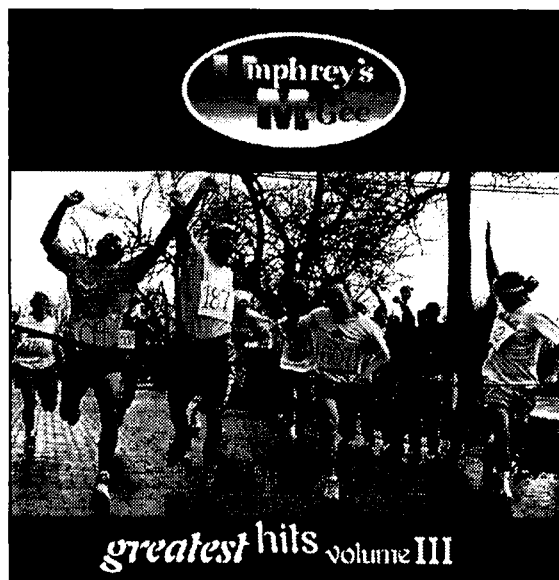


Photo courtesy of Joel Cummins

The local music scene at Notre Dame has been described in many ways by those students craving good live tunes; most of these descriptions are not positive to say the least. Many students are increasingly pessimistic this year after the departure of the Skalcobolics, last year's battle of the bands winner, and the disbanding of the long standing Stomper Bob. Thankfully, there is hope in Umphrey's McGee.

With the release of their first album entitled *Greatest Hits Volume III*, Umphrey's McGee has put into a CD the exact feel-good vibes that have made them Notre Dame's fastest rising band since their inception in early 1998. The band formed as two members of Stomper Bob departed and joined with two members of a band called Tashi Station. The four hoped to pool their talents and common musical interests to form a band centered around "improvisation and a willingness to take the music in unforeseen directions." There definitely seem to be a lot of things going right for Umphrey's McGee; within the first months of playing, they opened up a stellar performance at the State Theatre in South Bend (unprecedented for such a young campus band). Soon after, the group headed into the studio for their first recording session which yielded the new CD, released at the end of the school year.

Greatest Hits Volume III contains many of the songs one might hear at one of their many local shows with each song emitting its own distinct feel. The album's first appeal is the title and cover artwork, all suggesting Umphrey's "Don't take us too

seriously" attitude. When the music starts, it evokes a "let's get down to business" jam. The songs exhibit influences of jazz, funk, and rock while their most evident musical counterpart seems to be the band Phish. Don't be confused though, Umphrey's McGee explores many different styles on this album. Many of the songs seemingly flow and float through dynamic and rhythmic contrasts bringing about interesting mood shifts. To further suggest the feel of Umphrey's live sound, many of the songs continue for as long as fifteen minutes while most average about eight.

So though the rest of the Notre Dame music scene this year may not look promising, there is a bright spot. With this solid new CD, Umphrey's McGee has established themselves atop the scene. Four hundred CDs have already been sold, forcing more to be reordered. For information on purchasing one, contact their web page: www.nd.edu/~jroach/mcgee. Also look out for Umphrey's McGee this Saturday night at the Madison Street Oyster Bar.

Dave Clark

concert reviews



Feeling strangely popular

Harvey Danger and Semisonic play at Springsteen's old hangout

The summer tour of the band Semisonic could have been easily overlooked by music fans in light of the major summer concerts including the Tibetan Freedom Festival, Pearl Jam and the Dave Matthews Band. While I was unable to see any of the aforementioned big name acts, I was fortunate enough to see several small shows including the band Semisonic before they began their summer tour with Matchbox 20 and Soul Asylum. Semisonic, with opener Harvey Danger, appeared at the Stone Pony in Asbury Park, NJ, a intimate venue frequented by Bruce Springsteen in his glory days. The concert was nearly sold out, due in part to the constant radio play of Semisonic's "Closing Time" and Harvey Danger's "Flagpole Sitta." Both bands proved that there is more to their music than these overplayed chart toppers, however.

Harvey Danger, one of the most recent products of the infamous Seattle music scene, is made up of Aaron Huffman (bass), Jeff J. Lin (guitar), Sean Nelson (vocals), and Evan Sult (drums). Their debut album, "Where have all the merrymakers gone?," mixes pop and punk with a cynical edge. Some of their more memorable lyrics include: "Been around the world and found that only stupid people are breeding, the cretins cloning and feeding" The highlights of their set were "Carlotta Valdez," "Jack the Lion," and of course "Flagpole Sitta." Although I did not completely enjoy their compact disc upon my first listen, the energy of their live performance encouraged me to give it another chance. Harvey Danger's debut album is worth a listen, but it is even more worthwhile to see them live if you have the opportunity.

The Minneapolis based band Semisonic includes Dan Wilson (guitar/lead vocals, John Munson (bass/vocals), and Jacob Slichter (drums/vocals). Their first album, "Great Divide" and their most recent offering "Feeling Strangely Fine" are great modern pop albums. Some music fans might doubt that there is more to Semisonic than their catchy single "Closing Time," but it is definitely worth listening to their albums. Semisonic's performance featured many of the great singles from "Great Divide" including "F.N.T" and "Down In Flames" and virtually all of their new album. The standouts were "Made To Last" in which lead singer Dan Wilson asked for the audience's help, and "Never You Mind" which was performed acoustic due to an equipment problem, "Completely Pleased" which was dedicated to the women in attendance, "Singing In My Sleep," and "DND."

Ironically they did not close with "Closing Time." After the show I had the opportunity to meet Dan, John, and Jacob. They were kind enough to chat with and sign autographs for their fans. They were pleasant and appreciative that their performance was well received. With this attitude and their musical talent Semisonic will be headlining larger venues and achieving more musical success in no time.

Jennifer Zatorski

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Cowboys plagued by preseason disorganization

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas
The Dallas Cowboys felt Chan Gailey's influence immediately. All he had to do was hand over the new playbook, which is the size of a small-town phone directory.

The former Pittsburgh offensive coordinator has installed an offense completely unfamiliar to Troy Aikman, Emmitt Smith, Michael Irvin and the huge offensive line.

So nobody is sure what kind of team to expect under the new coach when the Cowboys open the regular season Sept. 6 at home against the Arizona Cardinals. Except for a two-touchdown fling in the first half of an exhibition game against St. Louis, Dallas has looked disorganized.

"We just need to get confidence in what we are doing and we keep getting a little better every day," Aikman said. "Also, I'm saying my prayers at night."

Gailey, who replaced Barry

Switzer, is noted for his innovations. As a coach at Troy State he won the NCAA small college championship by running a no-huddle wishbone.

The Cowboys worked on everything from a five-receiver set to putting wideout Irvin in the backfield during training camp, but rarely have shown such formations in the preseason.

Aikman has had good and bad moments operating out of the shotgun for the first time in his career.

"I've never objected to the shotgun," he said. "I just always thought we did pretty well in the offense we were running. There are some good things about the shotgun. It gives you a little more time to read the defense. The bad things include a bad snap."

Smith has shown flashes that he may be ready for a big season. He rushed for 110 yards in the first half against St. Louis and looked like the Emmitt of old, not the old Emmitt he resembled a year ago.

"Maybe everyone can quit asking coach Gailey who is going to start at running back," said Smith, who has been battling criticism he is too beat up and old to remain an impact player. Former Seattle Seahawk Chris Warren was picked up as insurance.

Smith will be asked to read and react under Gailey's system instead of bursting through a hole like he did under Jimmy Johnson and Switzer. The offensive linemen will be blocking in a zone area and not taking on a specific defender.

"It's definitely different," said Smith, who has rushed for more than 1,000 yards for seven straight seasons. "I'm having to read my blocks and then make cuts. It will take time to get a feel for it."

A second starting receiver opposite Irvin must be found and it could be Billy Davis, who caught a touchdown pass against the Rams and has been running ahead of Ernie Mills, who played for Gailey in

Pittsburgh.

Irvin said he likes the new offense.

"We're getting it down a little bit at a time," he said. "Anyone who thought we would grasp this offense from the start was doing a little wishful thinking. But it will come."

"The man was hired to fix mistakes, particularly mental mistakes, and that's what he's doing," Irvin said of Gailey.

The offensive line was in shambles last year, with injuries to Mark Tuinei, now retired, and Nate Newton. The switch of right guard Larry Allen to left tackle paid off, though, and Newton came back 50 pounds lighter this season. Undersized center Clay Shiver has beefed up. Right guard Everett McIver was picked up as a free agent from Miami. His biggest contribution was keeping Dallas in the news when he got cut on the neck with scissors while roughhousing with Irvin.

McIver missed several weeks

of practice while rumors flew there was a payoff to keep him quiet so Irvin's probation for cocaine possession wouldn't be revoked. Investigations by the NFL and the Dallas County probation office concluded it was just "horseplay."

Owner Jerry Jones isn't taking any more chances, banning alcohol on all team flights this season.

Defensively, injuries during the preseason cut into what depth there was on a team that was second in the NFL last year, but 20th against the run. Linebacker Broderick Thomas and lineman Darren Benson had season-ending knee injuries. Cornerback Deion Sanders and lineman Leon Lett missed most of the preseason with injuries, but were expected back against the Cardinals.

"We have a chance to have a very good defense," coordinator Dave Campo said. "Having Leon back will be a big help to both stopping the run and getting a pass rush."

Classifieds

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Mac?

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CAMPUS MINISTRY

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103 Hesburg Library

Rejoice! Black Catholic Mass
Sunday, September 6, 4:00 pm
Sorin Hall Chapel

Spanish Mass
Sunday, September 6, 1:30 pm
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Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA-becoming Catholic) Information Session for Candidates and Sponsors
Sunday, September 6, 12:30 pm
Notre Dame Room/LaFortune

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Sunday, September 6

8:00 a.m.

Rev. Carl F. Ebey, C.S.C.

10:00 a.m.

Most Rev. John M. D'Arcy

11:45 a.m.

Most Rev. Alexander J. Brunett

Vespers

Sunday, September 6

7:15 p.m.

Rev. David J. Scheidler, C.S.C.

Scripture Readings

1st Reading Wisdom 9:13-18b

2nd Reading Philemon 9:10, 12-17

Gospel Luke 14:25-33

Are You Thinking About Becoming Catholic?... Or More Catholic?

Jim Lies, C.S.C.

Let me start by saying simply that I know you could blow off this column like you do so much of what you find here in the *Observer*. But let me say, just this once, as self-righteously as I can, I would not if I were you. And don't read it for me. Read it for yourselves and for your friends. Read it because you know, somewhere deep down inside of you, that there has got to be something more to life than the sports page or the Dining Hall menu. Trust me, this stuff matters.

What does it mean to be Catholic? There is probably a different answer for every one who attempts to tackle the question. Some are convinced there is no wrong answer, others that there is only one answer, and still others who would simply choose not to take up the question at all. This column is for those of you daring enough to take up the question, and bold enough to grapple with the answer.

The opportunity for those of you who are not Catholic to explore the possibility of becoming Catholic is provided for you in a program called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). It is a program, offered in Catholic parishes throughout the country and the world. For our purposes, at Notre Dame, RCIA is offered through the Office of Campus Ministry. It is offered for those who are not baptized who wish to become Catholic and for those who are baptized in another Christian tradition but wish to enter into Full Communion with the Catholic Church.

While some might argue that there are no degrees to Catholicism, asserting that one is either Catholic or not, the RCIA program offers Catholics the opportunity, as sponsors, to deepen in faith by sharing the journey of those in the RCIA program. The RCIA program offers sponsors the opportunity to share their faith, to ask their own questions and to learn from others along the way. Let's face it, we could all use a refresher course in our own faith. There is no better way to dialogue about faith, no greater opportunity to deepen in it and share it, than through the RCIA program. The RCIA team, along with the sponsors and those inquiring about the Catholic Church form a remarkable community of faith, providing challenge and insight for one another.

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Hey, you readers out there, this opportunity, for both RCIA and Confirmation comes along only once a year. That which these programs propose to do for those who would enter in, either as candidates or sponsors, is too important to brush off with lame excuses like, "I don't have time," or "I'll do it next year." Listen, there is no better time to be about the most important business of life. It seems to me that we don't have the time not to! Please, please, take up the question. Join with us on the journey. The details regarding the respective information sessions for both RCIA and Confirmation can be found on the left side of this page. If you have further questions, regarding RCIA call Tami Schmitz or Frank Santoni at 1-5242; and regarding Confirmation, call Fr. John Conley, C.S.C. or Katie Pytlak at 1-5242.

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CONSIDERATIONS...



Sosa drives 'em home, Cubs drive for the wildcard

Associated Press

CHICAGO

Sammy Sosa played catchup but couldn't overtake Mark McGwire in the home run race. Still, the Chicago Cubs kept winning.

Sosa hit his 56th homer to tie Hack Wilson's 68-year-old club record and Gary Gaetti hit a two-run homer Wednesday in the eighth inning to send Chicago to a 4-2 victory over the Cincinnati Reds.

Wilson set what had been the NL record with 56 homers in 1930 before McGwire connected twice Tuesday and twice last night against Florida to give him 59.

McGwire and the Cardinals played again in Miami on Wednesday night.

Sosa, leading off the bottom of the sixth, hit an 0-1 pitch from Cincinnati's Jason Bere into the first row of the right field bleachers.

Sosa had gone eight at-bats without a homer prior to connecting.

Sosa's homer gave the Cubs a 1-0 lead and charged the crowd. Fans chanted for a curtain call and as usual he gave them what they wanted.

The homer was Sosa's 15th to right field this season.

With runners on first and second and two outs in the seventh, Sosa flied out to left against John Hudek to complete a 2-for-4 day that also included a ground out and a bad-hop single.

The Cubs, 16 games over .500 for the first time since 1989, began the day one game ahead of the Mets for the NL wild card. They swept the three-game series, all come-from-behind wins.

Glenallen Hill singled with one out in the eighth off Gabe White (5-5) and then Gaetti hit a 3-0 pitch into the left-field bleachers for his 14th homer and third since joining the Cubs on Aug. 19. One out later, Scott Servais hit his seventh homer to give the Cubs a two-run cushion.

Felix Heredia (2-3), who gave up a two-run double to Dmitri Young that put the Reds ahead 2-1 in the top of the eighth, got the win. Rod Beck pitched the ninth for his 42nd save.

Jason Bere, the former White Sox pitcher, gave up one run and five hits in six innings in his return to Chicago.

Chicago's Steve Trachsel allowed just four hits in seven

shutout innings.

The Reds went ahead in the eighth when Eddie Taubensee's leadoff fly ball went off Brant Brown's glove for a double. With one out, Matt Karchner struck out Reggie Sanders and walked Barry Larkin before Young drove a Heredia pitch to right center to make it 2-1.

Giants 12, Expos 3

Barry Bonds hit his fourth home run in four games and Jeff Kent had two doubles and four RBIs as the San Francisco Giants beat the Montreal Expos 12-3 Wednesday.

Bonds' 32nd home run of the season, a three-run shot into the upper-deck in right field off reliever Shayne Bennett made it 12-2 in the fifth inning. Bonds, who went 3-for-3 also had an RBI single in the second inning.

Kirk Rueter (14-9) gave up two runs and five hits in 5 1-3 innings to pick up the win, keeping the Giants two games behind Chicago in the NL wild-card race.

The Giants took a 4-0 lead in the first off Javier Vazquez (4-14), on two-run doubles by Kent and J.T. Snow.

The Expos scored two runs in the second on an RBI single by Brad Fullmer an RBI double by Terry Jones.

Bonds' RBI single in the second made it 5-2 and knocked out Vazquez, who allowed six hits and five runs in 1 2-3 innings.

Rey Sanchez's hit a run-scoring double in the third and Kent had his second two-

run double in the fourth off Kirk Bullinger to make it 6-2. Kent, who won the NL's Player of the Month in August, has 17 home runs and 52 RBIs in his last 38 games.

Marvin Benard's RBI double

Orioles' worst since they lost 21 straight to open the 1988 season. Baltimore, which suffered through its first 0-6 homestand since April of that same season, fell below .500 for the first time since July 26.

series 9-2, outscoring Baltimore 76-46.

Orioles starter Sidney Ponson allowed only one hit through five innings, but after he left in the sixth with a blister on his right middle finger Chicago promptly scored

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Toronto	72	66	.521	28	41-28	31-38	17-19
Baltimore	69	69	.500	31	37-33	32-36	16-18
Tampa Bay	53	84	.386	46.5	27-44	26-40	12-23
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Cleveland	76	61	.554	---	39-31	37-30	20-12
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Chicago White Sox	63	75	.456	13.5	36-34	27-41	16-20
Minnesota	61	76	.445	15	30-37	31-39	15-16
Detroit	53	85	.384	23.5	27-42	26-43	15-18
Western Division	W	L	PCT	GB	Home	Away	DIV
Anaheim	76	63	.546	---	37-33	39-30	15-9
Texas	73	65	.528	2.5	41-29	32-36	12-12
Seattle	63	74	.459	12	35-33	28-41	8-16
Oakland	63	76	.453	13	35-35	28-41	13-11

The Observer/Joe Mueller

and Bonds' three-run homer in the fifth completed the onslaught.

Mike Mordecai led off the ninth with a home run off Alvin Morman to close the scoring.

White Sox 3, Orioles 2

Rookie John Snyder pitched seven innings of three-hit ball as the Chicago White Sox beat Baltimore 3-2 on Wednesday night, extending the Orioles' losing streak to a season-high 10 games.

The 10-game skid is the

It's only the sixth time in franchise history the Orioles have lost 10 or more in a row.

Snyder (5-2) struck out one and walked one as Chicago registered its second three-game sweep of the Orioles in a nine-day span — the first in Baltimore since June 1996.

Carlos Castillo pitched the eighth, and Bob Howry got three outs for his fourth save.

Albert Belle drove in his 126th run and walked twice for the White Sox, whose four-game winning streak matches their season high.

Chicago won the season

twice to take a 3-2 lead.

Ray Durham hit a one-out triple but was cut down at the plate trying to score on a grounder to short by Mike Caruso.

Ponson left with a 1-1 count on Frank Thomas, who hit the first pitch from Alan Mills (1-4) into the left-field corner for an RBI double. After an intentional walk to Belle, Robin Ventura singled in the go-ahead run.

Ventura, who came into the game in an 0-for-12 slump, went 2-for-3 with a walk.

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■ U.S. OPEN

Open serves up early action

Associated Press

Monica Seles no longer wears her father's ring on a chain around her neck, and her all-black outfit was replaced by white on a hazy summer afternoon at the U.S. Open.

Though she still mourns, Seles has stopped treating tennis as a catharsis as she deals with her father's death. It is back to being simply a game, albeit a game at which she once was the best in the world.

It was an easy game for her Wednesday, as the sixth-seeded Seles reached the third round with a 6-2, 6-3 win over Joannette Kruger.

Seles was on an emotional roller-coaster when she reached the French Open final in June, less than a month after being at her father's side when he died May 14. She wore his ring on a necklace, and said playing was her solace amid sadness.

"I think it was different (in Paris) because it was so soon after my dad's death and because I had so many raw emotions," she said Wednesday. "Now I definitely step on the court and think more about the ball."

Seles' coach, Gavin Hopper, said she's no longer relying on tennis to forget about her troubles.

"I think that's past," Hopper said. "She's putting a lot of things behind her and a lot of her energy's going back into pure perfection, and we're still a way off that. Once the first couple of months are gone, now we're into the day-to-day grind of getting better."

While Seles is back to focusing on tennis, Petr Korda had his mind elsewhere as he lost his first-round match to qualifier Bernd Karbacher, ranked No. 155 in the world.

The fourth-seeded Korda, whose wife had their second daughter in late July but has been home only five days since the birth, lost 2-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-1 and said he was mentally exhausted.

"I need to leave the game of tennis for a while and spend some time with the family," said Korda, who won the Australian Open this year for his first Grand Slam title.

Top-seeded Pete Sampras, seeking to tie Roy Emerson's record of 12 Grand Slam singles titles, and women's No. 1 seed Martina Hingis had matches wiped out Wednesday night by torrential rain and strong wind. Their second-round matches were rescheduled for Thursday afternoon.

Men's No. 2 Marcelo Rios and No. 11 Yevgeny Kafelnikov reached the second round with straight-sets victories.

Steffi Graf, a five-time U.S. Open winner who missed the tournament last year while recovering from knee surgery, needed only 41 minutes to win her second-round match and move within two victories of surpassing Martina Navratilova as the women's career leader in prize money.

Other women joining Seles and the eighth-seeded Graf in the third round were No. 3 Jana Novotna, No. 9 Irina Spirelea, No. 11 Patty Schnyder, No. 14 Dominique Van Roost and Serena Williams, who did not seem bothered by a heavily bandaged right thigh in a 6-2, 6-1 victory over a qualifier.

No. 16 Ai Sugiyama became the first seeded woman to exit the tournament, withdrawing midway through the opening set of her match Wednesday with a sprained left ankle.

Spirelea and Williams will meet in the third round. Last year at the U.S. Open, Spirelea collided with Venus Williams, Serena's older sister, during a changeover in their match.

That led Richard Williams, the father of Venus and Serena, to call Spirelea a "big, tall, white turkey" and warn, "She ought to be glad it wasn't Serena she bumped into. She would have been decked."

Soccer

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In the second period, the crowd went wild as Saint Mary's Cernanec approached the Illinois-Wesleyan goal, then quieted as the Titan keeper blocked the shot.

Coach Robert Sharp called Wagner, Kate Barger and Laura Paulen, among others, the strongest players of the afternoon.

A young team, Saint Mary's has not yet had time to fully gel. Fifty percent of its players are freshmen with no college playing experience.

Kristin Prijanc, a freshman midfielder, said, "We know there's a lot of potential on the team to make this the best Belle season so far."

And although they lost, Coach Sharp said he is still proud of his team. "We did well. Everyone worked very hard," he said. "We will do a better job yet. As we move on, we will get stronger and stronger."

The most exciting Saint Mary's play of the game came when Titan's Erin Gallagher tripped Barger, who passed the ball to Wagner just before smashing the ground.

Wagner centered the ball to Melissa Wychocki, who fired a shot on goal.

However, the ball was stopped by the clutter of players in front of the net.

Soon after, Wychocki again tried to score. The Illinois-Wesleyan keeper, while out of the box, took her down.

Wychocki had to be assisted off the field to the sounds of

applause from the crowd, but the officials only awarded Saint Mary's a direct kick.

As the end of the game approached, teammates, though previously silent, began to encourage each other loudly. The crowd also became more vocal.

The Illinois-Wesleyan keeper became noticeably nervous, advising her teammates to keep the defensive conservative. Obviously listening to the leader, the Titans clung to the marginal lead.

The Belles, however, remain optimistic about next week's game against rival Bethel College.

"We came out strong," said the Belles' Rachel Egger, a stellar junior defender. "It is a new team, not used to playing with each other. Once we get it down, we'll be unstoppable."

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McGwire needs two more to tie Maris

Associated Press

MIAMI

Mark McGwire hit two homers for the second consecutive night Wednesday against the Florida Marlins, giving him a career-high 59. He needs just two more to tie Roger Maris' 37-year-old major league record.

McGwire homered in the seventh inning against Brian Edmondson and again in the eighth on the first pitch from Rob Stanifer. Each was a two-run shot.

The first, which landed halfway up in the upper deck in left field, was estimated at 497 feet, making it the third-longest in the history of Pro Player Stadium.

His second homer 30 minutes later was to left-center and traveled an estimated 458 feet, giving the St. Louis Cardinals a 14-3 lead.

It was his eighth multi-homer game this season and the 51st of his career.

Maris hit 61 homers in 1961. "I didn't expect to have 57 by Sept. 1," McGwire said before the game, "but when I got to 50, I began to think about the record."

His 58th came hours after Sammy Sosa hit No. 56 for the Chicago Cubs.

"Sammy's a September player, so you have to watch out for him," McGwire said. "It's crunch time — time to make history."

After homering Wednesday afternoon in the Cubs' 4-2 win over Cincinnati, Sosa predicted McGwire might break loose again.

"Mark has the possibility to come back tonight and hit two

more. He's playing in Miami, don't forget," Sosa said.

McGwire broke Hack Wilson's 68-year-old NL record of 56 home runs with two Tuesday.

The Cardinals slugger surpassed his career best of 58 homers last year — 34 for Oakland and 24 for St. Louis. The only players to hit more home runs in a season were Maris and Babe Ruth, who hit 60 in 1927. Ruth hit 59 in 1921.

McGwire has surpassed Ruth's major-league record of 114 homers in consecutive seasons, set in 1927-28.

McGwire homered on a 2-1 pitch in the seventh, giving the Cardinals a 9-0 lead.

The homer came after McGwire hit into a double play and walked twice in his previous plate appearances.

After McGwire hit a pitch that appeared low and inside, he pumped his right fist as he trotted toward first base. The standing ovation from the crowd of 45,170 lasted for about a minute, prompting a curtain call by the Cardinals slugger.

There was another curtain call after the homer in the eighth.

Then McGwire was taken out of the game by manager Tony La Russa.

McGwire came into the game leading the major leagues with 143 walks, a .736 slugging percentage and a .473 on-base percentage. The game attracted more than 400 credentialed media — the largest following yet for McGwire's home-run chase.

Fish ready to fry competition

Johnson looks to instill aggressive play in troops for '98 campaign

Associated Press

MIAMI

Jimmy Johnson circled the 90-gallon saltwater tank in the middle of his office, admiring the fish he had recently acquired. Their jagged teeth formed frowns as they darted about, looking tough and aggressive.

"Meat-eaters," Johnson said with a smile. "I told my coaches, this year we're getting meat-eaters."

Johnson begins his third season as Miami Dolphins coach Sunday in Indianapolis, and he wants his players looking tough and aggressive, too. With Dan Marino at quarterback, the Dolphins have always found it easier to advance the ball over opponents rather than through them, but Johnson expects that to change.

This year the plan is to run the ball.

"We don't care if the defense knows what we're doing," offensive coordinator Kippy Brown said. "If we execute, they can't stop us. We want to be a physical team."

The playbook has been simplified to emphasize the ground game, and a new attitude has been encouraged in the offensive line. The key offseason acquisition was a guard, Kevin Donnalley, who developed a reputation for toughness during seven seasons with the Oilers. That's

why Johnson gave him a four-year, \$12.4 million contract.

"Toughness isn't cheap shots," Donnalley said. "Toughness is getting on your block and staying on it until the whistle blows. Toughness is believing that if you stay on your guy, good things will happen. By the third or fourth quarter you're feeling fresh and still standing, and the other guy is worn down, and that's when you take control of the game and win it."

"That's what we're looking for."

Any show of force would be an improvement. The Dolphins finished a disappointing 9-8 last year, primarily because they ranked next-to-last in rushing. Their 3.1 yards per carry was the worst in franchise history, and their inability to control the ball hampered a talented but young defense.

The coaching staff insists if the Dolphins run more this year, they'll run better.

"Running the ball helps the offensive line the most," Brown said. "When you drop back and throw a lot, it's hard. When you give the line enough opportunities to attack the defense and blind-side them some, you flip the thing over. We can attack defensive people and be physical and get their heads on a swivel."

The Dolphins passed the ball 57 percent of the time last year, and Johnson wants to run it more than half the time this season.

"What we want to get away from is coming to the line of scrimmage and having linemen thinking about what

they're doing," Johnson said. "You want them to be sure about their assignments and concentrating on being aggressive."

The revamped offense is similar to what Johnson installed in his third season with the Cowboys, who promptly climbed from 30th in NFL yardage to ninth. Donnalley said the changes are similar to when the Oilers switched from the run-and-shoot to a run-oriented attack and finished third in the league in rushing last year.

"That can happen here," Donnalley said. "It will happen."

While Johnson wants more muscle, he's also hoping first-round draft pick John Avery will provide more speed. The rookie running back scored on a 71-yard run in his first preseason game, and he'll share playing time with Karim Abdul-Jabbar.

Avery could give the Dolphins the quick-strike capability they've lacked in recent seasons. But Miami is thin at receiver, and Marino lost his most promising deep threat when Yatil Green sustained a season-ending knee injury for the second year in a row.

With Green gone, the need to move the ball on the ground becomes more imperative.

"The only way you can have fun on offense is with the long strike or to knock the hell out of somebody, and you do that by running the ball," Brown said.

Johnson put it another way. "The more meat-eaters you have," he said, "the more games you win."

Yankees 100th win put on hold

Oakland hands New York first shutout loss at Yankee Stadium

Associated Press

NEW YORK

On what they hoped would be a milestone night, the Yankees got all wet.

New York's quest to reach win No. 100 on the earliest date in major league history was delayed when the Yankees lost to the Oakland Athletics 2-0 Wednesday night in a game that began 2 hours, 14 minutes late following heavy rain.

It was the first shutout loss at home for the Yankees since last Sept. 19 against Toronto, and it ended David Cone's perfect 11-0 record in Yankee Stadium this season. It also marked just the third time in 67 home games this season that New York (99-38) failed to lead for at least part of the game.

The earliest date a team won its 100th game is Sept. 9, a feat accomplished by both the 1906 Chicago Cubs

and the 1954 Cleveland Indians. New York's next attempt will be Friday, when it starts a three-game series against the Chicago White Sox at Comiskey Park.

Gil Heredia (3-0) allowed just five hits in 7 2-3 innings as Oakland beat the Yankees for just the third time in 11 games this season.

T.J. Mathews got the final out in the eighth and Billy Taylor finished for his 29th save. Bernie Williams singled with two outs in the ninth, but Tino Martinez flied out to the warning track in center to end it.

Matt Stairs hit an RBI groundout in the first and Ryan Christenson hit his fifth homer of the season off Mike Stanton in the eighth. Meanwhile, A's pitchers prevented the Yankees from getting any leadoff batters on base.

About half of the 30,332 who bought tickets didn't see any of it; they left during the rain delay.

Cone (18-5), seeking to become the first 19-game winner in the major leagues this season, allowed one run and four hits in seven innings and striking out 10.

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Bears thrown into another preseason QB shuffle

Associated Press

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The Chicago Bears are starting the season with another quarterback question. Only this year the question isn't talent, it's Erik Kramer's big toe.

Kramer threw Wednesday for the first time since spraining his left big toe in the Bears' last exhibition game. But he wore shorts and a T-shirt, and he didn't spend much time on the field before going back inside for treatment.

"I give it a 50-50 chance," Kramer said of playing in Sunday's season open-

er against Jacksonville. "I'm going to hold out hope every day that goes by. Unless it's just apparent that I feel great, which may not happen until Friday or Saturday."

If he can't play, the Bears will have to go with Steve Stenstrom, who's never started an NFL game. Stenstrom didn't even know last week if he'd make Chicago's roster, and he's played in a grand total of four games in his career.

Stenstrom became the backup when the Bears released Rick Mirer, who wouldn't take a cut in his three-year, \$10 million contract.

"I'm ready to go. It's been a good week of practice and we've still got two days to go," Stenstrom said. "I'd be doing this team an injustice if I didn't prepare to be the starter. It's better to prepare that way and react the other way."

"Let's wait. I was encouraged today, I really was," Wannstedt said. "I'm going to be optimistic. I think he's going to come out and do something tomorrow."

Kramer started the rest of the season, and he signed a three-year, \$9 million deal in the offseason. He was the starter all through camp, and Wannstedt planned to play him just a quarter in the

last exhibition game Friday to make sure he was healthy for the opener.

But as he scrambled to avoid being sacked on the last play of the first quarter, Kramer ground his toe into the turf and left the field limping.

"It's unfortunate, but we also have to understand that if Erik can't go, we have another quarterback that we have to rally around," said Curtis Conway, Chicago's leading receiver. "We can't sit back and say we don't have certain guys. We have to rally around the guy that's in there and put points on the board."

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■ U.S. OPEN

Chang set for U.S. Open

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Wrap Michael Chang's tennis season in some bandages and heavy gauze and just hope nothing else bad happens to him.

It has been one injury after another for Chang, who finished last year ranked third in the world after reaching the semifinals at the U.S. Open. This year, he is unseeded and all but forgotten in a season more noted for his wounds than wins.

Still, Chang is in the Open in an upbeat mood after ending a 13-month winless streak a week ago in Boston. And Wednesday's 6-1, 6-3, 6-1 victory over Iyal Erlich did nothing to diminish his enthusiasm.

"Boston obviously helped quite a bit," he said. "It was nice to be able to finally win a tournament. It has been a while and that does good things for your confidence. I feel like my capability and stuff as far as beating the best players hasn't changed."

Erlich doesn't fit that description. This was only his second Grand Slam tournament and only the 18th tour-level match of his career. Chang beat him in only 88 minutes.

It hardly qualified as a major test but it will do for starters for Chang, who never has fulfilled the promise he displayed when he won the French Open as a 17-year-old in 1989. That is his only Grand Slam victory. Can he make the Open his second?

"Sure," he said. "Why not?"

Past failures might be one reason. Chang, however, refuses to let them interfere.

"I think I could look back through the past few years, looking at missed opportunities and things like that," he said. "But one thing I have learned is not to dwell on missed chances or missed opportunities or times where you have failed."

"What is important is to be able to pick yourself back up and try again."

So Chang is trying despite his string of injuries, some major, some minor, all disruptive. He prefers a positive attitude.

"I am still left in the draw," he said. That puts him ahead of 64 first-round losers.

"I feel like I have as good a shot as anybody and I have gotten close in the past, so why not have the attitude that I can come out and play great tennis and maybe even win the tournament," Chang said.

That would be a huge accomplishment in Chang's season of aches and pains that started early. Ask him about his injuries and he wonders if there's enough time to list them all.

"I have had two major injuries and I have had some smaller injuries," Chang said. "I strained a stomach muscle just prior to the Australian Open. I had a bruised foot at the end of the tournament in Memphis."

Then at Indian Wells, Chang was practicing with Andrei Medvedev when the sprinklers suddenly started watering the adjacent clay court. The mist drifted Chang's way and he slipped, tearing his left knee.

As he worked his way back from a 25 percent tear in his medial collateral ligament, Chang altered his backhand and the change caused tendinitis to develop in his wrist.

"All in all, I can look back at my career and honestly say I have been pretty injury-free," he said. "They have come in bunches, but I feel like I'm doing good. I am here at the U.S. Open. I am in the second round. We will keep it going."

This troubling year has taught him one thing, though.

"If I go back to that same court next year and I see that sprinkler go off," he said, "I am going to be upset."

■ HOCKEY

Fans on the "Power-Play"

Special to The Observer

The University of Notre Dame ice hockey team will be sponsoring the second annual "Power-Play Run/Walk" for the fight against cancer on Sunday, Sept. 6.

The event—which attracted 450 entrants in 1997—has been moved to Notre Dame Stadium, with participants circling the playing field at distances of either a two-mile walk, a five kilometer run or a 10-kilometer run.

The Power-Play Run/Walk has been established in the memory of Ed Slaggert, who passed away in the summer of 1997 after a battle with cancer.

Slaggert is the brother of Andy Slaggert, a 1990 graduate of the Notre Dame hockey program who is in his sixth season as an assistant coach with the Irish hockey team.

"Last year's event was a very rewarding experience and we hope for an even greater turnout this time around," said Slaggert, who will join the rest of the Irish hockey program members as the core entrants in the race.

"It's always great when an event like this can bring together people from the Notre Dame community and even people who are in town for the football game."

"We had some Georgia Tech football fans there last year and would love to see some Michigan fans show up. It's just a great chance for people to wind down and get some exercise for a good cause, after an exciting day of football on Saturday."

On-site registration will begin on Sunday at 10:15 a.m., with the event set to begin at 11:30 a.m.

Interested participants may register in advance at the following locations: the Rolf's RecSports Building, North and South Dining Halls, the Life Skills Office (second floor, Joyce Center) and with dorm athletic commissioners.

Alumni and visitors who are in town during the weekend also can register or make donations on Saturday, Sept. 5 at the Alumni Association hospitality area, from 8:30 a.m.-noon in the south dome of the Joyce Center.

Entry fees will be used towards donations to the Bennett Cancer Center in Stamford, Conn., by establishing a scholarship fund for those students who are fighting cancer.

Advance registration costs are \$6 for students and \$10 for alumni, faculty, staff and community members. On-site registrations costs will be \$8 and \$12, respectively.

The format again will include competitive racing while allowing for walkers and casual joggers to move at their own pace.

All participants will receive a race t-shirt courtesy of Adidas and refreshments.

Interested runners and walkers may register or receive further information from the Notre Dame Life Skills Office at 631-9367.

Registration also is being coordinated by the Recreation Sports Office, through athletic commissioners at the various campus dorms and at the North and South Dining Halls during lunch and dinner hours (from Sept. 2-4).

The Notre Dame Federal Credit Union is serving as an additional sponsor for the 1998 PowerPlay Run/Walk.

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O-Line

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played."

Junior Jim Jones is 6 foot 3, 295 pounds and slated to work behind Jerry Wisne. He is one of the strongest players on the team, but only appeared in one game last year and that was at nose tackle.

Bob Mowl is set to backup Merandi, along with J.W. Jordan.

"I've got concerns with our backups, particularly the center position," commented Davie. "Bob missed some practice. He's

back healthy, but he has missed a lot of work."

Mowl has never seen action in a Notre Dame uniform.

Senior John Wagner is a big, physical player, who may see some playing time this season at the tackle position, while John Teasdale is a young sophomore who will continue to develop as he also backups Rosenthal at tackle.

Junior Mike Gandy battled Ridder for the starting job at offensive guard, but should back him up instead. Gandy made the move from tight end last season to guard for this season. Last year, his season was cut short

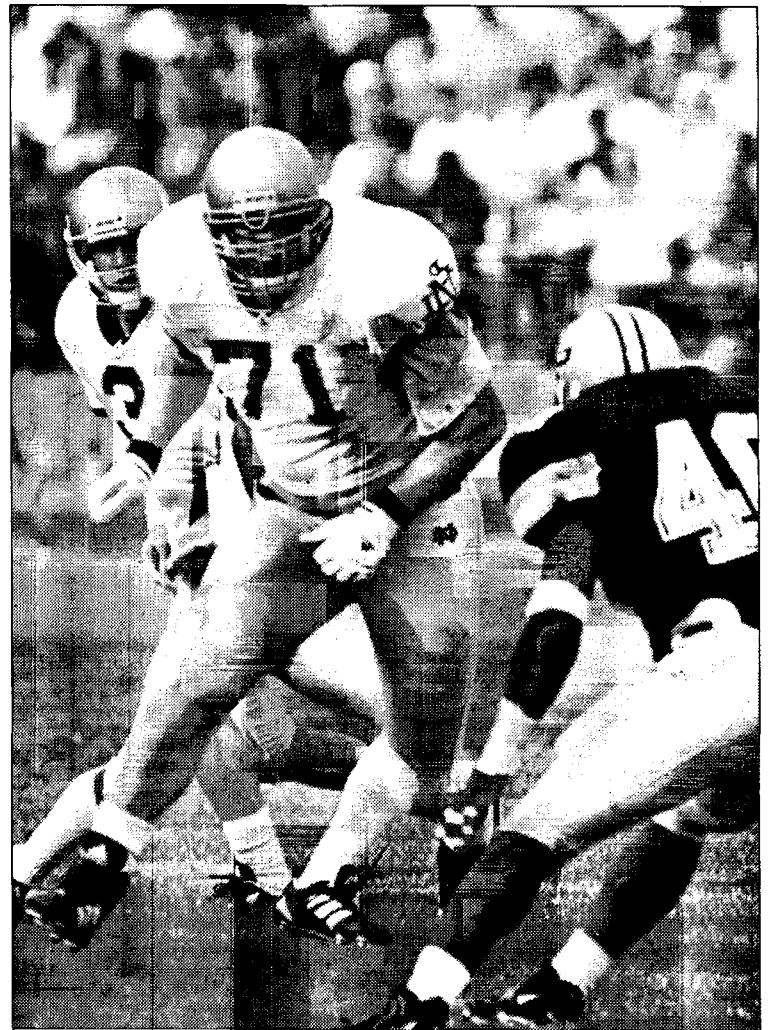
after he broke a bone just above his ankle prior to the Pittsburgh game.

Junior Matt Brennan is expected to contribute on the offensive line and is slated to backup Petitgout at tackle. He has good foot speed for a big man, but is still working on his pass protection. He saw minimal playing time in the Navy game last season.

In addition to the returning backups, the Irish also brought in three freshmen. Ryan Scarola, a USA Today honorable mention all-American pick, comes in at 6 foot 5 and 320 pounds. Jordan Black, also weighs in at 320 pounds and was rated one of the top 100 players nationally according to the Dallas Morning News. Jeff Roehl, the third freshman of the group, was ranked the 98th best player according to the Chicago Sun Times.

"I expect us to be a good offensive line, I really do," commented Davie. "[We] certainly have enough talent, certainly had enough time with them now that they're comfortable in the scheme. I think all of us expect some productivity."

The Irish offensive line will need all that and more when they go up against Michigan's talented defensive line this Saturday at Notre Dame Stadium.



The Observer/Brandon Candura
With the game on the line, the Irish hope Jerry Wisne will help clear house.

■ SPORTS BRIEFS

Shorin-Ryu Karate - Students are instructed according to traditional Okinawan techniques. Semester long course that meets in Rockne 219 T/Th 6-7:30 p.m., starting September 10. There will be a demonstration on Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$18 and you must register in advance at RecSports. For more info, call RecSports at 1-6100.

Women's Safety and Self-Defense - This course exposes women to basic self-defense techniques as used in real-life crisis situations. Class meets for ten sessions on M/W 6:30 - 7:45 p.m. beginning Sept. 7. There is a class fee of \$12 which should be paid at the time of registration at RecSports.

Modern Dance - This class will be tailored for a range of abilities. Semester long course that will meet M/Th 6:15-7:30 p.m. in Activity Room 2 at the RSRC. You must register in advance at RecSports. The cost is \$35.

Beginner Ballet - No experience necessary. Class meets Su 2:30 - 4 p.m. and Tu 7:30 - 8:45 p.m. in Act. Rm. 2 at the RSRC. Registration fee is \$35 and signups are at RecSports. Class size is limited. Call RecSports for more info.

Horseback Riding Lessons - Info. meeting for this course will be Wed., Sept. 9 at 7 p.m. in RSRC classroom. The course is five lessons on Th from 5-6 p.m. Students will learn the English style an all levels are welcome.

SCUBA - This certification class begins Sunday, September 6. The class meets for seven sessions from 3:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Rockne Rm. 218 and pool. For more info., please call Bill Archer at 1-5443.

One Night Soccer Tournament - Thursday, Sept. 10, beginning 6 p.m. live on five plus goalie. Please register your team at the RecSports office ASAP - tournament is limited to the first 12 teams that sign up. Deadline for entry is Sept. 9. For more info., call RecSports.

RecSports Golf Championship - Play 18 holes on Sat., Sept. 19 at the ND Golf Course. This is a play your own ball tournament - tee times begin at 10 a.m. Register and pay \$8 at the Golf Pro Shop. Deadline is Wednesday, Sept. 16. Call RecSports for info.

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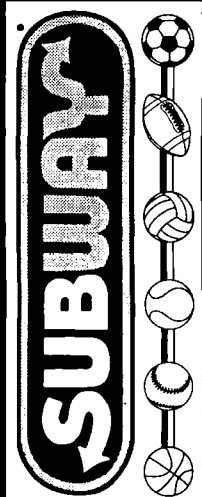
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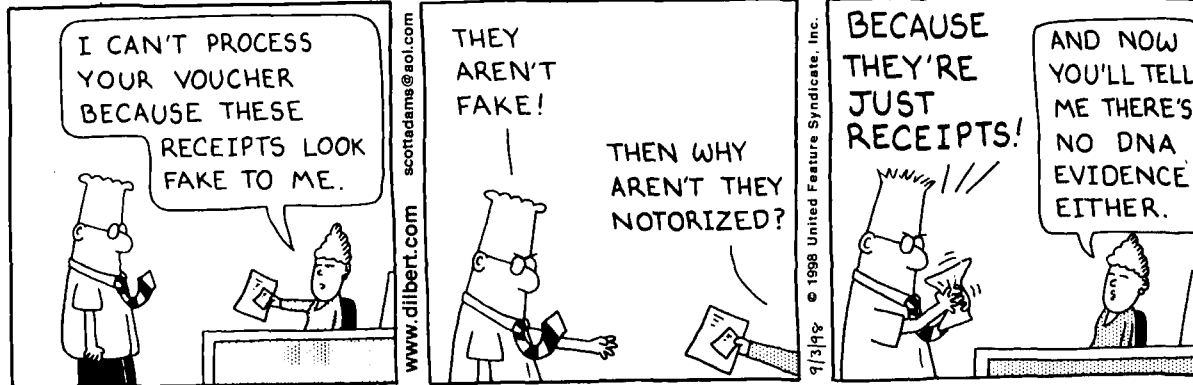
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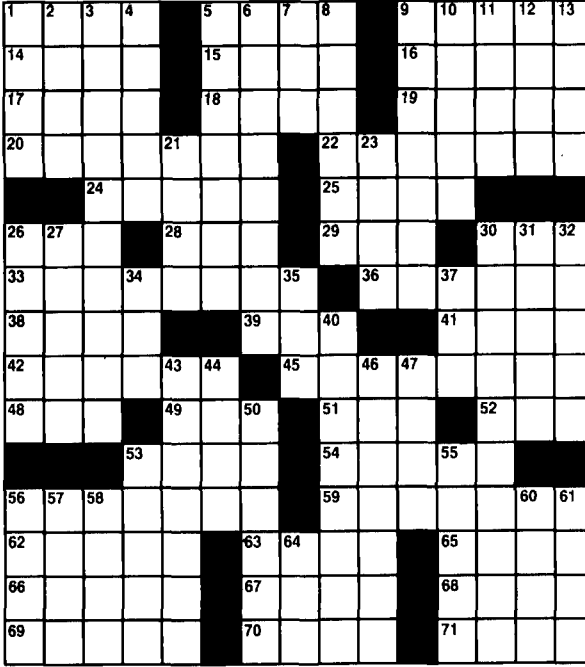
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 - 18 This has a big mouth
 - 19 Walled city near Madrid
 - 20 Tonto portrayer, briefly
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 - 24 Union headquarters?
 - 25 Symbols of kingly power
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 - 38 One on a pedestal
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 - 49 Kindergarten break
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 - 56 Like Marilyn Monroe, briefly
 - 59 Early theater, briefly
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- 40 Certainty
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■ FOOTBALL

Rosenthal leads strong group of front line veterans

By BRIAN KESSLER
Assistant Sports Editor

Rosenthal, Wisne, Ridder, Petitgout – all Irish fans will find these four names familiar, but they will carry special significance this season as they anchor the offensive line for the twenty-second ranked Notre Dame football team.

The men in the trenches for the Irish have experience and size – probably the two most important qualities a lineman can possess.

"I hope to be better. I think we should be better," said head coach Bob Davie. "We have three players back, Rosenthal and Pettigout at tackle, and Wisne at guard."

Senior tri-captain Mike Rosenthal will be starting for his third straight year. This year however, the 6-foot-7, 300 pounder makes the move from guard to tackle. After starting all 13 games last year for the Irish,

"Rosie" was named a first team preseason all-American by both Football News and Athlon. The Granger, Ind. native is also considered one of the frontrunners for the Outland Trophy, an award given to the top offensive lineman in the nation.

Senior Luke Petitgout returns at the other tackle spot for the Irish.

Davie recently spoke about his regard for big ol' number 54: "I think Petitgout is one of the success stories in college football. I remember when he was on the scout squad here, it was almost like he was a rear scout teamer. [He] moved around from position to position. No one really gave him much chance of being a player."

"Last year he worked hard, [he] made a commitment to being at Notre Dame," Davie continued. "[He] made a commitment to being a football player. Chris Clevenger got hurt in the first game of the year and Petitgout ended up playing the next 11 football games and ended up being our best offensive lineman last year."

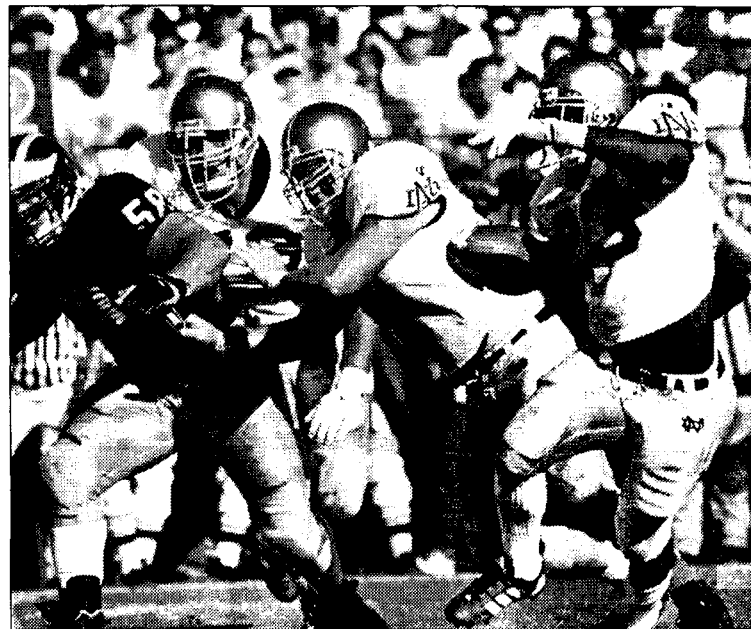
Petitgout, a fifth-year player, gave the Irish quality minutes last season and did an outstanding job filling in for Clevenger. The Irish will be looking for similar production from the 6 foot 6, 300 pounder.

"I think he's really made progress as a player," Davie said. "He's got some quickness. I think he has a chance to be a fine pro player without any question. He's come an awful long way and is really a good player."

Jerry Wisne will be a regular at the guard position once again this year. The senior has 16 career starts and made major contributions to the offensive line as a junior. The coaches will be looking for good things from number 71 once again this season.

Tim Ridder started three games last season at tight end, but this year he makes the move to offensive guard, filling the void left by Rosenthal.

"Tim Ridder has played a lot of football for us," said Davie. "He hasn't been a starter, but



The Observer/Brandon Candura

The Irish will need to hold off the Michigan defensive line to give backs like Autry Denson (23) a lane to run.

he's played."

Ridder hopes to employ the same blocking skills he used at tight end to help protect quarterback Jarious Jackson when he drops back to pass.

The new addition to the line is junior John Merandi, who replaces Rick Kaczinski at the all-important center spot.

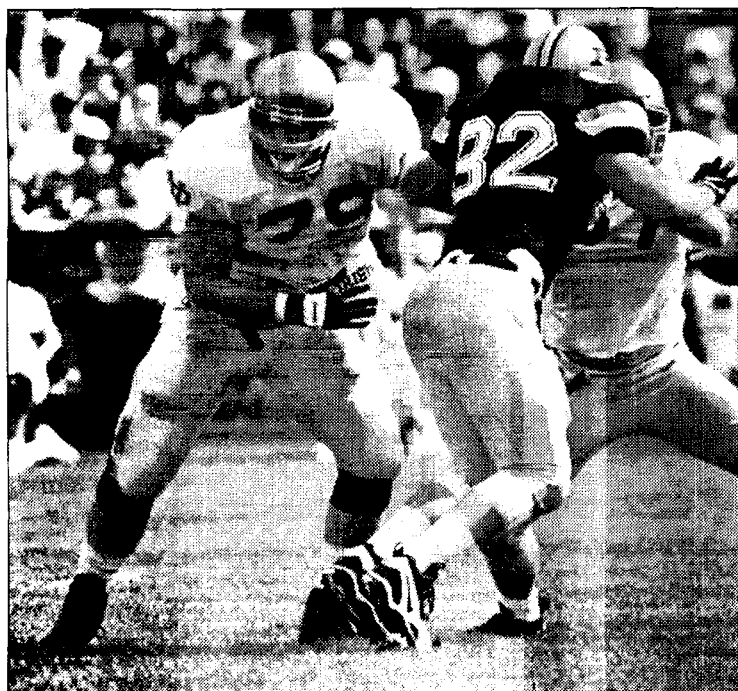
"John Merandi, even though he hasn't played a lot, he's a talented player," said Bob Davie at a recent press conference. "He gives us a spark in there."

Merandi earned a monogram last season playing a backup role to Kaczinski. He checks in at 6 foot 3, 293 pounds and has all the right attributes to be a solid offense lineman for the Irish.

The starting lineman shouldn't be too much of a concern for Davie, but the men who will back them up will be.

"Our backups are somewhat of a concern, said Davie. "[We've] got some talent there; it's just that they haven't

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Senior Mike Rosenthal enters the season as a frontrunner for the Outland Trophy, given to the top offensive lineman in the nation.

■ SAINT MARY'S CROSS COUNTRY

Second time's a charm for Belle harriers

By KATIE DERENGOSKI
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's cross country team is only in its second year. However, this season, they are ready to compete with the maturity they have displayed in practice.

The Belles have been conditioning steadily and team members have said that they think improvement has already been made since last season.

Coach David Barstis said he strongly believes that the Belles will improve with the two goals he has set for the approaching season.

"Our goal for the season this year is to finish in the top five in the conference and to have a runner make all-conference," said Barstis.

Co-captain Genevieve Yavello said that she has high hopes about the team's prospects as well.

"I've already been very impressed with our new coach and [new] girls," she said.

The schedule is packed with tough competition like their first meet against Aquinas College on Friday, Sept. 11.

The first meet will give the team a chance to assess its strengths and weaknesses.

The schedule will remain stiff with Saint Mary's second meet at National Catholics, then later at the MIAA Jamboree.

The rest of the schedule includes the Ponderosa - Maple Leaf Invitational, the Benedictine University Invitational, and the Jackets Invitational, all before the MIAA Championship in October.

Although they face fierce competitors in their six regular season meets, Yavello said that she thinks that the team works well together and is very pleased to see the cross country program at Saint Mary's building.

■ SAINT MARY'S SOCCER

SMC suffers loss in first game

By RUTH SNELL
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's College soccer team opened its season in a war-like battle, slain by Illinois Wesleyan in a disappointing 1-0 loss.

In front of crowded home bleachers Wednesday afternoon, the Belles' fast and furious pace was interrupted by the Titans' defense.

Saint Mary's keeper Jo Wagner easily blocked the Titans' first shot attempt and continued to do so throughout most of the game. But most was not enough.

The Titans' Liz Downes scored just before the end of the first half, and unfortunately for the Belles, it was the only score of the game.

Saint Mary's tried valiantly but was unable to answer in kind.

Before the game-winning goal, though, Saint Mary's Monica Cernanec and Illinois Wesleyan's Kel Erion collided heads. Both sat on the field, collecting their wits.

Running, not passing, characterized the beginning min-



The Observer/Lauren O'Neal

The Belles lost a heartbreaker in the season opener to Illinois-Wesleyan.

utes of the game. Illinois Wesleyan's passing was mediocre.

At one point, Illinois-Wesleyan's coach Tony Bankston admonished his players by saying, "It's like you're kicking to nobody. Better pass- es here."

Most of the action of the game was at the east end of the field, even after the half-time side change. The Titans dominated the first half, while the Belles, looking to turn around last season's 7-13 record, dominated the second.

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE



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