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Panel discusses racial climate on campus

By BRAD UNTIEDT
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Students and faculty alike reached an overflowing audience last night when "A Dialogue with Underrepresented Students on Their Notre Dame Experience" brought Notre Dame's racial relations to the table.

Ten students of diverse ethnic backgrounds formed a panel to talk about their personal experiences and how they believe situations could be improved.

Chandra Johnson, assistant to the president, discussed the programs that the University has in place to help meet the needs of the students.

"As a University, we are working hard to create an environment that is inclusive for all students," said Johnson. "Cultural diversity is a necessity and is taken very seriously here at Notre Dame."

Students shared their own experi-

ences of being on campus for the first time.

"It felt very comfortable because everyone was smiling and friendly," said panel member April Davis.

Some students on the panel expressed different feelings, stating that interaction among different cultures is often difficult.

"Everyone sits in their own separate groups in the dining hall, which is something that I wish would change," said Tamera Miyasato.

Several students discussed the uncomfortable feelings they experienced when being the only minority in classes. They were expected to represent their culture instead of just themselves, which sometimes led to uncomfortable situations.

"Part of the problem is that the faculty members have no experience in teaching about multicultural topics,"

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The Observer/Ernesto Lacayo
Tricia Sevilla, Tamera Miyasato and Jason Leung were among the many student panelists in Thursday's multicultural discussion "A Dialogue with Underrepresented Students on Their Notre Dame Experience."

Weather you like it or not

This is the second in a three-part series on winter weather in South Bend. The series will appear in this space on Fridays.

By MAGGY TINUCCI
News Writer

Even though the Trojans of the University of Southern California have been long-time rivals of the Irish, with the first blast of arctic air, many Notre Dame students wonder why they passed up sandy beaches for frozen tundra.

But there is reason behind the madness: Despite 156 years of sub-zero temperatures, the University has realized Father Sorin's dream of Notre Dame even in the absence of palm trees.

"Everything was frozen, yet the landscape appeared so beautiful," wrote Father Sorin to his home community in France upon arriving in South Bend. "The lake, with its mantle of resplendent white snow, was to us a symbol of the purity of Our Lady, whose name it bears and also of the purity of the soul which should characterize the new inhabitants of these lovely shores," he wrote, as quoted in *University of Notre Dame: A Portrait of Its History and Campus*, a history by Thomas Schlereth, professor of American Studies.

"For those somewhat familiar with pre-Notre Dame history, it is interesting that Father Sorin did not stay in southern Indiana, where he resided for about a year-and-a-half," said

Schlereth. Setting a precedent that remains today, "He didn't care about the weather and went to work."

When Father Sorin arrived he was captured by the majestic beauty of the landscape and decided to name the school after his spiritual guide, Notre Dame du Lac, which means Our Lady of the Lake. Along with Holy Cross Brothers, he immediately began construction on a large log dwelling to be located just east of Father Badin's Chapel.

ONCE UPON A TIME, THEY CANCELLED SCHOOL FOR SNOW

In a school known for tradition, one of the most frustrating is the administration's apparent lack of sympathy for inclement weather. Students know that even when DeBartolo is buried in snow, they should not expect a cancellation of classes.

In Father Sorin's time, however, the policy was a lot more lenient: When he started constructions on Notre Dame's first building, work was soon forced to an incomplete end due to the extreme weather.

This tradition of stopping work because of cold weather has since become a rare occasion. The earliest school closing due to weather conditions on record dates back to 1918. The University did not close again until 1977.

"We see this gap because most people who worked at the University during those years also lived at the University," said Dennis Brown, assistant director of Public Relations. "If not, they certainly lived close. It was really a self-contained campus and there was no need to close the school."

The most recent school closing occurred Jan. 4 of this year, before the student body was back to campus.

"Deciding whether to close the University is a multi-faceted issue," explained Brown. "With Notre Dame being the largest employer in the area, and with the decision affecting almost 17,000 [people], it is really like shutting a city down."

The University primarily takes into account safety and security, but also looks to local school districts, businesses, and the police for advice on how to handle the situation.

"The decision is made in conjunction with the other agencies in the area," said Brown. "It becomes an issue of personnel as well as being an academic issue, as these raise different priorities."

THE HEAT IS ON

Although South Bend winters have remained basically unchanged in the 156 years of Notre Dame's existence,

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Group to march in D. C. for the 'Right-to-Life'

By LAURA UBERTI
News Writer

Members of the ND/SMC Right to Life Club will march to stamp out abortion today at the March for Life demonstration in Washington, D. C.

Close to 240 students, the largest number of Notre Dame students to attend the march, are taking advantage of the opportunity to be part of a national Right-to-Life march and rally. Along with thousands from across the country, they will march on the 26th anniversary of the Supreme Court's Roe vs. Wade decision legalizing abortion.

Nearly 230 Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students will gather at RFK stadium and proceed to a rally, which includes singers and speakers from various religious and political groups.

Following the rally, the group will march two to three miles from Ellipse Park, located behind the White House, to the Supreme Courthouse.

"This is the largest civil demonstration any student will ever participate in," said Mario Suarez, a junior who attended last year's march. "It's moving to look in front and behind you [while marching], and you can't see the end of the people. You know they're there for a common belief. It's good to have a common bond."

"The march itself is incredible," said Julie Fitch, a junior and member of the trip's planning committee. "People are singing or praying as they walk. It's so inspiring to go and stand up for this issue in such a peaceful way."

This is the 21st year Notre Dame has participated in the march. With between 225 and 235 students expect-

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■ INSIDE COLUMN

Things wrong with my world

Have you noticed lately that there is a large push toward Internet technologies going on in the outside world? Actually, we are all shut out from the outside world, so you may not know this, but for the purpose of this article, go along with me.

Mike Revers
Assistant Systems
Manager

I can assure you that being an MIS major myself, I notice this leap in technology, maybe sooner than others, and usually with greater support than maybe my fellow students.

However, it has come to my attention that most of this newer technology is pretty much useless. For instance, the cool new thing to do on the web is communicate with as many people as possible through things like AOL's Instant Messenger and Mirabilis's ICQ. Not only are these technologies pointless, but they are actually quite annoying. For those of you who are sane and do not know what I'm talking about, these programs allow people to log in and have instant access to anyone that they assign to a specified list via online chat. Is e-mail not enough for all of us out there in cyberspace?

Along with internet technologies, there are a lot of things in the real world that I just don't get either. Take the drive-up ATM for example: what is with the braille? Can anyone explain this to me? I just don't think that the world should have that many blind people driving around. It just seems unsafe to me.

On to point two of the useless things: diet products that save virtually nothing in caloric intake, or fat intake. I can cite many examples of this, but the one that comes to mind the quickest is the example of Carnation Instant Hot Cocoa. The "Rich Chocolate" version of this product offers 110 calories of which 10 are fat. The "Fat Free" version boasts a mere 25 calories of which none are fat. So, overall you save a total of 10 calories of fat and 85 calories of sugar. Now, does anyone see why this would be a necessary thing in today's society? I sure don't, in fact I probably burned those 95 total calories just typing this Inside Column. If you want my opinion, I think they just put less powder in the package. My proof: Fat free = .28 oz, Rich Chocolate = 1 oz. You be the judge.

Finally, I feel the need to express something meaningful and sentimental that just does not fit with my view of the world: Hallmark holidays. What is with this? There are so many of these it is impossible to keep up. Guys you probably can relate with me more on this, as you may have been the ones that missed Sweetest Day like me. Again, a useless day that means one thing for me as a male: I am out 30 bucks for roses and a small gift.

Which brings me to the point of this inside column. There is absolutely positively no point in the production of this column except this: Society is needlessly wasting our time with pointless ideas. And I am not even sure if that is much of a point in and of itself. Three things I do know, I am sticking to my e-mail, fat-infested hot chocolate, and something traditional like Valentine's Day. Which, just to help all my fellow counterparts, is on the 14th of February.

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Outside the Dome

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Alcohol consumption remains stable on college campuses

ANN ARBOR, Mich.

In the wake of several highly publicized, alcohol-related deaths, many students may be surprised to learn that alcohol consumption among college students has remained relatively stable on campuses throughout the country.

"We know that drinking has not increased over the past two decades," John Schulenberg, senior associate research scientist at the Institute for Social Research, said yesterday. Schulenberg added that although alcohol-related deaths and accidents have not necessarily increased, the media's coverage of them has.

Schulenberg, a psychology professor, said teenage alcohol consumption 10 or 15 years ago was greeted with a wink and labeled a rite of passage. Now the dangerous effects of underage drinking are becoming more well-known and are more



prevalent in the media.

The same phenomenon appears in the public perception of the crime rate, said communications studies Prof. Nicholas Valentino.

"Crime statistics are decreasing, but public opinion states that crime is increasing," Valentino said. He attributes this to an increase in media attention to crime-related news.

Valentino said media plays a direct role in the way people view the amount of alcohol abuse, but he said he does not see a correlation between

publicity and behavior.

"There is not a direct causal relationship. There are so many more factors. Peer pressure is a larger affect than media coverage," Valentino said.

Students aren't likely to adjust their social behaviors only because they read about an alcohol-related death, he said.

Since October, at least four students in Michigan have died after drinking.

In October, LSA first-year student Courtney Cantor died after falling from her sixth-floor window. Cantor had been seen drinking at a Phi Delta Theta fraternity party prior to her death.

Michigan State University student Bradley McCue died from alcohol poisoning in November, after drinking 24 shots to celebrate his 21st birthday.

■ UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN FLORIDA

Plea registered in discrimination suit

TAMPA, Fla.

USF registered a plea yesterday in district court responding to a religious discrimination lawsuit filed by two former university employees. Dr. Steven Gross and Dr. Robert Urban, along with attorney John MacKay, are waiting for several parties to file so they can attempt to pursue a jury trial. The parties include USF; the Board of Regents; President Betty Castor; Martin Silbiger, vice president for Health Sciences; Marvin Dunn, former vice president for Health Sciences; and J. James Rowsey, former chairman for the Ophthalmology Department. Gross, who is Jewish, and Urban, who is Catholic, both claim they were denied privileges in the Ophthalmology Department while Rowsey was chairman, because of their religious orientation. The plaintiffs claim that top university officials were aware of the alleged discrimination by Rowsey, a born-again Christian, and did nothing to stop it.

■ UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-BERKELEY

Minority enrollment declines

BERKELEY, Calif.

The number of black, Latino and Native American students seeking admission to next year's freshman class at UC Berkeley has dwindled to its lowest number in recent years, UC officials announced Wednesday. The decline in underrepresented minority applicants comes in the second year of the implementation of Proposition 209, the voter-approved measure eliminating affirmative action in public institutions. The drop in applicants has left UC Berkeley officials disappointed and determined to reexamine and boost their recruitment efforts, the officials said Wednesday. "There have been annual fluctuations in the past, but that by itself is not sufficient for us," said campus spokesperson Jesus Mena. "We are not satisfied when the numbers drop, especially after what happened last year with the first time Prop. 209 was implemented." As a result, the campus intends to implement immediate plans to reexamine and heighten recruitment efforts.

■ MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

TV cameras in bar evoke controversy

EAST LANSING, Mich.

The use of undercover cameras at a local bar has some patrons upset, while those who did the taping maintain it provides an accurate picture. A Jan. 14 episode of the CBS TV news magazine "48 Hours" used hidden cameras at Rick's American Cafe. The show included a ten-minute segment on high-risk drinking at MSU. Undercover cameras were used to follow up on the death of parks and recreation junior Bradley McCue, who died after a night of binge drinking at Rick's, said Reid Collins Jr., "48 Hours" senior producer of the binge-drinking episode. "We wanted to go back to the place where Bradley McCue had been drinking," Collins said. Collins said the hidden cameras exposed binge drinking at the bar. "Two weeks after Bradley McCue died of alcohol, there was a woman doing the same (thing) — drinking the same number of shots on her birthday," Collins said. McCue reportedly drank 24 shots to celebrate a 21st birthday.

■ UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

Clinton, students agree about sex

IOWA CITY, Iowa

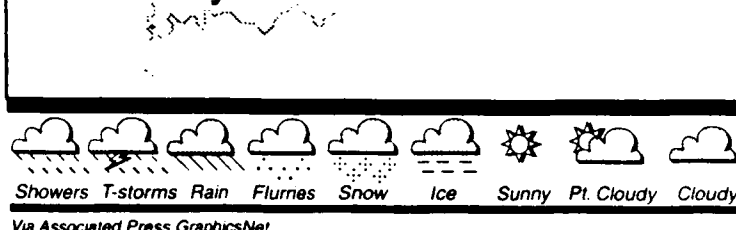
As the struggle to define sex continues to hover over the impeachment proceedings, it appears that the president has at least one group agreeing with him — college students. And some UI students say they concur. According to a 1991 study that was published in the Journal of the American Medical Association last week, a majority of college students have a similar definition of sex to the famous one drafted by the lawyers for Paula Jones — the definition under which President Clinton famously said, "No." Of the 599 students surveyed, 59 percent answered "No" when asked, "Would you say you 'had sex' with someone if the most intimate behavior you engaged in was oral-genital contact," according to researchers with the Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender and Reproduction. In the past year, Clinton's lawyers have defended him against charges he lied in his deposition in the Jones lawsuit when he denied having sex with Jones.

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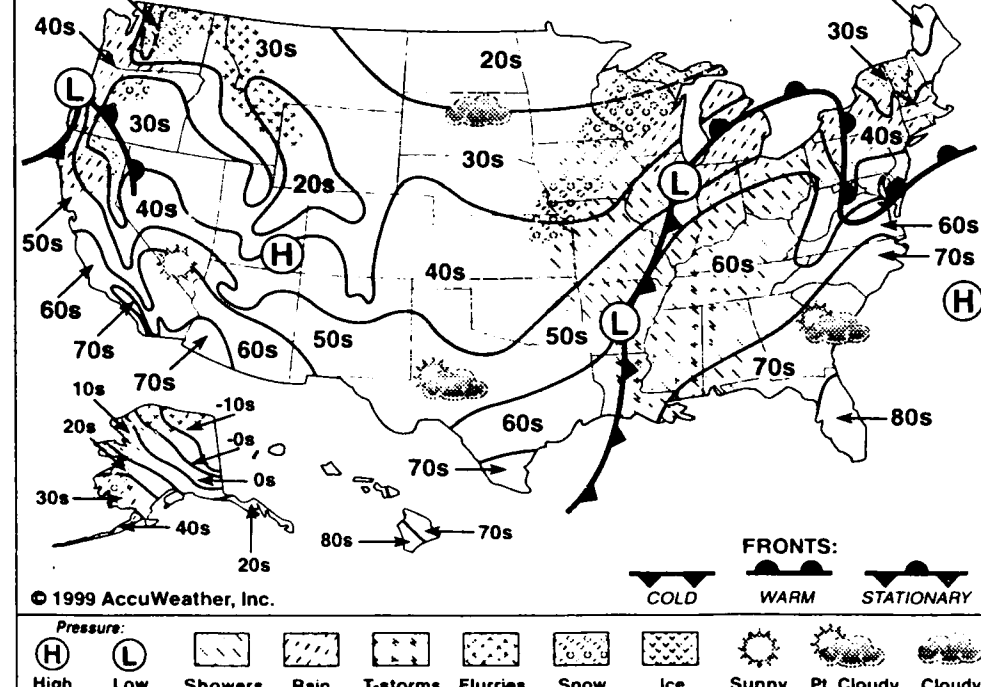
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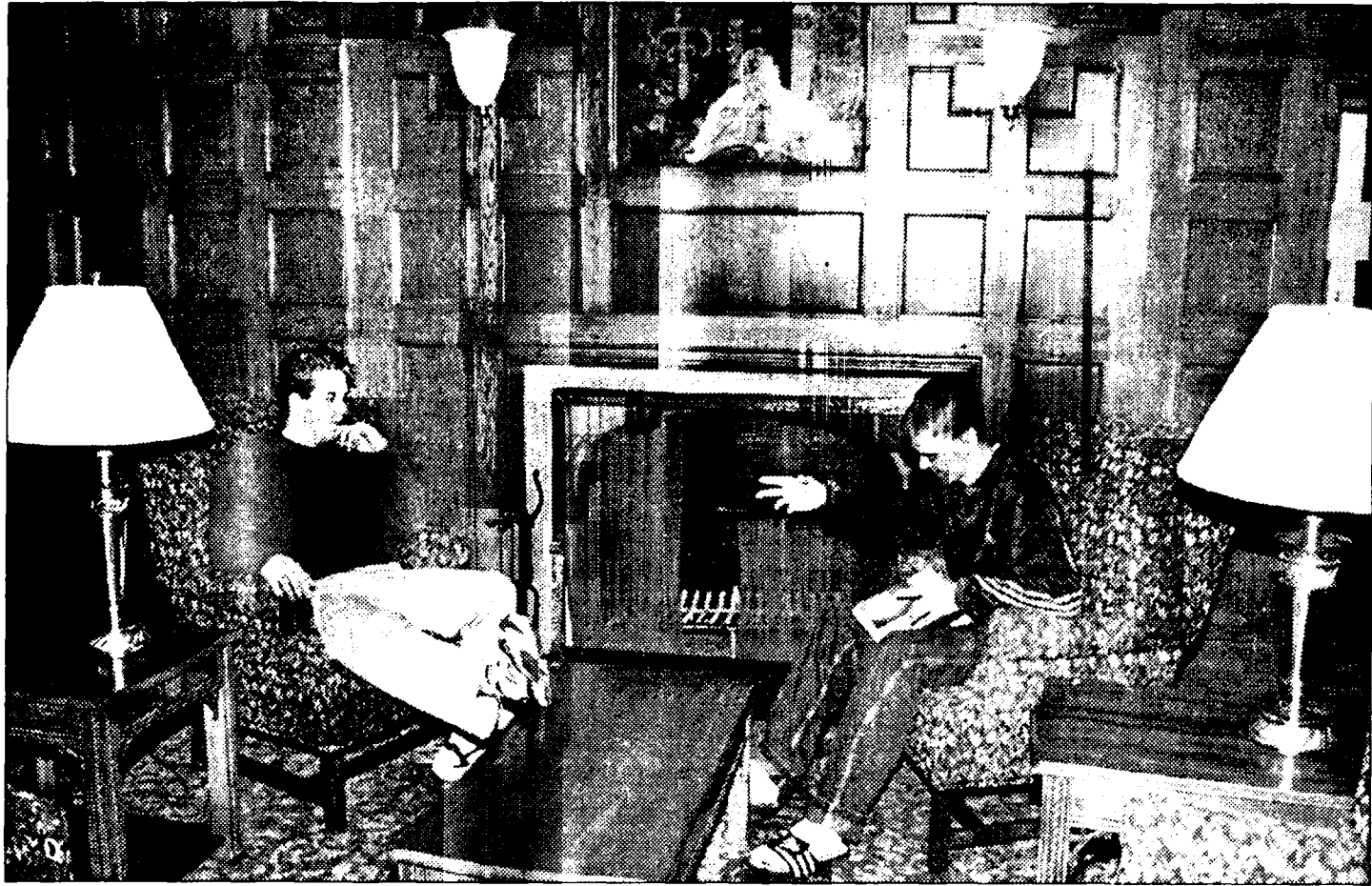
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"Later on, we'll conspire, as we sit, by the fire"



The Observer/Joe Stark

Freshmen Brian Stonelake (left) and Josh Mayo relax in the lobby of Morrissey Manor. The fireplace shown is one of many still on campus, but is not in use due to risk of fire damage. The cold winter months draw students inside to seek refuge from the temperamental South Bend weather.

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Foreign crime rise could cause travel problems

By JOCELYN ALLISON
News Writer

With spring break right around the corner, students may want to take extra care when wandering the streets of foreign countries, particularly certain parts of Mexico. In addition to the common crimes of purse snatching and late night muggings, taxicab crime has become more frequent and violent in recent years.

Mere theft has escalated to severe beatings and sexual assault, and in December of 1997 a U.S. citizen was murdered during a taxicab robbery.

The danger occurs when unsuspecting tourists enter cars that are posing as taxicabs, but really have criminals in the driver's seat. It is important for traveler to be able to distinguish between a real taxi and a fraud.

"The country itself has registered taxis with an emblem on the side; they're going to be at official taxi stands at airports or hotels," Erin Moore, an Anthony Travel employee, said. Anthony Travel uses Student Travel Services (STS) to organize their trip packages.

"In the four years that we've used STS we haven't had any incidents. No one's tried to sue STS; it's one of the more legitimate spring break programs for college students."

Moore recommends negotiating the cab fare ahead of time since drivers may try to charge more depending on how familiar a traveler is with the area. A representative of Spring Break Travel suggests travelers use the bus service during the day; it is cheaper and less risky. However, it is not recommended to travel on Mexican highways after dark.

Yet if you must get a taxi, the safest way would be to telephone a radio taxi, or "sitio,"

and ask the dispatcher for the driver's name and the cab's license plate number. Students should avoid simply taking taxis parked outside nightclubs or restaurants, or those cruising around the city.

"As far as warning people about crime, we can't warn everyone about every single city, but I did warn a group that is going to Mexico City and Acapulco about the taxi situation," said Kayleen Carr, who is in charge of spring break at Anthony Travel.

If students need to use an ATM machine, they should try to find one inside a protected building during business hours. Victims have been robbed and held captive while their credit cards were used at various ATM locations around the city.

Carrying travelers' checks instead of cash, and keep your important documents and money inside a money belt are important ways of preventing theft. Students are also encouraged to not wear expensive-looking clothing or jewelry that can draw attention to yourself.

Travelers should be aware of other kinds of danger as well. The Mexican military has reestablished authority in rural towns and villages, but there is still a rebel revolutionary presence in more mountainous parts of Chiapas.

Occasional assaults have resulted from increased hostility towards foreigners, and the U.S. Embassy urges Americans to exercise extreme caution, especially with military roadblocks in Chiapas, Guerrero and Oaxaca.

"We haven't really had any problems with Cancun and Jamaica, which are our two major travel spots. As long as people stay in big groups and don't wander off alone, they should be fine," Carr said.

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heating methods have improved drastically since the days of Father Sorin.

In the 1800's, the first buildings on campus were heated through a large furnace enclosed in sand under the first floor, but the method proved to be a fire hazard and was abandoned after two years of use. The administration then adopted the use of stoves for heat, which caused fire problems when students adjusted the heat.

Father Sorin indirectly caused a third fire himself, when he decided to replace the stoves in the rooms along the corridor of the main building with chimneys. Within 10 days of the chimney installation, a fire broke out, convincing him to take out fire insurance, according to his records in "The Chronicles of Notre Dame du Lac."

Fireplaces remained a main heating source for the University for many years and are still in use today. Though there are restrictions on using the furnaces today, many older dorms on campus retained the fireplaces that once served as the only respite from the cold outside.

Facilities operations requested that the fireplace in the common area of Morrissey Manor not be used because it becomes difficult to determine who will then

be responsible for its use if a problem occurs. There are also many fireplaces around campus which can be enjoyed, with most in private residences. Dillon Hall has seven, including four in the residences of Rector Paul Doyle and two assistant rectors.

"There are no restrictions as long as the chimneys are clean," said Doyle.

The current University central heating system is run through underground tunnels, explained Gary Shoemaker, director of Facilities Operations. Before this system, each building had a boiler, which produced steam to the radiator to produce heat.

Carroll Hall is still heated through this method. "It is not on the central heating system because of where it is located. They never ran the [underground heating] tunnels out there," said Shoemaker.

Legs may be winter-pale for most of the year and shorts may only be worn for a short number of days, but students continue to zip up their parkas and trudge through the snow drifts to harness the experience of Notre Dame. And although students often complain about the bitter cold and massive snow-drifts, Notre Dame's location helped to make it what it is today.

"The proximity to Chicago, Cleveland, and Detroit, which were full of Irish and German Catholics, all helped to recruit students," said Schlereth. "The University would not have grown nearly as fast if Father Sorin had stayed in southern Indiana where he began."

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ing to attend, there are approximately 100 more participants than last year, and a marked increase from only 50 students two years ago.

"Jamie Kuhn and I went on the trip two years ago, and we decided we needed more people involved," said Josh Guerra, the junior vice-president of ND/SMC Right to Life. "So last year and this year, Jamie and I organized the trip. With lots of publicity and hard work, the numbers increased last year and this year too. Word of mouth means a lot."

"People go on this march who aren't that involved in the issue," said Fitch. "But last year people got so inspired that they wanted to work for the cause when they came back. So we hope people will come back from this weekend and tell everyone how great it was."

"I'm going to see what it's like and to learn more about that side of the issue," said freshman Winona Farias.

Not only does the group hope

to make an impression on campus, but also to gain national attention.

"Ideally, Bill Clinton will look out his window and say, 'What have I been thinking?'" said Suarez.

Although the prospect of overturning legislation is slim, Guerra believes marches like these have made impacts.

"They already have changed things," said Guerra. "Lines are drawn. People who care are saying something, and people in power are doing what they can to show it."

On a campus with "a stereotype of being apathetic and not involved," Suarez sees this march as a way to make an impact. "This is our opportunity to

exercise our political voices, and it's a gift to be able to do so."

"Notre Dame is the flagship of Catholic education in this country," said Guerra. "Representing Notre Dame at the march is the greatest way to show our Catholic characteristics."

"People look at us and see our banner, 'Irish Fighting for Life,' and they cheer us on. We make an impact on how people perceive the Catholic values."

'REPRESENTING NOTRE DAME AT THE MARCH IS THE GREATEST WAY TO SHOW OUR CATHOLIC CHARACTERISTIC.'

JOSH GUERRA
VICE-PRESIDENT OF ND/SMC
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said Tricia Sevilla. "This makes things difficult for both the students and the teachers."

The panel tried to outline ways to improve racial relations on campus. Several of the members felt that diversity meetings for freshmen would help to encourage better multicultural relations from the start and could lead to improvements throughout the University.

"Because of the great amount of turnover here, improvements are very difficult. The same things go on every year because there are always new people who have not gone through these things," Davis said.

"I feel that some of the minorities come here with a chip on their shoulder," said Marisa Marquez. "Instead, I felt that I needed to go out and try to learn about other people and make friends."

Director of multicultural student affairs Iris Outlaw noted the support that is offered for ethnic student organizations by the office of Multicultural Student Affairs and the importance of its goal of "educating through culture."

"One of the most important things is for students to talk to each other," stated Davis. "This is a good start to solving the problem."

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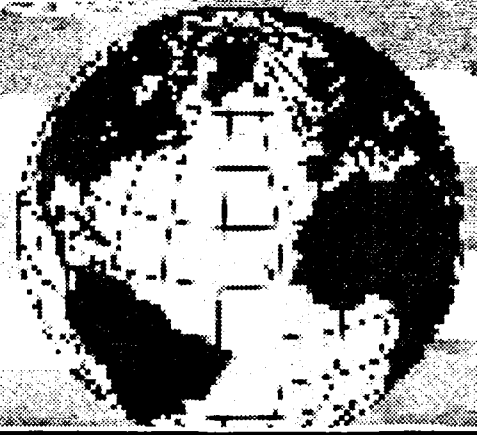
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■ WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Military plane crashes, killing all 28 passengers

MANAGUA, Nicaragua
A Nicaraguan military plane delivering supplies to bases on the Atlantic coast crashed Thursday, killing all 28 people aboard, the military reported. The Antonov AN-26 plane was heading from Managua, the capital, to the port city of Bluefields 180 miles to the east. Nine soldiers, 15 civilians and four crew members were on the flight, the Army reported. The civilians were relatives of soldiers stationed at the bases. The cause of the crash was not known. The plane was found 10 miles south of Bluefields, said army spokesman Captain Milton Sandoval. The plane was still burning when rescue crews arrived and there were no survivors, he said. Air Force helicopters and Navy boats were sent to the area to recover the bodies.

Schools receive Internet funds

WASHINGTON
More than \$211 million — the largest amount issued to date — will flow to schools and libraries to help pay for connections to the Internet, the program's administrator announced Thursday. The Schools and Libraries Division of the Universal Service Administrative Company didn't have a breakdown of how many schools and libraries will receive the money. That's because the 4,500 commitment letters mailed out can cover entire school districts. A list of the entities receiving the funding letters was not released. But the program's administrator said applicants in all 50 states, plus the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands received something. This third batch of funding pushes the total amount of money released thus far to more than \$427 million, the administrator said. The group began disbursing money late last year.

Hacker hits wrong hard drive

COPENHAGEN, Denmark
A 19-year-old Danish student picked the wrong victim when he hacked his way into a home computer. He was arrested Thursday by the machine's owner — the head of the Copenhagen police's special computer crime unit. Detective Arne Gammelgaard had installed an anti-virus program in his computer at home. On Sunday, it warned him about an intruder and enabled him to gather information about the visitor. Gammelgaard investigated and an Internet provider helped track the hacker. The student confessed to hacking and said he randomly picked the cyber-cop. The hacker was released after he was charged with "unauthorized access to another person's documents or programs."

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■ ROMANIA

Coal miners take police as hostages

ASSOCIATED PRESS

COSTESTI

Mobs of striking Romanian coal miners stormed through police lines Thursday, attacking riot troops with clubs and homemade explosives. Dozens of police were taken hostage and one was reported killed as the miners refused to stop their march upon the capital.

More than 130 people were injured and up to 50 police kidnapped in the fierce assault as 7,000 miners overran government roadblocks on a central highway leading to Bucharest.

Antenna 1 private television said a policeman was shot to death during the clashes, but did not elaborate. There was no official confirmation.

For two hours, police defended their positions with smoke bombs and tear gas — but outmaneuvered and outmaneuvered, the 3,400 police finally retreated.

Buoyed by their success, miners shouted "Down with the government!" and then boarded buses for Bucharest, 110 miles to the southeast.

Afterwards, two heavily damaged buses remained and the area was littered with broken glass.

The violence erupted after the miners rejected the government's offer for more negotiations aimed at ending the 17-day-old strike. The crisis is the most serious challenge to the government since it was elected in 1996.

Troops had piled massive concrete slabs across a narrow bend in the road near the town of Costesti to deter the onslaught. It was unclear whether the government would again try to stop the miners, who are seeking higher wages and job protection.

"Miners are attacking in an organized way, like an army," government spokesman Rasvan Popescu said. "They have taken prisoners among the policemen."

Interior Minister Gavril Dejeu, who has been widely criticized for failing to stop the miners' advance, was fired. He was replaced by Constantin Dudu Ionescu, a 42-year-old former deputy defense minister. Both men are members of the governing National Peasant Party.

National television, citing the Health Ministry, reported 138 people had been injured, including 130 police. Other reports said 20 miners were injured.

Police arrested an unspecified number of strikers.



AFP Photo

A cordon of Romanian anti-riot policemen advances through clouds of tear gas towards a group of striking Romanian miners waving a national flag during clashes in Horezu Thursday. Thousands of coal miners overpowered riot police after charging through barricades and taking hostages as they march on the capital Bucharest.

Late Thursday, the miners stopped — apparently for the night — at Ramnicu Valcea, 100 miles northwest of Bucharest. They held a demonstration, but there was no reported violence.

In a desperate effort to keep the miners from Bucharest, the government cut all rail ties between

Ramnicu Valcea and the capital, and set up barriers manned by anti-riot police on roads connecting the two cities. About 5,000 police crowded the main roadblock, 25 miles northeast of the capital.

Authorities are eager to prevent the miners from descending on Bucharest, fearing violent protests.

■ MEXICO

Judge convicts Salinas in murder trial

ASSOCIATED PRESS

TOLUCA

Ending a blockbuster trial, a judge convicted the elder brother of Mexico's former president of ordering the murder of a top politician and sentenced him to 50 years in prison Thursday.

Raul Salinas de Gortari, brother of Carlos Salinas de Gortari, was convicted and sentenced for the 1994 murder of Jose Francisco Ruiz Massieu, a leader of the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party who also happened to be his former brother-in-law.

He was also convicted of unrelated counts of using

false documents and making false declarations.

"It couldn't have been any worse," said Juan Velazquez, an attorney for the Salinas family, who said the family plans to appeal.

Prosecutors have suggested that Raul Salinas saw Ruiz Massieu as a threat to the Salinas family's political power. They also said there was bad blood stemming from Ruiz Massieu's divorce from the Salinas' sister.

Raul Salinas' lawyers said they had prepared an appeal in advance and filed it immediately after the judge's ruling.

"Raul Salinas de Gortari and his defenders will fight

wholeheartedly and tirelessly to recuperate the freedom that today was denied by a decision void of the essential values of Mexico's political and judicial order," lawyer Mariano Albor said in a statement.

The appeal challenges Judge Ricardo Ojeda Bohorquez's ruling that although there was no confession or direct evidence linking Salinas to the crime, there was sufficient circumstantial evidence.

The attorney general's office said it had no comment on the ruling.

The case has dragged on since Raul Salinas' arrest four years ago and the evi-

dence presented filled 42 bound books. During that time, Raul Salinas has been held in a maximum security prison near this city, 35 miles west of Mexico City.

Friday was the deadline for the judge to issue his decision.

The Salinas trial was the highest-profile murder case in modern Mexican history, and broke a long taboo against prosecuting the relatives of powerful politicians. Shortly after his brother's arrest and in the wake of Mexico's economic collapse, Carlos Salinas left the country and now lives in self-imposed exile in Ireland.

Conference goes co-ed to reach larger audience

By M. SHANNON RYAN
Saint Mary's Editor

For the first time in its nine-year existence, participants from approximately nine co-educational schools like Hanover College, Hope College and The College of Wooster will join 15 women's colleges at this weekend's Play of the Mind conference.

The chairs of the typically women's college conference are hoping to spread this year's theme "Global Citizenship and the Intellectual Life" not only to students of all-female schools, but to all female students.

"Students come together to form a Play of the Mind community," said Patrick White, co-chair of the conference and director of the Center for Academic Innovation at Saint Mary's. "Their individual strengths will help each other irrespective of [what type of school they attend]. We want all students to become more confident to affect change in, around and for women on their campuses."

Before the invitation was extended to co-educational colleges, the pros and cons were carefully measured.

"We didn't want to lose the focus on women's colleges and women's issues," White said. "There was concern that we could lose the strong feeling of support from other women's col-

leges."

Another hesitation the committee discussed was the fact that few women's college conferences exist.

"There are many opportunities to attend co-ed conferences," said Georgeanna Rosenbush, Play of the Mind co-chair and Saint Mary's director of student activities. "There are very few available just for female schools. They are very unique."

The feedback from the schools has been positive. White said, with two more women's colleges — Wilson College in Chambersburg, Penn., and Bennett College in Greensboro, N.C. — attending the conference for the first time.

"It will be interesting to see how things work out. We might find we have as much in common with a school because it's small and liberal arts as much as a school because it's a women's college," White said.

"Through the conference, we hope to encourage creative ways to develop students as citizens,

intellectuals and leaders on campus and in the larger world," Rosenbush said.

Rosenbush and White also stated invested interest in the benefits co-ed and women's colleges could possibly exchange with one another.

"I think it can help students who chose to go to co-ed schools recognize the value of a

women's college even though they did not choose to go to one," White said.

"In the long term, it could spread the benefits of women's colleges to co-ed schools. At

the same time, while we [women's colleges] keep our pride and identity, we can recognize that there are strong women leaders outside of women's colleges."

Lucy Fisher, a junior chemistry major, is anticipating the lessons she can take back and apply at Hanover College after stepping onto a women's college campus for the first time.

"I would like to learn how I can be more effective as a woman on a co-ed campus," she

said. "I want to run for [student body] president ... That's something that there hasn't been a lot of [at Hanover]."

Fisher also stated disappointment that the returning alumni speakers in her field of study are consistently males. She said she is hoping that at Play of the Mind she will find ways to effectively approach this topic.

"I'd like to hear what a female doctor has to say, especially since I'm pre-med," she said. "But when alumni come back to talk, it's all men."

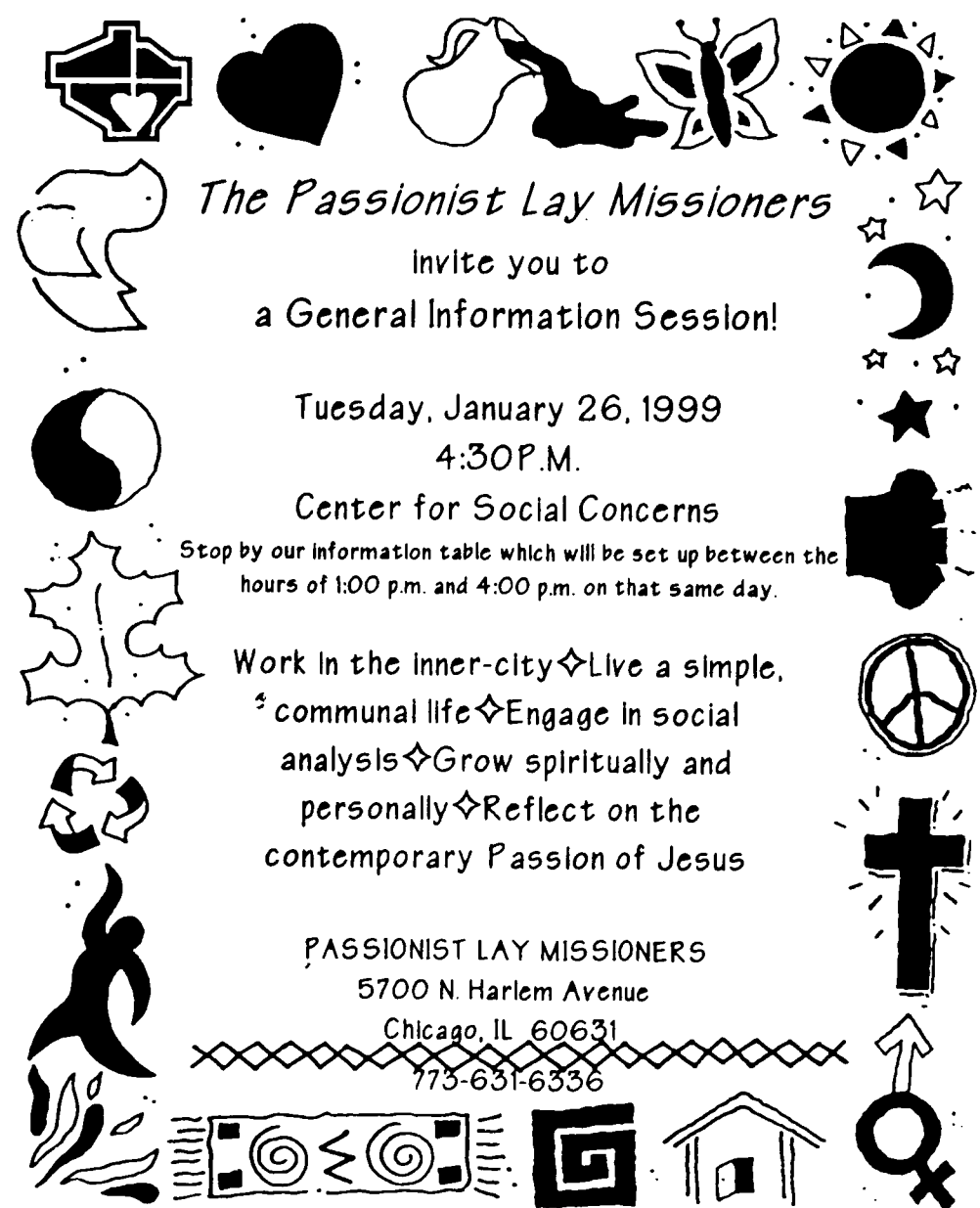
The conference itself will remain all-female with the exception of male faculty members from some schools. The future, however, remains open to male attendees, although there would be definite hesitations about such an invitation.

"In two, three, four years from now it might be decided to invite males," White said. "Certainly as a person of the male persuasion, I think male students could learn a lot from coming to Play of the Mind. However, the special solidarity at the conference might not be the same ... In my judgment, it's not a good idea."

Whether the following years' conferences will continue to involve women from co-educational schools will depend in part on funding and what the students want.

Jessica Delgado contributed to this article.

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■ JAPAN

Japanese stocks on the rise

Associated Press

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Japanese stocks rose in morning trading Friday amid increased optimism corporate Japan has begun to speed up restructuring moves designed to improve profitability. The dollar rose against the yen.

The Nikkei Stock Average rose 55.12 points, or 0.39 percent, to 14,300.54 as of midday. On Thursday, the average closed up 217.37 points, or 1.55 percent.

The dollar bought 113.90 yen in late morning trading, up 0.78 yen from late Thursday in Tokyo and also above its level of 113.68 yen in New York.

On the Tokyo Stock Exchange, stocks gained

ground on buying from investors with expectations that streamlining and mergers in the banking industry and other sectors will pave the way to recovery, traders said.

"Some see that there's a light at the end of the tunnel and the market may be bottoming out very soon," said Sachio Ishikawa, general manager of the stock division at Chuo Securities Co.

Traders were also encouraged by a report Friday in the Nihon Keizai financial daily that foreign investors are likely to resume buying Japanese shares in 1999, analysts said.

The broader Tokyo Stock Price Index of all issues listed on the first section gained 0.89 points, or 0.08 percent, to 1,105.81. The TOPIX closed

up 14.85 points or 1.36 percent, the day before.

In currency dealings, the dollar continued to strengthen in Tokyo after surging in New York on rumors China was going to devalue its currency, which would further harm the struggling Japanese economy.

But the U.S. currency's gains could be capped by worry over trade friction between the U.S. and Japan, which tends to weaken the dollar.

Meanwhile, the euro was traded at 131.93 yen, up from 130.92 yen late Thursday in Tokyo.

The yield on the 10-year Japanese government bond rose to 1.795 percent from 1.780 percent on Thursday, driving its price down to 100.04 yen from 100.16 yen.

■ INDONESIA

Christian-Muslim militant clash kills 24

Associated Press

JAKARTA

Rioters fired flaming arrows at mosques and churches and armed gangs blocked roads Thursday as clashes between Christian and Muslim militants spread in eastern Indonesia.

At least 24 people have died this week and almost 3,000 have fled their homes in Maluku province, once known as the Spice Islands. At least 10 religious buildings were set afire and thousands of police and troops have been flown in to restore order.

The violence was the latest in a series of clashes to hit the sprawling Southeast Asian nation as it grapples with its worst economic crisis in three decades. Soaring inflation, unemployment and poverty rates have all increased social tensions.

About 90 percent of Indonesia's 202 million people are Muslim, making it the world's most populous Islamic country. The riots hit areas with large Christian populations.

The worst carnage occurred on Ambon Island, 1,400 miles northeast of Jakarta, where 22 people have been killed since Tuesday.

Police said 134 people were injured in Ambon, 102 of them seriously. Many were stabbed, beaten or trapped in burning buildings. Some were attacked with rocks, machetes, clubs and even bows and arrows.

A mob of 200 people, armed with daggers and spears, marched on Ambon's police headquarters Thursday, accusing security personnel of shooting at least two rioters to death. They later dispersed peacefully.

Police said they fired only warning shots to disperse rampaging mobs.

Gangs blocked roads surrounding Ambon's main airport, which was closed most of the day.

About 200 passengers who disembarked from a ship at Ambon's port were sheltering in a waiting room, too afraid to leave, the Antara news agency reported. Power failures caused blackouts in several residential areas.

Maluku provincial police chief, Col. Karyono S.M., said 10 churches and mosques had been burned and dozens of vehicles were damaged on Ambon, privately owned SCTV reported. In all, at least 88 buildings were set on fire, he said.

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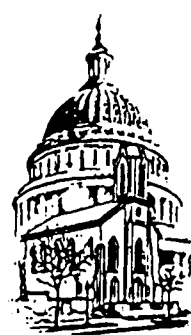
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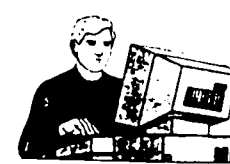
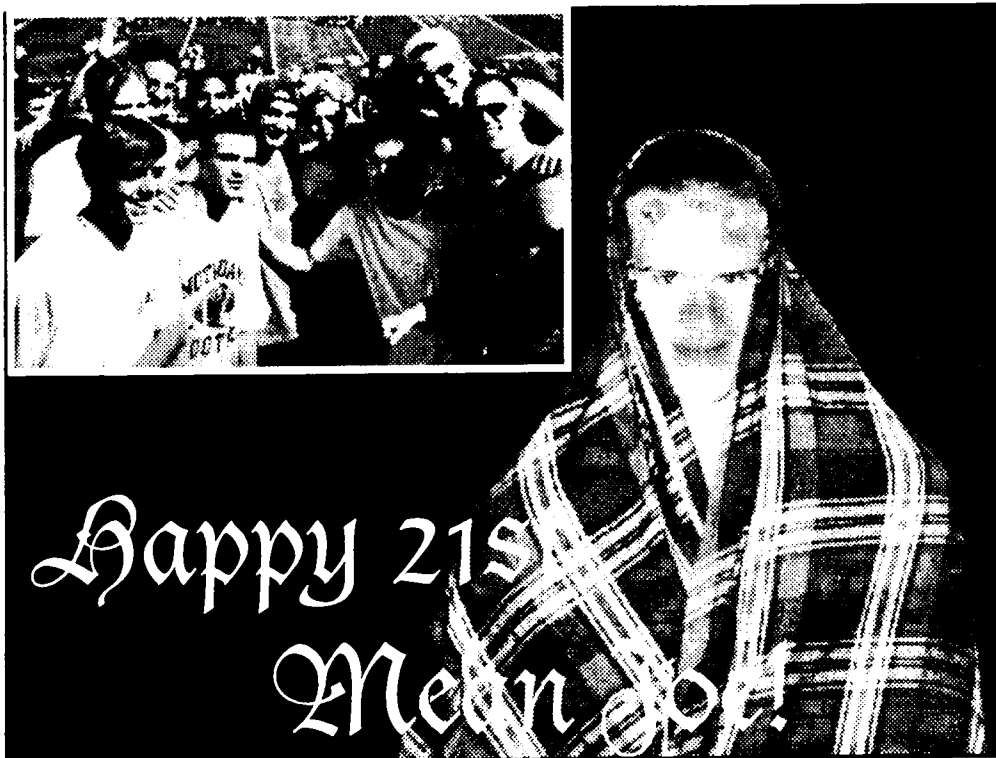
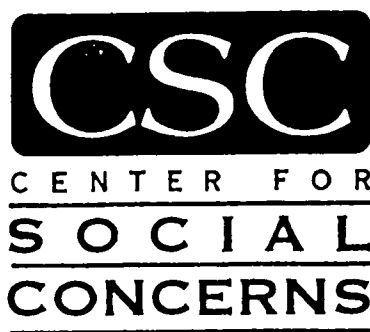
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■ SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Patient's cells may regenerate organs, research shows

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

A patient's own cells might someday be used to grow new organs — a development suggested by a breakthrough lab experiment that found the building-block cells that normally make brain tissue in adult mice could be changed into blood-

making cells.

These so-called stem cells, the foundation source of the body's tissue, have been identified as a way to make new skin, liver and other organs. But in previous research the cells were harvested from embryos, a technique that set off a storm of ethical objections.

The new research suggests that even mature stem cells, such as from the adult brain or bone marrow, can change into the progenitor cells for other types of tissue. If such a technique also worked in humans, embryos may not be needed for such research.

"You may be able to use your

own stem cells to make new tissue," said Angelo L. Vescovi, head of a team that conducted the mouse experiment. "As a concept, I don't see any problem in adult stem cells being used to make new skin, for instance."

The research shows "there are alternative strategies" to harvesting stem cells from embryos, said Dr. Ronald McKay, a National Institutes of Health researcher and a pioneer in stem cell studies.

Stem cells are the mortar and brick for growing all of the body's tissues. In a developing embryo, they produce the cells that become the body parts. After birth, some stem cells are specially programmed to replenish some tissues such as blood and skin.

Researchers earlier had isolated stem cells from human embryos or from aborted fetuses, and grew the cells in a lab. When treated with specific proteins, the cells began to grow different types of tissue cells.

That work set off a frenzy of

studies. But the research was shadowed by ethical concerns because it was thought that only stem cells from embryos retained the ability to grow into a variety of organs. Many groups objected to medical experimentation with human embryos and Congress forbade federal money for such studies.

It also led President Clinton to order his National Bioethics Advisory Commission to consider the moral issues of such research. Earlier this week, NIH director Harold Varmus said his agency concluded that research with lab-grown stem cells didn't violate the congressional mandate, even though the cells originated from human embryos.

But Vescovi's work with mice suggests that any stem cell — even from an adult — can be reeducated to make any type of tissue.

Vescovi, of the National Neurological Institute in Milan, Italy, is senior author of a study to be published Friday in the journal Science.

Quayle to run for presidency

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS

Former Vice President Dan Quayle reportedly will go on cable television tonight to outline his plan to seek the Republican nomination for president in 2000.

"I am uniquely positioned and prepared to be president. I can assure you I am serious. I am committed," Quayle said in today's Indianapolis Star and News. He is to discuss his plans tonight on CNN's "Larry King Live."

Quayle, who moved from Indiana to Arizona in 1996, said his campaign headquar-

ters will be in Phoenix, but major campaign announcements will come in Indiana.

He is expected to announce the formation of an exploratory committee in Indianapolis early next month and will formally announce his candidacy in April in Huntington, where he was raised, The Star and News reported.

Quayle, George Bush's vice president and running mate in 1988 and 1992, calls himself a credible candidate whom the public will take seriously.

"It's going to be different for me this time around, running for president," he said.

"I will be in control. My agenda. My campaign. My staff."

Quayle, 51, said he will push for a 30 percent across-the-board tax rate reduction and emphasize foreign policy.

Quayle has a wide fundraising base and is well established in the early primary states.

Other potential GOP candidates include Texas Gov. George W. Bush, former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander, Ohio Rep. John Kasich, Elizabeth Dole, Sen. John McCain of Arizona, broadcaster Pat Buchanan, millionaire Steve Forbes and religious activist Gary Bauer.

Security goal for abortion proposal

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The White House plans to propose a \$4.5 million initiative Friday to counter violence at abortion clinics with added security, such as alarm systems, bulletproof windows and closed-circuit camera systems.

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton was expected to make the announcement in a speech to the National Abortion Rights Action League on the 26th anniversary of the Supreme Court's landmark Roe vs. Wade decision.

The money, to be included in the president's budget proposal for fiscal 2000, would help clinics purchase motion detectors and improved lighting, according to a senior administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity. It will also pay for security assessments to determine which clinics are most at risk.

"I think with the escalation of violence waged against abortion provider clinics, this is good news," said Belle Taylor-McGhee, spokeswoman for

NARAL. She stressed the need for doctors, abortion providers and women to all have safe access to clinics, which provide a variety of health services.

"This is a good first step, and it's important that the administration is taking domestic terrorism seriously," said Jacquelyn Lendsey, vice president of public policy for Planned Parenthood.

At the same time as the announcement, thousands of abortion opponents were expected to march to the Capitol and Supreme Court on Friday.

In November, Attorney General Janet Reno set up a national task force to prosecute and prevent attacks and threats against abortion providers. The announcement was made a month after abortion Dr. Barnett Slepian, an abortion provider, was killed by a rifle shot fired into his suburban

Buffalo, N.Y., home.

The task force plans to train local law enforcement and abortion providers in how to respond to and prevent such attacks and establish a national database with all information on clinic violence.

A survey released Thursday by the Feminist Majority Foundation showed that in the first seven months of 1998, 22 percent of clinics experienced one or more forms of violence. These included blockades, invasions, bomb threats and bombings, arson threats and arsons, chemical attacks, death threats and stalking. This was a slight decrease from 25 percent in 1997.

The survey also found that clinics that reported law enforcement response as "excellent" experienced lower levels of violence than those that characterized local law enforcement as "poor."

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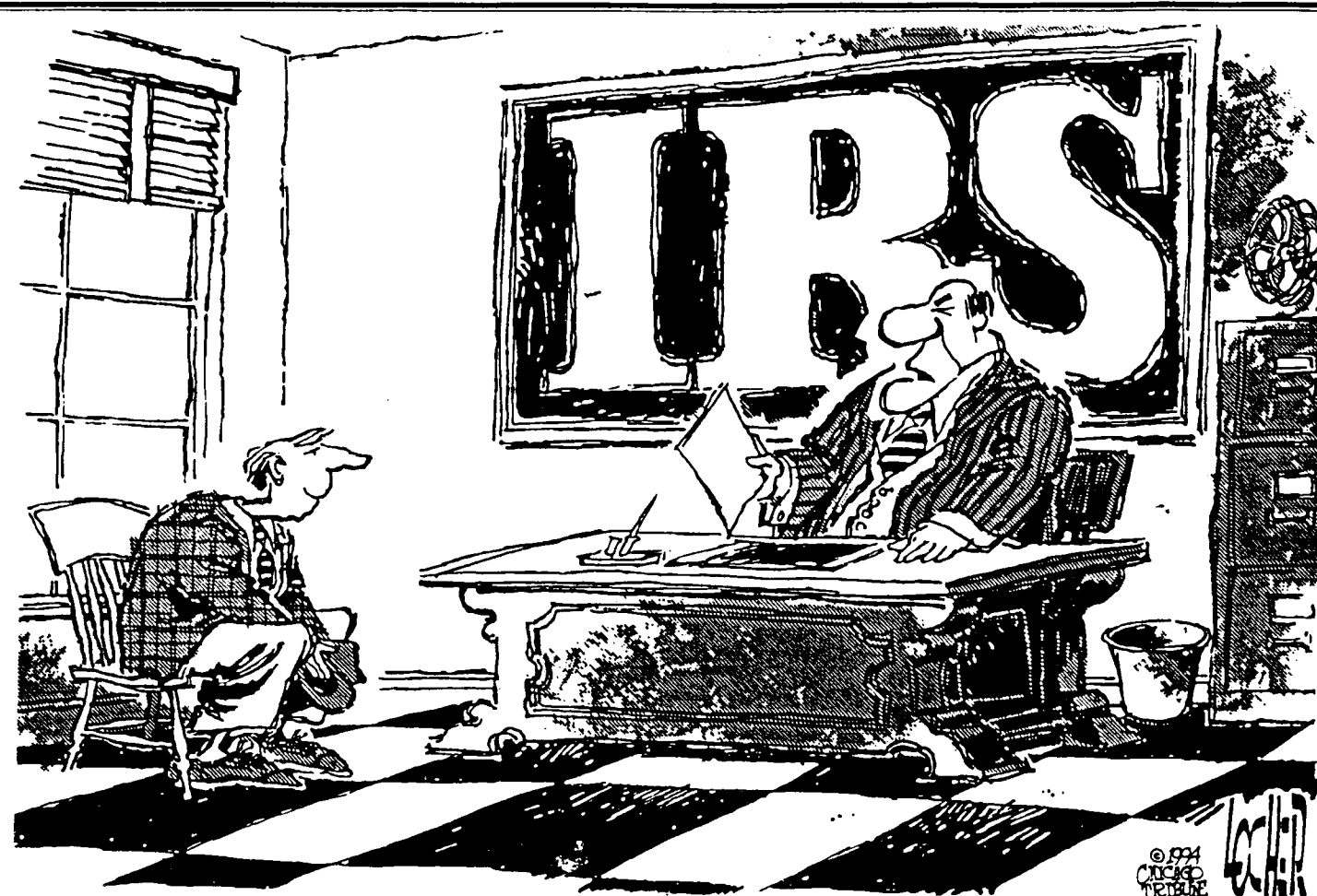
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■ LULA'S JOURNAL

A Real Research University

Recent discussions about joining the Big Ten make it clear that Notre Dame is committed to becoming a research university whether her daughters and

Jeff Langan

sons like it or not, and regardless of voices from our medieval and not so medieval past wondering if this is the way to go. On that score, she ought to leave the Middle Ages behind and think about what becoming a research university really means. Then, she should commit herself to it full-hearted. This is no time for half-measures, or keeping up with the Jones.' Notre should become a cutting-edge research university. And let's face it, up to this point, American research universities in general have been doing a poor job imitating their Prussian ancestors (except for all the relativists they manage to produce).

That's right, the Prussians created the model for the research university. Therefore, Notre Dame should imitate the Prussian research university, and not weak American research universities for its educational model. The Prussians used research universities to build a strong state. Those great research universities cranked out soldiers for building the great Prussian military, economic and political machine. This required discipline and specialization. There's no reason why Notre Dame can't do the same, produce fine upstanding citizens who are the top contributors to the American economic machine.

Getting to the status of a real research university will require some

changes. I suggest the following.

Notre Dame should abolish what's left of the Core Curriculum. The Core is a Bore. Students don't get any kind of unified vision of civilization in their Core classes, they get a bunch of specialized relativistic mumbo jumbo from six or seven different disciplines. This is no way to produce experts. So let's make every student a good relativist and a good specialist at the same time. It will increase our prestige.

Through a series of tests, Notre Dame, following the Prussian model, will tell each student what her or his major is. Once it gives a student a major, all of the student's courses will then be determined for her or him, because to really be successful, to really make a contribution to any discipline or be an expert at any job, the student needs to follow a disciplined course of study. How can a good research university let its students waste time taking philosophy, history, literature or foreign languages that do not contribute to specialized research outside of one's discipline? A good Prussian research university produces students that are the greatest scholars in the world in their particular discipline. They will really know something.

Notre Dame will have to train students as narrowly as possible. For example, no experts in such a general field as political science, our fields of study will have to be more along the

lines of "Social Movements in the Netherlands in the 1830s." Now won't you be happy once you know that your university has the World Renowned Expert in the Social and Political History of the Netherlands in the 1830s? Or the World Renowned Expert in Medieval Weights and Measures? Or the World Renowned Expert in the Bathing Habits of Nineteenth Century Soldiers? Or the World

Renowned Expert on Sewing Techniques in France in the 1760s? These are all areas of study just waiting for some ambitious young students looking to stake her or his claim.

But you say your not going to become an academic? Don't worry, the research university is still for you. In order to really be of

use to society, to really become a Big player, you need to be an expert at something. Like financial markets in Togo or Tasmanian law. It's the experts that really control things. So, the area of expertise students develop will become their step to success in the American economic machine. We want our students rolling the dice to see what African or South American tribe gets slaughtered by the next piece of foreign aid coming out of Congress. That's

what experts get to do.

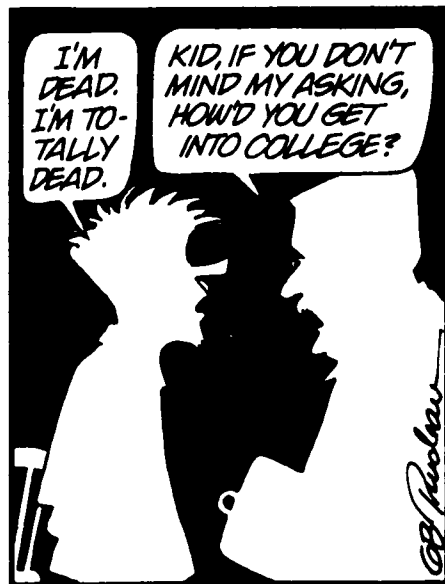
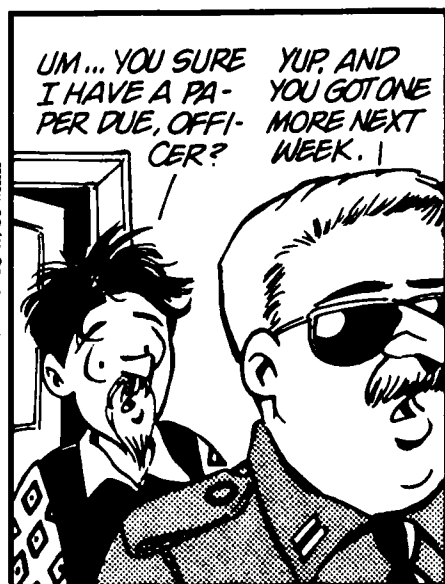
And given that Notre Dame will have adopted Prussian order and discipline, her daughters and sons won't have to settle for the crumbs any more. They will be the leaders, the innovators, the experts on the top of the financial, economic and social ladder. Some of you may resist doing what becoming a research university requires. But why should we take a middle road? Most of us are already committing ourselves to a lifestyle in corporate America, and the four or five years we are here is seen as a rest before we commit ourselves to this reality. Why should we settle, then, for mediocrity? If we are really set on committing ourselves to Pharmaceutical companies, consulting companies, lawfirms, investment banks, other research universities, politics, or any other of the smaller businesses that make their living driving white-collar men and women to lead the lives of empty modern materialists, why not commit ourselves to being the masters of them rather than just the cogs in the machine? Why settle for the crumbs? If the real goal is to become a research university that fits in to American society and that at the same time churns out students who will find themselves among the economic elites of this country, why go at it half-hearted? Why give it a superficial attempt? This is how Prussia produced great universities and turned itself into a military and economic giant. This is how France and England became great world powers. We need to toughen up, and if a research university is the way to go, let's not make a half-hearted attempt.

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■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

'The United States themselves are essentially the greatest poem.'

— Walt Whitman

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■ CALIFORNIA DREAMIN'

The Fight for Life: One More Struggle for Justice to Humanity

The March for Life is this weekend. Don't stop reading now because this is "another abortion column." If you are pro-life then a lot of people are dying and if you are pro-choice then you think I'm going to step all over woman's rights in a

Brandon Williams



few seconds. Both of those issues are important enough to warrant a few minutes of your time.

People have lost sight of the gravity of the abortion debate. This is exemplified by this University's inviting the rabidly pro-choice presidential candidate Bill Bradley to teach here. (I wonder if he would sign a partial birth abortion ban if elected?) Political commentators are acknowledging that abortion is no longer the galvanizing force it used to be in the foolishly categorized "socially conservative" portion of the American constituency. Pro-lifers are getting bored.

In some ways this is understandable. It's easy to lose one's perspective in a culture that employs its most powerful crusade rhetoric in the campaign against smoking. (Ten-year-olds can get their hands on guns, "Hustler" magazines and heroine and we're worried about them smoking; meanwhile people live in dire poverty and the nation's ghettos are epicenters of social injustice and we're worried about the societal ramifications of lighting up! That in and of itself makes one question the priorities of our culture). Moreover, the arguments involved in the abortion debate often do seem stale and many have grown disenchanted or apathetic. They feel that there is little hope of changing the mind of anyone. Perhaps they are right, but I don't think so. I'm here to do something to eat away at that myth.

The importance of the abortion debate has only grown in the years since *Roe v. Wade*. It asks hard questions about some of the most basic and crucial issues our society must face. Right now there are pivotal and relatively new abortion-related questions facing the country. America's response to these issues will determine how deeply we are willing to sink into the "culture of death."

The first current abortion issue is partial birth abortion, which most of are familiar with. A bi-partisan majority in both houses passed a ban on partial birth abortion, during which a baby that has already peeked its head out of the womb has scissors summarily plunged into its head and its brains sucked out. That seems to me like something pretty concretely worth banning. President Clinton

disagreed. He vetoed the bill. There is right now an effort to override that veto, which Representative Steve Largent referenced in a speech to the nation that followed the State of the Union address earlier this week. Without pro-life citizens adamantly behind that effort to override there is no chance this measure will succeed and the murder of practically-borns will continue in American hospitals.

This is not the only current, crucial abortion-related issue that has only recently come onto the scene. Also facing

the nation is a new federal government decision to fund "stem cell research."

Stem cells can only be harvested from early-stage human embryos, necessitating the destruction of this young life. Until now the government has not funded the research because it cannot use taxpayer money for research that uses, and subsequently destroys, human embryos. However, working on their own, a number of American scientists have harvested enough stem cells from aborted

our society is being murdered and exploited on an ever more horrifying level. With partial birth abortion what is essentially a fully developed child is killed in cold blood (you can read doctor's accounts of floating heads and piece-by-piece dismemberment). Yet, we haven't dealt with the arguments themselves. After all, is anyone on that march in D.C. this weekend really going to change anyone's mind? The common perception is that we are at an intellectual stalemate in this country — pro-choice vs. pro-life. It

happens to be that the pro-choice forces have the upper hand and that's not going to change because minds aren't going to change. The biological evidence is there for all to see. A one celled zygote in the very first stages of pregnancy is clearly of the

human species and by looking at that zygote one can tell what the color of his/her hair, size of his/her build and complexion of his/her skin is going to be. Nevertheless, incomprehensibly to many

people (unless you're an animal activist) do not. My question is: how many of those who don't believe that a fetus is a human being are a hundred percent sure that it is not a human being? Can any of them honestly say, "There is no doubt at all in my mind that this fetus is not a person?" If they can say that, then they are off the hook. But, if they can't say that, if there is doubt in their mind, if they would admit that there is a chance, even a small chance, that a fetus is a person, if they are not a hundred percent sure that they are right — then they are obligated to defer to that possibility. The stakes are too high. One cannot take a life on the basis of probability. If you are going to kill a defenseless being then you better be damn sure that being is not a person.

Throughout the history of western civilization one of mankind's greatest sins has been the de-humanization of human beings. Whether it was the English to the Irish, the German's to the Jews or the Europeans to the Africans — the story remains the same. In America, whether it was the slaveholders to the slaves or the Jacksonian Democrats to the native-Americans — the story still remains the same. Our culture has a bloody and tragic history of denying humanity and human rights, both in theory and in practice, to

various people who deserved those rights. Our civilization must live with the scar of denying people their personhood, of taking the most fundamental dignities of humanity away from individuals who were not able to adequately defend themselves. Those who did so intellectualized their actions, to their modern-day shame. Yet, in the end they did what they did on the basis of self-interest. Today, once again, the question concerns a subjective definition of humanity and the most basic of rights stemming from that humanity — the right to life. Our history warns us not to risk making that same societal mistake again. So, anyone who is pro-choice and does believe in human rights and does not believe in murder better be completely positive that they are not making that same mistake

again. I don't think many in the pro-choice movement can say that they are so sure.

The abortion debate is still relevant. There is still a fight to be fought. Minds can still be changed. Moreover, if people are dying, especially at the rate in which the unborn are dying, then our society cannot afford to become lethargic or apathetic. Opposition to abortion must continue. So, say a prayer for the pro-life marchers this weekend and say a prayer for this country. We definitely need it.

Brandon Williams is ... well, we don't even know where to begin. His column should run every other Thursday.

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fetuses and from unused embryos from infertility treatments that they now have a "stem cell bank" built up. The government is getting around the research ban by funding the study of the already harvested cells. This is a huge issue, and one that is made complicated by the potential of stem-cell research to contribute to medicine. Yet, from a pro-life standpoint, our government is funding research on body parts that have been taken from human beings that were murdered for the purpose of that research. Maybe you've heard about American servicemen in Korea who, after coming home with a sexually promising female, awake drugged in an ice-filled bathtub with both of their kidneys cut out? For a pro-lifer this issue is not dissimilar to our government funding research on those kidneys.

So, the issues are still extremely current and relevant. A defenseless segment of

pro-lifers, those in favor of a right to abortion are not convinced by this evidence that an unborn child is a human being. How is anyone possibly going to convince those who are pro-choice that a fetus is a human being and that it is being murdered when it is aborted? I say, maybe they don't have to be convinced of this for their minds to change. Maybe the pro-life movement needs a new argument, one that does not demand so much from those who are pro-choice.

There are many pro-choicers who believe that abortion is somehow a justifiable homicide. They are not going to be swayed by the following argument. For them, even if that fetus being killed is a defenseless human being it is not worthy of protection. However, many, if not most, pro-choice individuals are simply not convinced that the fetus is a human being, or a person. People have a right to life. Non-

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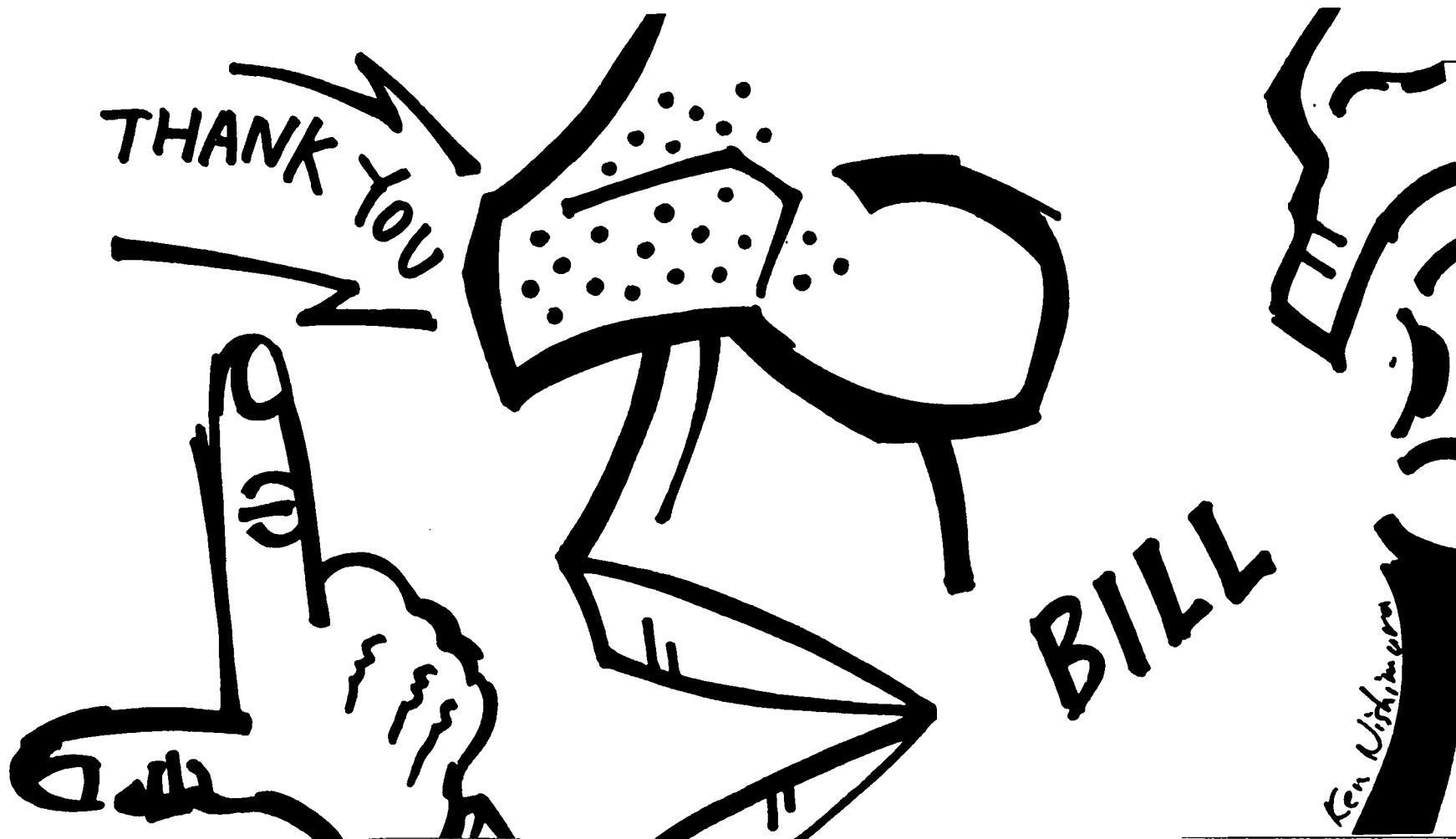
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■ CAPITOL COMMENTS

Clinton's State of the Union Speech was Purely Republican



Anyone who remembers the 1980s can recall how the country marveled at Ronald Reagan's ability to communicate with the American

Gary Caruso



public. While he was affectionately called "The Great Communicator" by his supporters, he merely espoused his long-held conservative views. At that point in time, Republicans successfully wrapped themselves in the American flag and portrayed themselves as patriotic. They set a conservative agenda that had not been seen since the 1920s.

When Bill Clinton entered the national political arena, Arkansas insiders warned that he was a centralist. They said, "Beware, Bill Clinton sways with the wind, follows the polls and tries to please everybody." They were correct, as evidenced by the President's recent State of the Union Address. Clinton not only spoke as a Democrat, he out-Republicaned the Republicans. Many political observers believe that this Clinton trait is what makes conservatives so passionately hate the President.

Highlighting issues like the balanced budget and crime in his speech, the President espoused themes usually thought of as Republican issues. Knowing that leading Republican presidential hopefuls have begun crying for a stronger national defense, Clinton proposed billions of dollars of increases for defense spending. He cited the long defense decline "beginning in 1985," well back in

the Reagan and Bush administrations. Then Clinton praised all the fighting soldiers in the Gulf, then looking up to the gallery, acknowledged a pilot who flew missions over Iraq. Those gestures were vintage Reagan.

Republicans are frustrated by the President. Clinton peppers each State of the Union speech with saving social security, establishing educational standards, providing business incentives, welfare reform, gun control, improving environmental standards, expanding family leave, increasing the minimum wage and establishing better working conditions. His address includes a little of something for everybody. One House member

two years in office doomed his Congressional majority, but freed the President to return to his old centralist ways. As a centralist, Clinton has captured the American public's consistent support, even through his personal crisis. Students of history should pay particular attention to the President's success. By embracing a large segment of the middle of the political spectrum, Clinton overpowers the fringe elements and solidifies Democrats ... including Senators who sit in judgment of him.

Republicans do themselves no favors by pressing impeachment. They appear more partisan as they are seen on television at the State of the Union speech either sitting in disgust or not attending at all. Republican senators are desperately seeking to support their House managers prosecuting the President while trying to end the political nightmare that will end their majority in the House in 2000. The President's olive branch offering to Speaker Hastert for bipartisan cooperation helps seal the Republican's doomed fate.

In years to come, much will be said. Much will be written. Much will be studied about the Clinton presidency. One thing is evident today — Clinton's State of the Union Address is his ultimate weapon. For years, it has reeked havoc on the Republican party, but more importantly, it has saved the Clinton presidency.

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■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Notre Dame Must Legally Accept Helio-centrics?

I have been greatly encouraged that both the Notre Dame students and faculty have been making great efforts to end the University's discriminatory treatment of heliocentrists. Finally, even the Academic Council agrees that the University should legally bind itself not to discriminate against heliocentrists. Whether this will survive the board of trustees remains to be seen.

What is disturbing is not so much the conservative resistance, that is to be expected, but rather the weak responses of the progressives to such resistance. The conservatives are quick to point out that church doctrine is very clear. The Sun goes around the Earth. If there was any doubt about that, the trial and condemnation of Galileo made the church position very clear. Ptolemaic astronomy is orthodoxy; Copernican astronomy is heretical. As Christians we are called to love the heliocentrists, but hate their heliocentrism. Heliocentrism is an objective disorder of the mind.

Progressives here have pointed out that Ptolemaic astronomy is a relatively peripheral Catholic doctrine — perhaps like the call for us to eat fish on Fridays. Progressives have also pointed out that conservatives often seem insincere in their proclaimed love of the heliocentrists. It is difficult to see how you can exhibit your love for your fellow man by burning him. Progressives have also pointed out that Notre Dame has lost the opportunity to hire some top rate faculty that are heliocentric. The embarrassing incident recently with the heliocentric priest who felt compelled to resign is a case in point. And now another case has become apparent. A young promising scholar, Isaac Newton, has been removed from the short list for a chair in natural philosophy on the grounds that he is heliocentric.

The progressive replies are not without merit. But they miss the central point. Church doctrine on this point is absolutely false. The condemnation of heliocentrism is repugnant to natural reason. Conservatives call for an "intellectual docility" to the church. By this they mean that we should disregard the cries of our god-given natural reason; they invite us to commit a kind of intellectual suicide. While the Church teaches many great and important truths, it is our job to lovingly correct her when she is wrong. Tolerance of heliocentrism is now widely accepted in the academic community outside the Church. Unless we act, how long will it be before the Church admits its error about Galileo? Will we have to wait until the nineteenth or even (God forbid) the twentieth century?

As we stand at the dawn of the eighteenth century, Notre Dame must decide if it wishes to be taken seriously in the academic community. If it does, it must legally bind itself not to discriminate against heliocentrists.

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Don't Let the Winter Weather



With the introduction of the Challenge U program by RecSports, working out could now lead to great prizes.

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RecSports Challenges Students to Challenge Themselves

By SARAH DYLAG
Scene Editor

Looking outside the window at piles of melting snow and thinking of the cold walk to Rolfs Sports and Recreation Center, the Rock, Loftus or any one of the on-campus sports facilities might not inspire many students to hit the gym.

For those students, who need some added incentive to start working out or to keep working out throughout the dreary winter months, RecSports has a challenge. It's called the Challenge U Spring Break and it lets each individual set his/her own workout goals and chart his/her progress.

"We wanted to give people an extra incentive to get moving after Christmas for Spring Break and summer," said Jennie Phillips, the RecSports fitness coordinator. "Matt Peterson, my intern, and I brainstormed together to come up with the idea and Matt has done most of the legwork."

The program, which has already gained over 350 participants, requires each student to choose one of three mock destinations — a short (Hilton head, Island, SC), medium (Jackson Hole, Wyo.) or long (Montego Bay, Jamaica). For each minute of exercise the student does each day (no more than 75 minutes may be counted each day), the student gains one mile toward this mock destination. He/She can track their progress by moving a pin on the map hanging in the fitness room.

Work-out activities logged as minutes includes, but are not limited to: working out in the Rock, in Loftus, in Rolfs, playing interhall basketball, attending aerobics classes and strength training.

"It's not limited at all to activities in the fitness room," stressed Phillips.

Participating students can keep track of their minutes in the fitness room with the fitness

room coordinator. Each day, when they are finished exercising, they can chart their minutes. If the student cannot be in the fitness room in person to log their hours, he/she can call Peterson at 3432 with the time.

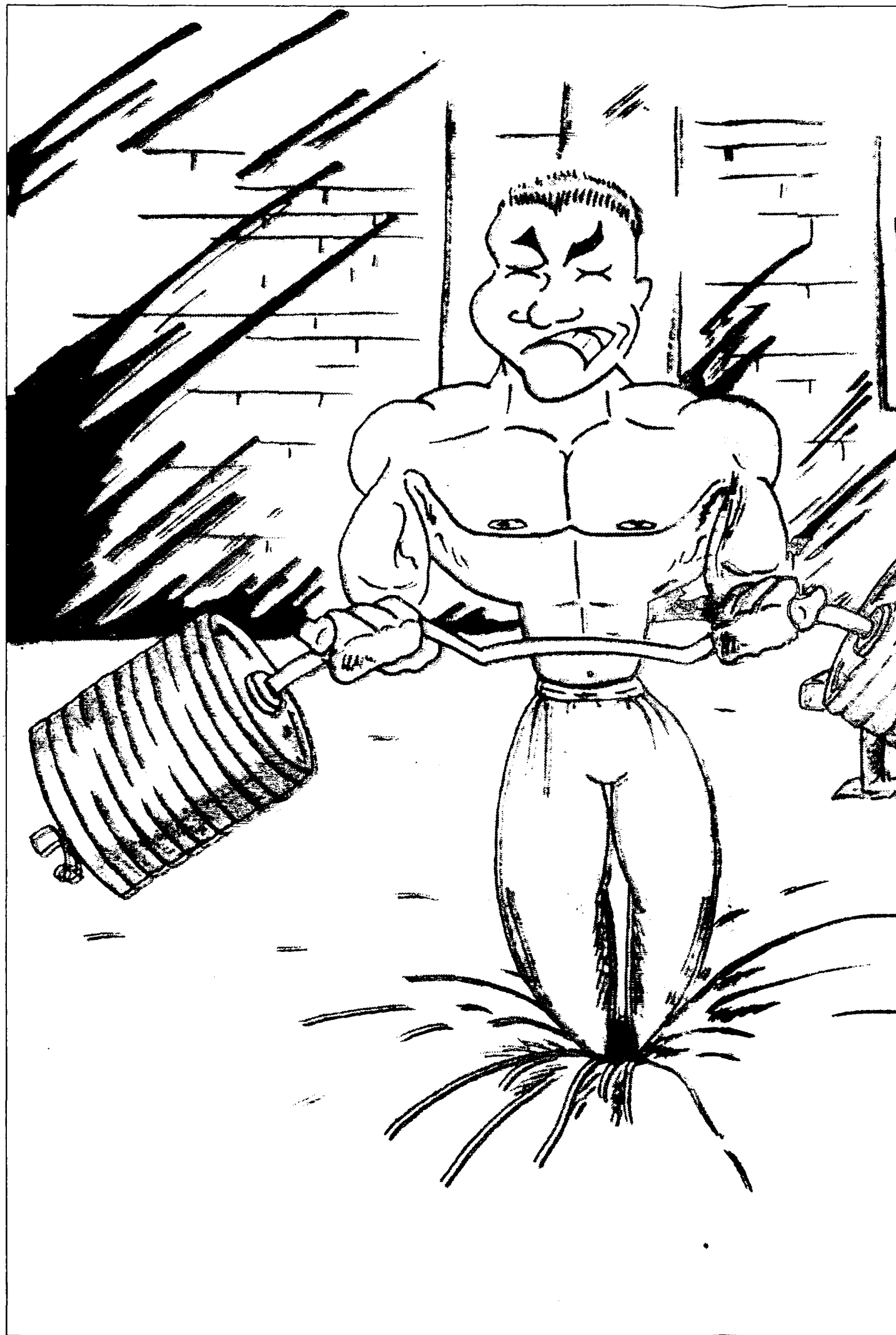
Each student who meets his/her personal goal by Spring Break will have his/her name entered into a raffle and RecSports will draw names and give away prizes that students who intend to vacation over Spring Break might need.

"We're not giving away any trips," said Phillips. "But the raffle will give away things that people going on Spring Break will find useful."

Signing up to participate in the program is free and can be done at the RecSports registration desk at the Rolfs Sports and Recreation Center. Additionally, some aerobics classes, the minutes of which may be counted towards the Challenge U program, are still open. Students interested in signing up for these classes can register and pay at the front desk of RecSports.

Tips for Staying Healthy

1. Dress warmly in cold weather. This includes wearing hats that cover your ears.
2. Make sure to get more rest, not less. Sleep boosts your immune system.
3. Drink additional fluids. This helps prevent dehydration, combats fever and distributes medication to all body parts.
4. Take Tylenol or Advil for fever and/or body aches.
5. Make sure to eat a well-balanced diet.
6. Wash your hands frequently to avoid spreading germs.
7. Cough into your elbow region instead of into your hands.
8. Follow the advice of parents, nurses and/or physicians.
9. Most illnesses will abate with or without formal treatment.



Try Your Hand at an O

By KRISTI KLITSCH
Scene Editor

Does the winter weather have you feeling lethargic?

Well, RecSports has a solution for the post-Christmas laziness that plagues campus every January and February. Next weekend will mark the 13th anniversary of the Late Night Olympics, which will kick off on Friday, January 29 at 7:00 p.m.

The all-night sports event originated with current Director of RecServices and Fitness Sally Derengoski, who brought the idea with her to Notre Dame in 1985. The first year the event was entitled "The Late Night," and was modeled after an all-night event held at Indiana University, according to Kara O'Leary, RecServices Coordinator. The next year the program was changed to "Late Night Olympics" and has maintained that name for the past 12 years, said O'Leary.

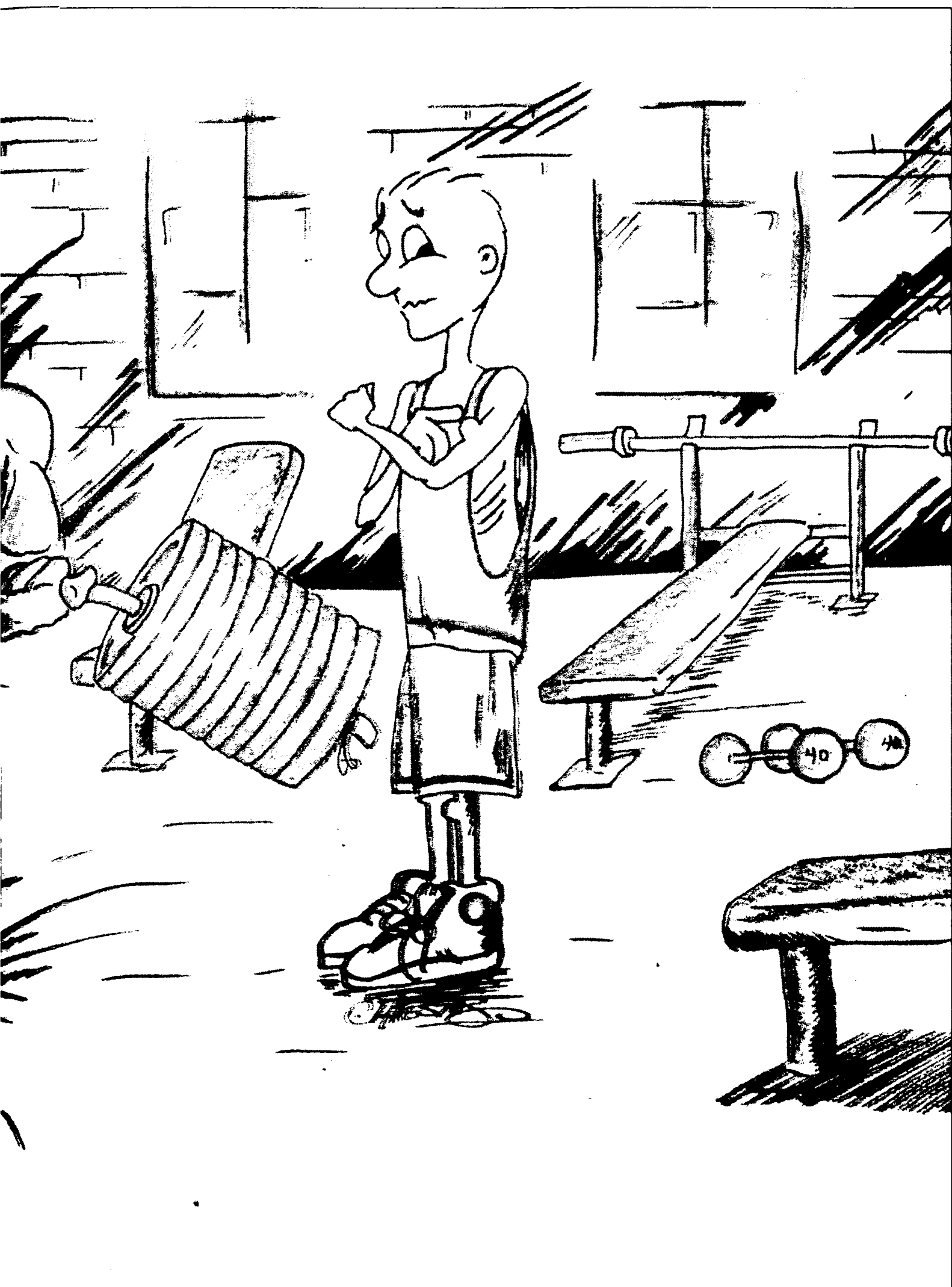
In 1987, Late Night Olympics joined forces with the St. Joseph Country chapter of the Special Olympics, in order to raise money for Special Olympic teams. The annual event has raised more than \$45,000 for the St. Joseph chapter and last year's donations

totaled more than \$6,000. The money is used to cover entrance fees and travel for the Special Olympics basketball teams and to buy uniforms for the players.

This year, 13 teams will participate in the Late Night Olympics, and each team will be comprised of either two or three dorms. Dorms will be able to participate in 18 possible events, including volleyball, basketball, nerf football, kickball, broomball and many others. In addition, the all-night event will include a basketball game between a team of Special Olympians and a team of rectors/rectresses. "We like this event because it showcases the talent of the Special Olympic team and it shows why we are all there," O'Leary said. Because the event will be held in both the Joyce Center and the new Rolfs Sports and Recreation Center, three new events have been added this year, O'Leary said.

"With the use of the Rolfs Sports and Recreation Center, we have added team dodgeball, badminton and table tennis to the list of events," she said. "We also encourage people to hang around and play pool while they watch the events."

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The Flu & You:

Everything you need to know about the influenza virus

Courtesy of New York Department of Health

What is influenza (flu)?

Influenza or flu is a viral infection of the nose, throat, bronchial tubes and lungs. There are two main types of virus: A and B. Each type includes many different strains which tend to change each year.

When does influenza occur?

Influenza occurs most often in the winter months. Illnesses resembling influenza may occur in the summer months but they are usually due to other viruses.

Who gets influenza?

Anyone can get influenza, but it is most serious in the elderly, in people with chronic underlying illnesses (such as cancer, emphysema or diabetes) or those with weak immune systems.

How is it spread?

Influenza is highly contagious and is easily transmitted through contact with droplets from the nose and throat of an infected person during coughing and sneezing.

What are the symptoms of influenza?

Typical flu symptoms include headache, fever, chills, cough and body aches. Intestinal symptoms are uncommon. Although most people are ill for only a few days, some people have a much more serious illness, such as pneumonia, and may need to be hospitalized. Thousands of people die each year from the flu or related complications.

How soon do symptoms appear?

The incubation period for influenza is one to five days.

How is influenza diagnosed?

Usually, a doctor will diagnose a case of the flu based on typical symptoms of fever, chills, headache, cough and body aches. Specific lab tests to confirm the flu are costly and time consuming and are usually limited to outbreak or disease surveillance methods.

When and for how long is a person able to spread influenza?

The contagious period varies, but probably begins the day before symptoms appear and extends for a week.

Does past infection with influenza make a person immune?

Generally, no. The viruses that cause the flu frequently change, so people who have been infected or given a flu shot in the previous years may become infected with a new strain. Because of this, and because any immunity produced by the flu shot will possibly decrease in the year after vaccination, people in high-risk groups should be vaccinated every year.

What are the high risk groups?

The following groups are at increased risk for serious illness with the flu and should receive vaccine:

- All people 65 years of age and older;
- Adults and children with long-term heart or lung problems;
- Residents of nursing homes and other institutions housing patients of any age who have serious long-term health problems;
- People who have kidney disease, cystic fibrosis, diabetes, anemia, severe asthma, cancer or immunological disorders and other medical conditions for which they are under the close supervision of a doctor.

Others who should receive vaccine include household contacts of high-risk people and healthcare workers who provide care to high-risk patients.

What is the treatment for influenza?

Rest and liquids are usually adequate. A prescription drug called amantadine may prevent or reduce the severity of influenza type A, but is not effective against type B.

What can be done to control or prevent influenza?

Routine immunization against influenza is the most important control measure. Influenza vaccines (the flu shot) may be available through your personal physician or local health department. When influenza type A occurs, amantadine may be prescribed for certain individuals. Because new influenza viruses often appear, the effectiveness of the vaccine sometimes varies from one year to the next. Nevertheless, studies have shown that even in years when new strains emerge, people in high-risk groups who obtain annual flu shots tend to have milder illness and are less likely to be hospitalized with complications due to influenza.

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■ TRACK AND FIELD

Track prepares for Michigan

By BRIAN HOBBS
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame Men's and Women's Track Teams venture north to the University of Michigan this weekend in their second meet of the season.

Their competition includes Michigan and Eastern Michigan, but most importantly themselves. The open format only scores by times and marks rather than for team standings, so many athletes will be looking to improve their marks.

Coach Joe Piane acknowledges the important role the meet will play in determining key players for the rest of the season.

"This is a great way to start the season and get things rolling," he said, acknowledging that Saturday will be the first time this season many of the athletes run in their race.

However, many athletes will be running to set the pace for the pinnacle of the indoor season, the Big East Championships. Coach Piane knows the important role this meet plays in both the indoor and outdoor seasons, "basically, everything builds up to the Big East."

Having lost hurdles icon Errol Williams as well as Jason Rexing and Barret Junker, Piane admits excitement in finally getting to see some young blue chips perform.

"I am anxious to see sprinter Liz Grow as well as Luke

Watson in the long distance," he said.

Other athletes to watch on the men's side of the team include Marshaun West and Chris Cochran in jumps and sprints. West acknowledged that he and many team members are anxious to get the season started.

"I trained hard all summer and I just look forward to contributing in the best way I can," West said, agreeing that this was the general mood of the team.

Another highlight of the Michigan Open will be the arrival of dual athletes Tony Driver and Bobby Brown who arrive this weekend after a few weeks rest upon the completion of another successful football season.

Consistent scores should be contributed by the Irish distance squad as well. Members including Ryan Maxwell, Antonio Arce, and Ryan Shay are anxious to contribute in the indoor season but acknowledge the adjustments to be made from outdoor to indoor surfaces.

"It is a hard transition from outdoor to indoor. The shorter distances call for an increase in speed," Shay said.

Finally, look for strong performances by Mike Brown on the pole vault, Jay Hofner in throwing events and Gabe Seaman in the sprints.

On the women's side of the token, Assistant Coach Tim Connelly highlights Joanna

Deeter, Jennifer Englehardt and Nadia Schmiedt as players to watch.

Deeter has been a long established leader in the distance events while Schmiedt has earned three monograms for her efforts in the hurdles. Englehardt is the teams premiere jumper.

Englehardt's prediction for the season includes steady improvement and a strong performance in the Big East.

Englehardt's excitement is not without merit, "We have a really strong incoming freshman class and no big losses from last year."

Other athletes to watch include sprinters Liz Grow and Carri Lenz as well as distance stars Erin Luby and Alison Klemmer. Finally, freshman Dore DeBartolo is grabbing attention as a standout in the throwing events.

Given the depth and diversity of this growing team the Michigan Open should prove to be a very exciting precursor to the Mayo Invitational at home next weekend.

"We are looking to get things going against IU in the dual meet," Piane said. While Englehardt acknowledges that running in front of fans makes the events much more exciting.

Finally, with all the hype about the ever looming Big East Championships, the Irish athletes should step things up in what promises to be an exciting weekend.

■ NHL

Islanders end winless streak

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH

Joe Sacco scored a short-handed goal as New York ended an 11-game winless streak by beating Pittsburgh 5-2 Thursday night in Bill Stewart's first game as Islanders' coach.

Stewart, who had been an assistant under Mike Milbury, was named head coach Thursday afternoon after Milbury resigned to focus on his duties as general manager. Stewart was coach of the year in the American Hockey League last season, when he led the St. John's Flames to the Calder Cup final.

The Islanders had been 0-10-1 since beating Boston 4-2 on Dec. 26. They also had lost nine consecutive road games.

After being outshot 11-4 and outscored 2-1 in the opening period, the Islanders scored a pair of goals in the second period to reverse the momentum against the road-weary Penguins.

Robert Reichel gave New York a 2-2 tie at 3:26 when he one-timed Bryan Smolinski's pass from behind the net for his 11th goal of the season.

Sacco scored at 10:47 of

the period to give the Islanders their first lead of the game. Sacco picked off Alexei Kovalev's pass and quickly fired a shot over Tom Barrasso's blocker.

Mark Lawrence got his fifth goal of the season at 9:15 of the third period on a perfect setup from Claude Lapointe to make it 4-2.

The Penguins pulled Barrasso with 2:10 left in the game but couldn't score. Lapointe hit the empty net with six seconds remaining to cap a three-point night.

Kovalev broke 1-1 tie at when his power-play shot from the left point hit Islanders center Trevor Linden's stick and fooled goalie Tommy Salo, making his first start since Jan. 7.

Pittsburgh scored on its first shot 2:14 into the game. Jiri Slegr put a 40-footer past Salo on the short side for his first goal in 23 games this season.

Lapointe tied the score at 3:32 with his ninth goal. Slegr lost the puck in the neutral zone and Ziggy Palffy made a nice pass to set up Lapointe, who beat Barrasso from 25 feet.

The Penguins played their first game since returning from a 1-3 Western trip.

■ NBA

Rodman changes mind, will take the court in '99

Associated Press

JERSEY CITY, New Jersey The on-again, off-again NBA career of Dennis Rodman is back on, at least for now.

In a message posted on his Internet site, the seven-time NBA rebounding champion announced Wednesday that he wanted to return for another season. A day earlier, Rodman said he planned to retire, then changed his mind once again, claiming in a television interview that he planned only to sit out the upcoming season.

Rodman, a member of the last three NBA championship teams for the Chicago Bulls and cur-

rently a free agent, then chose the Internet to announce he was changing his mind once again.

"OK, so here's the deal," the flamboyant Rodman said on the Internet. "I've had some long discussions with the people I love, the ones whose opinions matter the most to me, and I've decided not to retire after all."

"I know yesterday I said I was history. With the NBA lockout and everything going on, I really thought I should stop playing. But I've been reviewing my options and those options still include playing in the NBA this season with a contender. Chicago, New York and L.A. are all cities I'd

like to play in. Playing overseas could be pretty cool, too."

Rodman said he would elaborate on his decision when he appears on the "Tonight Show" on Friday evening.

The 37-year-old Rodman has led the NBA in both rebounding and strange behavior. He has won championships with the Bulls the last three seasons and with the Detroit Pistons in 1989 and 1990.

His rebounding expertise, however, comes at a price. He once kicked a cameraman in the groin and is known for sometimes missing practices and team flights and ignoring coaches and team rules.

Easily identified by his tattoos

and ever-changing hair color, Rodman has maintained that

'I STILL HAVE TO COME BACK FOR AT LEAST ONE MORE GAME SO THAT I CAN GET BUCK NAKED ON THE COURT.'

DENNIS RODMAN
FREE AGENT FORWARD

after his last game he would strip off his uniform and leave the court nude.

"There's the one thing I've always told my fans I would do in my last game that I still

haven't done," Rodman wrote on his Web site. "I'm sure you know what that is. But I still have to come back for at least one more game so that I can get buck naked on the court."

Rodman began his NBA career with the Pistons in 1986 and was a key member of their back-to-back championship teams. He was NBA Defensive Player of the Year in 1990 and 1991 and earned All-Star berths in 1990 and 1992.

Rodman began his string of seven straight rebounding titles in 1992 with Detroit and continued the streak in 1994 and 1995 with the San Antonio Spurs. Rodman was acquired by the Bulls in October 1995.

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wow, they sure do fill up those blue
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hcurglass is not a good nickname,
date.

I'm trying to be integrated into the
guy's dorm, so I want to be manly.

well, maybe not that manly.

diane, do you miss our cuddling?

I know heartland wasn't the same
without me.

Tubular. Groovy to the extreme.
I hope this mcglinn syr isn't can-
celled.

the lice have left the building.

and so have i. Goodnight from
MAC.

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Nightswimming started years ago.
Why cannot all these people under-
stand?

There it goes up in the sky. there it
goes way up in the clouds and
there's no reason why. I can't cry
hard enough.

Dylan, when did you get in?

I cleared customs half an hour ago.

Kelly, you don't look happy to see
me.

I'm just... shocked

Next week... he goes into a coma

allen-- i hate roses. my least
favorite flower. always have been.

and i already had answers to all
your questions. cirrus. apples slic-
ing. heather in the breeze.

Goodnight, dear world.

■ WOMEN'S TENNIS

Louderback expects big performance in Minnesota

By Wes Jacobs
Sports Writer

Tonight, women's tennis coach Jay Louderback will have the chance to see what his troops are made of when the sixteenth ranked Irish tennis team travels to Minneapolis, Minnesota, to take on the Blue Demons of Depaul in the Federated Insurance Court Classic.

This match will be the team's first since completing their fall schedule in November. If victorious, Louderback's squad will advance to the championship and face either 15th-ranked Pepperdine or Minnesota.

Despite the extended layoff, members of the team expect to come out sharp.

"A lot of the girls played during the break," Louderback

said. "And three even played in a tournament in Texas. We're not the only team that will have a little rust."

While last year's team was hurt by a lack of depth, the 1999 version should be strong from top to bottom of the line-up, and will rely on slots four through six in the singles matches to put them over the top in some close matches.

The team returns five of 1998's top seven players, including All-American senior Jennifer Hall, senior Marisa Velasco, ranked number 73 for singles players in the NCAA, and sophomore Michelle Dasso, who last season as a freshman broke the Notre Dame single-season wins record, compiling an amazing 40 wins.

Slots four through six are expected to be filled with three

underclassmen. Freshman Becky Varnum brings an undefeated high school resume to Notre Dame, and she expects to step right into the line-up. Junior Kelly Zalinski and freshman Lindsey Green are expected to round out the singles line-up for the squad. Expect freshman Nina Vaughan and sophomore Kimberly Guy to step in as well.

As for doubles, Louderback has reason to be excited about his team's depth.

"We have four teams which are all very close in ability," said Louderback, who expects to rotate the duos in and out of the three doubles slots. Dasso and Hall expect to see a lot of action, and Varnum and Velasco will not be far behind them.

Coming into the match with Depaul, Louderback is not sure what to expect. During the fall, the Blue Demons played respectively, fielding a very young team. With the apparent addition of some international talent, however, the Demons could present problems for the Irish. Notre Dame has never lost to Depaul, having won the previous six matches dating back to their first win in 1978.

If the Irish can advance, they will possibly get a shot at rival Pepperdine. The Waves' could be even stronger than their number 15 ranking, as they have also added foreign talent.

"We are really looking forward to getting a chance to play them," said an excited Louderback.



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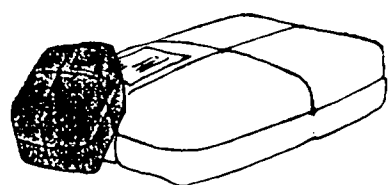
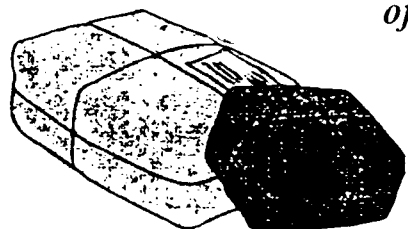
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■ NBA

Gieger to help 76ers measure up

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA Allen Iverson calmly practiced free throws, and Philadelphia 76ers president Pat Croce fetched the rebounds.

Matt Geiger, one of the newest Sixers, talked about a new start after a messy parting with Charlotte.

Theo Ratliff walked onto the court wearing a strikingly stylish suit; new duds for a man who'd just signed his first big NBA contract.

The Sixers were one of the busiest teams Thursday as the NBA officially opened for business after the long, costly lockout.

"I like high-intensity, short duration. Let's go!" the energetic Croce said. "Every game counts!"

Before the games, there was plenty of business.

As expected, the Sixers signed Geiger to a reported \$51 million, six-year contract, re-signed Ratliff to a seven-year deal, and also added free agents Harvey Grant (two years, \$2.1 million) and George Lynch (one year at the minimum).

Also, Philadelphia signed its three draft picks — Larry Hughes, Nazr Mohammed and Casey Shaw — and acquired 6-foot-8 forward Mirsad Turkcan from Houston. Turkcan was the Rockets' first-round pick last June who was playing in his homeland of Turkey.

Gone is Derrick Coleman, who signed with the Hornets.

The schedule released Thursday has Philadelphia opening at Charlotte on Feb. 5. The Sixers' first home game is Feb. 6 against Orlando.

"The toughest part for me is to get these guys the preparation that they need," Sixers coach Larry Brown said. "I don't want to punish them because of the lockout, but I've got to work them hard. You can't afford not to be ready from the beginning."

Geiger said he signed with the Sixers because, "I felt the opportunities were better here."

It's a younger team. And with coach Brown, I've just liked some of the things he's always done.

"I like the fans here," Geiger said. "They want to see a winner."

Geiger said a long dispute with Hornets coach Dave Cowens about the extent of a hamstring injury he had late last season didn't affect his decision.

"I had an injury, and coach Cowens said stuff like my leg ought to be falling off and severed not to play," Geiger said. "I decided I wanted to wait until it was fully healed, and at that time he decided not to play me. It just escalated into something, but it wasn't that big a deal."

Iverson spent much of the team's media day working on his shooting. He appears to be in great shape and a good frame of mind despite mounting personal problems — again involving cars.

Last week, Mercedes-Benz Credit Corp. sued Iverson for more than \$28,500 in unpaid lease payments on three late-model cars. The suit also asks for the return of the cars and for the total buyout amount, about \$300,000, on the 24-month lease vehicles.

"I didn't know until the article came out," Iverson said. "It was something that my accountant was supposed to handle. Something happened and it didn't get done, I guess. I don't even know that much of it. I talked to him and he said he'll take care of it. He told me it was nonsense. So I let him take care of it."

Whatever his personal problems, Iverson seems more determined than ever to really begin to make his mark this season — especially with Michael Jordan retired.

"Not one player is going to be able to fill those shoes," Iverson said. "You could get a group of athletes, maybe 10 or 15, and all those feet probably don't fit. I don't think there's going to be one guy that does it the way he did it."

■ NHL

Islanders coach deserts team

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH

Mike Milbury stepped down as coach of the New York Islanders today, turning the struggling NHL team over to assistant Bill Stewart.

Milbury said he would remain as general manager of the team, which is mired in an 11-game winless streak.

It was the second time Milbury has left the Islanders coaching job.

He coached the team in 1995-96, then turned it over to Rick Bowness midway through the next season. Milbury then fired Bowness last March 11, returning to the bench for the balance of that season and the start of 1998-99.

The Islanders, who have won only three since Nov. 26, are 0-10-1 in their last 11 games. After they lost to Florida 5-2 at home Wednesday night, Milbury accused the team of quitting.

"This will be quick," Milbury said after the game. "It's unacceptable. It looked like they quit. We had no jump, no spunk and we were disorganized. That was a stinker without much sign of effort. We've got to do something about it."

Fans hooted the Islanders, chanting, "Mike Must Go."

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Milbury has come under heavy criticism, especially for the recent trade of 21-year-old defenseman Bryan Berard to Toronto for holdout goaltender Felix Potvin.

Milbury, 46, who spent 20 years in the Boston Bruins organization as player, coach and front office executive, came to the Islanders as coach on July 5, 1995. He assumed the general manager's job from Don Maloney on Dec. 12, 1995.

He had a record of 56-111-24 as Islanders coach. In two seasons coaching the Bruins from 1989-91, Milbury's teams went 90-49-21 and reached the Stanley Cup finals once.

Last May, after new owners took over the team, Milbury signed a five-year extension to coach the Islanders.

The new owners restructured the coaching duties, adding four assistants, including an offensive and defensive coordinator.

"In the end, this is a model to make my role infinitely easier," Milbury said at the time. "I enjoyed that there were a lot of aspects to the [general manager's] job, but there's nothing like being in the pit. There's a new energy to it."

Stewart led the St. John's Flames of the AHL to a 43-24-13 record and a berth in the Calder Cup final during the 1997-98 season.

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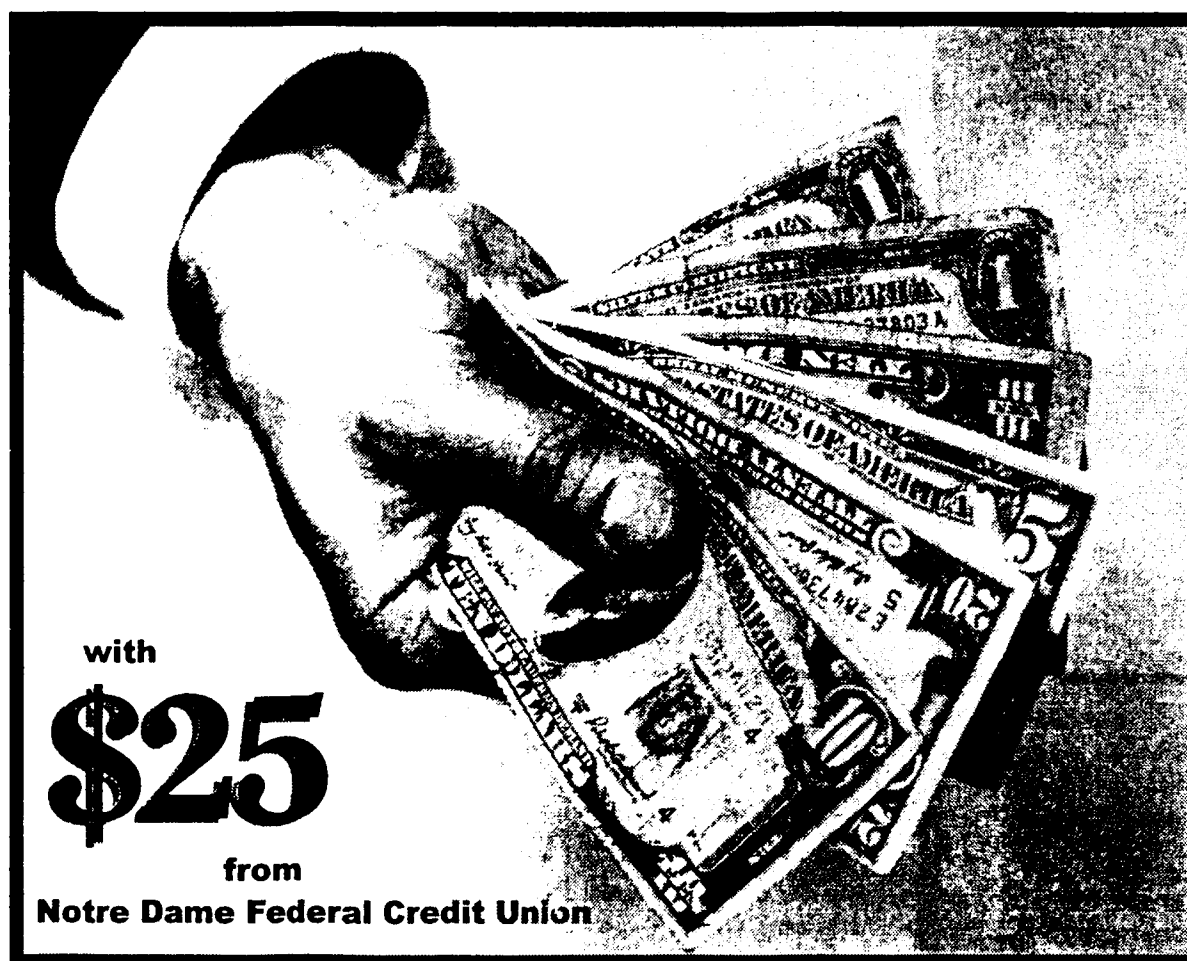
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■ NBA

Timberwolf flees pack for Phoenix

Associated Press

PHOENIX

The Phoenix Suns are close to a deal with free agent Tom Gugliotta, a source close to the situation told The Associated Press today.

No contract has been signed, but the source, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said "there is a substantial chance" that Gugliotta would sign with Phoenix.

The Suns turned up the heat on their efforts to sign Gugliotta since they learned Wednesday night that Antonio McDyess would not re-sign with Phoenix and instead would go to the Denver Nuggets.

Phoenix renounced 10 free agents, including McDyess, today in the first step to clear the salary cap room needed to sign Gugliotta. The Suns also were expected to trade three players to Chicago for Luc Longley, another move that would allow them more cap space.

In that deal, already confirmed by the Suns, the Bulls would sign Longley to a contract, then trade him to Phoenix for Mark Bryant, Martin Muursepp and Bubba Wells.

Suns general manager Bryan Colangelo said Wednesday night that the team would be able to clear a maximum of about \$8 million to offer a free agent. That's short of the \$9 million maximum allowed under the new collective bargaining agreement, but the source said the figures were close enough that it wouldn't be a problem.

The six-year, \$52.8 million contract would contain a clause allowing Gugliotta out of the deal after five years, when he would be eligible for a much bigger raise as a 10-year veteran.

Gugliotta averaged 20.1 points per game for the Timberwolves last season but missed 41 games after undergoing foot surgery.

He could have made \$86 million over seven years by re-signing with Minnesota but has indicated all along that the money would not prevent him from signing with a team that he felt was the right fit for him.

THERE IS A SIGNIFICANT CHANCE [GUGLIOTTA WILL SIGN WITH PHOENIX].

ANONYMOUS

Bryan Colangelo identified the 6-foot-10 forward as one of the "big three" free agents up for grabs this season. The others were Scottie Pippen, expected to be signed by Chicago and traded to Houston, and McDyess.

Gugliotta, 29, played four seasons in Minnesota after two seasons with the Washington Bullets.

In addition to McDyess, the Suns renounced Kevin Johnson, George McCloud, Mike Brown, Horacio Llamas, Loren Meyer, Marko Milic, Dennis Scott, Wayman Tisdale and Hot Rod Williams.

■ NBA

Mailman stays with Jazz

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY

Karl Malone's offseason odyssey has ended, and the perennial All-Star is right back where he began.

During an emotional press conference on Thursday morning, Malone and Utah Jazz owner Larry Miller left almost no doubt the power forward will finish his career in Utah. Hours later, Malone joined his Jazz teammates for workouts on the first day of training camp.

"You say things sometimes that you wish you wouldn't have said. It takes a bigger man to admit he was wrong," Malone said. "I apologize for a lot of things I said. The stuff that happened this summer made me grow up quick."

Malone, Miller and Malone's agent, Dwight Manley, all said they intend to keep the Mailman in Utah.

They also criticized as untrue an earlier report that they had already agreed to a four-year extension. Malone has one year remaining on his current contract and will be paid \$3.7 million during the abbreviated season.

"I have always been committed to keeping Karl in a Jazz uniform for the rest of his career ... and I am sure that we're going to be able to do that," the teary-eyed Miller said. "I'd like to have an agreement right now, but that's not possible."

Malone and Miller hadn't spoken for weeks before an intense, lengthy conversation on Wednesday night. They said they emerged from the meeting with a spoken agreement to work out a lucrative, long-term deal as soon as possible.

"I'm looking forward to playing my career out here in Utah," said the 35-year-old Malone.

Miller and Manley said they had lobbied for an addition to the NBA's collective bargaining agreement that would allow teams to sign players who have been in the league for 12 years and with their teams for 10 years to extensions for an unlimited amount of money.

"Karl is one of the only players like that," Manley said.

The addition wasn't made to the agreement, but the Jazz have petitioned the league for a waiver that would allow them to sign the 1997 MVP to a similar contract. If the waiver is granted, Miller said, the Jazz will be quick to act.

"As soon as the agreement allows us to talk about an extension, at the first opportunity, we'll do it," Miller said.

If the waiver isn't granted, no deal could be completed until next summer, when Malone would become a free agent for the first time in his career. Manley said the Jazz "will obviously have the first and best shot" to sign Malone.

Malone has dabbled in everything from pro wrestling to talk radio since the Jazz lost the NBA Finals to the Chicago Bulls last June. He also made a much-publicized vow to never again play in Utah.

With the lockout over and the Jazz a strong favorite to contend for their first NBA title, Malone said he decided the grass was greener on his own side of the fence.

"It takes a man to admit he was wrong," Malone said. "My family and I want to spend the rest of our lives in Utah."

Miller admits that his

famously close relationship with Malone was strained during the offseason.

"It seemed, without talking to him, that a new Karl had emerged," Miller said. "[But] the Karl Malone I know and love is still alive and well."

Manley, who has endured criticism in the Utah media for his imagined role in Malone's odd offseason, was praised by Malone and Miller.

"My role has never been to divide Larry and Karl," Manley said. "Everything that happened privately over the last two weeks made it clear that Karl wants to stay here in Utah."

Gail Miller and Kay Malone, wives of the owner and the player, sat together during the press conference. The families live only minutes apart in an affluent hillside suburb of Salt Lake City.

"I drive past his house every night and every morning and I think about him," Larry Miller said. "Maybe we've got too emotionally dependent on each other, I don't know."

During first-day workouts at the team's new training facility in suburban West Valley City, Jazz players expressed relief their co-captain would be back. Malone was the only one of the 10 Jazz players under contract who didn't participate in voluntary, informal workouts with the team.

"I really had no doubt Karl and Larry would work something out," guard John Stockton said. "This is Karl's home, and this team knows him very well."

"Getting Karl back doesn't change our plans for the season," coach Jerry Sloan said. "If it hadn't worked out, then you'd see a different look on my face."

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■ IRISH INSIGHT

Officiating needs to improve

By TED FOX
Sports Writer

On a cold and stormy night over winter break, a night which was not fit for me or my car to be traveling anywhere, I spent the night at home with my mom and dad. As 11:30 rolled around, we started to watch Jay Leno's monologue on The Tonight Show.

What followed was an insight into a huge problem in today's National Football League.

One of Leno's jokes was a prediction for the new year: NFL referees would now be allowed to take their seeing-eye dogs onto the field with them in order to make the right calls.

This was, of course, an exaggeration meant to show the problem of missed calls plaguing the league this year.

Now, on the whole, these officials do a good job. But some of their calls have to make you wonder: What play was that guy watching?

Case in point: two weekends ago, the San Francisco 49ers met the Green Bay Packers at 3Com Park in San Francisco in first round playoff action.

With less than two minutes left, Quarterback Brett Favre hit wide receiver Antonio Freeman in the endzone for a touchdown. The ensuing extra point gave the Packers a five point lead and, seemingly, control of the game.

However, Steve Young, knowing his team needed to know the length of the field if it hoped to win, started the 49ers on what would be the game's final drive.

The drive ended with a bullet pass into the arms of a diving Terrell Owens a few feet into the endzone in the closing seconds, keeping the 49ers alive in their quest to reach Super Bowl XXXIII.

But it shouldn't have. Earlier in the drive, Young dumped a short pass off to one of his receivers who was immediately wrapped up by the Green Bay defense. The hit caused the ball to pop loose, a loose ball that the Packers recovered.

But the referee on the spot ruled the pass incomplete. That meant that loose ball wasn't really a fumble, which meant the Packers hadn't recovered anything, which meant the 49ers

drive continued, which meant Green Bay's season was over.

Don't get me wrong: the Packers still could have stopped San Francisco and won the game. But the point is that it shouldn't have come to that. Had the referees made the correct call, the game would have had a different outcome.

This game was not an isolated case. In a late season game between the Seattle Seahawks and New York Jets, the officials awarded Jets quarterback Vinny Testaverde a game-winning touchdown when only his helmet, not the ball, broke the plane of the goal line. This devastated a Seahawk team fighting for its playoff life.

My personal favorite miscue was on Thanksgiving day when my hometown Detroit Lions squared off against the Pittsburgh Steelers at the fabled Pontiac Silverdome. Here, in the fourth quarter of a tight game, Lions wide receiver Johnny Morton caught a huge touchdown pass that gave the Lions control of the game. Only problem: the refs disallowed the touchdown after the ground jarred the ball loose.

That call fit nicely next to the Lions interception they ruled an incomplete pass earlier in the game. But none of these were my favorite.

No, that distinction goes to the mishap on the coin toss. Yes, the coin toss. The time when the coin goes up in the air, the visiting player picks either "heads" or "tails", and then the refs check to see if his call matches what the coin shows. Pretty straightforward.

Well, it is, except when the ref forgets what the guy just said and awards the toss to the other team.

Oops.
So how do we fix this situation?

The return of instant replay.

That is the key to remedying these mistakes. Like all of us, referees are only human. They're doing the best they can, but football is a fast paced game, and they're going to miss calls. Give them the advantage that we have at home, and get the calls right so teams can't blame losses on missed calls.

Some may say this will make the games drag on too long, but I think the accuracy is worth the extra time. Besides, the conferences that are held on the field now trying to decide on a call take just about as long as reviewing the tape would.

But before any of this can happen, we have to play a Super Bowl between the defending champion Denver Broncos and the upstart Atlanta Falcons.

Let's hope we don't find any more reasons for instant replay on the 31st.

Women

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and are 4-0 against them all-time, including a 94-57 victory in the first round of last year's Big East Tournament. Sheila McMillen lit up St. John's for a Big East Tournament and school

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record eight three pointers. Notre Dame also beat St. John's last Feb., as Riley and Green each had 13 points.

St. John has improved a great deal since then and will look to upset the Irish.

"They are a pretty good team," Ivey said. "We have to go out there and contain them, but also control the ball and not have too many turnovers."

St. John's is 9-11 on the season, but 0-4 against ranked teams. The Red Storm have dropped four of their last five with their lone win during that stretch coming against West Virginia. On Wednesday, they fell to Pittsburgh, 75-58. Latasha Thompson came off the bench and had five steals and 17 points on 7-of-17 shooting. Forward Ebony Dickinson, St. John's leading scorer (averaging 19 points per game), had miserable shooting performance (2-of-11) and just seven points. St. John's shot just 35 percent as a team and had 22 turnovers.

"We have to make sure none of their players go out there and have a career night," Ivey said. "We need to shut them down and get the job done. A win will give us a boost in the right direction heading into the end of the season."

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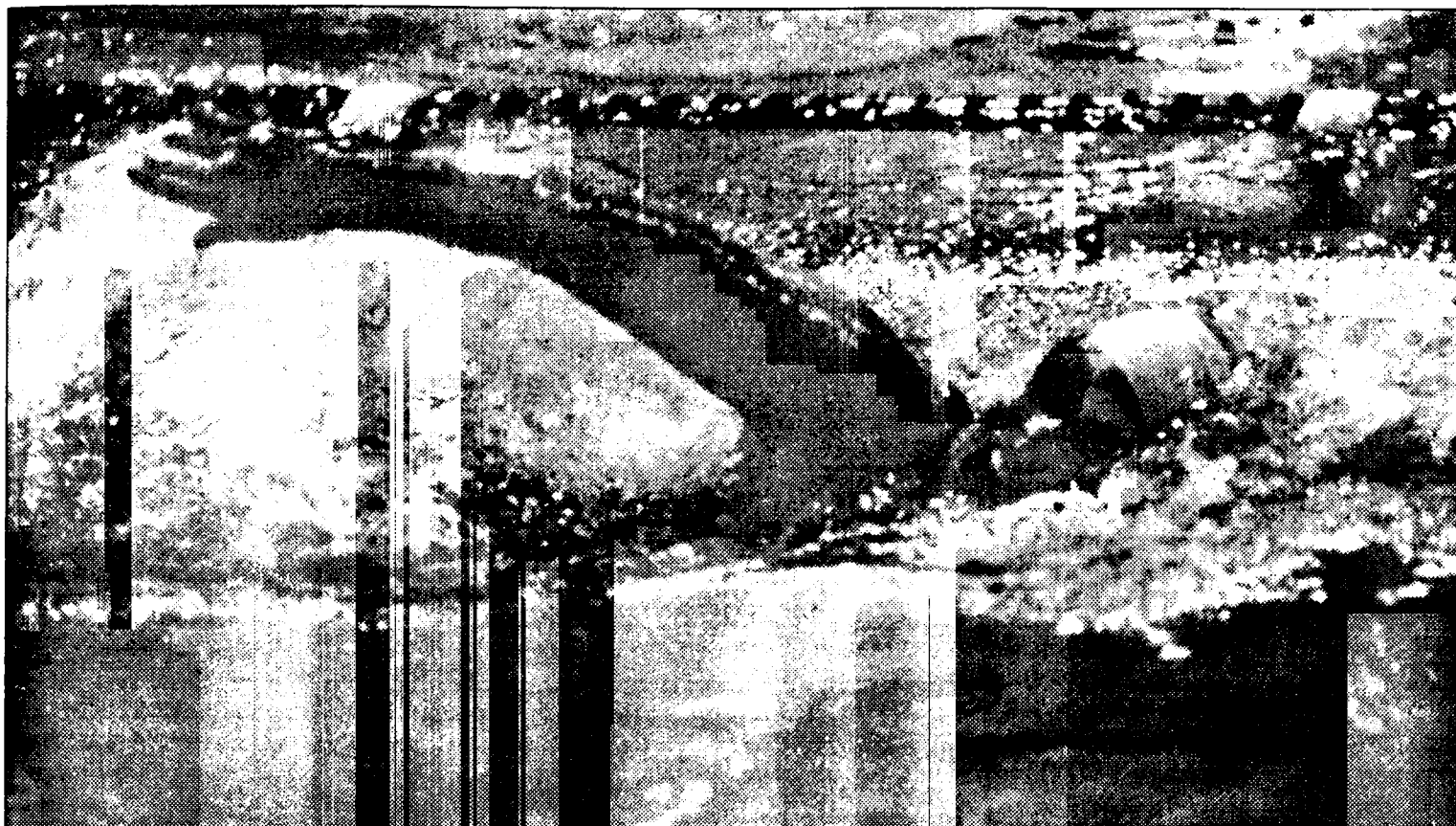
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Unity, training fuel Belles on to Conference



The Observer/Liz Lang

After a strong performance versus Hope College, the Saint Mary's Swimming team is preparing for the MIAA Conference Championships February 13-15 at Hope College.

By Katie Furman
Sports Writer

The height of the Saint Mary's Belles swimming season began as the team hopped off the plane and into the wintry cold December snow which greeted them.

Remembering only the 70 degree temperatures that they longed to return to, the Belles bravely marched through the snow, and yes, into another swimming pool.

Since their training trip to Florida ended, the Belles swim team, led by coach Jini Cook and captains Tara Thomas and Michelle Samreta, began focusing on and obtaining their goals.

"As a result of the training trip we came together with more team unity," freshman breast-stroker Megan Zolman said. "Now we jump up and cheer for everyone. There is a lot more spirit and support."

On Tuesday, January 19th, the team welcomed Hope College into their domain at the Joyce Center. Hope, the fourth ranked Division three team in the country, proved to be a great challenge, but could not discourage the inspired Belles swimmers.

On proving their point, the Belles swam away with many personal bests and clear improvements over past meets.

The first place 200 medley relay team consisting of Alicia Lesneskie, Michelle Samreta, Danielle Clayton, and Wendy Neumann, finished with a time of 1:59:76. This time was four seconds faster than they had ever gone before, and just missed the school record of 1:59:30.

Sophomore Olivia Smith finished second in the 1000 freestyle while dropping six seconds off her personal time.

Continuing the success, freshman Alicia Lesneskie placed first in the 200 freestyle with a time of 2:05:74, one second faster than

her previous races.

She then went on to win the 100 backstroke.

Freshman Danielle Clayton took first in the 50 freestyle, while Lori Lennard did her personal best time in the 200 freestyle, and Janel Miller decreased her time in the 100 fly.

"We did really well; personally I definitely improved my times. I think its only up from here," Zolman said.

Despite not having divers, the swimmers' times keep the meet close and the Belles gave highly talented Hope a tight match.

Without dwelling on their superior performance against Hope, the Belles will prepare and relax for the Conference Championships which will be held February 10-13 at Hope College.

At this meet the swimmers swim preliminary races in the morning, and then the top 12

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FRESHMAN SWIMMER

finishers swim again at night. The Belles will be facing the teams that they have met this season in their conference including: Hope, Kalamazoo, Olivet, Alma, Calvin and Albion.

"We have our final meet on Saturday and practices are going to be hard until next week when we begin our taper when we rest our bodies. There is a lot of psychological pressure that goes along with it too. 90% is mental," Cook said.

As the championships do approach, the freshmen look to the upperclassmen for helpful hints on how to handle competing in their first finals.

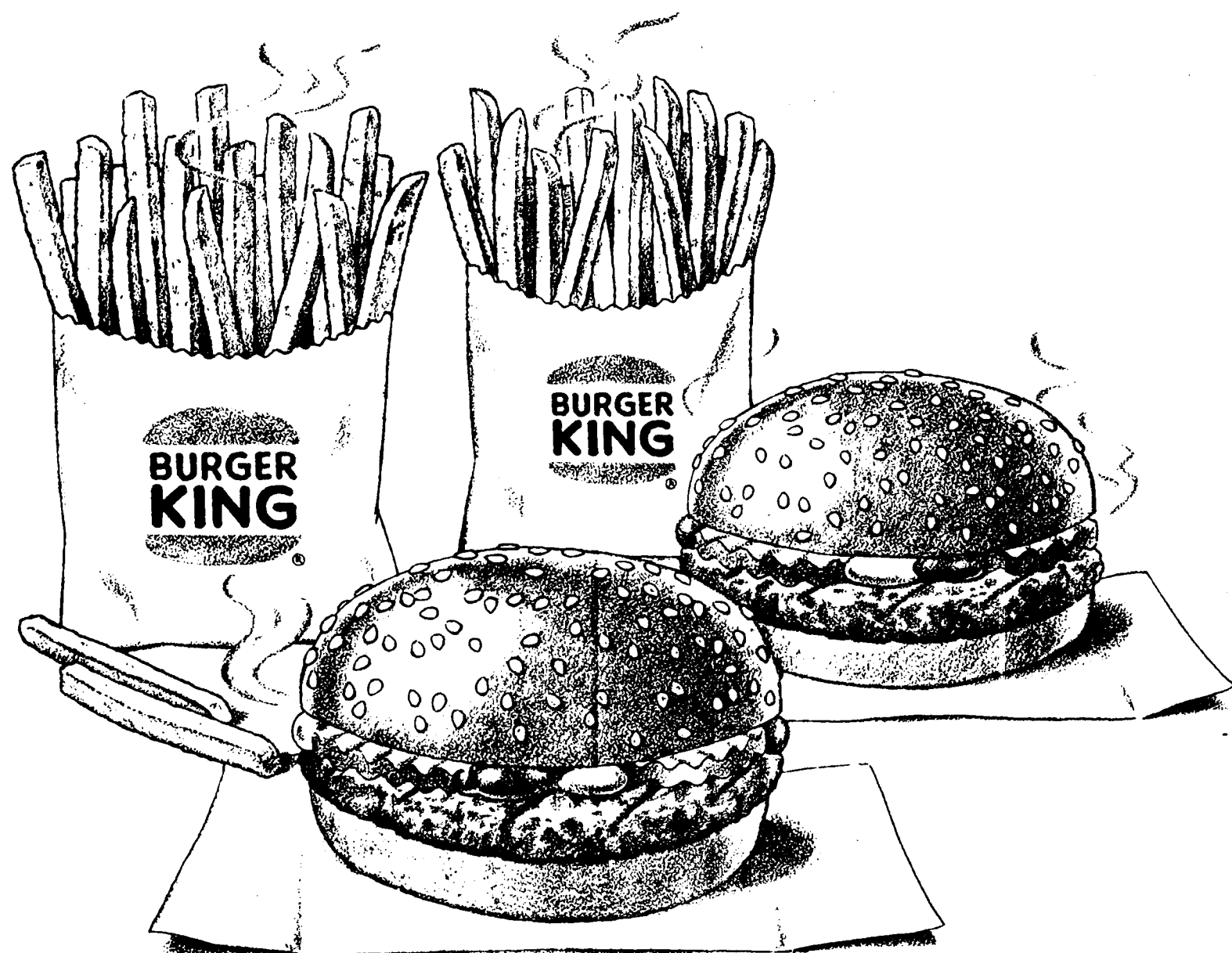
"I think its not so much that they say what Conference is going to be like, but each practice and meet they are concerned with our attitudes and

the way you feel that you're doing," said Zolman. "They really care for everyone individually."

Finally, as the season comes to a close, the swimmers appreciate all the dedication their coach has put into working with them and enhancing their skills.

"Jini always makes us train hard. She's always there for us and makes herself available," said freshman backstroker Cathleen Fitzpatrick.

Overall, the team is looking forward to their races at the Conference Championships as a chance to solidify their improvement and as an opportunity to thank all those who have supported and worked with them throughout this past season.



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■ MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish prepare for Rutgers

By ALAN WASIELEWSKI
Sports Writer

This has been a tough season to understand if you are a fan of the Notre Dame men's basketball team.

Big wins have been followed by huge losses. Winning streaks are transformed into losing streaks. This pattern of up-and-down moments has given the team the confidence to bounce back from some crushing blows. What remains to be seen is if the team can put together a consistent string of efforts to break out of their roller-coaster style.

The contest at the Joyce Center tomorrow against the Scarlet Knights of Rutgers will provide an opportunity to accomplish that feat.

The major question on everyone's mind for this weekend is if leading scorer and five-time Big East rookie of the week Troy Murphy will be healthy enough to play. His severely sprained ankle, injured in practice last week, has healed faster than expected. Notre Dame was able to overcome his absence Tuesday against Seton Hall with a determined team effort but a

prolonged sideline stay from Murphy might spell doom for any post-season dreams of the Irish players. If Murphy can play against Rutgers, the momentum of his return could spell trouble for the Scarlet Knights.

Rutgers is led by 6-7 senior forward Rob Hodgson. Hodgson averages 13 points a game along with 6 rebounds, but his three point shooting is Rutgers' deadliest weapon. Hodgson's 47 percent shooting behind the arc is second in the Big East and 24th overall in the nation.

He isn't alone in this shooting prowess, either. 6-0 senior guard Geoff Billet averages 46 percent from three point range and Rutgers is first in the Big East shooting 38 percent from behind the arc as a team. All of this accurate outside shooting will test the Irish perimeter defense, already last in the conference against the three point shot.

It will take a team effort similar to the Seton Hall game for Notre Dame to get its second consecutive win at home. Antoni Wyche stepped up his offensive production with 16 points and Phil Hickey con-

tributed 15 points and 10 rebounds.

Harold Swanagan continued to impress and has become a crowd favorite at the JACC. Swanagan grabbed 11 rebounds to go with his 10 points and converted a crucial free throw at the end of regulation.

Senior Dennis Carroll is expected to return to the lineup tomorrow from his separated shoulder suffered Jan. 10. Carroll should provide the offense a little extra scoring punch off the bench.

The question remains: will the pattern continue? The big Pittsburgh victory at home on Jan 5th was followed by a 31 point loss to Villanova two days later. A huge road victory at Miami (Fla.) on Jan 9th was overshadowed by a 30 point defeat at No. 1 Connecticut on the 12th.

Another blow-out at the hands of Villanova on the 16th was avenged by a hard-fought win Tuesday against Seton Hall. Boston College, Providence, Seton Hall and Georgetown are all wins Notre Dame could get in the next few weeks if they can break out of this pattern.

Hockey

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Aniket know when he's on the ice. Any time they can beat Notre Dame, they love doing it."

Following a prolonged slump, Notre Dame's penalty killing unit has started to turn things around. In their last three games, they have not allowed a power play goal against, and have killed 17 of 18 overall entering the weekend.

In those games, however, they did not have to deal with the power play scoring threat which is Wildcat junior J. P. Vigier.

Vigier anchors the Wildcats top scoring line, along with junior Roger Trudeau and senior Buddy Smith. In 24 games this season, the line has amassed 35 goals and 77 points in all. Vigier is the CCHA's leading goal scorer with 17, while Smith leads the conference in assists with 24. More importantly, Vigier leads all of college hockey with a staggering ten power play goals.

Certainly, the focus for the Irish will be on the Wildcats' top line.

"We're going to have to keep an eye on [Vigier]. He likes to camp out in front of the net and stay along the back post on the power play," Slaggert said. He then added with a smile, "Ideally, we'd like to have less power plays against so that we don't have to exercise our

newly found skill in penalty killing."

On Saturday night, the Irish will travel to Sault Ste. Marie to finish up their season series with the Lakers of Lake Superior State. Notre Dame will look for their first season sweep of the Lakers since the 1981-82 season.

In the first two games between the Lake State and Notre Dame, the deciding factor was special teams. In the two

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IRISH RIGHT WING

games, both teams had a combined thirteen power plays each. The Irish managed five goals with the man advantage in the two games, while the Lakers only managed two. Not surprisingly, Notre Dame won the two games by a combined three goals.

In preparation for the weekend, the team once again worked relentlessly on penalty killing and defense, especially given the players that are out of the lineup. In the CCHA, teams must always be prepared to play a blue collar game.

"We focused on down low play, behind their net, behind our net, and three-on-three," Slaggert said. "That's going to be a big part of the series because Northern Michigan and Lake State are good down low and in the corners. We're going to have to win the battles along the wall to be successful."

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■ FENCING

Opponents en garde for experienced Irish attack

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

The Irish take on the top fencing teams in the country this weekend as they open the 1999 season with two critical meets.

On Saturday, the Irish travel east to State College, Pennsylvania to take on Penn State, the 1998 National Champions, Stanford, Air Force and Haverford. The Cardinal finished third at last year's NCAA championships while the Falcons took 18th.

The Irish continue their tough road trip on Sunday when they travel to New York City to take on Columbia, NYU and St. John's. Columbia and St. John's finished last year ranked fourth and fifth respectively

while NYU took ninth.

The Fighting Irish come off a second place finish at last year's NCAA, losing to Penn State by only two matches. The Irish have finished third once and second three times since their last national title in 1994.

Returning eight of 10 NCAA qualifiers and seven of eight All-Americans from last year's squad, expectations are high for this year's team.

The Irish hope that by playing top competition so early in the season, they will better be able to judge this year's chances and determine where improvement is needed.

"I feel [playing the top teams early] is a good move for us," junior epeeist Magda Krol said. "Normally we don't face these teams until NCAAs. This way

we will have a way to gauge ourselves against the rest of out competition and see where we are at."

"This is a gauge of how well we can do this year," men's foil captain Stephane Auriol said. "We won't face any tougher competition all year."

The lone All-American lost from last year's team was Men's Epeeist Brian Stone who finished fourth at the 1998 NCAAs.

Senior Carl Jackson, who won All-American honors for the second time last year, will be called upon to have another strong year.

The biggest addition to this year's epee team is freshman Brian Casas. Casas is currently ranked tenth nationally in the under-20 division and finished second at the under-19 Summer Nationals. He is expected to challenge Jackson as the number-one starter.

The Woman's Epee squad is experienced and talented this year. Senior captain Nicole Mustilli and junior Magda Krol were both All-Americans last year. Mustilli placed fourth at the NCAAs while Krol followed up her 1997 epee championship by finishing

sixth.

Krol and Mustilli will face tough individual challenges this weekend when they take on the top two finishers from last season. Charlotte Walker of Penn State won the 1998 foil title while Nicole Dygert of St. John's finished second.

"I am real excited about this weekend," Mustilli said. "Fencing the top competition in the country is always a lot of fun. This is a chance for us to rise to the challenge of beating them as well as to just enjoy the competition."

Head coach Yves Auriol, however, downplays the role that one fencer will play in a match.

"One fencer does not make a team," Auriol said. "Penn State is very solid; they are always solid. They have a couple stars and they are always strong in the number three and number four [fencers]. We won't have one easy match."

The Men's Foil team is the only Irish team without a 1998 All-American but that has not lowered expectations for this squad.

Second year captain Auriol won the 1998 Midwest foil championships but finished a disappointing 19th at the NCAAs.

He must fence well this weekend as Penn State returns two All-Americans in Gang Lu and David Lidow.

Also critical to Irish success this year is junior Charles Hayes. Hayes has fenced extremely well in his first two seasons posting a total of 87 wins but has yet to have any NCAA experience.

"I think [Charles] can surprise a lot of people this year," Stephane Auriol said. "He hasn't done as well as he knows he can and as well as my dad and myself know that he can. So I think this could be his year."

The Woman's Foils are also talented and experienced, boasting two three time All-Americans. Senior Sara Walsh finished third at the 1998 NCAAs and was an alternate on the 1996 US Olympic team. She is currently ranked fourth in the United States. Myriah Brown finished 6th at the 1998 NCAA championships and is on pace to become the winningest

women's foilist in Notre Dame history.

The Irish women will face their toughest competition from Stanford and Columbia this weekend.

Stanford features Felicia Zimmerman, the 1998 national champion and a member of the 1996 Olympic team and Monique de Bruin, who was the second alternate on the 1996 Olympic team and finished fifth at last years NCAAs.

What is being dubbed as the best sabre team in the country will face its first tough tests of the season this weekend. The Irish sabres are considered by many to be the team to beat this year and will face stiff competition from Penn State All-American's Aaron Steuwe and Michael Takagi and Columbia All-American Patrick Durkan.

"We easily have the strongest team in the country," Lavallo said. "It is just a matter of if we can put out. We have to prove that we are the best."

However, the greatest challenge faced by Lavallo this weekend will be from his brother David who is a freshman sabreman at Stanford.

"This is going to be fun," Lavallo said. "I have fenced him before but never in college. It will be a good time. He is going to be one of the strongest fencers we fence against this year."

Facing top level competition on two consecutive days, one would expect fatigue to play a factor. The Irish, however, are quick to downplay any factor that fatigue might play.

"Fatigue could be a factor early on Saturday," Stephane Auriol said. "But I think once we get going and the adrenaline starts flowing, it won't make that big of a difference. These are short bouts, just five touches so we should have enough energy to compete."

"We have been training pretty hard," Walsh said. "And the meet last weekend was a good preparation for this meet. I think that if we concentrate we will be able to pull through the fatigue."

These early season matches will be critical in determining how far the Irish will go at the NCAAs this year.

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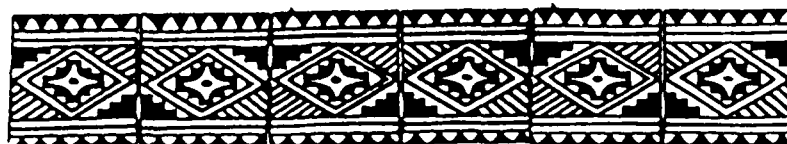
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■ MEN'S TENNIS

Fresh faces serving the path to success

By NATHANIEL DeNICOLA
Sports Writer

Notre Dame men's tennis presents a fresh look this year, opening the 1998-99 season with a combination of experienced leaders and promising talent.

Senior co-captains Brian Patterson and Andy Warford and Junior All-American Ryan Sachire highlight an impressive core of returning players, an especially valuable asset considering the team lost four players from last year to graduation.

Head coach Bob Bayliss isn't worried though.

"I don't see that as a problem," Bayliss said. "I'm very upbeat about the group we have, the chemistry in this team is better than it has been in a long time."

In addition to returning stars, the team also boasts the one of the best freshman classes in recent memory.

"The six freshmen have greatly impacted the intensity of the team. The competitiveness forces everyone to bring their 'A' game to practice everyday," said Bayliss.

The Irish will receive their first test of the 1999 dual-match season this Saturday as Notre Dame hosts DePaul, Miami (Ohio) and William and

Mary in the Adidas Quad Meet. Notre Dame opens versus Miami, against whom they own an 8-2 overall record.

"I anticipate that we're going to be a little stronger than Miami," Bayliss said. "Last year their No. 1 beat us, but I think we're a deeper team."

Barring a victory over Miami, Notre Dame could face William and Mary later in the afternoon.

"That will be a tougher match," Bayliss said. "Both No. 1 and No. 2 doubles are nationally ranked and David Kenas has a

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MEN'S TENNIS COACH

tremendous return."

Sachire will lead the singles at No. 1, Patterson at No. 2 and Andy Warford, Matt Daly, Casey Smith and either Matt Horsley, Andrew Laflin or Aaron Talarico will complete the lineup. Horsley is still questionable for singles due to his wrist surgery, though he is expected to compete in doubles.

Soccer

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Fours in the past five years and his 1995 squad went on to win the National Championship.

He recruited and has been instrumental in the development of some of the finest players in the world. Kate Sobrero, Anne Makinen and Monica Gerardo all have been successful in international play and Cindy Daws won the Hermann Trophy, an award given to the most outstanding college soccer player. Petrucelli has played an influential role in all four of their careers, as well as many others who have worn the Irish uniform.

His teams won eight conference championships, including the last four Big East championships. He held a 175-22-10 record at Notre Dame and a winning percentage of .871, ranking him second all time in Division I.

Petrucelli's move, however, seems to be in his best interests.

"There are really three reasons why I am here," Petrucelli explained in his opening statement at Texas. "The first is the quality of life

that my wife and I found when we came here to Austin. This a major move for me, but it is a lifestyle move above anything else. It is a place where we fell in love with immediately and we felt that this would be a great place to spend part of our life. The next part was because of Texas Women's AD Jody [Conradt], to be honest with you. I thought it would be a difficult thing to leave Notre Dame and it has been, but I was very pleasantly surprised by the way she opened her arms and took me and my wife in."

"The third reason why I am here is the quality of soccer in this state," Petrucelli continued. "I think that Texas has the best soccer in the country and traditionally has produced the best players in the country. I think my job here will be to keep those players in the state to make sure that those players are playing here and not going elsewhere."

Petrucelli, nevertheless, was grateful for his nine years under the Dome.

"Notre Dame has been a great place for me and my family," he said. "It has enabled me to grow as a coach and accomplish things many people felt weren't possible. I'm sad to be leaving such a great place like Notre Dame. I

enjoyed working with everyone at Notre Dame, especially the people within the athletic department. Texas presents me with a great opportunity to build another program. I can only hope we have close to the amount of success that Notre Dame has had."

Notre Dame will now have to move on without his direction. Wadsworth did not seem to feel a sense of urgency in finding Petrucelli's replacement, but rather an emphasis on finding someone who fits the mold.

"It's not so much a date as it is an opportunity to get a coach that will be the best fit," Wadsworth said. "Our objective is to keep the program at the highest level nationally. We want someone who has the capability of keeping the program very competitive and who fits the Notre Dame culture."

So Petrucelli is gone and the search for his successor is on, but only time will tell how Irish women's soccer deals without him at the helm.

"This is a great opportunity for Chris and his family, and we wish them well," Wadsworth said. "He leaves our program in a strong position, and we now go about the business of identifying a replacement."

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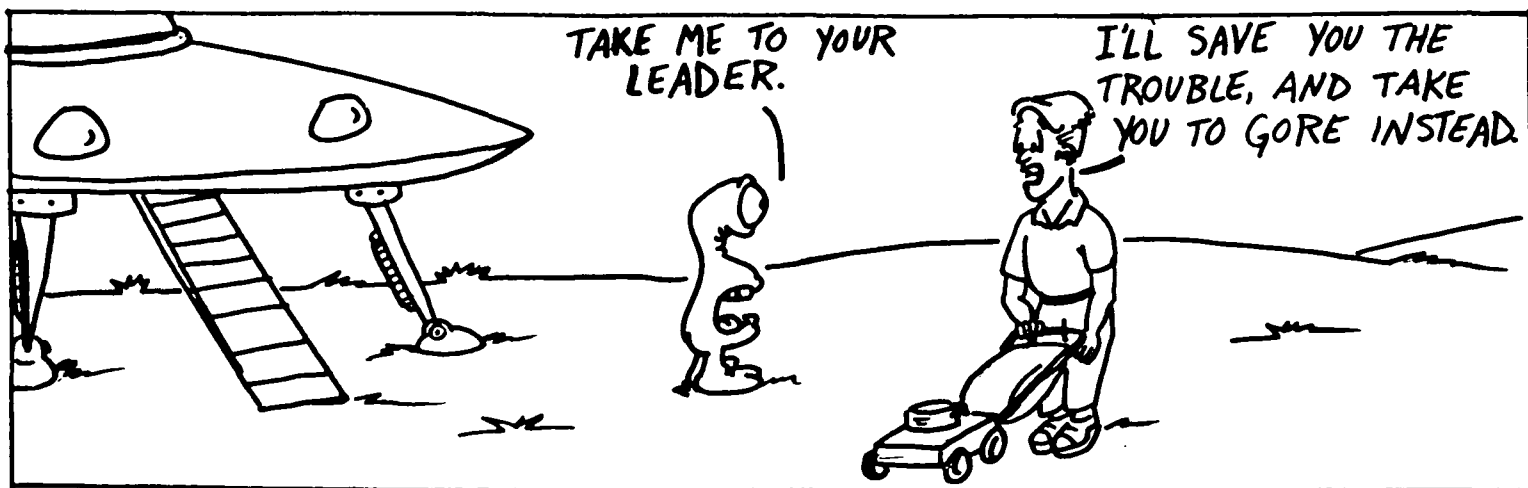
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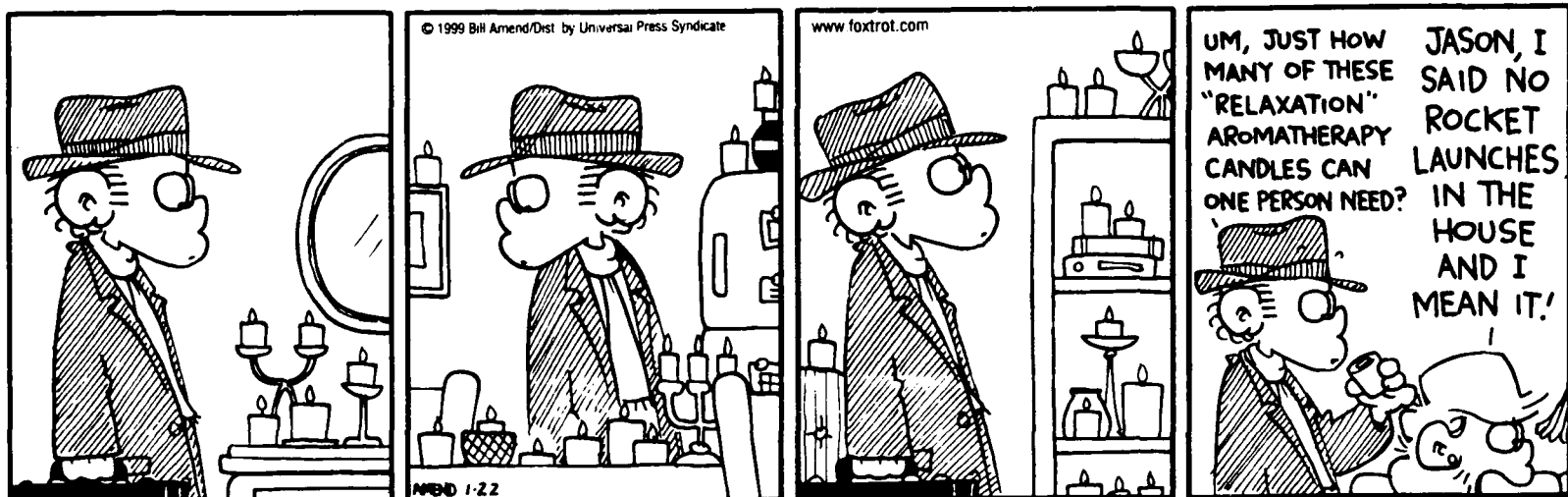
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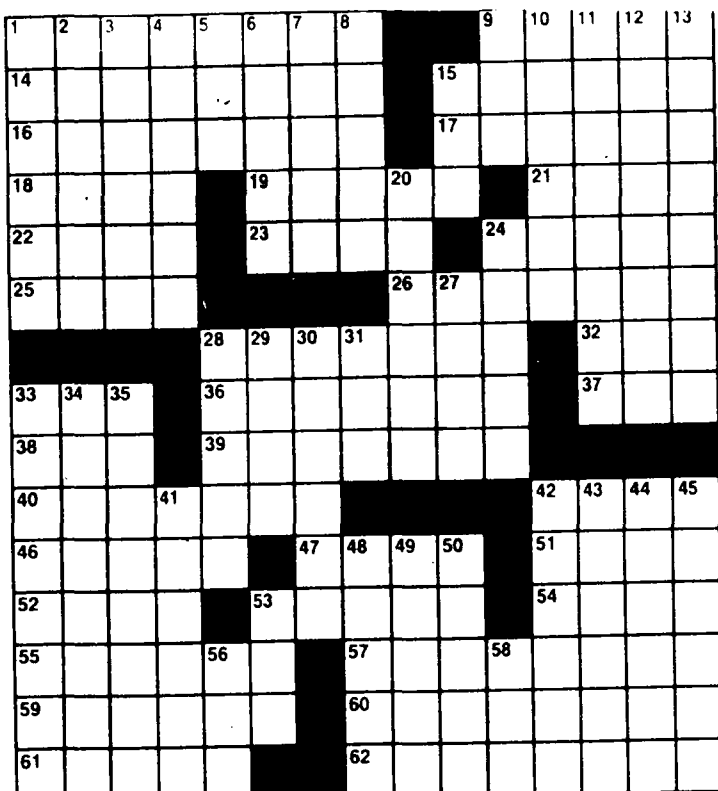
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- 33 Tanning lotion letters
- 36 Sea-ear
- 37 "___ out!"
- 38 Skipper's syllable, maybe
- 39 Leyden jar lining
- 40 Rattled off
- 42 Cape
- 46 Points
- 47 Roadie's responsibility
- 51 Ancient cross
- 52 Converse competitor

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- 53 Outsider
- 54 Autocrat: Var.
- 55 "Can it!"
- 57 Apprentice
- 59 Takes over
- 60 Ran
- 61 "___ Dragon" (1977 Disney musical)
- 62 Acuity

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- 1 Ridiculed
- 2 In poor health
- 3 Land
- 4 Still
- 5 Regulus's constellation
- 6 Trimming tape
- 7 Plagiarize
- 8 1,000 large calories
- 9 Clowning
- 10 Crown covering
- 11 Barely make it
- 12 In direct confrontation
- 13 Taxing job?
- 15 Explorer's org.
- 20 Kind of doll
- 24 Gross out
- 27 Certain bond informally
- 28 Swin ... and others



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- 29 Annual award
- 30 Part of a wrecking crew?
- 31 Brownie
- 33 Initiate
- 34 Make-believe
- 35 Had a visible front
- 41 Year ...
- 42 ... lines
- 43 Pepsin, for one
- 44 Pair for pairs
- 45 Prepares wheat, in a way
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Deception is likely. Don't let someone who wants to make you look bad bate you. Stay calm and don't over-indulge. Socialize with friends, not co-workers. 000

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Unusual circumstances will arise if you are taking care of other people's affairs. Read the fine print before making decisions. Difficulties will result if you have more than one love interest. 0000

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You may be taken for granted if you are too willing to give of your own time. Do not take on problems that don't concern you. Lending money to friends or relatives will result in ill feelings. 00

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Pleasure trips will be better than expected. You

can meet exciting individuals who spark a major interest. Be sure to experience all that is being offered by those around you. 00000

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Watch out for untrustworthy individuals. Do not consider joint financial ventures. Approach contracts and agreements with caution. 000

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Romantic opportunities will develop at social functions. Your intuitive intelligence and harmonious nature will attract others. You will do well at games that require mental skill. 000

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Secret affairs will get out of hand, causing personal problems. Put your efforts into bettering your family situation and surroundings rather than jeopardizing your position. 000

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Property investments will be lucrative. You can entertain in your home or make changes to your living quarters. Acceptance will be necessary in order to avoid emotional upset. 00000

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You must take care of all your domestic concerns before you decide to go out and entertain yourself. Social events will cost more than you expect. Be careful not to make unreal promises. 00

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't confide in others. Your personal secrets are far too revealing. You may find that someone you thought to be your friend is spreading rumors behind your back. 0000

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't put off what you can accomplish today. You will have difficulty putting your financial picture into perspective. Be careful while traveling. 000

■ OF INTEREST

Summer Internship Information Meeting — The Internship Office of the Government Department invites students to attend the "Summer Internship Information Meeting" on Monday, January 25 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in room 204 O'Shaughnessy. This meeting will focus in summer internship opportunities in government, application requirements and academic credit requirements. All students are welcome.

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■ HOCKEY

Irish look to solidify CHAA standing in Michigan



The Irish Hockey program looks to solidify a third-place standing in the CHAA as they take on Northern Michigan this weekend.

By TED BASSANI
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame hockey team will look to solidify its third place standing in the CCHA this weekend when they travel north to take on the Wildcats of Northern Michigan and the Lakers of Lake Superior State.

This weekend's series represents the last long road trip the team will have to make this season, as they play in Marquette, Michigan on Friday and in Sault Ste. Marie on Saturday. In addition to missing key defensemen Ryan Clark and Tyson Fraser, the team received more bad news on the injury front this past week. Team captain Brian Urlick suffered an injury in the game last Saturday against Alaska-Fairbanks, an injury that could keep him out anywhere from three to five weeks. In any case, Urlick will certainly miss this weekend's contests as well as next weekend's highly anticipated matchup with Michigan.

Assistant coach Andy Slaggert addressed the issue of his team playing without their captain.

"I don't think there will be a void of leadership," Slaggert said. "We'll certainly miss his

intensity, his speed and his goal scoring. We'll look to our alternate captains Aniket [Dhadphale], Benoit [Cotnoir], and to Forrest [Karr] in net [for leadership]."

In Urlick's absence, Slaggert also noted that the team's top scoring line will probably consist of Ben Simon at center, with sophomore Chad Chipchase and junior Joe Dusbabek on the wings.

Friday night's matchup against Northern Michigan pits two hot teams against one another. The Wildcats come into the contest having won their last four games overall, including three straight conference wins. Their current four game streak is the longest since they opened their season with six straight wins.

Thus far, Northern Michigan season has been one of streaks. After starting the season winning nine of eleven, the Wildcats went through a tough stretch during which they lost seven out of nine games. Strangely, their four biggest wins of the season have all come on the road. They swept a two-game series early in the season at nationally ranked Clarkson. In conference, they

defeated Ferris State in Big Rapids in addition to trouncing the Wolverines in Ann Arbor 6-1.

The Wildcats are by no means a surprise team following last year's fourth place finish and CCHA Tournament semifinal appearance. During Notre Dame's late run to the playoffs last year, they managed to beat Northern three straight times in a stretch of four games to sweep the season series. In fact, the two wins at the Joyce Center last year got a bit chippy, just to add to the growing rivalry between the teams.

Currently, Northern sits just three points behind the third place Irish in sixth place in the tightly packed CCHA standings. Add all this the fact that Notre Dame senior Aniket Dhadphale is a native of Marquette, and you have the formula for a heated season series in 1999.

"I know they remember [last year] because Aniket knows a lot of those guys and he talks to them throughout the year," said sophomore wing Ryan Dolder. "They'll remember it now and they'll probably let

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Petrucelli leaves ND for Texas

By BRIAN KESSLER
Assistant Sports Editor

The recent departure of women's head soccer coach Chris Petrucelli, who accepted the head coaching position at the University of Texas, has many Irish soccer fans wondering where the program will go from here.

No names have been released, but the athletic department has apparently gotten a jump on finding a replacement for the two-time National Coach of the Year.

"We have a committee that is compiling a list of candidates and from that list we are working down to a manageable number that we will pursue in terms of interviews," athletic director Mike Wadsworth said. "We have a strong relationship with Chris Petrucelli at Notre Dame and he has been able to pass on some thoughts to us, as well as his assistant coaches, who are not interested in the position and are not candidates. As a result, they are very free to

provide us the benefit of their input from those who they know in the game also.

"Mike Berticelli, our mens head coach, also is a person who has been active and successful for so long in soccer that he has been able to give our committee some direction," Wadsworth continued. "Then we also have been able to plug into other sources as well and what happens is that as you do this, you find some of the same names coming up every time for obvious reasons."

Finding a worthy replacement, however, may be a difficult task. Few women's soccer coaches have reached the coaching "eliteness" that Petrucelli has been able to attain.

"He took a fledgling program and built it into a national power," Wadsworth said. "We are grateful to him for the contributions he has made during his nine years at Notre Dame."

Petrucelli has taken the Irish to four NCAA Final

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Ladies to take on St. John's

By BRIAN KESSLER
Assistant Sports Editor

The ninth-ranked Notre Dame women's basketball team returns home tomorrow night to face St. John's with an emphasis on playing solid defense.

"We're looking to be more consistent on defense especially," guard Niele Ivey said. "We haven't been the best we can be. The offense is always there, but we have to get the job done on OD."

The Irish (14-2) are coming off a blowout win over Seton Hall on Wednesday.

"I think that game was a step in the right direction," Ivey said. "We had a bad defensive game against Providence, but were able to hold Seton Hall under 50 points." Ruth Riley controlled the inside and had 16 points against the Pirates despite playing just eight minutes in the second half. The 6-foot-5 center also had seven blocks and six boards to propel the Irish to a 87-47 road victory. Danielle Green had 15 points and Sheila McMillen added 13.

Notre Dame is now off to its best start in school history and will look to continue its winning ways tomorrow night. The Irish have never lost to the Red Storm

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Danielle Green and the Irish women's basketball team take on St. John's at home tomorrow in a key Big East matchup.

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