



■ Pope John Paul II arrived in St. Louis Tuesday during his brief visit to the United States.

■ Students find another outlet for volunteerism in the local SOS program.

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■ NEWS ANALYSIS

Use of fertility enhancers raises moral questions

By SARAH J. HILTZ
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In the past two years, headlines have celebrated the McCaughey and Chukwu octuplets. While the parents of these babies declare that they have been blessed, doctors are questioning the ethics of multiple births.

"This is not a victory," said Dr. Benjamin Younger of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine. "A lot of these kids survive, but unfortunately, they survive with major handicaps."

Dr. J. Richard Reineke, an infertility specialist in South Bend and the only one in Michiana, acknowledges ethical eyebrow-raising also.

"Any life is a miracle, but how it gets there might be perceived as a mistake," Reineke said.

Reineke was displeased over the media's exploitation and glorification of the octuplets' births. He sees it as a misrepresentation of what is actually an unsuccessful medical procedure.

"News wants happy stories — The attitude of news reporters is predictable. It's like they're looking at puppies," he said, pointing out that the divorce rate for parents of multiple birth children is higher than 90 percent.

In the aftermath of the now-famous octuplets, many have attacked the fertility industry for irresponsibly endangering

the lives of mothers and babies. But according to Reineke, it is often the impatient couples who are to

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INFERTILITY SPECIALIST

blame. While Reineke can not speculate on exactly why Nkem Chukwu had so many babies, he explains that she

was not under the direct supervision of a physician.

"Nobody was taking care of her. She was self-medicating," he said. "These drugs are very expensive. To cut costs, people buy them over the Internet or buy them abroad" and treat themselves.

"With good management of hyperstimulation, it is very difficult to get more than twins or triplets," Reineke said.

After fertility drugs such as Clomid are administered, a vaginal ultrasound is performed to count the number of mature egg follicles. If the count finds three to five follicles of mature size, the patient is injected with Human Chorionic Gonadotropin (HCG) and semination, be it natural

or artificial, is attempted. If too many eggs are found or they are too small, the patient must wait and try again after another menstrual cycle.

Problems arise when couples ignore doctor's advice, when the doctor incorrectly counts the follicles, or when couples do not seek medical attention and regulate their own drug intake.

The choice to go ahead with insemination is also often based on finances. Each treatment cycle costs thousands of dollars, making it burdensome to cancel and wait for a more opportune time.

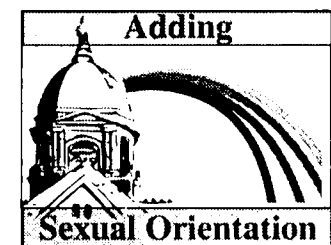
"People are making choices not based on quality medical

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DECISIONS IN LONDON



Editor's Note: On Fri., Feb. 5, the Board of Trustees will meet in London to discuss, among other issues, Notre Dame's position on joining the Big Ten and the possibility of adding the protection of sexual orientation to the University's non-discrimination clause. Throughout the days leading to that meeting, The Observer will take a comprehensive look at the history and people behind these two issues as well as possible ramifications of decisions that the board might deliver.



Courtship fills long Big Ten-ND history

By BILL HART
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The cliché "history repeats itself" applies often enough to collegiate sports, and the issue of Notre Dame examining membership in the Big Ten conference confirms that usefulness.

Now is hardly the first time that both college and conference have met to consider a future together. In fact, Notre Dame and the Big Ten have conferred several times in the past to discuss the issue. The long history of courtship between the two Midwestern powers is one worth examining in light of the approaching deadline for decision-making on Notre Dame's part.

IN THE BEGINNING

In the early days of the college football, university faculty had no interest in running their schools' teams, so they left the decision-making up to students or alumni. However, with the managers given a "free hand" at practices and a growing emphasis of winning, cheating became a major problem for many institutions by the late 19th century. This alarmed faculty and as a result many colleges created "athletic boards of control" to monitor players, coaches and alumni of their schools' teams.

By the 1890s, most schools had their own forms of these faculty boards, but there were still tensions and conflicts, mostly caused by differing rules and procedures at each institution.

In 1895-96, the presidents of the universities of Chicago, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Northwestern, Purdue and Michigan agreed to form the Western Conference to construct a uniform code of intercollegiate athletic rules. Many educators and sports-writers labeled this a major leap in college sports.

"It was the first organized conference," wrote Murray Sperber, University of Indiana professor and author of *Onward to Victory*. "Many think the Ivy League was the oldest, but it didn't get legally created until the '50s. The Big Ten's creation was the beginning of organized athletics."

At Notre Dame, it was obvious that admission into the Western Conference would help the Irish improve their notoriety and perhaps improve their financial standing. The school immediately applied for admission in 1896, but it was quickly rejected on the grounds that the university was not large enough and its eligibility rules for athletics were not in line with conference standards. The next year, Notre Dame changed its rules in

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Clause revision efforts will reach Trustees

By TIM LOGAN
Associate News Editor

Four years of protests, rallies, resolutions and debate will come to a climax next weekend when the Notre Dame Board of Trustees meets in London to consider the addition of sexual orientation to the University's non-discrimination clause.

The decision on this matter was sent to the Trustees after the Academic Council voted in November to recommend the change. After taking that body's recommendation under advisement, University president Father Edward Malloy chose to present the matter to the Trustees for a final decision.

In recent months, the Academic Council, the Faculty Senate and the Student Senate have all voted in favor of the clause change, which is also supported by a number of campus groups. These organizations have called on administrators to back up the sentiments of non-discrimination professed in the existing Spirit of Inclusion clause with a legally binding action that would protect homosexuals from discrimination in admissions and hiring.

Opposition to the change has largely focused on two issues, one legal and one theological. There is concern that frivolous lawsuits and invasive civil court decisions could erode Notre Dame's ability to act independently. Another potential difficulty lies in the Church's distinction between homosexual orientation and homosexual acts.

When the Trustees meet next weekend, they will have to weigh these concerns with the importance of protecting homosexual members of the Notre Dame community.

HISTORY

This issue, and the greater issue of gay rights at Notre Dame, has been the subject of intense discussion on campus over the past several years, particularly since Gays and Lesbians of ND/SMC was barred from meeting on campus in Jan., 1995.

Soon after that incident, vice president for Student Affairs Patricia O'Hara established the Ad Hoc Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs, which began to look into the condition of homosexual students at Notre Dame. The committee studied the matter for nearly

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■ INSIDE COLUMN

Bring on the Hunt

Mankind has lost its appreciation for life — and I have a solution. Before I elaborate on this, let me preface it with a brief explanation.

This lack of appreciation for life is at the heart of all that plagues our society. It goes beyond an abortion debate, beyond a euthanasia debate and even goes beyond our use of the death penalty.

We drink and then drive, even though as you read this column (if you continue past this point, that is) one more person will die due to it. We persist in having unprotected sex, although HIV continues to run rampant. What about the chronic use of drugs? Every day men, women and children die silent deaths — deaths, that is, that don't make the news — due to drugs. How many more thousands must die before we stop tempting the fates?! But I digress.

The point is that drug use, abortion, violent crime and reckless behavior such as drunk driving are all social ills that stem from a void in our human psyche where once sat an acute appreciation for this wonder of life. Preachers can preach until they are blue in the face — but what do they know? Right? Governments can legislate all they want, but their biggest campaign recently has been against tobacco, and one can't help but wonder if their real motivation doesn't actually take root in the abominable amount of funds poured into health care every year due to this weed. El Salvador recently took a step in the right direction by getting genuinely tough on drunk drivers ... but as punishment these ripped roadster must face the firing squad. They're missing the point.

Openly we may show our pity. Fighting these issues always resonates well with the public, whether it be a politician or merely a philanthropist. But let's be honest, among friends or perhaps in the deepest recesses of our subconscious a little voice praises these deaths as beneficial for solving a quickly evolving population problem, or better yet, simply as Darwin at work. Let me break it down still further, and even offer that solution I promised.

Getting past the surface which we are scratching here, lies the true heart of the problem — man has no natural enemy. We have become complacent. Our natural inclination to compete manifests itself in this: without having to watch for predators we create our own. We become our own predator and, consequently, prey. Here is my solution.

Science has reached heights unparalleled. We have the ability to clone animals, even human beings, for the purpose of science. (Another example that life is no longer precious — but mechanical if useful to science, worthless if not.) Why not create a natural predator for man? Crazy, you say? Nonsense? I say it would be an improvement over our present situation.

With life constantly under attack, we would have to band together rather than make war on each other; drugs would be too much of a risk as we would constantly need our wits about us; and parents would be more inclined to nurture rather than abort their babies. Every life, taken individually, would be precious.

On the other hand, there would still be benefits for the human race as a whole. Darwin would be at work carefully selecting those men and women cunning enough to survive. These survivors could then perpetuate a more finely tuned, if you will, human race. Population problem? Are you kidding? There would be a problem of *under* population. You better believe we would protect life.

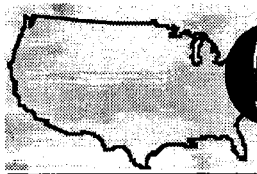
There you have it. Everyone is happy. Bring on the hunt.

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Outside the Dome

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Medical school praises animal testing in search for cures

PITTSBURGH, Penn.

Almost all major medical advances in the past 61 years have depended on using animals for research, according to the dean of Pitt's medical school.

Dr. Art Levine, Pitt's senior vice-chancellor of health sciences and dean of the School of Medicine, said the experiments are performed on animals because their reactions are similar to those of humans. Because many researchers are not willing to risk human lives to study medicine, tests are first performed on animals.

"Without the use of animal research, we'd have no cancer chemotherapy or radiation," Levine said. "And no happy people taking Prozac."

Nearly 1 million of the 11 million American diabetics are alive today because of animal studies, according to Pitt's animal research statistics.

More than 10,000 blind or visually impaired people can now see because



of corneal transplants perfected on animals.

Since the first Nobel Prizes were awarded in 1901, 65 prizewinners have relied on animal subjects for their research.

Ronald Herberman, director of Pitt's Cancer Institute, said the institute has benefited greatly from animal research.

"We have learned about better ways to treat cancer," Herberman said, "as well as discovering the side effects of certain treatments."

Responsible scientists are constantly examining their experiments to make sure they are worthwhile and don't sacrifice animals unless absolutely necessary.

Each experiment is reviewed by a grant committee and, according to Levine, fewer than one out of four experiments are granted funding.

The National Institute of Health reviews each experiment and has issued penalties only 14 times in the institute's history.

"The scientific community is doing the right thing," Levine said.

Before an experiment can be performed, a researcher must prepare a protocol stating how many animals will be used, what species will be used and the scientific purpose of the experiment. The protocol is judged by a committee of peers, made up of community members as well as scientists.

■ UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Campus affirms commitment to diversity

SEATTLE, Wash.

I-200, the anti-affirmative action initiative passed by Washington voters Nov. 3, will become the campus community's greatest obstacle in maintaining diversity at UW, said President Richard McCormick in a presentation Monday afternoon. Led by McCormick, a group of faculty, students and administration gathered to discuss the UW's continued commitment to diversity. "We have to get from here to there in a different way than we have up until now," McCormick said. At the meeting's onset, McCormick outlined two of the most pertinent aspects of the UW's dedication to education: first, the University's firm belief that diversity is essential to academic excellence because all students benefit from exposure to and dialogue with people of diverse backgrounds. Secondly, in terms of educational opportunity, McCormick noted the correlation between level of education and success in the job market.

■ SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Pope visit inspires student group

CARBONDALE, Ill.

Thirty-six Southern Illinois University-Carbondale students from the Newman Catholic Student Center got one step closer to God Tuesday when they visited Pope John Paul II at a youth gathering in St. Louis. The Light of the World youth gathering is a day-long celebration geared toward high school and college students, beginning at 9 a.m. and culminating with the pope's arrival at 6 p.m. "I'm going to be in the presence of greatness," Sarah Schneider, a senior in recreation from Belleville, said. "This is somebody who is known from across the far reaches of the world. It's like going to a Bulls game and watching Michael Jordan play." Leading the group on their pilgrimage is John Scarano, director of the Newman Catholic Center. Scarano said the Kiel Center activities offer the students a chance to celebrate their religion with an estimated 21,000 other participants.

■ PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Deficit casts shadow on students future

STATE COLLEGE, Penn.

The national budget deficit for last year was just reported as the lowest it has been during Clinton's administration, but the national debt continues to grow and may affect college students' retirements. The deficit was \$29 billion and the debt grew to about \$5.6 trillion, according to The Concord Coalition, which educates college students about the national debt. One concern students may have with the debt is how it will affect Social Security, a program originated when there were many more workers than there were retired people. "This is really (college students') problem," Jeff Thiebert, youth and college outreach coordinator for the coalition, said. "They're the ones who are going to have to front the bill for Social Security." This can cause stress because students want a good standard of living for themselves but also want to see their parents and grandparents taken care of by Social Security, he said.

■ YALE UNIVERSITY

NCAA faces Supreme Court decision

NEW HAVEN, Conn.

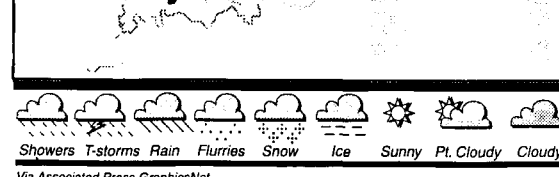
Supreme Court action could force the National Collegiate Athletic Association to change policies on athletic scholarships, budgeting and athletic eligibility. The Court heard oral arguments Wednesday in the case of R. M. Smith v. National Collegiate Athletic Association, which centers on whether the NCAA, as an institution separate from its member colleges, receives federal funds in the form of dues from its members. Federal laws prohibiting discrimination against women and minority students, known collectively as Title IX and Title VII, apply to all recipients of federal education dollars. If the court determines that the NCAA does receive government money, it would be subject to Title IX and Title VII regulations. Such regulations could affect budgets on men's and women's sporting events, distribution of athletic scholarships and standards for athletic eligibility.

■ SOUTH BEND WEATHER

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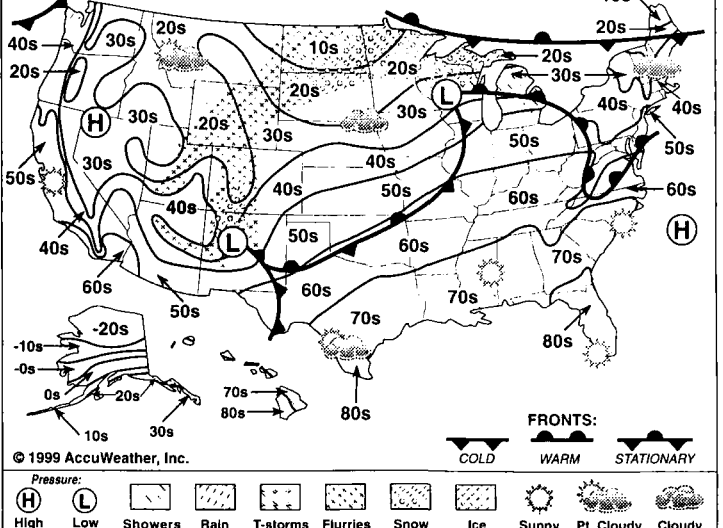


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■ NATIONAL WEATHER

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Chapel Hill	37	69	New Orleans	55	77	Tampa	59	83

■ BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Budgetary concerns fill meeting agenda

By M. SHANNON RYAN
Saint Mary's Editor

The board of governance reviewed this year's budget and examined updates of expenditures at Tuesday night's meeting.

With a remaining balance of \$43,702.37, the BOG announced that spending for the current year has totaled \$82,464.63 so far.

Student body president Sarah Siefert reminded the board that this remaining money "will go fast" because of end-of-the-year costs. She also said she expects to have enough money for a roll-over into next year's budget.

BOG also granted co-sponsorship to Student Activities Board in the form of

\$3,000 for the annual SMC Tostal festivities. Last year's SAB committee spent between \$12,000 and \$17,000 on the event, said Janet Horvath, SAB coordinator.

SAB plans on drawing about \$9,000 in extra funds from SAB departments such as entertainment and publicity.

This spring's SMC Tostal events will include human bowling, rock climbing, characterists, bungee jumping, a drive-in movie and various games and entertainment throughout the campus.

"This is a campus-wide event, put on for the entire student body. We'd like to make it as fun and elaborate as last year, but at this point, we're restricted by funds," Horvath said, appealing to the

board for co-sponsorship.

In other BOG news:

- The creative, problem-solving group Odyssey of the Mind received club recognition. The club is currently active at Notre Dame and currently has one Saint Mary's member.

- Saint Mary's Affiliates for the American Chemical Society (SMAACS) was granted co-sponsorship in the form of \$800 in order to participate in an American Chemical Society's national conference. The group asked for \$1,246 and would like to send, at most, four students to the event in Anaheim, Calif.

- Siefert reminded the board that Meet the Candidates Night will take place at 7 p.m. in Hagar Parlor on Feb. 2. The elections for student body president will take place on Feb. 4. If needed, run-offs will take place on Feb. 8.

- Siefert and Georgeanna Rosenbush, student activities director, encouraged students to nominate seniors for the Outstanding Senior of the Year award and the Lumina Cristi award, which are presented at commencement ceremonies. Typed recommendations can be delivered to the office of Linda Timm, vice president for student affairs.

"It would be very nice to see more [nominations] generated from the students for the awards, rather than from faculty or administrators," Rosenbush said. "Nominate role models who have influenced you and shaped you."

SOS offers support to abused

By JOCELYN ALLISON
News Writer

The Sex Offense Services (SOS) program at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's is celebrating 25 years of assistance to victims of sexual assault, and has just recently been expanded to include a program on domestic violence as well.

Thirty-seven Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students currently volunteer for the SOS program at the Madison Center and St. Joseph Hospital in South Bend to help counsel rape victims and their families.

"[The victims] don't have to speak to me if they don't want to. They know that I am there if they need me," one SOS advocate said, who has been involved in the program for two years.

"Each case is so very individual. There's no checklist of things to cover; they are just there to listen," said Laurel Eslinger, director of SOS.

"[The advocates] are never there to ask what happened. That's the job of the hospital to gather physical evidence of rape, and the police to ask the official questions and make the reports. The advocates are there to work on a more emotional level. Ninety-nine percent of the time [the victims] are willing to talk," Eslinger said.

Confidentiality is an important part of SOS counseling. When advocates meet with victims they use only their first names and are not allowed to acknowledge the victims if they see them in public unless the victim acknowledges them first.

Although advocates are required to do a follow-up call two or three days after the

incident, it is important that victims do not become too dependent on the advocates. "It's really for [the advocates'] own protection," Eslinger said.

Students who volunteer for the program must first undergo an application and interview process before they can begin training. In order for the volunteers to become SOS advocates they must complete 36 hours of training, including two three-hour sessions twice a week for six weeks. They learn about hospital procedures, police investigation, court processes, medical protocol, and crisis intervention techniques.

Volunteers practice role-playing and participate in dis-

teamed with females, and are only allowed to meet with the family of a female rape victim, never the victim herself. Other SOS staff members work closely with the police department and the courts as well as social workers that specialize in abuse and sexual assault. If the case goes to court, the advocate can be there to offer support for the victim.

In addition to counseling rape victims at the hospital, many advocates also volunteer in prevention programs at the local junior high and high schools. Notre Dame seniors Lauren Roscoe and Susan Affleck-Graves run the program for the junior highs called "Subject: Sexual Abuse." Roscoe estimates that they have reached over 2,000 kids with their program.

"Sometimes we go back to the same school once each semester so we can reach all the kids in the different classes," Roscoe said. Notre Dame junior Michelle Visnosky and senior Kora Thieke are co-coordinators of the high school program called "No Means No."

Those involved in the prevention presentation are also required to complete a six to nine hour training program on rape and domestic violence, as well as learn how to deal with any young students that come to them with questions after the presentation.

"It's not something that's for everybody. We have wonderful students that volunteer their time and they are invaluable to us," Eslinger said.

The next training session begins Feb. 4. Applications can be obtained by calling the SOS office at 283-1308.

'THE VICTIMS DON'T HAVE TO SPEAK TO ME IF THEY DON'T WANT TO. THEY KNOW THAT I AM THERE IF THEY NEED ME.'

ANONYMOUS SOS VOLUNTEER

cussions to learn more about the characteristics of victims and offenders, as well as how to take a telephone call when a victim is in need.

Once training is complete, SOS advocates are on call for six hours a week, and can either be summoned to the hospital to meet with a victim one-on-one or asked to talk with the victim over the phone. Each advocate has a partner and one person meets with the family while the other speaks directly with the victim.

All male advocates are

ND prof renews calls for nuclear restraint

By KYLE ANDREWS
News Writer

Advocating a universal ban on the initial use of weapons of mass destruction, Alan Dowty, professor of government and fellow at the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, examined why the United States reserves its right to this use in response to the threat of chemical and biological weapons.

"Give priority to preventing their use," Dowty stated.

The first step must be taken to "bring all weapons of mass destruction into the same tent," said Dowty. Nuclear, chemical and biological weapons must all be considered weapons of mass destruction, he explained. This stems from the fact that chemical and biological weapons are being used as the "poor man's nuclear weapons" in countries such as Iraq.

"While no longer flaunted, the chemical weapons are still there," Dowty warned.

Weapons of mass destruction should be reduced to a second-use role, using them only as a deterrent, he continued. Once this transitional phase has been adopted, then efforts can be aimed at eliminating arsenals altogether.

A first-use ban would constitute a major change in U.S. foreign policy. The United

States has already agreed not to use chemical and biological weapons, but it still relies on nuclear weapons as a deterrent. This, however, is not wholly practical. If Iraq or another non-nuclear country were to use chemical weapons, then the United States would be unable to retaliate with nuclear force, in accordance with their 1968 decision to never use nuclear weapons on a non-nuclear state.

To expand that limitation and adopt Dowty's proposal that "no state should use weapons of mass destruction on another state" could mean that other countries would be more inclined to eliminate their chemical and biological weapons. This would allow the United States to rely on its conventional military superiority. Dowty believes the conventional superiority would be greatly increased with the "poor man's equalizers" gone. These problems could be dealt with effectively through legislation.

Dowty has published books and articles on the politics and diplomacy of the Middle East, foreign policy, and the controlling of weapons of mass destruction. He has recently returned from speaking with the NGO committee of the United Nations regarding weapons of mass destruction.



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Inclusion

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a year before presenting a list of 12 recommendations to O'Hara, including calls to recognize GLND/SMC as an official student group and to include sexual orientation in the non-discrimination clause. In April, 1996, O'Hara agreed to put the non-discrimination clause issue under consideration by the officers of the University.

At that time, campus groups, including both the Student and Faculty Senates, began looking into the matter. Both senates passed resolutions in support of the change and support among the general student body began to grow. More than 400 people attended a rally on the steps of the Main Building to call for the amendment in April, 1997, while the officers were still debating the matter.

In August, 1997, when classes began for the 1997-98 school year, the officers announced their decision not to revise the clause, instead drafting the Spirit of Inclusion statement, a non-binding statement which called on members of the Notre Dame community to treat each other as equals.

"We welcome all people, regardless of color, gender, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, social or economic class, and nationality, for example, precisely because of Christ's calling to treat others as we desire to be treated," the statement reads.

At the time, this was the last word on the matter, but supporters of the clause continued to push for a stronger statement offering legal protection to homosexuals.

RECENT EVENTS

Last March, Father David Garrick, an openly homosexual professor in the Communication and Theater department, resigned in protest of the administration's handling of gay and lesbian issues at Notre Dame.

Garrick's resignation brought a new focus to the issue. A rally in March calling for the clause change attracted several hundred people to

the Fieldhouse Mall and national media organizations including the New York Times covered the resignation.

The Faculty Senate passed a resolution in May calling for the clause change, and in September, that motion was put on the agenda for the Academic Council. The Council is a group composed primarily of faculty and administrators which decides issues of importance to the University's academic and campus life.

On Oct. 8, the Council chose to put off a decision for five weeks in order to further research the amendment's legal and theological ramifications. At that meeting, dean of the College of Business Administration Carolyn Woo told the Council that a most-qualified job applicant who admitted in an interview to being a practicing homosexual was not hired largely because of that fact.

This development, and the advancement of the clause change to such a high level of University hierarchy, led to an increase in student activism surrounding the issue. Talk show pioneer and Notre Dame graduate Phil Donahue came to campus to speak about the clause change, and a number of student leaders petitioned the Council to support the change.

On Nov. 17, the Academic Council voted 19-15 to send the clause on to Malloy and the Board of Trustees. This is the highest level of University decision-makers to consider the matter thus far, and the Board can make a final decision on the issue.

THE CLAUSE

The University's legal non-discrimination clause, as published in du Lac, states the following: "The University of Notre Dame does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, sex, disability, veteran status or age in the administration of any of its educational programs, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletic and other school-administered programs or in employment."

The proposed change would most likely result in the addition of sexual orientation to the list of characteristics.

Babies

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care but on what their insurance will cover," said Theresa Venet Grant, president of the International Council on Infertility Information Dissemination.

Further ethical issues are raised when an obstetrician believes that too many babies in the womb are endangering the mother's life or preventing the healthy development of other fetuses. At this point, as in the case with Bobbi McCaughey, selective reduction is often suggested. Selective reduction is the pick-and-choose technique of abort-

ing some fetuses and leaving others.

"The problem is that some doctors aren't careful about how many pregnancies they cause. You just get a reduction until you get [how many babies] you want," Dr. Reineke explained.

In a decision that made headlines, McCaughey refused doctors' recommendations to have selective reductions. Instead, she assumed the risks until her waist line grew to 52 inches and she delivered eight live babies. More than a year later, the babies are all relatively healthy.

The Chukwu's also reportedly refused selective reduction due to their religious beliefs. Chukwu was hospitalized for

several weeks during her pregnancy, suspended nearly upside down to relieve pressure on other parts of her body.

Reineke stressed that it is not the place of physicians or "Harvard ethicists" to decide whether the existence of these babies is good or bad, and that he feels it is his responsibility to help the couples that come to him for help.

"Whether you can say it's good or bad is a human value. Nature doesn't care. You can't stand by and do nothing — You've got to be proactive, but you don't have to be reckless," he said.

The New York Times contributed to this report.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Prankster impedes high school basketball game

AKRON

With Copley High School leading Wadsworth by only two points in a crucial basketball game, a Copley fan made a defensive maneuver surely not addressed in Wadsworth's playbook. Just as a Wadsworth player was about to throw an inbounds pass, the 16-year-old Copley student pulled the player's shorts down to his knees. Copley held on to win Friday night's game, 65-60. "The incident took place at a critical stage of the game, and it was a must-win for our team," Wadsworth coach John Martin said. "Can you imagine what kind of concentration our kid had after he was exposed?" The Copley prankster, whose name was withheld because of his age, was arrested after he tried to run away. He was charged with misdemeanor counts of disrupting a lawful meeting and disorderly conduct. Police Lt. Dave Sattler said the boy understood what he did was wrong and is sorry.

'Bizzy Bone' acquitted of charges

COLUMBUS

Jurors who took less than an hour to acquit a Grammy Award-winning rapper of assault and disorderly conduct charges said they were left with too many questions after four days of testimony. Among other things, they wondered why only rapper Bizzy Bone was charged when testimony showed two of his bodyguards were involved in a scuffle with a barber college student, juror Robert Radcliffe said Monday. Bone's real name is Bryon McCane. He's a soloist with the rap group Bone Thugs-N-Harmony. The charges against McCane, 22, stemmed from an alleged altercation with Terrance Harden, 26, last Sept. 16 at the Hair Experts Barber School. Trial testimony from both sides said Harden was manhandled in the barber college stairwell by the two bodyguards.

Man moves finger on freshly transplanted hand

LOUISVILLE

The man who received the first hand transplant in the United States moved a finger on Tuesday, and doctors said there are no signs of rejection or infection. "His hand looks good," said Dr. Warren Breidenbach, lead surgeon for the team that transplanted a hand to Matthew Scott's left wrist on Monday. "We are very cautious and not encouraging movement at this point. Controlled motion of the fingers will begin sometime in the next few days to one week." This week Scott traded a metal- and-plastic prosthesis for a human hand — the first transplant of its kind performed in the United States. Scott, 37, lost his dominant hand in the explosion of an M-80, a powerful and illegal firecracker, on Dec. 23, 1985.

UNITED STATES

Pope compares abortion to slavery

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ST. LOUIS

Pope John Paul II arrived in the heartland Tuesday for a 30-hour visit and likened America's dispute over abortion and euthanasia to the bitter legal battle over slavery on the eve of the Civil War.

"America faces a similar time of trial," he said.

President Clinton and the first lady joined 500 families in a National Guard hangar at Lambert Airport to greet the pope on his seventh papal trip to the United States. John Paul flew in from Mexico City after a triumphant, five-day visit.

The pope later met privately with the president and was to attend a youth rally 20,000-people strong at the Kiel Center on Tuesday night. On Wednesday, he is scheduled to celebrate a Mass before 104,000 people at the Trans World Dome.

"We welcome you back to America," the president told the pontiff. "For 20 years you have challenged us to think of life not in terms of what we acquire for ourselves but what we give of ourselves. ... We honor you for standing for human dignity and human rights."

The president quoted a Polish phrase that means, "May you live a hundred years and more."

By mid-morning thousands of young people had circled the Gateway Arch before walking to the Kiel Center and the Papal Plaza nearby.

"We love Jesus, yes we do! We love you Jesus, how about you?" youth groups shouted back and forth.

While the crowd was euphoric, the 78-year-old pope's opening message to the American people was more somber. His arm shook as he held the lectern, his



President Bill Clinton meets and welcomes Pope John Paul II at the International Airport. The Pope's arrival in St. Louis began his thirty hour papal visit to the United States.

body stooped over his text. Still, his voice was firm as he urged Americans to reach for a higher moral vision.

He reminded Americans of the Dred Scott case, tried in St. Louis' Old Courthouse. Scott, a slave purchased in 1833 by an Army surgeon stationed near St. Louis, sued for his freedom. Living in a free state, he said, made him a free man.

In 1857 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled, in effect, that slaves were property and not citizens — a decision, the

pope said, that declared "an entire class of human beings — people of African descent — outside the boundaries of the national community and the Constitution's protection."

"Today," the pope went on, "the conflict is between a culture that affirms, cherishes, and celebrates the gift of life, and a culture that seeks to declare entire groups of human beings — the unborn, the terminally ill, the handicapped, and others considered 'unusable' — to be out-

side the boundaries of legal protection."

The pope is also a leading opponent of capital punishment and has intervened in several cases in the United States. Missouri's Supreme Court, without explanation, postponed an execution that was to have taken place while the pope was in town. Papal spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls called the postponement "a mockery." During previous visits, the pope has spoken against materialism.

COLOMBIA

Deadly earthquake stuns villagers

ASSOCIATED PRESS

ARMENIA

The death toll from the worst earthquake to hit Colombia in more than a century surpassed 1,000 on Tuesday as survivors anxiously awaited relief supplies and prayed for signs of life under the rubble. Those hopes were dashed again and again.

Monday's 6-magnitude earthquake devastated cities and villages across western Colombia, a vast Andean terrain where much of the world's coffee is grown. The temblor shook buildings as far away as the capital, Bogota, 140 miles from the epicenter.

A small aftershock shook the region Tuesday afternoon, causing little damage but sending panicked residents running into the rubble-littered streets. It was one of about 15 aftershocks.

With hundreds of people believed still buried beneath the rubble, mayhem reigned Tuesday in the streets of Armenia, a city of 300,000.

Rescue teams in Armenia had recovered about 650 bodies by noon, and relief workers estimated the death toll for all of western Colombia would eventually total more than 2,000.

Two-thirds of the city's buildings were rendered uninhabitable. People wandered about desperately looking for relatives. There was no electricity or running water in most of the city, and food was in dangerously short supply. An estimated 180,000 people were left homeless in Armenia alone.

Coffins have become a coveted commodity.

"I've been looking for five coffins for relatives since 8 o'clock this morning and I couldn't find any, so we're going to have to bury them in

plastic," said 34-year-old Diego Ruiz, who lost his grandmother, a sister and three nieces.

Rescue workers scrambled to evacuate the thousands of injured and to locate survivors. At the city's small airport, ambulances arrived every 15 minutes with more victims, who were airlifted to hospitals in Bogota, Medellin and Cali.

"There is a danger of epidemics, because we have more than 200 bodies and we have no refrigerated trucks," said Carlos Gilberto Giraldo, a top Colombian Red Cross official.

Two members of Colombia's professional soccer club Atletico Quindio — Diego Montero and Ruben Biurrel, both from Argentina — were found dead. Witnesses said the two were holding onto each other in the ruins of a downtown hotel. Another four players are feared dead.

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compliance with the Western Conference rules and applied for admission again. Once again, the conference turned them down.

Over the years, the conference took in Indiana and Iowa and changed its name to the Big Nine. In 1908, Michigan withdrew due to a rules dispute with the conference board. Notre Dame applied for admission a third time, and was again rejected, prompting Father Crumley, the chairman of the athletic board at the time, to claim that the Big Ten's battle to keep Notre Dame out was being "fought on theological rather than athletic grounds."

Crumley may have indeed been correct. It was well-known the Western Conference showed disrespect for Catholic higher education and its emphasis on an open admission policy and religious training. There was also evidence that the conference scoffed that a faculty board, run mostly by priests, could control a school's intercollegiate athletics program.

But ironically, the Big Nine's administrators failed to understand that Notre Dame's hierarchy worked very well and helped to insulate it from many of the athletic abuses that were prevalent in several Big Nine schools. But, as Sperber believes, the Western Conference's 1908 rejection of Notre Dame set the course of the school's athletic program.

"Up to that point, the fans of college football were mainly alumni," he says. "By being forced to go national, with the media supporting them and their teams winning, the middle class, ethnic groups and people unable to afford college began to support Notre Dame."

LAYING THE FOUNDATION

When Notre Dame hired Jesse Harper as head football coach in 1912, one of his main goals was to improve the school's relations with the Big Nine. While he was able to accomplish many things, such as a major upset over Army in 1913 and subsequently creating rivalries with other national powerhouses, bringing Notre Dame into the conference wasn't in the cards.

In 1913, the growth of the student body plus the fact that the football program made a profit for the first time brought the administration to decide once again to apply for admission. Harper touted his athletic program, calling it "the logical successor to Michigan." However, at the conference's annual meeting, the group again rebuffed Notre Dame.

This decision influenced Notre Dame to look elsewhere to improve its reputation. In the coming years, the relationship with the Big Nine's grew more antagonistic.

By 1917, Harper had become increasingly frustrated, partially because of the possibility that the next football season would be canceled because of America's entry into the first World War. But most of his aggravation was due to the fact that he had not appreciably improved the school's relations with the Big Nine. With Michigan's re-entrance that year, the conference was renamed the Big Ten. Harper had contacted several faculty representatives from the member schools to gauge the possibilities of admission. After he received strong negative reactions, he decided to retire to his home in Kansas. According to Sperber, however, the conference had its own reasons to

rebuff the university.

"There was a lot of anti-Catholic sentiment at that time. The Ku Klux Klan basically ran the state of Indiana. The state legislators didn't want Notre Dame, a Catholic school to join the Big Ten," Sperber wrote.

As it turned out, Harper could not have picked a more logical successor for the football program: Knute Rockne.

THE ROCKNE YEARS

After producing a top-notch football team, Rockne's next goal was to schedule Big Ten games. He had more success than his predecessor and added Indiana and Purdue to his schedule, but the other conference members more or less snubbed his overtures. With the Big Ten coaches, it was no longer Notre Dame's rumored educational standards but the team's athletic might.

"I don't blame them for not putting me on their schedules. If I were in their shoes, I would have done the same thing," Rockne later remarked.

In 1919 he recorded a perfect 9-0 season. By 1924, Rockne and the Four Horsemen earned a 10-0 record and their first national championship. Thanks to the work of Grantland Rice and other sportswriters, Notre Dame football was propelled to national prominence.

By the fall of 1926, the administration decided to apply for admission a fifth time. Notre Dame tightened the screws on its athletic rules while Rockne corresponded with Harper on what strategies he might employ to seek membership. The coach even made a goodwill tour, stopping by each of the member schools in the hope of engendering support. While some schools — most notably Michigan and Chicago — were decisively negative about the proposal, most other members seemed fairly receptive to Rockne.

As it turned out, the Big Ten schools voted 6-4 not to enlarge the conference, sidestepping the issue. The leaders of the schools suggested that the Catholic school make a formal application again in December. The school was on its best behavior throughout the fall of 1926, but the Big Ten, led by Michigan, once again vetoed the change.

"At that point, Notre Dame had become more like a Big Ten school," Sperber noted. "They had started graduate courses, and they had their college of business. The argument [of the Big Ten] that 'you're not like us'

went less and less. But they didn't understand that the CSC is different from other Catholic orders. Still, it was really the anti-Catholic element."

Though this did put an end to Notre Dame's acceptance bids, it did not end the Big Ten's unwelcome involvement in the University's affairs. In the 1929 championship season, the conference's faculty board attempted to prevent Wisconsin from playing the Irish at Soldier Field, saying the game had too much "commercialism." Rockne saw through this ploy, writing to the Wisconsin authorities that "the Big Ten Faculty Committee [wants to] make a show of us in public by denying us permission," and the game was played in Chicago anyway.

While the Big Ten faculty board had failed in that attempt, it proved to be all too successful the next year around. In 1930, the president of Northwestern suggested that the NU-Notre Dame game be moved from 48,000-seat Dyche Stadium to 120,000-seat Soldier Field with the extra gate receipts going to "poor relief." However, in one of the most vicious and antagonis-

tic actions between the Big Ten and Notre Dame, the conference invoked a little-known rule mandating that games "cannot be transferred from a home gridiron to a field within a radius of 100 miles of another Big Ten university," which, in this case, was the University of Chicago. This rule was originally intended to prevent the two games from hurting each other's ticket sales. Even though Chicago was scheduled to play at Michigan, the rule forced the cancellation of the Notre Dame game, prompting Midwestern sportswriters to write searing condemnations against the conference.

OVERCOMING OBSTACLES

Following the Soldier Field incident, the Big Ten's antagonism with Notre Dame began to subside. There were still some lesser incidents, and the tensions between the two parties still existed, but actions to complement these emotions never materialized.

When Father John O'Hara became vice president of the University, he was discouraged by the conference's condescen-

sion towards the school, and began a "one-upmanship" athletic policy, attempting to raise Notre Dame's athletic standards beyond those of the conference. Indeed, O'Hara moved well beyond the Big Ten and the NCAA when he created a rule that limited a player's eligibility to eight semesters.

Notre Dame continued to rise and overcame obstacles to become one of the premiere C football schools in the country. One question remains: If Notre Dame had been accepted into the Big Ten, would it have achieved the same success? According to Sperber, the answer is 'No'.

"It would not have been nearly as prosperous," he says. "Up until the 1920s, Notre Dame received most of its students from the Midwest. After that, it exploded. With the national fame, it increased terrifically. It was the defining moment in its history."

"I personally don't want Notre Dame to join the Big Ten. I like the tradition. I like the games against USC, Army and Navy. If it happens, that will all have to go."

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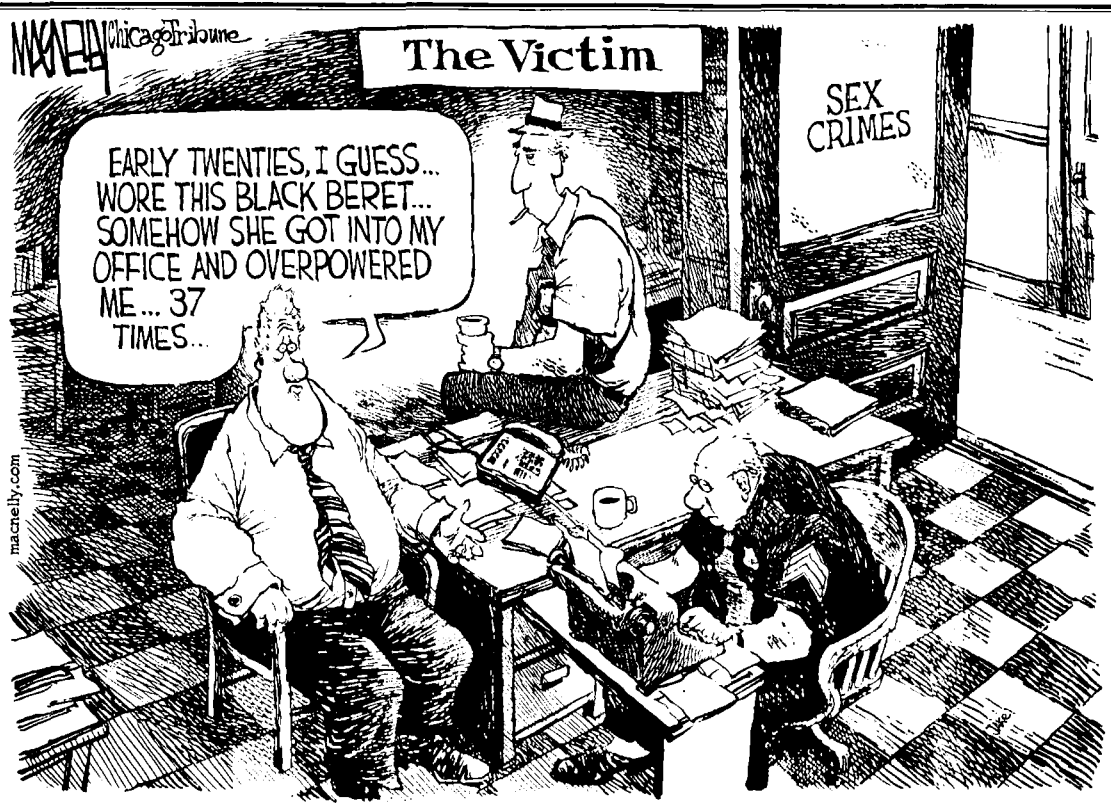
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■ LIFE AT ND

Praying for the Poor by Name

Who prays for the poor by name? Ten years ago, I was a math teacher for a Milwaukee GED (General Equivalency Diploma) program. Some students had dropped out after becoming teenage moth-

Mel Tardy

ers or falling prey to drugs. Others had quit high school because of dangerous gang warfare. Many couldn't recall a single teacher (or parent) who had believed in their ability to succeed. Their neighborhoods were poor and their spirits were poorer.

How did they get to me? True, some couldn't collect their AFDC check without proof that they were either in school or seeking employment. Most, however, had tasted the real world and knew they would never make it out of the gutter — let alone get a job at McDonald's — without a high school diploma.

Still, it took me four weeks to focus Kendall, the class clown. Hallelujah, though! For two days, he actually learned something! Then, poof, he stopped coming. I suspect fear of the unknown (i.e. success?) One wonders: what if someone had thought to test him for A.D.D.? Conversely, George (a.k.a. "God's gift to women") quickly changed when he saw teachers interested in him. Then, the unthinkable ... could he, like me, also graduate from Notre Dame?! Ohhhh, did he get motivated! His curiosity led us beyond GED boundaries, into Trigonometry! True, George never got to ND, but he did get his GED and, I believe, went on to college. George shot for the moon and hit a star.

My heart, however, sank for Barry. I recall that Barry's eyes never rose to meet

mine when he spoke. My most intelligent and polite student, a misdemeanor and prison time had completely stolen his self-confidence and esteem. Barry didn't get his GED during my tenure, but I pray that he did eventually. Cardell, though, was different; so happy to be "gettin' that paper" that he beamed with a perpetual grin (distinctive in that he lacked one front tooth.)

They craved new lives, motivated by daily stories of friends being shot or news that peer pressure or relationship problems had forced another student to quit. I found myself praying daily for each of them, wondering if they would live to see it happen. You would have, too ... had you known them.

Eventually, I sought other solutions ... economic solutions. Yet, when I arrived at ND for MBA school, it was as if a fire was burning that no one on campus knew about! There existed a surreal peace here; happy, healthy people, more concerned about waking up national champions than waking up alive. I shook my head often ... had I traveled to another world? How could I keep from going to sleep myself?

To help, I brought with me two photos; mementos which I still keep nearby. The first, of Kendall, reminds me that the fires are still burning, even if the smoke never reaches ND. The second photo, of Cardell with his broad, toothy grin, holding up his GED certificate, reminds me that there is hope, if we pray unceasingly and never give up or turn away.

That's why I admire people like Gerrie Griffin, a local nurse who founded Slice of Life for African American youth; Lou Nanni, an ND grad who oversees our local

Shelter for the Homeless; Brother Bill Tones, an ND grad who helps Chicago gang members strive for lives between deadly bullets; and Capt. Donald Weihs, the Marquette grad who founded the above GED program. Most of all, I admire my mother, JoAnne Tardy, a former teacher who ran that GED program for years and still prays nightly rosaries (yes nightly) for students and DOZENS of others — by name.

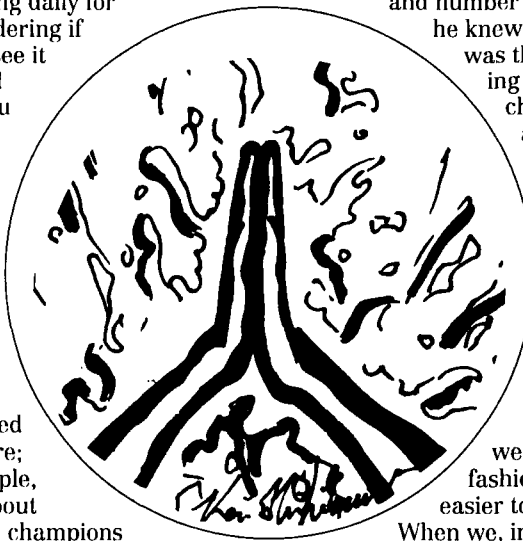
Look at Malcolm X, who's ministry began with hustlers, pimps, dope dealers and number runners — people he knew personally. MLK was the same way, starting in his daddy's church long before an assassin cut short his grandiose plans for a "Poor People's Campaign." Jesus, of course, gained credibility by daily breaking bread with the poor for whom he prayed. I believe that when we pray in anonymous fashion for the poor, it is easier to brush them off.

When we, instead, pray for them by name, we offer up a powerful prayer and are less likely to forget those for whom we pray, even amidst the waves of our middle-class routines.

The question, then, is, how does one begin? Who, Notre Dame, can pray for the poor by name? The answer is easy: one who knows them.

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■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Henry Hyde Dismissed

No matter how one views the presidential impeachment trial, anyone with a grasp of the English language would be appalled by a statement Representative Henry Hyde made before the Senate as he argued that the case against the President should not be dismissed. He said he looked up the word dismissed in a thesaurus and found that it means "to ignore, disregard, neglect, or brush off." Therefore, he did not want the Senate to disregard or brush off the case against the President. The problem is, as most educated people know, that a thesaurus does not define words but merely provides a list of related words. (A dictionary defines words.)

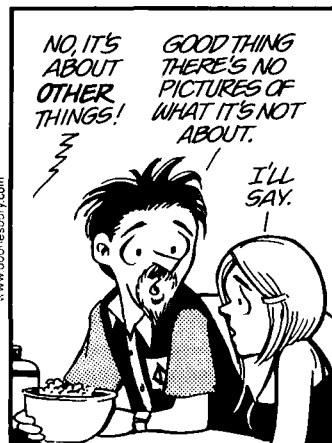
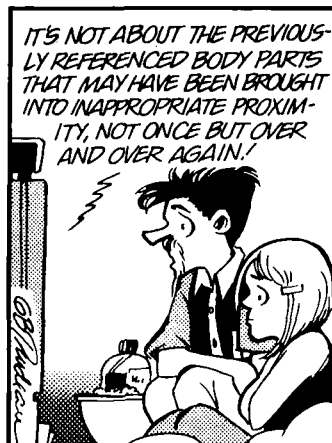
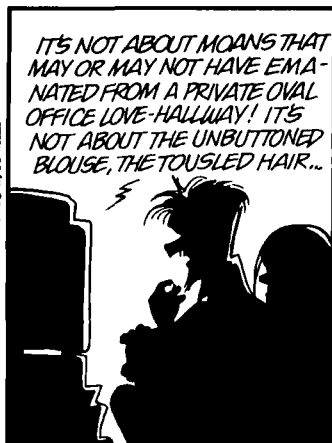
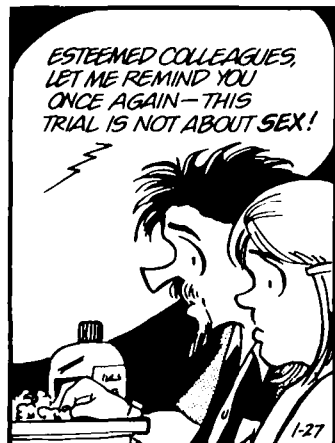
Hyde's error can be easily demonstrated. If one of my students at Saint Mary's raises her hand and asks if she may leave the room because she is ill, I might tell her, "Very well, you are dismissed early." Have I then ignored, neglected, disregarded, or brushed her off? Quite the contrary. The word dismiss means (among other things) to reject a claim — something many Americans wish would happen in the Senate, pronto.

Perhaps such a verbal gaffe is not surprising, coming from the mouth of a politician who dismissed an adulterous affair in his 40s as "a youthful indiscretion."

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■ O'NESBURY

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■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

'I always keep a stimulant handy in case I see a snake — which I also keep handy.'

— W.C. Fields

■ OPEN LETTER TO NOTRE DAME'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Big Ten Means Loss of Catholic Mission, Quality of Undergraduate Education

A few years ago bold-faced signs appeared mysteriously at the portals of the University announcing entry to "The University of Notre Dame: A Catholic Research University." When the signs disappeared just as mysteriously a few weeks later, the widespread suspicion was that the message had been deemed impolitic by responsible administrators, but not erroneous. For the past 20 years or more, the University has been recruiting faculty and appointing academic administrators for their ability to enhance its reputation as a research institution. One indication that this recruiting has met its aims came with the lopsided vote of the Faculty Senate in favor of joining forces with the Big Ten. In view of the prevailing conception that a vote for the Big Ten is a vote endorsing an increased emphasis on research, it is no surprise that a majority of faculty who came to the University expecting to advance their own research interests would favor that move.

Weighing in on the other side of the issue are numerous "voteless" faculty and alumni (see the South Bend Tribune article of Jan. 10) who fear that making the University's commitment to research "official" by joining the Big Ten would result in further erosion of its undergraduate programs. Despite repeated assurances from academic administrators that this will not happen, there are several well-documented trends in education today that suggest the outcome might be beyond their control. One stems from the fact that schools known for their emphasis on research attract faculty and graduate students with specialized interests. Given the research preoccupations of the faculty, undergraduate courses in such institutions tend to be staffed primarily by graduate students who have little experience and often less interest in teaching at that level. This dynamic is not conducive to sound undergraduate education.

Another cautionary trend has to do with the emphasis on the sciences over the humanities in most major research universities. Schools in competition for visibility as centers of research are under pressure to channel their resources in the direction of elaborately equipped laboratories rather than low-tech office and classroom spaces. Specific features of this trend are examined in a recent essay published in Harvard Magazine ("The Market-Model University: Humanities in the Age of Money," May-June 1998). Among the findings cited in this report are that, no matter what criteria are applied — "majors, salaries, graduate programs ... , standardized test scores — the results come back the same. The humanities' vital signs are poor." Despite what they say in their brochures, it might be taken as a general rule that institutions with faltering programs in the humanities are places where broadly-based undergraduate education is not likely to flourish.

Also relevant is the fact that research in the physical sciences is many times more expensive to conduct than research at a comparable level in the humanities and social sciences. Universities supporting "cutting edge" research programs inevitably rely upon financial resources

far exceeding those provided by tuition and private donations — resources typically solicited from government and commercial enterprise. Among adverse consequences of this arrangement are an excessive amount of time and effort spent in preparation of grant proposals and reports, along with the subordination of research efforts to interests often having more to do with commercial profit than with unbiased scholarship. Both effects detract from sound education and the dissemination of knowledge.

A recent editorial in the South Bend Tribune (Dec. 27, 1998) cited Stanford and Northwestern as universities that have successfully combined specialized postgraduate research and effective undergraduate teaching. Whatever one thinks of this choice of examples, the fact remains that neither of these institutions (nor any

other within the Big Ten) has religious commitments. In particular, neither is a Catholic university. And it might well be argued that Notre Dame's Catholic commitment provides its primary rationale for not aligning itself with the specialized research interests represented by the Big Ten.

What is it to be a Catholic university? Some might say having a certain percentage of Catholic faculty or students, or being associated with a religious order, or having a Catholic president. But more significant than any of these, surely, is the way the university conceives its mission. What makes a university genuinely Catholic is the service it renders to the Catholic community at large and the contribution it makes to the general culture on behalf of that community.

Service to the Catholic community can take many forms. In its founding years, Notre Dame provided educational opportunities to children of immigrants who had limited access to other institutions. During the first half of this century Notre Dame, with its legendary football program, provided a rallying point for minorities (the "subway alumni") trying to find identity in the popular culture of the day. More recently, through its burgeoning professional schools, it has provided entry for talented young Catholic men and women into the power-

structures of contemporary society. And throughout the century Notre Dame has served as a seat of learning upon which the Catholic community can rely for moral support, scholarly advice and the liberal education of its children.

A thriving Catholic university will also strive to make its spiritual and intellectual resources available on a nonsectarian basis. It does this in part by the participation of its executive officers in national affairs, such as contributing to the country's progress in civil rights and educational policy. It does this also through programs like the Joan B. Kroc Peace Institute and the Reilly Center for Science, Technology and Values. Perhaps most significantly, however, it does this by sending its graduates out into the world with a sensitivity to the value-issues of the day, and with the skills and resources needed to confront those issues effectively and thereby to contribute to the healing of the society in which they live.

In what respects does contemporary society need healing? While no reflective

person would be hard pressed to come up with a list of urgent social problems — distribution of wealth, race relations, morality in government and so forth — there are some that seem to have reached crisis-proportion. For one, industrial technology has wreaked such havoc upon the environment that human life as we know it is widely recognized to be at risk. For another, electronic technology has produced an array of visual "entertainments" that have reduced the popular culture in which our children's characters are molded to new lows of vulgarity and violence. For yet another, despite its many benefits, biological technology is well on its way to devising gene-manipulation techniques capable of producing living creatures — including human beings — tailor-made for self-serving human purposes. As John Paul II has warned, reflecting on technological developments of these sorts (Fides et Ratio, sec. 81), if "technology is not ordered to something greater than a merely utilitarian end, then it could soon ... become potential destroyer of the human race."

The unhappy fact we need to face at this juncture is that the technological expertise that lies behind these crises all too often goes hand-in-hand with the specialized knowledge generated in our leading research universities. And none of these problems will be alleviated by more specialized knowledge of the same sort. For the problems in question are not technical in nature. Our quandary in these and many similar cases is that our technological know-how has far exceeded our ability to apply it wisely.

What human society needs more than anything else as we move into the 21st Century is a concentrated effort by our spiritual and intellectual leadership to come up with the wisdom that will preserve the technologically obsessed culture in which we live from self-destruction. Where that wisdom will come from is far from clear. But there is no more likely source than from institutions of higher learning like Notre Dame that combine spiritual resources of proven vitality with the best of current scholarship and learning. We must take seriously the possibility that the most responsible way to pursue our Catholic mission today is to do our best to help provide the spiritual and intellectual guidance needed to hold human culture intact through these times of social peril. Notre Dame, of course, cannot do this by itself. But with proper leadership, it can make a significant contribution.

The basic question to be faced by the Board of Trustees in its upcoming meeting is how, and to what extent, its Catholic mission would be served if Notre Dame were to commit itself officially to the kind of specialized research that binds the Big Ten together academically. Suppose Notre Dame were to join the Big Ten, become a member of the American Association of Universities, move up a few notches from its present ranking of 164th among American universities in terms of "research and development expenditures" (according to the South Bend Tribune of January 18, 1999), and gain a few million dollars in the process to offset its probable loss of football revenues. Who is likely to benefit? Neither the Catholic community nor society at large in any predictable way. Additional funding from government and industry would enable the University to build more buildings and to hire more specialists to staff them. But given the interaction sketched above between specialized research and more broadly-based scholarship and teaching, it seems likely that these latter activities would be fur-

ther downgraded.

The upshot of these considerations is not that Notre Dame ought to shut down its research laboratories, or that it ought to de-emphasize science in favor of the humanities or graduate training in favor of undergraduate. It is essential to bear in mind that a decision against giving further prominence to a particular kind of research by joining the Big Ten — the kind that is narrowly focused, requires expensive equipment, promises quick technological payoffs, and increases indebtedness to industry and government — will not compromise the kind of scholarship and learning by which Notre Dame has distinguished itself in the past. There is a desperate need in this country for graduate programs that produce well-trained researchers of broad vision who

are genuine masters of their fields, and who are also committed to excellence in teaching. In previous decades, Notre Dame was widely known for several departments that were among the best in the country, and perhaps even the very best, in providing this sort of training. It may not be too late to recommit ourselves to producing scholars of this mold. The academic benefits of joining the Big Ten, on the

other hand, would involve trading the potential to be the top university of this farseeing sort for the opportunity to become known as a middling university of quite a different kind.

The type of research to which Notre Dame ought to recommit itself is integrative rather than specialized, a form of inquiry that aims at broad understanding rather than technical know-how, and that is undertaken in full view of its social consequences. More importantly, it is the kind of research most likely to enable the University to respond creatively to the cultural crises that appear to have been precipitated, at least in part, by the emphasis of other research universities on high-profile "cutting-edge" inquiry during the past several decades.

To put it in a nutshell, what Notre Dame ought to encourage as a Catholic university is an approach to scholarship guided by "a unified and organic vision of knowledge," the achievement of which John Paul II strongly affirms to be "one of the tasks which Christian thought will have to take up through the next millennium ..." (Fides et Ratio, sec. 85). It seems apparent that the money-driven research interests that would be encouraged by membership in the Big Ten have little in common with this approach.

Notre Dame can either stand by the courage of its convictions, defining excellence in its own terms and setting its own standards based on its traditional mission as a Catholic institution of higher learning, or it can scramble to meet the standards set by other institutions with other and quite different missions. If a majority of the Board of Trustees agrees with the former course, Notre Dame will avoid entering the new millennium beholden to the goals of these other institutions.

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■ LIKE ARROWS IN THE HAND OF A WARRIOR

A Matter of Life and Death

Monday through Friday, at 7:30 in the morning, a group of students leaves from Library Circle and goes to a nearby abortion clinic to pray the Rosary, peacefully, respectfully. They come back in time for the earliest classes. These students clearly show that when a matter of life and death is at stake, even sleep does not have precedence.

For a generation what some call murder and some call a choice has been legal in this country. Does this matter to us? After all, all that read this column are clearly not directly affected by abortion: you are not a fetus. Yet abortion is THE issue of our age. Abortion goes to the core of what we mean by human being, what we mean by human rights and human freedom, what we mean by the Law of God. If you are a person, you should care.

To show you this, note what the U.S. Supreme Court said in the famous "mystery clause," of Planned Parenthood v. Casey, 1992. "At the heart of liberty is the right to define one's own concept of existence, of meaning, of the universe, and of the mystery of human life. Beliefs about these matters could not define the attributes of personhood were they formed under compulsion of the State." That is, if the (American) State was to define who's human and who's not, Americans would not be persons, really, because they would not be able to exercise one of the central rights of personhood: the right to define, by oneself, the concept of existence. Abortion is in the next sentence.

Just note what the Supreme Court is saying. The legal right to abort is not a peripheral right, it is not something that I can take away from you and leave you unaffected: if I ban abortion, you will not be a full person (says the Court). Abortion is not something that just concerns a woman, her doctor, and (being Pro-Life) the baby. It concerns you, because you claim to be a person. It concerns all the people who would never have an inconvenient pregnancy: it concerns all of those who, thanks to biology, will never have to decide between their life and that of their child. Abortion is a central issue for YOU.

Abortion is a central issue if you believe in justice. If you believe that each should receive what they deserve, you need to decide whether a child can do anything to deserve death. Or, on the other hand, what did a woman do to deserve a fate worse than death: how did she deserve to be raped? The Pro-Lifer in me cannot refrain from noting that the child did not rape his mother: the rapist did. If you believe that justice is everyone fulfilling their function, you must decide whether a doctor can kill as well as heal, whether the Hippocratic Oath (which forbids abortion and euthanasia) is still valid: on the other hand, is it not the doctor's place to relieve suffering? The Pro-Lifer in me asks you to consider who suffers more in an abortion, and whether it is just to actively take away an innocent life, in any circumstance. Banning or allowing abortion defines, in a single stroke, whether the legal system is a just or an unjust system.

Abortion is a central issue if you believe in liberty. Is a woman free to decide what to do with herself and her own body? Isn't this, too, at the heart of liberty? On the other hand, what about the child's choices, the child's right to be free: is she denied the right to choose? Has liberty become Moloch, the pagan god who

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started good but became an insatiable child-eater? On another plane: is a woman free to have any operation she wants, whenever she wants it? Or should parents (in the case of minors) be required to consent to major surgery? Should boyfriends and/or husbands have a right to veto the

the Way, or does she just teach opinions? The Church has taught, relentlessly, that abortion is an abomination in all circumstances, a heinous crime that cries out to Heaven. She teaches that it tears to pieces the very core of human dignity, that it subverts a most intimate bond: that of mother and child. Do we answer "So what?" Our personal position in the issue of abortion defines, in a single stroke, what we mean by faith.

Abortion is a central issue if you care about God. Is the biblical story of Creation reliable, in the sense that it tells us Who created us, in Whose image we were created, and for what reason? Does God love people because they are old or young, because they are rich or poor, because they are male or female? Or does He love humans just because they exist? Does God's love know limits of time, or did He love us when we were being made in the secret, fashioned as in the depths of the earth? For that matter, does God exist, does He care? Are His laws at all relevant

in this day and age, when we can reach the Moon by ourselves? Our personal position on the issue of abortion defines, in a single stroke, how seriously we take God, what is the focus of our soul.

There are many good, conscientious people that I know who say that the issue of abortion would never sway their vote. They are wrong and they are very confused. Maybe they are not aware of what abortion is. Abortion (the Pope and the Supreme Court agree on this) defines what a person is taken to be, what can be done to her or him, and what she or he can or cannot do. Abortion should be THE litmus test, because life and death, personhood or possessionhood hang in the balance. Is a fetus a piece of property, like excess fat or a disfiguring

mole? Is she a person, waiting for the moment? To whoever cares about existence, meaning, the universe and the mystery of human life, the central issue cannot be "the economy, stupid."

A note on the Court: if they are right, then my roommate should fear for his life. For one of these days I will define him out of personhood (by myself, without any compulsion from the State), push him through a window, and earn a 4.0, according to college myth. Yet the funny thing is, the Court is just half wrong. There is no such right to define personhood on one's own: God did that for us a long time ago. But such a definition is not set by the State, which should take its cue from the Divine Legislator.

Last Saturday marked the 26th Anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, of unhappy memory. Hundreds of ND/SMC students marched in protest. May you as a nation, may we as a civilization change our ways, and be open to the power to bring about the greatest gift and the greatest mystery, the most sublime sharing in the power of our Creator: Life.

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abortion of a child of theirs? Pulling the leg of the Supreme Court: don't men also have a right to define existence, or is it limited to the Beautiful Sex? The (legal) right to abort defines, in a single stroke, whether the legal system promotes liberty or license, whether it encourages responsible freedom or excessive control.

Abortion is a central issue if you care about science. Is a fetus a part of the woman's body, as she is inside her mother and derives all nourishment from her? Is the fetus just like the appendix, which can be removed when it becomes irksome? On the other hand, science tells us that a certain child is Jefferson's descendant, or that blood on a certain knife is the defendant's, if DNA codes match. If I analyze the DNA of the fetus, the appendix, and the walking ex-mother, what do I conclude? Is this a valid analysis? Or is science like the State, in that if under its compulsion certain beliefs are formed, the person stops being a full person? Societal approval or disapproval of abortion (expressed through its laws) defines, in a single stroke, whether scientific explanations have any meaning and/or social validity whatsoever.

Abortion is a central issue if you care about being Catholic. Does the Church speak for God, or is she just another shaman, another guru to whom we listen but by whose teachings we do not abide? Does she teach the truth about the Truth, the Life and

■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Much at Stake in Big Ten Decision

Upon returning to campus, much discussion was centered around the debate over Notre Dame's possible entrance into the Big Ten and its academic counterpart, the CIC (Committee on Institutional Cooperation). Much of the debate around dorms and in the dining hall has been centered around athletic aspects, especially football. People are concerned that we would no longer be able to play the same diverse and interesting schedule we currently enjoy. Certainly, we would not be able to play the service academies, Boston College and USC all in the same year — Big Ten seasons allow for only three nonconference games. Other factors in the decision should be viewed with even more importance when considering this question, for it is the academic implications of the proposed move that would change the face of Notre Dame for years to come. Two important facets of this move seem to be the academic reputation of the University and our identity as a national institution.

Entrance into the Big Ten and CIC would first and foremost reinforce the notion that the University of Notre Dame is a research institution. The faculty are in support of the research oriented philosophy that the CIC proposes, and, in fact, the Faculty Senate voted in favor of CIC membership. For them publishing research is an important way to gain prestige in the academic world. This added emphasis on research might improve our reputation as a collegiate university and also our U.S. News and World Report ranking.

The University of Notre Dame, though, currently places much importance on excellence in undergraduate education and in its identity as a teaching university. One downside to added emphasis on research may involve a decrease in undergraduate accessibility to those professors engaged in research, particularly at the freshman level. This shift would most likely be felt in the the Engineering and Science Colleges, as cooperative research in these fields seems to be the primary function of the CIC. On this issue, there may be a value judgement to be made: increased academic standing, or the undergraduate-oriented system that we currently enjoy.

Further, Notre Dame prides itself on its national image. We are more than just a mid-western university: Our student body draws heavily from all parts of the U.S. Much of this geographic diversity can be attributed to the image of Notre Dame as having high standards in academics as well as the publicity and exposure that we get from our football team. With national TV coverage every weekend, more people see us than any other school in the nation. Entrance into the Big Ten might cause ND to lose some of this national audience. Further, the expansive schedule the team plays would be reduced to three non conference games, the rest against Big Ten opponents. Would this affect our national image? There would certainly be less visibility for our football team, but our situation may resemble that of Northwestern as far as an identity as a national University (although we all would hope that we fare better on the playing fields).

Big Ten/CIC membership is a complex issue that cannot be shrugged off. It might be an opportunity for our community, or it may be a change for the worse. The decision must not be made without careful thought about the prospect of the move and the character of our university both now and in the future.

An in-depth report compiled by the Senate Committee looking into the Big Ten prospect will be available Thursday after Wednesday night's Senate meeting.

The Student Senate Big Ten Committee
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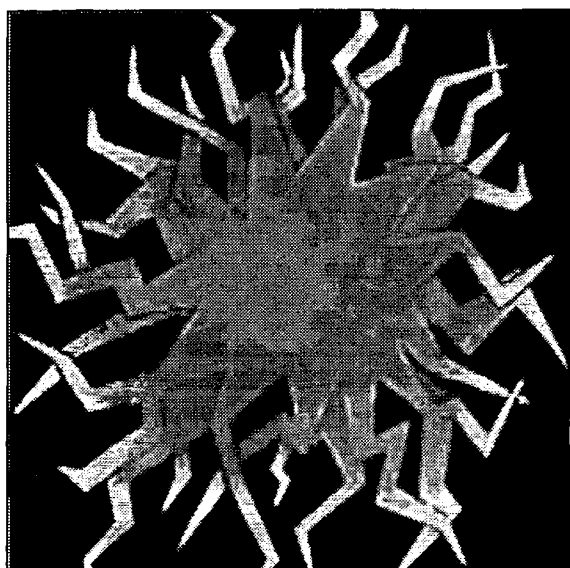


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Sunny Day Real Estate *How It Feels To Be Something On* Sub Pop Records ★★★★ (out of five)

I hate band reunions. Groups that re-form are usually out to capitalize on their legend. Bands like Jane's Addiction lost a lot of credibility when they released new albums that weren't nearly as good as earlier work — which explains my apprehension to write this review. Sunny Day Real Estate (SDRE) was one of my favorite bands you never heard, and when I found out they were back in the studio, I panicked.

Along with the pre-Fugazi band Rites of Spring, SDRE pioneered the emo-core genre, which combines the urgency of punk rock but eschews revolutionary themes for introspective, melodic lyrics. The band's early work inspired current alt-rock heroes Modest Mouse and The Promise Ring. 1994's *Diary* and 1995's *LP2* were two of the most influential CDs of the underground scene. In fact, *Diary* was so moving that Sub Pop received letters from people thanking SDRE for saving their lives.

Suddenly, the band had a video on high rotation at MTV. Major labels showed interest. Club shows sold out across the country. The attention caused confusion and anxiety within the band, culminating in lead singer Jeremy Enigk's abrupt conversion to Christianity. Soon afterward, the rhythm section jumped ship to become Foo Fighters, and SDRE ended.

The former bandmates met last year to compile an odds and ends CD and clicked. Four years later, SDRE decided to write a new album, with the exception of bassist Nate Mendel, who chose to remain with Foo Fighters. Bassist Jeff Palmer of the Mommyheads filled in for the recording.

So you see, when I read Sub Pop's press release, I assumed the CD would suck. *How It Feels To Be Something On* is not the brooding, dissonant SDRE of before. Like other reunions, the band is hardly recognizable from its past persona. I wouldn't even call them emo-core anymore.

SDRE's reincarnation is mature, mellow and creatively ripe, and the music is more focused and refined. Despite Enigk's impassioned Christianity, the band does not play "Christian music" or have outwardly religious themes.

Blending progressive rock with interweaving guitars and soaring, stick-in-your-head melodies, *How It Feels To Be Something On* is easily the best SDRE production yet and arguably the most inventive CD released last year.

The CD carries a loose theme of finding your place in the world. It opens with "Pillars," a sing-a-long grabber and moves right into "Roses in Water," which uses a difficult 9/4 time signature. The band pulls this off with remarkable aplomb and crescendos into a dramatic ending.

"Every Shining Time You Arrive" is a largely acoustic number with a pretty, stripped-down melody and uplifting lyrics. "Two Promises" melds very different musical concepts with smooth variations.

The CD is not without faults — at times, it's bombastic and grandiose, especially during "The Prophet" and "Guitar and Video Games." The closer, "Days Were Golden," features a lush melody and intricate drumming by William Goldsmith — I can't believe Dave Grohl let this guy leave Foo Fighters.

In a lot of ways, SDRE resembles Rush — both are progressive bands, unafraid of experimentation. But where Rush is a trio of soloists, SDRE is more of a band — sans extended solos.

There is one glaring similarity — both Rush's and SDRE's lead singers have voices that most people tolerate. Enigk's affected high tenor is definitely an acquired taste. Another staple of SDRE is their unusual song structure, and *How It Feels To Be Something On* delivers. Instead of following the radio friendly verse-chorus-verse format, the band uses verse-chorus-change in time signature-chorus-ending. Due to their inventiveness, SDRE will probably never be a Top 40 group, but they are definitely the best band you've never heard. I can't stop listening to *How It Feels To Be Something On*, and I was destined to hate it.

Georgette Leonard

You've probably heard the first single and hit song "Pure Morning" ("a friend in need's a friend indeed/a friend with weed is better/a friend with breasts and all the rest/a friend who's dressed inleather") off Placebo's new album. Lead singer and guitarist Brian Molko calls it "a celebration of friendship with women." The American Molko is joined by Swede Stefan Olsdal (bass, guitar and keyboard) and Englishman Steve Hewitt (drums) in the trio Placebo.

Placebo began in 1996 with a self-titled debut that spawned four singles in the U.K., but made little impression on mainstream American audiences. *Without You I'm Nothing* is Placebo's second record and the first on a major label.

The album is a grand mixture of introspective and "after the relationship" tracks. Two more fun singles have emerged off this album since the release of "Pure Morning" with the songs "You Don't Care About Us" and "Every You Every Me."

The band itself sports the common theme of guitar, bass and drums with an occasional keyboard appearance. It's Molko who lends Placebo's style. His nasal (almost androgenous) voice soars over the music and complements his lyrical style well. On *Without You I'm Nothing*, it's Molko's lyrics that both aid and hinder the song quality.

Molko's words, though always a mixture of the cheesy and serious, occasionally seem all for rhyme ("Your smile will make me sneeze/when

we were siamese" from "The Crawl"). Other times, the lyrics prove wacky, urging you to sing along ("Pucker up for heaven's sake/there's never been so much at stake" from "Every You Every Me"). It's songs like these which make the album thrive.

"Burger Queen" is a hilarious take on going out on the town to pick up girls. In "Scared of Girls," Molko wants us to ask "Do male flirts do it because they really love women or actually because they're actually scared of women?"

Without You I'm Nothing is not, however, without its downpoints. "Brick Sh**house" is a song about watching your ex-lover make love to the guy who killed you. The song doesn't get much better than that explanation, and the lyrics are much too repetitive. The real downer, "Summer's Gone," is lyrics lacking any recognizable theme put to dull music.

But, even in these songs, Molko's voice manages to hold one's interest. All said and done, if you like the style of "Pure Morning" and if you care to see them live, they'll be visiting the Riviera in Chicago on March 11th.

Tim Donohue

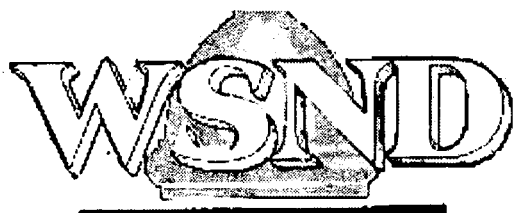


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Placebo *Without You I'm Nothing* Virgin Records ★★★ (out of five)

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album review

The other night, I was lying in my room listening to the music blasting from the floor below me, when all of a sudden, everyone in the room yells out, "And all the girlees say I'm pretty fly, for a white guy!" Yep! They're at it again! Five years after introducing pop punk to teeny-boppers and mall-goers, Southern California's The Offspring have recently released their new album entitled *Americana*. Their latest CD has already climbed to number nine on the Billboard Top 200. Their reignited popularity has been fueled by the hit single, "Pretty Fly (For a White Guy)." This track provides humorous social commentary on all of today's Wu-Tang wanna-bes and suburbanites buying the latest gangsta clothes from the local mall.

The band has a history of being associated with novelty songs such as the 1994 hit, "Come Out and Play." It's the song that's known for the line "You gotta keep em' separated!" In a recent interview with Rolling Stone Magazine, lead singer Dexter Holland stressed that novelty "helps get something on the radio, but it helps you be over really fast. I did want the other side to come out as well — that we are a band beyond one song."

The Offspring's new CD, *Americana*, achieves Holland's hope of being more than a one-hit-wonder. Aside from "Pretty Fly (For a White Guy)," the CD rocks with the Beatlesesque "Why Don't You Get a Job?" It's advice for a guy whose girlfriend spends all of his money. On a playful note, the band covers the song, "Feelings." Holland told Rolling Stone that "the song was stuck in my head one day, and those 'Whoa, whoa, whoas' kinda translate into the SoCal punk thing. I just heard that Morris Albert [the song's composer] is threatening to sue us. Isn't that rad?"

One of the most interesting parts of the CD is its special interactive features. Put the CD into your computer's CD ROM drive, and you can watch Offspring videos, and partake in a karaoke type sing along where the words appear on the screen as the song plays through the speakers. My roommates were shocked when they came into the room and found me singing and screaming to the CD's karaoke feature, "And all the girlees say I'm pretty fly for an Asian guy!"

At any rate, this album will not only leave you with an expanded Spanish vocabulary (i.e., "uno, dos, tres, cuatro, cinco cinco, seis"), but also with a few quality songs that you and your friends can jump around to and relieve the stress of college life. "So if you don't rate, just overcompensate. At least you know you can always go on Ricki Lake." In this DJ's opinion, The Offspring are pretty fly ... well, you know the line.

Keith Kawamoto

**Tuesday Night Nocturne
Midnight-2 A.M.**

**Requests? Yes. Celine Dion. No.
Ska? Yes. Backstreet Boys? No.
Swing? Yes. Shania Twain? No ...
but she's pretty hot, so listen to
the show anyways.**



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The Offspring *Americana*

Sony Music
★★★ (out of five)

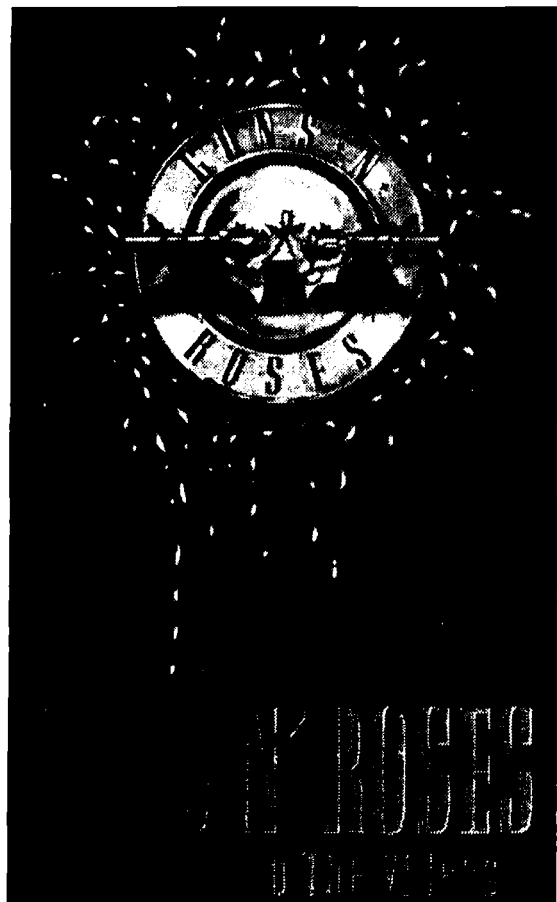


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Guns N' Roses *Welcome To The Videos*

Geffen Home Video

★★★★ (out of five)

When alternative music and rap shook the record industry a couple years ago, few metal bands were left standing. After an era of dominance in the 80s, heavy metal simply lost its appeal; critics and fans alike were becoming increasingly annoyed by the excessiveness and flash associated with metal. However, those bands that did survive were the ones who dared to grow up, expanding their musical horizons beyond the redundant theme of "sex, drugs and rock n' roll." One such band was Guns N' Roses, whose tumultuous career was just as famous as its music.

After exploding onto the national scene in 1987, Guns N' Roses looked like the typical metal band — the big hair, the biker apparel and the chaotic attitude. What prevented G N' R from becoming part of heavy metal's downward spiral in the early 90s was that they concentrated on the substance of their material, while other metal bands were obsessed with perfecting their bad-boy reputations. *Welcome to the Videos*, a 75-minute compilation featuring 13 Guns N' Roses videos broadcast on MTV, documents the tremendous evolution G N' R underwent on a musical level as well as a band.

Beginning with the hell-raising, lock-up-your-daughters-and-throw-away-the-key antics of "Welcome to the Jungle," the compilation video is definitely a walk down memory lane, but, at the same time, you can't watch without realizing that when G N' R made a video, they *made* a video. Aside from being tremendously talented musicians, the band incorporated the key themes of its music into the videos, and it captivated the aggression and intensity associated with their songs.

I understand that many of you are right now shaking your heads saying "Wait, this reviewer actually thinks Axl Rose and Slash are accomplished filmmakers?" I'm not going to go out on a limb and declare that, but I do believe that Guns N' Roses took the art of music videos to an entirely different level, one which few bands since have been able to reach. Whether composed of performance footage, behind-the-scenes snippets or narratives touching on birth, marriage, survival and death, G N' R videos have been among the most emotionally provocative ever made.

What's interesting about the compilation is that it's not entirely a headbanger's ball. Sure, there are anthems like "Paradise City" and "Live and Let Die," but in between these messages of anarchy and turmoil are the sing-alongs like "Patience" and "Yesterdays." And who can forget those late night discussions and debates about what or who killed Stephanie Seymour in 1992's heart wrenching "November Rain"? And why were her injuries so severe that she needed that silver wall in her coffin? And why did Slash, the best man, unexpectedly walk out of the wedding? Although the answers to these questions are supposed to be obvious when you watch The Trilogy ("Don't Cry," "November Rain," and "Estranged"), I just get more confused. After years of analysis, this is my conclusion — she died at the wedding reception when she was struck by lightning. There is a theory that Slash killed her, and the reason he left the wedding was out of jealousy, not because his guitar solo was coming up.

The only disappointment is the exclusion of two of my favorite G N' R videos — "You Could Be Mine," featuring a cameo by Arnold Schwarzenegger as The Terminator and the live cover of Bob Dylan's "Knockin' on Heaven's Door," taken from a show in London. I was extremely surprised when I was reading over the track listing and noticed that these two videos were missing. In addition, the most recent video, 1994's "Since I Don't Have You" (a cover of the Skyliner's 1958 hit), was a tremendous slide from the band's high standards regarding its videos. Despite a guest appearance by Gary Oldman as the devil, the video is excessively psychedelic and makes absolutely no sense.

Since the band's last video in 1994, Slash and Duff McKagan have both quit the band, leaving Axl Rose as the only remaining original member. Therefore, in a sense, *Welcome To The Videos* is a tribute to a band whose mark in rock history will not be forgotten. Once you watch the video compilation and remember how awesome G N' R was, you'll be uttering one word to yourself: REUNION, REUNION, REUNION.

Emmett Malloy

■ NHL

Rookie goaltender records first shutout in fifth game

Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. Goaltender Rich Parent recorded his first career shutout and Scott Young and Pierre Turgeon each scored goals as the St. Louis Blues beat the San Jose Sharks 3-0 Tuesday night.

St. Louis added an empty-net goal by Craig Conroy with 17 seconds remaining as the Blues snapped a season-high three-game losing streak.

Parent, appearing in his fifth career NHL game, had 20 saves, including a stop in the final minute when the Sharks had an extra attacker. He was recalled Monday from the Worcester IceCats of the AHL and started in place of Grant Fuhr, who has been bothered by a groin strain.

His only previous career decision came Nov. 21, when he stopped nine of 10 shots in a 3-3 tie against the Dallas after relieving Jamie McLennan.

The Sharks, outshot 36-20 and 0-for-5 on the power play, were unable to counter the Blues' offensive thrusts and failed to capitalize on another solid effort by goaltender Steve Shields. Shields made 33 saves, including a stop on Terry Yakes' penalty shot.

St. Louis set the tempo from the outset, getting off 12 shots to San Jose's three in the first period.

The Blues kept the pressure on and broke through at 17:06 of the second when Young got his eighth goal, a power-play score. Yake set up the goal with a pass across the slot to Young, who knocked the puck past Shields into the corner of the net.

Little more than a minute later, Yake shook loose on a breakaway down the center of the ice but was pulled down from behind by Marcus Ragnarsson and was awarded a penalty shot. Yake carried the puck to the goal mouth but Shields anticipated his move and stopped the shot.

St. Louis went ahead 2-0 on Turgeon's 12th. Shields had stopped a shot by Pavol Demitra but couldn't control the rebound. Turgeon gathered it in and lifted the puck over the fallen Shields for the score.

Red Wings 4, Predators 1

Martin Lapointe and Sergei Fedorov each scored in the opening minutes and Chris Osgood stopped 25 of 26 shots

as the Detroit Red Wings beat the Nashville Predators 4-1 Tuesday night.

Detroit came in having outshot Nashville 151-65 over their previous three games, and it looked early like the Red Wings would add to that total even with leading scorer Steve Yzerman missing his first game this season with a broken nose.

Lapointe scored his 10th of the season 1:07 into the game with the Red Wings' first shot off a pass from Slava Kozlov. Detroit fans celebrated by tossing an octopus onto the ice, a first in a sold-out Nashville Arena.

Fedorov put Detroit up 2-0 just over a minute later on a short wrist shot off a cross-ice pass from Brendan Shanahan.

Nashville finally scored a second before the period ended. Andrew Brunette got his eighth goal on a power play as he poked a rebound past Chris Osgood. It was Nashville's first goal against Detroit with the man advantage in 13 tries this season.

Detroit padded its lead 17:34 into the second to 3-1 as Kozlov put a soft wrist shot past goalie Mike Dunham. Larry Murphy added an empty-netter with 1:3 seconds left for the final margin.

Panthers 3, Flyers 3

Pavel Bure scored three goals, giving him six in three games since being traded to Florida, as the Panthers tied the Philadelphia Flyers 3-3 Tuesday night.

The Flyers lost goaltender John Vanbiesbrouck after a collision with the goal post with 23 seconds left in regulation. There was no immediate word on Vanbiesbrouck's injury.

Ron Hextall replaced him for the final 23 seconds of the third and the overtime period and didn't face a shot. Florida's Sean Burke stopped 27 of 30 shots, ending Eric Lindros' goal-scoring streak at seven games.

Vanbiesbrouck was knocked out of the game after a collision with Rob Niedermayer knocked him into the goal post. He appeared to be favoring one of his legs as he skated gingerly to the dressing room to chants of "Beezer! Beezer!" from the sell-out crowd.

Vanbiesbrouck's collision came after the Flyers' 4-on-3 advantage was wiped out by a questionable penalty on Lindros — holding Niedermayer's stick on a faceoff — with 1:03 left.

Bure, a season-long holdout in Vancouver who was traded to the Panthers last week, erased Philadelphia's 2-0 lead with his 10th career hat trick. His brilliant performance included an incredible goal from a flat angle in the corner that tied it 3-3 with 12 minutes left in the third.

He slapped in his first goal off a rebound on Ray Whitney's shot, cutting Philadelphia's lead to 2-1 with 8:07 left in the first period. He was just getting warmed up.

With Lindros in the penalty box for slashing five minutes into the third, Bure was left alone behind the net. He sneaked to the side of the crease and tipped in Robert Svehla's half-shot, half-pass from the blue line to tie it at 2-2 with 14:21 remaining.

Eric Desjardins gave the Flyers a 3-2 lead with his ninth goal, taking a pass from Lindros and rifling a slap shot over Burke's glove with 13:09 left in the third.

Then Bure followed perhaps the easiest goal of his career with one of the most difficult imaginable.

He received a pass from Svehla at the Flyers' blue line, controlled it with his stick and skates and swooped in on Vanbiesbrouck's right. About a

foot from reaching the goal line in the far corner, Bure flicked a wrist shot off the Beezer's body and into the net.

The Flyers outshot Florida 8-1 in the first 11 minutes, taking a 2-0 lead on goals by Daymond Langkow, his eighth, and Keith Jones, his 11th.

Philadelphia forward Alexander Daigle was benched after nixing a trade that would have sent him to Edmonton for Andrei Kovalenko. General manager Bob Clarke said Daigle is "not part of the team anymore. He made that decision."

Islanders 4, Boston 1

Robert Reichel had two goals and an assist and Tommy Salo stopped 25 shots as the New York Islanders beat the Boston Bruins 4-1 Tuesday night.

Reichel's linemates Zigmund Palffy and Bryan Smolinski each had a goal. Palffy also had two assists, while defenseman Barry Richter had three assists as New York won back-to-back games for the first time since Dec. 15 and 17 when they won at San Jose and Los Angeles.

Shunned by former coach and current general manager Mike Milbury since the Jan. 9 trade for Felix Potvin, Salo has won both starts for new coach Bill Stewart, who replaced Milbury last Thursday.

Tim Taylor scored the only goal for the Bruins, who have one win in their last six games (1-4-1). Byron Dafoe turned aside 16 shots in the Boston net.

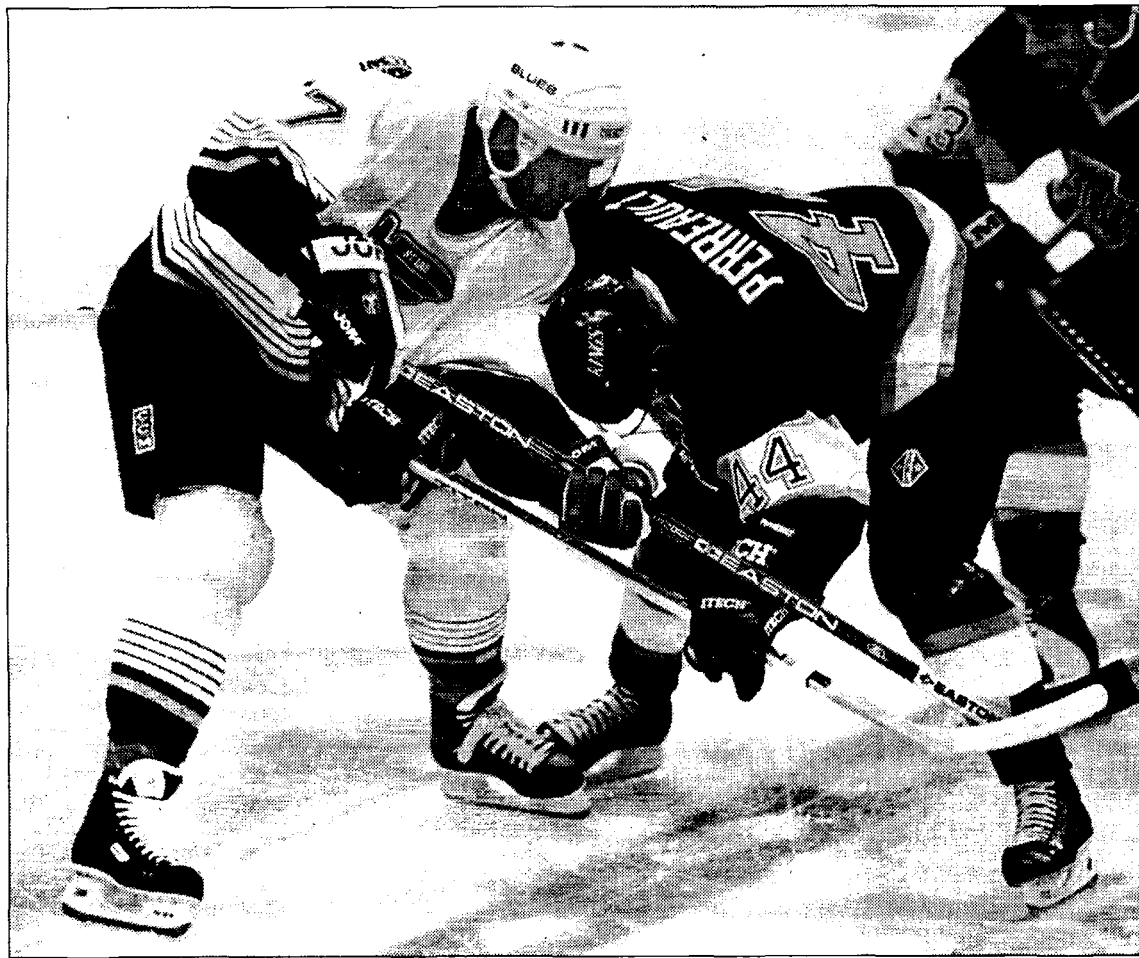
New York scored twice in a 40-second span on the same shift to take a 2-0 lead.

Reichel opened the scoring at 5:42 with a wrist shot from the right circle. Smolinski connected at 6:22 with a one-time wrist shot from the left hash mark that went between defenseman Don Sweeney's legs and over Dafoe's right pad.

Reichel made it 3-0 at 2:01 of the second period when he faked Dafoe down with a backhand move and tucked a forehand into the open right side. Palffy scored his fourth at 14:33 with a slap shot from the high slot past Dafoe.

Islanders defenseman Zdeno Chara suffered a freak injury at 11:56 of the second period. On a Boston rush, forward Jara Allison was upended by Chara. Allison's skate came up and cut Chara by his right eye.

Team spokesman Chris Botta said Chara suffered three cuts — two near the nose, and a severe cut just below the eye.



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Pierre Turgeon (left) scored his 12th goal of the season in the Blues 2-0 win against the Sharks.

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■ NFL

Falcon, Bronco players talk it up at Super Bowl media day

Associated Press

MIAMI
So many reporters, so little news.

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"Loquacious?" Shannon Sharpe stopped one interviewer in mid-question. "Does that mean talkative?"

As if he didn't know.

The dancingest Falcons player, meanwhile, declared the 'Dirty Bird' passe — even though he refused to take the wraps off his new step.

"Some guy came up to me in a bathroom and asks me to do the 'Dirty Bird,'" said Atlanta running back Jamal Anderson, who invented the dance craze.

"I said, 'Whoa, buddy! Get me security.'"

Funny he should mention that. At some other time, in some other place, what happened Tuesday at Pro Player Stadium would be called stalking. Instead, the National Football League calls it "Media Day."

The annual event involves turning hundreds of sports writers, assorted TV personalities and cameramen loose on the Super Bowl-contending teams like they were entrees at a postgame buffet. Sort of a feeding frenzy with a time limit.

At 8:45 a.m. Tuesday, the scoreboard clock at Pro Player was set to 60 minutes to count down the first interview session with the Atlanta Falcons. After a break of 45 minutes, it was reset to give equal time to the Denver Broncos.

In between, reporters were treated to a real buffet in a stadium concourse a few levels

up — probably to discourage any Tyson-like snacking when they returned to the playing field.

Afterward, it was hard to say who enjoyed the morning less — the predators, the prey or the two dozen former NFL players who used to be part of the meal and are now part of the media.

Nothing emerged as monumentally stupid as the 1988 session, when a reporter actually asked Washington's Doug Williams how long he had been a black quarterback. Or in 1981, when another reporter, overplaying the human-interest angle, asked Oakland's Jim Plunkett whether his mother was dead and his father was blind — or vice versa.

That is not to say, however, that Tuesday was totally devoid of silliness.

Atlanta's Ray Buchanan showed up wearing a black

leather, silver-studded dog collar he bought for his Rottweiler, named Tyson because "he bites ears." The Falcons cornerback picked it up at a local pet shop, he explained, and decided to wear it during interviews so he would look like the "7-point underdog" the sports books in Vegas have made Atlanta heading into Sunday's game.

That explanation, though, didn't satisfy a reporter from Comedy Central.

She looked at Buchanan and asked, "Are you housebroken?"

This is Atlanta's first trip to the Super Bowl and in terms of "Media Day" savvy, it showed. Throw out Buchanan and Anderson and there's not an all-interview team candidate on the squad. The Broncos, on the other hand, are bursting with them.

Take Sharpe on whether he would engage in a war of words with Falcons safety Eugene Robinson.

"He doesn't want to get into jawing with me," Sharpe said. "He can't win."

And so naturally, when another reporter pointed out that Robinson was a Colgate graduate who might be more skilled at talking smack than Sharpe suspected, he was ready for that one, too.

"I didn't go to Harvard," Sharpe said, "but I can count to a million."

Fortunately, he didn't. But Sharpe removed any doubts about his math skills a few minutes later. Asked how he thought the rooting interest would break down come Sunday's kickoff, Sharpe replied: "We've got 17,500 tickets and they've got 17,500 tickets. That leaves 40,000 for the locals and such. And most of them will be so drunk by then they won't care."

Occupying the podium to Sharpe's right was Rod Smith, another Denver receiver who unabashedly admits that he models every move — off the field as well as on — after Sharpe. No one had the nerve to ask why.

"Shannon is known worldwide," Smith said. "And he's got some good plans."

"When we talk about retirement, he says the plan is to do nothing. And the way my accountant set it up, if I can just stay in this game for 30 more months at my current pay level, I'm set."

Someone pointed out that three years down the road, the 28-year-old Smith might find retirement boring.

"Unh-uh," he said, "I'm really a regular guy. I just have a famous job."

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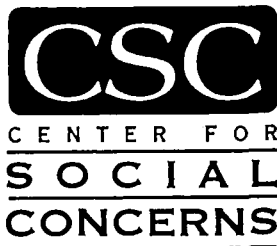
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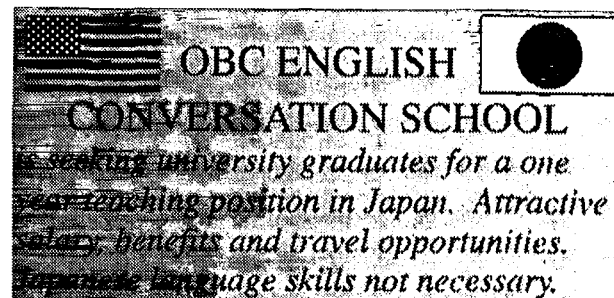
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■ NBA

Sixers' Iverson signs \$71M deal

Thrid-year youngster becomes one of league's top players

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA No matter where Allen Iverson goes or how many defenders he baffles, the critics are always in close pursuit. They say he's cocky, selfish, too enamored of old friends from a troubled past.

Ready or not, Iverson signed a \$70.9 million contract extension with the Philadelphia 76ers on Tuesday that gave him much more than a raise. Flashing a smile to team president Pat Croce, this enigmatic 23-year-old took on the pressure of becoming one of the top young stars in the NBA's post-Jordan era.

"I want to win the most championships," Iverson said. "And I want to be the best player."

The job began as soon as Iverson finished signing his name. Iverson will get the maximum for a player entering his third season in the league, Croce said. He will get \$9 million next season with annual raises of \$1.1 million that add up to \$14.6 million in the final year of the contract.

"I didn't want to wait until the end of the year and then decide whether to play for a contender," Iverson said. "I never wanted to take the easy way out. I've been here through the bad times. I want to be here through the good. I pretty much knew what time it was."

It is the largest contract ever guaranteed by the Sixers, hurtling Iverson past the likes of Julius Erving, Wilt Chamberlain, and Charles Barkley.

"There were no snags on our part," Croce said. "I know Allen, and I know he's a winner. I know he's a good guy. That smile can break you down like his crossover."

Iverson's chance to strike it super-rich with a \$100 million contract — like those signed by Kevin Garnett, Antonio McDyess and Shawn Kemp — was wiped out by the lockout. According to the NBA's new collective bargaining agreement, a player with up to six years experi-

ence can receive as much as 25 percent of his team's salary cap, beginning at a maximum of \$9 million.

His 1998-99 salary of \$3.5 million is prorated for a 50-game schedule, reducing it to \$2.2 million — a loss of more than \$1.3 million due to the lockout.

"I just wanted to make enough money to take care of my family," Iverson said. "The money that's out there for me right now is enough for me to do so. If the Sixers were going to give me \$100 million, I would be a fool not to take it. I have a family and I want to know how my future's going to look financially. But it's not all about money all the time."

Iverson is feared for his speed and crossover dribble, yet criticized for ongoing legal problems and judged on his appearance and choice of friends. Along with incredible skill and competitiveness, he brings a street-kid look to the court with his braids, jewelry and tattoos running up and down each arm. Barkley once called him Allen "Me, Myself and Iverson."

Two weeks ago, legal problems haunted Iverson again. 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."

Though Croce was willing to let

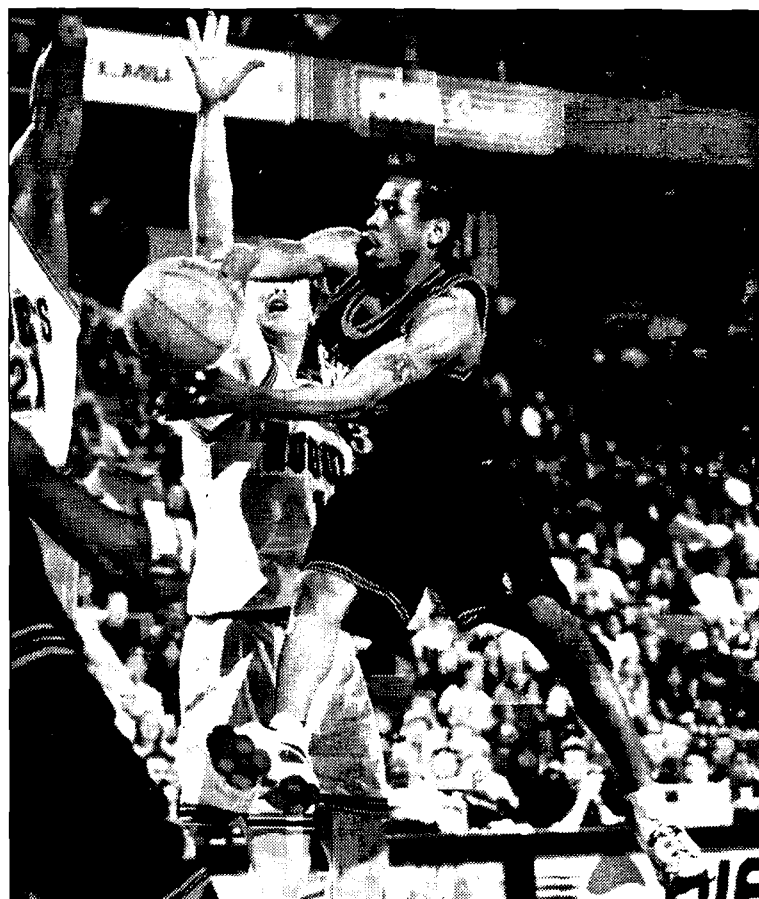
his championship hopes rest with Iverson, he still worries about him.

"He's young, and I know he's giving of himself and of his riches to his friends and family to a fault," Croce said. "So I always worry about him, because he's not someone who will say no."

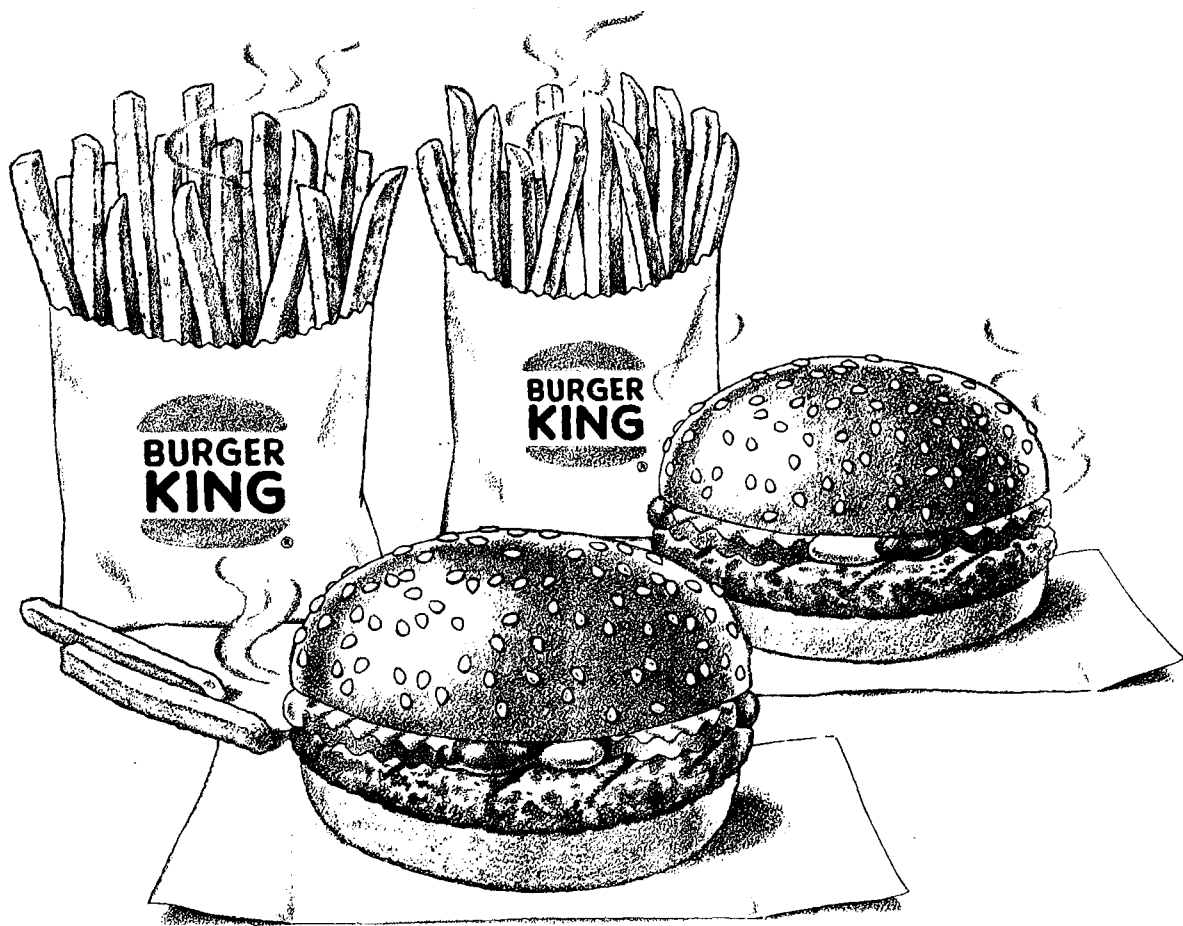
If Iverson had waited until July 1, he could have negotiated with any team for a seven-year contract worth more than \$86 million. But he said he wants to stay in Philadelphia, despite his past grievances with coach Larry Brown.

"I just had to mature," Iverson said. "I realized that he was a great coach when I looked at his resume. It was important for me to put my pride aside and listen to what was said to me as a positive."

"I was just young. I had to do a lot of growing up."



Criticized for being cocky and selfish, Allen Iverson added one more opening for criticism on Tuesday by signing a new deal with Philadelphia.



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■ NFL

Parcells to miss first Pro Bowl due to health issues

Associated Press

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. Bill Parcells is missing his first opportunity to coach in the Pro Bowl.

The New York Jets coach received permission Tuesday from NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue to skip the game Feb. 7 in Honolulu. Parcells underwent a series of medical tests last week, and two doctors who examined him recommended that he not go. Last year, he begged off working the Senior Bowl. "Coach Parcells was exam-

ined by his cardiologist, as well as by me in my office a couple of days after the Denver game," Jets medical director Elliott Pellman said, referring to the 23-10 loss for the AFC championship on Jan. 17.

"He clearly was showing the physical effects of the long season."

Parcells left coaching in 1991, quitting the New York Giants because of health problems. He has undergone several heart procedures.

"I was in the midst of preparation for the Pro Bowl with my staff and fully planned to carry out my obligation under the NFL guidelines," Parcells said.

"But after undergoing a thorough medical examination, I feel it would be a big mistake on my part not to listen to the doctors."

"I have nothing but respect for the Pro Bowl and the great players who are in it. Frankly, I'll miss being around them."

In his place, assistant head coach Bill Belichick will run the AFC team, along with the entire Jets coaching staff. Minnesota's Dennis Green will coach the NFC.

Pro Bowl assignments go to the losing coaches in the conference championship games, and Parcells had been 3-0 in those games before the loss to Denver.

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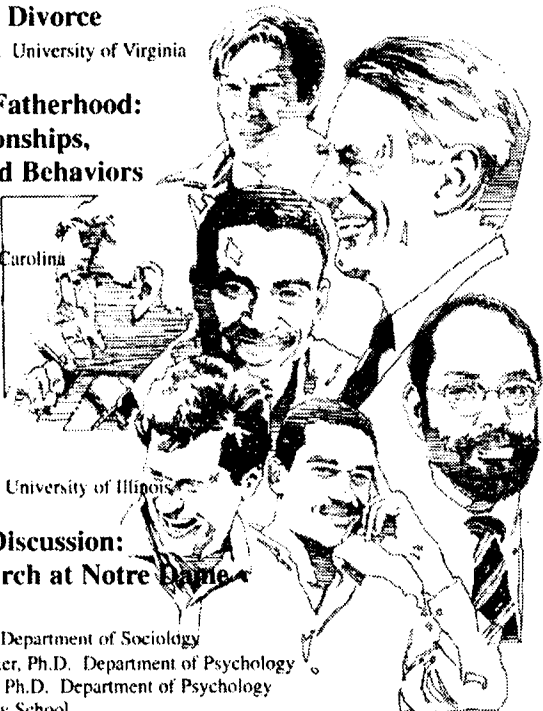
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■ NBA

Olowokandi to start with L.A. Thursday

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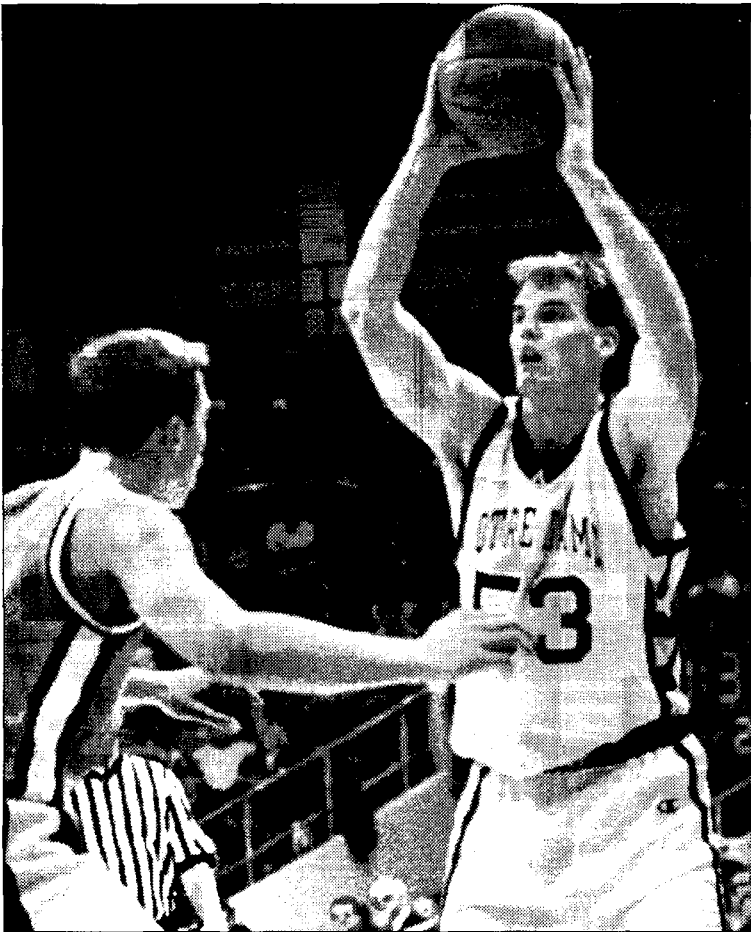
PALM DESERT, Calif. Michael Olowokandi, the overall No. 1 draft choice who played in Italy during the lock-out, is expected to join the Los Angeles Clippers on Thursday. "He's been delayed by paperwork," Clippers spokesman Joe Safety said. "It took him three or four days just to get over there. It's going to take some time to get back here."

The 7-foot-1 center was released from his contract

with Kinder Bologna of the Italian League on Monday. He originally was under contract with them through Feb. 15.

The Clippers, working out at College of the Desert, initially expected Olowokandi to join them on Wednesday.

The team returns to Los Angeles on Wednesday and plays exhibition games against the Los Angeles Lakers on Friday and Saturday nights. It is not known if Olowokandi will play in those games. The Clippers open their season Feb. 5 against Phoenix.



Pat Garrity, who led the Big East in scoring last year for the Irish, was drafted in the first round of June's NBA draft and was signed on Tuesday by the Phoenix Suns.

Suns grab Garrity in round of signings

Associated Press

PHOENIX The Phoenix Suns signed four free agents Monday, including Rex Chapman and Clifford Robinson.

Chapman, entering his third season with the Suns, signed a six-year contract. Terms were not disclosed.

The 10-year veteran led the team last season with a 15.9-point average and 120 3-pointers, 19th in the NBA. Chapman played in 68 games and also averaged 2.5 rebounds, 3 assists and 33.3 minutes.

Robinson, returning for his second season in Phoenix, signed a one-year deal. Terms were not disclosed.

Last season, Robinson finished third on the team in scoring (14 points per game) and second in blocks (1.13).

■ WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Purdue hangs on for 15th-straight

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio Stephanie White-McCarty scored 20 points and Camille Cooper had 12 of her 14 in the second half as second-ranked Purdue shook off a sluggish start and hung on to beat No. 19 Ohio State 64-56 Tuesday night.

White-McCarty and Cooper scored 20 of Purdue's first 23 second-half points as the Boilermakers (17-1 overall, 9-0 Big Ten Conference) rallied from a 27-25 halftime deficit to win their 15th straight game.

The defeat was Ohio State's first against a ranked opponent in the Buckeyes' new Value City

Arena.

White-McCarty hit a jumper and a pair of 3-pointers, and Cooper dominated in the lane, getting six close-in baskets, to give Purdue a 50-37 lead with 8:27 remaining.

White-McCarty's first 3-pointer gave Purdue the lead for good at 30-27.

Ohio State (13-5, 6-2) got within six points at 62-56 in the closing seconds on two 3-pointers from Larecha Jones. But her third attempt at a late basket from long range bounced off the rim, ending Ohio State's chances.

Jones led Ohio State with 20 points in 19 minutes of play. Marrita Porter added 18 points.

The Buckeyes trailed for most of the first half, but rallied to lead at halftime on a layup by Larecha Jones in the closing seconds.

Poor shooting kept the Boilermakers from capitalizing on several miscues by Ohio State in the opening minutes, including a three-minute span when the Buckeyes failed to hit the rim, let alone score.

The Boilermakers never led by more than four points in the first half.

Purdue hit 9-of-23 shots from the field in the opening half and missed several chances for easy layups following Ohio State turnovers. The Buckeyes had 11 turnovers in the half.



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season, while Wisconsin opens its season at 0-1, and marks the 499th career win for Notre Dame head coach Bob Bayliss. He will look for his 500th win when the Irish return home to take on seventh-ranked Texas

Saturday.

Third-ranked Irish junior Ryan Sachire won the battle of top-five nationally-ranked singles players with a 6-1, 6-4 win over fourth-ranked Badger senior Mark Loughrin at No. 1 singles. Brian Patterson downed Stefan Reist 6-2, 6-4 at No. 2 singles and Matt Daly beat David Chang 6-4, 6-4 at No. 3 singles for Notre Dame. Irish freshman Andrew

Laflin remained perfect at No 6 singles in 1999, rolling past Bobby Croll 6-1, 6-1.

Notre Dame opened the match by winning the doubles point with a sweep of the three matches. Patterson and Sachire downed Loughrin and Schumacher 8-5 at No. 1 singles, and Daly and Smith won 8-6 over Baker and Westerman at No. 3 singles.

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Extra shooting practice paid off for Wyche, whose clutch jumper with 8.3 seconds remaining tied the game at 70, and gave Notre Dame a legitimate chance to steal another conference victory. Hickey notched his fifth double-double of the season with 13 points and 12 boards.

Tonight the Irish (10-10, 4-5) square off against Big East rival Boston College (3-14, 0-9). Despite a winless conference mark, the Eagles will do their best to make Notre Dame's trip to Chestnut Hill a disappointing one. The all-time series favors the Eagles 8-6, although the Irish posted a three-point win against BC

the last time the teams met on Feb. 11, 1998 in South Bond.

Michael Cotton leads the Eagles with 12.2 ppg in conference games, while Dwayne Pina is the primary playmaker for the Big East basement-dwellers, dishing out 4.22 assists per game. Kenny Harley provides Boston College with a dangerous threat from beyond the arc, leading the league with a .486 shooting percentage in Big East contests.

Once again the Irish may be battling without the services of Murphy. The freshman is questionable for tonight's game, as he continues to nurse his sprained left ankle.

It will take another great team effort to ease the pain of the recent defeat and what may turn out to be the team's last game without Murphy.

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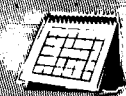
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■ WAY OUT IN LEFT FIELD

McCaskey's front-office moves keep Bears mediocre

By JOHN COPPOLELLA
Sports Columnist

As Super Bowl XXXIII approaches and the nation readies for the Denver Broncos' inevitable decimation of the Atlanta Falcons, we should look to the less fortunate. The less fortunate, that is, among football fans. One group in particular has been through a lot lately, from inept front office decisions, to poor coaching, to just plain bad luck. However, one has to hope, for the sake of Chicago Bears fans, that they will not be put through another fiasco similar to the hiring of their head coach.

The Chicago Bears are the NFL's oldest franchise and one of its proudest. Names like Walter Payton, Dick Butkus, and Mike Ditka all ring through Halas Hall and contribute to the pride Bears fan share. The Bears have had many successful seasons, but have faded into oblivion since their Super Bowl season in 1985. Neither exceptionally good nor bad, the team has come to embody mediocrity. Why has this happened to such a proud franchise? Four words: Team President Michael McCaskey.

McCaskey was the chief culprit, er, front office executive, in charge of hiring a head coach to replace the fired Dave Wannstedt. After interviewing a number of candidates, including the overly qualified, but often overlooked Sherman Lewis of the Green Bay Packers, McCaskey settled on his choice: Arizona Cardinals defensive coordinator Dave McGinnis.

Common sense would tell you that, if you were McCaskey, your next step would be to tell McGinnis that he would become the head coach and begin to negotiate a contract. McCaskey took a different route: he advised McGinnis to stay overnight "if he wanted to" and that he might call him in the morning for a follow-up interview. McCaskey did call the next morning and McGinnis drove to Halas Hall. One small problem, however, occurred on the drive: McGinnis heard over the radio that he had been named as the new head coach of the Chicago Bears. This came as news to him because (1) he hadn't been informed of his hiring and (2) no contract had been negotiated.

By the time McGinnis arrived at Halas Hall, a press conference announcing his hiring had already

been planned and the message on former coach Wannstedt's voice mail was changed to say, "You have reached the office of head coach David McGinnis." I would have loved to have been a fly on the wall during McGinnis' conversations with McCaskey and other Bears officials:

McCaskey: "Surprise! You're our new coach!"

McGinnis: "Uh, what about my agreeing to be head coach?"

McCaskey: "What'd you say? Yes, we've agreed to let you be the head coach, silly. Let's go to the press conference! Come on!"

McGinnis: "Uh, what about my contract?"

McCaskey: "Contract? I knew I forgot something. You know, I was just thinking about that Bryan Cox signing a couple of years ago. Do you like Bryan Cox?"

McGinnis: "What? What's going on here?"

McCaskey: "Don't worry about leaving the Cowboys and Jimmy, Dave."

McGinnis: "I didn't agree to be the head coach of this team yet. You should have my agreement and a mutually agreed upon contract before announcing my hiring."

McCaskey: "Hey, where's that Jim Harbaugh at?"

McGinnis: "I'm out of here. Give me a call back when you know what you're doing."

McCaskey: "You know, you sound a lot like Ditka."

After a conversation somewhere along the lines of the one framed above, McGinnis left and removed his name from the list of candidates to become the 12th head coach of the Chicago Bears. It was a sad day for McGinnis, a former Bears assistant under Ditka, who had termed this his "dream job"; it was a pathetic day for the Bears, as McCaskey's ineptness and the incompetence of the front office were exploited.

Both sides emerge losers. The Bears lost what little credibility they had left. How many free agents will want to sign with a team as disorganized and dysfunctional as the Bears appeared through this fiasco? Probably the same number as the number of Bears who have made the Pro Bowl since 1994: none.

Players, already critical of the front office, have now had their worst nightmares confirmed: the inmates are running the asylum. McGinnis also loses.

Even with this incident, the Bears still are the Bears, and McGinnis was the first to realize it: "This is the Chicago Bears. They're going to get a good guy in here to coach. I promise you." Well, he was right about that: Sunday the Bears announced the hiring (and that hopefully includes agreement to coach and signing of contract) of Jacksonville Jaguars defensive coordinator Dick Jauron.

McGinnis will return as defensive coordinator with the Cardinals. He returns as a man who was willing to walk away because he was not treated the right way. Jauron will coach the Bears, hopefully, back to respectability.

He realizes he was the "second choice" but knows that if he can rebuild the Bears that this incident will be a distant, yet ever so painful, memory.

McCaskey? Well, someone told him that if he believed that McGinnis would become the Bears 12th coach after the way he handled things that they had a bridge in Brooklyn they'd like to sell him. He's busy negotiating right now.

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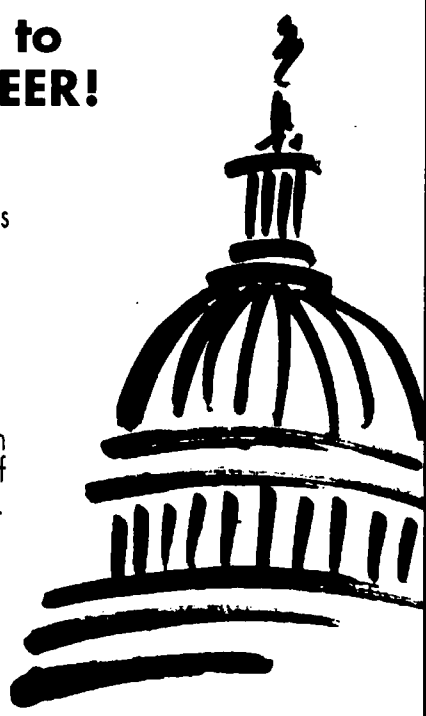
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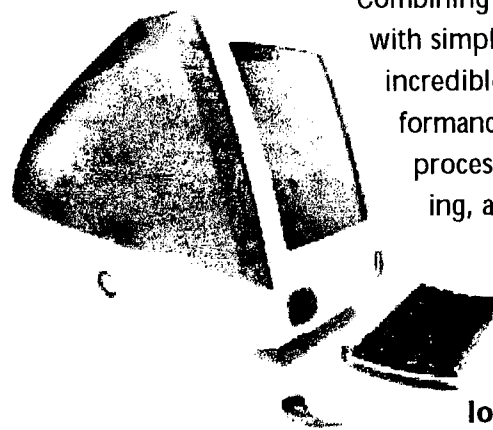
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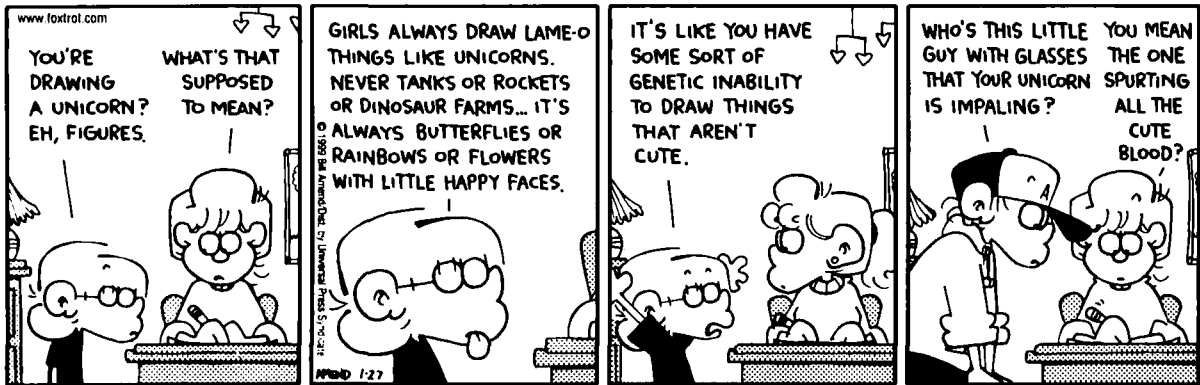
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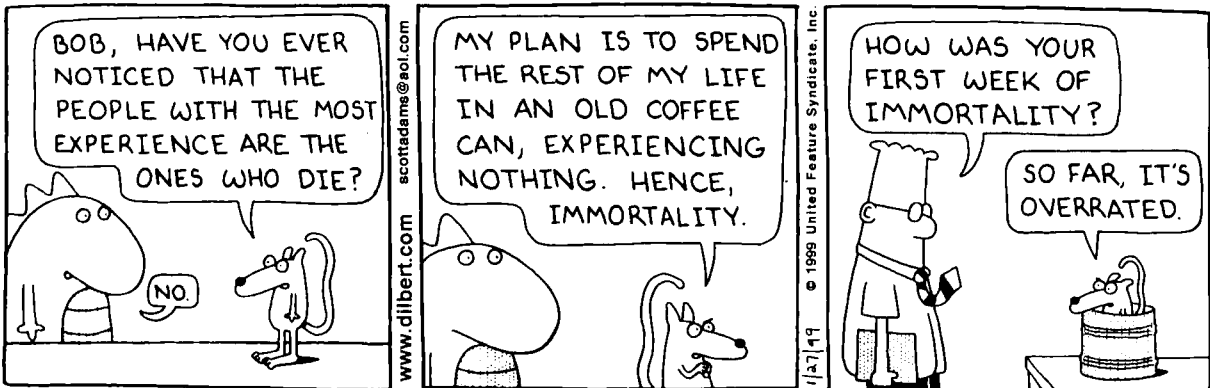
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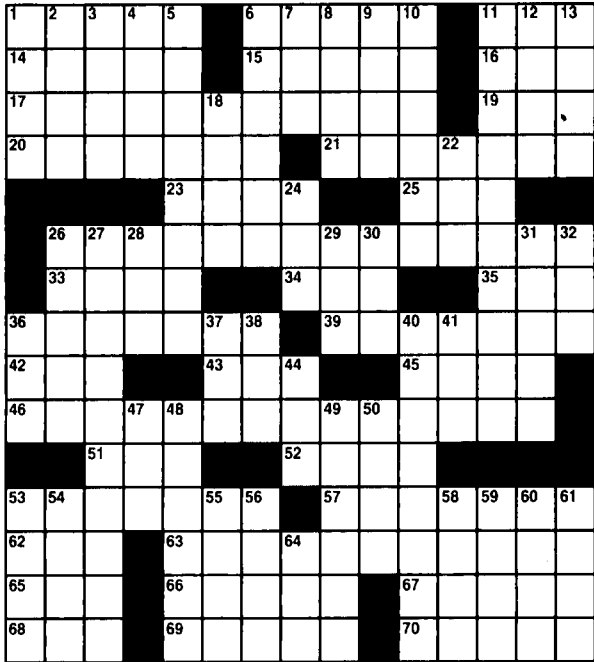
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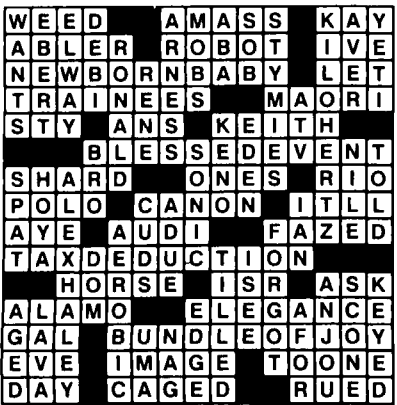
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 - 19 Total idiot
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- 34 Something to shoot for
 - 35 It'll drop your jaw
 - 36 Just says no
 - 39 Changed from green to red
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 - 43 "Lid"
 - 45 Heater
 - 46 Animal lab technician's work?
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 - 53 Frost-free zone
 - 57 Three-masted ship
 - 62 Wet behind the ears

- 63 Cake maker's work?
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Puzzle by Nancy Salomon

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- 2 Night spot
- 3 Neighbor of Bulg.
- 4 Crack, so to speak
- 5 Hero
- 6 Vatican figures
- 7 First lady
- 8 Filling danger
- 9 One of the buddies of "Bosom Buddies"
- 10 Safe to consume
- 11 Like some vows
- 12 Troubles
- 13 Green flanker
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your outgoing nature will bring you popularity. You can get a lot done if you focus on your goals. Today will be favorable for pursuing members of the opposite sex. Leave time to go to the gym. **0000**

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't hesitate to take the advice offered by friends and relatives. Not only will their suggestions be helpful, but they will also relieve your stress. Don't make unreasonable promises. **0000**

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Make sure you spend some time with your lover today. A passionate evening is in order for the two of you. Travel or plans to take a vacation together should be discussed. **0000**

CANCER (June 21-July 22): It's time to make those personal changes you have been thinking about for some time now. It is best not to divulge too much about your personal life to your business associates. **0000**

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your colorful personality will attract members of the opposite sex. Take a position of leadership in group endeavors. Don't

hesitate to take that trip you've been needing. **0000**

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't trust anyone when it comes to financial matters. Joint ventures show apparent deception. Don't overspend on the ones you love. Quality time is more worthwhile. **00**

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Residential changes are in order. Take care of the needs of those less able to do things for themselves. You can learn new skills or pick up valuable information if you listen to others. **00000**

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Elders in your family may need assistance. Don't let them put unreasonable demands on you. Don't overreact to criticism. Overspending on your home will cause limitations. **0000**

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): There will be tension with your lover if you allow a misunderstanding to get out of hand. Compromise will be necessary. You must pay more attention to one another. **0000**

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You will be desperate for companionship. Mental stimulation will be a must in relationships and friendships. Sign up for seminars that perk your interest. Travel should be on your list. **00000**

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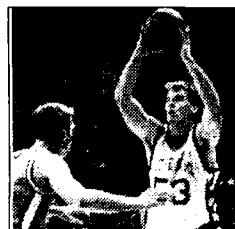
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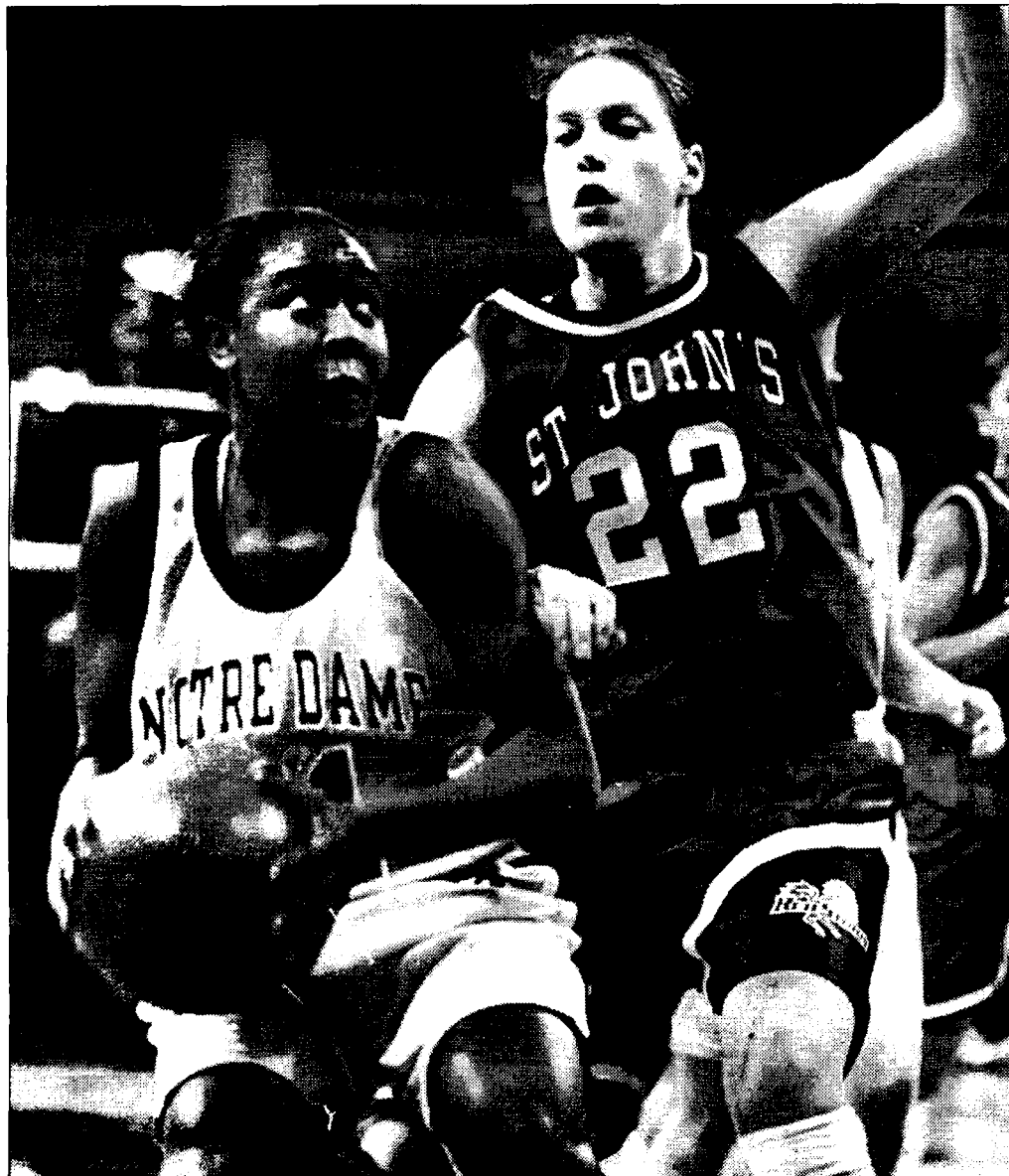
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■ WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

No. 7 Irish still rolling in Big East with win over 'Cuse



Sherisha Hills (left), who had a huge game off the bench last Saturday against St. John's, was again a presence on the court, scoring four in 19 minutes of play.

By BRIAN KESSLER
Assistant Sports Editor

If Syracuse was to have any chance against the seventh-ranked Notre Dame women's basketball team last night, they were going to need a big game out of Paula Moore.

They didn't get it. Moore, the Big East's second-leading scorer, walked off the court with just one point and finished with just eight, as Notre Dame rolled to its seventh-straight win — a 94-61 victory.

The Irish opened the game on a 22-5 run and quickly jumped out to a 29-9 lead with 12:08 left in the first half. Notre Dame never looked back.

Captain Sheila McMillen struggled in the first half, scoring just three points on 1-of-7 shooting. The senior came out strong in the second, however, and finished with 23 points to lead all Irish scorers. McMillen, who also pulled down eight rebounds and had five assists, connected on just 3-of-11 shots from downtown, but made up for it by going a perfect 8-for-8 at the foul line. McMillen has now scored 20 or more points in five of her last seven games.

Center Ruth Riley had a big game for Notre Dame, scoring 20 points on 9-of-13 shooting. She and Kelly Siemon (nine points) dominated the inside against a Syracuse team that does not have a single player over 5-foot-11.

Riley finished with seven

rebounds and five blocked shots.

The Irish scored half of their points in the paint, but had an off night from three-point land. Notre Dame was a combined 7-of-23 from behind the arc.

Niele Ivey was another bright spot for the Irish, as she dished out eight assists and had 19 points on 7-of-10 shooting. Danielle Green added nine points and freshman

Ericka Haney finished with eight. Notre Dame shot nearly 51 percent as a team.

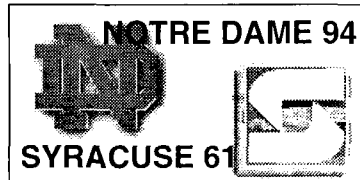
The Irish defense was there once again for head coach Muffet

McGraw. Notre Dame forced 25 turnovers and held Syracuse to just 34 percent shooting from the field. McGraw's squad had 14 steals, while committing just 14 turnovers. The Irish also blocked eight shots.

Syracuse's Beth Record connected on 5-of-9 three pointers and finished with a career-high 24 points to lead all scorers. Jaime James added 14 for the Orangewomen. Moore, who averages 17.9 points per contest and was coming off two double-doubles, was just 2-of-12 from the field.

With the win, Notre Dame improves to 16-2 on the season and stands alone in third place in the Big East standings with a 8-2 conference mark. Syracuse fell to 8-10 on the season and 4-6 in the conference.

Notre Dame will travel to Providence on Saturday, before returning home for a critical game against Boston College next Wednesday.



■ MEN'S TENNIS

Badgers drop to Irish eighth straight time

Special to The Observer

MADISON, Wis. The 23rd-ranked Notre Dame men's tennis team swept the doubles and used straight set wins from the top half of its sin-

gles lineup to beat Wisconsin for the eighth straight time on Tuesday in a 5-2 win over the 63rd-ranked Badgers. The win improves the Irish to 3-0 on the

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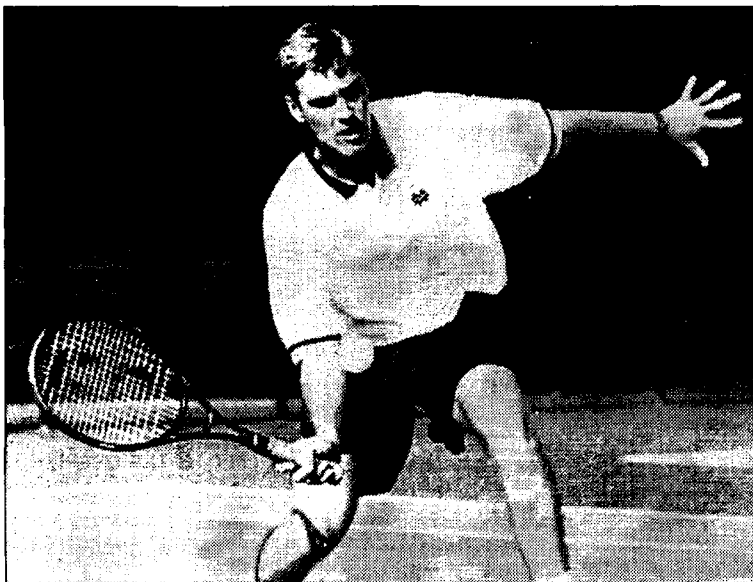


Photo courtesy of Notre Dame Sports Information
Third-ranked Ryan Sachire set the pace with a win in No. 1 singles.

■ MEN'S BASKETBALL

Notre Dame shoots to rebound

By ALLISON KRILLA
Associate Sports Editor

In some ways, the absence of Troy Murphy from the Fighting Irish lineup has been good for Notre Dame.

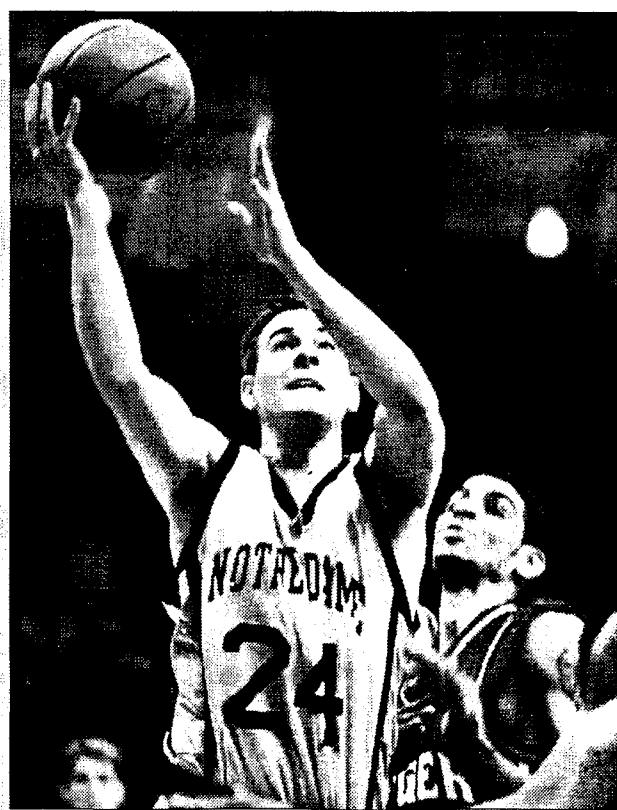
Although the team has compiled just a 1-2 record since Murphy's ankle injury, losing its leading scorer has pushed the remaining players to the brink. New offensive threats have emerged from the freshman forward's shadow.

Without Murphy's 18.2 points per game, several unsung heroes have made their presence known, including the high man in last Saturday's heartbreaking two-point loss to Rutgers, Martin Ingelsby.

The point guard from Philadelphia, Penn. tossed in a career-high 22 points against the Scarlet Knights, while shadowing Rutgers senior sharp-shooter Geoff Billet. Seniors Phil Hickey and Antoni Wyche also turned in all-star caliber performances, truly shouldering the responsibilities they accepted as team captains.

"Our kids never gave up, and made a big surge at the end," coach John MacLeod said following Saturday's heartbreaker.

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Martin Ingelsby will again be called to step up his game with Troy Murphy out with an ankle injury.

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