

■ Two past students sued their South Bend landlord, Mark Kramer — and won.

■ The Observer takes a stance on Big Ten membership and the addition of sexual orientation to the non-discrimination clause in two editorials.

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■ STUDENT SENATE

Senators discuss possible violations



Andrea Selak addresses the Student Senate as it discusses whether or not a constitutional violation occurred in the presidential race.

By ERICA THESING
Assistant News Editor

A debate about election bylaws and constitutional procedures headlined Wednesday's Student Senate meeting as candidates for the student body presidential and vice-presidential election brought their concerns to the floor.

The candidates presented two main issues: the eligibility of the Micah Murphy/Michael Palumbo ticket and the approval of posters for Sean Deschene and Mike Revers.

Murphy's original running mate, Julie Reising, withdrew from the race Sunday for personal reasons. On Monday, Murphy selected Palumbo as his new vice-presidential candidate. While it is not required by the constitution, the pair completed a petition with the 150 signatures in support of their ticket.

Wally Poirier, a presidential candidate

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Tickets:

Janet Horvath & Gina Guerreso
Nancy Midden & Angie Little

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7:30 - 9:30 a.m.
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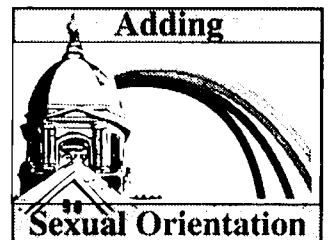
Joining

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DECISIONS IN LONDON

Editor's Note: On Friday, 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.

Adding



From independence to the Big Ten: Penn State

Penn State found an academic treasure trove in the Big Ten

By COLLEEN MCCARTHY
Associate News Editor

When John Cahir thinks of what joining the Big Ten's academic organization has done for Penn State University, he has an unequivocal answer.

"Our joining the Big Ten's CIC [Committee on Institutional Cooperation] has been a big plus for us and continues to be so," said Cahir, vice provost and dean of undergraduate education at Penn State. "We've been delighted with it. The association with the CIC and the collaboration have been fantastic. We like to think that we brought good things to the other institutions in the CIC too when we joined."

For Cahir and his university, the academic benefits have been numerous. The 11 Big Ten institutions, the University of Chicago and the University of Illinois at Chicago provide opportunities for access to



Penn State, once an independent football powerhouse, joined the Big Ten in 1990 and found a variety of academic and athletic benefits.

Penn State football lost its independence to the Big Ten in 1990

By ANTHONY BIANCO
Assistant Sports Editor

And then there was one.

Once upon a time, the most dominant association of football teams did not belong to the Atlantic Coast Conference, the Pac-10, the Big 12, or even the Big Ten. There was a time when the powerhouses were grouped together simply by the fact that they were "independents."

But in a matter of years, Penn State's entrance to the Big Ten conference sparked an exodus of top teams from the independent ranks to one of the many established athletic organizations. Florida State and Miami's entrance to the ACC and Big East, respectively, in the early 1990s left Notre Dame as the only big name in its makeshift "conference." And it all occurred at a time in which the independents were the

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■ INSIDE COLUMN

A holiday for stalking?

No one will send me roses next weekend. Valentine's Day will come and go, Cupid will sing and dance and shower the couples of the world with red candy hearts, chocolates, and love songs, but he won't visit me.

Noreen Gillespie
News Writer

Not that I'm complaining. While most of the single will spend the next week and a half bemoaning the fact that they have no one to wine and dine them on February 14, I'm singing with joy. After that check I wrote to cover spring break airfare last week, my wallet can't afford the holiday anyway—and who wants to spend the next week and a half searching for "the perfect gift?"

Besides, being happily single on Valentine's Day means that I can spend the day of romance like only a single woman could: as a stalker.

Yes, thanks to Pangborn at Notre Dame and Residence Hall Association at Saint Mary's, for the wallet-friendly cost of only two dollars, I can stalk anyone on Notre Dame's campus and have my victim's picture plastered on my dorm wall. These future corporate bigwigs have graciously offered their services to take a picture of anyone I want—and economically. The price not only fits even those who are close to bankrupt due to spring break airfare, but it's 100 percent legal and safe from the embarrassment of — gasp — asking the victim out myself!

Maybe these entrepreneurs at Pangborn and RHA are onto something. Maybe as an added bonus they could start a phone call campaign... you know, to spare me the humiliation of picking up the phone and making that dreaded call myself. Maybe for an added dollar, they could pick up the phone and dial my victim's number for me! But of course, to remain true to the stalking service that they are, they'd have to hang up a few times, call back, hang up again... nevertheless, I wouldn't have to make the call.

And hey, while they're at it, why don't they just call up my victim and go out with him for me? It would spare me first-date jitters, the agony of finding the perfect outfit, the anxiety to wait and see if he'll call the day after. For \$10.95, maybe I could just order a full-detail report on how the evening went... if he picked "me" up on time, held the doors, was an interesting conversationalist. And for the low cost of \$14.95, maybe they'd videotape the evening for me...

As a matter of fact, forget limiting this great offer just to Valentine's Day! The single could use this phenomenal service year round to attack their dwindling love lives with passive third-party efforts at establishing contact. And besides, when I get bored of the Valentine picture plastered on my dorm wall, I'm going to need another... and forget asking my victim to my next S.Y.R.—stalking is much easier, and now thanks to this one of a kind offer, legal, too!

Forgive me for being cynical, or even old-fashioned, but if you like someone enough to uh, well, stalk them, do yourself — and them — a favor. Call them yourself. Ask them out. No offense to the geniuses at Pangborn and RHA, but don't you think that you're encouraging passivity—and an invasion of personal space? I may be single, but I don't intend to be humming "I'll be watching you" all day on February 14. And while the idea of a stolen picture may be ideal for some, I'll call the object of my affection, and maybe even secure a date for the evening.

And if he says no? I'll just eat my friends' chocolates instead.

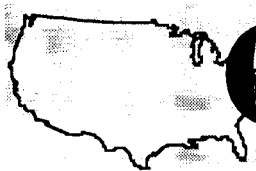
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Outside the Dome

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Rejected applicants claim discrimination

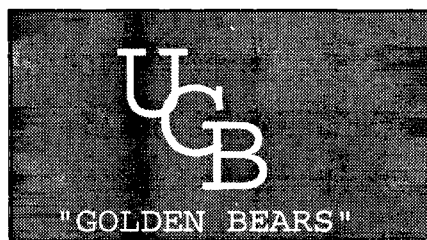
SAN FRANCISCO

A coalition of civil rights organizations and minority students slapped UC Berkeley with a federal class action lawsuit Tuesday over its admissions process, which they call "discriminatory."

Saying the university's admissions process and its definition of "merit" illegal, lawyers representing eight "highly-qualified, minority" students brought to the U.S. District Courthouse the suit, which alleges that UC Berkeley's fall admissions policies are in violation of federal civil rights laws.

"There are no ifs, ands or buts about it," said attorney Joseph Jaramillo of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund. "UC Berkeley's admission process violates civil rights. It is fair in its face, but it operates in a discriminatory manner."

The lawsuit was filed by high-profile, civil rights groups including the



National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the American Civil Liberties Union and MALDEF. Named as defendants in the case are UC Berkeley Chancellor Robert Berdahl, the UC Board of Regents and UC President Richard Atkinson.

Speaking at an early morning press conference at the San Francisco Federal Building, the student plaintiffs said they did not receive a fair chance to become UC Berkeley students under the campus' admissions policies, and

added that the lawsuit is an opportunity to make major changes in the treatment of future applicant pools.

"I want to change the policy at UC Berkeley and allow fairness for all," said Gregory McConnell Jr., one of the rejected UC Berkeley students who is named as a plaintiff.

Each of the students suing the university had stellar academic and extracurricular backgrounds, but UC Berkeley's admissions policy, which places emphasis on Scholastic Assessment Test scores and weighted graded point averages, was the cause of last fall's drastic drop in minority student admissions, the plaintiffs' lawyers said at the press conference.

McConnell, who now attends Virginia's Hampton University on a full scholarship, said he is challenging the admissions process and definition of "merit" that denied him admission to Berkeley last fall.

■ LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Instructor files sexual harassment suit

BATON ROUGE, La.

An instructor who recently resigned from the College of Business filed suit Monday against the University, alleging sexual harassment by a college dean. Joy Irwin filed the suit with the 19th Judicial District Court, naming Thomas Clark, dean of the E.J. Ourso College of Business Administration as the harasser, according to her attorney, Jill Craft. Craft is also representing Diane Piper, an assistant professor in the College of Mass Communication who filed a sexual harassment lawsuit against the University on Jan. 15. Irwin resigned from her position as instructor in the college on or about Dec. 18, 1998, according to the lawsuit. "This was a very agonizing decision for her and her family to make," Craft said. "It wasn't something she took lightly." Clark is not named in the suit as a defendant. Louisiana law places LSU in a position of responsibility for all its employees' actions, Craft said.

■ BROWN UNIVERSITY

Police seize drinks for investigation

PROVIDENCE, R.I.

As part of a pending sexual assault investigation, Brown Police and Security collected drink samples from Phi Kappa Psi's (Phi Psi) "Deep Freeze" party last Friday night, according to Colonel Paul Verrecchia, chief of Brown Police and Security. Police and Security will test the samples for so-called "date rape drugs"—such as Rohypnol (known as "roofies")—if it is confirmed that a sexual assault actually occurred. Verrecchia said that Police and Security is currently looking into an alleged sexual assault that occurred last Friday night in the Alpha Chi Omega house, which neighbors Phi Psi. A member of Alpha Chi Omega—who requested that The Herald withhold her name—said that she had left her door unlocked when she left her room Friday night. When she returned, she found a woman lying on the floor passed out, with her shirt pulled up and her pants pulled down.

■ NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Student fights for expression rights

EVANSTON, Ill.

Ryan Du Val has joined the ranks of Gwyneth Paltrow and Jim Carrey—at least according to People Magazine. People's Feb. 8 issue includes a 300-word profile of the Weinberg/Music sophomore, who replicated Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel mural on his dorm room ceiling. "I never would have expected it," Du Val said. "It goes to show how much support there is for student expression." And some Associated Student Government members agree, although Northwestern administrators didn't appear to show their support when they planned to paint over Du Val's ceiling during Winter Break. The senate will vote tonight on a proposal that asks the administration to allow student input in revising the room painting policy. The proposal suggests that students be permitted to paint their rooms as long as they repaint them at the end of the school year.

■ MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Research shows cherries relieve pain

EAST LANSING, Mich.

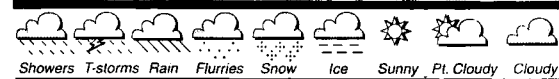
The next time you feel pain, a bowl of sour cherries can relieve your distress, according to a study conducted by MSU researchers. Consuming the small, red fruit could relieve pain better than aspirin or ibuprofen, according to an MSU study published in the February issue of the Journal of Natural Products. Researchers also found cherries comparable to vitamin C and vitamin E in antioxidant protection. Muralee Nair, an MSU natural-products chemistry professor who headed the research, said the idea for the study came from "a lot of anecdotal stories" people tell about the healing power of cherries. "A lot of people eat cherries and cherry juice, and they claim they have less pain-related arthritis, heart attacks and gout," he said. "There is no scientific validation for this stuff so we decided to look into the claims."

■ SOUTH BEND WEATHER

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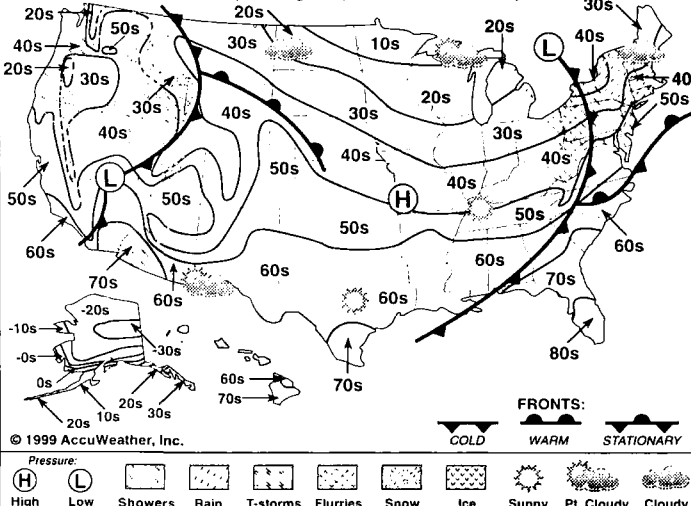
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■ NATIONAL WEATHER

National weather

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Boise	34	40	Denver	22	53	New York	41	52
Boston	36	51	Hartford	33	49	San Diego	49	70
Chicago	29	35	Indianapolis	31	52	Santa Fe	19	53

ND students win lawsuit against landlord Kramer

By MAGGY TINUCCI
News Writer

Notre Dame alumni were recently awarded damages in a lawsuit brought to Indiana small claims court against Mark Kramer for failure to return their security deposits for the 1997-1998 school year.

Kramer owns 30 South Bend houses, which he rents to off-campus students.

Pete Kalin and Eric Anderson, both class of 1998, won their suit based on an Indiana statute stating that if the landlord does not return the full security deposit within 45 days of the conclusion of the lease, he then owes the full deposit and any attorney fees needed to regain it.

Kalin and Anderson filed the lawsuit when they received their security deposits in June 1998. Kalin's refund was \$15.74 for an original security deposit of \$280.

"I was the last one to move out, making sure it was as clean as it was when we moved in," said Kalin. "I did not expect to get the entire deposit returned because there was basic wear and tear and I still owed the last month's utilities. We were charged late fees that were not in the lease anywhere. That was the basis of our contention."

They originally filed the lawsuit on the basis of the these late fees, and incidentally found the statute, which strengthened the case.

"The late fees were where we felt the wrong was," Anderson said. "They had no clue as to the statute. Without that it would have been our word against his. Basically, they weren't prepared."

Kramer's office admits it was not aware of this statute prior to the lawsuit.

"Ultimately, the only reason they were successful in winning was because of the statute. The judge even said that if we had not violated the 45 days, we would have won the argument," said Kramer.

Despite a settlement offer from Kramer, Kalin and Anderson went to trial in an attempt to represent their other roommates and to recover legal fees, in addition to the security deposits.

"We went to court on principle. By that point the money didn't really mean anything," said Anderson.

"Basically the judge told them [Kalin and Anderson] their claim was not appropriate to bring to trial," said Jim Masters, attorney for Kramer. "They had no right to represent others. They are not attorneys."

According to Masters, there have been a few other claims brought against Kramer for similar situations, which were all resolved out of court.

"We were not trying to withhold what is owed. There was a mistake. We were willing to resolve it. They wanted something more than they were entitled to and they didn't get it," he said.

Kramer cites his actual loss as \$850, taking into consideration damages done to the house and cleaning fees. "We have the right to recover those damages but, [thus far] have elected not to. We let that stuff go trying to be decent," Kramer said.

Masters agreed they did not gain anything by going to court. "I don't think they proved anything."

Kalin and Anderson view the settlement as a victory against Kramer.

"We surprised them. They weren't ready for us," said Kalin. "They were not aware



The house at 722 LaSalle where Pete Kalin and Eric Anderson lived from 1997 to 1998. The students won a suit against the owner of the house, Mark Kramer, from whom they rented.

of the laws and were counting on the students not knowing the laws either."

Dan Maloney, currently a law student at Valparaiso University, uncovered this statute in the Indiana Code during a legal writing class. He and six others were the roommates Kalin and Anderson attempted to represent. They are currently pursuing their own suits against Kramer.

Initially, Kalin and Anderson looked into the lawsuit because of a \$5 charge deducted from their security check was late, after a five-working-day grace period.

Kramer said he sent a letter to each individual describing the late fees. "I also verbally told them of the late charges,"

he said.

After receiving no response to a letter and phone call, Kalin met with Kramer in August of 1998 to discuss the security deposit. "He produced a photocopy of a letter he supposedly had delivered to our door explaining what the late fees were," said Kalin. "Regardless of the fact we didn't receive the letter, it's not legally binding because no one signed it."

"[Kramer] figured no one is going to do anything about it," Maloney said, inspiring the house to pursue actions against him.

Kramer contends he sent two notices to each individual student, rather than to each house. "Had we known that our notification [method] wasn't the way to do it, we would have gone another way. It's a valuable lesson for us."

Kramer cites extenuating circumstances for the five days they were late in returning the deposits. "We ended up getting stuck and will have to take

more of a business approach." Kramer's office manager, responsible for returning the deposits, had a family crisis at the time of the deadline, making it impossible for their timely return.

"We were not trying to keep their deposit. I want that known," Kramer said. In addition to the late charges, they were also responsible for replacement of torn carpet, a screen door, and cleaning charges.

Kramer has changed some of its practices as a result of this lawsuit, making these issues unlikely to resurface. He amended the 1998-1999 lease to include the late charges and a change in utility payment.

"We've taken steps to make sure these things don't happen in the future. Unfortunately, these steps are not favorable to the students," Masters said.

"We are now collecting late fees as we go," Kramer said. Consequently, the rate of late fees being charged has dropped significantly. "It's working better for the students because they're all aware of it."

Kramer has also stopped including utility fees in the rent. "Students now have utilities in their own name," he said. "Like the old adage says, some people ruin it for others. We saved the student about \$400 by keeping utilities in our name. You try to be as accommodating as possible as a landlord, but you can't let people slide because you get stuck."

"We operate off trust, as the students do. We willingly gave Pete and Eric their money. Laws are laws and we abide by them," Kramer said.



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Athletic

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strength of college football.

Flexibility was the key throughout the 1980s. Three independent teams — Penn State, Miami, and Notre Dame — won six of the decades' championships. Miami used the freedom associated with not having to play in conference-determined bowl games to take on No. 1 Oklahoma in the 1988 Orange Bowl and become national champions.

Penn State was No. 2 in both 1983 and 1987, played the No. 1 teams in the bowl games, and also won titles. This "conference" was so strong that Big Ten commissioner Jim Delany referred to the '80s as the "decade of the independent."

But before the decade was even finished, Penn State had plans for the future that did not include staying with the independent powerhouses, something it had been committed to since the Nittany Lions began playing football in 1887.

It started with football coach Joe Paterno's plan in the early 1980s to form an eastern all-sports league that his football team could compete in. It failed and attention soon refocused on winning national championships.

The two titles did not keep Paterno and Penn State from looking for a conference to join. As the "decade of the independent" was coming to a close, the University realized that its time as an unaffiliated football team was also waning.

"We sat down to evaluate where we were," said Budd Thalman, associate athletic director for communications at Penn State. "The consensus of the administration was to find a conference. It was becoming increasingly difficult to schedule games, and the independent was disappearing."

These concerns led to talks with the Big Ten conference. In December of 1989 the presidents of schools met and voted to offer an invitation to Penn State, which readily accepted in June 1990. Claiming that the university was a good fit for the conference, it seemed that both parties stood to benefit.

The decision could not have come at a better time for the Big Ten. National championships had eluded the conference since an Ohio State team went undefeated in 1968 to grab the title.

When Penn State was worked into the conference football schedule for the 1993 season, Big Ten football was in need of a shakeup — only three of the 10 teams had winning records in 1992 and Michigan had won all or part of the Big Ten title for the previous five seasons.

"There's no question that Penn State made our conference better overall," said Mark Rudner, an assistant commissioner of the Big Ten. "The have made the conference more competitive. The general consensus is once they joined, the Big Ten became that much more prominent."

A link with one of the most prestigious collegiate conferences answered Penn State's concerns, but they benefited in many other ways. Joining gave Penn State a seat on one of the nation's most prestigious academic consortiums, the Committee on Institutional Cooperation.

Financially, Penn State generated revenue only from its football program, which in turn funded the school's 27 other intercollegiate athletic teams. As a member of the Big Ten, Penn State receives a share of the conference's basketball revenue, which is close to \$1 million a year.

On the flip side, the association means that Penn State is no longer able to pocket all of the revenue from its bowl games. Instead, it keeps a majority of the bowl payoff and must split the rest among the remainder of the Big Ten teams.

The bowl game schedule was one of the biggest question marks for Penn State in deciding to enter the conference. With the Big Ten locked into a contract with the Pac-10 to meet its champion in the Rose Bowl, the only way a Big Ten team had the ability to finish the season as national champions was if the Rose Bowl featured No. 1 versus No. 2.

At the outset of the 1993 season, Ohio State coach John Cooper knew how difficult it

was for a Big Ten team to win a national title.

"If anybody can go through [a difficult] non-conference schedule and the Big Ten conference undefeated and win the Rose Bowl, I think you could see the national champs come out of the Big Ten this year. You notice I said if they can do that. It's very difficult to do."

Penn State has made the Rose Bowl only once in its five years with the Big Ten. In 1995, they went undefeated, won the bowl and yet could not capture the national crown. It was not till 1997 that the conference would break its title drought, as Michigan went into the Rose Bowl undefeated and were fortunate to play a Washington State team that was ranked seventh.

The bowl season was not the only schedule change the Lions would face as members of the Big Ten. Joining meant Paterno's teams were scheduled to play eight of the 11 regular season games against conference teams.

With only three games scheduled against non-conference teams, Penn State was forced to end a number of strong rivalries that had developed, including series with Boston College, Miami, Syracuse, Pittsburgh and Notre Dame. But according

to Thalman, the switch has given Penn State a new set of rivalries each season.

"There's some sacrifice in everything. We gave up a lot of regional opponents and we took on a Big Ten schedule. The concern was the new rivalries wouldn't be as strong, but Michigan and Ohio State have proven to be great competitors."

Rivals or not, with the more Midwestern teams of the Big Ten — Penn State is the easternmost school in the conference, more than 250 miles away from Ohio State, the nearest — the Lions continue to draw a following from the East. Originally a member of the Atlantic 10 in sports other than football, Penn State continues to remain rooted in the East, from recruiting to television coverage.

Much like with the current debate over Notre Dame's possible entrance to the Big Ten, Penn State was concerned that recruiting would suffer, as Paterno would now have to compete with the rest of the Big Ten in the Midwest.

"I think Penn State will have to work harder to get those kids from the East," said Penn State safety Lee Rubin in 1993. "I'm a Jersey boy, and the reason I came to Penn State was that it

was an independent. When you're from the East, you never think about playing Wisconsin or Iowa or Northwestern."

Thalman believes that recruiting has not changed much since his school's entrance to the Big Ten. "Traditionally, we've recruited heavily in Pennsylvania and contingent states. If anything, being in the Big Ten has taken us into Michigan and the Midwest."

As far as television markets, Rudner and the Big Ten believe that their conference has always held a large national audience, but Penn State brought in another element.

"It opened up the East," Rudner explained. "We've always had national success, but from a local standpoint, [Penn State] added a significant number for us."

The factors affecting the decision Penn State made almost a decade ago have all come together for what Thalman calls "the most enlightened decision ever made for Penn State." Though the factors remain the same 10 years later for the Irish, it is clear that Notre Dame and Penn State will have different responses.

"Penn State was a totally different situation," said Delany. "It was different people, different times."

1999-2000 President/Vice-President

PRIMARY ELECTIONS

Monday, February 8, 1999

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

School busts beer bash

DALLAS

The teen-age organizers showed outstanding organizational skills, renting a warehouse, chartering buses and persuading nearly 300 of their peers to buy tickets at up to \$55 apiece. But to the school district gave the whole thing an F, because what the kids put together was an elaborate beer bash. Police, acting on a tip, descended on the party about midnight Saturday and ticketed more than 150 teen-agers from the Park Cities, two wealthy enclaves north of downtown Dallas. On Tuesday, about 200 students were suspended from extracurricular school activities, including sports. "As a society we often look the other way rather than face tough issues head-on," said Highland Park school Superintendent John Connolly in announcing the disciplinary action. "This school district will not look the other way." The entrepreneurial organizers rented the warehouse for \$1,000 and chartered city buses to transport partygoers, authorities said.

Romanian judge jails woman for stealing 20 cents

BUCHAREST, Romania

A Romanian woman has been sentenced to 2 1/2 years in prison for stealing the equivalent of 20 cents, a punishment the judge described as lenient on Wednesday. Adela Dirivan testified she took the money from a man's pocket in Bucharest last year to pay her bus fare home. The woman is from a hamlet outside Pitesti in southern Romania. The sentence is part of a crackdown on theft that began in 1996 when parliament approved longer sentences for the crime. As a result — and to the outrage of many Romanians — even petty theft, previously punishable by a prison term measured in months, now can land the perpetrator in jail for years. Dirivan faced a maximum of 15 years in prison. But the judge said she took into account that the woman had no criminal record and four children, the youngest of whom is 7 months old.

Pirate violence increases

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia

Pirates killed more people on the world's high seas in 1998 than the year before, but the number of attacks has dropped, the International Maritime Bureau said Wednesday. The modern swashbucklers killed 67 crewmen last year, compared to 51 in 1997, according to the bureau's annual report. Scores of other people were assaulted and injured. There were 198 pirate attacks last year, compared with an all-time high of 247 in 1997, according to the London-based bureau. The drop was due to measures taken by ship owners and captains to keep their ships safer, the report said.



From left, U.S. Senators Mike DeWine (R-Ohio), Arlen Specter (R-Pa.), John Edwards (D-N.C.), Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.) and Christopher Dodd (D-Conn.) meet with reporters to discuss the deposition of White House aide Sidney Blumenthal Wednesday on Capitol Hill in Washington.

Senate Democratic leaders strike back

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WASHINGTON

Senate Democrats threatened on Wednesday to turn President Clinton's impeachment trial into a party battle if the Republicans go through with plans to vote on a declaration of wrongdoing before deciding his fate.

As House GOP prosecutors questioned the third of three witnesses in the case, Democratic leader Tom Daschle said his party's rank-and-file lawmakers were solidly opposed to any live trial testimony on the Senate floor. He also raised objections to the immediate public release of Monica Lewinsky's videotaped deposition.

But what sparked the Democrats' sharpest criticism was a GOP proposal for a formal finding of wrongdoing, a measure that would require a simple majority for passage rather than the two-thirds needed for conviction on impeachment.

"If Republicans persist in demanding live witnesses and demanding more depositions, and demanding extra legal devices like findings of

fact, the more it becomes a Republican trial," Daschle told reporters.

The White House also renewed its objections to the proposal, at the same time spokesman Joe Lockhart pledged a restrained response if — as expected — Clinton is acquitted on the two articles of impeachment.

"I now declare in a post-impeachment era, this is a gloat-free zone," he said.

Republican senators met privately late in the day, and released a letter sent to the White House in which they asked Clinton to submit voluntarily to a sworn deposition to answer questions in the case.

"Your knowledge, intent, actions and omissions are central to the charges. Personal answers from you should prove beneficial in our efforts to reconcile conflicting testimony," the Republicans wrote in a request the White House rejected before the letter was even dispatched.

John Czwartacki, a spokesman for Majority Leader Trent Lott, told reporters he expected a vote when

the trial resumes on Thursday on a proposal to release the depositions of Lewinsky and two other witnesses, both in written transcripts and videotapes. He suggested they could remain under seal for a limited period of time.

For his part, the chief House prosecutor, Rep. Henry Hyde, said he wants approval for live testimony by Lewinsky, presidential friend Vernon Jordan and White House aide Sidney Blumenthal, the three witnesses who testified in private depositions this week.

A scaled-back request is also possible, requesting live testimony by one or two witnesses or the showing of portions of the videotapes.

GOP Senate officials conceded it would be difficult to secure enough votes to prevail on a call for live testimony, particularly with public opinion in favor of a swift end to the proceedings.

The Democratic maneuvering came as Blumenthal was questioned in a heavily secured room in the upper reaches of the Capitol.

YUGOSLAVIA

Albanians demand independence vote

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Separatists in Kosovo demanded a guarantee Wednesday that a vote on independence for their province would be part of any peace accord with Serbia — a move that dimmed prospects for this weekend's peace talks in France.

The rebel Kosovo Liberation Army has accepted the U.S.-European summons to the talks. And in Belgrade, the government gave its strongest signals yet Wednesday that Serbia — Yugoslavia's

dominant republic — will also join the negotiations.

Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic's Socialist party hinted at attendance, saying that Yugoslavia supported solving the Kosovo issue "through political means."

Serbia's hard-line Parliament, under Milosevic's de facto control, is due to decide Thursday whether to accept the summons to talks scheduled to start Saturday in Rambouillet, France, outside Paris.

NATO is threatening to attack if the Serbs and ethnic Albanians don't start

talking by Saturday and strike a deal by Feb. 19 to end 11 months of fighting.

The allies are pushing a peace deal providing for a three-year period of autonomy for Kosovo — where ethnic Albanians make up some 90 percent of the population — possibly followed by talks on the province's future.

Most of Kosovo's Albanians demand independence, a goal that the allies have opposed for fear of stirring up the Balkans' volatile ethnic mix.

Kosovo's moderate Albanian leader, Ibrahim Rugova, announced that he

would attend the talks.

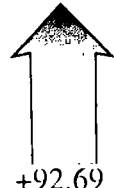
European Union envoy Wolfgang Petritsch said after meeting Serb officials in Belgrade that the government was "seriously considering" attending.

U.S. envoy Christopher Hill, who also met Serb officials, was more cautious. "I will decline the honor of making a prediction. I will hope that they will participate," he said.

Serbia's state-run television allowed hours of air time Tuesday evening to a moderate, Deputy Premier Vuk Draskovic, who supports participation in the talks.

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the other universities' libraries, summer research opportunities and a broader exchange of ideas among professors, administrators and students from the schools.

"The cooperation that occurs at the academic level of the CIC is substantial," said Cahir. "It works to the benefit of faculty and students and promotes quality."

Currently, the CIC is developing programs to share courses. A professor at Penn State is teaching a class that students at the University of Iowa are able to take through collaboration and technology.

"We have a formal set-up for doing things like this," said Cahir. "That's a benefit of the CIC."

Additionally, Cahir praised interactions with administrators from other institutions in the CIC.

"The deans meet frequently," said Cahir. "I meet with my counterparts and we share information, notes, take positions on issues and set up conferences."

He said this dialogue also carries into the collaboration between professors. Professors involved in the same fields are often able to e-mail or discuss common problems or issues that they are facing, said Cahir.

Penn State has also seen a significant increase in the enrollment of minority students since joining the CIC.

"If you looked at the number of minority students we had in the 1980s, it was low," said Cahir. "Our numbers have since improved dramatically. I believe the CIC has helped with our

efforts to increase diversity."

With Big Ten universities generating over \$1 billion in research each year and being known for their strong graduate programs, questions arise about how an expanded graduate program at Notre Dame would affect undergraduate education. Cahir had words to quiet those concerns.

Undergraduate education has felt the positive effects of the CIC, said Cahir.

"The CIC has greatly helped us in moving to a much better situation with undergraduates," said Cahir. "It has also helped us during this revolution of large universities bringing students to the forefront of learning and concentrating on the success of undergraduate students."

"We've also realized through the CIC the importance of helping professors to realize that they need to pay attention to who their students are," added Cahir.

Penn State has also explored options to get undergraduates more involved in research by looking at a program that the University of Michigan has, which integrates freshmen into research initiatives. Although Penn State hasn't been able to establish a program at the same level as Michigan's, progress is being made, said Cahir.

For those who look at the number of undergraduate and graduate students at Penn State and Notre Dame, it would appear there were no similarities.

Cahir disagreed.

"Penn State has always emphasized undergraduate education and we have a higher ratio of undergraduate to graduate students," said Cahir. "We are more like Notre Dame in having a tremendous commitment to undergraduates."

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from Zahm Hall, expressed concern that the election bylaws were violated when Murphy entered a new petition after last Thursday's deadline.

"It has been brought to my attention ... that something has happened in the election that may not be appropriate. In fact, it may be improper," Poirier said.

He read from Article 12, Section two of the bylaws, which states that "No petition shall be accepted after the deadline without prior written permission of the election committee."

After the senate's ethics committee discussed the issue, committee chair Jason Linsler said that the council would allow the Murphy/Palumbo ticket.

"This is a point where the constitution is very unclear," he said. "We feel that prior to the election is the best we can take."

Nicole Borda, vice president of elections for the Judicial Council, stood behind the decision.

"Basically, we felt there were extenuating circumstances. We gave written approval in the form of the letter," she said. "Based on what we have here, we determined it would be legal

for them to run."

During his presentation of the issue, Poirier referred to a similar situation in last year's election, when presidential candidate Michele Costello was allowed to choose a new running mate shortly before the election when her original running mate dropped out of the race.

At that time, the election committee referred the case to the senate's ethics committee, who took a vote of all presidential candidates, who approved the new ticket.

Poirier said that he and other candidates he represented felt that a precedent was set last year and that this year's candidates should have been consulted in the same manner.

"It was my understanding that a precedent was set and this year, that precedent wasn't followed," he said.

After a five-minute recess that allowed the senate ethics committee to discuss the issue, the senate reconvened and focused on the meaning of "prior" in the bylaws. Some senators took "prior" to mean prior to the deadline for petitions, while others assumed that prior meant prior to the election.

"I feel that if you take it into consideration, something very serious happened to Mr. Murphy's running mate and she

had to drop out of the race," Linsler said. "Something that is going on right here is tainting this election. I challenge the candidates here to get back to the issues."

The senate also decided to allow Deschene and Revers to post print media for their campaign after the pair failed to attain mandatory stamps from Student Affairs.

Revers said that both candidates were unable to attend the mandatory meeting for candidates last Thursday and instead sent a friend who did not give them all the information. When Revers realized they were missing information, he contacted Borda, but it was already past the 4 p.m. deadline Monday for poster approval.

Borda said that she could not make concessions on this rule, but that the senate could vote and allow the posters. After several minutes of intense debate, the senate voted 17-4 to approve the posters.

In other Senate news:

- The Senate formally approved James Jesse as the 1999-2000 Student Union Treasurer.

- Zahm senator Spencer Stefko announced that he is resigning, effective immediately. He said that a special Zahm election would provide a replacement.

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Spike Lee: Racial images in movies, TV need changing

By CHRISTINE KRALY
Assistant News Editor

VALPARAISO, Ind. — Movie mogul Spike Lee turned heads and challenged minds at Valparaiso University Wednesday night when he spoke to an audience of students, faculty and local community members.

Hundreds packed the Valparaiso chapel to hear the controversial writer, director and producer address issues such as race, filmmaking and education.

Stereotypes on the silver screen

Lee, who reminded everyone that February is Black History Month, said it is important that society recognize the need for change in the way blacks are viewed, especially in the film industry.

"[The] focus is messed up," he said, adding that films do not always accurately portray African Americans.

When asked about the movie "Amistad," for example, Lee noted a problem in the movie's story line stemming from its point of view.

"What is Matthew McConaughey doing in that movie? That movie should be about [the main character] and the rest of the slaves," Lee said. "[We] deal too much with Anthony Hopkins and Matthew McConaughey."

The problem with many movies, said Lee, is that the presence of well-known actors — such as Alec Baldwin and James Woods in "The Ghosts of Mississippi" — takes away from the importance of the plot. But the people behind the camera also have a great effect on the movie's image, according to Lee.

"I have never felt only black

directors could direct black subject matter," he said. "At the same time, even though a white director can do it, it's very rare."

"As an audience, we have to come out and support films that don't have [all the] advertising and support behind it," he continued.

Films such as "Rosewood" and "Down in the Delta," according to Lee, are great films that don't get the recognition they deserve.

"There should be room for a lot more aspects of our culture," he added, noting that films often neglect to portray blacks as diverse people.

"People think African Americans are all the same: they all look alike, all eat the same things, like the same music," he said. "But we're just as diverse as everyone else."

"[People] shouldn't assume there's one black movie, one black filmmaker," he said. "We need to expand what 'black' means. We're in this business to make money. We've got to turn it around."

The trouble with television

Much of American television today has a racial image problem, according to Lee, who said he longs for at least one dramatic show on TV with blacks as the main characters and that takes life seriously.

Shows such as Eddie Murphy's "The PJs" do little to enhance the image of blacks in America, in Lee's opinion, and of late he has been vocal in his criticism of the FOX show.

"To do a show about the projects [like "The PJs"] when all your focus is negative and don't show people's dignity, something's wrong," Lee said.

Though he added that it "doesn't mean we can't laugh about ourselves," the charac-



Spike Lee discussed race, filmmaking, and education Wednesday night at Valparaiso University. The Observer/Christine Kraly

ters in "The PJs" appear to have little dignity and make life in destitution appear humorous rather than grave.

A lot of the problem lies with the networks themselves. Television networks like the WB and UPN, which Lee refers to as the "We Brothers" and "U Peoples Network," respectively, need to be aware of the damage they are causing to the image of African Americans.

"Sometimes [people] don't think [they] have power," he said, but that people should write and raise their voices against demeaning programming and network heads will listen.

Changing Times

"The landscape [of filmmaking]

was a lot different back then than it is now," stated Lee, reminiscing on how he first started out in the entertainment industry.

"Growing up in Brooklyn, I had no idea I wanted to be a filmmaker."

Lee spent most of his time at Morehouse sifting through electives, trying to figure out what to do with his life. It wasn't until the summer between his sophomore and junior years, however, that he realized his dream of filmmaking.

He then applied to the three top film schools in the country: the University of Southern California, UCLA and New York University. Being rejected by USC and UCLA helped form Lee's view on admission testing.

"I still feel that standardized testing cannot be the only criteria to judge an individual's merit or worth," he said.

Plagued by innocent anticipation, Lee's early days in filmmaking were stressful and uneventful.

"I was young and dumb — thought I was on my way," Lee said.

He has since learned that there is "no such thing as

overnight success. [My first film was made after] 10 years of hard work and eating Spaghetti-Os."

His advice to aspiring filmmakers is "[don't expect to] snap your fingers and everything will happen."

As he reflected on the difference in himself then and now, Lee said he lost that overambitious ignorance that guided his pre-famous film work.

"I don't make movies to win awards," he stated. "I don't think about that any more."

When asked what he believes was his greatest obstacle in achieving fame and prestige, Lee wants to leave race out of the discussion.

"I refuse to believe that being African American has been my hardest struggle."

What he does not hesitate speaking out about is the difficult society in which today's youth live.

Drugs and crime have unfairly forced children to grow up early, according to Lee, whose fondest memories include the days when he would play with friends and spend Saturday afternoons in a movie theater.

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Arafat, Clinton plan joint prayer

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat affirmed Wednesday he intends to carry out the stalled West Bank accords with Israel. Protests grew, meanwhile, over his planned meeting with President Clinton at a prayer breakfast.

Arafat, on a brief U.S. visit, is due to discuss peace prospects with Clinton at a prayer breakfast Thursday. But the spokesman for the breakfast chairman, Rep. Steve Largent, R-Okla., said Largent had asked Clinton last Friday "not to politicize the breakfast by having the meeting."

The spokesman, Brad Keena, said Largent supported Arafat's attendance but disapproved of Clinton's taking up controversial issues at the breakfast with the Palestinian leader.

Hundreds of Christian leaders plan to attend the 47th breakfast sponsored by members of Congress. But several Christian and Jewish groups have called for a boycott and accused Arafat of an unrepentant terrorist past.

U.S. state department comments on release of Palestinian prisoners

Demonstrations are expected outside the hotel. Keena called that evidence the breakfast had been politicized.

"I am insistent on following up the peace process," Arafat told reporters Wednesday after a 40-minute meeting with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

The process is stalled, with

Israel refusing to yield more land until Arafat's Palestinian Authority imposes tougher restraints on terrorism and prosecutes suspects.

Arafat, in a brief exchange at the doorway of the State Department, did not say how he thought the process could be revived.

On another touchy subject, he said Palestinian leaders were grappling with the question of a Palestinian state. "This can't be mentioned now," Arafat said.

The Clinton administration has urged Arafat to stop declaring his intention to set up a state next May if negotiations with Israel fail to produce what he wants.

In her meeting with Arafat, Albright also raised concerns about whether terrorist suspects are treated leniently by Palestinian authorities, State Department spokesman James P. Rubin said.

They also surveyed the stalled West Bank process and agreed to hold a meeting in mid-February of a joint U.S.-Palestinian commission to develop trade, scientific and cultural ties, Rubin said.

The Palestinian leader got a boost before arriving, though, when the State Department announced it had no evidence to support Israeli accusations that suspects in attacks on Americans had been set free.

"Those charges, so far as we can tell, are simply not proven by any evidence," Rubin said Tuesday.

While Rubin disputed Israel's assertion, he said that "with respect to other related issues

of larger numbers of people in the revolving door, let me say that we do have concerns."

The "revolving door" is a reference to Israeli claims that suspects are detained and then quietly let go.

Another sensitive issue is Arafat's periodic declarations that the Palestinians will establish a state whatever the outcome of negotiations with Israel.

Rep. Matt Salmon, R-Ariz., said he planned to introduce a resolution opposing a unilateral declaration of a Palestinian state. Sens. Sam Brownback, R-Kan., and Ron Wyden, D-Ore., said they planned to introduce Salmon's resolution in the Senate.

"It is imperative that President Clinton make it crystal clear to Mr. Arafat that a unilateral declaration of a Palestinian state is not an option and will not be recognized by the United States," Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., said.

Rubin said the administration did not support a unilateral declaration by the Palestinians. "We think that would be a mistake, that would undermine the ability to negotiate a permanent status issue," he said. "We have made that point very clear to the Palestinians, and we will continue to do so."

Randy Tate, executive director of the Christian Coalition, said he would boycott the prayer breakfast. To attend, Tate said, "would provide legitimacy to an unrepentant terrorist who has the blood of thousands on his hands."

Drug combination may cause death

Associated Press

CHICAGO

The death of two children in a French AIDS study has raised possible concerns about drug combinations used to prevent HIV-infected mothers from passing the virus to their babies during birth.

The use of the drug AZT to stop mother-to-child transmission of HIV is often cited as one of the greatest successes in efforts against AIDS. The drug can cut in half the risk, which is typically around 20 percent to 25 percent.

Since AZT's benefits in this area were shown five years ago, doctors in the United States and France have largely switched to using AZT in combination with 3TC, a similar AIDS drug, for pregnant women.

On Tuesday, Dr. Stephane Blanche and others from INSERM, the French research organization, presented preliminary results from a study that compared AZT alone to AZT plus 3TC. Of 194 babies born without AIDS, two who took the drug combination developed a rare disorder and died in their first year of life.

The disorder is caused by genetic damage to the mitochondrial DNA, which is a possible hazard of drugs like AZT and 3TC.

"We don't know if there is any link at all between the deaths and these drugs," cau-

tioned Dr. Joseph Saba of the United Nations AIDS program.

Indeed, experts cautioned that the two cases could be coincidental, and the drugs may not be involved in any way.

Blanche presented his data at the 6th Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections. At the same conference on Monday, Saba released data from a study in Africa showing that giving just one week of the AZT-3TC combination significantly cuts the risk of transmitting HIV during childbirth.

Saba said that even though the combination is widely used in industrialized countries, no one has seen any trend of mitochondrial damage or other unusual side effects in babies.

Dr. Kevin DeCock of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta said the CDC will investigate U.S. data to see if it turns up any health problems in the babies of women taking the combination.

In all, the French study will investigate the effects of 32 weeks of AZT and 3TC during pregnancy in the babies of 440 women. They will be compared with 899 who got AZT alone.

The preliminary results found that HIV was passed on to 3 percent of babies whose mothers got the combination and 7 percent receiving AZT alone.



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NATO could send U.S. troops to Balkans for five years

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

A NATO-led peacekeeping force could be needed in Kosovo for three to five years to enforce any peace accord and might include up to 4,000 American troops, the Clinton administration told Congress on Wednesday.

In testimony at a Senate hearing, and in private briefings with lawmakers, President Clinton's national security team sought to prepare Congress for the possibility of a second U.S. ground commitment in the Balkans. U.S. troops have been in Bosnia for the past three

years.

The Clinton team encountered considerable skepticism.

The administration also shared with lawmakers a draft of a U.S. sponsored peace plan that would dramatically reduce Serbian control over Kosovo and give the province considerable self-government powers — while allowing some continued Serbian military presence.

The administration also pledged to provide a series of "benchmarks" to be used as a basis for extricating U.S. troops once they are introduced, congressional and administration sources said.

Kosovo's ethnic Albanian

rebels have agreed to participate in weekend peace talks demanded by the United States and NATO allies as pressure increased on Serbia's hard-line government to join the talks. NATO has threatened airstrikes if Serbia and the rebels aren't talking by Saturday and closing a peace deal by Feb. 19 under talks organized by the United States and five European powers.

Some U.S. ground presence could be crucial to any peace accord because Kosovo's Albanians "would not feel confident of having a NATO force that doesn't have some representation by the United States," Defense Secretary

William Cohen told the Senate Armed Services Committee.

"They feel that we, in fact, by participating in some measure on the ground, would give them the confidence they would not be attacked by Serb forces."

Cohen predicted a three- to five-year stay, if troops are introduced, but said the U.S. ground presence would be "relatively small," and that Europeans should make up the bulk of the peacekeeping force. The United States would retain the lead responsibility for any airstrikes, he said.

And in the most detailed description yet of what such a force might look like, Gen. Henry Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told the committee he envisioned an overall NATO presence of from 20,000 to 30,000 troops.

"Our numbers could be very low, down maybe possibly as low as 2,000 to 4,000," Shelton said. "And I would see that being the maximum number that we would be asked to contribute, even if they decided to go in with 30,000."

Shelton stressed that his figures were hypothetical because "the numbers are still being worked. The numbers that we would be asked to give would depend on what the final numbers are."

The administration had its work cut out for it in lobbying a Congress weary of the long entanglement in Bosnia and concerned about a decline in military readiness.

Sen. John Warner, (R-Va.), chairman of the Armed Services Committee, said that the administration had wide support in Congress for airstrikes, if necessary, to force both sides to the bargaining table. But, he said, a U.S. ground presence was another issue — one for which the administration would have to make a persuasive case if a peace plan is put in place.

"At this juncture, there is a fork in the road," said Warner, who has advocated a U.S. ground presence for some time.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and National Security Adviser Sandy Berger later joined Cohen and Shelton to give a private briefing to senators on the situation.

Later, Albright made a hastily arranged decision to deliver a major policy address on Kosovo to a foreign policy group on Thursday.

A senior official, asking not to be identified, said Albright planned to explain why Kosovo was important to the national interest. The official declined to say whether Albright planned any major disclosures in the speech.

One crucial issue is whether the U.S. forces would be under U.S. or NATO command.

Warner proposed that U.S. ground contingent be placed under the command of a British commander, while the overall operation remain under a U.S. commander.

A draft of the peace plan shown to lawmakers would reduce the number of Serbian troops in the province from the current 25,000 to about 4,000, according to administration and congressional officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity. The plan would grant the province significant powers of self-government while limiting the future Serbian presence mainly to that of a border patrol.

At the State Department, spokesman James Rubin defended some continued Serb military presence in the province. "The fact of the matter is that Kosovo is part of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia," he said. "The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia is a country, Kosovo is not."

"People might want to wish away the existence of Serbs," Rubin added. "But there are Serbs there. And there have been provocations on both sides in Kosovo."

Cohen said that any agreement leading to U.S. troops in Kosovo would have to be accepted by all the rival factions, including a commitment on the part of Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic and the Serbs. "There must be a real agreement," Cohen said.

Lawmakers expressed skepticism.

"As we have seen in Bosnia, we have been there for more than three years, and it wasn't just one deadline lapse — it was three," said Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine. "We are now running up to \$20 billion and going. And I don't think anybody really knows exactly when the end point will come."

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Gephardt aims to recapture House

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
Acknowledging it was "the worst kept secret in town," House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt formally told fellow Democrats Wednesday he will forgo a 2000 run for president and focus on recapturing the House for his party.

"I've handed that gavel over for the last time," Gephardt told more than 200 House Democrats and aides at a raucous pep rally in a Capitol basement meeting room. "When the 107th Congress convenes in January of 2001, I want to take that gavel back on your behalf."

Since 1995, the 58-year-old Missouri Republican has presided at the opening of three successive Congresses that Republicans have controlled, giving the gavel to GOP speakers Newt Gingrich and Dennis Hastert.

As supporters waved white-on-blue "Speaker Gephardt" signs, Gephardt called for Democratic unity for a Congress "that reflects the hopes and dreams of the people rather than the unending drumbeat of a small minority bent on imposing their will on an entire nation."

Gephardt never mentioned in his 11-minute speech that he had considered seeking his party's presidential nomination next year, nor did he mention the front-runner for that post, Vice President Al Gore.

Questioned later by reporters, he said his prospects for winning that nomination or raising the millions of dollars needed had nothing to do with his decision.

"I made this a personal decision for what in my heart and my mind ... would make the best contribution I could make for public service," he said.

Gephardt supporters, speaking on condition of anonymity, said he decided that winning back the House was as important to Democratic initiatives as retaining the White House. Gephardt also believed he had a better chance to become speaker than president, they said.

Asked if he would endorse Gore — with whom he had breakfast Wednesday — Gephardt said, "I haven't made any decision on any of that."

The vice president, campaigning in New Hampshire, refused to say whether Gephardt

promised to endorse him or whether Gore requested his endorsement. "I have pledged to do everything in my power to help Democrats win back the House and make Dick Gephardt speaker," Gore said.

After meeting with him earlier Wednesday, President Clinton called Gephardt's decision "the right thing for him and the House of Representatives."

By not challenging Gore, Gephardt has avoided a bitter fight that could have divided and distracted Democrats next year. Though Gore is being challenged by former Sen. Bill Bradley of New Jersey and could draw other opponents, Gephardt was considered to be his strongest rival for the nomination.

There still could be some skirmishes over the next two years between Gephardt and the White House. Gephardt has not

been shy about opposing the president on trade issues. And should a legacy-minded Clinton seek to cut deals with Republicans on overhauling Social Security or other issues, he could run into opposition from Democratic lawmakers eager to deny the GOP such accomplishments.

"When we disagree in the future, and I'm sure that will happen, I'll be saying what I believe," Gephardt said.

The decision also leaves Democrats with their best congressional fund-raiser and candidate recruiter focusing on House races next year, when control of the chamber will be in play. Republicans have a mere 221-211 House majority, plus one independent who leans Democratic and two vacant seats the GOP is likely to win.

"We're a significant step closer to the majority by having him stay," said Rep. Lloyd Doggett (D-Texas).

Gephardt raised as much as \$14 million for himself and other Democratic congressional candidates in 1997 and 1998, and campaigned for 110 of them, according to his aides.

He also has helped congressional Democrats formulate a more moderate message in recent years, such as their decision to rally behind President Clinton's call last year to reserve federal surpluses until Social Security is overhauled. From liberals to conservatives, Democratic lawmakers say Gephardt is a leader they can trust.

Broadcast causes web traffic

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Victoria's Secret broadcast its annual Spring Fashion Show over the Internet on Wednesday, but it wasn't prepared for the number of people who tuned in to watch.

The computers failed as millions of Web surfers tried to log on. The Web site was sluggish, the video of the 14-minute show was often jagged and the sound cut out.

"That says to me the technology is not up to snuff," said Wendy Hargle, a computer technician in Berkeley, Calif.,

who tried to view the show. "Someone did not anticipate the level of interest."

She thought many people might be grabbing the good seats early, so to speak, by logging onto the Web site and keeping their connections open, thus preventing others from logging on.

The fashion show was a milestone for the Internet. It was one of the first large-scale live video events in which a corporation invested money and prestige.

The show was Webcast using "streaming video" technology. Streaming video allows people to view live

video without downloading large files. The quality of the video depends on the number of people watching, how powerful the computers are and how congested Internet traffic is.

Before the show, Anne Marie Blaire, senior manager of Internet brand development for Victoria's Secret, said the computers — run by Broadcast.com — were configured to handle between 250,000 and 500,000 simultaneous viewers.

The total number of people viewing the Web site during the show would not be available until Thursday.

■ TECHNOLOGY

AOL lobbies for high-speed cable

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

America Online is part of a lobbying coalition formed Wednesday with the aim of getting access to high-speed Internet and data lines controlled by cable TV companies.

The announcement of the OpenNet coalition comes almost a week after the Federal Communications Commission decided not to open a proceeding that would force cable companies to share high-speed lines with their competitors.

Still, the FCC said it would keep an eye on the matter to ensure that consumers' options for Internet service are not restricted.

Access to the technology has

pitted the cable industry against AOL and consumer and interest groups and has produced an intense lobbying battle over what the FCC and Congress should do.

The coalition's "scheme would surely slow broadband deployment," said National Cable Television Association President Decker Anstrom.

In addition to AOL, others involved in the coalition are: MindSpring Enterprises, Prodigy Communications Corp., Netscape, US West, MCI WorldCom, Cable & Wireless USA, Washington Association of Internet Service Providers, CyberRamp Internet Services, Bertelsmann Internet Services, ConnectNet and the Texas Internet Service Providers

Association.

US West President Sol Trujillo, attending a conference here, told reporters that his company will press lawmakers for legislation giving companies access to cable's high-speed lines. He also said US West will seek legislation permitting it and the nation's four other Bell companies to move data across local calling boundaries, something they aren't allowed to do now.

AOL and MindSpring also were among groups urging the FCC to force cable giant Telecommunications Inc. to provide rivals access to its high-speed lines as a condition of merging with AT&T. Analysts are saying the FCC is not expected to impose that condition on the merger.

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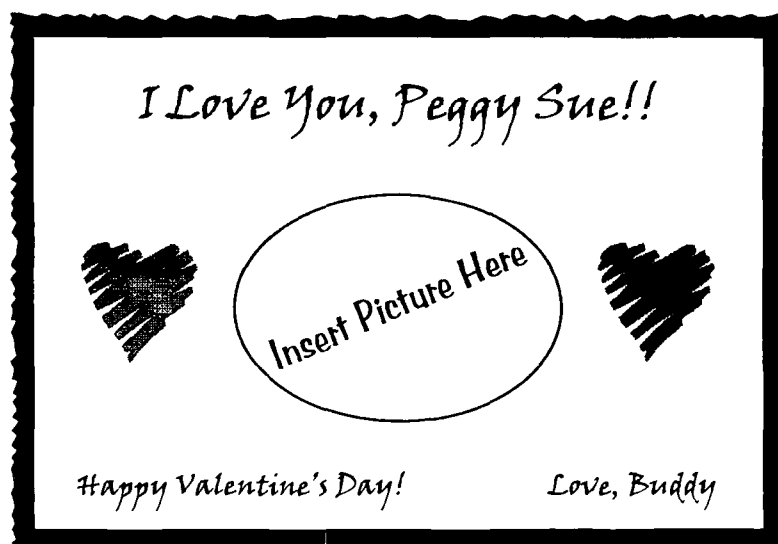


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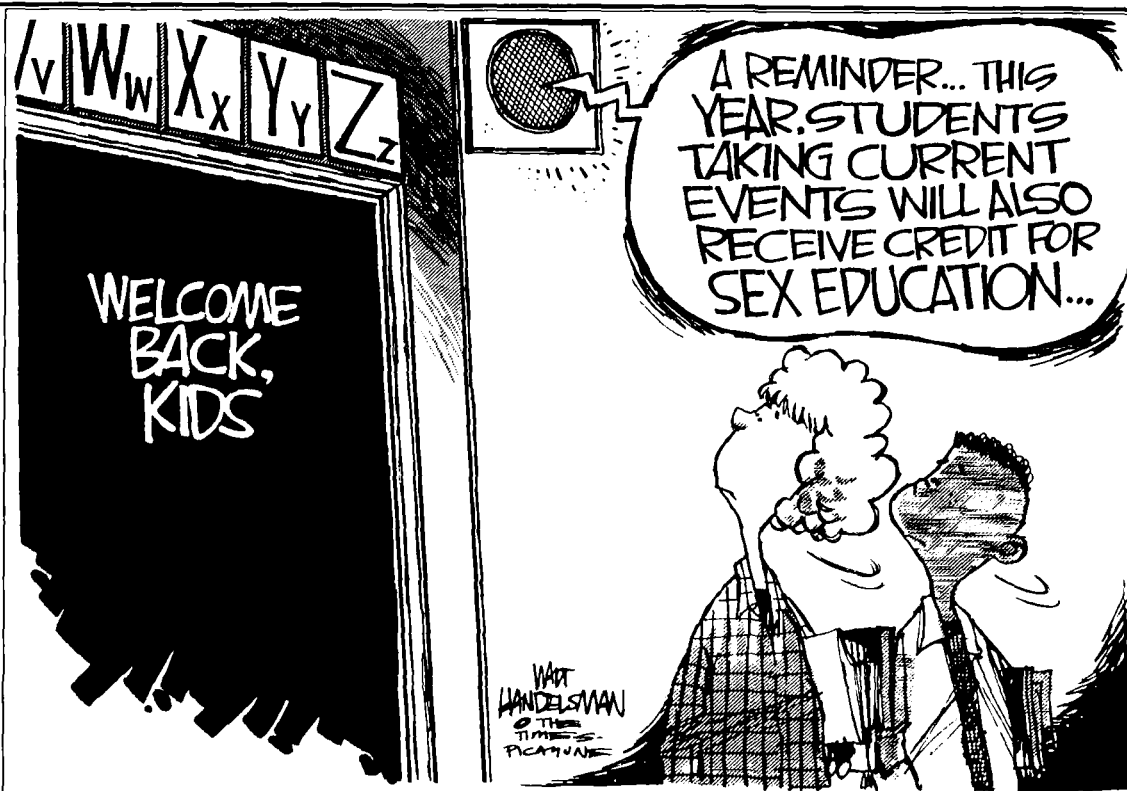
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EDITORIAL

Lead, Don't Follow: Approve Clause Amendment

"They (homosexuals) must be accepted with respect, compassion and sensitivity. Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided."

— CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, PARAGRAPH 2358

When the University kicked GLND/SMC off campus in 1995, it kick-started an emotional and heated chain of rallies, controversies and theological debates about gay rights at Notre Dame.

As it stands, homosexuals receive no legal protection from Notre Dame against sexual orientation-based discrimination. This must change.

On Friday, the Board of Trustees — an entire ocean away from the people its decision directly affects — has the power to right the wrong by approving the addition of sexual orientation to the legal non-discrimination clause.

In doing so, Notre Dame would reassert itself as a true leader among its peer institutions.

As one defense of Notre Dame's current lack of legal protection for homosexual students, public relations chief Dennis Moore pointed out that no other Catholic university in the country includes sexual orientation in its non-discrimination clause.

But Notre Dame did not earn its reputation as the premier Catholic university in the country by simply following someone else's lead.

We need to blaze the trail, not follow the pack. By the logic Moore cited, Notre Dame would feel perfectly justified in collectively jumping off a bridge if every other Catholic institution in the U.S. did it.

Admittedly, it can be complicated to reconcile homosexuality with the Catechism embraced by Notre Dame as an institution — but it is possible. No person should feel powerless if they're being victimized for simply being him or herself.

A majority of The Observer Editorial Board believes the University should add sexual orientation to the clause and brave whatever the fallout might be.

The Catechism mandates that homosexuals be treated with respect and be saved from *unjust discrimination*. What is 'just' discrimination, then? How can one justify refusing to protect homosexuals from people who deny them the respectful treatment the Catechism says they deserve?

In defense of choosing to create a non-legally binding Spirit of Inclusion statement in 1997,

University president Father Edward Malloy pointed to the difference between Catholicism's definition of sexual orientation and that of the courts.

Malloy said the courts interpret "homosexual orientation" as an umbrella term encompassing both the existence of the sexual preference and its accompanying lifestyle. Conversely, Catholicism separates the concepts — homosexual orientation in and of itself is deemed acceptable, but the Church rejects the active lifestyle and romantic feelings.

Notre Dame contends that "frivolous lawsuits" could ensue from the clause amendment. But victims of discrimination need legal legs on which to stand, and by deeming homosexuals underserving of such protection, Notre Dame is sending its own discriminatory message.

The University should not fear or look down upon its homosexual students and faculty. Christ preached "love thy neighbor" because he loved and accepted all people; at a Catholic institution, it is rational to expect that each person would not only be welcomed in the spirit of that love, but protected by it.

The Spirit of Inclusion was a good first step, but without the law behind it, it lacks backbone. The Spirit of Inclusion simply suggests that no one discriminate, but homosexual students and faculty are the only group that has nowhere to turn when people don't take the statement to heart.

Still, it is doubtful the Board of Trustees will approve the amendment without some kind of compromise. And it seems Notre Dame can take the high road here without contravening the Catechism. If the Board plans to reject the amendment flat-out, the Editorial Board unanimously implores it to pursue the following compromise:

Add sexual orientation to the clause and insert a codicil clarifying that the University uses the term only in reference to the preference in and of itself. That way, Notre Dame adheres to the Catechism by not advocating homosexual activity, but still gives homosexual students the legal protection that they, as human beings, richly deserve.

EDITORIAL

Just Say No: Big Ten, CIC Wrong for ND

"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."

— PROFESSOR KENNETH M. SAYRE
PHILOSOPHY DEPT., UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

The Big Ten and the Committee on Institutional Cooperation are not for Notre Dame.

There are numerous arguments to the contrary, but none can overcome the simple fact that the proposed conference membership will drastically alter the unique status Notre Dame currently enjoys. By joining the Big Ten and the CIC, the University may indeed improve its numerical standing in various academic polls, but at what cost to the quality of its undergraduate program; at what cost to its athletic department; at what cost to the Catholic character it claims to hold so dear?

Rankings are not what make Notre Dame special.

Its individuality and willingness to stand on its own make Notre Dame special.

Affiliation with the CIC, says Tony Hyder, associate vice president for Graduate Studies, "would immediately improve our profile among graduate and research institutions." It is true that expanded opportunities for graduate studies and increased funding for research should enhance Notre Dame's ability to attract top-quality professors, but we question the passion that any such faculty would have for teaching undergraduates.

Profile among research institutions is not what makes Notre Dame special.

The superior quality of its liberal-arts undergraduate education is what makes Notre Dame special.

In terms of athletics, the powers-that-be have not even cited any genuine benefits of entering a new conference. There is the assertion that Notre Dame's geographical centrality among its potential Big Ten opponents would decrease travel time and expenses. But the probable switch from air travel to bus travel for away games would increase travel time in many cases. Also, Big Ten scheduling nuances are projected to cause more class absences for certain athletes.

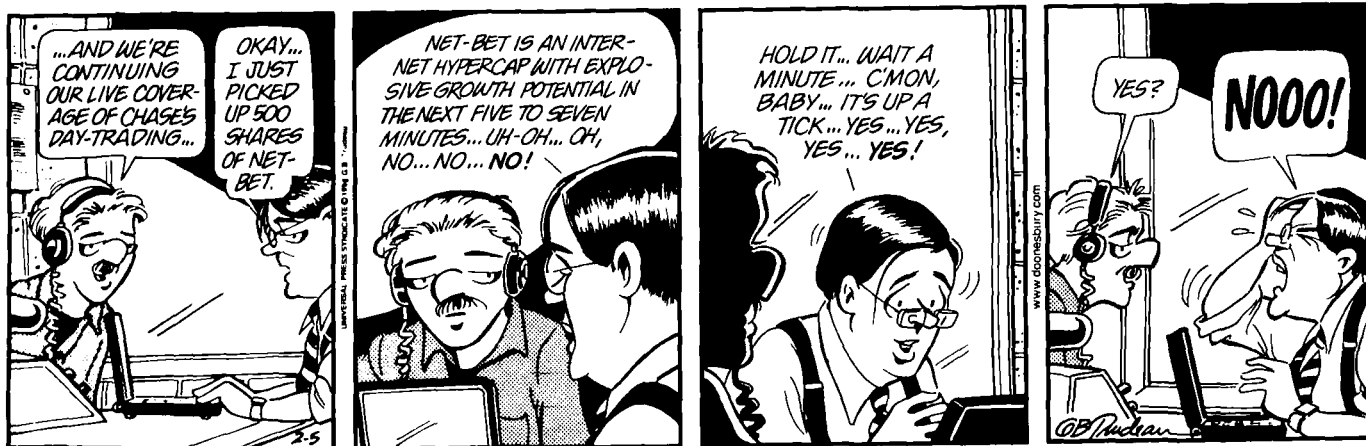
Volleyball coach Debbie Brown expressed excitement about the strength of competition in the Big Ten, but even she cannot justify the switch from the Big East. "From a pure volleyball standpoint, I'd join the Big Ten," said Brown. "Just looking at what's best for

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QUOTE OF THE DAY



'If you eliminate smoking and gambling you will be amazed to find that almost all an Englishman's pleasures can be, and mostly are, shared by his dog.'

— George Bernard Shaw

■ SURF'S UP

The Will of the People, Alien Presidents and the Future of the Republic

Yesterday, the front page of the New York Times blared: "DAMAGED BY TRIAL, SENATE'S STANDING SINKS IN NEW POLL!" Smaller tense additions to the headline contain a gloomy forecast of Republican losses in the 2000 elections and a declaration of the securely moored polling truth that, in contrast,

Brandon Williams



"Clinton Is Still Popular." The story that these headlines advertise disseminates and analyzes the results of

a new New York Times poll of a little over 1,000 American adults. Basically, the verdict is that the American people still approve of President Clinton (an effective steward of a booming economy) and don't approve of Republicans (prosecutors of the effective steward of a booming economy).

My question is; who cares?

According to the poll, 56 percent of the American electorate disapproves of the way the Senate is handling the impeachment trial. Fifty-one percent would be satisfied if the trial was adjourned and the matter dropped and 55 percent agree that impeachment is punishment enough and the matter should be dropped. Yet, for all the oracular dressing of "The Poll" as the voice of some new authoritative deity called "The People," only 19 percent of respondents said that they had been following the trial closely. In other words, although these people aren't paying close attention to a trial that involves enough legally and Constitutionally specialized language and intricacies to daunt some first year law students, the media places their collective opinion on whether or not the trial should continue right up there with God's. And Congress is listening, even though this trial really does tread in areas of potentially significant philosophical, governmental, structural and legal ramifications. In fact, this story about a poll is considered so important that it shares the front page with news of the actual proceedings of the impeachment trial, air attacks on Iraq, the Kosovo Peace Talks, potential ways to lower risk for coronary disease, the death of one of the greatest art patrons in American history and the significant rise of unemployment in Japan.

I am reminded of a Simpsons episode from around the time of the '96 Presidential campaign in which President Clinton and Senator Dole are kidnapped by aliens who then proceed, through sinister alien technology, to impersonate the two candidates in the presence of the American electorate. The two aliens speak openly of the demise of American civilization. Yet, they do it with flare; and so the electorate stays happy. During one particularly poignant satirical moment the alien candidate Dole gives a speech about abortion. He begins with, "Abortion for nobody!" The crowd boos. In an all too common political reversal alien-Dole goes on, "Abortion for everybody!" The crowd boos again. Thinking for a moment, he then proclaims, "Abortion for some, and little American flags for everyone else!" The crowd goes wild.

Unfortunately, the reason this Simpsons episode is so funny is because its satire humorously portrays the truth. What is this truth? The American electorate, of which we are all a part, is currently uninformed, inconsistent, presumptuous and concerned mostly with the maintenance of personal security.

Yet, politicians, and especially the media, have somehow succeeded in deifying "The People." This is taking us precariously away from a rep-

resentative democratic government of laws and potentially into a tyranny of the majority — as that majority is defined by political polls. This past year, in the initiative-happy West of which I am part, there were a number of issues put directly to the vote of the citizens of my state of Montana. Among them were many issues about which I simply did not feel qualified to vote without performing significantly more research. Granted, we were given little voter packets that gave sound-bite filled arguments for each side of the debate over the initiative, but these were hardly substantive or conclusive. Now, I don't consider myself an uninformed voter. In fact, I would consider myself a pretty well informed voter. Yet, I, on many of the issues, didn't feel that I had enough knowledge, that I had done enough research, to make decisions that might drastically affect my state's government and economy and my children's future. Ideally, I've elected representatives whose sole purposes are to do the research and to educate themselves properly so that they can act responsibly in my interests and in the interests of what is right when governing my state and my country. If I

think that they are doing this poorly, then it is my obligation as a citizen in a Republic to educate myself before advocating for substantive change and electing people who would do a better job.

Similarly, most interviewed in this poll, even if they are sick of the trial, are probably not qualified to call for its end. A just, fair and complete trial should take place given the Constitutional gravity of the subject matter — even if people don't care, or think that the ramifications of any verdict will be limited. We elected representatives to handle situations like the impeachment trial. If we are going to dis-

agree with how they are doing so we had better be informed in our disagreement. Matters like this are too grave to do otherwise.

Much of this reverence for "Polls" and "The People," like the initiative system in the West, came out of the Populist/Progressive movement. They were justified reforms, as the poor were being terribly oppressed by overly influential moneyed interests. However, as Teddy Roosevelt pointed out during the campaign of 1912, these reforms and this power placed in the hands of the people must be used responsibly. In the end, this responsibility goes back to the "eternal vigilance" that is the "price of liberty," as prescribed by Thomas Jefferson. In other words, if we don't want to regress as a nation, we need to stand up or shut up — not something in between.

Although one should not underestimate the gravity of the impeachment trial, the American political system will rebound whatever the outcome. Perhaps, rightly or wrongly, the Republicans will pay in 2000. The greater and more lasting danger is an uninformed electorate. If its whims and largely ignorant collective opinions continue to be viewed as sacrosanct then not only will poor government result, but demagoguery will eventually rear its ugly head. Then 49 percent of the people might find out the hard way that 51 percent of the people can be wrong.

Brandon Williams is a history and philosophy major who, although he insists he is from Montana, annually laments his move from California to Big Sky country by throwing a beach party — fake sand, plastic pools, Beach Boys and all — for he and his surfer buddies. Oh, and he has not formed an opinion as to whether or not the President should be thrown out of office. His column runs every other Thursday.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Responsibility for the Problem of the Poor Does Fall on the Rich

In a recent column, Dustin Ferrell argued that Catholic teaching does not view as morally problematic the possession of significant wealth, as long as this wealth is obtained "ethically." Ferrell strongly criticized those who contend that the rich are "in deep moral and spiritual peril." In truth, however, Catholic teaching does raise grave concern about the very possession of wealth, particularly in a world in which there are persons who lack basic necessities. This is a central theme that runs from the Bible to contemporary Catholic Social Teaching.

In the Bible, criticism of wealth is a common theme in

“THE RICH,” CHRYSOSTOM STATES, “ARE IN POSSESSION OF THE GOODS OF THE POOR, EVEN IF THEY HAVE ACQUIRED THEM HONESTLY OR INHERITED THEM LEGALLY.” IF THE RICH ALLOW THE POOR TO GO HUNGRY (AS NEARLY A BILLION IMPOVERISHED PERSONS GO HUNGRY IN OUR WORLD TODAY), THEY ARE “A SPECIES OF BANDIT.”

Jesus' preaching. "Woe to you who are rich," Jesus states, "for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry" (Luke 6: 24-25). "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God. For it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God" (Luke 18:24-25). More positively stated, Jesus calls all persons to a deep love which would gladly lead to sharing with those in need, such that the amassing of personal wealth would not even be thinkable.

In the early church, strong warnings concerning the dangers of wealth continue. Highlighting the identification of Christ with the poor, St. John Chrysostom states: "You eat to excess; Christ eats not even what he needs. You eat a variety of cakes; he eats not even a piece of dried bread ... You live in luxury on things that properly belong to him. Chrysostom here highlights the biblical notion that the goods of the earth are intended for all. "The rich," Chrysostom states, "are in possession of the goods of the poor, even if they have acquired them honestly or inherited them legally." If the rich allow the poor to go hungry (as nearly a billion impoverished persons go hungry in our world today), they are "a species of bandit."

Contemporary Catholic Social Teaching reiterates the claim that no one is justified in possessing more than is required to meet their own basic needs while others lack necessities. Pope Paul VI, in his 1967 encyclical *Populorum Progressio*, states:

"It is well known how strong were the words used by the Fathers of the Church to describe the proper attitude of persons who possess anything toward persons in need. To quote St. Ambrose: "You are not making a gift of your possessions to the poor person. You are handing over to him what is his. For what has been given in common for the use of all, you have arrogated to yourself. The world is given to all, and not only to the rich." That is, private property does not constitute for anyone an absolute and unconditioned right. No one is justified in keeping for his exclusive use what he does not need, when others lack necessities" (*Populorum Progressio* 23).

Pope John Paul II has addressed further the structural connections between wealth and poverty. The pope argues that justice and solidarity require "sacrificing the position of income and power enjoyed by the more developed economies." What is needed, the pope states, is "a change of lifestyles, of models of production and consumption, and of the established structures of power which today govern societies." (*Centesimus Annus* 52, 58)

While all of us may fall short of living as simply as possible in order to share our excess wealth with others (a simplicity which would also limit our ecological impact), this clearly is the goal toward which we should be striving. At the same time, as Catholic Social Teaching suggests, God's call of love demands that we work for the establishment of more just social systems, systems in which the world's goods are more equitably distributed and creation more responsibly tended.

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the student-athlete, though, I think it's best to stay in the Big East."

Strength of conference is not what makes Notre Dame special.

Its dedication to the needs and concerns of its student-athletes is what makes Notre Dame special.

Indeed, Notre Dame football has flourished outside the confines of a conference. Independent status paved the way for a lucrative television contract with NBC, which not only provides Notre Dame with a major source of revenue, but also creates national exposure for the football team.

Additional exposure emanates from the geographic diversity of the teams that highlight Notre Dame's yearly schedules. Since the members of the class of '99 were freshmen, the football team has played games at Washington, Texas, USC, Stanford, Boston College, Pittsburgh, LSU, Hawaii and four major Big Ten sites. The benefits of this exposure in the recruiting process cannot be underestimated.

Though some coaches have indicated that their recruiting philosophy and focus would not change with Big Ten membership, there can be no doubt that many players would have second thoughts about attending Notre Dame without its television contract and inter-regional schedule. And despite the coaches' attempts to present a positive outlook on the situation, it seems that none would choose Big Ten membership over continued independence.

Recruiting Midwestern talent is not what makes Notre Dame special.

Its ability to capture the hearts and souls of students from far and wide is what makes Notre Dame special.

Ironically, the Big Ten's historical rejection of Notre Dame is the reason that the football program remains independent. According to Murray Sperber, author of *Onward to Victory*,

anti-Catholic sentiment was a strong contributing factor in the conference's repeated denials of the University's applications for admission throughout the early part of the 20th century.

Neither the Big Ten nor the CIC currently boasts a Catholic member. In fact, almost every one of universities that comprise the CIC are publicly operated institutions with no obligation whatsoever to take the concerns of a Catholic university into consideration. Given the Notre Dame administration's endless use of rhetoric regarding the Catholic character of the University for the purposes of defending its outdated and discriminatory policies toward particular members of the Notre Dame family, the desire to form a partnership with the Big Ten is outrageous.

Ultimately, the Big Ten and CIC are organizations that have discriminated against Notre Dame in the past on the basis of its Catholic character, and they are organizations that reserve the right to engage in research and other activities that fly in the face of the Catechism our university purports to uphold.

In accepting a partnership with these organizations' members, Notre Dame is selling its soul for the secular interests of a powerful few. According to the Student Senate, the Campus Life Council and the student body president, the undergraduate population of Notre Dame opposes Big Ten affiliation. According to Elizabeth Toomey, president of the Alumni Association, the alumni who had contacted her were strongly opposed to membership in the conference. According to several professors, the Faculty Senate vote in favor of CIC partnership was not representative of the faculty as a whole.

Administrative bullying and greed are not what make Notre Dame special.

Its dedicated students, loyal alumni and passionate faculty are what make Notre Dame special.

The list could go on and on, but the central point remains: The Big Ten and the CIC are not for Notre Dame.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

*Fast against Discrimination,
Fast for the Family,
Fast for Catholic Values*



Why am I fasting? In short, I am fasting in support of Catholic values. There is a popular bumper sticker that reads "Hate is not a family value." Since the Catholic Church supports families and family values, why would the Church ever support hate? Hate is not a family value. Hate is not a Catholic value. Discrimination is hate. Discrimination is anti-Catholic. Discrimination is wrong. As a Catholic, I pray for change. This is why I'm fasting. Meg Penrose, Center for Civil and Human Rights.

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February 2, 1999

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Hypocrisy? Hmmmmmm ...

Throughout the course of this year I have followed closely the ongoing debate over the non-discrimination clause, one which will be resolved (at least in theory) this weekend in London. Time and again during this period I have noted with amazement that with each passing week, the arguments seem to grow more spirited, and their respective combatants more impassioned. I must admit that by no means am I as firm in belief on this issue as many of my fellow students, and that this fact likely contributes to my naivete of their convictions.

This is not, however, the real cause for my writing, or shall I say my alarm. In a letter published yesterday by Dillon freshman Nathaniel Hannan, I was unfortunate enough to read what I consider some of the most discouraging comments of the entire debate. In commenting on Monday night's pro non-discrimination rally guest starring Phil Donahue, it seems that Mr. Hannan used some sweeping generalizations which do little but support the very hypocrisy which he claims to condemn.

I am not a homosexual. Or maybe I am. I'm in favor of the non-discrimination clause. Or maybe I'm not. Who knows? Maybe you, Mr. Hannan are also all or none of these things. Such, however, is not the issue. What is the issue are comments such as, "Let us agitate for real peace, real truth, real justice for those whom it really matters and forget about our petty differences." I'm struggling with the concept of this statement. For whom does real peace, truth and justice really matter? Or perhaps more fittingly, for whom DO THEY NOT MATTER? If you are capable of making this distinction, Mr. Hannan then I applaud your prescience and congratulate the philosophy and theology departments for having sent you.

My favorite statement is not the aforementioned, however, but rather one that states despite ongoing genocide and political oppression in other parts of the world, "... on the campus of the premier Catholic university in America, we are whining about how there isn't legally binding protection for a very small group of people." I hope you would agree that "very small group of people" is synonymous with the word minority,

of which it would seem you have never been a part. Thus, here you question if we should even bother with a debate that centers on ensuring/denying the legal rights of a minority group. Sounds a lot to me like the kind of argument that prevented the NAACP from functioning

'T **SHOULD EVEN BOTHER WITH A DEBATE THAT CENTERS ON ENSURING/DENYING THE LEGAL RIGHTS OF A MINORITY GROUP. SOUNDS A LOT TO ME LIKE THE KIND OF ARGUMENT THAT PREVENTED THE NAACP FROM FUNCTIONING HARASSMENT-FREE IN THE DEEP SOUTH DURING THE 1960'S. OR THE KIND THAT FUELED BONFIRES OF BOOKS IN GERMANY 60 YEARS AGO.'**

harassment-free in the Deep South during the 1960's. Or the kind that fueled bonfires of books in Germany 60 years ago. You call us hypocrites for attending to the strength and future of our own community while ignoring the plight of those

elsewhere. In the same breath, however, you tell us that we must fight for real justice, as long as it pertains to the (ethnic/racial/socioeconomic, etc.?) majority. You speak of hypocrisy? In the words of one song lyric, "(Maybe) It's time for everyone to clean up their own back yard, before they go knocking on their neighbor's door."

I have heard many arguments for and against the inclusion of the non-discrimination clause in the past few months, but it seems to me that your's Mr. Hannan has little at all to do with this issue. For it also seems, you are by no means indicting one side's stance on the argument, but rather the fact that the argument is occurring. The last time I checked, education, in particular that which is supposed to occur at one of the world's leading universities, was meant to encourage such discussion. Beyond even the scope of "our small problems under the Dome," the last time I checked on democracy,

it was supposed to do the same thing. Perhaps if other, once considered "petty" problems had been addressed in places such as Teheran and Timor, then the atrocities which are currently occurring there would not be. It seems to me that no matter our sexual orientation or 'merely' our stance on this particular issue, we are all among the group "for whom it really matters." You speak of having "a chance at the Kingdom on earth (sic) in fulfillment," only after we put aside our "petty differences." If we are all God's children, however, it seems to me that none of us are petty. It would also seem to me, therefore, that neither are the walls of the issues that divide us.

Paul A. Camarata
Freshman, Dillon Hall
February 3, 1999

Fun in the sun: Spring

For those of you who love to wait to the last minute to make Spring Break plans, Scene provides you with some alternatives to spending the week in South Bend

By ANNE IASELLA
Scene Writer

Still contemplating Spring Break? Do visions of warm beaches, tropical mixed drinks and tiny bathing suits float through your mind?

Not to be the bearer of bad news, but, this dream is about to shatter. As Spring Break approaches, flights begin to fill up and the ultimate party package that a couple of months ago seemed reasonable will now break your budget. But, for you — the one in the computer lab at four a.m. last night — there is still hope for the hopeless procrastinator.

Thanks to United Limo, the full flights out of South Bend won't stop you from making your ultimate spring break get-away a reality. For those big spenders out there, the sky is the limit. How about a trip to Jamaica? It'll only cost you from \$637-717 based upon a four or five person estimate. This trip includes hotel, tax, flight, a party package, transfers to and from the airport and a room at a cliff-side property.

For the less adventurous, who have visions of domestic beauties and hunks in mind, Key West is your ultimate destination. Imagine you and a member of the opposite sex in a warm parietal-

free environment. While you snuggle up to that irresistible other, remember that you are enacting the ultimate Notre Dame romance (after all it's destined to be over within a week). This trip will cost \$259-800 for a seven-night stay at a hotel and \$400-450 for a flight out of Chicago.

While Cancun and Orlando are popular destinations, it seems like there's always room for more. For those of you who don't have free access to your father's bank account, this trip is for you. A flight to Orlando, five nights in a hotel and tax will cost \$288. And sorry, free covers at Pleasure Island aren't included. Cancun, however, does offer all the free covers and drinks you want, but, I'll let you decide if you're getting a deal. This trip includes beach-front property, a flight out of Chicago, tax, transfers and a party package for \$745.

"If you have friends studying abroad, call them up, write and send some care packages," says former Anthony Travel employee Bridget Holland. Often times flights to Europe are cheaper than those in the U.S. Flights to London are \$288 out of O'Hare plus a \$77 tax. But you can't procrastinate much longer.

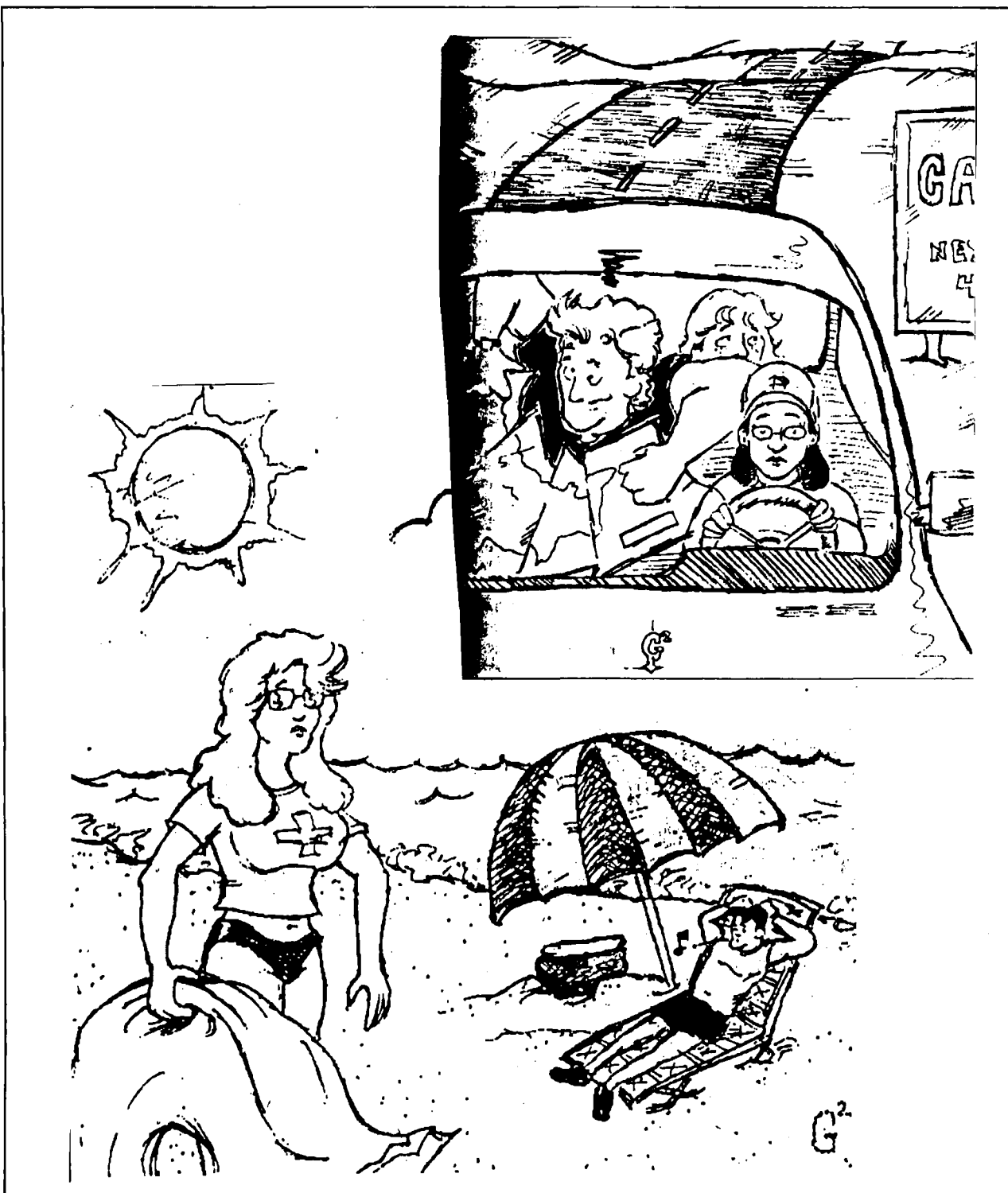
If the typical spring break meat market isn't your thing, then there may still be a possibility to

take a seminar in Washington, D.C. through the Center for Social Concerns. As you plead with the staff at the CSC, you'll think it's still DART time because the official application due date was January 28. But according to Jay Brandenburger, director of the seminar, applications are still being accepted.

"All the other seminars are full, but the seminar on violence and nonviolence in American life might still be accepting applicants," said Brandenburger.

This one credit program provides an understanding into the problem of violence in the United States and an exploration into its solutions. Yes, out-of-class assignments are included, but this is one Spring Break trip you can feel proud of after your return home.

As my assignment ends yours is just beginning. According to Anthony Travel agent Kayleen Carr "things have been pretty picked over," so it's time to put aside the dawdling and get going. While Spring Break seems eons away to the typical college student, the long lines at the travel agency will surely inject a dose of reality into any procrastinator.



Still looking for that ultimate Spring Break getaway? Check out these prices.

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Cancun:

Hotel, flight and party package:
\$745

g Break '99

Student snapshots ...



Top: Notre Dame students are seen outside a café in Valencia, Spain during Spring Break 1998.

Middle: Notre Dame students Peggy Watson, Leigh Noethen, Karla Acayan and Nina Stephan (left to right) pose outside their hotel in Cancun, Mexico last year.

Bottom: Three Notre Dame students enjoy themselves in a plaza in San Sebastian, Spain during last year's Spring Break.

■ SCENE THROUGH OUR EYES

Parrothead Wisdom

By SARAH DYLAG
Scene Editor

Tropical islands, late nights and long sunny days on the beach spent sleeping off hangovers. Welcome to Spring Break.

But, for those of you planning seven days of fun in the sun during the first week of March — don't make the mistake of thinking you're not going to learn anything on your vacation. Sure, you'll pack your books away and vow not to study. You'll boycott the reading assignments your professors gave you and promise to fry any extra brain cells under the afternoon sun or in the midst of evening activities.

But you can't escape it. Because in the background of your tropical paradise, somewhere, someone will be playing Jimmy Buffett music. It's almost a requirement for any true Spring Break adventure.

And, thus, as the music floats to your ears through salty, ocean air, you will acquire vast and unparalleled knowledge.

All you really need to know about life comes from a Jimmy Buffett song.

Philosopher, engineers, poets and overprotective parents may debate this fact, but the truth cannot be ignored. When it comes to adventure, money, romance, relationships and fun, Buffett has it all figured out.

Take, for example, the advice he offers about life in general in "Now and Then." With infinite wisdom, he tells his listeners, "If you leave it then somebody else is bound/ to find that treasure that moment of pleasure/when yours, it might have been." Although he never defines the elusive "it," the message of the line is clear — "carpe diem." Don't be afraid to reach out and chase after what you want because if you don't take a risk, you might never know what could have been.

Perhaps you need some advice about money. Look no further than the insightful "A Pirate Looks at Forty." Here, Buffett explains how he "had enough money to buy Miami, but pissed it away so fast. Never meant to last." In other words, money slips through your hands like water and it can't buy happiness. A trite cliché, perhaps, but one that we all need to remember as we set out trying to figure out the rest of our lives. Instead of money, look for something more meaningful and you'll probably be a lot more successful.

Or maybe you're just looking for a little adventure in your life. Of course, the king of crazy adventures has all of the answers — To have adventure, one must stay open to new experiences. As the story in "Last Mango in Paris" ends, "There's still so much to be done." Setting and reaching goals is always an accomplishment, but it doesn't end until you stop breathing — so don't ever stop. Life will throw you new adventures everyday.

The list could continue, but the lyrics will be more effective if you pick up a Buffett CD for yourself — there are more than enough to choose from. Let it play in the background while you soak up the Spring Break rays and you will return to this Midwestern paradise a much smarter and highly enlightened individual.

Once you grasp the simple Parrothead concept that life does not have to be as serious as we make it, a lifetime of adventures can begin. You can live "happily ever after, every now and then." And you'll have Spring Break to thank for it.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

■ NBA

Knicks lose Oakley, Starks, sign Sprewell

Associated Press

NEW YORK

The most important change to the New York Knicks might not be the addition of Latrell Sprewell. It could be the subtraction of Charles Oakley.

The Knicks enter the lock-out-shortened 1999 season with a drastically altered roster. The talent seems to be upgraded, but the toughness has been reduced.

Gone are Oakley, the heart and soul of the team, John Starks, the spark plug off the bench, and veterans Chris Mills and Terry Cummings.

In their place are Sprewell, the three-time All-Star best known for choking his coach, and a host of others including Marcus Camby, Kurt Thomas, Dennis Scott, David Wingate and Rick Brunson.

"It's a whole different team in '99," said Herb Williams, who along with Patrick Ewing is the only holdover from the Knicks team that went to the NBA Finals just five years ago, losing in seven games to the Houston Rockets.

No longer will opponents fear the wrath of Oakley when they drive the lane.

No longer will they wonder whether Starks will come off the bench to quickly sink three 3-pointers.

Now, opponents will struggle to figure the Knicks out as they struggle to figure themselves out.

"This year, the trouble with all the newness is we're not going to have a chance to work our way through it," said Jeff Van Gundy, who enters his fourth season as head coach. "It's a little bit scary for a team that's a little bit older and undergoing a lot of change to be doing that in

this type of year."

The Knicks will certainly be different, and problems could develop as New York tries to mix the best of the old with the best of the new.

What happens the first time the Knicks are down by a point with 10 seconds left? Who gets the last shot?

Do they give the ball to Ewing, as they've done for more than a decade?

Do they give it to Sprewell, who can create his own shot as well as anyone?

Do they give it to Allan Houston, who was supposed to be the team's next superstar until Sprewell came along?

Only time will tell.

"I feel very good about this team. I think we've grown to really like to see each other do well," said Houston, who has consistently deferred to Ewing during his two seasons in New York. "We really seem to pick each other up in practice."

"But as far as intangibles, you really can't tell if this team is better."

For the past four years, the Knicks have been unable to make it past the second round of the playoffs despite the additions of Houston, Larry Johnson, Chris Childs, Charlie Ward and countless others.

They were eliminated 4-1 by the Indiana Pacers last season after Ewing unexpectedly returned from a career-threatening wrist fracture.

So many years of getting older but not advancing further led general manager Ernie Grunfeld to trade Oakley, who had been with the Knicks for 10 years, to the Toronto Raptors for Camby.

■ NBA

Kukoc takes on leading role

Associated Press

DEERFIELD, Ill.

For Toni Kukoc, the days of being the much-chastised third option are over.

No more screaming from coach Phil Jackson, no more coming off the bench as the Chicago Bulls' sixth man, no more deferring to Michael Jordan or Scottie Pippen.

On this remodeled team, Kukoc is the man, the go-to guy in what will surely be a season filled with losses.

Kukoc wears a look of relief these days, glad he was part of three championship teams but eager to move on in this new role. It means more leadership, more scoring and more shots for the Croatian.

"If I need a reminder of the past, I can just look up here," Kukoc says of the championship banners hanging on the walls at the Bulls' practice facility.

Kukoc scored 32 points in the Bulls' exhibition loss to Indiana earlier this week, a mixture of jump shots — a part of his game that can be erratic — and long-armed, left-handed drives to the basket.

Kukoc knows the Bulls' triangle offense as well as anyone and how to make it work, and is being counted on by rookie coach Tim Floyd to convey his knowledge to a host of new teammates who are still trying to understand it.

"He's been interesting to watch," Floyd said Thursday. "From a guy who was silent the first week who now seems more pronounced and vocal on the floor, not only with the older guys but with our newcomers."

Kukoc was known as "The Waiter" during his playing days in Europe for his ability to serve other players with clever, no-look passes. He still lists Magic Johnson, perhaps the greatest passer in NBA his-



KRT Photo

With superstars Jordan, Rodman, and Pippen gone, Chicago Bulls' forward Toni Kukoc will have to step up his game this season.

tory, as the one player he'd like to face one-on-one.

"Toni is one of the most skilled players in the league. And now he has to step up and be a leader," said new teammate Brent Barry.

"He's been there and been through it, and he's going to be a source of strength for a young team learning and growing. He has to step into that role."

Kukoc, voted the NBA's best sixth man in 1995-96 when the Bulls won an NBA-record 72 regular-season games, never fashioned himself as anything but a starter.

When he joined the Bulls, Jordan retired for the first

time and Kukoc was crushed because it appeared his dream of playing with the world's best was over before it started.

But Jordan returned and the Bulls went on to three championships. Kukoc took his verbal beatings from Jordan and Jackson. With Floyd, the Bulls may not win as many games, but Kukoc's ears won't be ringing as much, either.

"He (Jackson) wanted us to be better, but I can get it out of myself without being yelled at," Kukoc said during the Bulls' abbreviated training camp.

"I had plenty of respect for Phil, but I didn't need the yelling."

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Did you know a 2-pt. Line can hide
2-pt. Text?
But that wasn't a very nice com-
ment.
-Laura

*****CRABS*****

For all those who followed with
sympathy the story of the death
and funeral of the crabs, you will be
happy to know that their owners
have now acquired two new crabs.
These crabs have yet to be named,
but several names are under con-
sideration, including "Meg and
Tom," "Romeo and Juliet," and
"Peanut Butter and Jelly."
A christening ceremony has not yet
been planned.

In lieu of congratulatory flowers,
donations are still being accepted
at 240 Lyons Hall.

Hi Emily. Hope you're feeling bet-
ter.

Joe Kozminski! I'm sorry I haven't
come by! It's just been so crazy.
But I saw you in the dining hall last
night, but you didn't see me. But
that's OK because I felt better
because "It's not dinner without
Joe." -Laura

Why do only cranky people write
letters to Viewpoint?

Oh yeah, you didn't take us, so
there!

Brad, I will call you. I promise. (You
know who you are. We've been
playing phone-tag for a while now.)

I hate writing, at least when it's late
and I haven't done it yet.

Sarah, thanks for the care package.
You rule.

Spoonball...catch the fever.

Bruinball...catch the flu.

Did you hear that noise?

It's time for Observer trivia! Here
are your two questions:

1) The college basketball AP poll
first appeared fifty years ago this
week. Can you name the Number 1
team from this poll?

2) Going into this weekend's first
regular season game, who's the
leading scorer in the preseason for
the Philadelphia 76ers?
Answers later...

No, seriously...did you hear that
noise?

Jen Holmes I love you to death and
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hope this makes up for my horrible
ways

I think Jackie Lynn should go on a
lecture tour - what about you T?

Toner ... toner ... toner ... toner

Answers to Observer trivia:

1) Saint Louis University
2) Former SLU point guard Larry
Hughes

No, seriously, that noise...it's com-
ing from the trunk.

■ NBA

Lakers look to sign Rodman

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

Dennis Rodman and the Lakers would be a marriage made in, well, Hollywood, and the team is definitely interested in the seven-time rebounding champ.

However, a couple of pressing questions remain. For one, does Rodman really want to play for Los Angeles? For another, when will he officially hire an agent, or will he represent himself?

The Los Angeles Times reported today that Lakers executive vice president Jerry West spoke Tuesday with Rodman's new agent, Steve Chasman, and was awaiting word from the 37-year-old forward.

Rodman has played on five of the last 10 NBA champions, including the last three with the Chicago Bulls.

"We've discussed it, but everyone's putting the cart before the horse," West told the Times. "We don't have any idea whether there's any interest on his part."

According to the newspaper, Chasman plans to discuss the situation with Rodman, who has said he would like to play for the Orlando Magic but also has shown interest in the Lakers. Houston and Miami are also interested.

However, leave it to the zany Rodman to do things differently. Chasman is not a certified agent with the players' union, meaning he can't negotiate a contract for Rodman.

Dwight Manley used to represent Rodman, but ended his affiliation with him last week. So from a legal standpoint, Rodman is currently without



KRT Photo

Seven-time rebounding champion Dennis Rodman has shown an interest in signing with both the Orlando Magic and the LA Lakers.

an agent, union spokesman Dan Wasserman said.

Players can represent themselves and have counsel or a lawyer present during talks. But they cannot have that person sign or negotiate for him if he is not certified with the National Basketball Players Association.

"The player is entitled to represent himself, and he can seek advice from anyone he chooses, but that person can

only advise him," Wasserman said.

Wasserman said there are a number of players, such as Milwaukee's Ray Allen and the recently retired Buck Williams, who don't have agents and negotiate their own contracts.

The Lakers can offer Rodman a veteran minimum starting salary of \$1 million under the new labor deal. Rodman has earned \$18 million in the last two seasons with the Bulls.

■ BOXING

Court to decide Tyson's fate

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The two men Mike Tyson attacked at a fender bender think the former heavyweight champ shouldn't go to jail. The prosecutor feels otherwise.

The opinion that counts is that of Judge Stephen Johnson, who on Friday will determine whether Tyson's latest comeback is done after just one fight.

Johnson will sentence the fighter on two counts of second-degree assault, prompting a decision in Indiana on whether Tyson violated his probation for a 1991 rape conviction.

"If he goes to jail here, it's much, much more likely he'll go to jail there," said Paul Kemp, Tyson's lawyer.

Johnson must determine whether Tyson is "nothing less than a time bomb buried in our back yard" — as argued by Montgomery County State's Attorney Douglas Gansler — or a "different Mike" who has taken well to therapy and has become a more caring person — as put forth by his adviser Shelley Finkel and others.

On Aug. 31, Tyson kicked one motorist and punched another after a minor three-car accident in the Washington suburb of Gaithersburg, Md. On Dec. 1, Tyson pleaded no contest — meaning he neither protests the assault charges nor admits guilt — and could receive up to 20 years' imprisonment.

"He acted inappropriately that day," Tyson's wife, Monica, who was driving when the accident occurred, told The Washington Post. "But he never intentionally struck anyone."

The two victims, Abmielec Saucedo and Richard Hardick, were paid an undisclosed amount to avoid a civil suit shortly before Tyson's plea. Both will be present Friday,

ready to testify on Tyson's behalf.

"Any inference that we've been purchased or bribed is off the wall," said Saucedo's lawyer, Glenn Culpepper. "From the very beginning, my client said he didn't want him to be convicted, he wanted him to be helped."

Tyson's lawyer, who will ask for probation, plans to call character witnesses, including one from a Washington homeless shelter where Tyson has been doing volunteer work. He will also point out Tyson's goodwill acts while training in Arizona — he visited teen-age inmates and paid for the funeral of a 2-year-old girl shot to death.

Tyson, who lives in Bethesda, Md., is undergoing therapy at Georgetown University.

"I think that his actions speak for themselves. You're seeing a different Mike," Finkel said. "This was a minor accident. The two defendants settled with him and said they wanted him to get help, and that's what happened. What more could you ask?"

The prosecution sees things differently. Gansler called Tyson a "bully" who committed "road rage." The prosecutor quoted the November Playboy interview in which Tyson called himself a "hateful individual" and said, "I know I'm going to blow one day."

"The state need go no further than the defendant's own statements to arrive at the conclusion that (he) is not only volatile, but dangerous," Gansler said.

Gansler also details Tyson's rape conviction in Indiana, seven brushes with the law as a juvenile, as well as the infamous fight in which Tyson bit off part of Evander Holyfield's ear in June 1997. Tyson subsequently had his boxing license revoked for a year before returning to knock out Francois Botha in a comeback bout last month.



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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Saint Mary's falls short against Kalamazoo

By MOLLY McVOY
Sports Writer

Once again, just when it seemed the Belles might turn the game around, a weak second half keyed a 75-49 loss to the Hornets of Kalamazoo.

"They didn't show up," said assistant coach Darcy Nikes of the Belles' second-half performance. "Everything we taught them in practice just left their minds."

The Belles had a six-point lead at one point in the first

half and appeared to have control in the beginning of the game.

But it was Kalamazoo that came to play in the second half, shooting .621 from the floor, .909 from the free-throw line and a perfect record from behind the three-point line.

At one point, the Hornets went on a six-minute scoring spree, taking the game from 41-36 with 12 minutes remaining to 56-36 with 6:15 left to play.

But playing with this ener-

gy, the Hornets erased what seemed like one of the Belles' better first halves of basketball.

Going into the second half, Saint Mary's was only behind by four, and they had the momentum of the game.

"In the first half, the defense was great," said Nikes. "We really played with a lot of confidence and control."

The full court press the Belles instituted in the first half seemed to stop the Hornets, but after half-time

Kalamazoo figured out the Belles' defensive strategy and shut down their offense.

Kalamazoo's leading scorer, Robin Fullman, helped the Hornets outscore Saint Mary's 48-26 in the second period of play.

"We knew what we had to accomplish," said Fullman. "In the first half, we didn't execute, but, in the second half, we came out to play."

A major factor in that scoring ability was Kalamazoo's rebounding. Saint Mary's was out-rebounded 35-14 at their

basket — if the Belles' first shot did not drop, that was their only chance.

This inconsistency has actually typified the season for the young Belles. With only five league games left, they need to prove they can play competitively for the full 40 minutes and rise above their 0-11 league record this week.

The Belles face Calvin College on Saturday and then head to Alma and Albion before returning home to face Defiance.



The Observer/Manuela Hernandez

The Saint Mary's basketball team hopes to rebound from its 75-49 loss to Kalamazoo when it faces Calvin College this Saturday.



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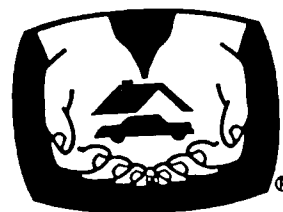
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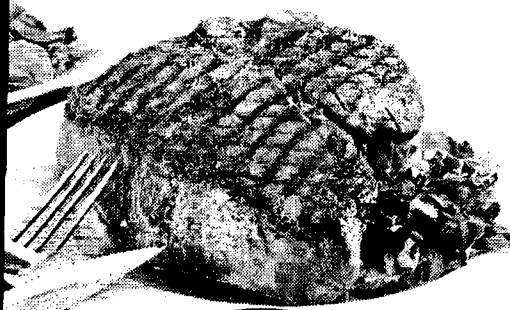
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Saturday, February 6, Moreau
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Freshman Team #21 Retreat

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The Black Presence in the Bible

"Reading the book of Joshua

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U.S." - Dr. Randall C. Baily,

Andrew C. Mellon Associate

Professor of Old Testament and

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Wednesday, February 10, 4:30 p.m.

Hesburgh Library Lounge

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Saturday, February 6 Mass

5:00 p.m.

Rev. John E. Conley, C.S.C.

Sunday, February 7 Mass

10:00 a.m.

Rev. Peter D. Rocca, C.S.C.

11:45 a.m.

Rev. James M. Lies, C.S.C.

Scripture Readings This Comming Sunday

1st Reading Isaiah 58:7-10

2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Gospel Matthew 5: 13-16

A Black History Month Celebration

Africentric Spirituality: A Two-Part Series

Part II - The Recovery of Black Presence in the Bible

Hagar was Abram's second wife and mother of his first child. She was the first person in Hebrew Scripture to name God. She was an Egyptian, a Black woman. Her scriptural presence and personal theophany is a sacred biography of her relationship with God - a biography which rescues other biographies long submerged in traditional biblical interpretation and teaching.

The Recovery of Black Presence in the Bible is the second part of our 2-part series on Africentric Spirituality at the University of Notre Dame. Just as we have revived the history of Black Catholics, we continue Black History Month by recovering the personal histories of our Black biblical ancestors. Whether examining the life of Moses in Exodus or the Ethiopian Eunuch in Acts of the Apostles, resurrecting our stories and reclaiming their virtue is key to recovering the cultural experiences and perspectives of Black people in the Bible. Africentric Spirituality is the sacred intermingling of African and African American cultures and the Christian faith. Traditionally, people of African descent believe that the spirit of God is present in both the sacred and secular, as life and its unfolding reflect God's intimate and eternal relationship with humanity. For Black people, it is in the storytelling, the sharing, the sacred writings and songs that remind us of the power inherent in God's gift of sacred scripture. Africentric spirituality is the outward expression of this gift. We seek and embrace God's presence through the language, thoughts, insights, and social and religious philosophies revealed in the personalities and experiences recounted in the Old and New Testament. Like Hagar, men and women of African descent permeate the pages of the bible. We are challenged to recast and reconstruct their stories and experience God in the power of their personal testimonies.

On Wednesday, February 10 and Thursday, February 11, Campus Ministry will continue the Black History Month celebration by welcoming renowned scripture scholar Rev. Dr. Randall C. Bailey to South Bend. The Andrew W. Mellon Assistant Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia, Dr. Bailey will present a lecture entitled The Black Presence in the Bible: Reading the Book of Joshua - Through the Eyes of the Indigenous People: The Task for Oppressed People in the U.S. He will encourage us to read the Book of Joshua by examining the story of the liberation/resistance struggle of the Canaanites and Gibeonites, the indigenous people of Canaan at the time of the Israelite occupation. Searching for the voices of the marginalized and dispossessed will expand and challenge our traditional view of Old Testament social history.

Dr. Bailey will present the lecture twice: once at Notre Dame in the Hesburgh Library Lounge on Wednesday, February 10 at 4:30 p.m., and again on Thursday, February 11 at 7:00 p.m. at Greater St. John Missionary Baptist Church, Rev. Dr. Billy Kirk, pastor. All are invited as we offer this challenging and thought provoking biblical perspective to the entire South Bend community.

Black History Month at the University of Notre Dame will be the recovery of our sacred memory as we reflect on those who have touched our lives and left a lasting mark on how we see God and the world. From prophet, king, and Messiah to pope, bishop and religious educator, an Africentric cultural consciousness has contributed faithfully to the life and ministry of the Judeo-Christian church. This two part series will take us through a journey which exposes an unwavering conviction of a people who were and continue to be faith manifest. Please join us in our celebration.

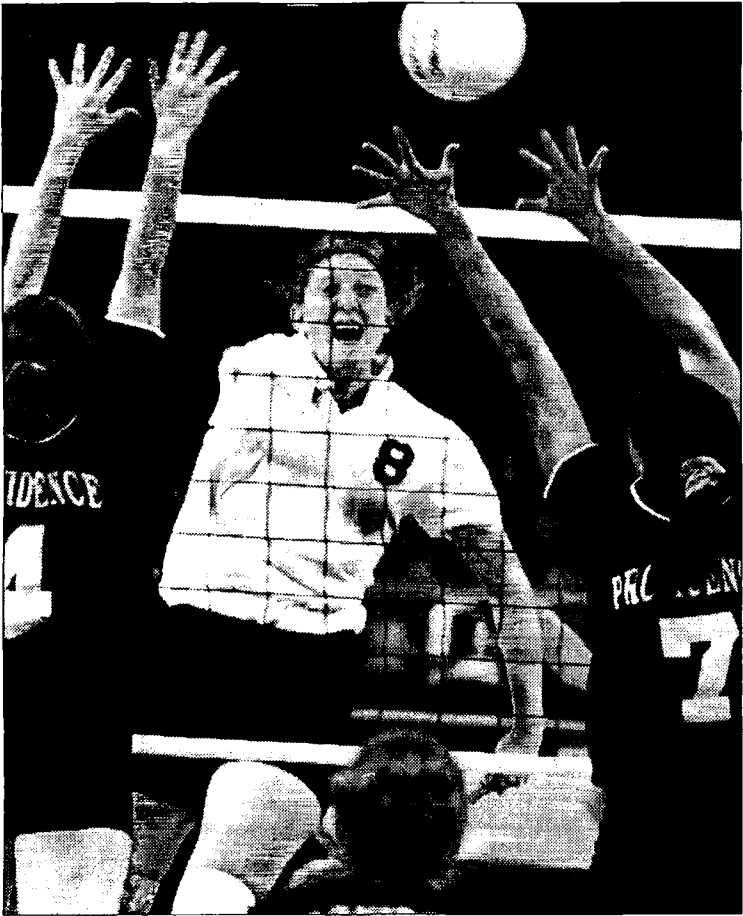
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CONSIDERATIONS...





Sophomore Mary Leffers and the Irish volleyball squad received a major boon yesterday when Kaitlin McEwen signed a letter of intent.

■ WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Notre Dame roster gains new recruit

Special to The Observer

While most students kept their eyes on the football team during national signing day, it wasn't the only sport in which players were being admitted. Yesterday afternoon, the Notre Dame volleyball team announced the signing of middle blocker Kaitlin McEwen to part of Notre Dame's class of 2003.

"We're very pleased to have her," head coach Debbie Brown said. "She's not someone who's that well-known, but we believe she has the potential for tremendous growth."

McEwen, a native of Dallas, Texas, who moved to Baton Rouge, La., played her senior season at Bishop Sullivan High School.

During her time there, she was an all-state selection, district MVP, a two-time all-tournament selection and a composite all-state academic team honoree.

As a team captain, she led Bishop Sullivan to a bi-district championship and an undefeated district record with 293 kills, 181 blocks, 114 digs and 56 aces on the season.

"When I took my visit, it was so overwhelming," McEwen said. "I loved the coaching staff and fit in with the team

very well. It just seemed like it was the place I wanted to be."

During her junior volleyball season at Lake Highlands High Schools in Dallas, McEwen averaged 4.4 kills per game and recorded 320 kills, 89 blocks and 194 digs while starring on the basketball team.

"Kaitlin is someone who we believe has a very high top end," Brown said. "She'll be able to learn a lot her freshman season with training, patience and hard work."

Currently, McEwen plays for the New Orleans-based Cajunland volleyball club team after playing for the Lake Highlands Volleyball Club while in Dallas.

"I'm looking to contribute in anyway I can," McEwen said. "I don't know what my role on the team will be, but I'm sure I'll find it when I arrive there."

Current members of the Notre Dame volleyball team were positive about the decision.

"We're so happy that she's coming," sophomore middle blocker Jo Jameyson said about the decision. "She's got really big shoes to fill with the departure of senior Lindsey Treadwell, but she'll be able to fill them."

Waldrum

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Angeles Skyhawks and the Indianapolis Daredevils of the American Soccer League.

"I am anxious to meet the team," Waldrum said. "I've worked with some of them with the under-20 national team so hopefully that will make the transition easier. The people at Notre Dame were so professional and down to earth throughout the whole process. They really gave me a comfort-

able feeling."

Waldrum becomes the third coach of Notre Dame women's soccer which has been in existence since 1988. Petrucelli coached the Irish for nine seasons and was preceded by Dennis Grace, who coached for two.

Waldrum was not the initial candidate for the vacant position at Notre Dame. Clive Charles, director of soccer at Portland, rejected the offer to coach Notre Dame soccer. In addition to his duties at Portland, Charles coaches the U.S. National men's team.

■ MEN'S SOCCER

Irish ink strong recruiting class

Special to The Observer

The University of Notre Dame men's soccer team signed three outstanding high school players to National Letters of Intent today. Head Coach Mike Berticelli has announced that defender Justin Ratcliffe (Miami, Fla.), a member of the Under-18 National Team; goalkeeper Greg Tait (Fayetteville, N.Y.), one of the nation's top high school goalkeeping prospects, and midfielder Paul Rodriguez (San Antonio, Tex.) will be members of Notre Dame Class of 2003.

"We are extremely excited about having these three players join our program next season," says Berticelli, who will be entering his 10th season with the Irish in 1999. "This is a very talented group that fills our needs. With some of our graduation losses, we had certain gaps to fill and I think we've done it by signing Justin, Greg and Paul."

Ratcliffe, a 5-11, 155-lb. defender, has been a three-year starter at American High School in Miami. A member of the Under-18 National Team, has helped his team to a 22-1-2 record this season. His squad, currently ranked first in the state, has given up just 12 goals all season and recorded 14 shutouts.

As a junior, Ratcliffe garnered first-team all-state and all-city honors. American finished the 1998 campaign (played in the spring) with a 31-1 mark; its lone loss of the season was in the state semifinals. A year ago his team was ranked number one nationally and in the state.

He has played for the Miami Strike Force Club team since the age of 12 and has helped the squad to the national semifinals

on numerous occasions.

"The addition of Justin is going to help us out defensively in a number of ways," Berticelli says. "He is an extremely versatile player who is both sound technically and tactically."

"Justin can play anywhere in the backfield and brings a great deal of maturity to our program because of the experiences he has had with the National Team both here in the United States and abroad."

With the loss of four-year starter Greg Velho, Tait will have the opportunity to challenge for the starting job in goal immediately. A two-year starter at Christian Brothers Academy in Syracuse, N.Y., the 6-3, 180-lb goalkeeper, was MVP of his team this season after leading them to a 21-1-1 mark and registering 150 saves. His squad won the sectional championship in 1998 before losing in the regional tournament. CBA was ranked among the top six teams in the state throughout the season.

A two-time all-state and all-Central New York region selection, Tait played on the varsity for five years, and in a four-year span, helped his team compile a 106-4-4 record.

A member of the Syracuse Blitz Club team since 1989, he helped that squad to a runner-up finish at the 1998 Indoor National Tournament. Tait also has considerable experience with the Olympic Development Program and has been the starting goalkeeper on the East Regional team since 1996. He has earned national team try-outs on two occasions. In 1998, Tait led his team to a first-place finish at the Tourni Int'l Cadets de Hauts-de-Seine in Paris France.

"Greg has tremendous potential and is an extremely talented player. I consider him one of the top three senior high school goalkeepers in the country," Berticelli says. In the long tradition of having four-year starters in goal, he has the ability and potential to challenge for that spot immediately. Greg's greatest assets are his quickness and tremendous work ethic."

Like Ratcliffe and Tait, Rodriguez fills specific needs for the Irish in the midfield. A three-year starter at Winston Churchill High School, the 5-9, 160-lb midfielder led his team to the 1998 Texas state championship. His squad currently is 7-2-1 on the season and he has six goals and five assists. Rodriguez was named MVP of the North Loop Tournament.

As a junior, he was a first-team all-region, all-city and all-district selection and earned all-tournament honors at the '98 state championship. Rodriguez led Winston Churchill in scoring in both his junior and sophomore seasons. He had 18 goals and dished 12 assists en route to earning San Antonio Express Player of the Year honors.

Rodriguez has played for the Hammers Soccer Club team for two years and been part of the state ODP team for three years.

"I consider Paul a real sleeper in this year's recruiting class," Berticelli says. "He was highly recruited an immediate impact player by a number of top schools, and we feel very fortunate that he chose to attend Notre Dame. Paul is a technically refined player with great vision on the field and excellent passing skills. He handles himself well under pressure, and we expect him to contribute in the midfield for us right away."

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2/6.	Saturday.	Cushing Auditorium.	0800PM & 1030PM.	
Acousticcafe.				
2/4.	Thursday.	LaFortune Huddle.	0900PM-1200AM.	

HPC (HALL PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL)

Formals.		
2/5.	Friday.	Dillon/Welsh.
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SYRs.		
2/5.	Friday.	Breen-Phillips "Beach Party".
2/6.	Saturday.	Keough "White Wedding".
2/6.	Saturday.	Zahm Decade Dance.
Keenan/PE Retreat		
2/5-2/6.	Friday-Saturday.	
Knott Hall Basketball Tournament.		
2/7.	Sunday.	
PW Carnation Sale.		
2/8-2/10.	Monday-Wednesday.	

CCC (CLUB COORDINATION COUNCIL)

Pre-Physical Therapy Club Meeting.			
2/4.	Thursday.	117 Hagar.	0700PM.

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2/6.	Saturday.	Where the Action Is.	1000PM-0300AM.	
Judicial Council: Election Debates.				
2/7.	Sunday.	LaFortune Ballroom.	0700PM.	
ND Writing Center: "Read to Write: How to Become a Better Writer Through Critical Thinking."				
2/10.	Wednesday.	119 O'Shaughnessy.	0700PM-0900PM.	

MISCELLANEOUS/CAMPUS-WIDE

Kellogg Institute Speaker Scott Mainwaring: "Democratic Survivability in Latin America."			
2/4.	Thursday.	C-103 Hesburgh Center for International Studies.	0415PM.
Department of Music: Ethan Haimo, piano.			
2/7.	Sunday.	Hesburgh Library Faculty Lounge.	0200PM.



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[Submissions for next week's tattoos can be sent via campus mail to SUB, 201 LaFortune]

■ IRISH INSIGHT

McGraw leads Irish to national success

By ANTHONY BIANCO
Assistant Sports Editor

Through most of Notre Dame's record-breaking season, it has been the players who have garnered all the accolades.

But as the Irish entered the week ranked sixth in the nation by the Associated Press, it was time for Coach Muffet McGraw to get a glimpse of the limelight.

After mentoring the Irish to their best-ever start, an 18-2 record that has the team anticipating the Big East tournament and a run at the national title, McGraw was named a finalist for the Naismith Women's Basketball Coach of the Year award earlier this week.

Like any great leader, she reflected the spotlight right back onto her team.

"I think it says a lot for our team," said McGraw. "I think it's because of them that I get any attention at all. They're the ones doing all the work out there, so really I think it's because they're playing so well."

The Irish have been playing better than well in recent weeks, coming back from two early-season losses in the Big East to Connecticut and Boston College to build a nine-game conference win streak, giving them a third place slot in the standings. McGraw started her 12th season as head coach with wins over UCLA and Duke, both ranked No. 6 when they clashed with the Irish. With

last night's win over No. 20 Boston College, McGraw has led her team to 4-1 record this season over ranked opponents.

McGraw has guided Notre Dame to three-straight NCAA tournament appearances and five overall — the only Irish coach to lead a team to the tournament. In 1997, the Irish capped a miracle season with a trip to the Final Four as Notre Dame claimed the

East Regional championship. Last season, her squad finished with a 22-10 mark and advanced to the Sweet 16.

Yet McGraw is leading a team she believes will surpass all of the above.

"I look at this team, and compared to our [1997] Final Four team, I think this team is much better," she said. "I think that we can be even better than we are right now."

Getting better, commented Niele Ivey, takes the right kind of coach.

"She's brought us where we are today," Ivey said. "I came in as a freshman and we were in the Final Four and she wanted us to get better. I knew she was that kind of coach, she knows what to say, she knows the game so well, she really knows how to get us going."

One of 15 finalists for the award, which is sponsored by the Atlanta Tipoff Club, McGraw represents the Big East along with Geno Auriemma (Connecticut) and C. Vivian Stringer (Rutgers).

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last time, so I just wanted to come out there today and step up my intensity and leadership, and be more of an all-around player. I'm shooting more, dishing more and playing good defense."

The Irish defense was there once again for McGraw, enabling her team to build a 35-25 half-time lead.

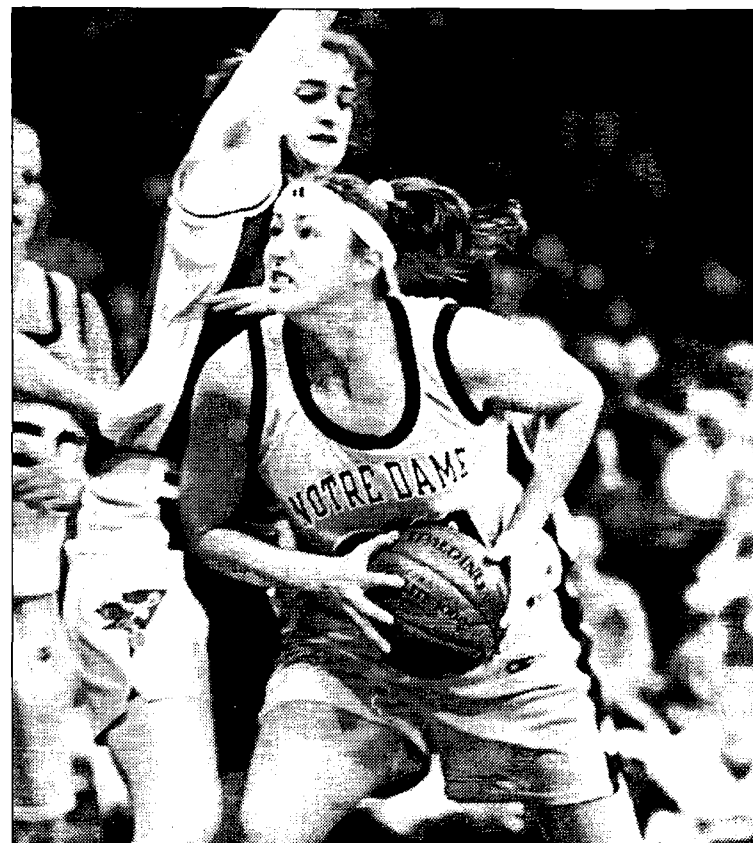
"I'm proud of the effort of our whole team tonight," said McGraw, whose team has now won nine straight. "I thought our defense was outstanding and we rebounded better."

Notre Dame forced 20 turnovers and out-rebounded the Eagles 46-27. Riley was held to just two points in the first half, but made her presence known in the middle, as she finished with a team-high 18 points and helped the Irish build a 16-point lead, their biggest of the game, with five minutes gone by in the second half.

Boston College quickly cut into that lead, drawing to within four, but the Irish continued to get second- and third-chance opportunities and worked the ball to Riley.

"We got that big run going and let them right back in with poor defense," McGraw said. "We were fortunate that they never tied the game after we squandered that big lead. That was key and then we went into Ruth and when we started doing that, I think we were most successful."

"Riley came out ready to go in the second half," Boston College head coach Phyllis Mangina said. "I think the big thing was that we gave up too many second shots. When we played them earlier this year, we allowed just eight offensive



The Observer/Jeff Hsu

With its 74-59 win over Boston College, the Notre Dame women's basketball team improves its record to 18-2.

rebounds, but today they had 20. I think that was the biggest difference."

McGraw saw a difference in her players' attitudes.

"On our side, the intensity was much different," McGraw said. "I don't think we were ever in the game at B.C. They got ahead 5-2 and it was over. We were back on our heels for the rest of the game. This game, we came out with a lot of intensity, more fire. I maybe even too much because we were tired at in the second half. I thought the defense, our intensity and rebounding were three things I thought we could control and did control."

Alissa Murphy was the lone bright spot for B.C. The guard finished with a game-high 20 points.

"She came out really well and I thought she would have a big night and she didn't surprise me," McGraw said. "We made some mistakes in that we fouled her a lot. She took some off-balance shots, but I think we let her off the hook by fouling her."

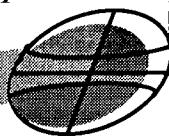
Danielle Green had a double-double (14 points, 11 rebounds) and McMillen added 13 points.

"They've got too much balance," Mangina said. "They've got kids that can drive from the outside. McMillen's a threat from the three-point line and they have the big one inside. Even though they had a bad shooting night, had too many weapons. We couldn't just set everyone on Riley. We had to be honest with all their players."

Upcoming Women's Basketball Schedule

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Feb. 10	@ Villanova	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 13	@ Rutgers	2 p.m.
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■ CLUB SPORTS

Women's boxing club takes off on campus

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Writer

In its second year as a club sport, the Notre Dame Women's Boxing Club has gained as much attention as it has participation.

One-hundred sixty women joined the club in its novice season last fall, while 60 members are currently participating in the spring veteran program.

"We get a huge amount of women in the novice program because of the novelty of the sport," said senior co-captain and club founder Aimee Catrow. "The women come to find out what boxing's all about."

The novice program is coached by the five captains of the squad and teaches newcomers to the sport the fundamentals of boxing, while providing intense strength and conditioning training.

"Most of the women come in never having fought a day in their life," junior co-captain Brittany Crawford said. "They're fresh and new so we teach them from the ground up."

The four- to five-week session in the fall focuses on mastering of basic boxing techniques, such as stance and footwork, as well as individual and combination punches.

These lessons are coupled with a daily workout routine that typically consists of a three-mile run, 200 push-ups, and as many as 800 crunches.

"Our goal for the novice season is to get everyone up to speed with the basics," said senior co-captain Carrie Flanagan. "We try to spend more time with the beginners to increase the individual skill level of the women and increase the strength of the program as a whole."

The veteran season brings together women who have completed the novice program in the fall and experienced boxers from past seasons and focuses on sparring

and more advanced technique.

Club members do not compete in tournaments, but do spar with each other in the ring.

"The point of sparring is to learn how to box and display our skills, not just beat each other up," said sophomore co-captain Meghan McCurdy. "It's very controlled."

The captains stress that boxing is a complicated and skillful sport.

"There's a misconception about boxing," said Crawford. "It's not what you see on television. It's just as much a mental challenge as a physical one."

This season, the club plans to organize the sparring matches differently than in past seasons.

"In order to have more matches, we have gone to a bracket system, not according to weight, but according to skill," said Catrow. "It will help on an organizational level so that the women can spar with all the women with their same skill."

Dedication and a commitment to hard work define the attitude of the members of the Women's Boxing Club. With no tournaments in which to compete, participants often receive little recognition for their accomplishments.

"That these women pour out sweat and tears everyday at practice shows their love for the sport," said Catrow. "The club has gone beyond all of my expectations."

The generosity of others has helped the club grow tremendously. University regulations require a coach to be present during all sparring bouts.

Volunteer coaches from the Men's Boxing Club regularly attend practices and provide further instruction and supervision of the stand up amateur fighting. An anonymous donation of 60 pairs of boxing gloves last week will also benefit the club as it seeks to attract even more participation in the coming seasons.

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BRITTANY CRAWFORD
WOMEN'S BOXING CLUB CO-CAPTAIN



Senior Jenn Bonita practices her boxing techniques as women prepare to spar next week in one of Notre Dame's most popular clubs.

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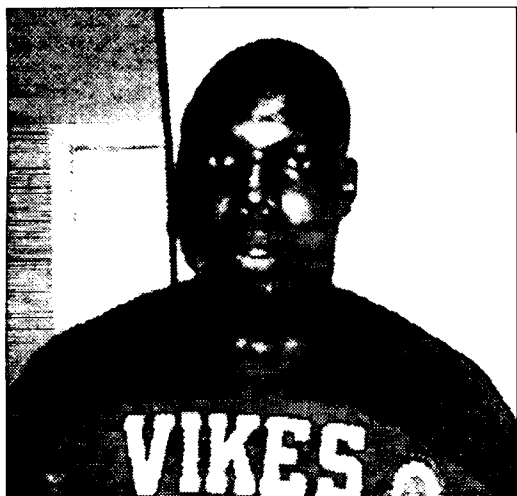
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CEDRIC
HILLIARD

Defensive Line

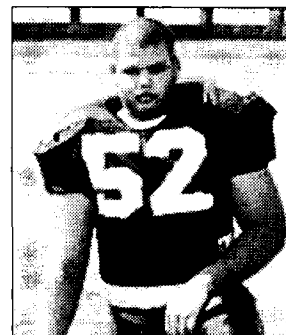
6-3, 295

Arlington, Texas

Notes: A USA Today first-team All-America defensive lineman, Hilliard had 72 tackles in '98, including 11 for losses. He also caused five fumbles and blocked two kicks while helping the Lamar high school football team to a 9-2 record. He was ranked the 21st best prospect in the country by Tom Lemming.

"He's an anchor at the defensive tackle. . . He's got extremely quick feet, quick hands and he's an anchor in the middle. . . He's great against the run and also has the explosiveness to put a lot of pressure on the quarterback. I think he could be a great one."

— Recruiting Analyst Tom Lemming



JEFF FAINE

Offensive Line

6-3, 310

Saint Mary, Florida

"Faine is the top center in the country—a hard working guy. . . He's explosive, technically sound and especially real strong. He's got all the tools to be the center in a couple years."

— Recruiting Analyst Tom Lemming

Notes: A USA Today first-team prep All-American, Ambron was one of the first offensive linemen from Florida to be offered a scholarship to Nebraska; He had 77 pancake blocks as a senior while being named to the Super Southern 100 team by the Atlanta Journal Constitution. A powerful lineman, named 69th best prospect by the Sporting News.



SEAN MILLIGAN

Offensive Line

6-4, 285

Norcross, Georgia

"He's probably one of the toughest, most aggressive, hard-nosed, lineman I've seen in the country this year. He'll probably wind up playing guard, but he has a take no prisoners attitude. . . He's one of the top five or six linemen in the country."

— Recruiting Analyst Tom Lemming

Notes: A great run blocker, Milligan was named to USA Today's All-American second team as an offensive lineman. He was recently rated the 86th best prospect by ESPN.com and 40th nationally by the Chicago Sun-Times. He was also named one of the 50 top prospects and one of six offensive linemen in Georgia by the Atlanta Journal Constitution.

NEIL AMBRON

Offensive Line

6-7, 275

Littleton, Colorado

"Another very athletic offensive lineman. He can play both ways, offense and defense. . . He's got a frame to get over 300 pounds. He may be the fastest of the bunch. . . I think he has a high ceiling in his potential."

— Recruiting Analyst Tom Lemming

Notes: He is described as one of the stronger and tougher recruits. At Littleton High School, he played both on both the offensive and defensive lines. Ambron earned USA Today honorable mention all-American selection. The Chicago Sun-Times listed him as the 86th best player.

JASON BECKSTROM

Defensive Back

5-10, 185

Jenks, Oklahoma

"I think he's got great potential as a cornerback. He's an extremely quick guy, anticipates well and shows good range and he can be physical when he wants. . . He's got outstanding skills and could be a big addition to the cornerback position."

— Recruiting Analyst Tom Lemming

Notes: He is a quick player who helped Jenks High School team to its third straight Oklahoma Class 6a title and seventh straight district title. His high school defensive unit didn't permit more than nine total yards in a game over the last four regular-season contest.

DARRELL CAMPBELL

Defensive Line

6-4, 245

South Holland, Illinois

"He may have the highest ceiling of all the defensive linemen in the Midwest this year. . . I thought he was the fastest rising player in Chicago. . . They're ecstatic about him. Greg Mattison and all the people who saw him thought he was one if the best in the country that they had seen."

— Recruiting Analyst Tom Lemming

Notes: A USA Today honorable mention prep all-American pick who the Chicago Sun-Times ranked 82nd. He was first-team all-state pick in Illinois by the Chicago Tribune. A versatile player, Campbell played defensive end as a sophomore, linebacker as a junior and nose guard as a senior. He made 67 solo tackles as senior in '98, along with 13 tackles for loss and four sacks.

GLEN EARL

Defensive Back

6-1, 195

Naperville, Illinois

"He was another guy who came out of nowhere in Chicago. . . He's not the fastest guy in the world and not the most physical but he's got a presence and always seems to be around the ball."

— Recruiting Analyst Tom Lemming

Notes: A USA Today honorable mention pick, Earl played wide receiver and defensive back at Naperville North High School and has good cover skills and size for a cornerback. In addition to being named 1st Team All-State and DuPage Valley's top defensive player, he made 58 tackles and four interceptions while leading his team to a 10-3 record.

JOEY HILDBOLD

Kicker/Punter

5-10, 170

Fairfax, Virginia

"He's a good, steady punter with a very good hang time."

— Recruiting Analyst Tom Lemming

Notes: Hildbold is the most probable choice to take over as punter following Hunter Smith's departure. He averaged 39.7 yards per punt in '98, while earning Virginia first-team all-state honors. For the season, opponents only gained 22 yards in punt returns against him, while 21 of his 37 kickoffs were for touchbacks.

JULIUS JONES

Running Back

177, 6-0

Big Stone Gap, Virginia

"He's more of the thoroughbred type back. He's got good size, good speed and good moves. He's got everything. People say he's better than his brother Tom Jones who's a star back at Virginia."

— Recruiting Analyst Tom Lemming

Notes: A honorable mention USA Today prep All-American, Jones helped the Powell Valley High School football team to 28 straight victories and two state title in '97 and '98. For his career, Jones had 5,788 yards rushing with 95 TDs. His senior year, he had 2,244 yards and 37 TDs. Julius' brother, Tom was the University of Virginia's leading rusher this season.

JIM MOLINARO

Defensive Line

6-6, 245

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

"I think he can possibly wind up being an offensive lineman. He's tall, athletic and has good feet. He's got a frame where he can put on more weight. . . He probably needs to redshirt and work his way up in a couple of years but he's a big guy with athletic ability."

— Recruiting Analyst Tom Lemming

Notes: Possibly the best defensive lineman in Pennsylvania, Molinaro had 29 assists, one and a half sacks, six forced passes and three batted passes this season while helping his team to a 7-4 record. As a junior, he had 46 tackles, six of them solo, to go along with two and a half sacks and 14 forced passes while being named the East Penn Conference outstanding offensive lineman.

ALBERT POREE

Defensive Back

5-10, 185

New Orleans, Louisiana

"He's the top cornerback prospect in Louisiana. He's not a very physical or aggressive kid but he's excellent at one-on-one pass situations and that's what Notre Dame needs at cornerback."

— Recruiting Analyst Tom Lemming

Notes: Poree should make an impact at the cornerback position for the Irish. As a senior, he made 58 tackles while intercepting five passes and forcing four fumbles. The most obvious talent is his speed; he returned two punts for touchdowns this season and can run the 40-yard-dash in 4.35 seconds.



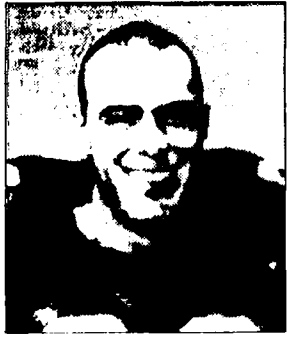
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BRENNAN CURTIN

Offensive Line
6-7, 295

Palm Springs, Florida

"He's a player that has potential. He definitely has the size and the athletic ability. He'll go as far as his will and desire will take him."

— Recruiting Analyst Tom Lemming

Notes: A USA Today honorable mention prep all-American pick. He was one of 10 offensive linemen on Atlanta Journal Constitution Super Southern 100 team. He was a four year starter in a wing-T offense who started tackle as a freshman sophomore and at guard his last two seasons. He is a tenacious blocker who runs fast for his size.



RYAN GILLIS

Offensive Line

6-3, 315

Bowie, Maryland

"He's very technically sound . . . He's probably further ahead of the other guys at this stage. He needs to watch his weight but if he does, if he keeps his weight under control, he can really be an outstanding guard."

— Recruiting Analyst Tom Lemming

Notes: Gillis helped lead Dematha Catholic High School to a 12-0 record. In the process, he earned Parade prep-All-American honors and a USA Today honorable mention. Gillis extends a heritage of Irish players from Dematha, including current tight end John Owens.



GARY GODSEY

Tight End

6-7, 255

Tampa, Florida

"I'm thinking he might be a better defensive end than tight end. He's an explosive ballplayer and a great athlete. I think if he stays healthy and improves, he'll be in the NFL someday."

— Recruiting Analyst Tom Lemming

Notes: Godsey is a truly versatile player, having played tight end, quarterback, center, defensive end and long snapper in high school. During his senior year at quarterback, he threw for over 1,800 yards with 22 TDs. He was named a USA Today All-American honorable mention, and rated the 55th best prospect by Sporting News.

PAT RYAN

Linebacker

6-3, 215

Billings, Montana

"I didn't know much about him until December but what I've seen on him, he makes almost every play on the field. He's very aggressive, quicker than he looks . . . He's one of the sleepers in this class. I think he's gonna be an outstanding player."

— Recruiting Analyst Tom Lemming

Notes: Ryan is an unheralded recruit who dominated the competition in Montana. A three-time All-State selection and Gatorade Montana Player of the Year, he had 194 tackles in '98 while helping his team to a 10-1 record and its second straight state title. Another versatile player, he also played tight end and quarterback during his career at Billings West High School.

GEROME SAPP

Defensive Back

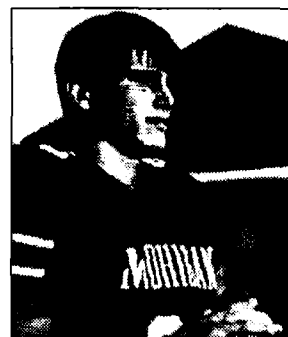
6-0, 210

Houston, Texas

"The premier free safety in the country. This guy's got terrific range, he's got a presence about him which makes the other players around him play better. He's a leader on the field. He's a hitter and he can generally stay with the fastest receivers. He's got all the skills to be an NFL DB in four years."

— Recruiting Analyst Tom Lemming

Notes: Sapp is considered by many to be the best free safety in the country. Rated sixth nationally by ESPN.com and the Sporting News, he had 122 tackles as a senior, to go along with five picks and two interception returns for touchdowns. Before being named to the USA Super 25 preseason team for '98, he made 101 tackles and intercepted five passes as a junior.



CHRIS YURA

Running Back/Defensive Back

5-11, 195

Morgantown, West Virginia

"He's a good ballplayer. I know he's broken a lot of records in West Virginia...I think he can play well at running back or free safety and I think he'll be one of the surprise players."

— Recruiting Analyst Tom Lemming

Notes: A West Virginia Player of the Year, Yura earned a USA Today honorable mention nod while rushing for 38 TDs and 2548 yards on 277 carries as a senior. For his career, he finished with 103 touchdowns, shattering the previous state record of 92 scores.

NICK SETTA

Kicker

6-0, 160

Lockport, Illinois

"He's probably got the strongest leg in the country as a place kicker . . . Setta can kick them out from anywhere, from any part of the field it seems like . . . like most kickers at this age, he needs to work on accuracy and if he does that, he could be their best kicker since Craig Hentrich."

— Recruiting Analyst Tom Lemming

Notes: Another fine catch for Davie and his staff. Setta earned All-America nods from Parade and USA Today. As a senior he punted 39 times for a 47.8-yard average for Lockport Township High School, along with 29 of 33 PATs. In his sophomore year, when he kicked a 59-yard field goal, which is still an Illinois state record.

JAMAAR TAYLOR

Wide Receiver

6-0, 200

Mission, Texas

"They got the one guy they needed. Jamaar Taylor can spread a defense, which is what they really needed . . . After he catches the ball, he can run away from defenders. He shows good separation speed and has good hands."

— Recruiting Analyst Tom Lemming

Notes: Taylor is widely considered to be one of the nation's finest receivers. He runs a 4.3 40-yard dash and was rated the 45th best recruit in the nation by the Chicago Sun-Times. He played running back as a senior with 1003 yards rushing and 35 receptions for over 500 yards. In his sophomore and junior years, he averaged 20 yards a catch.

JUSTIN THOMAS

Linebacker

6-2, 230

Spencer, Oklahoma

"I liked him when I saw him. I thought he was another tough, aggressive linebacker. He could possibly grow into a defensive lineman. He's active, he's hardly ever off his feet and he's instinctive . . . I think he's a good catch also."

— Recruiting Analyst Tom Lemming

Notes: The 1998 Defensive player of the year in Oklahoma, Thomas was named a USA Today All-American honorable mention after a 145 tackle, three-fumble-recovery senior year. As a fullback on offense, Thomas rushed for 341 yards, scored 14 touchdowns in '98. He was one of 17 players on the '98 Blue Chip List by The Oklahoman.

COURTNEY WATSON

Running back

6-2, 205

Sarasota, Florida

"A workmanlike back. He doesn't have great speed or great moves but he's stronger than most people think he is . . . He always seems to get the yards needed. He's very shifty, has great vision and great leg strength and he can break tackles."

— Recruiting Analyst Tom Lemming

Notes: Watson earned all-Sarasota honors at Riverview High School after rushing for nearly 1,300 yards and 15 TDs as a senior. He played wide receiver freshman and sophomore year before switching to running back as a junior and senior, along with the kickoff and punt return teams. Over the past two seasons, Watson has rushed for just over 2,400 yards.

POSITION BY POSITION BREAKDOWN

RUNNING BACKS
JULIUS JONES
COURTNEY WATSON
CHRIS YURA



LINEBACKERS
PAT RYAN
JUSTIN THOMAS

DEFENSIVE LINE
DARRELL CAMPBELL
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Safety new jewel in recruiting crown

By TIM CASEY
Sports Writer

At this time every year, the recruiting gurus select a few players who they believe are can't-miss prospects and who are destined for greatness at the college level.

While this labeling is premature, every college in the country dreams of landing one of these players, and are willing to do just about anything to attract them to their universities.

One such player will be wearing the Blue and Gold next year: Gerome Sapp, a 6-foot-1, 200-pound safety from Houston, Texas. The consensus top safety in the land, Sapp dominated the competition this year with 130 tackles, 5 forced fumbles, 3 fumble recoveries and 5 interceptions, returning two of them for scores.

Sapp was a three-year starter for Lamar High School and is projected as one of the top fifteen players in the country, regardless of position. He joins a long list of current Notre Dame players who were star prospects coming out of high school, including Tony Driver, Brad Williams and the graduating Kory Minor, who was the 1994 USA Today Defensive Player of the Year coming out of California.

Head coach Bob Davie sees Sapp as a great person as well as an outstanding player, who may contribute to next year's

team. He will step into the secondary to compete with Deke Cooper, Deveron Harper, Brock Williams and possibly A'Jani Sanders and Tony Driver. Although he's inexperienced, he should provide, at the very least, good competition for his fellow backfield mates.

"Gerome Sapp, first of all is a tremendous, tremendous young man...He's a tremendous kid for Notre Dame," Davie said Wednesday. "We had him in our summer camp and he's a guy who I think will have an opportunity to play early. He's strong and mature and I can see him having an opportunity to play and help this football team."

Mike Frank of the Irish Report sees Sapp as a player who has a bright future and has the ability to be a star at Notre Dame.

"Sapp's a big-time hitter and very fast for his size, too. He's a legit 4.4 guy...He definitely hits very, very hard. He's the number one safety in the country and everyone knows it. I think if there's a guy that's destined for greatness in this class, he would be the most likely," said Frank.

Sapp's coach at Lamar, Tom Nolan has had the chance to see him first-hand on a regular basis, and believes he's a great athlete but more importantly a good kid with his priorities set.

1999 Top Freshman Recruits*

1.	QB	Chris Simms	6-5/215	Texas
2.	RB	Nick Maddox	6-0/195	Florida St.
3.	LB	Cory Redding	6-5/240	Texas
4.	WR	Reggie Brown	6-2/180	Georgia
5.	LB	T.J. Duckett	6-3/240	Mich. St.
6.	QB	Chris Massey	6-1/198	Oklahoma St.
7.	QB	Anquan Boldin	6-1/195	Florida St.
8.	TE	Bo Scaife	6-4/220	Texas
9.	QB	Chris Lewis	6-4/205	Stanford
10.	RB	Paul Arnold	6-0/200	Washington
11.	RB	Dontao Walker	5-10/200	Miss. State
12.	TE	Derek Smith	6-6/240	Kentucky
13.	DL	Albert Hayesworth	6-6/310	Tennessee
14.	OL	Bryce Bishop	6-5/305	Ohio State
15.	DB	Gerome Sapp	6-1/200	Notre Dame
16.	WR	Lito Sheppard	5-11/185	Florida
17.	WR	Jason Geathers	6-3/210	West Virginia
18.	WR	Kareem Kelly	6-1/187	USC
19.	QB	Colby Freeman	6-3/210	Texas A&M
20.	DB	Mike Waddle	6-0/170	North Carolina
21.	DL	Cedric Hilliard	6-3/300	Notre Dame
22.	RB	Bruce Thornton	5-11/182	Georgia
23.	DL	Bernard Riley	6-3/305	USC
24.	OL	Vernon Carey	6-5/315	Miami
25.	TE	Gary Godsey	6-8/255	Notre Dame

*as compiled by Tom Lemmings

When asked why Sapp chose Notre Dame over the other top flight programs, Nolan was quick to reply, "Education — there's a lot of great football programs but I think the size

of the school, the tradition and especially the education."

Irish fans must remember that Sapp is only 18 years old and cannot expect an All-American player next year.

But he seems to have a great attitude and the physical skills and if he continues to improve, Sapp could be the next star for Notre Dame.



Despite losing quarterback recruit C.J. Leak, head coach Bob Davie still managed to ink one of the finest recruiting classes in the nation.

Davie

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though — I think everyone here sees the talent and the future that Arnaz Battle has," Davie said. "I'm not gonna dodge around it, we wanted a quarterback. We targeted the quarterback we wanted and it just didn't work out."

Some experts questioned Leak's handling of the process.

"He didn't do Notre Dame any good — he told them they couldn't recruit any other quarterbacks or he wouldn't go there, and he led them on all the way until he faxed his letter of intent to Wake Forest," said Tom Lemming, a recruiting expert from Chicago who publishes the Tom Lemming's Prep Football Report. "I don't think he showed a lot of class there. I don't know what his reasons were, maybe he had good reasons to switch at the end but a day or so ago, he told me he was still leaning to Notre Dame."

A big part of this year's overall success could be that ten of the 21 players who signed with the Irish had previously been to Davie's camp in the summer. Davie stressed the importance of this because the coaches were able to work with the players and evaluate them on a week-long basis in order to make good decisions about who they were targeting.

"I think the single biggest recruiting tool we have here at Notre Dame, at least one of the biggest, is the summer football camp. You get these young players here in the summer, when there's green grass and some leaves on those trees and this is a spectacular campus. Plus you have the opportunity to have them around the coaching staff for an extended period of time and you get a chance to work with them and teach them," said Davie. "Also, you look at getting Gerome Sapp and Cedric Hilliard; both these players were in our summer camp and I don't know

for sure ...that could have gone into Texas and got the No. 1 and No. 3-ranked players [if they hadn't visited summer camp]."

Davie stressed that getting the best players is still the most important thing in improving and winning in college football. With his success in the past two recruiting classes along with this year's 9-3 campaign, Davie sees a bright future for his team.

"We've still got the magic. You go around this country and see how positive it is towards Notre Dame football and the fact that we are improving," Davie said. "When we target the right players and the right fits for Notre Dame and they're sincere about academics and they're sincere about coming to a place where there's good people, we still have the magic and we can still go in and get the top players in this country. I think this class and last year's class attests to that."

Besides addressing the recruiting and state of the current team, Davie also commented on the biggest issue on campus right now, the debate on joining the Big Ten.

"I'm glad I'm not in the decision-making process on this because it encompasses so many more things than just Notre Dame football," Davie said. "I'm not educated or competent enough to give an opinion on what that does for us as we move forward but if you just ask me my opinion as a football coach, I'm very comfortable with where we are."

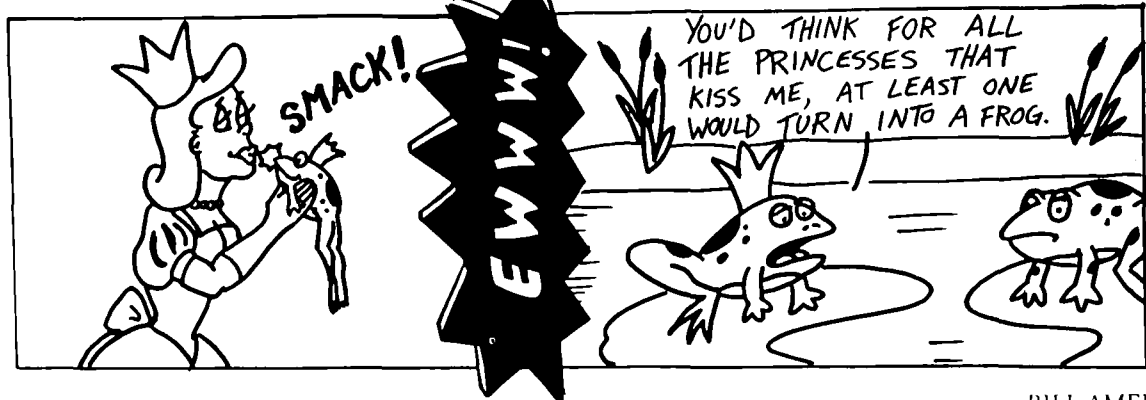
"I like going into these homes and I like selling the fact that we are unique and that we are, to some degree, out on a limb in our own conference," he continued. "As long as we have the NBC contract and as long as we have that second-tier bowl alliance, which in no way to me compromises what our goals are or in no way lessens what we're trying to do, but it's a reality. With these two things in place, I'm totally comfortable right now with being an independent. I also see the position in the Big Ten — I see it as a win-win situation for football but I like the aspect of being independent."

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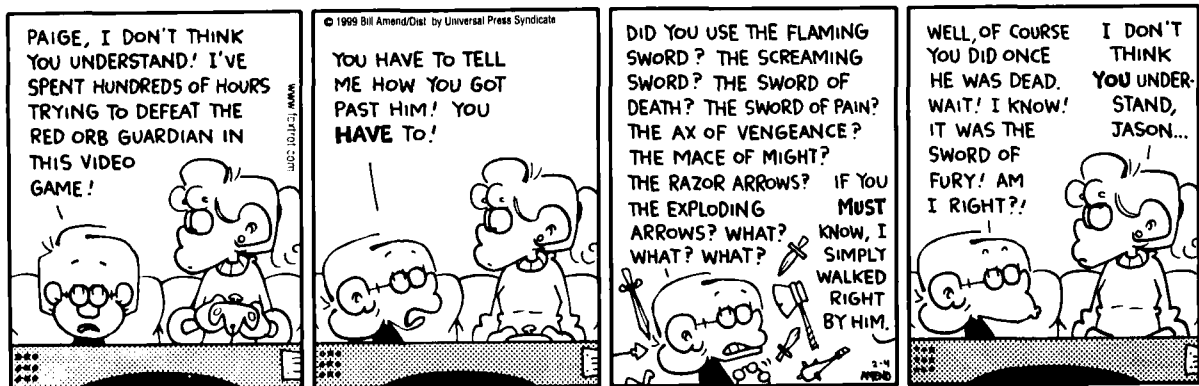
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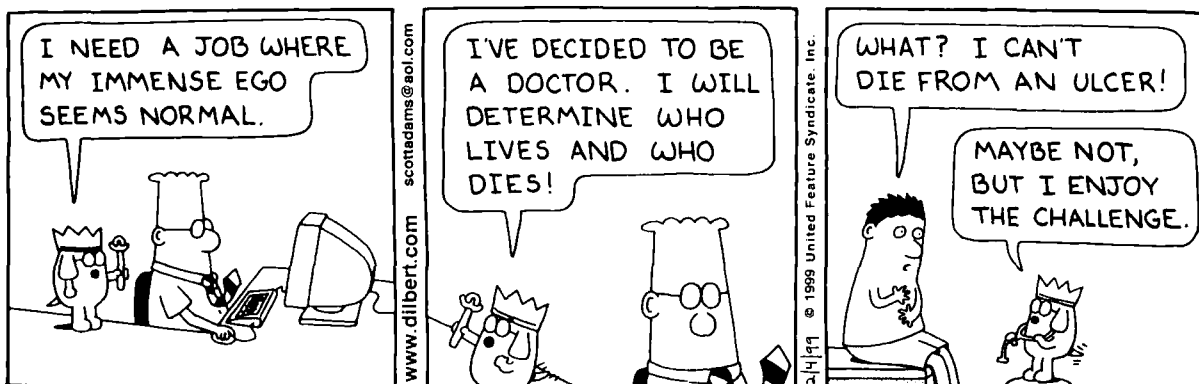
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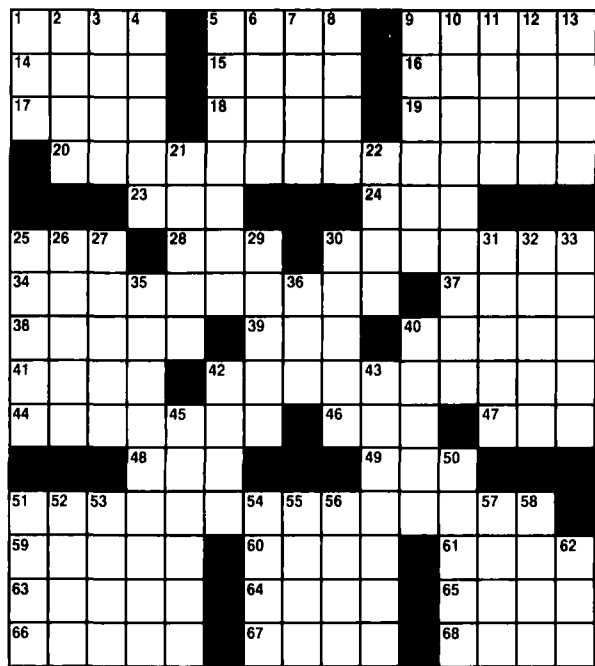
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Puzzle by Jim Page

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Tom Hulse, Janine Turner, Steven Wright, Wally Cox

Happy Birthday: There are many opportunities right around the corner. You must clear your plate and prepare yourself if you want to be able to take advantage of everything coming your way. Your tendency to hang on to the past will come back to haunt you, so learn to close doors. Your ability to express yourself and your ideas will get you the help you need to achieve your dreams, hopes and wishes. Your numbers: 6, 9, 15, 25, 34, 41

ARIES (March 21-April 19): It's time for you to get the praise you deserve. Avoid confrontations with co-workers who aren't pulling their weight. You've helped them enough; now let them stand on their own. **OO**

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Put your efforts into money-making ventures. It's not a good day to trust others with secrets. Social events will be in your best interest. You could meet someone very special. **OOOO**

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You'll be highly active where partnerships are concerned. It's time you made a decision regarding your present partner and the infatuation you have with someone else. **OOO**

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Go about your business and your professionalism will shine through. You may get your feelings hurt at work. Don't take someone else's foolishness to heart. **OOO**

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You're somewhat superstitious today. Think twice before sharing your fears with a friend who has trouble keeping secrets. You'll be a lot luckier than you think if you don't dwell on past fears. **OOO**

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't spend what you don't have. You'll have difficulty understanding your mate's erratic behavior. Be patient and listen to his or her pleas. They may be valid. **OOOO**

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Get out early and plan to do some shopping at specialty shops. Take some time to talk to old friends. Interaction with others will lead to some interesting thoughts. **OO**

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Home alterations will increase value. Try to compensate for your lack of attention to loved ones. You may be busy, but they need your time and help. Get organized and you'll fit everything in. **OOOOO**

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may have to make a personal decision. Don't be forced into doing something you don't want to. Take control of your life and you'll do well; let others interfere and you'll be sorry. **OOO**

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Consider taking a break. You will be quick-tempered if someone has let you down. Slow down and make whatever changes are necessary instead of letting someone else affect your life. **OOO**

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Others will be taking note of your impeccable style. You've been working at doing your own thing and acceptance is proof that you made the right choices. **OOO**

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your best efforts will come from redecorating, renovation or actual residential moves. You can make money investing in property or long-term bills. **OOOOO**

Birthday Baby: You know what you want and exactly how to get it. You were born with the wherewithal to push your needs to the forefront and make others bend to your wishes. You're powerful and quite able to succeed, but the lesson of compassion and fair play must be learned along the way. (Need advice? Visit Eugenia on the Web at www.astradvice.com or www.eugenialast.com.)

■ Of Interest

Holy Cross Associates is sponsoring a Discernment Evening — Sunday, Feb. 7, from 5 to 8 p.m. It's a night of mass, dinner and discussion about life as a Holy Cross Associate. Meet former Holy Cross Associates and other students considering a year of service. For more info, call Jon at 1-5521.

Logan Center and Super Sibs are looking for new student members. You must have a sibling with a disability to join and be matched with a grade-school-aged child from the local community. Events take place on weekends. Call Rosie McDowell (289-4831 ext. 1032) at Logan Center for more info.

Hadley Arkes, Edward Ney Professor of Jurisprudence and American Institutions at Amherst College, will present "On the Novelty of an Old Constitution: Settled Principles and Unsettling Surprises" today at 4 p.m. in the Law School Courtroom. This is the first lectures in the Olin Distinguished Lecture Series.

Cliff Kindy, a ten-year volunteer with Christian Peacemaker Teams on projects in the Gaza Strip, Hebron and Chiapas, will present "Nonviolent Peacemaking in Conflict Zones" today at 12:30 p.m. in seminar room C-103 in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

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First 500 fans receive free hockey hanky!!!

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■ WOMEN'S SOCCER

Waldrum named new women's soccer coach

By KATHLEEN LOPEZ
Sports Editor

On national signing day, Notre Dame inked more than just top football recruits.

The Irish women's soccer program signed Randy Waldrum to the head coaching position, filling a void left in December when two-time Coach of the Year Chris Petrucelli resigned.

Waldrum has commanded the Baylor Bears program for the past three years.

In his stint as head coach, he earned a record of 46-14-3 for the young program and won Big XII Coach of the Year honors, finishing the season with a

mark of 15-5-1 and a 9-0-1 record in conference play. Baylor finished the season earning its first bid in the NCAA women's soccer championship.

"I am looking forward to the challenge and making the change," Waldrum said. "Chris Petrucelli did a great job and those are tough shoes to fill."

Petrucelli left Notre Dame's program, which he took to national prominence in nine years of coaching, in order to build the fledgling program at the University of Texas.

"Notre Dame has been a great place for me and my family," Petrucelli stated at the time of his resignation. "It has enabled me to grow as a coach

and accomplish things many people felt weren't possible. I'm sad to be leaving such a great place like Notre Dame. I

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enjoyed working with everyone at Notre Dame, especially within the athletic department. Texas presents me with a great

opportunity to build another program. I can only hope we have close to the amount of success that Notre Dame has had."

He assumes almost identical responsibilities to those which had while coaching Notre Dame.

Petrucelli signed two former Notre Dame soccer players to help with his new coaching responsibilities — 1998 former Irish All-Americans Jen Renola and Tony Capasso will assume the job of Longhorn assistants.

Prior to his coaching stint at Baylor, Waldrum coached both the men's and women's teams at the University of Tulsa. He spent six there and compiled a

mark of 66-33-6 with the men's team. The women's team earned a record of 61-36-9 and were ranked 18th in 1993 and 21st in 1992.

Waldrum also served as the state coach for the Olympic Development Program. He has also served as an assistant coach of the U.S. women's under-18 national team in 1998 and for the under-20 national team at the 1997 Nordic Cup.

He played collegiate soccer at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Texas.

After being a four-time all-district player, he played professional soccer with the Los

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CLASS OF 2003

ND inks 21 new recruits

By TIM CASEY
Sports Writer

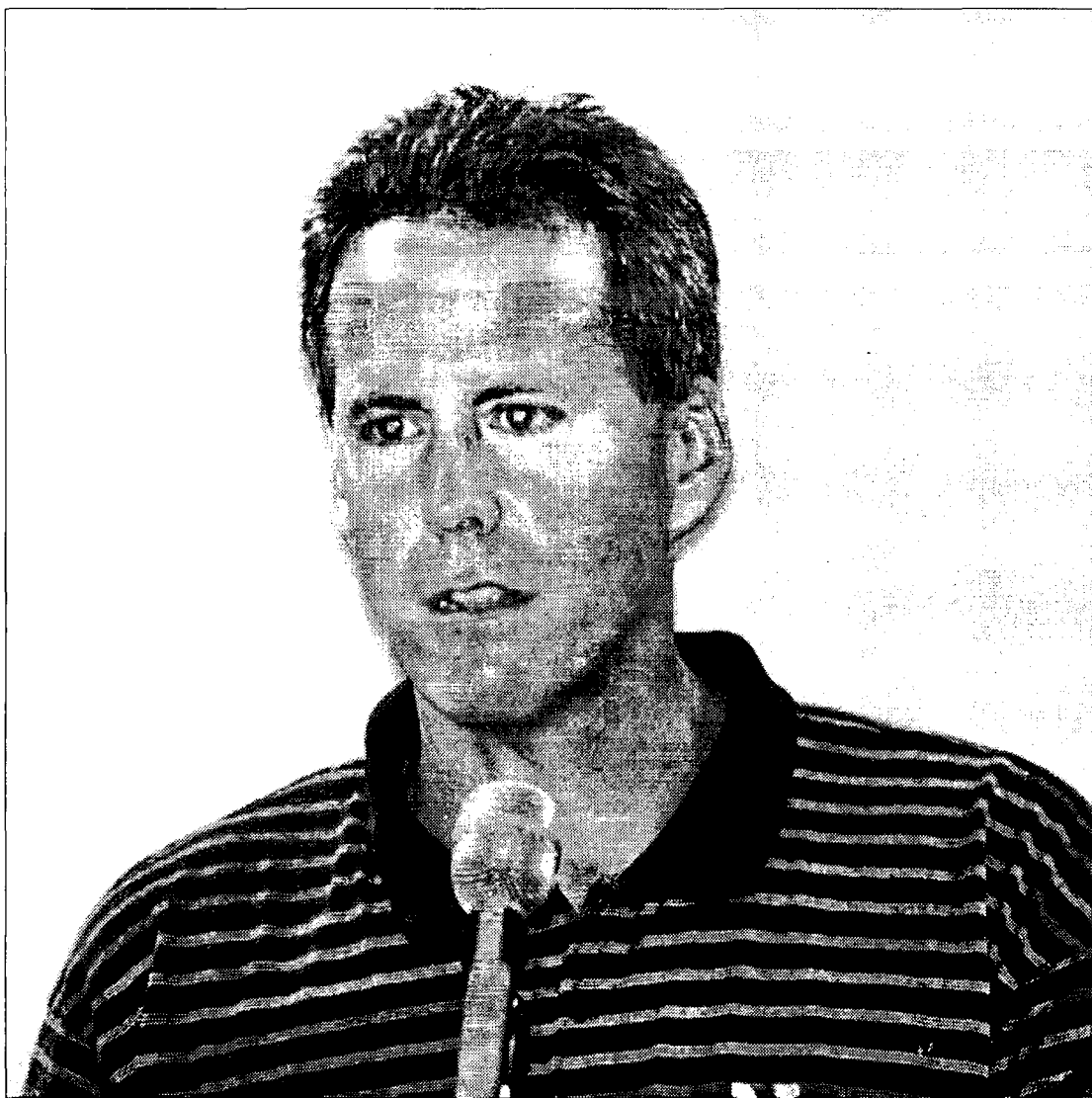
Bob Davie and his staff continued their recruiting magic Wednesday, once again hauling in one of the top classes in the nation.

The Irish signed 21 players that are expected to challenge for playing time right away — including four first-team All-USA Today performers.

Headlining this class is a mammoth offensive line as well as two defensive stars from Texas, Gerome Sapp and Cedric Hilliard, who were both first-team All-USA Today performers and the state's first- and third-ranked prospects, respectively.

At the skill positions, running back Julious Jones out of Virginia, receiver Jamaar Taylor from Texas and tight-end Gary Godsey from Florida could make an immediate impact on the Irish. The Irish also signed two kickers, Nick Setta and Joey Hildbold, both of whom Davie see as having a good opportunity of handling the kickoff and punting duties next year.

"We signed two kickers. That is something we felt we needed to do, particularly with Hunter Smith leaving. We wanted a lot of competition with the kicking game," said Davie. "Both will have the opportunity to kick and



The Observer/Jeff Hsu

For the second straight year, head coach Bob Davie and the Notre Dame coaching staff signed a recruiting class that ranks among the top in the nation.

punt. We need a kickoff man who can put the ball in the endzone. Field position hurt us last year and the punting job is wide open."

But the success story got tempered by a sizable disappointment. C.J. Leak, one of the top quarterbacks in the country shocked all the recruiting gurus and even the

Irish coaching staff by opting to sign a letter of intent with Wake Forest.

Earlier in the day, it had been announced on the Internet that Leak had faxed his letter to the Irish, and he was expected to commit to Notre Dame Wednesday afternoon. Leak had never taken an official visit to Wake

Forest, although he had a few unofficial visits earlier this year. Irish head coach Bob Davie briefly commented on the situation in his press conference.

"Make no mistake about it, we wanted a quarterback in this class. It was not critical,

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■ WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish win sustains streak

By BRIAN KESSLER
Assistant Sports Editor

Notre Dame's balanced attack has been difficult to stop all year.

Whether it's Ruth Riley putting up a school-record 41 points or Sheila McMillen lighting up opponents from three-point land, the sixth-ranked Irish have been getting it done all season.

Last night was no different.

Junior guard Niele Ivey stole the show this time at the Joyce Center and led the Irish (18-2) to a 74-59 victory over No. 20 Boston College.

"That was a huge win for us," said head coach Muffet McGraw, whose team fell to B.C. earlier this season. "I think Boston College is a great team. They played tremendous defense, especially in the first half, and they really took us out of our inside game, but I thought Niele really stepped up for us. She played a great game. In the first half when Ruth was on the bench, she took over the scoring load. That's something she's able to do all the time, but she's a very unselfish player."

Ivey caught fire and helped keep the Irish in front early with 13 first-half points. She also dished out seven assists and finished with 17 points on 4-of-6 shooting from downtown.

"I remember the last time we played B.C., I played poorly," Ivey said. "I came into the game thinking I have to play better than I did

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