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BENGAL BOUTS:

Volunteers shape souls with Bangladesh service



Photo courtesy of Father Bill Seetch

Members of the Notre Dame Bengal Bouts have been helping the needy for nearly 70 years. Students sacrifice their bodies and cash to help impoverished citizens of Bangladesh. Father George Pope (second from left) is seen here donating Notre Dame's contributions to members of the Bangladesh community on his overseas trip.

By MICHAEL ROMANCHEK
News Writer

Halfway around the world exists a Notre Dame most people could never imagine.

Sixty students crammed into an O'Shaughnessy-sized classroom and homeless people sharing lunch with the student body are foreign concepts for most Notre Dame students.

For Notre Dame College students in Dhaka, Bangladesh, they are a part of everyday life.

Like its American counterpart, Notre Dame College in Dhaka, the capital of impoverished Bangladesh, ranks as one of the country's top private colleges. It is one of nine Holy Cross schools in Bangladesh, the twelfth most-populated country in the world.

"The poverty outside of the walls [of Notre Dame college] is like nothing you could ever possibly imagine," said Bengal Bouts coach Tom Suddes, who visited Bangladesh and saw the Bengal Bouts money at work. "It's incredible; you walk into the compound and it's different. It's simple and real Spartan but it's different. It's amazing what our money does over there."

Seven of the Holy Cross schools are primary schools, equivalent of grades one through 10 in America. Notre Dame and its sister school, Holy Cross College, are the top

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■ BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Celebration highlights black culture

By TIM LOGAN
Associate News Editor

A diverse gathering of students and faculty filled LaFortune Ballroom Friday night for the sixth annual Blak Koffee House, a night of poetry and music in celebration of African-American culture.

This year's event, themed "Portraits of our Consciousness," featured eight speakers who recited their own work or the work of others who they felt captured the essence of their feeling.

"The idea of 'Portraits of our Consciousness' is to look inside your heart and take a picture of what's going on inside," said junior Wil Matthews, one of the event's emcees. A number of participants undertook this effort, and their recitations ranged from personal love poetry to old poems of the antebellum South.

Several poets discussed being black in today's America.

"It means to be proud of all that you are

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Female Hoosier students benefit from LONI

By JENNY BRADBURN
News Writer

For Rachel Rodarte of Dyer, Ind., acceptance into a top-rated college was a proud accomplishment, but it was not until she was chosen as a New Leader of Indiana that attending Saint Mary's became feasible.

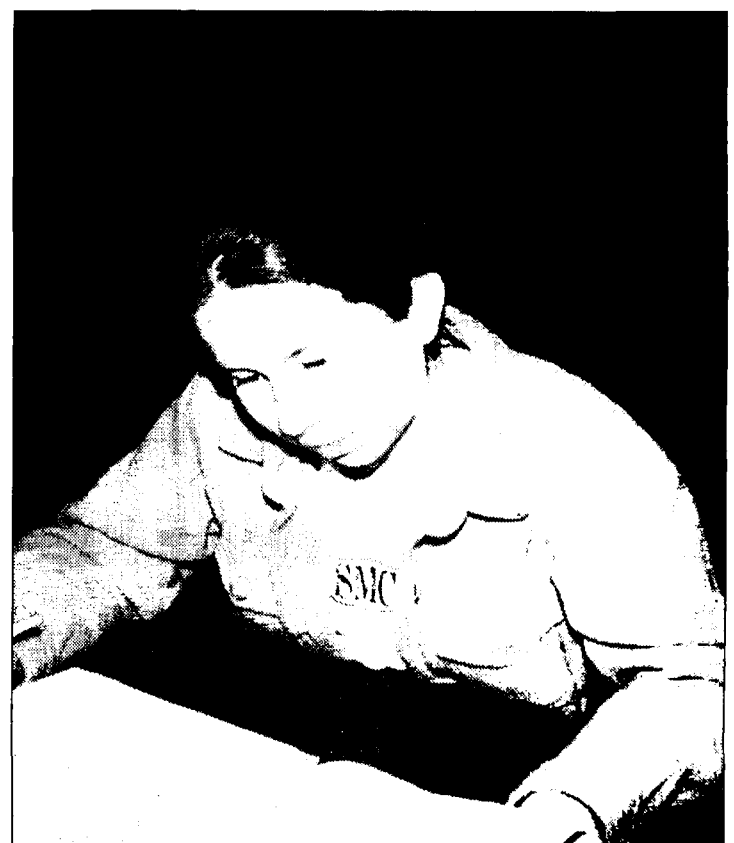
"I was so excited when the letter came because being chosen to participate in the program and getting the associated scholarship meant I would be able to go to Saint Mary's," she said.

Rodarte and the other selected students have benefited from the effort made by the state of Indiana to make attending a college within Indiana more attractive and possible. The Leaders of a New Indiana (LONI) project began as a collaborative effort between Chamber of Commerce leaders, Saint Mary's faculty and community leaders in response to the low number of Indiana residents who are over age 25 and hold a bachelors degree.

The initiative of the project is focused on helping Indiana students from small communities go to college, stay in college and find an opportunity for employment in their home community.

Saint Mary's was the chosen recipient of a generous grant for the Lilly Endowment to fund the project, a decision that according to LONI Director Maria Thompson, "was because the program offers pre-college programs, on-campus support, and makes participants aware of all Indiana has to offer when making career decisions after graduation."

High school freshmen and sophomores get a preview for college life in the "My First Day in College" program. They have the opportunity to visit campus, eat lunch



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LONI award recipient Rachel Rodarte is one of 40 students attending Indiana schools to receive recognition for her academic leadership.

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Hail to the Chief

Do you know what is significant about today? Well, besides being 29 years and a day after Bobby Hull scored his 500th career goal, Feb. 22 is George Washington's birthday.

Very few people, however, could actually tell you that today is Washington's birthday.

Why is the birth of one of our great leaders so easily forgotten?

Because for some reason, February happens to be the month of the births of monumental American leaders — besides Washington, Abraham Lincoln also calls the amethyst his birthstone.

The relative proximity of these two births led the U.S. government in not creating two federal holidays so close to each other, but instead to create one, all-encompassing presidential holiday on the third Monday in February. This holiday has led to a lack of recognition for the actual birth dates of Washington and Lincoln. Plus, elementary school students everywhere get one less day off of school. As Homer Simpson would say, "President's Day! What a rip-off!"

Yet, perhaps it is better that Americans are less likely to remember Lincoln and Washington and reflect on their great accomplishments. For if Americans were to look upon the deeds of Washington and Lincoln, they might become even more jaded and cynical about the current state of American government.

Washington and Lincoln each faced crisis from outside that threatened the very existence of the United States of America. Our current President, William Jefferson Clinton, has created crisis from within his administration that threatens the dignity of his office.

Lincoln was "Honest Abe" and Washington was "The Father of Our Country." Clinton will be forever remembered as "Slick Willie."

Washington couldn't tell a lie. Clinton appears unable to tell the truth, the whole truth or anything that might be vaguely construed as the truth.

Lincoln wrote one of the most memorable speeches in the history of American politics, The Gettysburg Address. Clinton, on the other hand, has staffs of speech writers turn out speeches that then have every line tested for public reaction before being delivered on national television.

Despite the extra help that Clinton employs, I cannot remember a single line from any speech that Clinton has ever given. While I can recite large parts of the Gettysburg address, I can only remember one sound byte from Clinton's mouth: "I did not have sex with that woman. Not once, never."

Some may argue that Clinton never had the chance to be remembered as a great president. Most of the problems Clinton has faced deal with the stability of his marriage. It seems that because he didn't have any problems thrust upon him from the outside world, he felt compelled to create problems for himself.

Perhaps it is better that Washington and Lincoln existed in their own times and not today. With the emergence of the evening newscast and its 30-second stories, would "The Gettysburg Address" be forever reduced to a sound byte? Would private secrets hidden deep within his past have destroyed Washington's noble image?

Or perhaps were Lincoln and Washington great presidents who will forever stand the test of time and public scrutiny; while Clinton will be remembered as a man whose out-of-control libido doomed what was possibly a promising political career?

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Outside the Dome

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Faculty votes in favor of controversial Greek initiative

HANOVER, N.H.

The College's faculty voted 82-0 at a special meeting Thursday to support the controversial social and residential life initiative announced last week by the Board of Trustees which, among other things, threatens the existence of the single-sex Greek system at Dartmouth.

In the two-hour meeting characterized by one faculty member as "utterly confused" and another as "all twisted up," numerous drafts, motions and amendments of resolutions to support the five guiding principles were proposed and debated seemingly simultaneously and with little order.

While College president James Wright began the meeting by joking that only three parts of the plan have been criticized — "the process, the substance and the way in which it was communicated" — little of that criticism was seen yesterday,

Dartmouth College

although some members of the faculty expressed concern that they were not made more a part of the decision making process.

Most of the disagreement during the meeting centered not on the principles themselves but instead on how strong the support they give the Trustees' initiative should be and how active the faculty should be in assisting the goals' implementation.

So limited was the discussion on the five guiding principles or their obvious Greek implications that when one

professor rose and said, "can we have a discussion on the principles themselves?" cries of "no" could be heard throughout the faculty.

Instead of a voice of support, Director of the Rockefeller Center Linda Fowler suggested the resolution express that "the faculty welcomes the opportunity to engage" the students in discussions on the initiatives because she said she felt "the students already feel besieged" by the initiatives and their underlying meanings.

She said having their own faculty voice strong support for the same goals would look like they were "ganging up on the students."

Associate Professor of Religion Susan Ackerman said she disagreed with Fowler's assertion that students feel besieged, and said she has spoken with students who support the Trustees' announcement.

■ UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Graduates may authorize strike

ANN ARBOR, Mich.

After five months of tug-of-war contract negotiations with the University, members of the Graduate Employees Organization have until midnight to decide whether to give GEO leadership the ability to authorize a strike — a step many GEO members say they are ready to make. If the majority of the membership votes yes, the GEO steering committee will be able to authorize many University graduate student instructors to take job action, which could include a strike or a walkout. GEO spokesperson Chip Smith said that, based on the University's response to his organization in bargaining sessions, the steering committee could opt for something more serious than most people think. "People should expect a serious, extended action and I'm not talking about a one- or two-day walkout," Smith said. "We are being driven to strike by the University, specifically by [University Chief Negotiator] Dan Gamble's refusal to negotiate with us."

■ DUKE UNIVERSITY

Police demand collective bargaining

DURHAM, N.C.

Within a month, the uniformed patrol officers in the Duke University Police Department may pursue the right to collective bargaining with the administration; University officials are less than thrilled with the possibility. Leaders of the Durham Police Officers Association said that the requisite 50 percent of eligible Duke officers have joined the group and expressed interest in collective bargaining. They will soon forward the officers' names to the International Union of Police Associations. Within a month, said DPOA vice president and Durham police officer Jeff Kraus, the Duke patrol officers should hold a formal vote for the right to collective bargaining. Founded last November, DPOA includes officers from the Durham Police Department as well as from DUPD. Under North Carolina state law, DPD officers may not bargain collectively for wages; however, because the University is a private entity, Campus Police may do so.

■ UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Senate cited for alcohol violations

DURHAM, N.H.

In an attempt to begin repairing the shattered reputation of the student senate, the administration has issued three sanctions, which they said they hope will educate senators while holding them accountable for their mistakes. An investigation of senate in the last weeks of January ended with two senators admitting to drinking during a senate meeting. One of those senators is underage. The fate of the two guilty senators, who were forced to resign from the organization, lies in the hands of the judicial board. The rest of senate is being forced by the administration to participate in a morals and ethics workshop, an alcohol awareness workshop and a community service activity. Some senators said they feel the sanctions may have a positive impact on senate. Molly McCarthy, speaker of the senate, said the sanctions will mark the beginning of many changes in senate.

■ UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

Victim finds attacker in newspaper

BOULDER, Colo.

The day after the Super Bowl, Patrick Walsh, a 23-year-old Boulder resident, sat in a chair at his dentist's office. He was about to find out he would lose two of his teeth as the result of an attack. Walsh had been assaulted the night before during the post-game partying on the Hill. A rioter who Walsh said mistook him for a police officer attacked, hitting him in the face with a heavy object. He had no idea who his attacker was. But as he sat in the dentist's office, a picture on the front of a newspaper caught his eye. Walsh recognized the man jumping newspaper flames in the picture as his attacker. "I was sitting in the dentist's office," said Walsh, "and sitting next to me was this guy reading the Camera and I said, 'that's the guy.'" Walsh contacted the police, who put an advertisement requesting information about the alleged attacker in the Daily Camera, said Detective Barry Hartkopp of the Boulder Police Department.

■ SOUTH BEND WEATHER

5 Day South Bend Forecast

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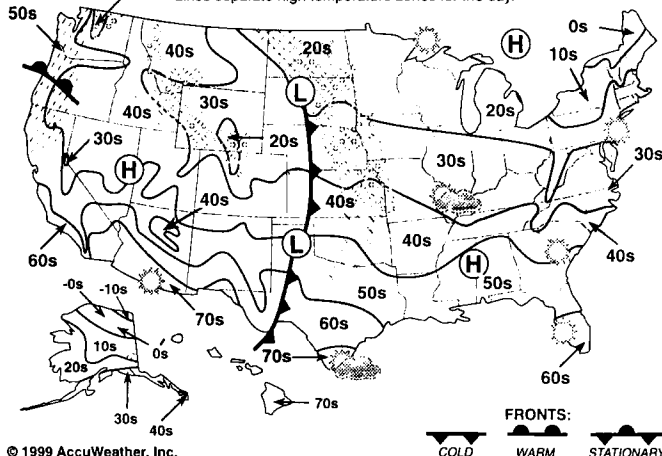
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■ NATIONAL WEATHER

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Chicago	30	22	Los Angeles	69	47	Seattle	51	40
Columbus	31	11	New York	27	21	Tucson	70	42



(From left to right) Discussion moderator Sister Linda Kors, senior policy analyst Matt McDermott and Sarah's Circle representative Gail Russell participated in a discussion at Saint Mary's addressing the problem of homelessness.

Conference highlights homeless problem

By M. SHANNON RYAN
Saint Mary's Editor

On any given night in Chicago, there are more than 15,000 homeless, but only 5,500 shelter beds available.

Matt McDermott, senior policy analyst for the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless, brought this statistic and others to light Saturday at Saint Mary's College at the Homelessness and the Single Parent Family Conference.

The conference, attended by the mayor of South Bend, religious and business leaders, service providers, students and homeless people, sought to stimulate discussion and result in action on the housing crisis faced by the homeless population.

McDermott and Gail Russell, executive director for Sarah's Circle, a shelter for homeless and transient women in Chicago, led a panel discussion on models that work for change.

Russell said that collaboration and networking with other service agencies provides a way to advocate for social justice for the homeless.

"There needs to be a unified voice among service providers ... to advocate for systemic change," she said.

Agencies should come together regularly, she said, to discuss goals and develop strategies. This would also serve as a way to maximize the methods of helping the homeless.

Russell also stressed the positive ways in which agencies like the Interfaith Council for the Homeless work for change. Religious organizations can adopt shelters to help provide volunteers and other services. They can also assist with education, she said.

"The religious community can come together ... and try to work as an advocacy voice for

the homeless and social service providers to improve services and make life better for persons who are homeless," she said.

McDermott took the issues to a broader sphere, looking at homelessness in terms of politics.

In an area as large as Chicago, McDermott said it is especially important to humanize the problem.

"You need to work directly with the homeless," he said. "You need to get them to articulately speak about their experiences in public. ... It's much more successful [than speaking about policy], the common appeal to get someone to tell you their story."

He said the coalition's newsletter has a profile on a homeless person every edition, most recently on an 11-year-old girl. "It sounds real simple but it reminds people what this problem is all about, who this problem is all about."

McDermott said that to advocate change, one must be able to relay "good stats on homelessness."

Many people are confused or hold out-dated and stereotypical views on homelessness.

A common thought is that the typical homeless person is male, however the typical homeless person is a single, 20-year-old woman with two children under the age of six. Families are the largest growing population of homeless and the average age of a homeless person is 9, he said.

Two issues McDermott focused on which could be applied in South Bend are examining the living wage and a campaign to build a mixed-income community.

For more information on homelessness, contact the National Coalition for the Homeless at <http://www.nch.ari.net>

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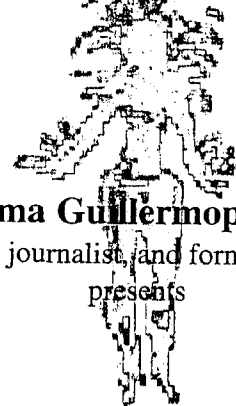
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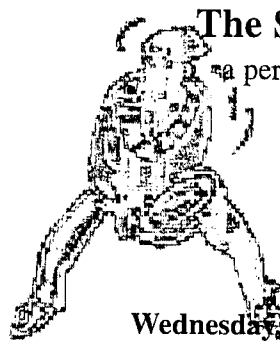
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level of Catholic education in Bangladesh, where the literacy rate is estimated at 36 percent.

Despite the low literacy rate and severe poverty, competition to get into the Holy Cross schools is high.

Brother Robi Purification, who is studying for his Masters of Science and Administration at the University of Notre Dame, was head principal of St. Gregory's Primary School outside of Dhaka. For every first grade class of 160 student slots the school received between 600 and 800 applications, he estimated.

While most of the applicants are from upper-class families, the Holy Cross also accept students from rural villages and poverty-stricken urban centers. At Notre Dame College, some of these students live within the college compound. In some cases, 12 students share a room.

"Not once did I ever hear one student complain about the lack of social space or parietals," said Father Bill Seetch, rector of Morrissey Hall and Bengal Bouts chaplain after visiting his counterparts in Bangladesh.

The Bengal Bouts have raised money for the Holy Cross of Bangladesh for almost 70 years. Most of the money from Bengal Bouts is used for daily operations by many of the schools but recently the Bouts have provided enough money for specific projects.

Bengal Bouts supplied funds for a new commissary, or dining hall, at Notre Dame College. Prior to building the new commissary, the students ate every meal outside in what resembled a picnic pavilion. The new \$21,000 building is just one of the improvements Bengal Bouts money is helping fund.

"Bengal Bouts is one of the largest benefactors of the Holy Cross in Bangladesh," said Suddes. "We send \$41,000 over there and it's like sending \$400,000 in terms of what the purchasing power relatively speaking would be here."

Last summer Bangladesh suffered the worst floods of the century. During the floods

Notre Dame, St. Gregory's and the other Holy Cross schools opened their doors to the homeless of Dhaka.

The school provided food and shelter for many flood victims with not only the faculty and staff helping emergency operations but the students as well.

Much of the relief effort was made possible through Notre Dame students. Bengal Bouts and residence halls donated money and care packages to the Holy Cross relief effort.

Last year Notre Dame College and St. Gregory's School graduate Amartya Sen received the Nobel Peace Prize in economics. His study of food distribution throughout the world may one day help the millions of impoverished people from Bangladesh.

Although the Holy Cross schools produce notable scholars like Sen, some of the missionary schools are designed for less fortunate children. Notre Dame College runs a program where children can attend trade classes at night and receive food while they attend.

This is a rare educational opportunity that many of the poorest Bengalis would never dream of without the help of the Holy Cross. In most cases these children, as young as seven years old, must work during the day to survive.

The trade school program offers them a chance for education and a free meal each day.

The Holy Cross' mission to educate is changing lives from Dhaka to South Bend. With continued help, the missions in Bangladesh will be able to help more people each year.

"It is the most 'other' place I have ever been," said Seetch, who has also traveled to Africa and China. "There are so many people, so much coming and going, it is hard to imagine [Bangladesh] without actually going there."

Most Americans do not realize the difference between poverty in the U.S. and poverty in third-world nations. To understand this poverty, Purification has suggested Notre Dame students should "go and see Bangladesh. If they see something, they feel it and only then can they understand the suffering," he said.

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with administrators, attend classes with their host and participate in workshops on the college admission and financial aid processes.

Forty students from Indiana are chosen each year to participate in the Leadership and Community Development Academy. The academy is a one-week camp, designed to help females in high school develop their leadership skills and utilize them in confronting issues in their own communities.

Thompson believes the Leadership and Community Development Academy teaches students "how to put ideas into action, become critical thinkers and have confidence in their own thoughts and actions."

Admission to the program is competitive with 40 Indiana high school students accepted and given full scholarship for the cost of the week-long program.

Another initiative of the LONI program is to serve Latina stu-

dents through the Encuentro program, which works to bring together Latina women from all corners of the nation during the summer.

Encuentro means "to gather, find oneself, to encounter" in Spanish. Participants in the program are encouraged to use the time they are at Saint Mary's to find themselves academically, spiritually and culturally.

The intense two-week program involves participation in chemistry, computer science, Latina literature and art classes, as well as numerous evening cultural workshops.

In addition to the workshops, on-campus support is offered to the young women who meet the LONI qualifications and are accepted to Saint Mary's.

Accepted students are eligible for a need-based grant of up to \$5,500 per academic year and are able to receive services such as peer tutoring and leadership workshops at no additional cost.

During a student's time at Saint Mary's, she has the opportunity to meet regularly with a mentor from the faculty or administration who seeks to guide students through decisions

and give them support.

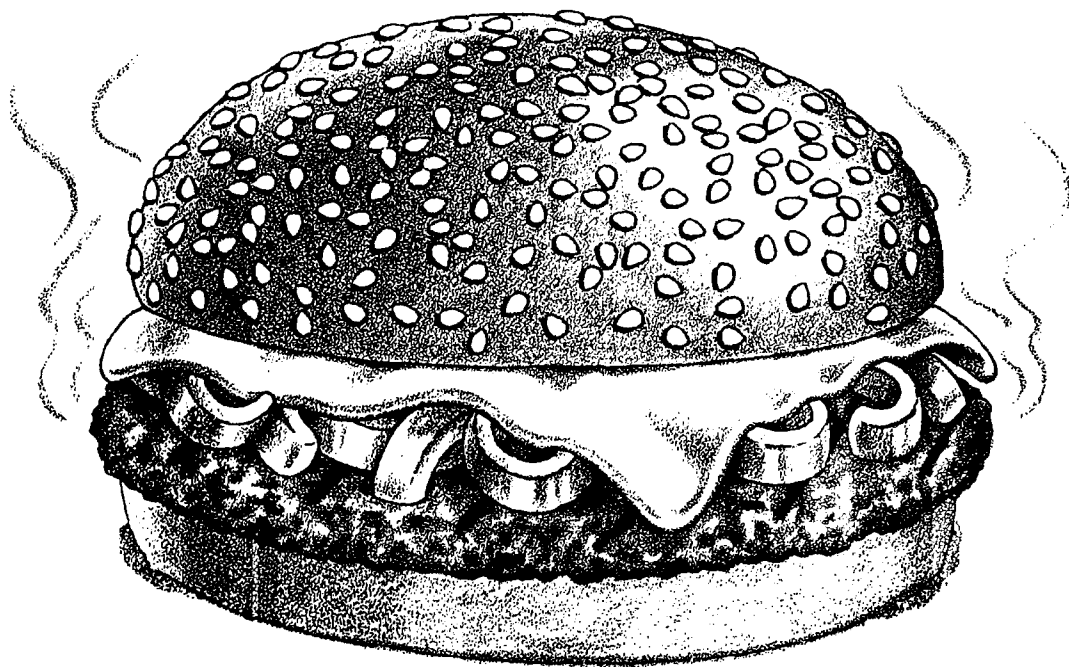
LONI participant and Saint Mary's sophomore Becky Fortunak felt welcomed by the way mentors hosted LONI students for dinner and contacted them outside of class to offer advice and support.

"For me, the best part of the program is having regular meetings with my mentor group," Fortunak said. "It was great to have a support group during those first few weeks of college and now we still meet for lunch once a week."

Once a student is ready to begin considering post-graduate plans, LONI seeks to provide a means for her to become aware of opportunities in Indiana. It engages students in meetings with local community leaders and professionals, offers career exploration workshops and finds summer internships in their local communities.

Drawing on the strong support from the Saint Mary's Alumnae Network, LONI assists students in securing a job in Indiana with the hopes they will continue to use leadership skills developed through LONI to benefit the state.

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■ WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Communist party calls for Yeltsin's impeachment

MOSCOW

Gennady Zyuganov, the leader of the Russian Communist Party, said Sunday that he would urge parliament to adopt a motion to impeach President Boris Yeltsin. Addressing a rally marking Defender of the Fatherland Day, Zyuganov said an impeachment commission in the lower house of parliament had collected enough evidence to confirm "Yeltsin's criminal activity." The Communists have been at odds with Yeltsin throughout his tenure. Zyuganov has recently heated up his rhetoric, particularly after rumors emerged that Yeltsin needed medical help earlier this month when he traveled to Jordan for King Hussein's funeral. "Now after seven years of democratic mind games, everyone realizes that an incompetent person is in power who is unable to be responsible for his words and actions," Zyuganov told the crowd of 10,000 gathered to mark the military holiday.

New speaker promises to work with Democrats

WASHINGTON

Rep. Dennis Hastert, the new House speaker, promises a no-nonsense, hardworking Congress where Republicans will try to work with Democrats, even on such normally partisan issues as increasing the minimum wage. "The American people want Congress to work, and they don't want it to work exclusively on a Republican way or exclusively on a Democratic way," Hastert (R-Ill.) said on "Fox News Sunday." "There's good ideas that come up on both sides of the aisle." Hastert and other GOP leaders meet President Clinton on Tuesday, both sides trying to show they can lay aside partisan differences and work for the country's good.

Student jailed for telegram

CAIRO, Egypt

A university student angry over a land dispute faces two years in jail for trying to send Egypt's president a telegram claiming there is no justice under his regime. "Justice is lost," 27-year-old Mohammed Teyfour wrote in the Jan. 22 telegram. "Security has been lost in your era, Mubarak. No to injustice, no to lack of security, no to Mubarak." The telegram was never sent by the operator in the Nile Delta town of Damanhour who, likely fearing reprisals himself, contacted police instead. Police charged Teyfour with libel and insulting the president, which can carry up to two years in prison. The telegram was printed Sunday in the weekly opposition Al-Arabi newspaper.

■ BALKAN PEACE TALKS



AFP Photo

An ethnic Albanian man checks his surroundings in Studencane, 80 kilometers southwest of Kosovo's capital, Pristina. U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, who is at peace talks in France, does not believe that peace can occur in Kosovo unless NATO troops intervene.

Negotiations reach impasse in France

ASSOCIATED PRESS

RAMBOUILLET, France

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, making scant headway toward a Kosovo peace settlement, said Sunday that if neither Serbs nor ethnic Albanians accept the six-nation plan, NATO cannot carry through on its threat to attack Serb targets.

With a new deadline set for Tuesday, Serb negotiators "are not engaging at all" over the critical question of whether NATO peacekeepers would enforce the settlement, while the Kosovar Albanians must still be persuaded to sign on fully with the plan to give them greater autonomy in the Serb province, Albright said.

"They are dealing, and I think we have to appreciate this, with decisions that affect their lives," Albright said. "It is a question of war and peace for them. In think we need to understand the difficulty of the decisions that they are making."

Albright will return to this small town southwest of Paris on Monday

for more talks with the ethnic Albanians, a senior U.S. official told The Associated Press.

Albright, talking to reporters, declined to explain what was holding up Albanian approval. In fact, she said, U.S. officials thought the Albanians had given her a green light on Saturday.

But other U.S. officials said the renewed negotiations focused on the Albanians' quest for independence after the plan's interim three-year period, and the U.S. refusal to endorse independence. And Albright, ruling out any independence referendum in the agreement, said she was looking for a way "the voice of the people" could be expressed in Kosovo.

But "if this fails because both parties say no, there will not be bombing of Serbia and we will try to figure out ways of trying to deal with both sides," she said.

However, Albright said that if the Albanians give their total endorsement to the complex plan — which would give the majority Albanians sig-

nificant autonomy but stop short of independence for Kosovo — and if the Serbs keep holding out, then the Serbs would be attacked.

"The Serbian side is not cooperative. The Serbian side believes that it can have half the deal, which is to talk about the political part of the document. ... There is no deal and no cooperation if they are not willing to engage in what is a basic aspect of the agreement," she said, referring to the NATO peacekeepers.

Albright's spokesman, James P. Rubin, said she left U.S. Ambassador Christopher Hill — the U.S. special envoy to the talks — to continue negotiating with the Albanian representatives.

And British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook also tried to put pressure on the ethnic Albanians to accept the agreement.

"If you don't sign up to these texts, it is extremely difficult to see how NATO could then take action against Belgrade," he said told the British Broadcasting Corp.

■ IRAQ

Kurds protest Ocalan capture

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SULAIMANIYA

About 4,000 Iraqi Kurds marched to the United Nations office in northern Iraq Sunday to protest the arrest of Kurdish rebel leader Abdullah Ocalan.

Protests were also held Sunday in Iran and Germany.

In Sulaimaniya, hundreds of soldiers armed with automatic rifles stopped protesters about 250 yards from the U.N. building. The demonstrators chanted slogans in support of Ocalan, who was taken last week from the Greek Embassy in Nairobi, Kenya, by Turkish agents.

"Down, down U.S.A.," the demon-

strators chanted. The circumstances of Ocalan's arrest have fueled speculation that Turkey obtained help from the United States and Israel in tracking down Ocalan.

After about two hours, the protesters marched to the Turkish consulate where, according to unconfirmed reports, guards fired guns into the air to scare the crowd. There were no reports of injuries. About 3.2 million Kurds live in northern Iraq.

Similar protests have been staged throughout Europe and in countries with large Kurdish populations, including Iran.

About 1,000 Iranian Kurds gathered Sunday outside the U.N. office in Tehran, chanting anti-Turkish slogans. They carried portraits of Ocalan or placards with his nickname, "Apo." The demonstration ended

peacefully.

Smaller demonstrations were held in several other Iranian cities, residents and Kurdish sources said. Some 6.5 million Iranians are Kurds.

In western Berlin, five people were arrested Sunday as police broke up a pro-Ocalan demonstration by 150 leftists. No one was injured. Police spokeswoman Beate Schmidt said Kurds did not participate in the demonstration.

In the bloodiest incident since Ocalan's arrest, three Kurds who tried to storm the Israeli consulate in Berlin last Wednesday were fatally shot by security guards. Kurdish leaders in Berlin said a funeral march would be held for them Wednesday.

Berlin officials had issued a week-end ban on all large gatherings, fearful of more violence.

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Koffee

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and who you are ... I came to such a freedom," said senior Sherrecia Jones in her poem "The Essence of Blackness."

"For how many days in so many ways must we be told it is okay to be comfortable in this skin?" she said.

One highlight of the evening came when assistant to the president Chandra Johnson spoke about her father, the renowned

singer Willie Thomas Johnson. He was a gospel singer and co-founder of the Golden Gate Quartette — the first African-American group to perform at a Presidential inaugural ball. The older Johnson also appeared in singing roles in several movies before retiring to spend more time with his children.

"He took the Negro spiritual and made it secular," Johnson said of her father. "He made it acceptable in places outside the black church."

Another highlight was junior Ayana Fakhir's powerful oration

of "Dark Testament," an essay by Pauli Murray about America's slave history and its lingering effects in today's society. She said the selection held a certain appeal for her.

"I did a lot of research, and this was the only piece that evoked some kind of spirit," she said. "It moved me."

Johnson said Blak Koffee House gives Notre Dame's African-American community a chance to listen to itself, and that that opportunity is a very important one.

"Blak Koffee House is pivotal

to the experience of black students on this campus," Johnson said. "It is essential for their development to hear each other speak."

Johnson said she enjoyed Friday's event, with its focus on the spoken word instead of the usual musical events. The greater amount of speech demonstrated a deeper expression of students' sentiments, she said.

"I loved tonight," said Johnson. "There was more oration, and when there's oration, that means the students are

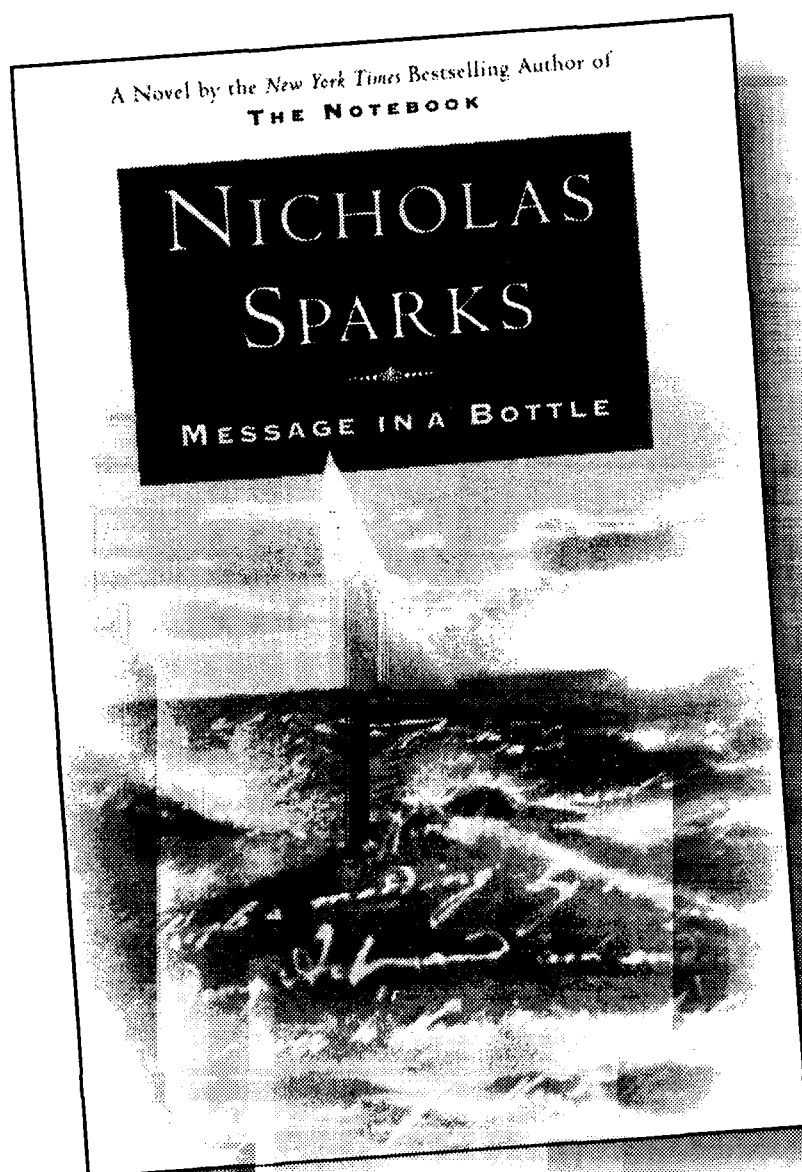
speaking from their hearts."

At the event, Otis Hill and Cassandra Melton were named recipients of the Thurgood Marshall Scholarships, which are given to a male and female African-American freshman for demonstrated leadership in the Notre Dame community through involvement in service activities.

The evening was sponsored by Office of Multicultural Student Affairs and the Black Cultural Arts Festival and is in its sixth year. It has been held on Junior Parents' Weekend each year since 1993.

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Officials put pressure on sweepstakes gimmicks

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS

Frustrated with consumer complaints and filing costly lawsuits against mail-in sweepstakes, attorneys general from nine states and representatives from 16 others are meeting to discuss ways to halt deceptive gimmicks.

They hope further agreements with the industry and new laws will help.

"Right now the only tool we have to deal with deception and fraud in the sweepstakes industry is to file a lawsuit, and that's a very inefficient way of dealing with the problem," said Indiana Attorney General Jeff Modisett.

Indiana has lawsuits pending against American Family Publishers and Publishers Clearing House, two of the giants in the industry, claiming they use deceptive mailings to trick people into purchasing magazines and other products in hopes it will help them win.

Both companies say they promote their disclaimers prominently and have paid out millions of dollars to winners, including many who didn't purchase a thing.

Other states have filed similar lawsuits against sweepstakes companies and settlements have been reached in some cases.

Pat Raines, of Willard, Mo., is coming to Indianapolis for the meeting starting

Wednesday to share the story of her father Neil Hancock, who died in April at 80. After taking control of his finances in 1997, Raines discovered he had written dozens of checks totalling \$102,000 to contest promoters over a four-year period.

She begged him to stop sending money.

"Of course he wasn't about to because he thought he was in the final stages of winning \$12 million or \$35 million or whatever," Raines said. "They say they are legally within the limits, that you're a winner only if your number is selected, in small print. But they do a lot of things I think are unfair and deceptive and to me it's a crime, because they are targeting the elderly."

Federal law prohibits companies from requiring a purchase or charging a fee to people who enter sweepstakes. People who don't buy magazine subscriptions, for example, must have the same chance of winning a prize as people make a purchase.

Under a bill filed in the Senate earlier this month, sweepstakes that use deception to lure people into buying products could be fined up to \$2 million.

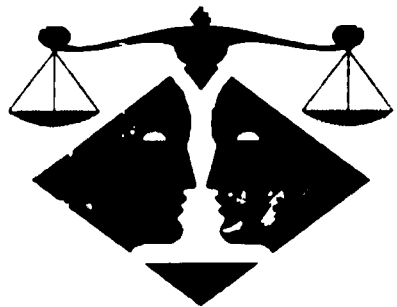
Other attorneys general planning to attend are from Oklahoma, Florida, Mississippi, Missouri, New Mexico, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

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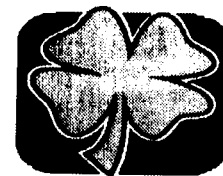
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Irish Fighting for Life

Inmates choose gas chamber in protest

Two convicted killers hope for a new ruling

Associated Press

PHOENIX

Given the option of a fatal but painless injection, convicted killers Karl and Walter LaGrand have chosen slower, more agonizing deaths in a cloud of cyanide fumes.

It's a calculated move designed to keep the brothers from becoming the first German citizens to be executed in the United States. Karl LaGrand is scheduled to die Wednesday, Walter on March 3.

The LaGrands and their attorneys are gambling that an appeals court will buy their argument that lethal gas is cruel and unusual punishment — and therefore unconstitutional.

The brothers, condemned to die for killing a bank manager in 1982, also hope U.S. officials will bow to international pressure and commute their sentences to life in prison. Chancellor Gerhard

Schroeder and other German leaders have asked President Clinton, Attorney General Janet Reno, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Arizona Gov. Jane Hull to intervene.

"I want to do everything I can that can save a life, even in such a difficult case," said Schroeder, who opposes the death penalty for even the most serious crimes.

Germany, which has no death penalty, has also lodged an appeal with the World Court on the brothers' behalf.

It has also appealed to Arizona to spare the lives of two other German brothers on death row. Rudi and Michael Apelt were convicted of killing Michael's U.S.-born wife in 1988 in hopes of cashing in on a \$400,000 life insurance policy.

A fifth German citizen is on death row in Florida. In all, 72 foreign nationals are awaiting execution in the United States, according to Amnesty International.

The pending LaGrand executions have been front-page news in Germany, where the brothers were born. Their mother, Emma, married an American serviceman who adopted the boys and their sister and moved the family to the United States in 1967.

Karl, 35, and Walter, 36, were in trouble with the law as children. Karl was arrested for shoplifting at 9, and the boys set a fire that caused \$20,000 damage to a golf course while the family lived at a military post in Texas.

In 1981, the LaGrands robbed three Tucson supermarkets in six days. They were free on their own recognition when they tried to hold up the Valley National Bank in Marana, north of

Tucson, shortly after it opened Jan. 7, 1982. Karl, armed with a toy pistol, ordered bank manager Ken Hartsock, 63, to open the vault.

Hartsock, however, knew only half of the combination. The brothers tied up Hartsock, beat him and stabbed him 24 times with a letter opener. A clerk was also stabbed but survived.

Arizona prisoners sentenced to death for crimes committed before November 1992 have the option of choosing between lethal injection or lethal gas. All 13 inmates executed under that provision have chosen injection.

Karl LaGrand declined to be interviewed. His defense hopes to stave off execution by convincing the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco that the gas chamber is barbaric.

A panel of the appellate court in 1994 agreed with a lower court ruling that con-

cluded prisoners executed in the gas chamber suffered "excruciating pain for between 15 seconds and several minutes" and that a gas chamber execution violates "evolving standards of human decency and has no place in a civilized society."

1994 APPELLATE COURT RULING

Fourteen states appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, which ruled that when the inmate is given a choice of execution, lethal gas did not constitute cruel and unusual punishment. The high court, however, instructed the lower courts to examine the issue further.

The argument that the gas chamber is unconstitutional when an inmate has an alternative, such as lethal injection, "would be a hard one to win in today's courts," said Richard Dieter, executive director of the nonprofit Death Penalty Information Center in Washington.

Corrections officials say the LaGrands' selection of the gas chamber over injection is irreversible.

The LaGrands are also contending their death sentences should be overturned because they were denied their right under international law to consult with the German consulate following arrests. State officials say the claim is invalid because the brothers failed to assert it in state court.

John Foorde, an attorney specializing in consular affairs for the U.S. State Department, said there are no cases where a criminal conviction was set aside because of a breach of the treaty.

President Clinton is powerless to stop the execution because this is a state case, said Paul McMurdie, chief counsel for criminal appeals in the Arizona Attorney General's Office.

Mrs. Hull cannot commute the brothers' death sentences without a recommendation from the State Board of Executive Clemency, which will consider Karl LaGrand's case Tuesday.

NY gears for Senate race

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton's reputation for toughness and political smarts will be put to a full test if she decides to run for a New York Senate seat, politicians from both parties warned her Sunday.

Former GOP Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, a potential rival for the seat, said Republicans "are actually relishing the battle."

New York's combative mayor, Rudolph Giuliani, said a run by the first lady would give him an incentive for seeking the Republican nomination. "Starting off from the underdog position would probably be a good thing, from my point of view," Giuliani said on CNN's "Late Edition."

With the impeachment over and Congress not yet back in full gear, the possibility of a Clinton-Giuliani race in New York dominated the Sunday news programs. It's the cover story for both Time and Newsweek this week.

Former New York Mayor Ed Koch, a Democrat, predicted that Mrs. Clinton would win if she runs for the seat being vacated by four-term Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, a Democrat. But "it'll be a tough fight. It won't be a win in a walk," he said on CBS' "Face the Nation."

Republicans differed on the outcome but agreed it would be close. A Time/CNN poll of New York residents put Mrs. Clinton ahead of Giuliani 52 percent to 43 percent, but Giuliani, on ABC's "This Week," said in the end "we are looking at a 2 or 3 percent race."

Mrs. Clinton has said she is talking to people about run-

ning and has not made up her mind. Time magazine quoted Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., who is urging Mrs. Clinton to run, as saying he had discussed her candidacy with President Clinton and "he was more excited than I've ever seen him about anything." Publicly, the president has said only that she would make a good senator, and he would support whatever decision she makes.

Weighing against a run is New York's notoriety for expensive, no-holds-barred negative politicking. House Speaker Dennis Hastert, like Mrs. Clinton a native of Illinois, said that even as a person familiar with tough Chicago politics, "I'm not sure why anybody from Illinois wants to stick their nose in New York politics."

Former New York Rep. Susan Molinari, a Republican, said her gut feeling was that the first lady will not enter the race. "This is not the kind of rough and tumble she wants to put herself back into," she said on CNN. Giuliani "is going to be an extremely formidable candidate and will beat her."

Geraldine Ferraro, in Time, recalled how she twice lost bids for a New York Senate seat, "and I can tell you that it is no walk in the park. The tabloids try to eat you alive every day. Much worse, they go after your family."

Ferraro said she hoped Mrs. Clinton would run, but another Democrat, former White House aide George Stephanopoulos, writing in Newsweek, advised otherwise. "Whitewater billing records, cattle futures, the travel office and Castle Grande will all be back," he wrote. "Do you really want to spend your last year in the White House

reliving the most painful episodes of your tenure?"

Giuliani said he had no intention of attacking Mrs. Clinton over the impeachment of her husband or accusing her of being a carpetbagger who doesn't live in New York.

But, when asked on ABC about the first lady's statements last year that she favored an independent Palestinian state, he noted that he agreed with the official White House position that the status of Palestinian-controlled lands are to be negotiated. "Mrs. Clinton is out there much more heavily favoring the Palestinians," he said.

Koch said most American Jews are for a Palestinian state. "For Giuliani to raise that shows you how low a blow he's willing to strike," the former mayor said.

One Democrat who expressed enthusiasm for Mrs. Clinton's candidacy was New York Rep. Nita Lowey, whose own decision on whether to enter the senatorial race has been put on hold as a result of the first lady's possible entry. "Hillary Clinton is in a very special class of her own," she said on CNN and Fox.

D'Amato, who lost his New York Senate seat last November after a nasty campaign against Democratic Rep. Charles Schumer, said Republicans aren't afraid of a Clinton candidacy and are "actually relishing the battle."

In addition to Giuliani, he said, New York moderate Reps. Jack Quinn and Rick Lazio would be strong contenders. Asked on Fox if he would consider running, D'Amato said it was "very tempting." He said it would be a race that those who enjoy politics "kind of salivate over."



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NASA delays space station

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CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. Two months after launching the foundation of its new space station, NASA isn't sure how many more flights — or how many more years — will be needed to finish the job.

As usual, NASA's biggest partner is to blame.

The Russian Space Agency has fallen behind yet again on its main contribution, a control module that's meant to double as the crew quarters. The upshot is more delays and rising costs for the international space station.

Except for a supply trip by shuttle Discovery this May, all assembly missions are on hold until the Russians launch the control module, the crucial third piece of the space station.

"It will launch. It's just a matter of when," says Frank Culbertson, NASA's deputy program manager for space station operations.

Russia's so-called service

module should have soared in April 1998, then in December 1998, then in April 1999, then in July 1999. Now an engineering evaluation by NASA shows that despite \$60 million in U.S. assistance, the 43-foot compartment won't be ready to fly before September.

And it may not be ready before November.

Russia's economic crisis is to blame for the 1 1/2-year holdup — the Russian government simply is not providing enough money — although computer software problems have emerged in recent months.

Russian space officials expect to more or less complete the service module next month and ship it from Moscow to the launch site in Kazakhstan. Engineers typically need 4 1/2 months to eight months at the launch site, however, to prepare a space station component for flight, says Culbertson.

Eight months of work would bump the launch of the

service module to November. And that would bump everything else, including the arrival of the first permanent crew, penciled in for early next year.

Culbertson says that while some Russian space officials are embarrassed about the situation, "most of them are fairly pragmatic — they've dealt with this before."

"They know the schedule pressure that we are under from Congress and the need to keep things moving because it costs money when you delay," he says. "But they also are not going to ship it before it's ready. They've been very clear about that."

That's about the only clear message lately from Russia.

When NASA revealed last month that the service module would fly no earlier than September, two months later than promised, the Russian Space Agency's PR office promptly issued a denial.

Days passed before Russian officials publicly acknowledged the delay.

■ BAHRAIN

Opposition leader faces bombing trial

Associated Press

MANAMA

Bahrain's leading Shiite Muslim opposition leader was put on trial behind closed doors Sunday, three years after he was detained on charges of spying and inciting unrest against the ruling family.

Sheik Abdul-Ameer al-Jamri, 62, was detained in January 1996 after he ignored government warnings and stepped up a campaign for political reforms. Bahraini laws allow detention for up to three years without trial.

Al-Jamri is being tried by the State Security Court, which was set up in March 1996 to deal solely with the Shiite unrest. A panel of three judges is presiding over the trial being held in Jaw, 20 miles south of the capital, Manama.

At least 40 people have been

killed in bombings and arson attacks blamed on Shiites, members of the second-largest sect of Islam. They are the majority among Bahrain's 400,000 citizens.

Bahrain's ruling family belongs to the mainstream Sunni sect, the biggest single sect in Islam.

Only Al-Jamri's wife, Zahra Youssef Attiyah, 55, and their four sons were allowed to attend the trial besides a defense attorney, Abdul-Shaheed Khalaf.

A government official said the trial was adjourned after a 45-minute session to give the defense time to prepare its case and to provide new documents. It was not known when the trial will resume.

Al-Jamri was the most prominent voice calling for a return of Bahrain's elected parliament, a release of political prisoners and more freedom of speech.

■ TURKEY

Government officials defend arrest of Kurdish leader

Associated Press

ANKARA

The Turkish prime minister's manner was mild, but his message was unmistakable: Back off.

Now that Turkey has rebel warlord Abdullah Ocalan behind bars, it is telling the West in no uncertain terms it wants no advice from anyone on how to conduct his trial.

"We would consider such attempts an unacceptable

affront to Turkish justice," Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit told a news conference on Sunday, six days after Turkish commandos captured Ocalan in Nairobi, Kenya. He is now on an isolated Turkish island prison where he remains in solitary confinement, under interrogation but not yet under formal arrest.

Even before a trial date has been set and the nature of the proceedings agreed upon, the case is pitting Turkey against

Western critics who cite its shaky human rights record and question whether the much-reviled Ocalan will be dealt with fairly.

At the hourlong question-and-answer session held by the prime minister and his foreign minister, Ismail Cem, Turkey's prickly brand of nationalistic pride was on ample display. So, too, was an increasingly strident tone at the first briefing specifically for foreign reporters since Ocalan's cap-

ture.

Both men stopped just short of openly gloating over violent protests by expatriate Kurds that erupted across Europe within hours of Ocalan's arrest, including many staged on the soil of countries that have expressed sympathy for the Kurds' struggle for autonomy.

"There is a Turkish expression, 'Long live the snake that doesn't bite me.' The attitude of some governments in Europe could well be described with that expression," Ecevit said. "Now that they have been slightly bitten by the snake, they may better realize what we have been suffering for many years."

The 73-year-old prime minister, a published poet noted for his evocative translations of Sanskrit verse, said autonomy for the Kurds is out of the question — and so is talking to Ocalan's Kurdistan Workers Party, or PKK, which has waged a 15-year military struggle for autonomy.

"A dialogue need not be formed with minority groups who want to partition Turkey," Ecevit declared.

The Ocalan case is drawing international attention to Turkey's treatment of its 12 million Kurds, concentrated in the desolate mountains of the southeast. The area is governed under harsh civil restrictions akin to martial law.

Speaking the Kurdish language, related to Iran's Farsi, was illegal even in unofficial settings between 1983 and 1991. Teaching and broadcasting it are still against the law.

At his news conference, Ecevit advanced a view commonly held in Turkey, that supporting autonomy or minority rights for the Kurds amounts to racism, because Kurds benefit by full assimilation into Turkish society.

"In contrast to the racist heritage and tendencies of certain European nations, we have had no concept of racial differentiation," he said.

Such combativeness on Turkey's part is likely to intensify as the trial unfolds, particularly if it is held in state security courts, which include military judges. With national elections less than two months away, the country's leaders will likely stick to the politically popular line that the trial is Turkey's business and no one else's.

All this will be to the detriment of Turkey's international image, some analysts say.

"This is not a normal trial; it's an international event," said Huseyin Bagci, an international relations scholar at Middle East Technical University in Ankara. Waving off outsiders' concerns about the proceedings, he predicted, will worsen relations with Europe.

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■ CAPITOL COMMENTS

Sick and Tired of Well, Everything

Admittedly, I am a political junky, living in Washington and having worked for eighteen years at the U.S. House of Representatives. Now that the impeachment fiasco has ended, I have had to join my local chapter of PJA (Political Junkies Anonymous). Most Americans are sick and tired of partisan politics, the impeachment process, Monica, Ken, Henry and the thirteen dwarfs who

Republicans, they were the only true patriots in this country. Jesuit turned conservative television political host, John McLaughlin, recently characterized my style of Catholicism as "Cafeteria." According to McLaughlin, I am a "Cafeteria Catholic" because I take bits and pieces of the Church's teachings only to suit myself.

Speaking of taking bits and pieces from the serving line, the Catholic academic world of university and college presidents, including Notre Dame's Fr. Malloy, are balking at the Vatican's proposal to place local bishops in control of Catholic institutions. Many, including me, are sick and tired of Catholic administrators using Catholicism as an excuse to enforce their beliefs but then to reject the Church's desire to unify Catholic higher education. We are either all Catholic or we are not. We have no middle ground.

Let's try an exercise in Logic 101. According to the education presidents, the Church definitely would enforce the prevention of coed housing or the prevention of nondiscrimination clauses in all Catholic institutions. Then the Church would force these same Catholic institutions to submit total control to the Vatican which would make these institutions less secular. Be Catholic on the one hand and then be Catholic on the other hand. Somehow these two thoughts seem to make sense to "true" Catholics. Where is their beef? Must be financial.

Notre Dame students should be sick and tired of the men's basketball team missing "March Madness." They, like me, must hate the Michigan and USC fights songs. Students also must surely be exhausted from the yearly campus debate over the discrimination ... I mean "nondiscrimination" clause debate at the University. I personally am tired of getting shut out of tickets for football games, but then again, I don't contribute as much as I once did in my

youth ... when I too was "new." Another financial thing.

I am sick of every sporting event in the world beginning with a man in a tuxedo who asks me if I am ready to rumble. I am not, and have never been! As far as the content of commercials during sports event time-outs, I am definitely sick of Bob Dole's Viagra testimonials. No wonder his wife wants another full time job!

Television programming in general is tired. The original odd couple, Sam Donaldson and Barbara Walters, on "20/20" for Monday are not quite that different from "20/20" showing on Wednesday, nor from "20/20" airing during Friday. Minivans make me sick ... even the Toyotas that were designed by a committee of lawyers who represented children and dogs. At least that is what the commercial depicts, which is one of many commercials that tire me. I personally am repulsed by women's personal hygiene commercials, but more importantly, I am sick of commercials in general, especially with all the "new" computer animation.

Computer systems and the potential Y2K problem have definitely been another sickening topic. I am tired of 404 Error messages on the Internet, and am sick of anything regarding Bill Gates. I hope that a systematic meltdown of computer systems slowly affects each time zone like a black cloud as the new year rings in. I hope that those Jerry Falwells of the world who have stocked up on food, water and ammunition in anticipation of this catastrophic event will have to at least use their food and water.

Unsolicited junk e-mails have sickened me since my first day on the Internet. If the snail mail service also crumbles under the Y2K disaster, I will shed no tears. I am more than sick of my mail carrier's inability to read. Congress should make itself useful and pass a law

preventing the Publisher's Clearing House from hiring fossils like Ed and Dick. I would even support a legislative amendment that would outlaw the Clearing House's contests as well as all the other junk mail imitators.

Hyphenated words and names ... enough said.

People like myself who are sick and tired of a myriad of everyday events seek excitement. The uncertainty of the historical events evolving this past year was my panacea. My withdrawal back into everyday events will probably be arduous, maybe even frightful. But one fact remains. None of us will ever be sick or tired of a walk around Notre Dame's lakes. We will always welcome family events like sharing Thanksgiving meals, coloring Easter eggs or decorating Christmas trees.

Being sick and tired to death of so many aspects of life can actually be therapeutic. When we reach what seems to be the point of no return, we trigger a swell of hope. The distrust and disgust emanating from President Clinton's scandal and impeachment will eventually fade as another footnote in history. Democrats and Republicans will campaign hard in 2000 ... well after any Y2K disasters. While the short-term fallout from recent political events may decrease participation in our political process, our system of government remains strong. Like Scarlet O'Hara in "Gone With the Wind," I can confidently look forward to tomorrow, hyphenated words and all.

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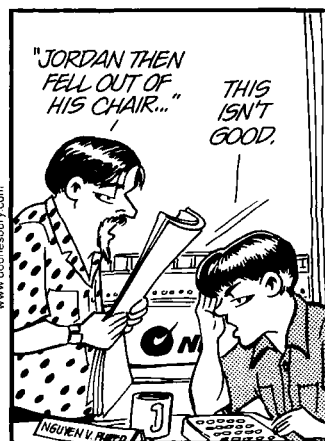
managed the House case in the Senate. While these Americans are relieved to finally move on, I am going through substantial withdrawal.

I am dreading what now follows the impeachment process ... a return to 1999 events. Last week, "Nightline" actually featured such mundane topics as our environment and religion in the Middle East. I fear a return to the events of the pre-impeachment days. Before the impeachment in late 1998, I was fed up with just about everything deemed routine. Everything had to be born again, new or neo. It got to the point that when I heard the term "new millennium" mentioned, I was about to scream. To me, it seemed that every day was characterized with another new age dude operating some new paradigm in our new world order which was opposed to neo-Nazis.

Religious "leaders" like Jerry Falwell who keep characterizing themselves as "Christian" in a way that discards the rest of us pseudo-Christians reminds me of the Reagan days when, according to

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■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

'When the rich wage war, it's the poor who die.'

— Jean-Paul Satre

■ LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In Memory of a Notre Dame Man

The Notre Dame family lost a vibrant member this Valentine's day.

Vincent B. Terlep, Jr., a 1968 graduate of the University, died of a heart attack at the age of 52 in a hospital in Bethesda, Maryland.

I went to school with Mr. Terlep's son from 1984 until 1989. But my contact with him was greater than that of friend's parent. He was the coach of my CYO basketball team for those years. He was an assistant scoutmaster in my Boy Scout troop until 1993. He was a friend to my father.

I never knew much about Mr. Terlep's career at Notre Dame. I know that he was a football player. I remember seeing the old game ball that he had in his study. But, more importantly I know that he loved the school.

As a native of Elkhart, he grew up on Notre Dame and Notre Dame Football games. Every time that he came back into Indiana to visit a relative, he would stop by the school. On one such trip during my freshman year, he stopped by my dorm room in Keenan Hall just to see how I was doing.

Whenever I talked to my parents from school, they would always tell me that Mr. Terlep asked me to light a candle at the grotto for him. I always did. His enthusiasm and love for Notre Dame were driving forces when I made up my mind to attend the University six years ago.

My father always urged me to follow him into the practice of law. I learned near his death that he did so on a simple comment from Vincent Terlep. A man whose opinion and integrity he held in very high esteem.

When my father died, Vincent Terlep was there to console us. He didn't come through loudly and with a lot of ceremony. He quietly walked up to my family and I, asking if there was anything that he could do and wishing us well.

He was always looking out for the kids at Holy Redeemer and at the neighborhood swimming pool where he was a permanent fixture. He took a very active leadership role in the Boy Scouts and with that basketball team. Both of which helped me to reach some understanding of what it means to be a good, dedicated human being.

His funeral was a combination of laughter and tears. But what rose above the speeches and prayers and hymns was the portrait of a loving, caring individual who found time out of a busy schedule at the Department of Justice to volunteer as, among other things, president of the Gonzaga College High School Fathers Club and the Holy Redeemer Home and School Association.

But one of the most telling signs at the funeral was one of the communion hymns: the Alma Mater. That the people who knew and loved him best would choose that song as one that represented him tells you all that you need to know about his devotion to the school.

His leadership and goodness inspired everyone he met to be a better person. He was and still is an example to which the University can point when looking for what they can do for people. Every member of the Notre Dame family should be proud to have called him a brother.

Oh, and if you happen to be at the grotto, light a candle for Vincent.

He would have liked that.

Matthew Loughran '98
Kensington, Maryland
February 18, 1999

■ DIGGING DEEPER

Ex Corde and Academic Freedom Not Mutually Exclusive

It has recently been suggested that those who favor the implementation of Ex Corde Ecclesiae at Notre Dame are opposed to academic freedom. On the contrary, I am a supporter of Ex Corde, and at the same time, I believe that freedom is the greatest gift given to man on the natural level. In fact, Ex Corde itself states, "the Church, accepting the legitimate autonomy of human culture and especially of the sciences, recognizes the academic freedom of scholars in each discipline in accordance with its own principles and proper methods, and within the confines of the truth and the common good." And further, "a Catholic university possesses the autonomy necessary to develop its distinctive identity and pursue its proper mission. Freedom in research and teaching is recognized and respected according to the principles and methods of each individual discipline, so long as the rights of the individual and of the community are preserved within the confines of the truth and the common good."

Freedom is a word that has undergone a radical transformation in modernity, and must be understood correctly. Genuine freedom is not merely a matter of being free from any and all external constraints. Rather, true freedom is a freedom for pursuing an end. Any university must, of course, value free academic enquiry, for as Mr. Sandberg correctly points out, "the Truth should be reached freely." His statement contains the implication that freedom is not an end to be pursued for its own sake. It is a means to another end, namely, freedom is the ability of our intellects to pursue truth, and our will to pursue goodness. These ends are determined, and no reasonable person would object to them. The role of freedom, therefore, is not to decide the end for which it is to be used, but to decide the best means to that end. The ends are determined, yet we are not determined to reaching them by any one particular route, and hence, we are free to choose the best route.

Unfortunately, the common conception of freedom de-emphasizes the importance of precisely what we choose; the important thing becomes the fact that we exercise our capacity to choose. However, this conception distorts freedom, because it is evident that choosing poorly, that is, choosing a means not consonant with our end, is not an exercise of freedom, but is merely an accidental result of the fact that we are free. Contrary to this mistaken understanding of freedom, human beings are neither born free nor are they completely autonomous. Rather, we increase our freedom, we become ever more free, each time we choose a path that is consonant with our end.

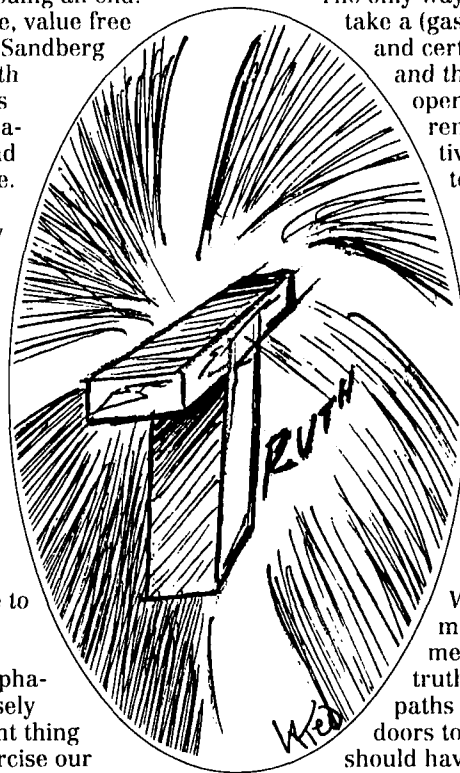
Influenced by a false notion of freedom, the following protestation against the advocates of Ex Corde has been raised: the objection states that the uncritical acceptance of religious doctrine inhibits the activity of the intellect, and thus diminishes our freedom. In short, one who believes something on faith refuses to submit his belief to rational or critical examination, and trades the freedom of his mind for the blind security of unquestioned authority. Thus, insofar as a university is subject to Christian doctrine, it is less free, and its education therefore inferior.

I want to subject this very notion of academic freedom to the same rational scrutiny that it requires of all claims to dogmatic truth, for certainly it cannot be immune from its own demands. As soon as we subject this principle of academic freedom to its own criteria, an problematic difficulty arises with it, namely, that such "freedom" is defeated by the achievement of its stated purpose. How is this? As long as one is ignorant of the truth of a proposition, he is capable of affirming or denying it, or, to employ Sandberg's metaphor, he is free to open both

unlocked doors before him. But when he comes to know the truth of the proposition (which is the purpose of academic enquiry) the matter ceases to be doubtful to him. He cannot doubt this truth he has found, except by denying the principle of non-contradiction; once someone knows that 'P' is true, his mind naturally closes to the possibility that 'not-P' might also be true.

Okay, you say, but what does this have to do with academic freedom? If I know 'P', I have, so to speak, locked the door to 'not-P'; I am not able, no matter how hard I try, to open the 'not-P' door. So with this conception of freedom, my newly acquired knowledge has diminished my freedom; the more knowledge I acquire through the use of reason, the more doors become locked, and the less "free" I become. The only thing that can help me regain the "freedom" I have lost is to somehow question or doubt the conclusions I

Aaron Kheriaty



reached, perhaps by becoming a skeptic. The unfortunate but inevitable result is that ignorance sets me free, while knowledge enslaves. With the modern notion of an unfettered 'academic freedom', we paradoxically become a slave to the very freedom we are trying to espouse.

The only way to deny this conclusion is to take a (gasp) relativistic stance: that true and certain knowledge is unattainable, and therefore, all conclusions are open to doubt, and all doors thus remain unlocked. But the relativist position is unfortunately too dogmatic for its own good; it is self-defeating to claim as absolute truth that there is no absolute truth.

Let us scrutinize this notion of academic freedom from a less theoretical standpoint. For good reason, one is certainly not free at Notre Dame to teach a course on the benefits of Nazi eugenics, or to teach a sociology course on the comparative intelligence of different racial groups (you remember the outrage over the book, "The Bell Curve"). We do not teach astrology anymore; it has been ruled out as a means for us to arrive at our truth. Although these are possible paths we can venture out on, possible doors to go through they are ones that should have a "Do Not Enter" sign placed in front of them; this would hardly be called a restriction on academic freedom.

So the question is not whether we put restrictions upon an unfettered, autonomous freedom of course we do. The only question is where to draw the line? Sandberg suggests that we ought to be free to "seek knowledge in all its various sundry (and legal) forms." So if it is legal, it should be open to being taught? What about the American universities that existed before the Civil War? Should academic freedom have been invoked in defense of courses on how to manage slaves, since slavery was legal? A cursory glance at history shows that common law is not going to provide the best guidelines to direct our freedom. If one would only read Ex Corde, one would likely see its recommendations as a sound alternative to the alternative of legal positivism.

In the end, we will become free by finding, or rather, being found by the truth, and abiding in it. This Truth can be spelled with a capital 'T' because it refers not to an abstract transcendental notion, but to a living person (cf. Jn 14:6), a person who has told us, "If you make my words your home you will indeed be my disciples, you will learn the truth and the truth will make you free." (Jn 8:31-33). If a Catholic university does not guide students to this truth, what good is it?

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It's a half-empty, half-full bottle...

"Message in a Bottle"

Director: Luis Mandoki

Starring: Kevin Costner, Robin Wright Penn, Paul Newman, John Savage and Ileana Douglas



(Out of five shamrocks)

By JULIE HAMILTON
Scene Movie Critic

In his novel "Message in a Bottle," Nicholas Sparks writes, "When sealed properly and sent to sea, it becomes one of the most seaworthy objects known to man. It could float safely through hurricanes or tropical storms, it could bob atop the most dangerous of riptides. It was, in a way, the ideal home for the message carried inside, a message that had been sent to fulfill a promise."

If you are in the mood to watch a love story, "Message in a Bottle" is the movie for you. If you are a hopeless romantic, you are even more qualified to enjoy the film.

For those cynics out there, the movie leaves you wondering why you paid money to sit in a theater and endure such a tearjerker. One would expect that a love story would be the equivalent to an emotional roller coaster. However, this film consistently stays level — never suddenly going up or down.

Imagine loving someone so much that you literally consider them your compass in life. Theresa, a disillusioned divorcee played by Robin Wright Penn, finds a mysterious boat while jogging in Cape Cod. Enclosed in the bottle is a letter that was written for Catherine, somebody's true love. When Theresa returns to her workplace, the Chicago Tribune, she shares the letter with her coworkers who are instantly intrigued by whomever wrote the beautiful words. Theresa's friend swoons, "God, to be someone's true north, every

woman wants to be loved like that."

Charlie, one of the coworkers with whom Theresa shares the letter, decides to publish the testimonial to love, and challenges whomever wrote it to disclose himself or herself. Theresa doesn't visibly approve of Charlie's decision to share the letter with the public, but you may speculate that deep down, she's curious about who wrote the letter.

After searching through several sources, Theresa and her coworkers track down the author — "We found him Theresa, now all you have to do is go knock on his door." Of course, Theresa sets out to meet the now infamous G. Blake.

What she finds is Garrett Blake, a ruggedly handsome boat aficionado played by Kevin Costner. Her first encounter is actually with Garrett's father, played by Paul Newman. He directs Theresa to the boat that Kevin Costner is refinishing.

First impressions are the strongest — Garrett Blake is very timid and as his father says, he "talks about as much as a fish." Garrett's strong point definitely is not pick-up lines. "Do you eat red meat?" he inquires to Theresa. "I make a perfect steak." "I'd like to make one for you".

Charming!

At least he invites Theresa for his boat's "test run" the following morning.

Following the practically silent boat ride, Theresa is invited to Garrett's home for that "perfect steak." When Theresa enters Garrett's home, she enters his disconnected, unrealistic world. Garrett is the ultimate romantic, but not in a healthy way.

In the corner of his quaint residence, there is a collection of art supplies and personal

paintings. Garrett didn't paint them. Catherine did. He is obsessed with the presence that her paintings bring — to the extreme that it makes her seem as if she's still there in the living room. Theresa is touched by Garrett's devotion, but she steps over the line when she enters the "area" and accidentally spills a drink.

Garrett is angered and Theresa retreats to the beach where Paul Newman offers some advice. He suggests they go back into the house, and Theresa replies, "No thanks, it's too crowded in there." She should have remembered how she felt at that moment in order to save herself endless grief, because Catherine's memory truly was filling up Garrett's life.

The chemistry between Theresa and Garrett is realistic because they don't instantly fall in love, where most movies portray the unattainable "love at first sight". Rather, they stumble for conversation and commonalities between their lives.

There is a nagging point that my companion at the theater pointed out — she's under false pretenses with this man. She hasn't mentioned that she works for the

Chicago Tribune as a researcher. She simply plays naive and tells Garrett she's visiting and getting to know the town and its people.

So now what?

Theresa and Garrett spend time together in her brief, false "visit" and then she returns to Chicago.

Now for the next step, will they ever see each other again? Of course. Now it is just a matter of how it happens. They mutually decide that he will come to Chicago and visit her and her son.

The couple continues with their awkwardness and they somehow end up stumbling in to bed. (Use your imagination here. It is not too explicit.) Everything has built up to this moment where most love stories lead.

Except this one.

While Theresa leaves the room briefly, Garrett discovers the infamous bottle hidden so carefully in her nightstand. Now you're thinking, how's this emotionless man going to react? He does so with quick and unconvincing anger, as he spouts, "Why didn't you tell me?"

Well, we knew this moment would come. Now they have to mend whatever it was that they had, but they do it individually. Garrett returns to the boats and Theresa mopes around the Tribune office. Each ponders what true love means to them personally.

Theresa is convinced that she has found it. Garrett, and Garrett has not genuinely let go of his love for Catherine. This obviously presents a problem for a future relationship between Garrett and Theresa. You're left unsure as to how Garrett really feels about Theresa. The most feelings he ever expresses are that he misses her when she is in Chicago.

What a man!

In order for this love story to succeed, many factors would have to coincide. Much like in real life, love has sacrifices and usually doesn't work out perfectly. However, when one person in the relationship is truly caught in the past, there can be no moving forward. In order for Garrett to love Theresa, he would have to learn to let go.

It is too bad we never find out if he does let go — only that would make this a truly complete movie.

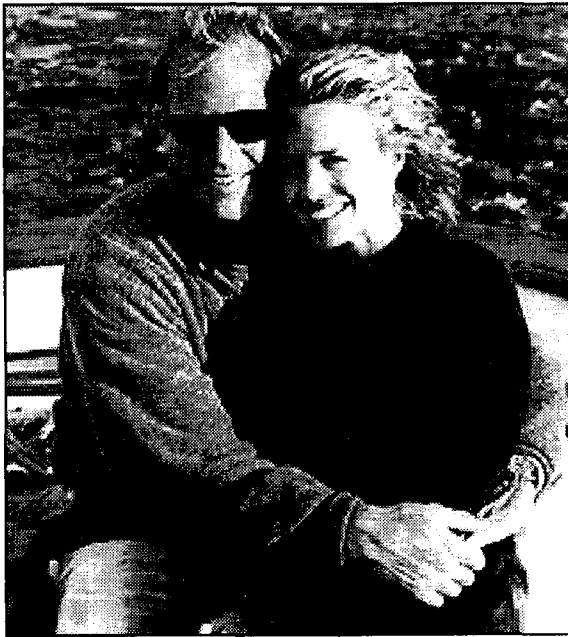


Photo courtesy of Warner Brothers
Kevin Costner and Robin Wright Penn star in the romantic drama, "Message in a Bottle."

Aghast at 'Blast from the Past'

"Blast from the Past"

Director: Hugh Wilson

Starring: Brendan Fraser, Alicia Silverstone, Christopher Walken, Sissy Spacek and Dave Foley



(Out of five shamrocks)

By DAN SULLIVAN
Scene Movie Critic

"Blast From the Past," another of Hollywood's stabs at the romantic comedy genre this year, involves Adam Webber, (Brendan Fraser) a 35 year-old baby who emerges from his underworld shelter to experience life for the first time. Soon Adam meets Eve (Alicia Silverstone) and the two fall in love, start dating and live happily ever after.

The problems with this film generally stem from the fact that much of the film is not motivated. Even when the viewer suspends their disbelief that a male could possibly live for 35 years without any sexual contact and not explode, plot twists, characters and themes are meaningless and too much for the audience to accept without given proper motivation.

For instance, throughout the film, allusions to religion are made — Adam and

Eve, a cult of homeless people who worship the entry to Adam's home — but all this allusion lacks any discernible meaning because it lacks relevance.

Characters are also unmotivated. For instance, Eve's friend Troy (Dave Foley) is homosexual. This fact had no significance to the plot.

The religious cult that worships the fallout shelter's opening? Again, it had no relevance to the

plot. In fact, if these fruitless details were perhaps left out, they would not have changed the film at all, and may have even helped to streamline an otherwise incoherent script.

Probably the biggest fault of the script is that the characters are developed as caricatures. Where this may have been easier to play for the actors, the overall lackluster performances at times became somewhat annoying — especially Alicia Silverstone's constant whining of her lines.

The most interesting scenes of the film were when Adam, metaphori-

cally a baby, takes his first steps in the real world. Even when we do get into Adam's head and experience the world for the first time, the scenes are short and never really show Adam's awe of a sunrise or wonderment of the sky.

"Blast From the Past" also seems to contradict itself on issues of the real world versus life in the fallout shelter. Whereas Adam seems like a well-mannered and well-adjusted young man despite his isolated life, the film rejects life in a bubble because it is not true "living." Meanwhile, life on the surface is full of problems — poverty, depravity and materialism. So the audience is led to the notion that living in a fallout shelter is bad — as noted by Adam's mom's (Sissy Spacek) excessive drinking — while at the same time asking why one would want to

live in the real world with all of its shortcomings.

The film attempts to resolve this issue in the end with Adam's parents, but it is delivered as a happy ending, though it is far more tragic. For one, Adam becomes a part of the materialism that he has been set apart from for the entire film. Secondly, Adam's parents, who are finally freed from life underground, end up in a spot just as isolated as where they began and seem to have learned nothing from their whole experience.

One of the more interesting aspects of the film was how a family of three lived in this fallout shelter for so long. The beginning was by far the best part of the film as we see the Webbers unchanging as the rest of the world bolts from one extreme to the other in a 35 year period.

This film had the potential to be a great film. Unfortunately it wasn't. Instead of a film about a man naive to the ways of the world because he has lived in a fallout shelter for his entire life, it was a disjointed love story with an out-of-date wardrobe. "Blast From the Past" is a film that one should only see if forced to choose between it and paid-programming at 3 a.m.

It had the potential to be explosive but unfortunately it fizzled out.



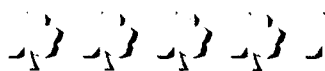
Photo courtesy of New Line Cinema
Alicia Silverstone and Brendan Fraser star in "Blast from the Past."

INDIE PICK OF THE WEEK

"Happiness"

Director: Todd Solondz

Starring: Jane Adams, Dylan Baker, Lara Flynn Boyle, Philip Seymour Hoffman and Cynthia Stevenson



(Out of five shamrocks)

By JEFFREY Q. IRISH
Scene Movie Critic

Independent films are not often appreciated due to their lack of big name celebrities and gigantic explosions that bring dollars to the box office. But there is certain allure to films that are not made strictly for profit-making reasons. Independent film-makers try to produce films that are not only entertaining, but are also an artistic rendition of a quality narrative.

Often times indies stray from the norm while bestowing a realistic interpretation of a story. While they do not always speak of proper societal issues, they somehow tend to be appealing in their unfamiliarity and in their creative depiction. This creative depiction of exotic subjects is the art characterized by many independent film productions. And as we have learned from earlier campus-wide debates, art and artists can be controversial.

Todd Solondz is one of the today's most controversial independent film-makers. In 1996, Solondz won the Sundance Film Festival Grand Prize for writing and directing the critically acclaimed "Welcome to the Dollhouse." His most recent effort is the polemical new film "Happiness," a film about grossly disturbing people, their offensive actions and their humanity.

The film opens with Joy (Jane Adams), one of the three sisters that the narrative follows, breaking up with her boyfriend after only a few dates. In this scene we are introduced to Joy's flaw. This flaw is a naive, Candide-like ignorance that no one is evil and "all is for the best." Consequently, she is mentally abused by almost everyone who comes into contact with her. Jon Lovitz plays the part of the boyfriend who viciously attacks Joy by comparing her to fecal matter and telling her how he is "so much better" than she. Joy takes it all in, without a retort or any anger at being defamed in this way.

In the next scene we see Joy talking about the breakup with surprisingly slight confidence to her sister Trish (Cynthia Stevenson). Trish tells Joy in her "I'm living the perfect suburban life" attitude that the entire family never thought she would amount to anything and that she is so glad that Joy is doing well (even though she is unemployed and

unmarried in her late 20s). Joy smiles at the ironic compliment, and Trish goes on to say how happy she is with her family and how she has such a great life. What Trish does not know is that her husband Bill, (Dylan Baker) who seems to be a sensitive father and psychologist, is actually a gay pedophile.

This is the one segment of the film that is very controversial, as the community discovers that Bill has raped two of his 10 year-old son's friends. Although the actual rape scenes are not shown, there are a few very compelling scenes in which Bill honestly answers his son's questions about his pedophilia. The depiction is very real and the answers are very hard to listen to, but

Solondz makes your heart turn for them as they experience this emotional ordeal. Many critics object to these scenes because they are too real, but that is the beauty of Solondz's work.

Another very real segment is the scene in which the third sister Helen (Lara Flynn Boyle) takes obscene phone calls by her pathetic loser/next-door neighbor Allen (Philip Seymour Hoffman, the guy who kissed Dirk Diggler in "Boogie Nights"). Helen is a socially perfect novelist whose loathsome inner-self allows her to take these calls and listen as the neighbor fulfills himself to her voice. Allen is shown as a societal waste who apart from the aforementioned demonstration is also an ugly stuttering loner who spends his free-time drinking and enjoying pornography.

Throughout the film Solondz makes you feel pity for all of the characters. He shows the good and the bad of everyone (although some bad is worse than others). He brilliantly shows the perverted scenes as dark shock comedy, but then makes you

feel compassion for these reprehensible people. The shots are so real that you see their true humanity and feel their individual sorrow. You get the feeling that you want to just jump into the movie and help them, especially with Joy. Joy's abuse was very frustrating, because she was so sweet and innocent. Solondz's genius even makes you sympathize with both Bill the gay pedophile and Allen the societal waste — Bill because

you see how he truly loves his family and Allen because he searches for help and just wants to live his pathetic life in peace.

"Happiness" is shockingly funny and intelligent. All the while it accomplishes its goal of producing strong emotion in the telling of Solondz's controversial subject matter. Solondz's work was again creative and masterful — he truly defines the art of quality directing. The actors were quite convincing and every scene was real.

The only problem the film really has is that the subject matter is not for everyone. No one under the age of 18 should ever see this film. The film is also definitely not a weekend movie for college students looking for a good time. It is a film for people who love quality cinema and wish to articulate different ideas about original subject matter.



Photo courtesy of Good Machine Releasing
Philip Seymour Hoffman and Lara Flynn Boyle star in "Happiness."

VIDEO PICK OF THE WEEK

"Clerks"

Director: Kevin Smith
Starring: Brian O'Halloran, Jeff Anderson, Marilyn Ghigliotti and Lisa Spoonhauer

By JOE LARSON
Scene Movie Critic

Have you ever had a job you didn't like?

Writer and director of cult classic movie "Clerks" did. Kevin Smith is a New Jersey native who after a semester of college and four months of film school found himself working in a Quick-Stop convenience store earning about five dollars an hour. So, like any good film student, he wrote a film about it and shot the film in the store after hours. The film cost less than \$27,575 to make.

This film, "Clerks," won him awards at both the Sundance and Cannes Film Festivals. Along with Ed Burns' "The Brothers McMullen," "Clerks" started the independent movie craze that has almost made independent movies as well-received as the more mainstream big-budget Hollywood pictures.

"Clerks" is the first of three movies made by Smith that take place in the New Jersey area, about characters native to that area. It is his most recognized and critically acclaimed film. It is about Dante Hicks, (Brian O'Halloran) a pushover convenience store clerk, and his day at work. Dante is joined by his friend Randall, (Jeff Anderson) a wisecracking, rude video store clerk that works next door. The film follows Dante and Randall through their day dealing with incompetent customers and their own lives.

"Clerks" is an absolutely hilarious, but thought-provoking film. Smith's dialogue between Randall and Dante is incredible. They talk about everything from love and relationships to "Star Wars." Smith's films are famous for their dialogue, and the dialogue in "Clerks" is definitely his

best. Not only is it funny, but there are many truths in the extensive dialogue between characters.

Dante has to deal with constantly letting himself get pushed around by other people. He also has to decide on which woman he wants to be with. His current girlfriend, Veronica, loves him and brings him lasagna at work, while his ex-girlfriend, Caitlin, cheated on him and is engaged to another man.

Dante has to decide on whether or not he wants the excitement of dating Caitlin or the stability of staying with Veronica. He has to figure this out, and deal with all the customers and his boss pushing him around all day.

Randall is constantly shedding light on Dante's situation with humor, but Dante just can't see what he needs to do.

Recurring characters Jay (Jason Mewes) and Silent Bob (Kevin Smith himself) always add humor and ridiculous antics to a Kevin Smith movie. Jay is a trash-talking drug dealer that hangs around outside the Quick-Stop with his quiet buddy, Silent Bob. These two always provide comic relief and are mostly looked at as funny bit parts. Yet they always end up becoming much bigger parts in the movie than they seem.

"Clerks" is an abrasively funny picture that leaves nothing sacred and no stones unturned. This is a classic college movie. It is cleverly and intelligently written about a normal person and the life decisions they have to make. Even though it comments on the intricacies of life, just like college students do, it doesn't ignore the humor that we face in our daily routines and the people we meet along the way.

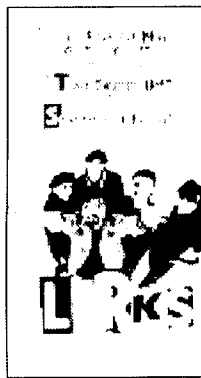


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■ HOCKEY

Notre Dame's losing streak extends to four

By TED BASSANI
Sports Writer

In many ways, hockey is much like football: offense and defense are both important, but special teams is what wins and loses games.

Notre Dame has certainly learned that lesson in its recent losing streak, which reached four after losses to Michigan State and Bowling Green this past weekend. For the weekend, the power play went scoreless and the team allowed two power-play goals against it in each game. In fact, the team has not scored a power-play goal in two weeks, going 25 straight opportunities without a goal.

Friday night, the Irish took on No. 3 Michigan State for the third straight week, completing their season series against the Spartans. For the second week in a row, Notre Dame lost at Munn Ice Arena, this time by a score of 3-1, and as a result lost the season series.

Entering the game, the Irish had gone scoreless in their last seven full periods. They saw that drought continue until late in the third period when Andy Jurkowski scored his first goal of the season.

"Every team goes through a drought," coach Dave Poulin said afterwards. "Hopefully this is a great time to go through it, but we have to come out of it."

The offensive star of the game was once again MSU's senior wing Bryan Adams. Adams finished the game with two power-play goals and an assist, giving him four goals and an assist in three games against the Irish this year, with three goals coming with the man advantage.

"Bryan's having a great senior year," MSU coach Ron Mason said of Adams, who now has 19 goals on the season. "He has great speed, and tonight he showed it not only by getting to the front of the net, but he also made a beautiful play on the third goal."

Unfortunately for both teams, this clean, well-played game ended in ugly fashion when



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Notre Dame lost to both Michigan State and Bowling Green this weekend and now hold fifth place in the CCHA standings.

Michigan State center Mike York allowed his personal frustration to boil over in the waning moments of the game.

Against the Irish this season, York has certainly been the target of physical play and he has only managed one assist in the three games.

All this frustration manifested itself in the form of a brutal two-handed slash across the arms of Irish defenseman Sean Molina. The slash resulted in a brawl, for which every player on the ice received a game misconduct, in addition to York's five-minute major.

However, York did not get slapped with a one-game suspension as is sometimes handed down with a five-minute slashing major.

"There's no excuse for Mike York to slash somebody; that's not his game," Mason said. "Sometimes you just snap after

a while and I guess that's what happened to him."

Saturday night, the team's offensive woes continued against the Falcons of Bowling Green. Once again, Notre Dame allowed two power-play goals and did not score one of their own as the Falcons won 5-1, despite outshooting Bowling Green 40-22 for the night.

Bowling Green managed to kill off all nine Irish power plays, including two five-on-three situations, one of which lasted over a minute and a half. Bowling Green's best penalty-killer was goaltender Mike Savard, who made 39 saves in all, including nine on Notre Dame's second five-on-three opportunity.

From the outset, the Falcons' physical presence proved troublesome for the Irish, especially since Bowling Green did not play on Friday night and came

in rested. The coaching move that proved wisest for Falcons coach Buddy Powers was to match up Zach Ham and his linemates against Notre Dame's top line, centered by Ben Simon.

"We had three goals on the board," Powers said after the game. "One was to win the special team battles, the second was to shut down Simon's line and the third was to win the battle of the goalies and we won all three. This was one of the best efforts we've had here in a couple of years."

Obviously, stopping Simon and company was Bowling Green's top priority, and they did just that, keeping the line scoreless. Every time Ben Simon took an even-strength draw, he faced off versus Zach Ham, the team's best defensive center. For coach Powers, history showed him why matching up against Simon was so important.

Much of Notre Dame's recent offensive problems can be summed up in a word: rebounds. In their last four games, the Irish have scored just two goals and have missed a number of rebound chances, both on the power play and at even strength.

About the team's offensive struggles, senior Aniket Dhadphale said, "There's no easy way out. We just have to relax more with the puck. We've been taking shots from bad angles. We have to create better chances and tighten up around the net."

With only four games remaining, the Irish now sit fifth in the CCHA standings, one point behind Northern Michigan. Notre Dame hosts Northern Michigan next weekend for a two-game series that will most likely determine home ice in the playoffs.

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What is Eucharistic Adoration?

God is present to us in many ways in our world, but He is especially present to us in the Eucharist. As Roman Catholics, we believe that Jesus Christ, who lived 2000 years ago, is truly present in the Eucharist. In Eucharistic Adoration, the Host is placed in a monstrance, in order for us to be able to come and pray. Jesus is always hidden in the tabernacle, but in adoration He is exposed so that we can come and kneel before Him, face to face, and speak with God. When Jesus is exposed like this, **He can never be left alone.** Thus, people sign up to be responsible to come and pray with Him for a certain amount of time (usually 1/2-1 hour) every week.

Why should I go?

If Jesus were to come to the JACC, wouldn't you come and stand in line for hours just to talk to Him for a minute? Even if you weren't Christian, wouldn't you be at least interested in this God so many people talk about? Well, Jesus is truly present here on campus—in the Eucharist. **IN ADORATION YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO AND SPEAK WITH GOD FACE TO FACE.** You can confide in Him, plead with Him, question Him. And if you sit quietly enough, He will inspire you with answers.

What do I do when I am there?

When you enter the chapel, you should genuflect as a sign of reverence to Jesus. It is common practice during Adoration to genuflect on two knees, instead of just one (like you do whenever you enter a chapel.) You can stand, sit, or kneel—whatever helps you pray. And then you pray. There are many ways to pray: you can do spiritual reading; you can pray a rosary; you can sit in silence; you can even just talk to Jesus—like you would to a friend. The most important thing is that you love Him and allow Him to love and strengthen you.

What does the Church think?

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"I make a holy hour each day in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. All my sisters of the Missionaries of Charity make a daily holy hour as well, because we find that through our daily holy hour our love for Jesus becomes more intimate, our love for each other more understanding, and our love for the poor more compassionate..."

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■ WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

McMillen leads Notre Dame to victory with 25 points

Team wins despite Riley's foul trouble and sore back

By ANTHONY BIANCO
Assistant Sports Editor

The Irish took advantage of playing on someone else's court with an 89-54 win at West Virginia Saturday before next week's Big East tournament at Rutgers.

"Especially against West Virginia and then Miami this week, we're using these games as tune-ups to prepare for the tournament," said Sheila McMillen.

If the tournament brackets were drawn this weekend, Notre Dame would face the winner of the Miami-West Virginia game. The two teams also happen to be Notre Dame's last two regular season opponents.

The Irish will conclude the regular season at the Joyce Center Tuesday night against the Hurricanes.

If Saturday's game was any indication of the upcoming tournament, the Irish will be ready as players like McMillen step in and drain the points. She led all scoring Saturday with 25 points as team scoring leader Ruth Riley played for just five minutes.

McMillen gave Notre Dame the lead for good after hitting a trey about two-and-a-half minutes into the first half, giving the Irish an 8-7 lead.

She sunk four more from downtown to give her a career total of 205, which ties her for the school best with Beth Morgan, ('93-'97).

"It's a great accomplishment," said McMillen on tying

the record with one game left in her collegiate career. "I know that one day I'll be able to look back and think more of this. But right now, we're all concentrating on the tournament."

The 6-foot-5 Riley fell into some early foul trouble, and a sore back prevented her from becoming a real threat.

McMillen turned the usually dominant in-the-paint into a downtown threat. The senior captain nailed 5-of-9 three-pointers and 8-of-13 field goals against the Mountaineers.

"The guards knew that Ruth would be limited and we needed to step up," said McMillen. "Everyone knew they needed to step up, not just the guards."

Freshman Ericka Haney did just that off of the bench, following McMillen in scoring with 14 points in just 19 minutes on the court. She also tied Danielle Green to lead the Irish with three steals in the game, leading a defense that allowed only two Mountaineers to score in double digits.

Forward Maria Tchobanova and guard Rebecca Burbridge led West Virginia with 13 points apiece for a team that shot a dismal 30 percent from the field.

Notre Dame hit 57 percent of their first-half shots, giving them a 47-34 lead at the half. They ballooned to a 63-36 lead with 11:34 left in the game on a pair of free throws by McMillen. West Virginia helped widen the gap after the half by missing nine of its first 10.

The loss extends the Mountaineers losing streak to three games, while the Irish enter the regular-season finale Tuesday riding a two-game win streak.



Senior Sheila McMillen scored 25 points Saturday to boost the Irish to an easy victory over West Virginia.

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■ MEN'S BASKETBALL

ND's pressure defense stifles Mountaineers, 71-69

By ALAN WASIELEWSKI
Sports Writer

Notre Dame turned the tables on West Virginia Sunday.

Recovering from a five-point loss to the Mountaineers just a week ago, the Irish applied well-timed pressure defense to score a 71-69 win at the Joyce Center.

Staying true to form, Notre Dame let turnovers change a first-half lead into a second-half deficit. West Virginia forced 24 Irish turnovers and took advantage of starting point guard Martin Ingelsby's injury and the one-game suspension of back-up Jimmy Dillon.

Fifth-year captain Paul Rainey, a one-time walk-on, took the reigns of the Irish offense and stepped it up to put up a final-minute win.

With Notre Dame down by two points, head coach John MacLeod instituted a full-court press to force some turnovers.

"I thought we had the game won," West Virginia head coach Gale Catlett said. "We haven't had trouble with the press all year but some players got out of position and it resulted in some turnovers."

West Virginia inbounded to center Marcus Goree, who Notre Dame's Sky Owens and Harold Swanagan promptly trapped in the corner. The ball came loose and Swanagan picked it up and drove the lane for a tough lay-up. Goree recovered to block the ball, but referees called goaltending with the game tied with just over 40 seconds left.

Notre Dame forced another key turnover on the next possession when Troy Murphy dove to the ground and tied up a loose ball. The resulting jump ball gave Notre Dame possession and Rainey the

opportunity to play hero.

The Irish gave the ball to Rainey, who was fouled by the Mountaineers' Jarett Kearse.

"I thought it was a great foul," Catlett said. "Kearse knew that he [Rainey] was a poor free-throw shooter."

Rainey, then 0-7 on the year and 1-10 lifetime from the charity stripe, swished both attempts to give Notre Dame the winning baskets.

"They probably thought it was a good foul," Rainey said. "'Look at this guy, he's going to miss.' But I was able to block out everything and keep my confidence and knock down the shots."

Even with 17 seconds to tie, defensive pressure by Swanagan and Owens denied West Virginia any good looks at the basket. Kearse's desperation three-pointer at the buzzer completely missed the rim.

Goree had 14 points and 10 rebounds for the Mountaineers and Kearse added 12 points, eight assists, and four steals.

"This was a great game, a tremendous win for our team," MacLeod said. "What a wild finish. Paul Rainey showed the type of player he is today. He knew he was getting the starting job and handled it well. He is a great example for our younger kids."

While Rainey sealed the Irish win with his only two points of the game, the balanced offensive attack set the foundation for the victory.

Antoni Wyche had one of his better first-halves of his career with 11 points and five assists, hitting all six of his field goal attempts.

David Graves snapped out of a slump with a game-high 18 points, three steals, two-of-three behind the three point arc and six-of-six from the free-throw line.



Freshman Troy Murphy scored 17 points and had 11 rebounds against West Virginia Sunday to earn his ninth double-double of the season.

Still struggling with turnovers, Graves keyed a couple of Irish rallies with some big steals.

Troy Murphy also had a productive game. Seventeen points and 11 rebounds gave him his ninth double-double of the season. Murphy also shot nine of 10 from the free-throw line and the team shot 87 percent at the charity stripe.

The comeback in the final minute made up for another second-half scoring slump for the Irish.

"I think the players learned how to react in that situation," MacLeod explained. "They kept their composure and learned to take things a little slower."

The Irish will face highly ranked St. John's Wednesday at Madison Square Garden

with their NIT Tournament hopes on the line.

"This was a big win, but now everything goes into preparation for St. John's," MacLeod said.

If his team can win Wednesday and then take Boston College at home on Feb. 28, a 15-14 record and solid showing in the Big East Tournament could equal a post-season berth.

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which he will start after graduation. Not many people knew much about Rainey aside from the coaches and teammates.

"He never gets his head down," MacLeod said. "He's got great focus and you love to see a kid like that get a reward by being on the line to make two key free throws. It's really great to see. It's what college basketball is all about. It's a great story really."

It is truly a great story, but unfortunately it's not what college basketball is all about. It's what college basketball should be about.

Rainey did not use Division I basketball to get exposure or the extra year to make the jump to the NBA.

Rainey graduated with a 3.5 GPA and came back for the love of competition and for what being part of a team can teach you.

It's good enough to be the backdrop on one of those "This is Notre Dame" commercials that almost brings a tear to our eyes.

The free throws weren't as dramatic as Bryce Drew's shot in the NCAA Tournament that provided the carriage for Valparaiso's Cinderella story.

No one will be talking about it years down the line, except maybe Rainey.

"I guess I'll probably be retelling this story quite a few

times," Rainey said. "It's what you dream of. I'm fortunate to have the opportunity to make good on the situation."

His teammates, who see Rainey's dedication everyday, were happy that the Joyce Center crowd got to see a piece of that dedication.

"He was all bloody, his lip was messed up but he won us the game and that's great for him," Troy Murphy said. "He works hard every day in practice and is really a leader on this team."

"Paul has come a long way," senior Phil Hickey said. "He's

one of those competitors, every day in practice he works his tail off, works as hard as he can. I'm so happy for him that his hard work paid off for him in his first starting role. He should be proud of his effort and the fans should be proud of his effort."

The effort that Rainey and the fans should really take pride in is his daily effort on and off the court that provides him with such a bright future.

As a senior and a captain, Rainey leads not with assists and three-pointers but with

character and work ethic.

"I think as a captain and being older and a senior on this team I have to assume a leadership role," Rainey said. "I came from an unusual route to get to where I am today and I think that earned me a lot of respect among my teammates."

"It's helped me assume the leadership role," he continued. "I go out there and do the right thing and try to be a good example and so they can be a good example for the younger guys when they get to this point."

While his efforts for the basketball team the last several years has largely been intangible, Sunday he got something very tangible to share with those 15 brothers and sisters he said in the Notre Dame media guide are his most prized possession.

"I'll be on the e-mail and on the phone tonight," Rainey said.

They say you make a player earn it when he goes to the free-throw line, but Rainey earned everything he got before the referee ever handed him the ball.



Rainey

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Joe "The Kripler" Kippels vs.
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Jeff "The Stranger" Welsh vs.
Tony "The Wayne House of Pain" Polcari

Chris "The Alabama Slamma" Muro vs.
Don "Juan the Destroyer" Penn

170 Lbs.
Alex "The Corn Cob Kid" Kerrigan vs.
Chris "The Ring Master" Matassa

Bill "The Fighting Archy" Ponko vs.
Paul "Pepe Le Pew" Peterson

Brian Nestor vs.
Mike "Honey" Hammes

Eric "Canvas Back" Hovan vs.
Tom "The Wire" Dehmer

175 Lbs.
Brian "The Highlander" Hobbins vs.
Michael "The Hitman" Halloran

Trent "Kid Kokomo" Sandifur vs.
Michael "Woody" Wilson

Joe "The Polish Tank" Czerniawski vs.
"Gentle" Ben Dillon

Stephen "The Berzerker" Bueche vs.
Steve "The Angel of Death" Pfeiffer

180 Lbs.
Josh "Gaffney Who???" Thompson vs.
Tom "Tommy Gun" Cullen

Willie Kent vs.
Chris "The Bruisin" Lugan" Vainnoras

Zach Allen vs.
Mark Criniti

Bobby "I'm Not Dead Yet" Kennedy vs.
Paul "You Better Recognize, Champ!" Chen

185 Lbs.
Brian "The Nutty Irishman" Gaffney vs.
John "Rambo" Norton

Ben "Buster" Johnson vs.
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James Qualters vs.
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Tim "Pretty Fly For a White Guy" Christ vs.
Mike "Guns Don't Kill People, I Kill People" Romanchek

190 Lbs.
Dave "Bell-Vagas" Butz vs.
Joe Larson

Matt Turner vs.
Dave "The Tank" Shenk

Trevor Morris vs.
Mike "It Hurts More Than It Feels Good" Velten

Adam "Monsoon" June
Luke "Paesano" Brennan

195 Lbs.
Pete "Beat the Rap" Ryan
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Chris "Lucky" Luechtefeld vs.
Zach "The Pornstar" Schueller

Kevin Jinks vs.
Alex Kent

Greg "The Salvalini" Joseph vs.
Jason "J-Rod" Rodriguez

Heavyweight
John "The Pitbull" Salvino vs.
Sean "Gonna Rock You Like a Hurricane" Donnelly

Mike "The Bishop" Romero vs.
Kevin "Party Ball" McLean

Pat "Why Am I SO Crazy" Downes vs.
Greg "Rain Man" Yatorola

Jeff "The Wallin' Episcopalian" Beam vs.
Andy "Big Cat" Riederer

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Captains

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"All duties of the club are handled by [the captains]."

The work of all the boxers throughout the year culminates with the Bengal Bouts, a fundraiser for the Holy Cross missions in Bangladesh. The club's monetary goal for this year is \$50,000, about \$10,000 more than last year's earnings.

"In the course of the time I've been here, we've tripled the amount we've given," said Gaffney.

The club depends heavily on ticket sales and program ads to reach their goal, and this year they also sent out an alumni letter to all of Notre Dame's former boxers.

"We received over \$10,000 in alumni donations because of that letter," said Will. "Boxers want to give back to the program and back to our cause."

Along with their fundraising duties, the captains organize the daily practices and are in charge of the fall semester's novice program.

"I learned from the boxers before me," Murphy said. "It's an oral teaching, and it works well that way, makes it more of a team thing, which it really is."

Gaffney emphasized his desire to contribute to the future success of the program.

"I like the fact that as a freshman I stood in awe and now I'm a senior and I know

I've given something of myself to this amazing program," he said.

The captains spend much time on their club duties, which can make finding a balance difficult.

"One of the hardest things about being a captain is you have to find your own time to train," said Will. "I spend the majority of my time here helping [the young boxers] and leading practices. That's a major concern in picking captains; they have to be able to work out outside the scheduled practice times."

The senior captains choose four sophomores each year to become the next season's junior captains, with the juniors moving into the senior positions.

"Captains are chosen because they're guys who stand out," said Gaffney.

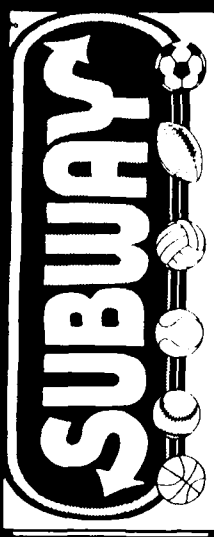
"Guys who exhibit good leadership skills, good boxing skills, who don't just come to work out but really contribute to the program," he added.

Boxing also provides fighters with a chance to test themselves.

"You get in there, you're by yourself, and there's no one to fall back on," Will said. "It makes you reach inside and see what you have."

While the sport of boxing attracts many to the club, the captains know that Bengal Bouts means more than that.

"I don't come down here to win a Bengal Bout or to fight," said Gaffney. "This is a service project."



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THE
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Monday, February 22, 1999

■ 125-POUND TO 145-POUND

Veterans and newcomers enter on equal footing

By ALLISON KRILLA
Associate Sports Editor

As the opening bell sounds and the first boxers emerge from their corners tonight, veterans and newcomers alike will find themselves on equal footing.

The nervousness and anxiety won't subside until the first punches are thrown. But for one group of boxers, the knots in their stomachs will have to wait two more days to work themselves out.

The 125-pound weight class boasts only four fighters, each of whom received a first-round bye and will have to endure an evening outside the ring.

"I was hoping to get [my first fight] over with," Kevin Overbeck said. The senior is also anxious to test the hand he injured in a sledding accident and find out if his stamina is up to par following a bout with the flu.

Overbeck will square off with Rick Holcomb on Wednesday.

"Since nobody in our weight class is fighting [tonight], I don't think [the bye] will really be an advantage for anyone," said top-seeded Jason McMahon. The freshman will meet Marc Armini in semifinal action, following a night of observing his fellow boxing club members.

"I'll definitely be watching the fights [tonight], and hopefully get an idea of what it's like," McMahon said. "But nothing will compare to that night."

Some of the first fights the spectators will see are in the 135-pound weight class. Here, top-seeded David Seerveld will be aiming for the title after falling to Jeremy Leatherby in the finals last year.

"In previous years, I'd feel guilty about winning because it

might have been someone's last chance in the ring," Seerveld said. "But since I'm a senior, I don't need to feel guilty anymore."

Besides Seerveld, familiar faces abound in the division. Dan Gallegos, Martin Garry and Camilo Rueda round out the veteran-laden weight class.

"Last year, I was in the 130-pound weight class, but this year we only have 135," Gallegos said, "so a lot of the guys are the same ones I faced last year."

Seerveld faces John Kakkanathu in the first round, while Gallegos will fight Matt Eberly. Garry squares off against Matt Eberly, and Rueda takes on Charles Madden.

The 145-pound weight class boasts two premier boxers and boxing club officers.

Senior Tommy Will and junior Mike Maguire begin their quest for the title. Will lost to Lucas Molina in an epic battle for the 135-pound crown in 1998, one of the most well-fought bouts of the evening.

Maguire upset senior captain Sean Sharpe to take the 140-pound crown by split decision last year. Now both are primed for a difficult road to the finals in a new weight class.

Standing in their way, however, are some talented but inexperienced boxers. Sophomore Zach Fulton meets the technically sound Will in the first round, while Marc Tubay takes on the second-seeded Maguire tonight.

Jim Shacklett and Ant Kemps and Phil Castrogiovanni and Dan Gonzalez round out the 145-pound card. Castrogiovanni, a law student, and Gonzalez, an undergraduate freshman, may provide one of the most entertaining bouts of the early rounds.



Senior Matt "Shag-a-dellie" Eberly will face Daniel "Too Short" Gallegos in the quarterfinals of the 135-pound weight class on Monday night.

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"I used to be mainly a brawler, going right at the other man," explained Butz. "I have been working with the coaches to help utilize my reach. Long arms and greater extension give me an advantage over other boxers."

The 195-pound weight class introduces a batch of newcomers to the Bengal Bouts. In a field with only one senior and no juniors, a sophomore has already emerged as a contender.

Pete "Beat the Rap" Ryan looks to use his evasive, calculating style to best his opponents. However, Ryan will have to wait until Wednesday night for his first test. He has a first-round bye.

Another newcomer also looks to make waves in the bouts. Sophomore John "The Pitbull" Salvino is the favorite to take the heavyweight crown. At 215 pounds, he will need his quickness to outmaneuver opponents.

Salvino is a transfer student who looked to make an immediate contribution to Notre Dame athletics.

"I wanted to be a part of Notre Dame athletic tradition," said Salvino. "When you're a part of Bengal Bouts, you're a part of the legend. You are a Notre Dame athlete."

Veteran leadership should hold strong, especially in the 185-pound weight class, but look for some young upstarts to stake their claim at Bengal Bouts this week. Fights start at 5 p.m. Monday with the higher weights squaring off later in the evening.



Junior captain Mike Romanchek is currently ranked second in the 185-pound weight division behind favored Brian Gaffney.

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■ 150-POUND TO 163-POUND

Journey to championship fights commence tonight

By KATHLEEN LOPEZ
Sports Editor

This year's Bengal Bouts should bring several surprises, just like all the past tournaments.

The 150-pound division packs in loads of talent and the championship is wide open. Last year's title match pitted seniors Fred Kelly and Stefan Molina, but with the graduation of the seniors, the title is ripe for the picking.

This bracket pits a seasoned Bengal Bouts veteran against a freshman sensation. Junior captain J.R. Mellin enters tonight's fight as the top-ranked boxer in the 150-pound weight class.

If all goes according to plan, Mellin could meet freshman Edward Hernandez in one of the Bouts' most anticipated matches.

Hernandez ranks second in the division. He enters with a greater advantage than most freshmen because of his extensive boxing background.

Senior captain Dave "The Rock" Murphy headlines the 150-pound weight class. Murphy is participating in his third Bengal Bouts and looks to build off his finals appearance last year in the 145-pound weight class.

With every tournament in which he participates, Murphy gets stronger and has proven himself to be a solid contender.

Sophomore Vince DeSapio will face Murphy in the quarterfinals. Neither fighter has a clear-cut knowledge of the other from practice, which could make for an interesting fight.

"I didn't spar him or see him in action," Murphy said of his first-round opponent. "I heard he is a pretty sound boxer."

Tom Cronley is seeded second and could give Murphy a serious run at the title. The senior is a veteran but has suffered from tough brackets in the past.

This year is his last chance and his draw might be the best he has seen. Cronley's opponent is Paul "He-Man" Mehan.

According to Murphy, Cronley is a sound boxer and has height which could be an advantage.

Many overlooked the strength of Mike LaDuke as he did not make a strong run for the finals last year. LaDuke proved his skill as he dominated his finals opponent on his way to the title. He is a captain and enters tonight's fights with the top-ranking in the 160-pound weight class.

"He has improved so much," Murphy said about his fellow captain. "He has come back from an injury."

Jeff "The Bruisin' Bohunk" Dobosh appears especially hungry in this division. Dobosh wants nothing more than to easily advance to the finals for a rematch with LaDuke, but first he must get past Juan "El Matador" Santucci.

Rounding out the rest of this weight class are Daniel Saracino who will fight Ray "Norman Bates" Wicklander. Joshua "Is My First Name, But My Last Name Is" Kirley will take on Miguel "Doughboy" Tapia.

For top-ranked Kevin Murphy, this year's Bouts is all about determination.

"I've been completely obsessed for the last six weeks," Murphy said.

The law student has dedicated these past couple of months to a strict training regime for this year's tournament.

"I worked really really hard this year, not just during the season but in the off-season," Murphy said. "I'm probably the only No. 1 seed who's never won."

Murphy will face sophomore Brian Conley in the quarterfinals.

Seeded second in the bracket is Travis "The Only Time I Get 'Hit On' Is In the Ring" Alexander. The sophomore will take on first-time fighter senior Chris "The Unabomber" Uhart.



The Observer/Jeff Hsu
Junior captain J.R. Mellin headlines the talented 150-pound weight class but following in a close second is freshman Edward Hernandez who is ranked second.

Look for Alexander to exploit his one year of experience over Uhart, although Uhart may have a few tricks up his sleeve since most unexpected upsets come in the opening rounds.

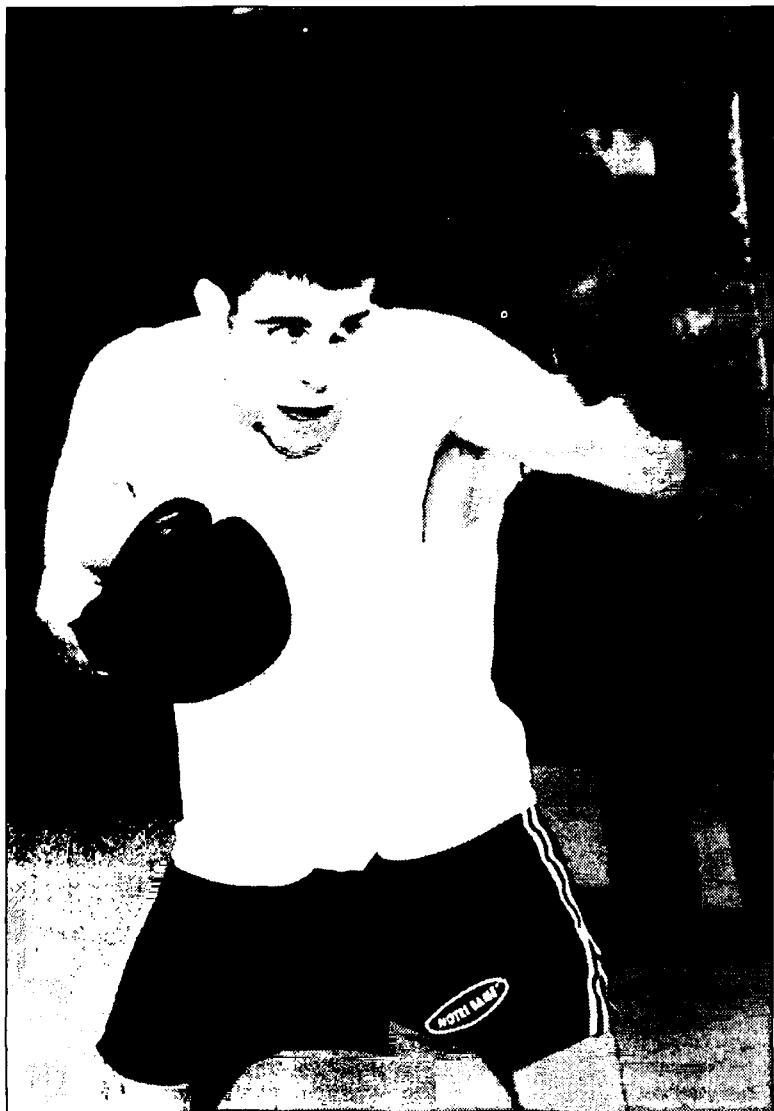
Rounding out the rest of the competition are Sean Nowak, who will fight

Shane Luzzader and Billy McMurtrie, who will take on Dennis Lumbao.

The 163-pound weight class is a product of the numerous middle weights in this year's fights. Murphy and Co. want nothing more than to use this new division to their full advantage.

■ 165-POUND TO 180-POUND

Veterans and novices prepare to meet in quarterfinals



The Observer/Jeff Hsu
Junior Tom "Polly Prissy Pants" Biolchini hopes to repeat and earn his second Bengal Bouts.

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Writer

When competitors in the first round of this year's Bengal Bouts enter the ring tonight, the top seeds will be looking to showcase their skills while the underdogs will be looking for an upset.

The results of six weeks of intensive training and preparation for the 69th annual boxing competition will begin to unfold in the ring during the quarterfinal round at the Joyce Center.

In the 165-pound weight class, top seed Tom Biolchini hopes to defend his 1998 championship title against eighth-seeded Doug Bartles. Counting on his endurance and strong jab to combat Bartles' height advantage, Biolchini is confident entering tonight's fight.

"I'm less nervous than last year because I know what to expect," said Biolchini. "I'm feeling in shape and I got a lot more sparring in during training than last year."

No. 2 seed Don Penn will enter the ring against seventh seed Chris Muro and No. 3 Jeff Welsh will take on No. 6 Tony Polcari. Fifth seed Joe Kippels is looking for an upset in his match. Kippels plans to use his height and reach to try to overpower No. 4 Kurt Kurple.

The 170-pound weight class has favorite Alex Kerrigan squaring off with eighth-ranked Chris Matassa. Kerrigan hopes to put his quick left jab to use

and gain a victory on points.

"I'm going to go out and give it all I've got and try not to get too worn down," said Kerrigan. "But that can happen no matter how hard you train."

Freshman Matassa admits his fighting inexperience but plans to rely on his long reach to stay alive in the ring.

"I've never been in an actual fight before," said Matassa. "But the training has been great and has gotten me in pretty good shape. We'll see what happens."

No. 2 seed and first-year boxer Tom Dehmer will match up in the ring with seventh seed Eric Hovan. Hovan, a third year boxer, hopes to upset his senior opponent, but Dehmer plans on using his height and reach to power him past the quarterfinal round. No. 3 and No. 6 seeds Brian Nestor and Mike Hammes will meet in the ring while freshmen Paul Peterson and Bill Ponko will match up at the fourth and fifth spots.

Top seed Brian Hobbins looks for a repeat first round victory in the 175-pound weight class against eighth seed Michael Halloran. A hard puncher, Hobbins is optimistic about tonight's fight.

"I'm pretty confident," he said. "Training has gone really well and I'm feeling at my peak." Hobbins plans to establish his jab early on and use his slight height advantage to advance over his junior competitor.

Steve Pfeiffer, the No. 2 seed,

will take on seventh seed Stephen Bueche. Pfeiffer, confident going into tonight's matchup, dropped weight this season and is counting on his long reach and height to gain a bigger advantage.

"I got all my inhibitions out last year," said Pfeiffer. "I'm looking forward to the fight and am just going to take it one round at a time."

No. 3 seed Joe Czerniawski will enter the ring against sixth seed Ben Dillon, while fifth seed Trent Sandifur looks to upset fourth-seeded Michael Wilson.

In the 180-pound weight class No. 1 seed Josh Thompson will rely on his long reaching jabs to gain a victory over eighth seed Tom Cullen. Thompson was seeded fifth last year and lost in the first round but is confident about this year's bouts.

"I'm going to have to stay strong and keep the jab working," said Thompson. "If I can do that I think I'll be able to control the fight."

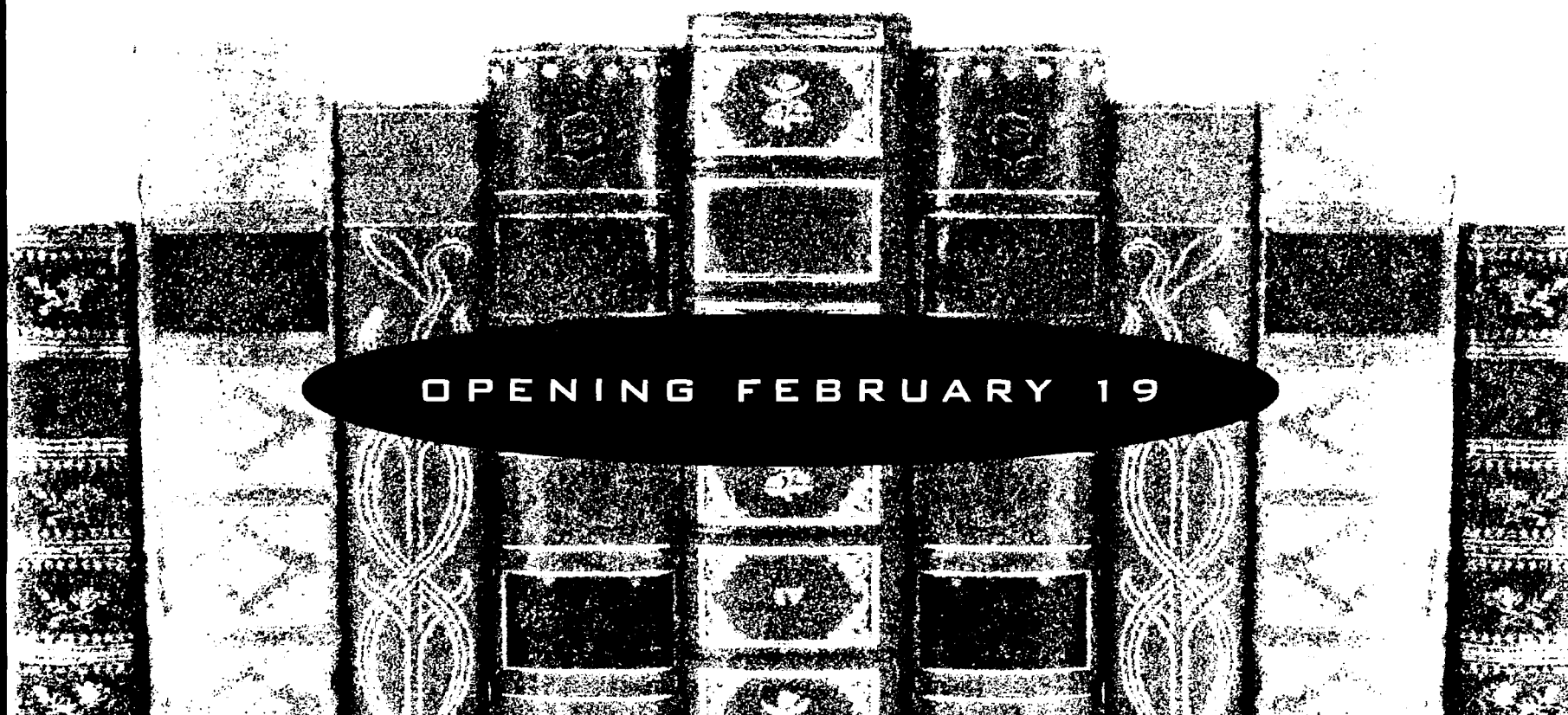
No. 2 senior Paul Chen will meet seventh-seeded freshman Bobby Kennedy in the ring and third-ranked Zach Allen will take on Mark Criniti. Fourth seed junior and first-time boxer Chris Vaisnoras will face off against fifth seed Willie Kent to round out the weight class.

The quarterfinals will bring together experienced boxers and first time fighters to propel the most prepared to the semifinal round on Wednesday night.

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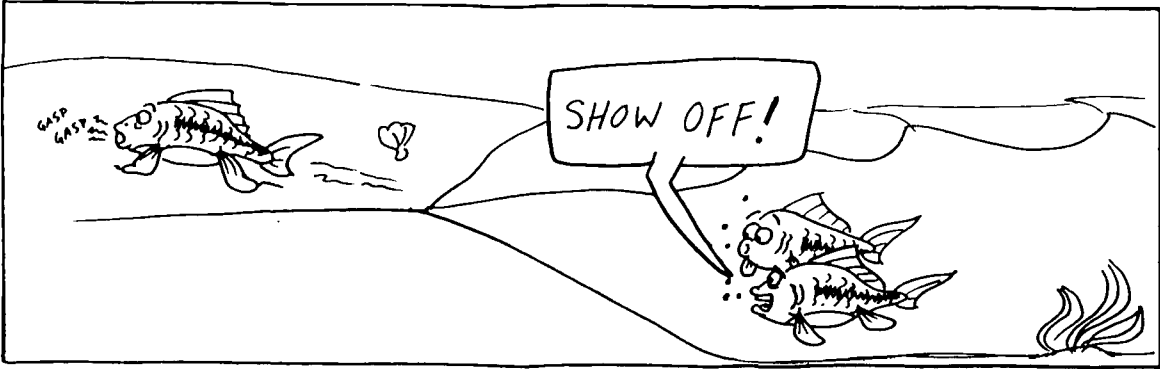
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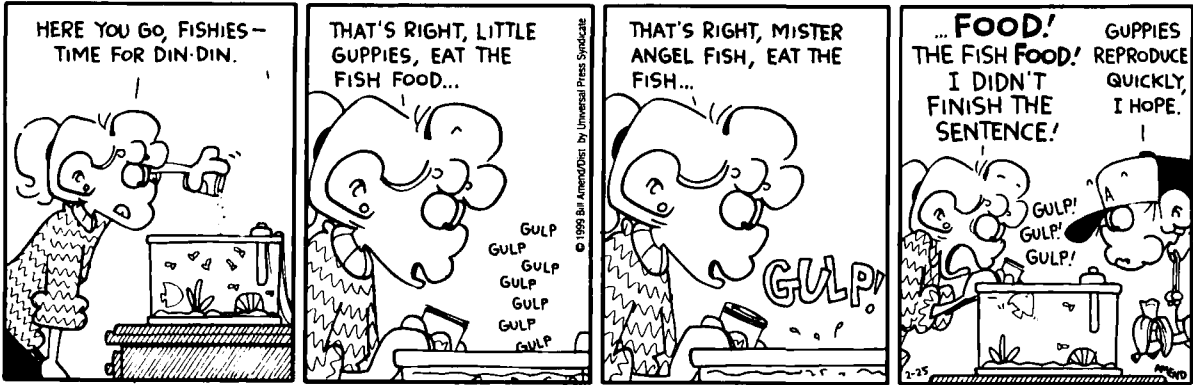
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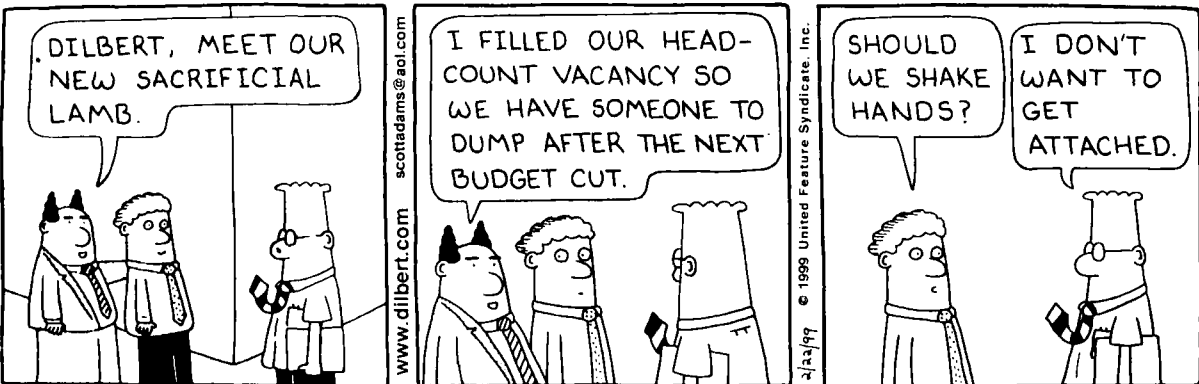
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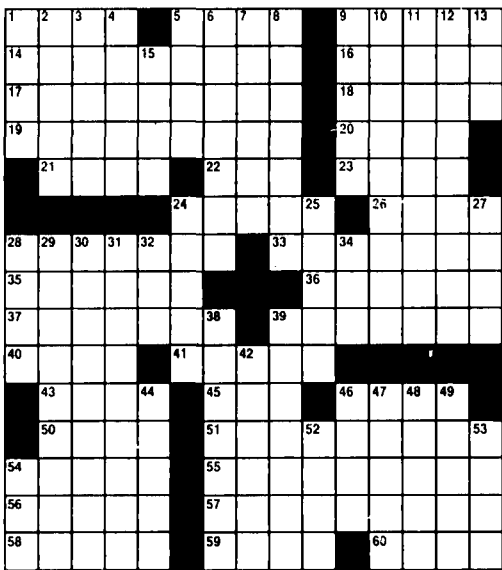
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Look over work you have done and make sure that you're happy with it. Discuss your intentions and goals with older family members who have the experience to best direct you. **000**

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You will be weepy if you don't get your way. You must control your moods if you don't want to be left on your own. Don't let your friends or family cost you money. Losses are likely. **000**

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't make promises that you can't possibly keep. Problems while traveling will cause delays in your plans. It is best to stay calm. A lack of support and help can be expected. **000**

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Relationships appear to be changing. Don't try to hold onto something that is no longer good. Acceptance will be the best possible reaction. It's time to move on to greener pastures. **0000**

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You have an unrealistic view of your personal situation. Listen to your partner and you'll discover legitimate complaints. You can't fix problems unless you understand them. **00**

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Sit

back, relax and read a good book. You are in the right frame of mind to learn. Listen to and observe others, and you will pick up information that will benefit you in your own situation. **00000**

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Real estate opportunities will surface if you are in a position to buy or sell. You can make changes to your home that will make your surroundings nicer and inflate the cost of your property. **000**

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your jealous tendency could cause your mate to be untruthful with you. You must learn to control your reaction or get out of the relationship if it is causing that much anguish. **000**

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Problems with relatives will surface if you're involved in financial ventures with them. Try to avoid a scene by being honest and open about the situation. Your hands are tied. **000**

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Get into shape. You can join clubs that will enable you to test your endurance and stamina. You need to get out and enjoy the good company. Mental and physical stimulation are a must. **00000**

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■ OF INTEREST

Newt Gingrich will speak at Stepan Center on April 13. Tickets are on sale now at the LaFortune Information Desk for \$6. The event is sponsored by SUB.

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■ MEN'S BASKETBALL

Rainey shines in first start for Notre Dame

By JOEY CAVATO
Associate Sports Editor

Paul Rainey is not used to getting a lot of attention.

Growing up in a family with 15 brothers and sisters will give you that kind of education.

After Notre Dame's 71-69 victory over West Virginia Sunday, everybody wanted to talk to Rainey: teammates, fans, reporters, cameramen.

In his first start since playing high school ball for Wonderview in Hattiesville, where he averaged 23 points as a senior, Rainey took the role of hero once more.

With Martin Ingelsby slowed by an ankle injury and Jimmy Dillon suspended, Rainey finally got his chance to shine.

The former walk-on found himself at the free throw line in a tie game with 20 seconds left on the clock.

Rainey has been successful one try in 10 attempts from the charity strip during his collegiate career.

The pressure to end a three-game Irish losing streak could rattle his knees. The emotion of two teams fighting for 40 minutes could take away his focus.

It would be too much for a typical walk-on.

But this isn't a typical walk-on.

He stepped to the line without a change of emotion and drained both shots like one would expect from a 13-year-veteran of the NBA. Sinking the shots capped off a dramatic Irish comeback that he ignited with a steal.

"I just wanted to go in there and stay focused and do the things I always do when I go to the free-throw line," Rainey

said. "I've been through this before many times in high school. It's been a while since high school but I can still recollect having the same emotions and the same

situation with the pressure on me to step up and win the game for the team."

After coming to Notre Dame on an academic scholarship five years ago, Rainey was asked to stay another year on a basketball scholarship.

Rainey came back to serve as captain and to join the University's new graduate program in accountancy.

"The reason we wanted him back is he's such an example for our kids," head coach John MacLeod said. "He loves to play — he's a great example for these youngsters to learn from. This is a five-star young man."

General Electric may not have known exactly what they had when they offered Rainey a job in financial management.

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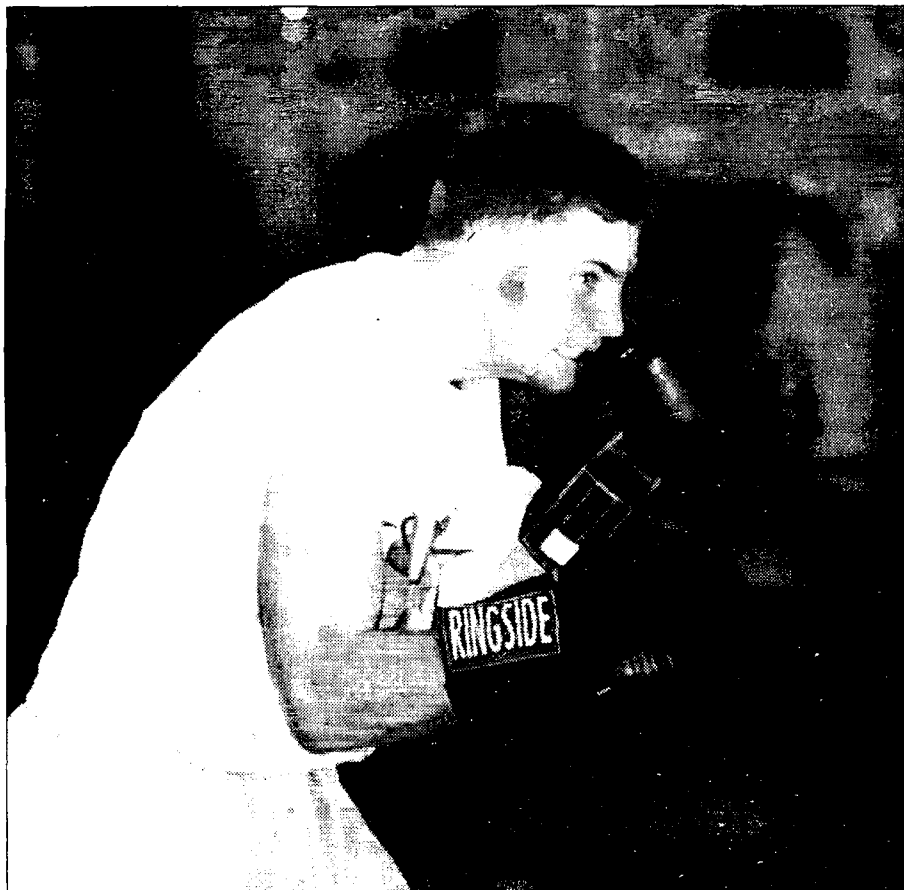
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'HE LOVES TO PLAY ... THIS IS A FIVE-STAR YOUNG MAN.'

JOHN MACLEOD

MEN'S BASKETBALL HEAD COACH

BENGAL BOUTS



Senior Dave "The Rock" Murphy and his fellow Bengal Bouts' captains have dedicated themselves to more than just the average daily workouts.

Captains guide fellow fighters with determination

By KATI MILLER
Sports Writer

Teaching young fighters the fundamentals of boxing is a tough job, and for many this task would be time-consuming enough.

For the senior captains of the men's boxing club, teaching novice fighters is just the beginning.

Since the beginning of the school year, captains Tommy Will, Dave Murphy, Brian Gaffney and Mike LaDuke have been organizing this year's Bengal Bouts.

"We're really in charge of all facets of the club, from practical skills to teaching to advertising," said Gaffney.

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■ 185-POUND TO HEAVYWEIGHT

Newcomers seek to knock out mentors in opening rounds

By KEVIN THOMPSON
Sports Writer

The Bengal Bouts program maintains a tradition of continuity.

Older, more experienced boxers set an example and show younger athletes the ropes. But come this week, throw the long hours of learning and waiting out the window: the students will be shooting for the teachers.

The 185-pound through heavyweight weight classes match a full slate of Bengal rookies with a reasonable share of seasoned veterans.

The veterans make their mark on the Bouts, especially in the 185-pound weight class. Experts look for a finals match of Bengal Bouts co-captain Brian "The Nutty Irishman" Gaffney and junior Mike "Guns Don't Kill People, I Kill People" Romanche. The match will pit the patient, disciplined attack of Romanche against Gaffney's three Bengal Bouts titles.

However, Gaffney warns against looking ahead of Monday night.

"I think the history of these fights has shown that you can't look past an

underdog," remarked Gaffney. "There have been plenty of upsets. You can't overlook anyone in this tournament."

So before Gaffney and Romanche meet, they must fight through a field of relative newcomers.

The task begins tonight when the top seeds take on a pair of Bengal Bouts rookies. Senior Tim "Pretty Fly for a White Guy" Christ and junior John "Rambo" Norton make their debut against veteran competition, but both are confident about their chances.

Norton, Gaffney's first-round opponent, needs to utilize his aggressive style to go after Gaffney early. Christ, a martial-arts student for 15 years, will need to set the pace against Romanche and avoid his patient attack.

In the 190-pound weight class, senior Dave "Bell-Vegas" Butz highlights a field of upperclassmen, with the exception of freshman Joe Larson, who faces Butz in the opener. Butz, with two second-place finishes in as many years looks to finally get over the hump with a few subtle changes. Lately he has used his long-range to his advantage.

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Quarterfinals—Today at 5p.m.

Semi-Finals—Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Finals—Friday at 8 p.m.

Note: All fights will take place in the Joyce ACC arena.



vs. Miami,
Tuesday, 7 p.m.



vs. Iowa,
Wednesday, 3 p.m.



at St. John's,
Wednesday, 8 p.m.



vs. Northern Michigan,
Friday, 7 p.m.



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