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■ FACULTY SENATE

Forum focuses on undergrad research



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"The Boyer report calls us all [to make] more rigorous changes," said Dennis Jacobs, assistant professor of chemistry and biochemistry in a discussion Wednesday.

By CHRISTINE KRALY
Assistant News Editor

Many faculty members do not think undergraduate students can handle research work, according to Daniel Myers, assistant professor of sociology, at a Faculty Senate forum addressing undergraduate education Wednesday night.

"This is completely and utterly [inconsistent] with my experience," added Myers, who heads up a three credit-hour research team which includes 12 undergraduates studying the sociological factors of rioting. "It's important to have a real combination of research work and academic [education]."

The forum, Reinventing Undergraduate Education, was inspired by the current report from The Boyer Commission on Educating Undergraduates in the Research University. Myers, along with five other University professors, discussed individual college improvements in undergraduate research programs.

Assistant professor Felicitas Munzel from the Program of Liberal Studies served as the forum chair and highlighted some points from the Boyer report, including the recommendation that universities con-

struct an inquiry-based first year for students.

"We're not doing a really good job of that in the business [school] right now," said Thomas Frecka, professor of accountancy, who said that the department needs to make progress in building the first-year foundation.

Some progress has been made, he said, through the development of an eight course core program focusing both on individual cases of companies and group work with a major emphasis on communication skills.

The goal, added Frecka, is to make students critical thinkers and to integrate general education into one's major field of study. In his case, he will show how accounting is incorporated with business and society.

The report also targets problems with large lecture classes in which students don't get the attention they need and therefore feel disengaged from class, said Dennis Jacobs, associate professor of chemistry and biochemistry. Jacobs developed a small chemistry course with added mandatory tutorial sessions to focus more on individual student needs.

"The Boyer report calls us all [to make] more [rigorous

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New allegations arise in Dunbar investigation

By BRIAN KESSLER
Sports Editor

Head football coach Bob Davie will answer questions about what he or the University knows about former football booster Kim Dunbar, whose name has resurfaced with allegations that she provided gifts, trips and money to former Notre Dame wide receiver Derrick Mayes, at a 2 p.m. press conference today.

ESPN reportedly obtained material that confirms Dunbar and Mayes flew to Las Vegas together on June 30, 1995, just eight days after Dunbar became an official Notre Dame booster. The hotel bill and an airline tickets, which include Mayes' name, were paid for with Dunbar's credit card.

This report comes less than a year after Mayes, in a sworn affidavit, denied having any contact with Dunbar after July 1994. Mayes, who is currently a member of the Green Bay Packers and played for Notre Dame from 1992-95, also denied receiving any gifts from Dunbar.

Dunbar, on the other hand, insists that she gave Mayes plane tickets to Minneapolis, a video camera for his 21st birthday, a chauffeured limousine trip to a Valentine's Day dinner in Kalamazoo, a weekend trip to Chicago and accommodations at the Chicago Hilton Hotel, clothes, several pairs of shoes and numerous meals. She also claims that she paid a car repair bill for Mayes and gave him small amounts of cash on several occasions.

A Notre Dame spokeswoman said Wednesday that the University and its attorneys are not aware of the information

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■ STUDENT SENATE

Members consider sweatshops, parietals change

By FINN PRESSLY
Assistant News Editor

Notre Dame's new policy to monitor clothing licensees for sweatshop violations came under criticism by podium speaker Aaron Kreider of the Progressive Student Alliance at Wednesday's Student Senate meeting.

"The problem is that the University of Notre Dame clearly wants to be a leader in this issue, but they haven't taken the steps to become a leader," said Kreider. "There's been no enforcement. They haven't been checking on these factories."

Part of the problem stems from the control the companies have over which factories are selected for inspection, according to Kreider. In addition, the Fair Labor Agreement does not require corporations to publish the addresses of the factories.

"Without disclosure of the location of the factories, NGOs [non-governmental organizations] and religious groups cannot send people to monitor those factories," he said.

Kreider also stressed the importance of guaranteeing laborers a "living wage," enough to provide food, shelter and clothing. In most countries, the living wage is often significantly higher than the local minimum wage.

"There is potential for Notre Dame to become a

leader in this issue," he said.

Fisher senator Philip Dittmar, however, contended that the University has already taken significant steps towards eliminating sweatshop labor, referring to a recent University affiliation with PriceWaterhouseCoopers, which will also conduct factory investigations.

"We can check on any factory that we question within four days," Dittmar said. "I think Notre Dame is doing as much as they can."

He also referred to the new task force formed by the University.

"The task force will explore possible ways we can do better," he said.

In other senate news:

• Members approved three resolutions regarding the parietals survey distributed earlier in the semester. Pasquerilla West senator Susan Gloss, who presented the results of the survey, said that she and her committee were surprised by the results.

"It was a lot more balanced than we thought," she said.

From the results of the survey and from conferences with campus administrators, the committee has temporarily abandoned its fight to universally extend parietals.

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The Observer/Job Turner

Student senators, pictured here at a recent meeting, passed three resolutions calling for an easing of parietals regulations Wednesday.

■ INSIDE COLUMN

Malloy let one get away

What do Andre Agassi and Notre Dame have in common?

Each believes "Image is Everything."

University president Father Edward Malloy will never admit that he rejected Rick Majerus as the new men's basketball coach, but that won't stop it from being true.

Mike Connolly
Associate Sports Editor

Malloy rejected Majerus for something that he wrote in a book. Majerus said that he would find it hypocritical if he disciplines an athlete from academic fraud since he committed academic fraud while a student at Marquette.

Big deal.

Don't you think your parents sometimes find themselves being hypocritical for disciplining their children for actions that they committed while growing up?

This doesn't mean that your parents can't or won't discipline you. It just means that they may feel hypocritical. The same situation exists with Majerus.

Look at the larger picture.

His athletes graduate. They stay four years and they get their degrees. When was the last time you heard about a Utah player getting into trouble?

Even supposedly marginal students like Andre Miller become solid students by the time they leave Utah. Majerus has never had trouble with his student-athletes.

But of course, Malloy didn't look at the big picture. He didn't sit down and talk with Majerus in an interview to get to know him. He didn't ask Majerus about his athlete's academic history or what he does to make sure his players go to class.

No. He read a passage from a section of Majerus' book and deemed him unfit to coach at Notre Dame.

Michael Wadsworth interviewed Majerus and got to know him. He learned that Majerus is a quality individual who would be a perfect fit under the Dome.

But for Malloy, because Majerus speaks his mind and does things his own way, he was rejected.

Majerus may be a big fat slob. I won't argue about that. He isn't concerned with his appearance or how others perceive him. He just wins basketball games and makes sure his players stay eligible and out of trouble.

What more can you ask from a Notre Dame coach?

Malloy seems to think that the image and perception that all is right is more important than the actual quality of an individual.

Well, I've got news for Monk: Notre Dame is not perfect. Never has been, never will be.

Who is one of the most famous people ever to attend Notre Dame?

George Gipp: a man who spent most of his time in a bar playing pool, far from any classroom.

Why did the Gipper die?

Because he was out at a bar past curfew, got locked out of his dorm and caught pneumonia from sleeping outside. Not exactly the Notre Dame spirit that Monk seems to require of a basketball coach.

It seems that that the only one who could live up to the moral standards that Monk has put forth for a basketball coach would be Jesus himself.

But wait, the cleansing of the temple when he dumped over tables and whipped merchants would probably render Jesus unfit.

Character is nothing here.

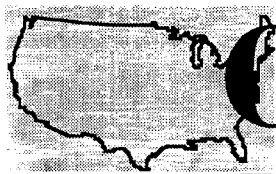
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Outside the Dome

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Man banned from all U.S. colleges after UConn solicitations

STORRS, Conn.

A convicted sex offender who solicited female students on campus was banned from all college campuses in the United States, a Superior Court judge ruled on Tuesday.

John Urban, 38, of Billerica, Mass., is free after posting \$150,000 bail.

Under the conditions of the bail, Urban was ordered to stay away from all female college undergraduates.

"The bond conditions are our efforts to assure the citizenry of UConn that they are safe, and that Urban is not a threat to them," said defense lawyer James Sulick.

Urban was arrested March 9 on weapons charges after a sock filled with rocks, a brown lockblade knife, handcuffs with a chain, rope and two condoms were found in his vehicle.

On March 18, Urban was charged by UConn police with three counts of stalking and two counts of disorderly



conduct after he appeared at the police station to pick up his impounded vehicle.

According to police, 57 female students have come forward to say that Urban asked them to baby-sit his children or watch his dogs. Some of the women said they accepted rides from Urban.

Police Chief Robert Hudd said he is grateful for the decision. On multiple occasions police asked the prosecuting attorney and bail commissioner for Urban to be banned from UConn, Hudd said.

"I think that the ban is a good thing," said Kathleen Holgerson, director of the Women's Center. "It is an important recognition that it was not only our campus he was a threat to, but other campuses as well."

Liz Erhardt, USG president, was also pleased with the judge's ruling, saying that it will give other universities an immediate reason to arrest Urban if he is found on their campus.

Marisa Nadolny, an eighth-semester English/anthropology major, said she was uncertain of how effective the ban would be. She said Urban may try to alter his identity should he ever try to come back to UConn.

Urban was convicted in 1982 of raping a child, stalking and kidnapping. He was sentenced to life in Bridgewater State Hospital, a psychiatric institution in Massachusetts, but was released after he plead guilty to several incidents.

■ INDIANA UNIVERSITY

Dean looks into football team brawl

BLOOMINGTON, Ind.

Dean of students Richard McKaig announced Tuesday he will be leading an Indiana University investigation of Monday night's fight between members of the football team and of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity. "We'll be interviewing as many students as we can that may have familiarity with the incident or any other individuals that come forward," McKaig said. Three students were taken to Bloomington Hospital after the fight. Senior football cornerback Curtis Randle El is in stable condition and underwent an exploratory laparotomy Monday night after being stabbed twice in the abdomen. Senior fraternity member Ramone Demming and sophomore football player Kyle Moffatt were treated and released Monday night, a Bloomington Hospital patient care director said. The fight, which was reported to police at about 9:30 p.m., was one of multiple incidents that day between the groups.

■ UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

Administration fights ROTC policy

MADISON, Wisc.

In a meeting Tuesday, UW-Madison administrators and the Associated Students of Madison's Equal Rights Initiative agreed to fight against an alleged ROTC anti-gay discrimination policy. The ERI released a report earlier this month that detailed an ROTC policy prohibiting ROTC students from "engaging in homosexual acts." It also suggested ways to ensure that gay students receive scholarship money and leadership training similar to what the ROTC provides. Provost John Wiley said he was impressed with how much work went into the report. He said he called a meeting between UW-Madison administrators and the ERI to discuss its suggestions. "The meeting was really to congratulate them on a good job and say that we agree with them and want to work with them," he said. Wiley said the University will try to create a program that would teach the same leadership skills as the ROTC.

■ MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Cards deliver sobering message

EAST LANSING, Mich.

Greeting card companies may soon have some competition from a small organization planning to send birthday greetings to every Michigan State University student turning 21. But they aren't ordinary cards. Following the cover's normal birthday greeting, the inside reads, "Be responsible about drinking ... We want you to turn 22." The program stems from Be Responsible About Drinking (BRAD), an organization founded six weeks ago by the parents and friends of Bradley McCue, an MSU junior who died of alcohol poisoning after celebrating his 21st birthday by drinking 24 shots in two hours. Cindy McCue, Bradley's mother, said the idea behind BRAD is not to discourage young people from celebrating on their birthday, but to give them information on the consequences of drinking too much in a short amount of time. "We're not saying don't have a good time," she said.

■ UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

Professor captures textbook thief

TUCSON, Ariz.

A UA chemistry professor yesterday chased a suspected thief through university buildings and helped detain the man until police could arrest him for reportedly stealing a textbook. Michael Brown, 50, said he pursued a man he allegedly found searching his desk in a chemistry building, because of a hunch and "a lot of built up resentment toward thieves." Police arrested Anh Tuan Haynh, 26, on suspicion of theft after they found a textbook belonging to the chemistry professor inside his bag, police reports stated. Brown left his office unlocked and went to check the mail at 12:15 p.m. and returned to find Haynh "standing over his desk shuffling through books," reports stated. "I saw this person in the hall," said Brown, a UA professor for 12 years. "He was well-dressed and nice looking. He didn't look like a normal UA student." Brown said Haynh fit the physical description of an alleged thief.

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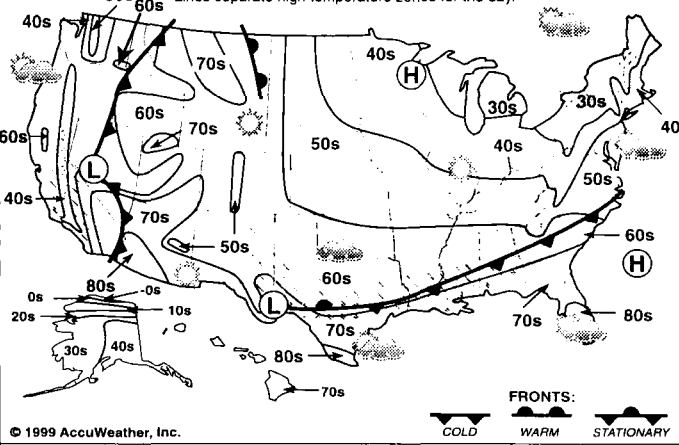
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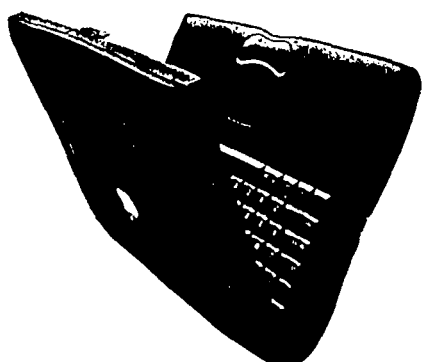


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■ MULTICULTURAL BEAT

Visitation weekend will focus on minorities at ND

Range of events intends to increase minority enrollment

By MAUREEN SMITHE
News Writer

Minority students that will be admitted to Notre Dame for the 1999-2000 academic year will visit campus this weekend for the annual Spring Visitation Weekend.

Organized by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, this all-expenses-paid weekend aims to "let these students know that we are interested in diversity," said Christy Fleming, multicultural recruitment coordinator for the Admissions department. "The Office is committed to making Notre Dame more ethnically diverse."

"As we read the files, we invite all those whose applications look like they will be accepted," Fleming noted. "They don't know until they arrive here that we are going to officially admit them."

Currently, Notre Dame is severely lacking in diversity, according to Fleming.

"To me, it is inexcusable to have a national university with such an ethnically undiverse campus," she said.

Although the student body is made up of only three percent African Americans, seven percent Latinos, four percent Asians and less than one percent Native Americans, Fleming noted that "we have gone up in the number of ethnic students admitted."

Office of Multicultural Student Affairs aids the Office of Undergraduate Admissions with planning for the four-day weekend.

"We work with ethnic organizations on their programs for this weekend. The students here for the weekend can observe all the cultural things to do here on campus," said Iris Outlaw, director of Multicultural Student Affairs.

Events like Latin Expressions, the Black Cultural Arts Festival fashion show and a Native American pow-wow are typical of the Spring Visitation Weekend, according to Outlaw.

"A lot of students don't consider Notre Dame. It is a chance for them to see their presence here," Outlaw said.

Some speculate that there is an underlying tone of bias involved with the weekend.

"I can definitely see how some students who were here for the weekend are surprised at the lack of diversity here when they arrive in the fall," said freshman Denise Fraga, who participated in the weekend last spring. "But no one hid anything from us. We were made aware of the facts."

Outlaw noted that efforts are made to make potential students aware of the low minority percentages in enrollment.

"There is a workshop with a student panel," she said. "Just students one on one to share the ins and

outs, the ups and downs of what is happening here on campus with regard to diversity."

Fleming takes a similar approach. "We do tell them that it will be very likely that, for example, they maybe the only African American in a calculus class," she said.

Fleming added that with all the excitement and involvement of the multicultural organizations during this weekend, some potential students forget that not every weekend is as culturally celebrated as Spring Visitation.

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CHRISTY FLEMING
MULTICULTURAL RECRUITMENT
COORDINATOR, ADMISSIONS DEPT.

■ CLARIFICATION

In a story in Tuesday's Observer, director of Public Relations and Information Dennis Moore was quoted as saying that Notre Dame had made a counter-offer to former professor of Medieval Studies Mark Jordan.

While a counter-offer was prepared, it was never tendered to Jordan because he said that he would only stay at Notre Dame if the University reconsidered its decision not to add sexual orientation to the non-discrimination clause, which Moore stated the University will not do.

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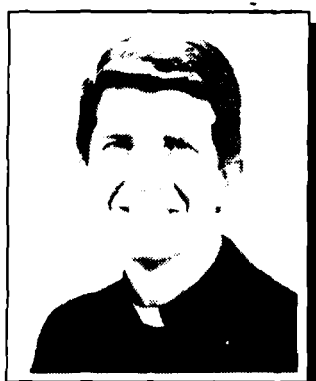
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changes],” Jacobs said.

The course, Chemistry 113/114, helped raise grades and lower the drop rate of “at-risk” students, those who scored below 630 on their math SAT.

“It’s important that when you do innovation, you measure it,” he said, noting that he and his colleagues are continuing their research in developing courses that will more readily incorporate “pedagogical innovations.”

Representatives from the College of Arts and Letters also expressed interest in implementing Boyer recommendations.

“I would like to see faculty creativity unleashed in the Core Course,” said Steve Fredman, director of the Arts and Letters Core Course.

Core, a required course for all sophomore Arts and Letters majors, emphasizes inquiry-based learning by having students lead discussion sessions, said Fredman, who says that he wants to “integrate Core into the intellectual life of our students.”

According to Fredman, Core “is taught primarily by adjuncts,” and 50 percent of the Arts and Letters courses have been cut, mostly due to the demand of Arts and Letters professors to emphasize some of their time on research.

Fredman, who said that “the reward structure for professors has been relegated to the bottom of the heap,” wants to integrate more faculty into teaching Core.

Core program coordinators are looking to make changes in its curriculum. They are considering a series of experimental

models of new course offerings and the possibility of offering an alumni course in the summer for alumni to return to campus and “tune back into” the intellectual advantages of Core.

The College of Engineering was also represented at the forum by John Ubran, professor of computer science and electrical engineering.

“We have been making changes in our College of Engineering,” he said, including hiring a new dean.

The college intends to revise the first year curriculum for engineering intents and plans to develop a learning center for engineering students to get help with their workloads.

The engineering department wants to revamp the paradigm of education from teaching to learning, Fredman said, by making students understand what they are learning rather than just feeding them information.

Much of the forum discussion centered on the recent emphasis on undergraduate research development and the need to maintain and enhance even more graduate research.

“It’s the best [thing] I’ve done [since beginning my career in education],” said Myers of his research team, adding that keeping students interested in their studies and research is key to educating them.

His course incorporates about eight hours per week of student research, such as cataloging and labeling thousands of newspaper clippings and interview transcripts. Two students from the course have gone on to follow-up research projects and Myers says he comes across people “begging to be on the team.”

“[The results] exceeded my wildest hopes,” and the student response is “stellar.”

Dunbar

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uncovered by ESPN, but are working with the NCAA to turn over other pertinent information. The NCAA is investigating Dunbar’s relationship with Notre Dame players during the 1994 season.

Included in that investigation is an allegation that Dunbar made a \$5,000 payment to former Irish cornerback and current Philadelphia Eagle Bobby Taylor.

Taylor denied taking money from Dunbar, but she testified that she gave him the money to repay an agent from whom

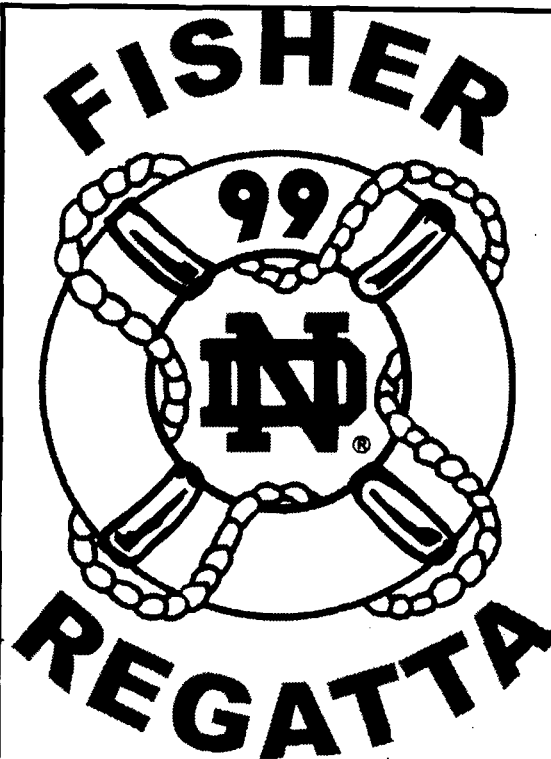
he allegedly accepted money.

Dunbar is currently serving a four-year prison term in Indiana for embezzling more than \$1 million from her former employer, Dominiack Mechanical Inc., of South Bend.

This case has been under investigation by the NCAA since March 6, 1998, when Notre Dame informed the group that Dunbar, a member of the Quarterback Club, had given gifts to seven former football players between 1993 and 1998.

Notre Dame’s internal investigation showed that the players violated no NCAA rules, but the group, which oversees collegiate athletics, is looking into the matter independently.

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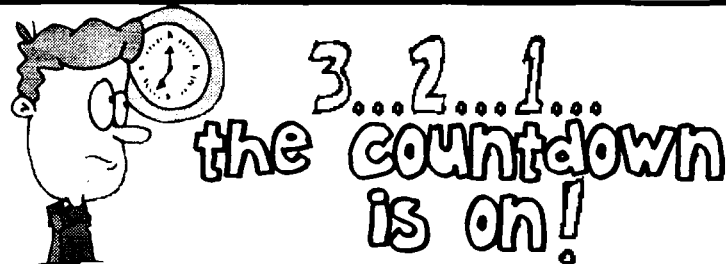
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World News Brief

Representatives question Pentagon over anthrax

WASHINGTON — Pentagon officials came under sharp questioning Wednesday about plans to inoculate 2.4 million members of the armed forces against anthrax. "Why this vaccine?" Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., asked at a hearing of the House Government Reform's subcommittee on national security. Up to 200 service members have refused to take the vaccine. The Pentagon has said that 220,000 have been vaccinated. "Anthrax is the primary biological warfare threat faced by U.S. forces," Sue Bailey, assistance defense secretary for health affairs, told the panel. She said the anthrax vaccine was tested by the Food and Drug Administration and found safe, a determination confirmed by an independent review. "There have been no long-term side effects reported with the FDA-licensed anthrax vaccine," which has been in use since 1970, she said.

Police: Mom took son on robbery

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — A mother was charged with child abuse after allegedly bringing her 2-year-old boy along when she broke into a house. Jacquellina Martinez and another suspect, Oscar Armando Alvarado, were also charged with burglary for allegedly stealing dozens of CDs, police said. Lorraine Bigler discovered a ransacked bedroom Tuesday and came face to face with the fleeing burglars, police said. She described them to police, and they were arrested eight blocks away. The boy was turned over to the state.

School officials: Boy can wear gown to prom

PIERSON, Fla. — School officials reversed their decision and will allow a teen-age boy to attend his high school prom in drag. Charles Rice plans to wear a red, floor-length evening gown, red satin shoes, gloves and matching rhinestone jewelry to Saturday's prom. Last week, Principal Peter Oatman told the 18-year-old Taylor High School senior he would be refused entrance to the prom if he showed up in drag. Oatman backed down after conferring with Superintendent Bill Hall and school district attorneys, as well as reviewing news accounts of his initial decision. Hall said Rice gets to don his gown for the prom only because the principal let him wear skirts and dresses to special events in the past. Because of these prior episodes, the school system would have had a weak case if the matter had gone to court, Hall said. "I should have the freedom to express myself," said Rice, who is gay.

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Citizens protest NATO bombing

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Serbs living in the United States were outraged Wednesday that NATO has directed its military might against their homeland, while some Albanians in this country were hopeful that the bombing of Yugoslavia would lead to peace.

"Albanian-Americans, regardless of their religious persuasion, are very much grieved by the humanitarian horror that has occurred in Kosovo and also by the recalcitrance of the government in Belgrade to negotiate," said Arthur Liolin, the very reverend chancellor Albanian Orthodox Archdiocese in America.

Liolin, whose church is based in Boston, hoped the bombing would "not only encourage but compel the Belgrade parties to stop the massacres and the killing."

But Georg Nikolic, president of the Serbian National Congress, was outraged at the attack. His Chicago-based congress is an umbrella organization for Serbian groups worldwide.

"We hope that when this bombing stops, somebody will raise their voice and stop this," said Nikolic from Chicago, where the Serb community numbers more than 200,000. "It is totally wrong. This should not be happening. It needs to be stopped immediately."

The NATO bombings began shortly after 8 p.m. (2 p.m. EST). The attack was the first against a sovereign country in NATO's 50-year history.

In metropolitan Detroit, home to about 40,000 ethnic Albanians, there was worry.

"I pray to God that they do it fast and they don't kill too many people," said Imam Vehvi Ismaili, spiritual



An unidentified woman carries a sign in a crowd of about 150 protestors as they march in front of the White House late Wednesday after the start of aerial bombing on Serbian targets by US-led forces.

leader at the Islamic Center in Harper Woods and an ethnic Albanian.

Mike Tomich of Detroit, who is Serbian, said he feared the fighting would be drawn out.

"I don't like it. People will get killed. I don't believe even President Clinton understands the situation," Tomich said.

Slavko Panovic, president of the Serbian National

Defense Council in Chicago, said he was "shocked" at the actions of the United States.

"It's a shame. I never thought I would see the day that my beloved country of America would bomb such a small country like Serbia," he said.

"It's a tragedy. A modern tragedy."

In Ohio, Agim Ajrami Bajrami said NATO should have taken action earlier.

"I think NATO is right to bomb the Serbian military force," said Bajrami, an Albanian. "They should have attacked earlier. It would have saved more people's lives."

Bajrami emigrated from Albania to Cleveland eight months ago, joining about 2,000 Albanian emigres in the city. His mother, two brothers and a sister live in Albania.

THAILAND

Nation starts AIDS vaccine trial

ASSOCIATED PRESS

BANGKOK — The first large-scale trial of an AIDS vaccine in a developing country began Wednesday with six former drug addicts showing up for the shots at a Thai medical center.

The AIDS-VAX vaccine being tested is produced by VaxGen Inc., a California-based company. Last June, the company started the world's first trial of the vaccine in the United States with a planned 5,000 volunteers.

Although about 30 possible AIDS vaccines are being developed, AIDS-VAX is the only product that has reached so-called Phase Three testing, which involves large-scale tests on humans.

"We hope it will be a success because we have already passed the first and second phases," said Dr. Kajit Chupanya, the Thai project director.

Such experiments involve injecting

the potential vaccine in people, such as intravenous drug users, who are likely to get the AIDS virus and then seeing whether they get it.

Some 2,500 volunteers will be needed for the Thai experiment, all of whom will receive education and counseling to try to reduce the levels of infection.

About 5 percent of the group would normally become infected with HIV, or human immunodeficiency virus, every year. The first results are expected in about 30 months.

Half the volunteers will receive the vaccine, while the other half will be given a placebo. The test will cost up to \$9 million, with most of the money coming from VaxGen Inc. The volunteers, who will get a series of seven injections, are paid a token fee for expenses.

"I'm happy to be able to do this and to make some contribution to society," said a volunteer who asked that his name not be used.

The vaccine being tested in

Thailand is different from the product used in the United States, to match the different strains of HIV that exist in Thailand.

In the United States, 53 clinics, universities and medical centers are testing the vaccine, including sites in Baltimore, Chicago, Denver, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, St. Louis and San Francisco. About 1,500 people have signed up across the nation and VaxGen is hoping for 5,000 by summer.

Thailand has been ravaged by AIDS, in large part because of its freewheeling sex industry.

A spokesman for a hospice outside Bangkok that houses several hundred people who carry the HIV virus said interest there was keen.

"Patients here follow news of the vaccine trial," said Chalermopol Polmuk. "They want to know the latest developments, and how it might help them. We all hope that someday we will have a medicine that will prevent the spread of HIV."

Senate

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"Instead, we decided to focus our energy on something that we had the most support for," she said.

The first resolution was a request that the Office of Student Affairs re-evaluate the punishments for first time parietal violation, which students reported were too severe. Gloss was quick to warn, however, that her committee was opposed to using fines as a means of punishment and supported using community service hours instead.

"We don't want to see fines inflicted for violations," she said.

Other senators agreed.

"I don't see fines as a true penalty," said Dillon senator

Jason Linster, "because it hurts some people more than others."

The second resolution focused on extending parietals during breaks and Junior Parents' Weekend.

Keough Hall senator Brian O'Donoghue predicted difficulties in the implementation of the resolution, however.

"The rectors are going to say that it's going to be difficult to staff the halls over breaks," he said. Part of the reason that parietals are pushed back during breaks, he said, was to relieve the pressure of those hall staff members that stay during those weeks.

The last resolution dealing with parietals was one that sought earlier hours on the mornings of home football games.

All three resolutions were unanimously approved.

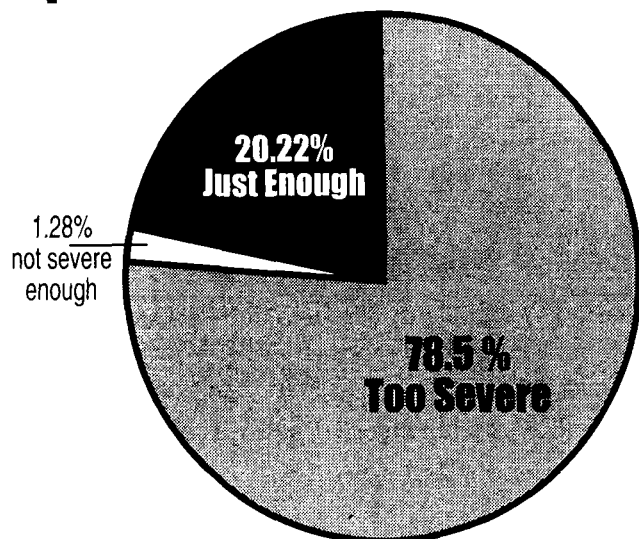
Hey, I think I've seen that before



The Observer/Ernesto Lacayo

A picture of the Golden Dome graces the cover of the 1999-2000 Ameritech White & Yellow Pages for the Michiana area. The book, which came out two weeks ago, will be distributed to students when they return to campus in August. The picture of the administration building was taken by L.K. Dunn, still photographer for the University, and was chosen because it showed a representative landmark of the Michiana region, according to Brian Baylen of Ameritech.

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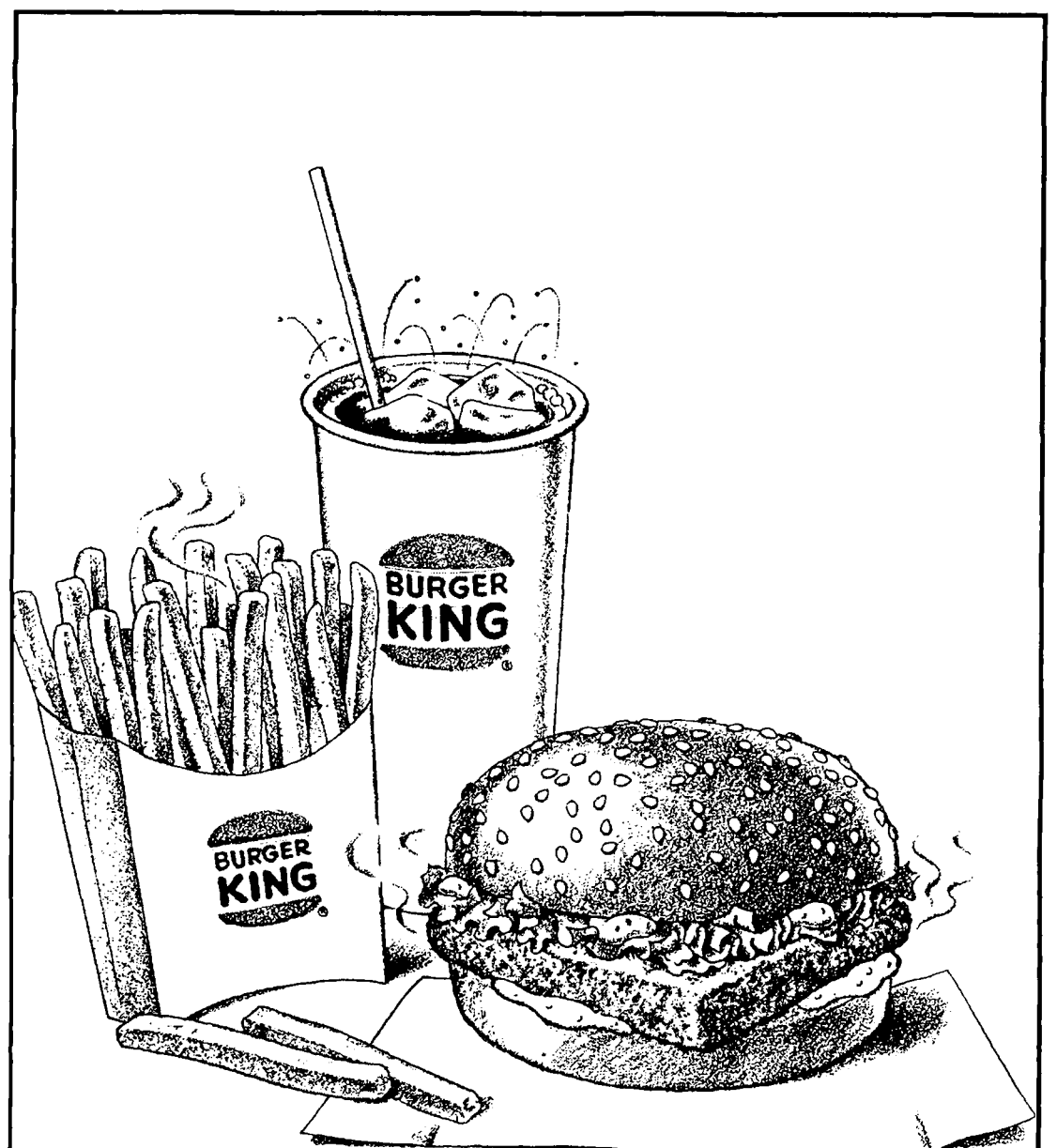
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Students to visit Belize, Guatemala in summer

By KYLE ANDREWS
News Writer

Mayan archaeology, tropical rainforests, spotted eagle rays and a barrier reef.

For students enrolled in the Neotropical Natural History, these are things they'll experience this summer.

In an attempt to give students unique hands-on biology experience, the University is offering a not-so-typical class in neotropical natural history with trips to ancient Mayan sites, tropical rainforests and a barrier reef.

Every summer, students from Notre Dame and Saint Mary's take an adventure as they explore the tropical ecosystems of Belize and Guatemala. Students in this three-credit class learn of common and endangered indigenous species firsthand by visiting select national parks and reserves.

The ecological resources of

Belize and Guatemala coupled with the regions' extensive Mayan culture provide an in-depth biological opportunity, said William Hamlett, associate professor of biology and the course's instructor.

"It's a once in a lifetime opportunity that combines rainforest biology, Mayan culture and marine biology," said Hamlett.

The course begins with a week of preparatory work at Notre Dame after which students embark on the field portion of the trip. The first half of the field exploration concentrates on tropical terrestrial conservation biology and Mayan archaeology, while the second half focuses on tropical marine conservation biology.

The students begin in Belize with the help of bilingual natural history guides. The main topics of study include the savanna, mountain pine ridge and tropical rainforest.

This, along with the variety of



Participants in last summer's Neotropical Natural History class take a breather during a hike through Central American rainforest. Students enrolled in the class study tropical ecosystems and ancient civilizations.

habitats available and extensive Mayan ruins, makes Belize the perfect location to study tropical ecosystems and ancient civilizations, according to Hamlett.

During their stay in Belize, students visit a community baboon sanctuary, the Belize Zoo, ancient caves, deep blue pools fed by underground springs in the rainforest and the Mayan ruins of Caracol and Xunantunich.

Students then travel to Tikal, Guatemala, home to a restored ancient Mayan ceremonial site dating to approximately 700 A.D. Included in the ruins are plazas, an acropolis, pyramids, temples and a museum. The ruins are surrounded by rainforest, Hamlett said.

After the students return to their home base in Flores, Guatemala, they conclude the

first half of the trip by traveling by boat up the Pasion River to the Mayan site of Ceibal.

The students begin the tropical marine conservation biology half of the program with a return to Belize City. They then travel by boat to Caye Caulker, a converted fishing village, where they swim with and feed spotted eagle rays, Atlantic stingrays and nurse sharks.

The remainder of the course is taught at Ambergris Caye, a large island along the western hemisphere's largest barrier reef and the location of Hol Chan Marine Reserve, the newest addition to the Caribbean's growing treasury of marine natural parks. The students stay at a in the town of San Pedro.

During this facet of the program, students sample the immense marine biology by snorkeling in turtle grass and manatee grass beds, visiting the mangroves and exploring the world's second largest coral reef.

Anyone with SCUBA certification will have the opportunity to dive.

"It's full contact biology with safety in mind," said Hamlett.

This is the third year the course has been offered at Notre Dame, although Hamlett has taught the course at other schools.

"The single most important thing that students gain is an understanding that the majority of the world doesn't live like we do," said Hamlett. "The personal social impact is what they come away with."

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NATO forces attack cities throughout country

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The NATO attack came after months of diplomacy failed to end a year of fighting between Yugoslav forces and ethnic Albanian separatists that has killed more than 2,000 people and left over 400,000 homeless.

A pre-dawn siren Thursday in

The central Serbian town of Kragujevac, a major military-

The center of Belgrade was quiet and unhit, and state-media

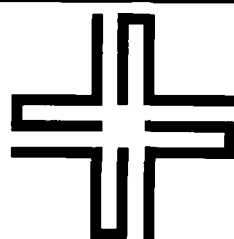
"This is serious, but I don't want to be killed without knowing why," said Filip Pavicevic, 30, as he packed his bag to take refuge in another apart-

During the bombardment, about 30 foreign journalists on the roof of the Hyatt Hotel in Belgrade were detained by police. All but one were later released. CNN said those detained included four of its pro-

A U.S. defense official, speaking on condition of anonymity, also said at least two Yugoslav MiG fighters were shot down by NATO warplanes.



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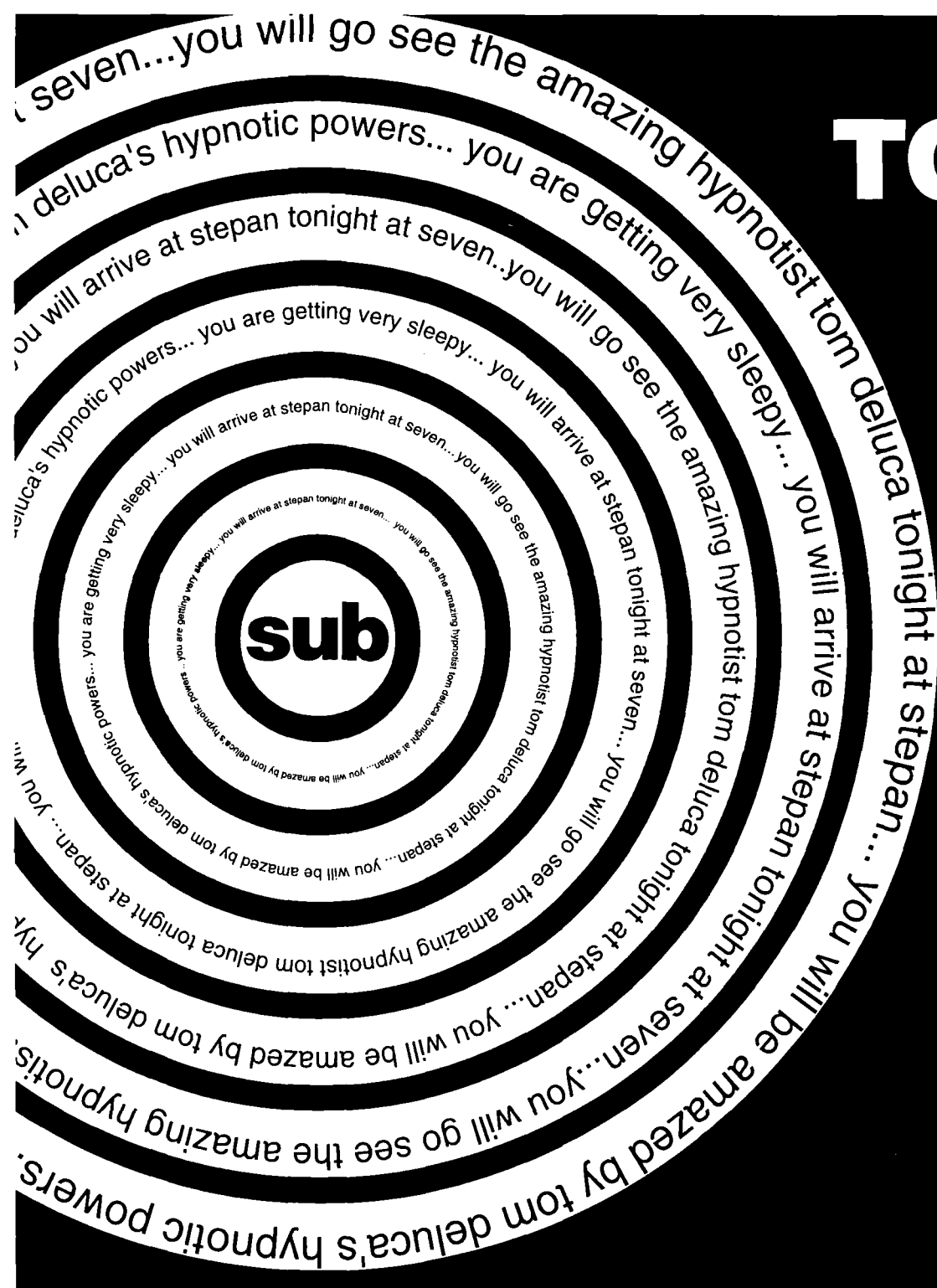
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■ RUSSIA

Yeltsin quits NATO partnership

Associated Press

MOSCOW

Boris Yeltsin pulled Russia out of its partnership with NATO on Wednesday and warned of possible further steps to protest the airstrikes against Yugoslavia — attacks that he called deeply troubling.

If the conflict grows, Russia reserves the right to take "adequate measures, including of a military character, to ensure its own and general European security," Yeltsin said after airstrikes began.

His statement did not elaborate.

"Russia is deeply upset by NATO's military action against sovereign Yugoslavia, which is nothing more than open aggression," Yeltsin said.

About 150 Russians protesting the airstrikes gathered at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow late Wednesday, shouting anti-American slogans and throwing eggs.

NATO attacks began a few hours after Yeltsin spoke with President Clinton for more than half an hour by phone, urging him not to take the "tragic step" of bombing.

Yeltsin also called for an immediate session of the U.N. Security Council.

Russia halted military cooperation with NATO and pulled out of the alliance's Partnership for Peace, a program designed to promote military and political cooperation between the West and former Soviet bloc countries.

Following a meeting with NATO Secretary-General Javier Solana late Wednesday, Russia's ambassador to NATO, Sergei Kislyak, said negotiations on opening NATO military missions in Russia had been postponed.

Yeltsin, who has been ailing, was at the Kremlin on Wednesday for the first time in nearly a month. He ordered the recall of Russia's chief military envoy to NATO, Lt. Gen. Viktor Zavarzin, and the closure of Russia's offices at NATO headquarters in Belgium.

Russia has vehemently opposed the use of force against its ally Yugoslavia for a military crackdown on ethnic Albanians in the province of Kosovo.

The Russian leader said it was "incomprehensible"

that NATO would carry out an attack without receiving authorization from the U.N. Security Council.

In Washington, Defense Secretary William Cohen said he hoped Moscow's opposition to the attacks wouldn't impair U.S.-Russian ties.

"We will continue to work with the Russians on those areas of mutual interests, whatever differences we have," Cohen said.

Meanwhile, Yugoslavia's ambassador to Russia, Borislav Milosevic, claimed his country was ready to resume peace talks with U.S. special envoy Richard Holbrooke.



'RUSSIA MAY TAKE ADEQUATE MEASURES, INCLUDING OF A MILITARY CHARACTER, TO ENSURE ITS OWN AND GENERAL EUROPEAN SECURITY.'

BORIS YELTSIN
RUSSIAN PRESIDENT

embargo against the country.

Russia might even consider withdrawing from the arms embargo unilaterally, Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov said.

Communist leader Gennady Zyuganov, whose party dominates Russia's parliament, said Russia should withdraw from the embargo now and provide arms to Yugoslavia.

He also told the Interfax news agency that Russia should step up its nuclear missile programs.

Despite Russia's opposition to NATO strikes, its options appear limited.

Russia is desperately seeking new loans from the International Monetary Fund to revive an economy that's been in deep recession.

Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov's primary aim on a trip to Washington this week was to secure the loans. But Primakov ordered his plane to turn around over the Atlantic Ocean on Tuesday night when it became clear that peace talks in Yugoslavia had failed.

At a news conference Wednesday, Cohen said he hoped Primakov would reschedule his visit.

Yugoslavia wants to "peacefully solve the problems and continue talks on the political agreement," said Milosevic, the brother of Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic.

Russia has given no sign it wants to get involved militarily in Yugoslavia, although Russia's foreign minister hinted that Moscow may push for the lifting of the international arms

■ UNITED KINGDOM

Pinochet denied immunity

Associated Press

LONDON

In a precedent-setting ruling cheered by both his detractors and his supporters, Britain's highest court on Wednesday denied Gen. Augusto Pinochet immunity from arrest, but threw out almost all the charges leveled against him.

The former Chilean dictator now faces only three of 32 counts for crimes allegedly committed during his 1973-90 regime: torture, conspiracy to torture and conspiracy to murder.

In a 6-1 decision, the House of Lords dismissed the remaining 29 counts in a Spanish warrant seeking his extradition, saying he could not be held accountable for acts of torture committed before 1988, when Britain signed a law making it an international crime.

Pinochet, 83, must remain in Britain under police guard while Spain seeks his extradition on the remaining counts. But the court said Home Secretary Jack Straw should reconsider whether to allow the extradition process to go forward in light of the greatly reduced case.

"The basis of this case has now changed and now there is really not much left," said Louise Delahunty, an extradition expert with the London law firm of Peters and Peters, which is not connected with the case.

In Chile, a close associate of Pinochet, retired Gen. Luis Cortes, said the former dictator "is very happy because this ruling has made justice."

After speaking with Pinochet by phone, Cortes said, "He now has no doubts whatsoever that he will come back home."

Chile's president, whose government had protested the arrest, also praised the decision.

The ruling marked the first time a national court has denied immunity to a foreign head of state accused of an international crime.

Legal experts said it should put heads of state on notice that they could be at risk when they leave power — and when they leave their own countries.

Pinochet was arrested in London Oct. 16 on a Spanish warrant.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Stone Cold Attitude at The Rock Needs To Go

I am very reluctant to make this complaint as I do not normally complain about poor service, but this poor service has occurred on several occasions, each time with no apology or polite instruction on correct procedure.

My complaint regards a particular woman who watches the front desk and supervises the computer login system at the Rockne Memorial. I do not know her name. She is not a student but an older woman. I do not demand "service with a smile," or even "service with happiness," but I do expect at the very least a cordial demeanor when visiting the facility.

My specific complaints have to do with her handling of two situations during which I was not aware of the pool's hours of operation. I remember two specific occasions.

The first was several weeks ago. I had just begun swimming regularly in the evening and decided one day to swim at about 8:15 p.m. By the time of this visit, I had learned that it is not to my advantage to engage this woman in conversation because she would most likely have given a rude reply to my "Hello," or "How are you?" The pool does not open until 9 p.m. I now know because this woman very rudely gestured in the direction of the pool schedules at the end of the counter and snapped (again rudely), "Maybe you should try reading it sometime."

I do not know what my expectations for that encounter would have been, but her response seemed to me somewhat uncalled-for since I had made the fatal mistake of coming to the Rockne without exact pool opening times in mind. Please

pardon the sarcasm; I do understand her reaction to a degree because I did force her to take time out of her "sitting and watching television" time.

The second occasion was March 14. I remembered that the pool did not open until 9 p.m. and thought of the wrath that would befall me if I forgot this fact.

Because this occurred so recently, I remember the exact exchange. I arrived just before 9 p.m., swiped my ID card and entered "swimming pool" and "towel" on the computer screen, to which this woman replied, "The pool's not open tonight."

I was not aware of any special spring-break hours, so I asked, "Why not?" She sighed deeply and rolled her eyes before challenging me with, "Well, you go to

college. Why don't you figure it out?" My friends and I did not know how to react to this, so we stood in front of her looking baffled. Once again she rudely told us, "Because of your spring break, we don't have lifeguards tonight."

I do not live far from the Rockne Memorial, so I did not mind being turned

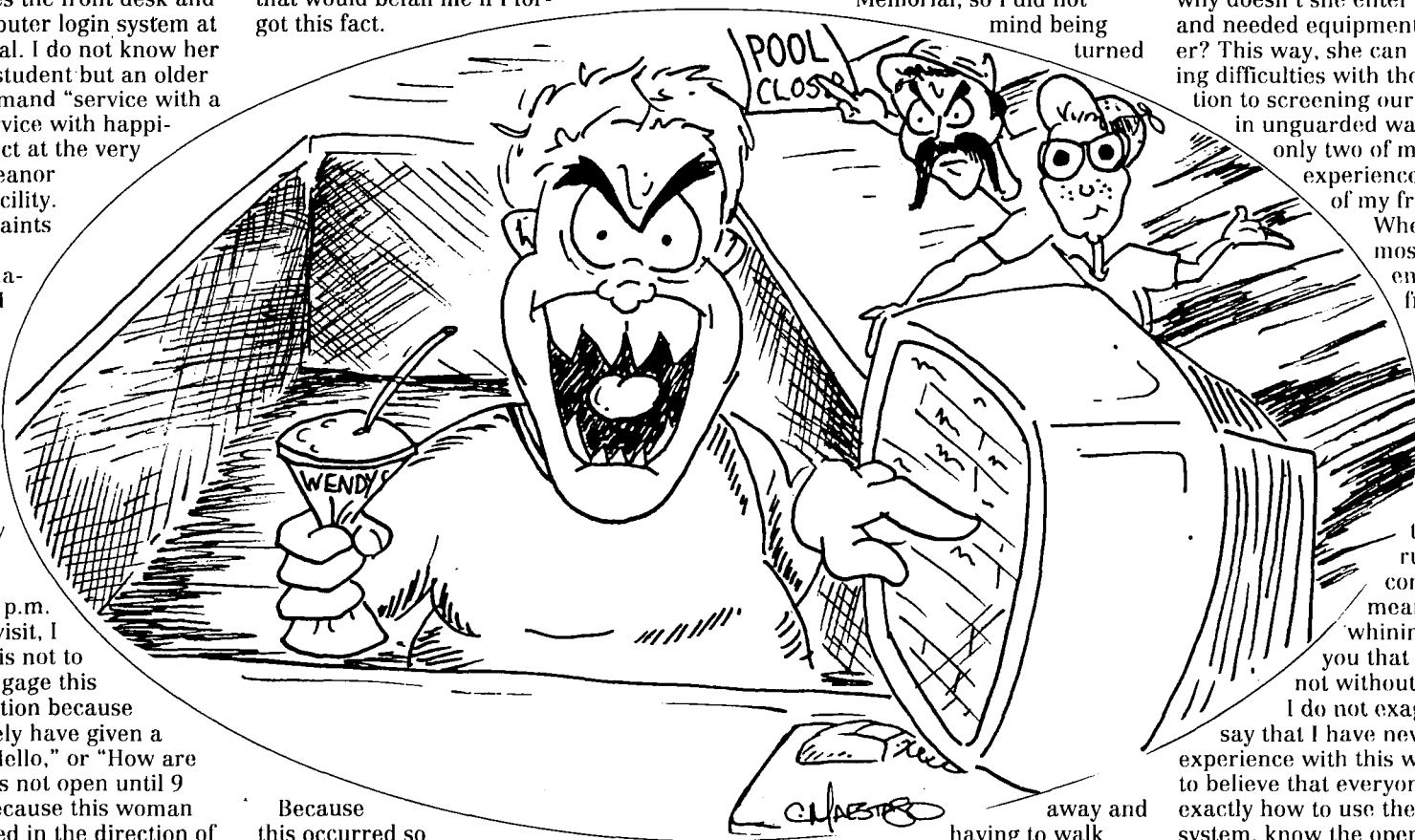
away and back to my dorm. I realize and take responsibility for my oversight in the pool's hours. And I understand that the Rockne Memorial cannot allow me to swim without a lifeguard on duty for liability reasons. Also, despite my disappointment that I could not swim that day, I knew I could swim the next and probably most nights after that.

I do not understand, however, this woman's constantly poor attitude toward my and other students' seeming incompetence with the computer login system and the various hours of operation of the facilities.

This is only a suggestion, and perhaps this has already been attempted, but why doesn't she enter our destinations and needed equipment into the computer? This way, she can avoid our annoying difficulties with the system in addition to screening our attempts to swim in unguarded waters. These are only two of many unpleasant experiences that I and many of my friends have had. When relaying this most recent experience to one of my friends, he did not know of whom I was speaking when I identified her as only, "the woman behind the desk." He did, however, know her when I told him about her rudeness. This complaint is not meant to sound like whining, and I assure you that these charges are not without grounds.

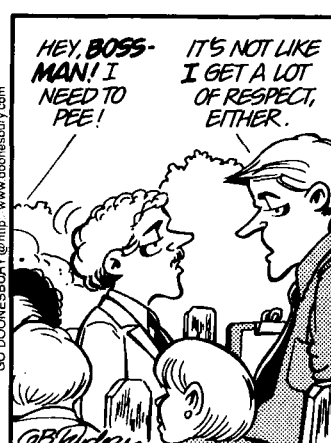
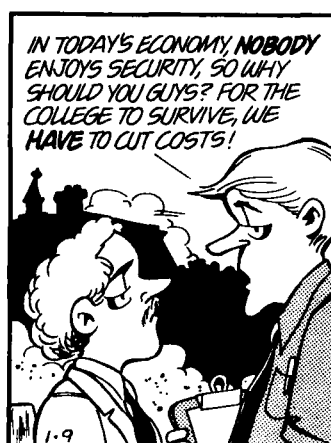
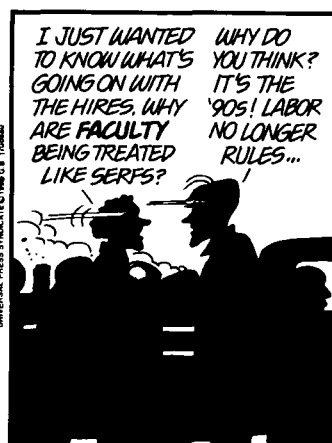
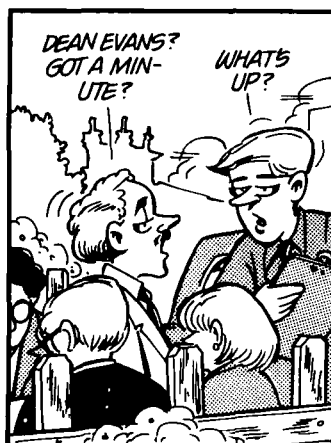
I do not exaggerate when I say that I have never had a pleasant experience with this woman. She seems to believe that everyone should know exactly how to use the computer login system, know the opening and closing schedules of all of the facilities and on top of all of this, never make a mistake.

Kent Nelson
Freshman
Dillon Hall
March 15, 1999



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QUOTE OF THE DAY

'People see God every-day; they just don't recognize Him.'

—Pearl Bailey

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■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Morrissey Rector Pays Tribute to MacLeod

Before assignment to Notre Dame, I was fortunate enough to spend 12 years teaching high school and some years in administration as department chairman and assistant principal. I did a great deal of teaching and after graduate work and training, assisted fellow teachers in their efforts to impart knowledge to students. I have been in many classrooms, seen many teachers in action and know good teaching when I see it.

Coaching an athletic team does not differ much from teaching in a classroom. Though the space may be different, all the essential elements of instruction apply. I have had the privilege of attending many athletic practices here at Notre Dame, both male and female, and have seen our coaches in action. I have also been on the bench as chaplain and have seen many of our coaches direct teams during games and make adjustments during time-outs and between periods. On the whole, the level of instruction that our student-athletes receive is of a high quality. None, however, come close to being the teacher that John MacLeod is.

John MacLeod was always prepared as a teacher, always effective as a communicator, always patient and always positive as a coach. He cared for his players, his assistant coaches, managers and trainers and those who worked in the office. All had the opportunity to learn from a master teacher and a man who is the epitome of a class act as a human being.

If I were a parent, I would seek out a college or university that employed men and women like John MacLeod and make it a priority to send my son or daughter there. It remains to be seen if an increase in possible basketball wins offsets our current real loss.

Rev. William D. Seetch, C.S.C., '74 and '78
Rector, Morrissey Manor
March 21, 1999

Student Apathy Traps Irish Basketball Morale

I have attended most of the Notre Dame men's basketball games since the Joyce Center was built, so I think I have a pretty good feel for what is wrong with the program. It needs more than a new coach. John MacLeod has taken far too much of the blame. ND needs a student body that will support both the men's and women's teams — win or lose. In this respect, the students are a pathetic group that doesn't deserve a winner!

It appeared that most students either could not pull themselves out of bed or stop playing with their computers long enough to walk across the street for a Sunday afternoon game on Senior Day to cheer for their fellow students against Boston College. That's really sad! The place should have been packed, but the students must have been "too busy" to show proper support for the players they live and attend class with.

No wonder the coaches have had trouble recruiting more good players. They want to play for a school where the students attend games and show some enthusiasm regardless of the final score. I wonder if any students have ever thought that some decent support might have resulted in a few more wins and perhaps an National Invitational Tournament bid this year. My guess is that they don't care!

On Senior Night for the excellent women's team, the band and cheerleaders far out-numbered the students. Muffet McGraw must wonder

what they want. A Top 10 finish with a 26-5 record deserves much better support from a student body than this. The Purdue women's games (just 90 miles away) are usually close to sellouts, yet Muffet has to beg students to attend games that her girls seldom lose. No one could blame her if she went to a school where students appreciate good basketball.

The new men's coach had better be a genius because he will be coming to a school where the students cannot handle losses. He will be shocked when only 200 or so show up after his team's first loss.

Bob Corson
Leesburg, Ind.
March 22, 1999



Just Because It's 'Legal' Doesn't Mean It's 'Right'

As Catriona Wilkie's evil accomplice in trying to "bring down the Women's Resource Center" (which is news to us), I feel the need to respond to both Ms. Amorosa's and professor Manier's objections to Catriona's column of March 24. Although I found each response interesting, they fail to recognize certain crucial aspects of the issue.

Apparently, Ms. Amorosa's greatest criticism of Catriona's letter is that she likens the WRC referring women for abortion to the Office of Drug and Alcohol Education directing students to drug dealers. As Ms. Amorosa astutely points out, "That would be endorsing an ILLEGAL action. We all know, however, that abortion is legal."

Ms. Amorosa's distinction is valid. It implies, however, that the true test of whether something is right or wrong is whether or not it is legal. That is an extremely dangerous assumption. Just as we all know that abortion is legal now, we all know that slavery was legal early in our nation's history. Most of us would be utterly outraged if we were discover that the University of Notre Dame had at one point owned a large plantation that utilized slave labor. Would Ms. Amorosa then condone their actions simply because slavery was *legal* at the time? I didn't think so. So why are you using that argument to defend the abortion referrals at the WRC?

Unfortunately, the comparison between slavery and abortion is a very apt one. In the past, someone was not a person because they had dark skin. Now they are not people because they are not old enough.

Ms. Amorosa also uses the WRC probation to claim that we are forced to "check our legal rights at the door" when we enter this University. Correct me if I'm wrong, but not giving someone the right to refer women for abortion does not constitute depriving women of the right to an abortion! Furthermore, the University has every right to say what goes on in a center that it owns and funds. In America, we have the

legal right to an abortion (whether Catriona, I, or the Catholic Church likes it or not). I cannot deny that. But can you deny that, as a private institution, the University has the right to say that it won't let its money and property be used to direct women to abortion services? The University is not taking away a woman's right to an abortion. It is only practicing *its* legal right to determine what goes on in a private institution. There is a crucial distinction between women having a right to abortion and a private institution (with an inherent and foundational ideological objection to abortion) being obligated to actively participate in helping women procure abortions. In the U.S., we also have a right to bear arms, but no one would suggest that the University of Notre Dame is acting unfairly if it doesn't actively help each of its students purchase a gun.

As for her comment that the WRC provides "solidarity and support" for women, well, all I can say is that when I went in there I was only given names and addresses of abortion clinics (and that hardly qualifies as solidarity and support). I went in, asked a few questions, got a few addresses and then I walked out. If they truly cared about my health, you'd think that they'd at least offer information on what abortion actually does to a woman's body and the (possibly fatal) physical risks of having one. I fail to see how that is reaching out to me in my time of need. Obviously, all they were interested in was getting me to the abortion clinic. They even provided Catriona with directions to one.

Professor Manier points out that neither Catriona nor myself "allege or offer evidence suggesting the WRC proactively recommended or counseled abortion as the solution to their 'problems.'" Allow me to translate that for everyone: the women at the WRC did NOT say "I think you should get an abortion" or "Why don't we talk about this." Professor Manier is right. What they DID do, however, is assume that we were pregnant

and tell us exactly where to get an abortion. They even wrote down two addresses for me and offered to call a clinic. They offered to take Catriona's phone number and have a clinic call her. It would take either a ridiculous stretch of the imagination or some acrobatic semantics to say that is not a referral.

Apparently professor Manier feels that Student Activities is not the group to decide whether or not the actions of a student group are appropriate of a Catholic university. Rather, "the identity of any University, including any Catholic university, should be established by statutes requiring faculty participation in such decision." In other words, as a member of the Faculty Senate, he wants decisions about students' activities to be made by the faculty, not Student Activities. It seems to me that this is not a matter of academics at all.

Allow me to offer a possible third party for determining whether or not the WRC's actions were appropriate in light of Notre Dame's Catholic identity: the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Surely, that may be considered a fairly definitive source on what the Church teaches. Allow me also to cite the Catechism to elucidate the Church's teaching on abortion: "God, the Lord of life, has entrusted to men the noble mission of safeguarding life, and men must carry it out in a manner worthy of themselves. Life must be protected with the utmost care from the moment of conception: abortion and infanticide are abominable crimes" (2271).

By removing "information or reference [read: referral] on how to obtain an abortion," Notre Dame answered God's call to truly respect and protect ALL human life, both in theory and in practice.

Christine Gabany
Senior
Pangborn Hall
March 24, 1999

Voices of angels spring a L

By PETER RICHARDSON
Scene Writer

Chances are you'll hear them at least once while you're at Notre Dame.

Maybe walking past the old Earth Sciences building Tuesday night, you heard their sonorous melodies flowing through the air. If you go to the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on Sundays, you're bound to hear one of their stirring renditions. And if you just participated in Junior Parents' Weekend, then you heard this group of 65 undergraduates and graduates perform.

They are the Notre Dame Liturgical Choir. First formed in 1973, the choir is one of the most visible musical groups at the University. Besides serving at the 10 a.m. Solemn Mass at the basilica on Sundays, the choir performs at weddings, Sunday Vespers, dedications, ordinations, Advent lessons and carols, Junior Parents' Weekend and the University Baccalaureate Mass.

The choir also travels both domestically and abroad. In 1995, they took their first international trip, visiting Milan, Rome, Florence and Assisi and singing the high Latin Mass at St. Peter's Basilica. This May, the choir will return to Europe, performing in Paris at the Notre Dame Cathedral, Chartres, Reims and at LeMans, France, the home of the Congregation of the Holy Cross.

Thinking of Angels

When Sarah Murray, president and four-year member of the Liturgical Choir, thinks about the influence the choir has on people, stories can't help but spring to mind.

Murray recounted the story of some inner-city youth who listened to the Liturgical Choir's CD along with those of Billy Joel and some other popular artists. The students were asked to close their eyes, listen to the music and then share what it was they thought of when they heard the music. Murray recalls wistfully that, after the children had listened to the choir, the first word out of their mouth was "angels."

With the success of the CD's Gregorian chants and the Liturgical Choir's own three releases, it is apparent that lyrics don't always matter. When the music sung is in Latin, listeners and singers alike are called to appreciate the music in different ways.

"It's broadened my mind and my experience of music," said Murray.

Whatever the listeners get out of the music, many members find the choir to be a profoundly Christian group. Catriona Wilkie, a senior in the choir, explained the choir's mission.

"[It is] to create an atmosphere of beauty in which people can worship," she said.

But she added that the group is still one of "Christian prayer and friendship," a sentiment she said is held by many members. It is because of this group's religious focus, she added, that many of the members chose it over other singing groups.

Although the music sung by the group is of a profoundly Christian nature, Murray finds that its religious appeal often transcends questions of religious background, which allows the group to bring their



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Hey, let's sing! Gail Walton animatedly directs the Liturgical Choir. Walton and the choir rehearse three times a week and perform weekly at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

music to a larger audience.

"We create a prayerful mood for them," said Murray.

Creating this mood for as broad an audience as possible is one of the foremost missions of the choir. Through travel, the choir meets their broader mission to bring their music and its message to the community outside Notre Dame.

The significant effect the music of the choir has on its listeners is found in numerous stories the members have of audience members approaching the choir after performances. For Murray, this experience became most personal when her father approached her after one of the choir's Easter Masses.

"My father isn't a very spiritual man in the sense that he's not very emotional," she said. "But after the Mass he walked up to me and said, 'Sarah, that was the most incredible experience of my life.'"

Liturgical Leadership

Despite the key role she plays in the choir, director Gail Walton prefers to give her praise to the choir members.

"If I left tomorrow, that choir would go on," said Walton.

A doctor of organ performance, Walton got her undergraduate degree, also in organ performance,

from Westminster Choir College. She went on to the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N.Y., for her graduate and doctoral studies. Walton held the position of assistant director of the choir for six years before taking the position she now holds.

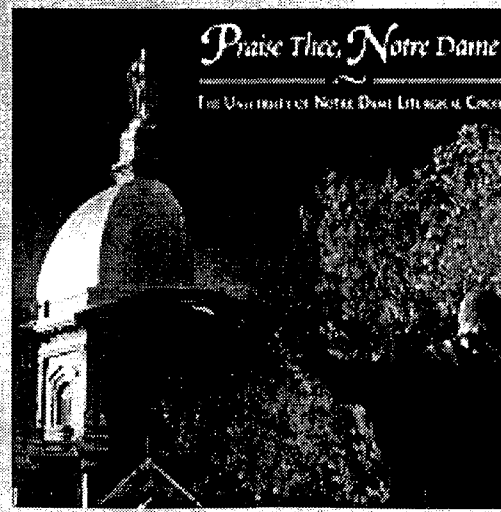
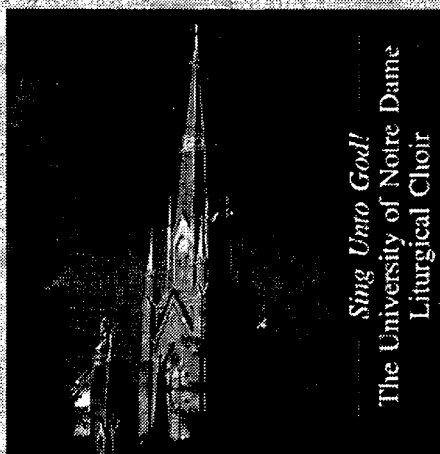
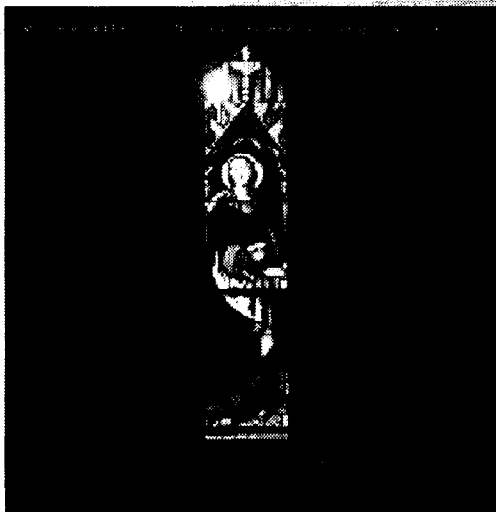
Walton sees the choir's mission as one that is profoundly Christian, both in the experience of the choir members and the experience of the audience members.

"More than a choral experience, I think it's a faith experience for the members," said Walton.

For the audiences who hear the choir perform, both in the basilica and while the group is abroad, Walton holds similar sentiments.

"Anybody who heard the choir sing would have no doubt as to where the faith lies," said Walton. "Music takes people to a different appreciation of the liturgy."

Part of this different appreciation is found in the wide variety of music the choir performs. Walton plans the choir's repertoire on a four-year rotation so that members are always given an opportunity to perform and are consistently challenged by music they probably never have heard or sung. In addition to the more classical music of composers like Mozart and Beethoven, the choir also performs chant, polyphony, baroque and traditional African music. Choir members are encouraged to bring in music



Got Music?

The Liturgical Choir has recorded three albums to date. Guess what — it's liturgical music.

Liturgical Choir

from more modern composers. At the end of it all, Walton says she wants her members to be able to say they've sung "everything."

Walton sees her mission with the choir members as a continuation of the liberal, spiritual and intellectual education they receive at Notre Dame.

"[It] is preparing Notre Dame students for adult Christianity," she added.

But her favorite part of the choir will always be the liturgy. She spoke of the greatest reward she receives from the choir.

"[It is] being able to sing the greatest church music ever written, in the basilica, with people who believe."

Sea of Light

For members of the Liturgical Choir, the chance to join a group of 65 serious singers is often enough motivation to get them to join. The choir is also a close group.

"Choir has become my family," said Murray.

Along with the fact that the choir participates in some of the major events on campus, including the upcoming Mass at the Eck Center, the incentive for serious singers is strong.

But then there's the time issue. Choir members practice three times a week, on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 to 7:45 p.m., and again on Sunday mornings from 8 a.m. until Mass at 10.

They are expected to be well-rested every Sunday morning and should they sing a psalm at Mass on Sunday, are expected to attend mini-voice lessons at Crowley Hall.

Choir members also regularly perform at high profile, high-pressure events. And the nature of the music the group sings is less than forgiving to those members whose studies or other time constraints keep them from practicing as much as they should. So what, exactly, does make it all worthwhile?

Jeremy Bauer, a freshman choir member, shares the same sentiment held by many other members of the group. He originally joined because of the chance to sing in the basilica. But walking into practice late one night, he heard the choir singing from outside the loft where they practice.

"Knowing that we helped set that mood," said Bauer, "made it all worth it."

Members speak of the choir in terms of family, fellow worshippers, lifelong friends and partners. The choir provides the group a chance to share, celebrate and deepen their faith in a way that comes naturally to these skilled singers.

"We're all there for the same reason," said Wilkie.

It is this "spirit of fellowship" that finds its first spark in early-morning practices and then grows profoundly through the synergy of hard work, musical harmony and ultimately a shared faith experience that seems to most unite this group. The low number of members who quit the group attests to the bond.



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Walton plucks the piano and directs the choir during an evening rehearsal.

And there is always Mass in the basilica. Awe and wonder creep into Murray's voice as she recalls sitting up in the balcony of the basilica during Easter Mass. The cavernous building was pitch-black except for a small point of light, moving slowly from the main doors. The light was a candle, just lit from the Easter candle outside and carried by the priest to the first row of pews. It moved gently from the priest to the first person on the aisle, where its flame was divided as it lit the candle held by the seated worshippers.

All the worshippers in the church had such candles and the light quickly spread from that single point, until it illuminated the once-dark basilica. The sight from the pews is amazing. But from where Sarah Murray stood, with the other members of the Liturgical Choir, overlooking this "sea of light," was breathtaking.



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Members of the Liturgical Choir prepare for the climax of the Easter season, which will busy the choir for the next three weeks.

■ UNIVERSITY COUNSELING CENTER

Rites of Spring?

Special to The Observer

The bathroom floor is cold as you hug the porcelain bowl, retching while the room spins. "Never again," you pledge, "will I drink that much." A few weeks later you find yourself on your knees again making promises, "I feel so awful, please make it stop."

Your tongue tastes like dried cotton and your head throbs while you try to remember last night. As your stomach turns you remember fragments of a dark room and a casual acquaintance who now seems too familiar. Fearful images intrude as you worry about STDs, pregnancy and definitions of rape. But you're not really sure. You promise lots of things including, "Never again will I drink so much."

It looks like yesterday's news. Some student somewhere is dead. Too much alcohol, too quickly. Left alone to sleep it off. But the name in today's paper is different than the one in yesterday's, is different than the one in tomorrow's. Broken body found with high BAC (blood-alcohol level). Did he/she jump or fall? Student dead in an alcohol-related car accident. Did you know her? Did you know him? Again and again. Somewhere for somebody it's too late to say "never again."

As many of you prepare to enjoy the rites of spring — weekend parties, special celebrations, road trips or just some down-time in South Bend, what types of things do you consider to keep your own relationship with alcohol, free from continued regret? Designated driver? Not getting separated from friends when drinking? Knowing exactly what is in your drink? Planning ahead to limit your consumption? Spacing your drinks with non-alcoholic beverages?

For many of you, answering affirmatively to the above will help reduce the likelihood of hangovers or more serious regrets. But is that all you should be concerned about? Unfortunately it's not that simple. At least 10 percent of students at Notre Dame who use alcohol have serious abuse problems. No alcohol use would be best for them. Another 40 percent would greatly benefit if they reduced their current consumption from binge levels down to moderate or light levels defined as between one to three drinks depending on gender and body weight. [Binge drinking is defined as four or more drinks in a row during a two week period for males and three drinks for females.]

Of course, if you're under-age you know the law. Your chances of being arrested for underage consumption and fake IDs has increased significantly. Ask some of the students arrested in the past year at local bars. And recently the new county prosecutor has targeted drunken drivers. A word to the wise — if it looks like you're impaired and your BAC is .08 or higher, expect to be arrested.

Beyond the threat of alcohol-related death through alcohol poisoning or accidents; beyond the threat of rape, unwanted sex and assault; beyond the threat of arrest; there are still a great many reasons for examining one's alcohol use and its impact. It's not surprising that personal relationships suffer when alcohol is abused, but the campus community also suffers. A national study conducted at universities across the country, including Notre Dame, revealed that campuses with high binge alcohol use also had far more cases of vandalism and violence. Students at these campuses, including ours, complained of study and sleep being interrupted by other students who were drunk. Residence halls often smelled of vomit. Other students complained of insults and threats they had to endure from intoxicated classmates. Academic success appears to suffer as well. Students who binge drink are more likely to have lower grades.

What does all of the above mean for you? Consider these questions: If you use alcohol, is it at responsible levels or do you binge drink? Is alcohol a part of your celebrations or at the center of your celebrations? Can you control your drinking and consistently avoid alcohol-related problems? Are you able to enjoy the pleasant feeling that moderate alcohol use provides without going overboard? Too often college students erroneously think that if a little bit feels good, a lot will feel great. Unfortunately, excess alcohol drowns what could have been a mild buzz and instead overloads the body with toxins. Excess use is also more likely to promote repeated excess which, if unchecked, will ultimately lead to serious medical, psychological, academic, career, legal and spiritual problems.

If you are not sure if your use is problematic or if you decided to limit your alcohol use but have been unable to do so consistently, we at the University Counseling Center (631-7336) can help you objectively and confidentially evaluate your alcohol use. Another helpful resource is the Office of Alcohol and Drug Education (631-7970). If you're not ready to come in, you can call to talk to a counselor. You can also visit our Counseling Center's Web site and take some preliminary alcohol abuse screening tests.

If you don't drink or never abuse alcohol, you should realize you're not alone. Although many students who seldom use alcohol report feeling isolated on weekends, you should know that one-fourth of the student body share your values. Also more than a third of students who regularly use alcohol consume it at low to moderate levels. You can also be proactive regarding your values. Support alcohol-free events at Notre Dame. Encourage your friends to participate in recreational activities in which alcohol is not the focus. Learn helpful ways to confront your friends who abuse alcohol. If alcohol abuse by others is regularly robbing you of sleep and study time, let your rector know. It's your right. Your Notre Dame experience is too valuable to be wasted by those too intoxicated to care.

The intent of this series of articles is not to provide counseling but to provide information about a variety of mental health topics. To seek help please contact the University Counseling Center at 631-7336. For more information on this topic, visit the Self Help section of our Web site at <http://www.nd.edu/~ucc>.

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been nothing less than serious business, Fox said.

"This is a good opportunity to see where we match up," said Fox on the team's spring break meet against Duke, Rochester, Temple and Wisconsin.

The experience of racing against a predominately Eastern field will give the Irish an edge in their first-ever Big East competition on April 25, at the Georgetown

Invitational. However, next up on Notre Dame's horizon is a set of Midwest meets which should give them a feel for the end-of-season Midwest Championships in May.

In preparation for the regional competition, the Irish will set their boats in Michigan State's water this Saturday to race the Spartans and Creighton University. State, which inaugurated their varsity program only a year before the Irish, will face an able Irish team.

"We feel really strong this weekend," said Fox. "Michigan State only went varsity last

year and we feel we have a strong enough team."

But strength is only as important as the team's depth, and the Irish have a great deal with which to go downstream. Each of their teams has quickly adjusted to the varsity-sport level. The charge has been led by a group of coxswains calling the shots for the Irish.

Jada Benn and Claire Bula on the eight boats and Erin Kiernicki on the lightweight boat have been what Fox calls the team's "strategists and motivators."

"We really look to them for big leadership roles," she said.



Notre Dame travels to Michigan this weekend to take on Michigan State and Creighton University. The newly-formed varsity squad hopes to earn confidence and experience before the Georgetown Invitational.

COLLEGE SWIMMING

Stanford looks to defend NCAA championship

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS Although defending champion Stanford is favored in a bid for its ninth NCAA men's swimming and diving championship this week, the outcome is expected to be a lot closer than last year.

Stanford won last year's championship with 599 points to second-place Auburn's 394 1/2.

Texas and Auburn head the list of top contenders in the three-day competition that begins Thursday at the Indiana University Natatorium. Southern Cal and Tennessee are also among Stanford's major challengers.

"This year we have the youngest team I've had in the 11 years I've been at Tennessee," said Volunteers coach John Trembley, who lost nine seniors from the team that placed fourth last year.

Trembley anticipates a close battle among the five schools.

"It's safe to say that any one of the teams here could win the championship," Trembley said in reference to the five who attended the pre-meet news conference Wednesday.

The Volunteers will depend on a team dominated by underclassmen as they seek a fourth consecutive finish in the top five.

The group is topped by

sophomore Michael Gilliam, who finished sixth in the 100 backstroke as a freshman.

"We lost a lot of senior leadership," said Gilliam, who this year joined his father and brother in the list of Southeastern Conference swimmers who have won championships in the backstroke for Tennessee.

USC coach Mark Schubert is hoping the Trojans start competing here with momentum from the Pac-10 Championships, which Stanford won for the 18th consecutive year. The Cardinal finished less than eight points ahead of archrival California.

"Our team probably swam as well at the Pac-10

Championships as we have over the last six years and we got third," Schubert said. "We've got good sophomores and freshmen, particularly sophomore sprinters ... who have given us the best relay teams we've had in five or six years."

Texas will also depend heavily on underclassmen.

"We're probably the youngest team I've ever had, perhaps one of the most talented," said Texas coach Eddie Reese, who has won six NCAA titles and finished in the top five 19 consecutive years.

"This meet puts a different slant on things," Reese said. "When you walk out on that deck ... and they get that first

heat of the 200 free relay up there [the opening event], it gets a little bit tougher. It is a great opportunity to find out who your fighters are."

The Cardinal have dominated the sport this decade with four championships since 1992.

Stanford's bid will be led by senior Tate Blahnik, who edged world champion Lenny Kruzelburg of USC for the 200 backstroke championship last year. Other defending champions competing include Arizona's Ryk Neethling, who claimed the 200, 500 and 1,650 freestyle events last year, and Florida State's Brendon Dedekind in the 50 free.

OLYMPICS

Olympic Committee promotes reforms

Associated Press

SYDNEY, Australia

The Sydney Olympics organizing committee [SOCOG] took out paid advertisements in Australian newspapers Thursday to promote International Olympic Committee reforms.

Committee chief executive Sandy Hollway said the advertisements were aimed to counter bad publicity surrounding the Olympic movement in the wake of the bribery scandal and gift-giving allegations against Australian IOC member Phil Coles.

Hollway said he hoped the investigation into whether Coles accepted jewelry from a person associated with the unsuccessful bid by Athens, Greece, for the 1996 games would be ended quickly.

"Like every strand of the controversies affecting the Olympics, I would like to see this one out of the way," Hollway told Australian Broadcasting Corp. radio.

Unlike SOCOG president Michael Knight, Hollway has declined to call for Coles' resignation from the committee's board.

Hollway, who needs to find

\$137 million in new sponsors' money to meet budget targets, told a meeting of existing sponsors on Wednesday they were right to be concerned about the controversies. He said that although no sponsor had yet walked away from the Sydney games, the controversy "doesn't make life any easier."

The advertisements, reportedly costing \$25,000, display an open letter listing reforms adopted by the IOC at a meeting in Lausanne, Switzerland, this month.

These include expelling members found guilty of corruption, changing the selection process of host cities, an examination of the structure of the IOC and the establishment of an Ethics Commission.

Hollway said news coverage of the IOC meeting had been overly negative and the advertisements were a way of putting out "some of the more positive messages."

"The IOC is now, thankfully, on a path to reform," Hollway says in the letter. "If the steps taken by the IOC last week are followed through — and every friend of the Olympics must hope and urge that they are — this could be a watershed for the better in the international Olympic movement."

Classifieds

The Observer accepts classifieds every business day from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Notre Dame office, 624 South Dining Hall. Deadline for next-day classifieds is 3 p.m. All classifieds must be prepaid. The charge is 3 cents per character per day, including all spaces. The Observer reserves the right to edit all classifieds for content without issuing refunds.

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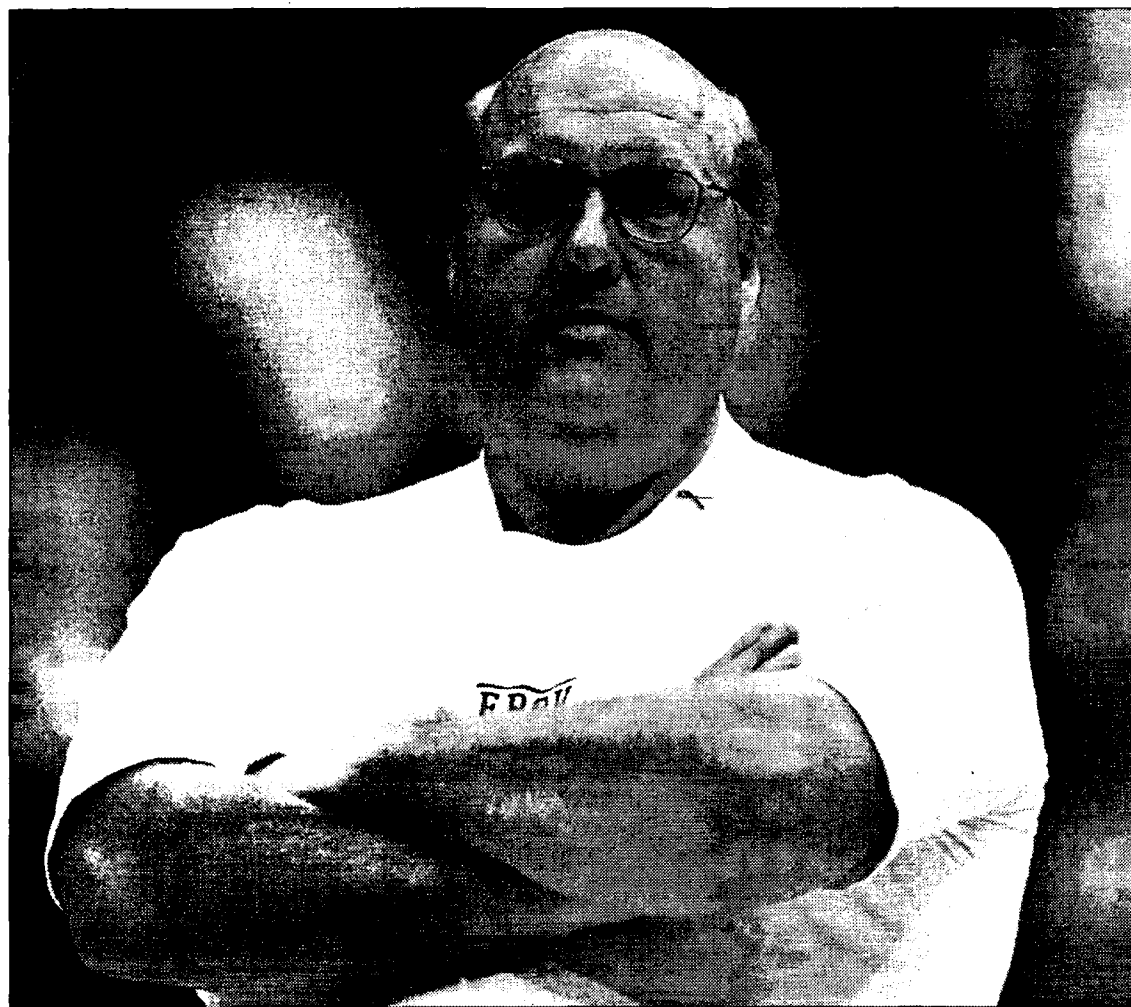
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University of Utah head basketball coach Rick Majerus withdrew his name from consideration for Irish head basketball coach after University officials expressed concern about his character.

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run his athletic programs with little administrative interference.

According to the Tribune article, Wadsworth reassured Majerus that his lifestyle would not be a major concern of Notre Dame, while the source claimed that Majerus agreed to

purchase a house if he took the job because of the symbolic importance that the University placed on a permanent place of dwelling.

According to the source, Wadsworth was so impressed by Majerus that he recommended hiring him to Malloy and Beauchamp at a Tuesday meeting. The athletic department would not confirm such a meeting.

Wadsworth's office had no

comment as to whether he recommended hiring Majerus to Malloy and Beauchamp.

Despite the comments in Majerus' book, no accusations of academic impropriety by basketball players have been reported at the University of Utah.

Majerus is also active with many charities including Coaches vs. Cancer. Royalties from his book go to fighting breast cancer.

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to coach, just not here? His decision to take the South Carolina job backs this up. Something happened behind the scenes when Lou decided to go, and we might never know the whole story.

The next mistake was the Davie hiring. Davie is not a bad coach, but they left him in charge of forming his own new coaching staff, something he was obviously not ready to do. Davie couldn't handle the dismissal of Joe Moore, a coach who had served the University for many years, and the administration found themselves in court over the issue. Davie made a mistake by commenting that Joe Moore was too old, but the administration never saw fit to publicly denounce that action.

Another blunder was made with the firing of John MacLeod. It is obvious now that would he not have decided to resign, MacLeod would have been fired. What the administration won't tell anyone is that MacLeod was not supposed to leave so soon.

The new recruits were supposed to be signed on April 7, then MacLeod was going to be talked to. Somehow an Asbury Park, N.J., newspaper got hold of the story and forced Wadsworth to make an unscheduled trip back from Florida, talk to MacLeod and call a 9 p.m. press conference

to announce the coaching change.

Is it just a coincidence that assistant athletic director Bubba Cunningham was in the New Jersey area at the same time the story broke?

One would suppose he must have talked to the wrong people, who broke the story before Notre Dame was prepared to deal with it.

Now there is the poor handling of the Majerus interview process. When is someone going to be held responsible for the embarrassing errors the administration keeps making in its hiring/firing practices?

It has been hinted that Notre Dame wants a big-name coach to add some recognition to the basketball program, but no big-name coach is going to put up with extensive background checks designed to find a flaw in his character.

Majerus was interested in Notre Dame. He was a nice fit in the program. He was prepared to break his tradition of hotel-living to symbolize his commitment to the job. He was the personality the program needed to take a step up in the elite of the Big East.

Notre Dame is now left to convince someone that the head basketball coaching vacancy is a good opportunity, not a chance to have your character attacked in the public eye.

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Sign-up for "What's the Future of this Relationship?"

Sunday, April 11

Beginning Monday, March 22, 112
Badin Hall. An opportunity to explore
issues and questions facing couples
in significant relationships.

Freshman Retreat #22

Friday-Saturday, March 26-27
St. Joe Hall

Notre Dame Encounter Retreat #56

Friday-Sunday, March 26-28
Fatima Retreat Center

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 28
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10:00 am Mass with procession outside
12 noon Mass with procession outside

Confirmation Program- The Chrism Mass

Tuesday, March 30, 7:30 pm
St. Matthew's Chapel

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Tuesday of Holy Week, March 30
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Saturday, May 2 Mass

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Sunday, May 3 Mass

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11:45 a.m. Rev. David J. Scheidler, C.S.C.

Sunday Vespers

7:15 p.m. Rev. Peter D. Rocca, C.S.C.

Scripture Readings This Coming Sunday

1st Reading Isaiah 50: 4-7

2nd Reading Philippians 2: 6-11

Gospel Matthew 21: 1-11

WHAT'S THE FUTURE OF THIS RELATIONSHIP?

Chris Etzel & Jim Lies, C.S.C.

They were both seniors. They had dated for almost two years. Graduation was looming in their future. They both were interviewing for jobs. They felt that this relationship was special; they were serious about each other. But they just weren't sure what the next step was. Should they look for jobs in the same city or should they test the relationship with some distance? Should they get engaged now or should they work for a year or two first and establish some career goals?

They came into the Campus Ministry Office hoping for some information. Perhaps we had a compatibility test they might take to see if they were truly meant for each other. Did we have any articles they might read? Did we have any advice on what they should do?

This was a new twist. Though we had offered programs for engaged couples for many years, we had not really thought about this category of couple; what should we call them? "Serious but not yet committed?" "Pre-engaged?"

We were greatly impressed that a couple would so seriously question their future as to come to our office for advice. Yet a program for the engaged would not be appropriate for this couple. They were still exploring their relationship - the decision was not yet made; and the decision might eventually be to not continue the relationship. What could we do for couples like these?

After much discussion we focused on some of the issues and questions facing couples in significant relationships:

- how can we determine if we're really ready for marriage?
- should we try to find jobs or graduate schools that are in the same city?
- how will a long distance relationship affect us?
- how can you express your true feelings without pressuring for commitment?
- how will the demands of career/graduate school affect our relationship?
- how might differences in our families of origin affect our relationship?
- how can we communicate better?

After identifying the issues we put together a program and called it "What's the Future of this Relationship?" It includes some presentations on the stages of relationships and decision-making. While we were able to avoid "compatibility tests", we did include a marriage expectations quiz. There is time for answering questions and a lot of time for discussing answers with your partner. There is a discussion period for questions. There is a folder of articles for additional information and reflection.

What most couples seemed to enjoy about the program was the time and the opportunity to discuss their relationship, especially areas or topics they hadn't considered before.

If you are in a significant relationship and are asking the kinds of questions listed above perhaps you'd like to attend the program this semester.

"What's the Future of this Relationship?" will take place Sunday, April 11, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Registration papers can be obtained in both Campus Ministry Offices (Library Concourse and Badin Hall). Registration deadline is Thursday, April 8. The program is limited to 25 couples. There is no cost for the program. If you have any questions, please call Chris Etzel, Sylvia or John Dillon at 631-5242.



SPORTS BRIEFS

Weekend Racquetball Tournament — Sign up now at RecSports for the Weekend Racquetball Tournament to be held on Friday and Saturday, April 9 and 10. Students should bring their own racquet and best game to the Joyce Center Courts. Men's and women's divisions are available. Cost is \$8. The registration deadline is Wednesday, April 7. Balls will be provided and t-shirts will be given to

all participants. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact the RecSports office at 631-6100.

Christmas in April Benefit Run will be held on Saturday, April 10, at 11 a.m. All are welcome to meet at Stepan Center for a 5K or 10K run or 2-mile walk. T-shirts will go to all finishers. Cost is \$6 in advance or \$7 the day of the race. Register at RecSports. All proceeds to benefit Christmas in April.

The Notre Dame football team is looking for pun-

ters and placekickers who are interested in kicking for the Irish during spring practice which gets underway this Saturday, March 27. Any student interested in trying out should contact Bob Chmiel, coordinator of Football Operations, at 631-5858.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Baerga gets back to basics in minor league

Associated Press

SARASOTA, Fla.

For a guy starting over at the bottom, Carlos Baerga was in a great mood.

The second baseman was smiling and unfailingly upbeat Wednesday morning when he showed up at the Cincinnati Reds training complex to try to resurrect his fading career.

He took batting practice, fielded grounders and even signed some autographs for a handful of fans who remembered his glory days in Cleveland — three All-Star games, one World Series, seemingly unlimited potential.

Three years after the Indians gave up on him and traded him to the New York Mets, the 30-year-old Baerga is barely hanging on.

The St. Louis Cardinals waived him last Wednesday rather than keep him on the opening day roster at \$1.25 million.

On Tuesday, he accepted a nonguaranteed minor-league contract with the Reds, who consider him a low-risk reclamation project.

For the first time since 1990, Baerga is out of the big leagues.

"It's a little bit tough, when

you're used to being in the big leagues," Baerga said.

"But you have to realize that sometimes you have to start again. Sometimes you have to do what you did before to get back on track."

If I have to go that way, I'm going to do it."

He has no choice. He will start the season at Triple-A Indianapolis knowing that nothing is guaranteed.

"He's not going to be blocking the way of a prospect at Triple-A," general manager Jim Bowden said. "If at some point we get him into shape, he might help the major league club. If not, he also may be a player we could trade down the road for a younger player."

His shape is the big thing.

The Reds have assigned one of their trainers to help Baerga get in shape. Conditioning coordinator Lance Sewell set up a program to help Baerga lose weight and get stronger.

Baerga has thick thighs and an ample midsection, but doesn't understand the concerns about his condition.

"The overweight stuff — I've been like that all my career," Baerga said.

"I'm a guy who always comes to spring training like that and I lose weight. So I don't worry about that. I know I'm going to be ready when I need to be ready — my bat and my legs."

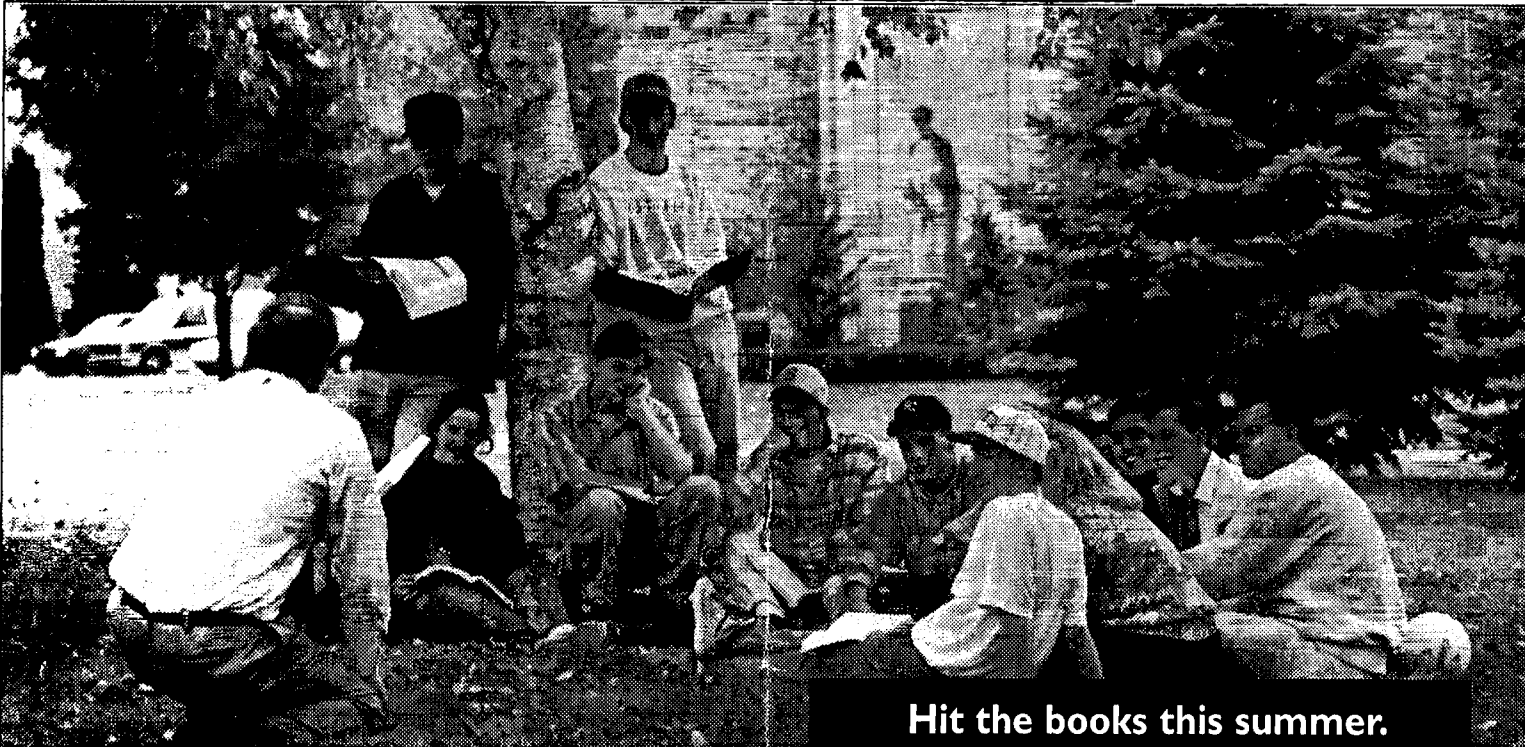
He wasn't anywhere near ready enough for the Cardinals, who watched him go 2-for-15 in six games and cut him loose.

By dumping him last Wednesday, St. Louis owed him only 30 days' pay, or \$163,394.

His production has declined since 1995, prompting the Indians and Mets to decide they could do better.

When the Cardinals saw him in spring training, they decided he wasn't worth the money.

"I go to spring training and play [six] games and they just decide they're going to let me go. That was kind of surprising," Baerga said. "I've never been in this situation before."



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WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Final Four heads to former ABL arena

Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif.

It all seemed so perfect — the Women's Final Four coming to an area wild about women's hoops and proud to host the American Basketball League's headquarters.

Fans were relishing a dream Final Four matchup: local favorite Stanford, capping a decade of success, against three-time defending champion Tennessee.

But this weekend may turn out to be more notable for who's missing than who's at the Final Four.

Although San Jose remains excited about hosting the games and about the \$32 million economic impact the Final Four is expected to have on the city, reality turned out to be a lot different than the expectations of last autumn.

The ABL folded a few days before Christmas. Fans still grieve the loss of a league they thought represented the growing opportunities for women athletes.

The nearest women's pro team now is in Sacramento, about two hours away, where the Monarchs are preparing for their third season in the WNBA.

Stanford had a disappointing season that ended in the first round of the NCAA tournament, and Tennessee lost 69-63 in the regional finals to

Duke to miss out on another trip to the Final Four.

Duke coach Gail Goestenkors knows her Blue Devils stunned many fans who had expected to see Chamique Holdscaw and her Tennessee teammates vying for another championship.

"This was a big win for us, but I don't think it was as big as everyone else thinks that it is across the nation, because we did believe we could win," Goestenkors said.

Duke, struggling to get fan support on a campus infatuated with its men's basketball team's run to the Final Four, will face Georgia in the first semifinal game Friday evening. The nightcap will be Louisiana Tech against Purdue.

Purdue and Duke each made a West Coast trip earlier this season, and both left dismayed.

Duke lost its season opener 104-74 to Connecticut in the Four in the Fall tournament, an event held at the San Jose Arena to kick off the buildup to the Final Four.

"That was our worst game of the season," Goestenkors said. "I told the team, 'Now we know how bad we can be. Let's find out how good we can be.'"

Purdue traveled west for its third game of the season, a 73-72 defeat at Stanford that remains the Boilermakers' only loss of the year.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Notre Dame mauls Michigan

Special to the Observer

The 13th-ranked Notre Dame women's tennis team dropped just one set in six singles matches and swept the doubles for a 9-0 win over Michigan on Wednesday at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

The win marks Notre Dame's 15th straight over Midwest regional opponents, a streak dating back to 1997. The Irish now have beaten Michigan five consecutive times and for the eighth time in the last nine meetings.

Irish senior Marisa Velasco rallied from 1-4 and 3-5 deficits in the first set to beat Szandra Fuzesi 7-6 (4), 6-1 at No. 3 singles to clinch the win.

Notre Dame improves to 11-5 with the win while Michigan falls to 3-8 with their fifth-consecutive loss. The Irish return to court when they travel to 12th-ranked Tennessee on Saturday, March 27, at 12 p.m.

Junior Kelly Zalinski and freshman Lindsey Green put Notre Dame ahead 2-0 with two quick wins. Zalinski beat Jennifer Vaughn 6-3, 6-1 at No. 5 singles, while Green beat Alison Sinclair 6-2, 6-2 at No. 6 singles.

Irish sophomore and eighth-ranked Michelle Dasso held on for a 6-2, 6-4 win over 97th-ranked Danielle Lund at No. 1 singles. Dasso led 5-0 in the second set but Lund, who won the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Midwest Region singles title at Notre Dame in November, rallied and served at 4-5 before Dasso broke serve for the win.

Senior Jennifer Hall, ranked 61st, fought off a tough second set to beat Brooke Hart 6-1, 7-6 (7-5) at No. 2 singles.

After Velasco clinched the win for the Irish, 56th-ranked Irish freshman Becky Varnum rallied for a 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 win over



Eight-ranked sophomore Michelle Dasso and the Irish came away with their fifth-straight win over Michigan Wednesday.

Jennifer Boylan to complete the singles sweep. Varnum held off 15-40 in each of her final two service games to close out the match.

In doubles, the eighth-ranked Irish team of Hall and Dasso

beat 24th-ranked Hart and Lund 8-3 at No. 1 doubles. Kim Guy and Sarah Scaringe won the final four games to complete the win with an 8-3 victory over Fuzesi and Sinclair at No. 3 doubles.

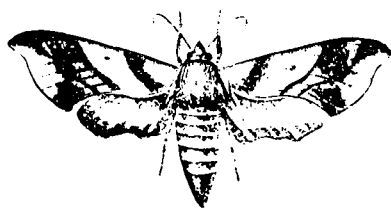
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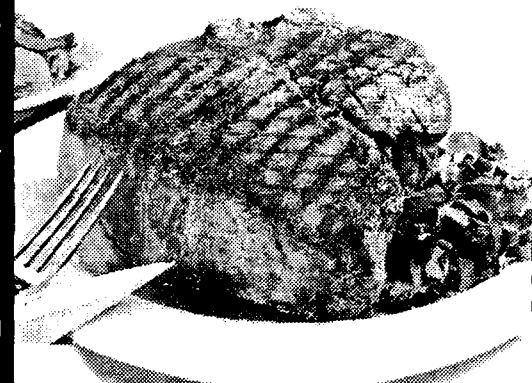
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Baseball

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exactly zero votes. Oh, and did I mention that the pitching rotation for the Colorado Rockies is as incredible as that of the mighty Atlanta Braves.

We have yet to see a nasty, bench clearing brawl, an umpire make a bad call, any players bump, kick dirt, or spit on those umpires for making that call or anyone tossed out of a game for throwing spitballs, using too much pine tar or corking his bat.

It's baseball at its purist state, not riddled with the problems that seem to infest the game. Yes, there's hope for everyone.

The inequality in team wealth has not been consequential yet. No one has had a bad season yet and no one is under .500. Not one empty seat has seen a game and no one has had a Beanie Baby day ... yet.

We haven't seen the Marlins, Expos or Pirates throw away another season by trading anyone who shows a glimmer of potential and perhaps most importantly, we haven't had to listen to Joe Morgan over-analyze ANYTHING!

This weekend, the only thing certain is uncertainty. For this

reason, I refuse to "make my picks" or discount anyone before they've discounted themselves. As an avid Pirates fan, I refuse to write off any team, any player or any possibilities. Furthermore, I refuse to do the same for your team. For to rob someone of this weekend of hope would be equivalent of ripping away the hopeless optimism that makes this country great.

However, some people must have predictions. So it is with full certainty I present to you 10 predictions that will undoubtedly come true. Here's my top ten list of what you're guaranteed not to see in baseball this year.

10) The Expos leading the league in attendance or payroll — It's just not gonna happen.

9) "Now batting for the San Diego Padres: Garth Brooks." — His next hit should be filled with that familiar twang, and I don't mean the sound coming off of the bat.

8) A column from this journalist about the success of the Yankees — Unless of course they flop, I think there are enough of those.

7) David Wells leaving the Blue Jays to vie for the Mr. Universe title — That light blue is much more flattering to his figure, though.

6) Mo Vaughn is riddled with

applause upon his return to Boston. — But they left on such good terms!!

5) Kerry Wood winning the Cy Young — The Cubs' luck just keeps getting better.

4) Moises Alou stealing a base — So that's why they tell you to wear the safety clip on treadmills?

3) T-shirts titled "Infield of Dreams" in the Pittsburgh Pirate dugout — Pat Meares, Ed Sprague and Mike Benjamin ... hmmm, instead of unproved rookies, the Pirates move on to veterans that have proven they're bad.

2) Albert Belle edges out Wil Cordero for any humanitarian awards. — Pretty safe bet

1) Joe Dimaggio throwing out the first pitch at Yankee stadium — Joltin' Joe has left and gone away ... and baseball is left to mourn the passing of a legend.

Predictions or not, opening day's on its way. Let the excitement, the drama and the disappointment begin. I invite you to enjoy this week and hold on to the hope as long as you can. After all, soon enough, reality must take over.

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■ MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

MSU already looks ahead to next season

Associated Press

LANSING, Mich. Michigan State is hoping to beat Duke and then either Connecticut or Ohio State for the NCAA basketball championship.

But even if top-ranked Duke sends the Spartans packing Saturday night, Michigan State fans can take heart. With only three players graduating and some hot new prospects headed for campus, another NCAA run next year looks likely.

"A lot depends on who leaves from this team," said Bob Gibbons, who ranks college recruits at All Star Sports Publications in Lenoir, N.C. "But from a talent standpoint, they could be even stronger next year than this year."

Assistant athletic director John Farina said he's upbeat about next year's team, even as he's hoping this year's team wins the national title.

"The future does look pretty bright," he said. "With the number of key players coming back and the incoming class rated in the top 10, it appears things will be good."

Seniors Antonio Smith, Jason Klein and Thomas Kelley are the only three players who definitely won't be returning.

Junior Mateen Cleaves, the team's first-team All American, has not decided whether to return for his senior year or go to the pros.

But even Cleaves' defection would be partly offset by the strength of new recruits, Gibbons said.

He points to newcomers such as Jason Richardson, a 6-foot-6 forward at Saginaw Arthur Hill who received the Mr. Basketball award Monday and will join the Spartans next season. Last fall, Gibbons ranked Richardson eighth among recruits nationally.

Another new force next fall will be Mike Chappell, a 6-9 forward from Southfield Lathrup High who transferred to Michigan State last summer after playing for Duke

two years. He'll still have two years of eligibility left.

Also on the team next year will be freshmen Jason Andreas, a 6-10 center from Sugar Creek, Ohio, and Adam Wolfe, a 6-8 forward from Westerville South High School in Ohio. Redshirt David Thomas, a 6-7 swingman, will play as a junior next year.

And the Spartans will still have 3-point whiz A.J. Granger, bench star Morris Peterson and starters Andre Hutson and Charlie Bell on the roster.

Even if the Spartans don't win any more games in the NCAA tournament, making it to the Final Four will help coach Tom Izzo and his staff recruit more top prospects, Gibbons said.

"You can't put a market value on how that means in exposure and with future recruits. Every kid in Michigan has now got to be dreaming of being a Spartan," he said.

Michigan State is in the same position Michigan was in the early 1990s, when the Fab Five had every high school basketball player mimicking their baggy shorts and longing to wear maize and blue, Gibbons said.

"Michigan State was really unable to break through" in recruiting those years, he said. "Michigan had such a stranglehold on the top prospects in your state. It was a great imbalance there."

All that has changed. The Wolverines finished 12-19, missing a postseason berth for the first time since 1983.

And Izzo's years of recruiting in Michigan's shadow are over, at least for now.

"It's noteworthy that the Spartans are now the dominant recruiting school in Michigan," Gibbons said.

That could help them in future years pull in Marcus Taylor of Waverly High School near Lansing, now ranked among the top juniors in the country. Or young up-and-comers such as Robert Whaley of Benton Harbor and Kelvin Torbert of Flint Northwestern, he said.

■ MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Mets send Nomo to Norfolk

Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. The New York Mets gave up on right-hander Hideo Nomo by outrighting the one-time sensation to Triple-A Norfolk on Wednesday night.

Nomo has 72 hours to decide whether to accept the assignment or declare free agency.

"It's a difficult decision because it involves a player of his stature and given what he's done in his career," Mets general manager Steve Phillips said. "But I've got to make a judgment

in what I can do to have us win as many games as we can, and this starts the process."

Nomo, 30, starred in Japan before joining the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1995. He won 45 games in Los Angeles, but struggled last season and was traded to the Mets in June. He went 4-5 with a 4.82 ERA in 17 games with New York and was ineffective this spring, going 0-2 with a 7.62 ERA in four appearances.

Nomo made his much-publicized debut in May 1995 and immediately proved he could pitch well in any country. He

won the NL rookie of the year award, led the league with 236 strikeouts and limited opposing batters to a .182 batting average.

In 1996 Nomo pitched a no-hitter Sept. 17 against Colorado and went 16-11 with a 3.19 ERA. He finished second in the league by holding the opposition to a .216 batting average.

In 1997 he recorded 233 strikeouts. But he appeared to lose his touch last season, going 2-7 with the Dodgers before being dealt to New York in a four-player deal.



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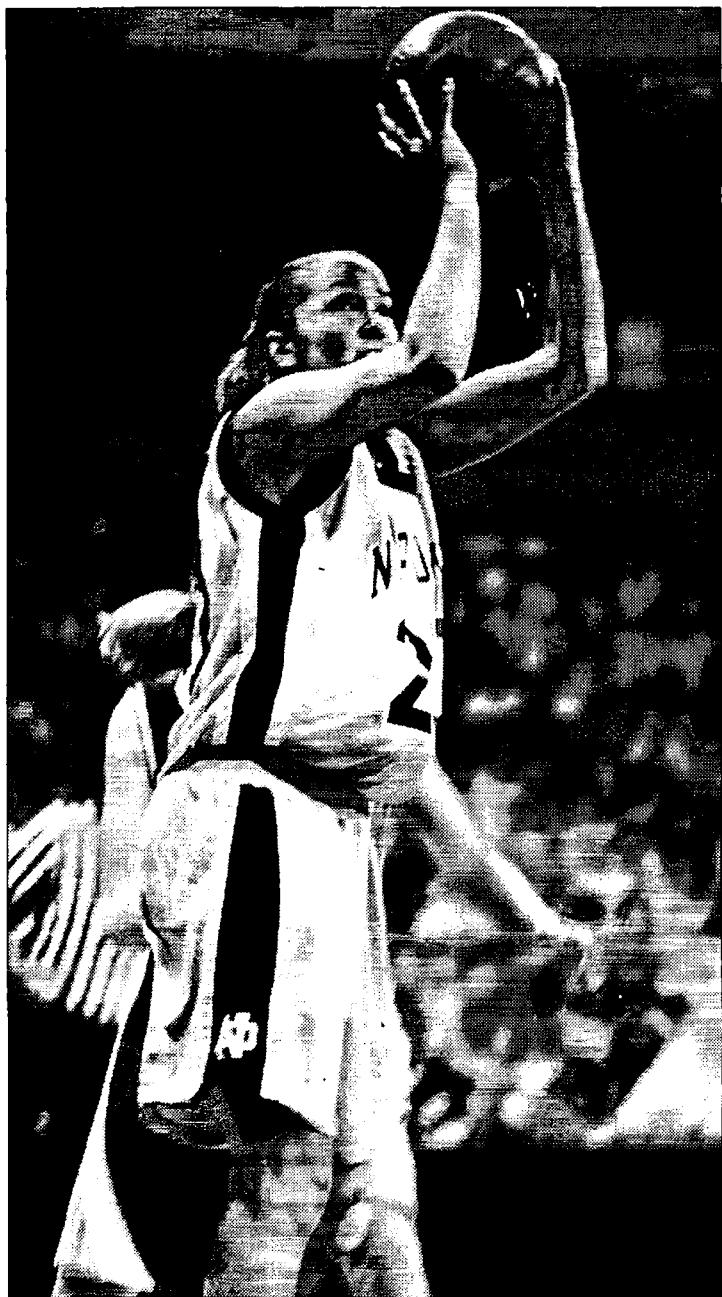
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■ WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



The Observer/Jeff Hsu

Senior guard Sheila McMillen looks to dominate from downtown in the State Farm Women's Three-Point Championships today.

McMillan enters post-season contest

Special to the Observer

Notre Dame senior guard Sheila McMillen, who finished his career as the all-time leading three-point shooter in Irish women's basketball history, will compete in the State Farm Women's Three-Point Shooting Championship at the Ice Palace in Tampa, Fla., today.

The competition will air

tape-delayed on ESPN at 9:30 p.m.

McMillen is one of seven players slated to compete in the event. Among the other participants will be Amy Duran of Connecticut, Jessica Gaspar of North Carolina, Rene Hanebutt of Texas Tech, Amy Green of Clemson, Aubrey Eblin of Old Dominion and Kelly Long of Western Michigan.

■ MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Bell is No. 2 man for D-backs

Associated Press

PEORIA, Ariz.

The number two looms big for Jay Bell this spring. He's getting more and more comfortable at second base, and he's firmly entrenched as the No. 2 hitter in the Arizona Diamondbacks' batting order.

So far, the results for the 33-year-old infielder have been terrific.

"Jay's had a great spring," manager Buck Showalter said. "He's come in physically probably in as good a shape as he's ever been in his career. He's had as many at-bats as anybody, probably by design, to get him as comfortable as possible at second base."

On Tuesday, Bell went 3-for-3

with a three-run home run and scored four runs in a 14-6 victory over the Anaheim Angels. On Wednesday, he was 2-for-4, including a double, with three RBIs, in a 7-6, 12-inning loss to San Diego. He also turned a slick double play on a ground ball to third baseman Matt Williams. In 16 games, he's hitting .385 in 44 at-bats with nine strikeouts and a team-high 13 walks.

"Basically, the key to spring training is building an approach and staying with it as much as you can, finding something that works," Bell said. "Last year was not a good one for Bell. He signed a five-year, \$34 million contract that was widely viewed as too generous, and the spotlight was squarely on him through Arizona's expansion

season.

He wound up hitting .251, his second-lowest average in a decade. While he had 20 home runs, one short of his career best, and a career-high 81 walks, his career-high 129 strikeouts and 19 errors got more attention.

Bell was moved around in the batting order last year, ending up more often either hitting sixth or second. Now he's certain to be the No. 2 hitter, the same spot he had in most of his eight seasons with Pittsburgh.

"One of the things we talked about over the offseason was whether I was going to hit two or six," Bell said. "Buck's pretty comfortable with me hitting two, and I'm comfortable hitting two."

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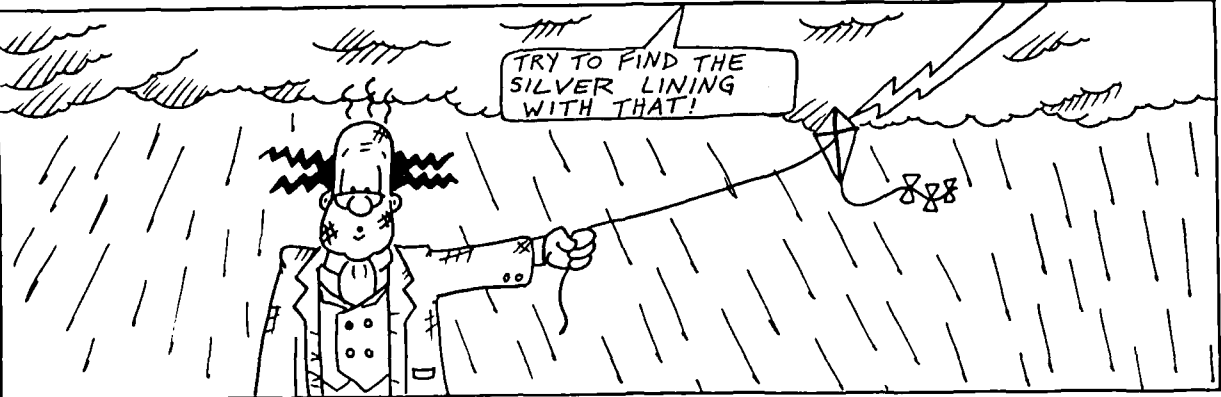
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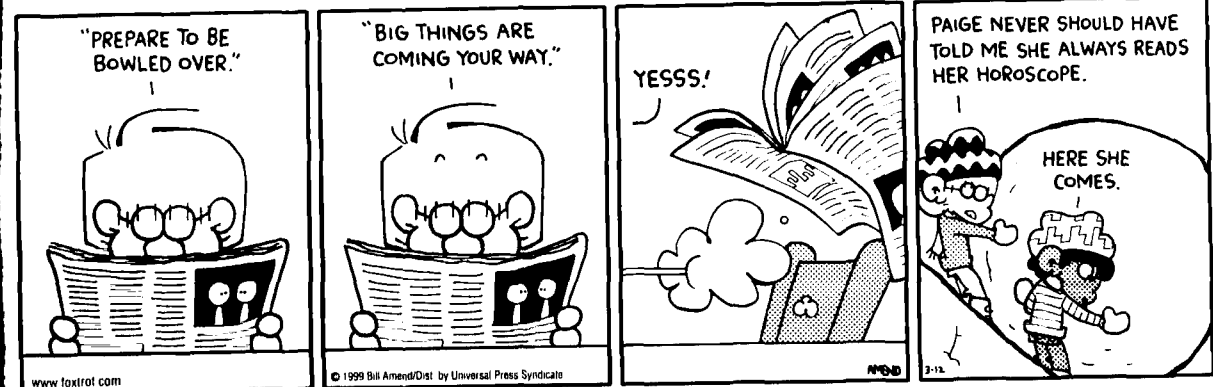
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- ACROSS**

1 Engrossed

5 Pooch originally from Wales

10 "J'accuse" penner

14 Limerick land

15 To — (perfectly)

16 Nephew of Abel

17 Handle many deer carelessly?

20 Agnes and Cecil B.

21 Go ballistic

22 Blockheads

23 Garfield's owner

24 Criticize singer Johnny?

31 With 43-Across, use bubble gum?
- 35 Teems

36 Cookie in stacking contests

37 Physics Nobelist Isidor

38 One Knight

39 Hand (out)

40 Constant

41 Attack

43 See 31-Across

44 Prepare a Time Inc. magazine?

47 Foot, in zoology

48 Appointed

52 "— fideles . . ."

56 Nacre sources

59 Transfer hay?

61 Prefix with knock or lock

62 Be superior

63 Coer
- DOWN**

1 Fred's portrayer on "Sanford"

2 Broadcast

3 Spot broadcast, often

4 Halfhearted

5 Telephones

6 Missouri Indian relative

7 Tracks in mud

8 Miracle— (plant food brand)

9 Affluxes

10 Olympian ruler

11 In the past

12 Mischievous Norse god

13 Entourage part: Abbr.

18 In an unbalanced way

19 Beethoven's birthplace

23 Noted athletic retiree of 1999

25 Pole images

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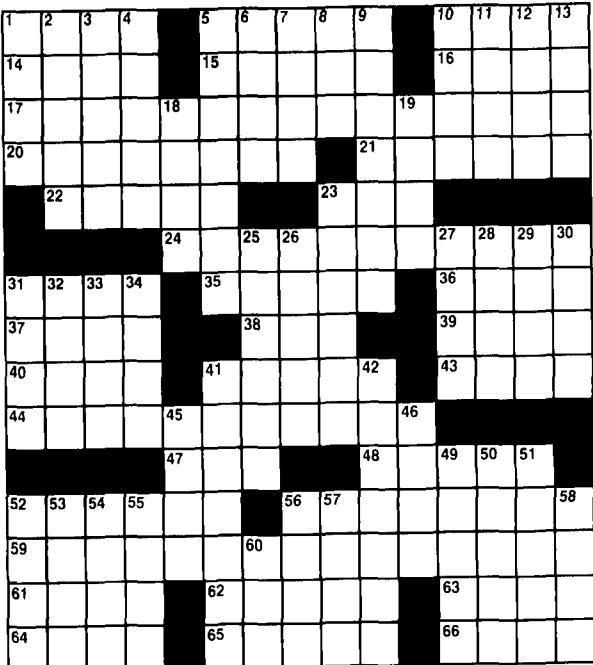
27 Musical wrap-up

28 In line

29 Ward of TV's "Sisters"

30 Readied some beds

31 Songwriter Jacques



Puzzle by Cathy Millhauser

- 32 Stromboli output

33 Mind

34 Lush, perhaps

41 Works as a longshoreman

42 Having some merit

45 Words before speed or snuff

46 Korea Bay feeder

49 Parisian daily, with "Le"
- 50 Set up financially

51 Search (into)

52 Yon

53 Completed

54 Art Deco designer
- 55 Winter fender-bender cause

56 With a bow, to Stern

57 Boxer Max

58 Gets the picture

60 Food pkg. abbr.

Answers to any three clues in this puzzle are available by touch-tone phone: 1-900-420-5656 (95¢ per minute). Annual subscriptions are available for the best of Sunday crosswords from the last 50 years: 1-888-7-ACROSS.

YOUR HOROSCOPE

EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Ali MacGraw, Debbie Reynolds, Annette O'Toole, Phillip Schofield

Happy Birthday: You can flaunt what you've been trying to accomplish this year. Your ability to express yourself and your ideas to others will enable you to get whatever help is required. Change will be a major part of your life as you prepare for the new millennium. If your attitude is positive, you will make headway when it comes to obtaining your objectives. Your numbers: 7, 13, 27, 31, 38, 40

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Emotional upset will cause temper tantrums. Try to curb your reactions to situations regarding home and family. Busy yourself with projects that require little interaction with others. 000

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): It is best to get involved in activities that will get you out of the house. Romantic connections can be made if you approach someone you're interested in. It's time to say what you think. 000

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Difficulties with children will surface if you break a promise. Rest and relaxation will be required if you've been trying to do too much. Stomach problems due to poor diet or stress can be expected. 00000

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You need to be disciplined and focused if you don't want your negative emotional side to take over and ruin your day. Spend time making improvements to yourself. You'll be happy you did. 00

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your outgoing personality will help inspire confidence in others. Get involved in events that require physical endurance. Your need to be in the limelight will bring out the showman in you. 0000

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): New friendships can be established if you participate in social activities or worthwhile functions. Your ability to deal with groups won't go unnoticed. 000

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Someone you live with will be totally unpredictable. Avoid involvement with overindulgent individuals. Problems with your house must be taken care of immediately. 000

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your keen memory will help you outsmart any opponent who tries to pull a fast one on you. Set the stage for your next big change. It's time for you to spruce up your image. 000

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You'll make money if you're willing to put your cash on the line. A worthwhile investment may not be what your mate has in mind. Use your own cash and you won't have a problem. 0000

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Make special plans for you and the one you love. Romance will lead to a passionate and fulfilling night. You can stabilize your relationship and make future plans. 00

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't let your work interfere with your responsibilities to the ones you love. If you made a promise to do things with family, you mustn't renege. Your work will still be there when you get back. 00000

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Potential lovers will show interest in you if you are happy and positive about yourself. You need to get involved in organizations that will allow you to grow. 000

Birthday Baby: You have a strong intuition and lots of creative talent that must be nurtured and developed. You have your own way of doing things. Although others may not have the same vision as you, you must follow that small voice within you.

■ Of Interest

Disability Awareness Week—Lori Miller '97 will discuss her experiences as a blind woman in the athletic and academic worlds after leaving Notre Dame tonight at 7 p.m. in the Office for Students with Disabilities. Call Scott Howland at 631-7157 for more information.

The Millvale Franciscans recruiter, Sr. Donna Stephenson, will be in the library concourse from 1-4 p.m. today and will host an information session at the CSC tonight at 5:30 p.m. This is a 1-2 year program in Pittsburgh and surrounding areas. Volunteers are placed in a variety of positions depending on their skills. In the past, placements have included education, health care and social services.

New York Teacher Service Program—Sr. Deanna Sabetta will be at the CSC from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. today to talk to students who are interested in this teaching program. Volunteers teach in high schools principally in inner city areas of Manhattan and the Bronx.

From Service to Justice: Careers in Social Change—Notre Dame graduates Cece Schickel, Chris and Allison Nanni will join Judith Johns for a panel discussion on careers in social change at 7 p.m. tonight in the CSC. A reception will follow.

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■ MEN'S BASKETBALL

Source: University officers reject Majerus

Malloy, Beauchamp allegedly turn down Wadsworth's No. 1 coaching candidate

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Associate Sports Editor

Rick Majerus planned to accept Notre Dame's men's basketball head coaching position until he learned that University president Father Edward Malloy and executive vice president Father William Beauchamp expressed concerns about his character, a source close to the University of Utah coach told the Chicago Tribune Wednesday.

"I'm kind of sad," Majerus said. "Through the meetings we had, I thought there was mutual interest. But the more I

look at it, I have to conclude it's not a good fit, and I'm going to stay at Utah."

According to the Tribune, Malloy and Beauchamp allegedly rejected Majerus based on his personal life and comments he made in his recent book, "My Life on a Napkin."

'THROUGH THE MEETINGS WE HAD, I THOUGHT THERE WAS MUTUAL INTEREST. BUT THE MORE I LOOK AT IT, I HAVE TO CONCLUDE IT'S NOT A GOOD FIT AND I'M GOING TO STAY AT UTAH.'

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UNIVERSITY OF UTAH BASKETBALL COACH

In the book, Majerus wrote that he would consider it hypocritical to discipline an athlete for academic fraud since he often cheated while he was a student at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis.

Representatives from

Malloy's and Beauchamp's offices would not comment on the administrators' opinions of Majerus' character.

After hearing of Malloy and Beauchamp's alleged decision, Majerus told Andy Katz of ESPN.com that he had withdrawn his name from consideration as the next Irish head coach.

The Tribune article also noted that athletic director Michael Wadsworth and Majerus met on three occasions — most recently on Sunday in New York.

The athletic department would not confirm any meeting between Wadsworth and Majerus.

Majerus originally expressed concern that University leadership would not accept his casual, independent lifestyle. Majerus is a bachelor who lives in hotels and has traditionally

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■ IRISH INSIGHT

Hiring, firing policies are embarrassment to University

By ALAN WASIELEWSKI
Sports Writer

They've done it again. Just when you thought the University hierarchy couldn't screw up another assignment, they did just that.

It seems that Rick Majerus isn't good enough to coach at Notre Dame. Wait, maybe his not being a good enough person is a more accurate assessment.

Long ago, Majerus cheated a little bit and admitted in his new book, "My Life on a Napkin," that he would have trouble punishing a student for cheating. He said he would feel like a hypocrite. This was one of the reasons Father Edward Malloy and

Father William Beauchamp allegedly decided that the wasn't fit to coach at Notre Dame.

This decision followed athletic director Mike Wadsworth's alleged endorsement of Majerus as new Irish coach. It seems our athletic director has a different set of criterion to choose a new coach than our University president and vice president.

What was supposed to be a smooth selection process has turned into another controversy. It should come as no surprise. This administration breeds controversy.

First they bungled the Lou Holtz dismissal. Isn't it obvious now that Lou still wanted

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■ ON THE HOT CORNER

Baseball's back and all is well for now

By BRIAN CHURNEY
Sports Writer

Can you smell it in the air?

No, not the ethanol — beyond that.

It's the glorious smell of opportunity. It's a smell that comes around only once a year and with the small exception of one year, it's been here every year since World War II.

It's a smell that sports fans love. It's a smell that transcends generations, race barriers and gender lines. It perseveres through political scandals, NATO bombs and presidential campaign declarations.

It's smell defines this weekend as the greatest weekend in all of sports. No, not because of the Final Four, not because the NBA season is winding down and not because three-quarters of the NHL is on the brink of qualifying for the playoffs.

This week, in my humble opinion, is the best week in sports because baseball is on its way. What's even greater about this week is the hope that every baseball fan can have a dream to hold on to.

One-hundred sixty three. That number symbolizes this hope, these dreams. It's a number that means equality. For that number is the magic number of every major league team.

Whether you're a fan of the Yankees, Braves, Dodgers, Cubs, Pirates, Expos or even Marlins, you're as near 163 as anyone else.

You're the same distance away from clinching your division, whether you spend 85 million dollars or 12 million dollars; Whether you finished last year with a record 114 wins or finished last year with 108 losses; Whether your season finished in late October or late September, you're on equal ground.

Every team is in first place. Everyone controls their own destiny. No one's on a losing streak, a slump or a road trip. Indeed, everyone is happy.

The same parity goes for players.

After all, Mark McGwire has as many home runs as Ryan McGwire; Greg Maddux has same ERA as Jaime Navarro; Kevin Orie is batting as well as Tony Gwynn. What's more, Mark Wohlers has yet to walk a batter, Jose Offerman has yet to commit an error and Albert Belle has yet to lose his temper ... Well, we can't have everything can we?

Ken Griffey Jr. leads Juan Samuel in the All Star voting by

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■ WOMEN'S CREW



The Observer/Jeff Hsu

In its inaugural varsity season, the women's crew team hopes to remain competitive in the talented Big East. The Big East season begins on April 25 at the Georgetown Invitational.

Irish row into East Lansing

By ANTHONY BIANCO
Associate Sports Editor

For a group just getting its feet wet, Notre Dame's crew team looks like a squad of seasoned boating veterans.

Named the 26th varsity and 13th women's sport on campus last fall, the Irish are far from having just left the docks.

The team was christened as a varsity sport last October at the Head of the Rock Regatta, during which the Open Eight teams finished sixth, 12th and

16th in a field of 24 while the Open Four team finished third and the Lightweight Eight finished in first.

With the inaugural regatta, the Indiana Indoor Championships, and most recently the Thomas White Regatta under their belts the Irish seem comfortable competing at the varsity level.

"We've had more time on the water this year [because of our varsity status]," said team captain Katie Fox of the team's successes. "We've also had more one-on-one strength

and conditioning, and our coaches have been able to pay more attention to the team."

Having competed in two outdoor races against many other established varsity teams has also given Fox and her team an added sense of confidence. Both the October meet and the Thomas White Regatta over spring break were informal meets officiated by the participating schools' coaches rather than NCAA officials. For a team new to the field, these informal meets have

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Baseball
at Villanova
Saturday, noon

Softball
vs. Toledo
Saturday, 1 p.m.



vs. Ohio State
Friday, 4 p.m.

vs. Hobart
Saturday, 2 p.m.



Track and Field
at Purdue Invitational
Friday-Saturday

Track and Field
at Huntington College
Saturday, 11 a.m.