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## 'Access Denied': Disabled students discuss challenges

By KATE STEER  
 Assistant News Editor

It takes a lot of courage to be different.

Four women shared their stories of being different and living with disabilities Wednesday night in a seminar entitled "Access Denied."

Yasmin Voglewede, a Notre Dame senior PLS and Spanish double major, said she has learned a lot from her experience as a physically disabled student. As a panelist for a new diversity program included in freshman orientation, Voglewede has had the opportunity to teach others about differences.

"What I want to do is go out there and fight for people's rights," said Voglewede, who hopes to go to law school.

Christina Gilmore, Miss Wheelchair America 1999, was also present to discuss the issue. Gilmore, who is now an assistant dean of a small college in Texas, became interested in advocacy of disability issues when asked about people's perceptions of her as a white woman.

"When I go down the street or the sidewalk or when I am in the store, people don't see me as a white woman; they see me as a disabled woman," she said.

Jamie Przybysz, a first-year graduate student in sociology, lost her hearing after a tumor was discovered on her auditory nerve at the beginning of her freshman year of high school.

"I dreaded the day that I would wake up deaf," she said. She thought she would not be able to be happy as a deaf



Yasmin Voglewede talks to a group of students about her experiences as a disabled student in a forum entitled "Access Denied." The forum was sponsored by the Multicultural Executive Council. JOE STARK/The Observer

woman, and said she started to pull away from people because she thought others had a negative perception of her.

"I know I have power because I have been through this," said Przybysz. "Now when I see people with disabilities, I don't pity them, but I still don't recognize the power in them."

Przybysz has no trouble speaking, but she utilizes tech-

nology and the help of others to hear. In her classes, someone types lectures onto a laptop screen so she can read what is being said.

Lori Miller, a 1997 Notre Dame graduate and current student at Western Michigan University, spoke of her experience as a blind student and the barriers she encounters.

"For people who are blind or vision-impaired, accessibility

isn't an issue of physical barriers, but in obtaining information: street signs, magazines, fliers, advertisements of social events — I miss out on a lot of these things," she said.

The panelists agreed that their experiences, though difficult, have given them insight and strength to make positive change in the world, especially in people's perceptions of them and public accessibility.

"Everyone has something to contribute, and the key is to overcome the limits that are set. I have to find an alternative method or media to obtain information," said Miller.

"The key to maintaining satisfaction and happiness is being able to go where I want when I want," she said. Accessibility and accommoda-

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## SMC announces new parking lot, policy

By NELLIE WILLIAMS  
 News Writer

After four months of confusion with parking options, Saint Mary's has a new parking lot and a new parking policy.

The new lot is located next to Regina Hall, where the tennis courts used to be.

"We're going to treat it just like the Le Mans lot," said Keith Dennis, vice president of finance and administration.

Policies for the new lot are "subject to modification," Dennis said.

The new policy extends the time students are allowed to park in the Le Mans Hall and

Regina Hall lots by one-half hour in the morning. Students can use the lots from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 a.m.

The new parking hours begin immediately.

"The purpose of doing that is because student teachers and nursing students have problems getting out [of the lot] by 7 a.m. It creates a problem for them because they don't have to [leave that early]," Dennis said. "This will make it more useful for students who have off-campus activities."

However, overflow parking at Angela is still a problem.

"We're probably going to move [some] College vehicles from Angela to Regina," said Dennis.

## STUDENT SENATE

## Senate elections date changed

By FINN PRESSLY  
 Assistant News Editor

Student Senate passed a flurry of amendments in a desperate race to keep quorum before adjourning for semester break.

At the heart of the agenda was a package of legislation aimed at smoothing the transition period for new senate members.

The first of the amendments proposed moving back the

election date for senators to March 1 to allow more time for turnover procedure.

"This is our way [to ensure that] when people walk in here they know what they're doing," said Welsh senator Candi Marcum, citing problems that arose from unfamiliarity with the Board of Trustees report earlier in the year.

Keough senator Brian O'Donoghue cautioned the senate against voting in favor of the amendment, however.

"This precludes anyone running for [Residence Assistant] from running for Senate," he said. "I think some of the finest people we have in this community are those that apply for RA. ... You're cutting

out a huge portion of the University."

O'Donoghue also pointed out the relatively low representation of seniors on the senate.

Marcum, however, felt that senior representation had little to do with a choice between the senate and hall staff.

"A lot of people move off campus, and there's only one off-campus spot, so there's 40 to 50 percent of the class gone," she said. "Moving the election back isn't going to make anyone stay on campus."

She added that RA candidates are find out whether they have been hired two

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Palumbo

INSIDE COLUMN

# Retreating to euphoria

Like so much of what we experience here at Notre Dame, the NDE retreat is gold-encrusted and touted as one of the best of its kind, not only here, but anywhere. Unlike many of the other aspects of Notre Dame — dining hall food, financial aid policies, diversity — this one actually lives up to expectations.

A.J. Boyd

I am a veteran of retreats of all sorts: spiritual, leadership, environmental, general bonding ... you name it, I've gone on it. I even organized a couple. So when it was suggested I go on this "phenomenal, life changing, one-of-a-kind" retreat, I figured I'd be in for a nice weekend, but nothing I hadn't already seen. I was accepted the first time I applied, for the Palm Sunday NDE this last spring.

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As I came back from a spring break ruined by funerals, I contemplated canceling my participation on the retreat. With term papers, finals and seminary visits, I thought I had no time for a weekend away. Some friends convinced me I could use the break. I've rarely been so thankful for free advice.

Once on the retreat, it seemed to be shaping up as very good but not spectacular. Lots of good people on the retreat team, a young and energetic priest whom I respect and participants open and willing to be enlightened. Yet I still had my reservations about adjectives like "phenomenal" and "life-changing."

Then it happened. A single moment of unexpected power and spirituality comparable to only one or two others in my life. Something that I'd never seen on a retreat before, something that could have been tailor made for my needs at that very point in my life. From then on, the rest of the retreat was truly unlike any other, a de facto once-in-a-lifetime type of experience. The days following found me in a spiritual euphoria that assured me that God was working in my life and there was still hope in this world.

Everyone always says, "You go on an NDE when it's your time." No kidding. If ever I'd had a time when I needed the NDE that was it, and I never would have known it if I hadn't gone at the urging of friends. So now I'm urging you. As soon as I got back, I decided I would write an Inside Column about it when it was time again for applications to be due.

From some aspects of the retreat, I am convinced it is better suited for upperclassmen and possibly sophomores late in the spring semester. (I'd tell you exactly why, but that might ruin some of the fun of the whole experience, so you'll just have to take my word for it.) Seniors especially should start applying now to be sure they get to go before they graduate. Every year there are only five NDE retreats: two in the fall and three in the spring. The deadline for the first one next semester is tomorrow — Friday, Dec. 3. Not everyone gets accepted the first time they apply, so start now!

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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## THIS WEEK AT NOTRE DAME AND SAINT MARY'S

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
♦ <b>Lecture:</b> "Urban Space/Urban Culture," Maura Nolan, 614 Hesburgh Library, 3:30 p.m.	♦ <b>Recital:</b> Student Chamber Music Recital, Annenberg Auditorium, Snite Museum, 2 p.m.	♦ <b>Conference:</b> Celebrating Ralph Melnery, McKenna auditorium, all day	♦ <b>Concert:</b> "Dimensions in Jazz," Notre Dame Jazz Band, Band Building, 3 p.m.
♦ <b>Lecture:</b> "Women Holocaust Survivors," Margaret Feinstein, 7 p.m., Haggar Parlor	♦ <b>Booksigning:</b> Father Theodore Hesburgh, Hammes Bookstore, 3:30 to 5 p.m.	♦ <b>Performance:</b> "Christopher's Christmas," O' Laughlin Auditorium, 7 p.m.	♦ <b>Dinner:</b> Annual Madrigal Dinner, Regina Hall Auditorium, Saint Mary's College, 2 p.m., reservations at 284-4626

## OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

# Commission seeks cause of bonfire accident

AUSTIN, Texas  
The construction executive heading the Aggie Bonfire investigation will appoint a commission to evaluate the cause of the collapse by Wednesday.

Friday, Texas A&M President Ray Bowen named Leo Linbeck Jr., chief executive officer of Linbeck Construction Corp., chairman of the commission that will formally investigate the Nov. 18 accident that killed 12 people and injured 27 others.

Linbeck was chosen by Bowen because of his "reputation for integrity and openness and his vast knowledge and experience in various aspects of construction," according to a statement released by Texas A&M University.

Linbeck is responsible for selecting the other members of the commission, which will report its findings to

*"The overall objective is singular in character — it is to find out what caused the Bonfire to collapse."*

Leo Linbeck Jr.

Linbeck Construction Corp.

Bowen by March 31.

"The overall objective [of the commission] is singular in character — it is to find out what caused the Bonfire to collapse," he said.

Linbeck said Monday he will appoint four people to the commission by Wednesday evening. He added that the commission, which will be funded by Texas A&M, will consist of "generalists," not specialists.

"I would not expect them to be technical experts," Linbeck said.

"It will be a commission whose judgment, expertise and competence will be used to evaluate the work of technical specialists."

While Linbeck said he does not yet know what leads the commission will pursue, he noted that the commission will hire specialists to analyze and evaluate evidence from the collapse. The commission will then review the specialists' findings and determine what caused the accident, he said.

"There are so many people that would benefit from the truth," Linbeck said. "We would like to find it as soon as possible."

Lane Stephenson, spokesman for the A&M Office of University Relations, said Bowen wanted the inquiry into the incident to be independent of the university.

## 1,500 students protest WTO

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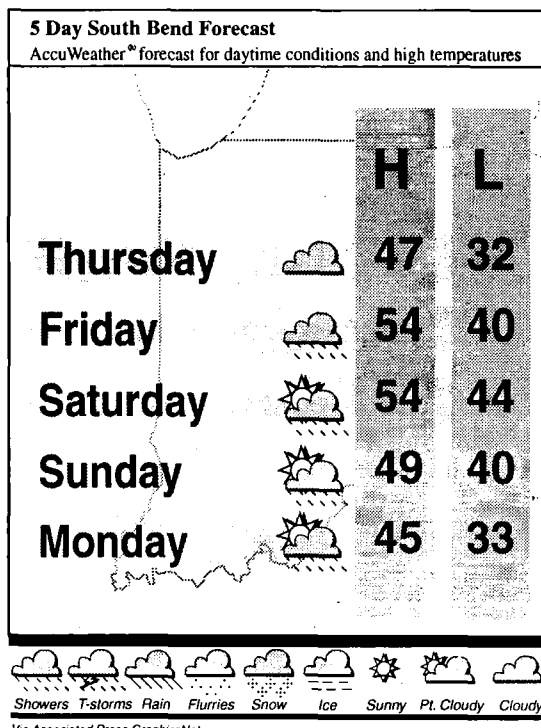
The largest University of Washington protest in recent memory left campus at 9:30 Tuesday morning to walk downtown. The group of approximately 1500 students wishing to register their displeasure with the World Trade Organization looked impressive as it stopped traffic in both directions across University Bridge and down Eastlake Avenue. It was dwarfed, however, by the AFL-CIO rally, which filled not only Memorial Stadium, but the grounds of the Seattle Center as well. A group of about twenty students from MEChA, an organization of Hispanic students, wore black clothes, red bandannas and face masks to demonstrate their solidarity with Mexico's Zapatista. "[Our masks] are not to hide our faces, but to show that exploitation has no color," said Randy Nunes of MEChA. Despite their militant appearance, the members of MEChA and the rest of the UW marchers insisted they hoped for a non-violent demonstration. "I'm down for the duration," said Ernesto Ricks, who was headed downtown with the march, and planned to stay the day.

## 15-year-old enjoys grad school

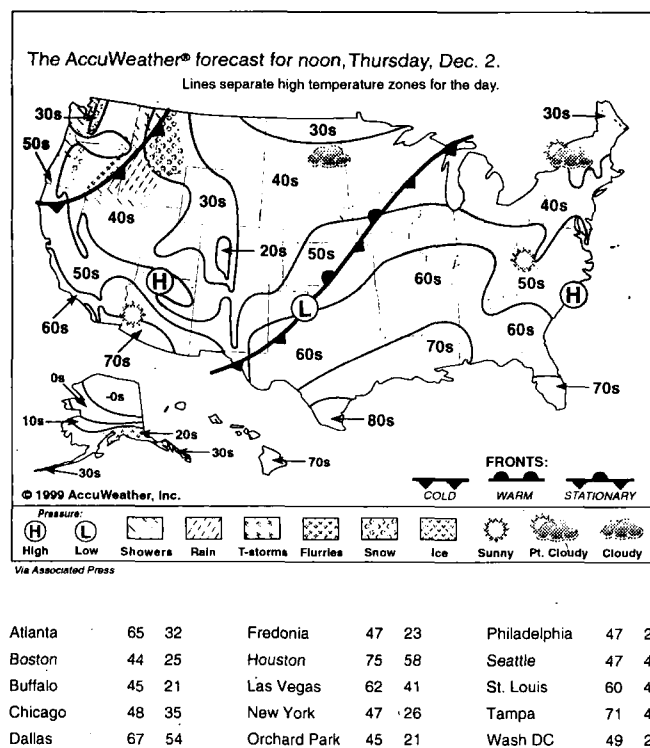
COLLEGE PARK, Md.

Sophia Saeed is plotting her educational history: "I went to kindergarten, first, skipped second, [then attended] third, fourth, fifth. Then, I went to MC — Montgomery College — when I was 10." That's 10 years old. No middle school. No high school. This Gaithersburg girl graduated from Montgomery College two years later with an associate's degree. She never took the SATs, but placed in the genius category with a 210 IQ, about twice the average score. She earned her bachelor's degree in behavioral sciences in 1998 at the University of Maryland, University College. That diploma sealed her place in the history books as the youngest female with a bachelor's degree this century, her father said. She was 14. Saeed, a University College student, will turn 16 on Monday, but, she laments, there'll be no driver's license until January. She's short, 5-foot-one or so, with minimal-to-no makeup, a bright smile and shiny dark hair that swings with her darting eyes. She looks far older than 15, easily blending in with the 20-somethings nearby.

## LOCAL WEATHER



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## CORRECTION

Monday's issue of The Observer incorrectly reported that senior Kathleen McCann is anorexic. She is bulimic.

The Observer apologizes for the error.

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## BOARD OF GOVERNANCE



The Board of Governance discussed the Master Plan and the smoking policy with president Marilou Eldred during its meeting Wednesday.

## Eldred discusses issues with BOG

By KATIE MILLER  
News Writer

College president Marilou Eldred discussed the Master Plan and the smoking policy with Board of Governance members Wednesday night.

"Right now the biggest thing on my plate is the Master Plan," she said, explaining primary changes that will occur as a result of on the campus renovation project.

"The first three major plans are the welcome center, the new clubhouse, and the Regina renovations," said Eldred. "I'm really excited about Regina."

Eldred stressed the importance of having students on Master Plan committees, which include members of the Board of Trustees, faculty, staff and students. There has been a lack of student presence on these committees thus far, however.

"The one thing I plea for is to have students on the committees for the Master Plan," said

Eldred. "I would really appreciate seeing more students on the committees."

Eldred also spoke about the progress of the committee drafting a proposal on the smoking policy, which could prohibit smoking on all campus grounds.

"It is my understanding that the proposal will be ready by the end of the semester," said Eldred. "We will then need to approve it, and it will be implemented in June."

Finally, Eldred stressed the importance of the student voice at Saint Mary's.

"I really want to hear from people. Whenever my door is open, please drop in," she said.

## In other BOG news:

♦ This week is History Week. Margaret Feinstein will lecture on "Hannah's Prayer: Jewish Women Holocaust Survivors in Germany after World War II" on at 7 p.m. today in Haggar Parlor.

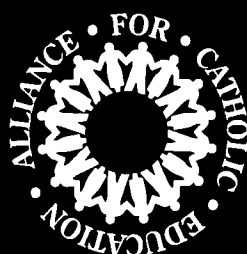
♦ The last date for donations to Project Warmth has been

extended because of lack of participation, said charity program volunteer Rose Lutzka. Coats and other winter clothing can be deposited in the donation box near the drinking fountain in the LeMans lobby.

♦ Nine Saint Mary's students plan to attend the Black Leadership Conference at Texas A&M University in College Station Jan. 20 through 23. Students have asked all departments for donations to help with expenses. The board tabled its decision to help students attending the conference until needs are further specified.

♦ Bridget Heffernan outlined the election dates for the 2000-2001 student body president and vice president. Platforms are due Jan. 24, campaigning starts Jan. 27 and a "Meet the Candidates" forum will be held in the evening on Jan. 27 in Haggar Parlor. Jan. 31 will be election day. Run-offs will be Feb. 2. All Saint Mary's students, including seniors, can vote.

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## Senate

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weeks before the scheduled date of announcement.

"Everyone gets a note under their door whether they get it or not. It happens in every dorm," she explained.

The amendment narrowly passed, with chairman Michael Palumbo casting the deciding vote.

The senate also debated the addition of a bylaw that would request that all potential candidates for senate seats attend an informational meeting to explain what the positions entail.

Senators were divided on the issue, with some in favor of keeping the meeting process informal and within the dorms.

"I think we should keep it within the halls without institutionalizing it," said Sorin sena-

tor Cimarron Gilson.

Pangborn senator Deirdre McInerney felt the meeting would be a good means of gauging a candidate's commitment to the position.

"You're considering Senate and you can't make it to one meeting to find out what it's all about?" she said.

Knott senator Ed Foy expressed concern that if a candidate has a schedule conflict the night of the meeting, it may keep him from running from office.

Off-campus senator Pat Foy explained that the wording of the bylaw was deliberately left ambiguous.

"It says 'shall attend,' as in different from 'must attend,'" he said.

Alumni senator David Zachry proposed simply getting rid of the bylaw and passing an order that Hall Presidents Council must disseminate the appropriate information with the resi-

dence halls.

Stanford senator Curt Roberts highlighted potential problems that may arise if hall senators run for a second term. Incumbent senators may not be as inclined to deliver an objective presentation to his competition, Roberts said.

Sladek eventually pulled the resolution from discussion, as problems with quorum heightened the importance of other parts of the agenda.

In less than two minutes, the senate debated and passed two more resolutions. One outlined the content of training sessions for incoming senators, while the other extended the deadline for declaring an intent to take a

class pass/fail by another week to 14 days.

### In other Senate news:

♦ The Oversight Committee presented an addition to the constitution giving the student body president the power to appoint additional members to the Executive Cabinet with senate approval.

"In practice, the president already puts people on [Executive Cabinet] to assist him in those duties," said St. Edward's Hall representative Paul Sladek.

By requiring Senate approval, it cuts down on the possibility of "abuse of power," Sladek said.

"If you wanted to, you could put all of Keough Hall on Executive Cabinet," said O'Donoghue. "That's why it needs senate approval."

He gave examples of representatives who are not explicitly provided for in the constitution, but who are nonetheless important.

"The Coalition Council is not represented on Executive Cabinet in any way, shape or form," he said.

The resolution passed.

♦ The senate passed an order aimed at requiring the Judicial Board to set a definite date for elections next year.

"We don't have these dates, and we need them," said Fisher senator Philip Dittmar. "We found some clause in the constitution that says we can force someone to do something with a two-thirds majority."

The senate passed the order with the required majority.

## Forum

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tion play large roles in such freedom.

Voglewede praised the University's efforts to make the campus wheelchair accessible. "Snow is my biggest problem," she said.

"There are people here who are willing to go out on a limb and make me as comfortable as they are," she said.

Gilmore works on reducing attitudinal inaccessibility rather than physical barriers.

"Discriminatory attitudes are

prevalent. The unemployment rate of the country is eight percent, but 70 percent of the country's disabled population is unemployed," she said.

All participants voiced optimism for the future of disabled persons. Technology promises greater accessibility to information, communication and transportation. The goal of such advances are to provide equal opportunities to everyone.

"While society says we're different, we're the same as everyone else," said Przybysz.

The panel discussion was sponsored by the Multicultural Executive Council.

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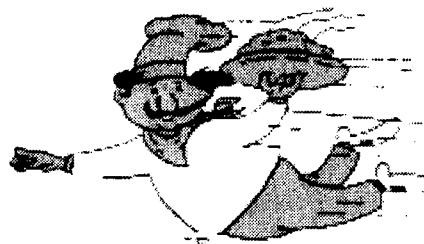
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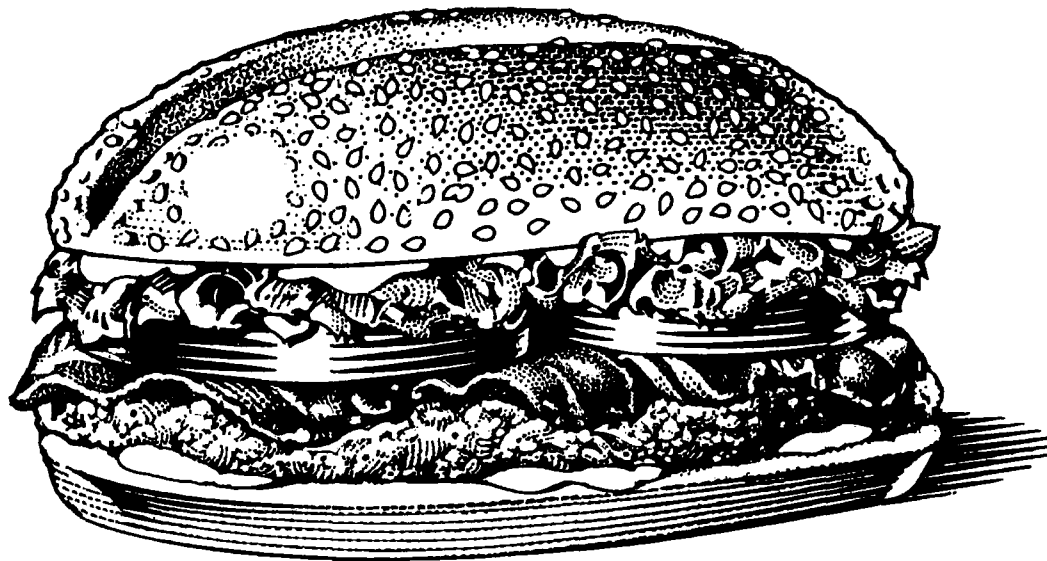
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## WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

### U.S. to help Russia with Y2K

WASHINGTON

Energy Secretary Bill Richardson unveiled a high-tech, long-distance telecommunications link Wednesday to help Russia monitor its nuclear power plants for Y2K computer problems. Richardson invited reporters into the top-secret Situation Crisis Center at the Energy Department headquarters to witness an hourlong exchange with Yevgeniy Adamov, Russia's minister of atomic energy. "While we don't expect any major problems, there may be glitches. We have to be ready on both sides," Richardson said, referring to both the U.S. and Russian nuclear programs. Russian computer systems designed to shut down nuclear reactors in an emergency do not have the type of digital technology susceptible to the Y2K bug, said Richardson. But some other computer systems at the Russian plants could fail, he added.

### Ireland joins NATO peace program

BRUSSELS, Belgium

Ireland pledged to maintain its neutrality as it joined NATO's Partnership for Peace program Wednesday, vowing never to join the Western military alliance outright. The Irish government signed on to the program in the face of opposition parties, who warned the move was a step toward joining NATO itself. "No, we do not want to be a member of NATO ... now or forever," Irish Foreign Minister David Andrews told reporters at alliance headquarters. "There is no question of Ireland's remaining outside, or neutrality being put to a test ... there is nothing sinister here." Ireland is one of the last European nations to sign up for Partnership for Peace, created in 1994 to establish cooperation with neutral and former Eastern bloc countries.

### Austria to form new government

VIENNA, Austria

Chancellor Viktor Klima will be formally asked next week to try to form a new government two months after inconclusive national elections in which a far-rightwing party made significant gains, the presidential office said Wednesday. A statement from President Thomas Klestil's office said the request would probably be made following a meeting with Klima set for Dec. 9. Klima will report to the president on the results of exploratory talks with the Austrian Peoples Party and other groups. "It can be assumed that at this meeting, Viktor Klima, as head of the largest party, will be charged with the formation of a government," Klestil's office said in the statement. So far, however, Klima has been unable to persuade the Peoples Party to join a new coalition.

## MEXICO



AFP Photo

Mexican army troops cordon off the Tiro del Norte Ranch near Juarez City at the U.S. border where some 600 Mexican and FBI agents are investigating a mass grave containing some 100 bodies. The victims are believed to have been killed by drug traffickers, and some may be U.S. nationals.

## More bodies found in Mexico

Associated Press

CIUDAD JUAREZ

Working on tips from informants, Mexican and U.S. officials armed with sophisticated technology apparently located the remains of three more bodies south of the Texas border Wednesday, bringing to five the number found in a slow search for some of 100 people missing in the region.

"At this moment we have indications that we have the remains of five persons," Jose Larrieta Carrasco, head of the organized crime unit for Mexico's attorney general's office, told reporters at the Rancho de la Campana, some 10 miles

southwest of Ciudad Juarez, across the border from El Paso, Texas.

"We're trying to determine if there are more," he added.

FBI forensic experts worked with Mexican soldiers and ski-masked police searching four desert ranches near the border, concentrating on two near Ciudad Juarez, the home base for the Juarez drug cartel, Mexico's largest and most violent drug-smuggling outfit of the mid-1990s.

While U.S. officials say an informant told them as many as 100 bodies might be buried at the ranches, officials now say they don't know how many bodies could be buried there.

Mexican Attorney

General Jorge Madrazo has said in several broadcast interviews that he has a list of about 100 people missing from 1994 to 1996 — 22 of them Americans. But he says he does not know how many of the missing might be buried in the desert.

The searchers have been using techniques ranging from ground-piercing radar and DNA analysis to old-fashioned shovels and sieves to hunt for and identify the dead.

On Wednesday, reporters saw investigators in hospital-type masks and gloves sifting sand and gravel over a screen near one of the compound's buildings.

Mexican officials say some 500 soldiers and 174 federal anti-drug agents

are taking part in the operation. U.S. officials say about 65 FBI personnel are also involved.

The three bodies discovered Wednesday come after remains thought to belong to two victims were uncovered Tuesday. So far, most of the remains have been fragmentary.

"There is a skull, some bones, some boots; there are bone fragments, including some that are small," Madrazo told the Radio Red network in Mexico early Wednesday. He said the remains would undergo DNA and other analyses by FBI and Mexican experts.

"At this moment, nobody in the world could tell you who they belong to," he said.

## SOUTH AFRICA

## World AIDS Day focuses on children

Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG

While AIDS activists handed out condoms in city buses in Bangkok and dropped them from a helicopter in Pretoria, much of the attention of World AIDS Day on Wednesday focused on the children — 11 million of whom have lost their parents.

"I have no idea of what my father looked like, what his voice or footsteps sounded like," Andrew Jackson Okrut of Uganda told a U.N. symposium in

New York, which was attended by First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and about 300 other dignitaries and experts.

In a report released Wednesday, U.N. officials estimated that 11 million children have already been orphaned by the pandemic, and that the number will reach 13 million by the end of next year.

Clinton took up their appeal, saying these children of a lost generation must not be lost as well.

*"I have no idea what my father looked like, what his voice or footsteps sounded like."*

**Andrew Okrut**  
orphaned son of AIDS victim

"We call upon all countries, all leaders, all business- es, all families, all citizens to take responsibility for these children and to ensure that the disease that robbed them of their mothers and fathers does

not continue to lay waste to their futures," she said.

Still, Dr. Peter Piot, executive director of UNAIDS, predicted that "things will get worse before they get better."

Developed countries have largely ignored the plight of AIDS orphans. "Had they lived in wealthy parts of North America or Europe, their fate would already have been declared a human tragedy," said Namibia's Foreign Minister Theo-Ben Gurirab, who is president of the U.N. General Assembly.

### Market Watch: 12/1

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SORREL CORP.	SOCL	-12.57	-2.6250	18.25
MCI WORLDWIDE COMM.	WCOW	-5.09	-4.4350	82.69
INTEL CORP.	INTC	-2.85	-2.2475	76.69

## Prof receives lifetime achievement award

By JESSICA DAUES  
News Writer

Raimo Vayrynen, a senior fellow at the Kroc Institute for Peace Studies and professor of government and international relations, received the 1999 Urho Kekkonen Prize Oct. 18.

Finnish President Martti Ahtisaari presented the yearly international relations award to Vayrynen during a ceremony in Helsinki, Finland.

"The award itself is for lifetime achievement," said Robert Johansen, director of the Kroc Institute. "It encompasses achievements primarily in the field of national

security questions. He is very well known throughout the world for his research and writing on the theoretical aspects of international relations."

Since earning his Ph.D. in 1973 from the University of Tampere, Vayrynen has made considerable contributions to Finland's foreign policy.

"While I was in Finland, I was a chair or member of several committees established by the foreign, education and defense ministries, and served in a number of diplomatic missions," said Vayrynen. He continues to work with several parliamentary and government committees in Finland.

Vayrynen has also made many contributions outside his native country. In addition to serving as a consultant for various foreign governments, Vayrynen is a permanent member of the Palme Commission.

"The Commission focused on disarmament and security issues, and developed a strategy for common international security," Vayrynen explained.

Since arriving at Notre Dame to serve as the director of the Kroc Institute in 1993, Vayrynen

has helped the University become more involved in world politics. In 1997, he organized the Canadian-Notre Dame conference on globalization and global governance.

"[The conference] brought together leading Canadian scholars and the Kroc Institute fellows to explore the prospects for governing the increasingly globalized world," said Vayrynen.

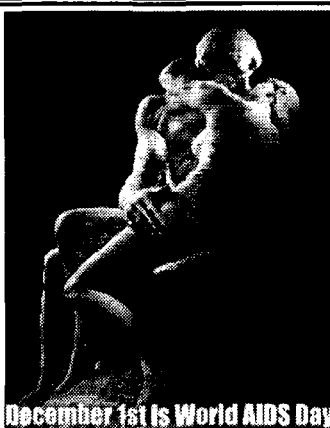
This collaboration resulted in the recently published book, "Breaking Cycles of Violence: Conflict Prevention in Intrastate Crises."

Vayrynen served as director of the Institute through 1998.

The Urho Kekkonen Prize is a highly prestigious award given by the Kekkonen Memorial Foundation, established in 1970 in honor of Finland's former president, who served from 1951-1981.

*"It [the award] encompasses achievements primarily in the field of national security questions."*

**Raimo Vayrynen  
professor**



December 1st is World AIDS Day

**HIV infection is the leading cause of death for Americans ages 25 to 44.**

HIV-related illness and death now have the greatest impact on young people.

There is a substantial increase in the rate of infection as individuals enter their late teens and early twenties, with infection rates peaking in the mid-to-late twenties. Between 1990 and 1995, incidence of AIDS rose nearly 20% among Americans ages 13 to 25 and by more than 130% among young heterosexual men and women.

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**Behavior associated with alcohol and other drug abuse is the leading cause of new HIV infections.**

Alcohol abuse contributes to the spread of HIV when individuals engage in risky, unintentional sexual behaviors that they might not engage in when sober. Numerous studies have documented that alcohol abusers and other drug users are at risk for HIV through both drug-related and sexual behaviors, which places their partners at risk. Noninjection drugs (such as "crack" cocaine) also contribute to the spread of the AIDS epidemic when users trade sex for drugs or money. Sharing syringes and other equipment for drug injection also transmits the HIV/AIDS virus.

Injection drug use impacts all individual--not only the drug user. People who engage in sexual activity with an injection drug user (IDU) also are at risk for infection through the sexual transmission of HIV. In addition, children born to HIV + mothers may become infected. Since the epidemic began, injection drug use has directly and indirectly accounted for more than one-third (36%) of AIDS cases in the US. This disturbing trend appears to be continuing.

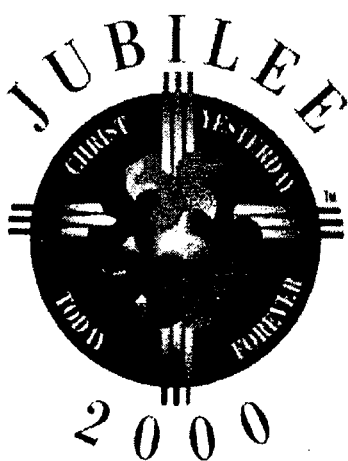
IDU-associated AIDS accounts for a larger proportion of cases among women than among men. Since the epidemic began, 59% of all AIDS cases among women have been attributed to injection drug use or sexual activity with IDU partners.

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## XV World Youth Day, 2000

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*Dear young people, I invite you to undertake with joy the pilgrimage to Rome...*

**—Pope John Paul II**

Campus Ministry and the Congregation of Holy Cross are sponsoring a pilgrimage to World Youth Day, 2000 for Notre Dame students from **August 13 to 21, 2000**. The availability is limited to 24 students. Some financial assistance will be provided for those students selected.

Please note, World Youth Day will be the weekend of Freshman Orientation and Registration at Notre Dame. Students may need to make arrangements to move into the dorms in mid-August.



More information and applications are now available at the Campus Ministry Office in Hesburgh Library. For more on XV World Youth Day, 2000 see the official Vatican webpage at: <http://www.vatican.va/>



# Power lectures on the importance of extracurriculars

By KATE STEER  
Assistant News Editor

In a study based on her dissertation research, Ann Power found that not only are extracurricular activities a necessary part of attaining post-secondary education, but they are also determinants of desire to do so.

The three goals of education are to provide occupational structure, prepare for citizenship and to enable social mobility, said Power. Extracurricular participation increases the chances of attaining these goals.

Power defined extracurricular activities as those outside formal academic and vocational structures, not usually bearing credit. Her study looked at school-sponsored activities,

though she acknowledged that many non-school-related activities also play a role in the correlation between participation and education.

"In the extracurriculum, the student-teacher relationships are more egalitarian," said Power of the additional benefits of involvement. Relationships in the extracurricular setting are vital mentor-student relationships that motivate and prepare students for education. These benefits often lead to an increased awareness of people and the world, which lead to a desire for further educational opportunity.

"In schools with separation by ability, students are more likely to encounter disparate others," she said. Such exposure has the same effect as does more interpersonal relationship with teachers and sponsors.

The drop-out rate of those who participate in extracurricular activities is less than their non-involved counterparts. Power's theory is that the more time-intensive the activity, the more involved the student and the less time he or she will spend on activities that distract from academic obligations.

"Students are constantly being evaluated publicly," Power said. "They develop a certain degree of tolerance for education, where education is the ability to cope with stresses of school." Participation in extracurricular activities increases tolerance because it is

a source of affective support and interpersonal relationships.

Extracurricular activities not only increase interest in continuing education into college, but they also increase the likelihood of the actual pursuit of such education. Athletes, because they are more visible members of schools than non-athletes, are more likely to attract career and academic attention and counseling.

High school students are often influenced by their peers to the extent of adopting their friends' ideas and aspirations.

"I found a positive and significant relationship between

involvement in one or more extracurricular activities and friends' interest in education," said Power.

Extracurricular participation provides students with both adult and peer role models and support. Adults serve as models of achievement motivation, personal validation of talents and skills, moral support, guidance and normative influence.

Peers are a positive social pressure and are examples of positive attitudes toward post-secondary education, high-achievers and preparation for college. These influences are positive motivations for attaining college education.

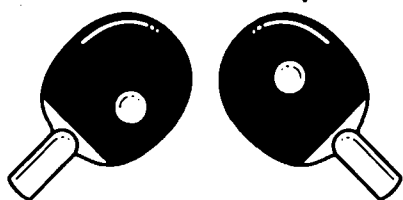
Power's lecture, "The Role of Extracurricular Participation in the Post-Secondary Preparation Process," was sponsored by the Institute for Educational Initiatives.

*"In schools with separation by ability, students are more likely to encounter disparate others."*

**Ann Powers**  
professor

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## Ind. Court refuses to hear case

Associated Press

SAINT MEINRAD, Ind. Officials at the Saint Meinrad School of Theology say they are pleased that the Indiana Supreme Court declined to hear the case of a nun who lost her teaching job at the school.

Meanwhile, Sister Carmel McEnroy, fired after publicly criticizing Pope John Paul II's stance on women joining the priesthood, said she will continue her legal battle.

The Indiana Supreme Court declined to hear Sister McEnroy's case when it denied her petition on Nov. 19. Therefore, an Indiana Court of Appeals ruling on the

matter will stand.

On June 24, the appellate court upheld a decision by Spencer Circuit Judge Wayne Roell. He had said his court had no jurisdiction in the lawsuit filed by Sister McEnroy because the case delved too deeply into a religious issue.

"My lawyer is prepared to take this to the U.S. Supreme Court,"

Sister McEnroy said Monday. She is represented by Ron Sheffer, an attorney from Henderson, Ky.

The nun taught Roman Catholic theology and doctrine for 14 years at St. Meinrad, where she was a tenured professor.

In 1994, the pope declared

in an Apostolic Letter that the ordination of women as priests no longer was an issue. Several months later, Sister McEnroy was among 1,500 people who signed a letter of protest published in the National Catholic Reporter.

At the time, she said the letter's intent was to generate

more debate on the subject and that she had signed it as an individual, not as a representative of the school.

According to court documents, Sister McEnroy was fired in 1995 after St. Meinrad officials saw the published letter. She sued, alleging breach of contract and denial of due process.

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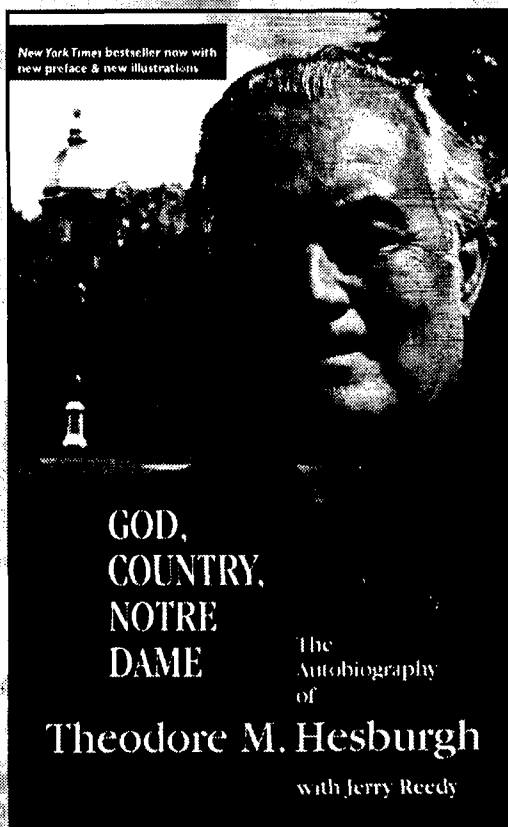
**Sister Carmel McEnroy**  
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## Indiana University debates golf course

Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. The Indiana University Board of Trustees delayed a vote on a controversial golf course Wednesday, a day after environmentalists and other opponents spoke out against it.

The trustees issued a statement saying they will not vote on the golf course when they meet Thursday in Indianapolis. The postponed vote is one of several the trustees must take before the golf course wins approval.

"The trustees of Indiana University listened carefully on Tuesday to opponents and proponents of the proposed new golf course. The trustees believe they need ample time to consider these issues, particularly the positions taken by the campus community," the statement said.

University officials say the private golf course they've proposed would enhance wildlife, control erosion and not harm the water supply of a nearby lake, but it still has met oppo-

sition from residents of the area, professors and students.

At the public hearing, 61 of 85 speakers spoke against the course.

"We've got game at Indiana University," said Meredith West, an IU professor of psychology and biology. "Do we have the guts to let nature win this round?"

One group presented petitions with more than 2,000 signatures. A separate petition signed by more than 300 faculty asks IU to suspend talks with the developer to more closely investigate the impact.

IU announced in August it was negotiating with Indiana Club LLC to design, construct and operate the private, Jack Nicklaus-signature golf course next to the university's public course northeast of campus.

Supporters of the new course who spoke Wednesday included the developer, tourism officials and the IU golf team that would play there.

The course would be open to memberships for IU faculty, staff, students and alumni.

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## Clinton speaks on WTO protesters

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER  
Associated Press

### SEATTLE

As arrests mounted and National Guard troops patrolled outside, delegates from 135 nations tried today to resuscitate global trade talks that thousands of protesters had brought to a standstill.

President Clinton condemned the violent demonstrations. But he also warned that the World Trade Organization would have to listen to the concerns of the masses of peaceful protesters who insisted that workers' rights and environmental protection be taken into account in trade agreements.

Determined to project a business-as-usual air, Clinton stuck to a schedule that had him touring Seattle's busy port facilities and delivering a speech touting the benefits of open trade to Washington state apple farmers.

Late Wednesday, he was addressing delegates from around the world who had come here for a world trade group's meeting.

His motorcade traveled on city streets that had the air of a war zone — boarded-up windows, trash on sidewalks and other remnants of Tuesday's violent clashes.

Clinton said the peaceful protests, including 35,000 union workers and their families parading against the WTO, were in "the best American tradition."

"For those who came here to

peacefully make their point, I welcome them here because I want them to be integrated into the longer-term debate," Clinton said in his speech at the Seattle port.

"To those who came here to break windows and hurt small businesses, or stop people from going to meetings or having their say, I condemn them," he said.

Seattle police, stunned by the chaos in the streets on Tuesday,

called in 200 unarmed National Guard troops and 300 state police to help keep calm Wednesday — and to enforce a no-protest zone in the downtown area.

Authorities also had declared a state of emergency and imposed a night curfew.

The police, who saw their efforts to exercise restraint backfire, greatly intensified the pace of arrests, rounding up about 300 demonstrators by early afternoon. That total included 200 demonstrators arrested in a city park just two blocks from Clinton's hotel.

On Tuesday, which was to have been the opening day of WTO activities, demonstrators had rampaged through the downtown area, breaking windows in dozens of buildings, vandalizing patrol cars and

buses and setting fires.

Police dressed in riot gear fired pepper gas and plastic pellets into clumps of demonstrators who were blocking streets around the downtown theater where the WTO had planned to hold its opening ceremonies.

In contrast to opening day, the WTO meetings got under way on schedule on Wednesday with more than 1,000 delegates filling chairs

in a giant auditorium at the convention center to listen to trade ministers give speeches in support of their negotiating positions.

Meanwhile, the real work of the meet-

ings, which are scheduled to end Friday, was going on behind closed doors. U.S. Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky and other trade ministers haggled over exactly what items would be covered in a new round of trade negotiations the WTO hopes will be launched this week.

Clinton is pushing to have the WTO include in the new round of talks environmental and labor issues, seeking to address the concerns of U.S. labor unions and environmental groups, which make up two major constituencies of the Democratic Party.

*"To those who came here to break windows and hurt small businesses, or stop people from going to meetings or having their say, I condemn them."*

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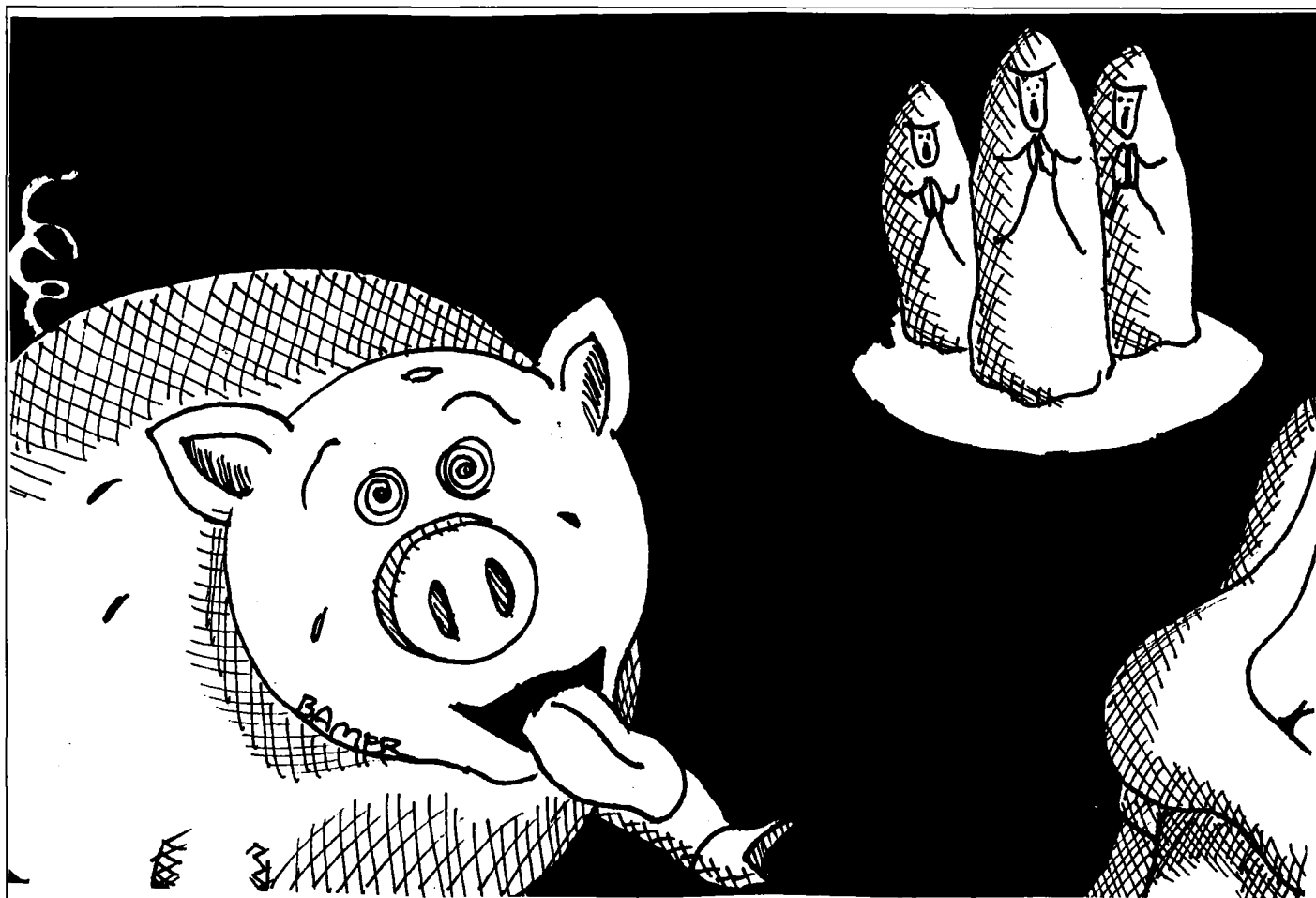
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## Be aware of the signs you send to men

This article is not for men. It's for women, to tell them how we misinterpret some of your signs.

In their relationships with women, men come in two kinds: the pig and the good guy. The pig only thinks about how to get a girl into bed. The good guy has a strong sexual drive, but he knows what is important: He looks for a person, because he wants to spend his life with her.

Imagine a pig walking into a dorm party. He wants sex, so he looks for the most pleasure for the least effort. Who will be the easiest to get into bed? You might think, "It's impossible to know who is easy and who's not."

But there are ways of telling, and everybody knows them. Is it the girl wearing tight, revealing clothes? Is she very physical, touching us constantly? Does she dance sexually? Can you tell that she has been drinking? What kind of party is this: a clean one or a dirty one? Also, is she smoking or swearing? Do her friends look like they are easy and slutty? The signs come down to: Is she sexy and hot? Now, the woman many not be aware of this. She wears those clothes because they make her

feel sexy; little does she know what effect she is having on the men in the room. All she wants is a good time and a little bit of attention. Or she may want sex. The pig doesn't care. He wants to seduce you. If you look and act easy, you must be easy. Once you have been classified, if you say "no," you're just playing hard to get. Because all the pig wants is pleasure, he doesn't want your fertility or your family. Don't expect him to be understanding or caring (unless it is part of the game). Don't expect him to commit, and don't expect him to be faithful.

Now, suppose the pig sees her instead coming out of church, wearing beautiful clothes that don't reveal anything except that there is a person who values herself and expects men to value her. The pig thinks, "She's good looking, but to get her I would have to make too many sacrifices."

But suppose there is a good guy coming out of church with her. The good guy thinks, "She doesn't look like dozens have handled her: She doesn't look like damaged goods. She looks like the kind who would make a good girlfriend, a careful mother and a faithful wife." To this kind of woman, he is willing to commit. By the signs she sends to men, she shows that she values herself and that she will not choose a few years of dirty fun and a lifetime of bad marriages.

The good guy wants to make you happy. If you look and act worthwhile, chances are you are worthwhile. Because the good guy wants a good life,

he takes all of you: your bad days and your good days, your children, your ideas, your relatives, your friends, your past and your future. Expect him to be genuinely understanding and caring. Expect him to commit. Expect him to be faithful.

Of course fun and happiness are not opposites. Of course being holy does not disqualify having fun — hey, being holy almost requires having fun! But sometimes you have to choose what kind of fun you want to have because some kinds of fun lead to a bad life.

This article is for all those good women who want good relationships and a good marriage. This for all who think that to catch a good man they must dress provocatively. What they get is a pig and they make good guys into pigs. Mr. Right will not marry a slutty-looking girl. He has learned what self-control means; he expects you to know it too.

If I had it my way, I would hope that all of you women of Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross will be like my own sisters: They know their dignity is worth more than a few sordid parties. They show that they demand respect by the way they dress and act. So choose, and know what you choose.

*Gabriel Martinez is a graduate student in the department of economics. His column runs every other Thursday. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.*



Gabriel  
Martinez

*Like Arrows  
in the Hands  
of a Warrior*

### DILBERT

SCOTT ADAMS

### QUOTE OF THE DAY



*"Be intent on action, not the fruits of action; Be impartial to failure and success — this equanimity is called discipline."*

Bhagavad Gita  
sacred Hindu text

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Doppler 16: not just a promotional gimmick, really!

As you all learned in high school English and journalism classes, part of the media's job is "to inform and educate," the public. And since those folks at The Observer are crazy enough to GIVE me 10 inches of white space in which to rant every two weeks, I am a member (albeit a somewhat dubious one) of the media. So, this week I thought I would actually take my job seriously and try to "inform and educate" you, the public, about an exciting new development on the South Bend news scene.



Nakasha  
Ahmad

This will make you, the average news-watcher, a lot better prepared for the ills that may befall you in this treacherous world of ours.

The development? The brand new and completely unique Super Doppler 16. Yes, those wonderful folks over at NewsCenter 16 — the same people that work hard to bring you Storm Team 16 in those hazardous winter months — have recently built their OWN weather center. They now have Super Doppler 16 weather radar, providing you — yes, YOU — with the latest up-to-the-minute weather coverage. The other stations don't HAVE their own weather stations, so they have to wait for the official reports.

Apparently, the only way to get around that is to build your own weather station. And the quality folks at NBC have done just that to serve us and bring us up-to-the-nanosecond weather info.

Now, you might want to know, how much more quickly Super Doppler 16 bring us satellite pictures to us? When do we get to be the first to find out what's brewing in the brooding skies over South Bend, Ind.? Well, folks, this may be unbelievable, but we, the privileged people who exclusively watch NewsCenter 16, get our weather an average of are you ready for this — not three, not four, not even five, but TEN minutes sooner than the rest of Michiana! A whole 10 minutes! That's one-sixth of an hour! By building Super Doppler 16, NewsCenter 16 is giving you weather information faster than any other station in Michiana. Storm heading your way? Tune into NBC to know when the rain is going to start pouring down 10 minutes faster than everybody else. And why has WNDU built this weather station? To serve you better.

Now, some of you might be thinking that 10 minutes is not a long time. You might think that getting your weather news at 6:30 instead of 6:20 is not a big deal. Or you might even, heaven forbid, think this is all a bunch of unmitigated hype and nonsense.

Please.

Imagine yourself as a young scout in the ancient city of Pompeii. Imagine having an angry Vesuvius looming over your doorstep, ready at any second to deliver on its promise of a gory, lava-and-ash-encrusted death. Imagine that your local geology guy or gal had miraculously built a state-of-the-art volcano tracking system that let you know 10 minutes earlier than everyone else if good old Mount Vesuvius felt like blowing its top that particular day. Don't tell me you wouldn't like to have a 10-minute head start on the general stampede of panic? Sure, you might not get that much farther, and you might still die a gory, lava-and-ash-encrusted death, but you would be 10 minutes further along than everyone else.

My point here is that we shouldn't really dismiss Super Doppler 16 as, say, a completely useless promotional gimmick playing on our anal-retentive need to dissect every bit of information on the state of the air and precipitation levels outside. No. Super Doppler 16 fulfills a deep-seeded need we have to know about the state of the weather and to know about it NOW. We should thank WNDU for fulfilling this need.

Meanwhile, make sure to check out Super Doppler 16 before heading outside.

*Nakasha Ahmad is a senior at Saint Mary's College. Her column runs every other Thursday. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.*

So, What's  
My Point?

### University employees deserve our appreciation

I know we all have our gripes and complaints about this university, but I think, when it comes right down to it, a lot of us (admit it) LOVE Notre Dame. I, for one, am happy to be here, and I think others feel the same way.

Even though the administration does not always make us happy, our professors don't always give us the grades we want and this is no Utopian University, we should have some appreciation for the hard work and time that people put in to making Notre Dame work.

From the grounds crew and the housekeepers to the officers of the University, people care about Notre Dame and make an effort to do their

best in order to make it a great place for us students.

As the end of the semester approaches — even in the midst of stress — we can all take the time to communicate our appreciation for the people dedicated to this place. Saying the two words "thank you" takes less than a second, but lasts much longer in the minds of those to whom you say it.

Maria Feilmeyer  
Junior  
Welsh Family Hall  
November 30, 1999

### 'Sense of family' not felt in SMC financial aid office

On May 15, 1999, I sat in the LeMans courtyard with 300 of my fellow classmates as we made the progression from Saint Mary's students Alumnae. As with many college graduations, there were several speeches given that day, and each of these people spoke of the sense of community at Saint Mary's that makes it such a special college to attend. They spoke of the commitment Saint Mary's has to each student. That day, as I sat among the women I had been privileged to know, I felt two things. First, I felt that none of this really needed to be said at commencement; after all, we had gone to Saint Mary's for four years and we already had a profound knowledge and respect for the special character and sense of community cultivated at Saint Mary's. Second, I entered the ranks of its alumnae with an unparalleled sense of pride.

But I am not writing about my own experience here, I am actually writing on behalf of another woman sitting there that day. She was not among the graduates. She did not receive a degree that day. She was in the audience. She was there as a friend. She was there as a member of the community. She was there listening to speech after speech about how Saint Mary's prides itself on its commitment to students, its sense of place, the support that an institution so small and undergraduate-focused can offer a student. She was there thinking about her own day to sit on the courtyard in a cap and gown. She was as proud as I was to be a Saint Mary's student. She believed what they said. She believed what they had been saying since the first letter arrived at her house from Saint Mary's five years ago. She believed it, she was proud of it. So was I. So was everyone. I was wrong.

So was she.

My friend is now about to be a second-semester senior. She carries a 3.7 GPA. She has been involved in many Saint Mary's organizations and clubs. She needs one more semester, 15 credit hours to have her day on the Le Mans courtyard. Unfortunately, she recently had a falling out with her parents, and they have refused to pay her final semester's tuition. I can't imagine what it is like to be in her position: to be so close to achieving a goal you have worked so hard for and to have it all yanked out from underneath you.

When she found out her parents wouldn't pay she was upset, but she was calm. She believed that the family — the community that Saint Mary's had prided itself on — would be there to assist her. She didn't expect a free ride; she only expected support, assistance and a loan. Once again, she was wrong.

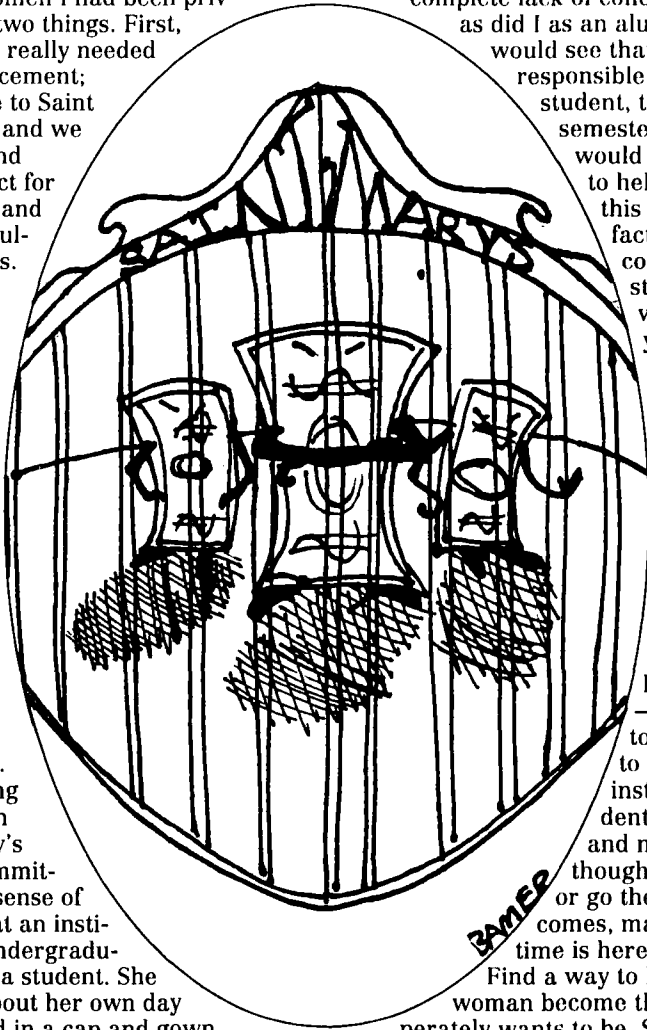
Since all of this happened, Saint Mary's has only responded with a dismissive attitude and a complete lack of concern. She suspected, as did I as an alum, that Saint Mary's would see that she has been a responsible and conscientious student, that she has only one semester to go, and they would find a way, any way, to help her get through this final semester. The fact that Saint Mary's could complacently stand by as a student who has given three years to them is forced to withdraw five months from graduation makes me ashamed. It makes me wish that I had not been so naive to believe them when they told us we were special, that they would help, that they cared.

This is my challenge to Saint Mary's — be what you claim to be. If you claim not to be a bureaucratic institution where students are pushed through and nobody gives a thought to whether you stay or go then, when the time comes, make it happen. The time is here. The time is now.

Find a way to help this young woman become the alumna she desperately wants to be. She chose Saint Mary's; now it's time for you to choose her. Prove that the sense of community you claim to cultivate was not a piece of marketing strategy to manipulate students to attend your college. Make us all proud that we chose to become Saint Mary's students and alumnae. My friend and I will be here waiting, and if you still claim there is nothing you can do, I suppose you should send all your students home, board up the buildings and put an end to the game you have exacted on hundreds of unsuspecting young women.

I ask you now Saint Mary's, as one of your own, writing on behalf of one of your own, what will you do?

Kelly Curtis  
SMC Class of 1999  
November 30, 1999



## CORRECTION

The letter to the editor, "Wild Women Encounter Restaurant Racism," that ran Dec. 1 incorrectly attributed authorship to Cristóbal Saldaña. The Observer regrets the error.

## MOVIE REVIEW

# Here's another dead-end millennium movie

By MIKE McMORROW  
Scene Movie Critic

Amidst all the media and cultural hype surrounding the entrance to the new millennium, it is not a surprise to see a slew of apocalyptic, religiously-charged movies that deal with "the end of the world."

One might hope, however, that filmmakers would take advantage of such an interest and create something that is both interesting and intelligent. Alas, put all hopes aside, because if Schwarzenegger's newest extravaganza, "End of Days," is representative of the way Hollywood is going to treat the coming of 2000, then the thinking public is going to feel cheated.

The film opens with the birth of a child who has been "chosen" to be the mother of the anti-Christ. If she is impregnated between the hours of 11 p.m. and midnight on Dec. 31, 1999, she will give birth to that which will "bring about the end of the world." Satan must discover her, so the forces of darkness embody themselves in human form, taking the form of the Man, played by Gabriel Byrne.

However, along the way Byrne has to face Arnold, who plays a security worker named Jericho who has a drinking problem. He takes it upon himself to protect the girl (named Christine, played by Robin Tunney), after an encounter with Thomas Aquinas — a former Vatican priest who understands what's about to go down on New Year's Eve.

Viewers also get a glimpse of the Vatican's response and handling of the situation (which they understand through the book of Revelation, which is amusingly also Jericho's method of figuring out what's going on). One cardinal wants to kill the girl, but the pope insists that they simply "must have faith."

Jericho doesn't like this. He had lost his faith when his wife and daughter were murdered a couple of years prior to his meeting Satan. As a result, he insists

## "End of Days"



out of five shamrocks

**Director:** Peter Hyams

**Starring:** Arnold

Schwarzenegger, Robin Tunney,

Gabriel Byrne, Kevin Pollack and

Rod Steiger

on taking the militant route to protecting Christine, even though the Man is completely invulnerable to any physical harm. And even though Jericho acknowledges the Man as being Satan, he still refuses to have any faith in God.

Priests are introduced along the way, as are the parents of Christine and others who are involved one way or another. The Man does some bombing along the way, scarring people in Manhattan. And of course, there is even a scene in which one woman is diagnosed to being a stigmatic. ("Stigmata," another member of the millennium-movie club, looks like a cinematic wonder compared to this.)

Viewers also get a bonus dose of Kevin Pollack, who assists Jericho with his attempts to fight off the Man.

Byrne has fun with the role (although not as much fun as Pacino had in when it was his turn to play Satan in "Devil's Advocate"). He enjoys his opportunities to sadistically grin at his lowly human targets. He plays the part with merciless, laconic wit, and it is the best part of the film.

Arnold, however, is anything but witty, and is too dressed up in his melodramatic, all-too-serious mode of thinking that he is at all credible as a dramatic actor.

What "End of Days" is, then, is a movie that drags and has nothing intelligent to say about its subject. It wouldn't be as bad if, instead aiming for substantive tension and drama, the film aimed more at being witty and showcased its actors' talent for being in on the joke. Only Byrne touches on this, and even he hits the right notes fleetingly.



Photo courtesy of Universal Pictures

Arnold Schwarzenegger returns to the big screen in his latest film, "End of Days."

Not to mention logic — "End of Days" may well want to seem knowledgeable and logical and insightful, but it is purely on the surface, and it quickly loses this image.

Absurdities abound. One priest actually points out that "666" turned upside-down is "999"! In addition, the dialogue is outlandishly bad, even for a movie that has to strive to keep viewers interested even with its explosions, weaponry and Arnold.

In a film like this, it is the highest praise to say filmmakers at least had some understanding and consequent wits about what they were doing. It seems probable even the makers of "End of Days" would understand the criticisms made against it.

## VIDEO PICK OF THE WEEK

# Don't swim past 'Rumble Fish' at the video store

By JOHN CRAWFORD  
Scene Movie Critic

Francis Ford Coppola hasn't been the same since the making of "Apocalypse Now."

Sure, the director of classics such as "The Godfather" trilogy and "The Conversation" has made other films since the 1979 war epic, but he's lost his stature as one of America's premiere filmmakers. Perhaps the many problems associated with the long production of "Apocalypse" — a flirtation with bankruptcy, a typhoon that wiped out the film's sets, the heart attack of leading-man Martin Sheen — took too much of a toll on the Oscar-winning director. Coppola himself has said that the man who made "The Godfather" died in the jungles of the Philippines while making the war film.

Since that production, one failed or overblown effort has followed another for Coppola. Nowadays, he's reduced to being a gun for hire, directing such uninspired studio fare as "Jack" and "The Rainmaker."

However, one of Coppola's post-"Apocalypse" films, 1983's "Rumble Fish," has been undeservedly overlooked. Featuring a strong ensemble cast of young actors, many of whom went on to become stars, it's an original and intelligent film about gangs and two

## "Rumble Fish"

**Director:** Francis Ford Coppola

**Starring:** Matt Dillon, Mickey

Rourke, Diane Lane, Dennis Hopper,

Nicholas Cage and Laurence

Fishburne

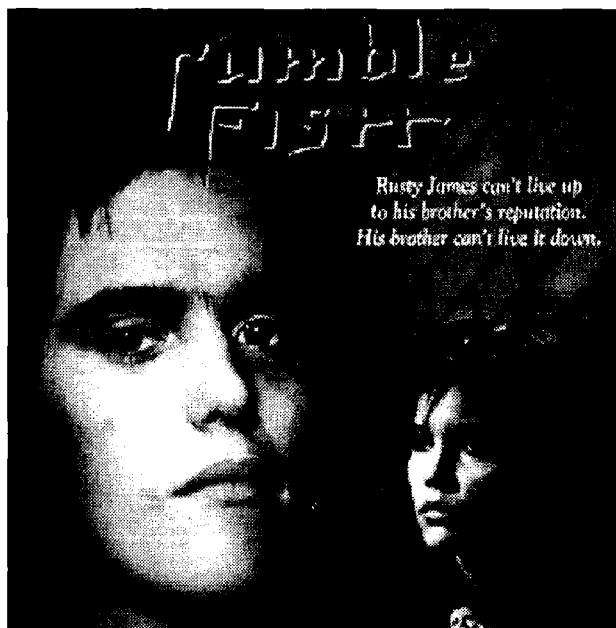


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Francis Ford Coppola's "Rumble Fish," starring Matt Dillon, is one of his few achievements post-"Apocalypse Now."

brothers dealing with their memories of the past and a future rushing towards them.

One of two adaptations of novels by juvenile writer S.E. Hinton directed by Coppola, the other being 1983's "The Outsiders" (the director actually shot the two films back to back), "Rumble Fish" stars Matt Dillon and Mickey Rourke as the story's two brothers.

Dillon plays Rusty James, who longs for the old days when gangs were kings, when rumblings were fought on battlefields full of glory. Rourke plays his older brother Motorcycle Boy, a street hero who used to lead the gangs but now wonders where he was leading them to. He is the Pied Piper without a purpose.

The brothers roam a world that is both fantastic and fatally realistic. Shot in black and white, the film depicts a nowhere-place where steam swirls over the street as if the town is asleep in a dream and where violence erupts in back alleys and under bridges. It's a world where poetry meets blood and broken glass.

It's also a film obsessed with time. Numerous shots are full of clocks; ticking timepieces hum in the background for much of the movie. The soundtrack, composed by The Police drummer Stewart Copeland, pulses with cymbals and drums that count off the seconds. Coppola films passing clouds and creeping shadows to show the passing of days and how the youth of the characters is slowly but steadily passing away.

"Time is a funny thing," mumbles singer Tom Waits, playing the bartender at the pool parlor where many characters fumble away their days picking fights and shooting endless games of stick.

Besides Waits, the film features a strong supporting cast including Nicholas Cage, Laurence Fishburne (who is so young he is referred to as "Larry" in the closing credits), Diane Lane and Dennis Hopper, who surprisingly turns down the volume on his crazy and manic nature and gives a sweet, understated performance as the brothers' alcoholic father.

With such solid actors and its depiction of a brutal yet surreal world, "Rumble Fish" is a movie that, while certainly not up to Coppola masterworks like parts 1 and 2 of "The Godfather," deserves a second look.



## MOVIE REVIEW

# Disney sequel toys with life lessons

By CHRISTINE KRALY  
Scene Movie Critic

Very rarely do movies come along that both parents and children can enjoy. Too often, children's movies have humor and storylines lost on adults. Disney movies, however, aim to bridge the gap between the age groups. And with "Toy Story 2," they have done it again.

"Toy Story 2" returns the original characters from the first animated tale for more hilarious adventures. Tom Hanks and Tim Allen lend their voices again to main characters Woody and Buzz Lightyear. The two team up once again with Mr. Potatohead (Don Rickles), Rex (Wallace Shawn) and Hamm (John Ratzenberger) in Andy's bedroom, the wonderland where toys come alive when humans leave the room.

There are new faces like Jessie (Joan Cusack) and the Prospector (Kelsey Grammer), who make up "Woody's Round-Up," a television show in which Woody discovers he used to star. Mr. Potatohead has found his match with Mrs. Potatohead (Estelle Harris), and the little green army men are back to run the bedroom.

In the latest "Toy" tale, however, the toys encounter a multitude of problems.

Andy leaves for cowboy camp and the toys are left for a weekend on their own. They're not prepared, however, for the event that shakes their toyland world. It's the thing every Slinky or jump rope fears: the yard sale. While rescuing a friend from the rummage, Woody is stolen by an obsessed toy collector. This leads the rest of Andy's toys on a rescue mission to save Woody from being sold to a museum.

It seems everyone has his or her own demons to battle this time around.

Buzz has a new nemesis, Zurg, who is determined to destroy the space ranger.

Just as Buzz had difficulty accepting that he was just a toy in the first movie, Woody goes through a similar emotional journey in the second installment. A single rip in Woody's arm becomes a catalyst in his diminishing self-esteem. Has he become too old to be a child's friend? Will Andy want to play with newer, more exciting toys? A separated stitch becomes the difference between youth and cowboy retirement.

While in captivity, Woody meets Jessie and the Prospector, fellow cow persons who once starred in

"Woody's Round-Up." They try to persuade Woody to leave his friends from Andy's room and become part of a toy exhibit in a Japanese museum. With pressure from these new characters, Woody is forced to remember the importance of friendship and loyalty.

With "Toy Story 2," Disney has disproven the age-old theory that sequels aren't as good as the originals. The talented animators at Pixar and Disney are back with new characters and even sharper humor that can make a 6- or 60-year-old roll in the aisles.

Writers and animators get a little ambitious when the story leads the characters on a rampant airplane chase scene. (The audience knows toys don't magically come to life, and they accept that. But can they accept a wooden cowboy hanging from an airplane's landing gear?) It seems ironic to call such a scene unrealistic, but come on, everyone knows Mr. Potatohead would lose more than just a foot if he got stuck in semi-truck traffic.

Even with the break from animated reality, "Toy Story 2" accomplishes great goals. It not only entertains but also teaches children. From the movie's theme song, "You've Got a Friend in Me," to Woody's journey to self-discovery, the movie teaches its viewers to love life and the people around them. One consistency within most Disney movies is a laden lesson. Just as "The Lion King" emphasized the importance of family, "Toy Story 2" makes sure audience members learn that their friends are their family.

And while the youngest of viewers might love the movie for its cool animation or slapstick comedy, the message is not lost on even the oldest movie-goers. Parents and adults can appreciate the movie for reminding them that although people age in years, they should never age in spirit. The movie makes them remember that they're all just kids at heart.

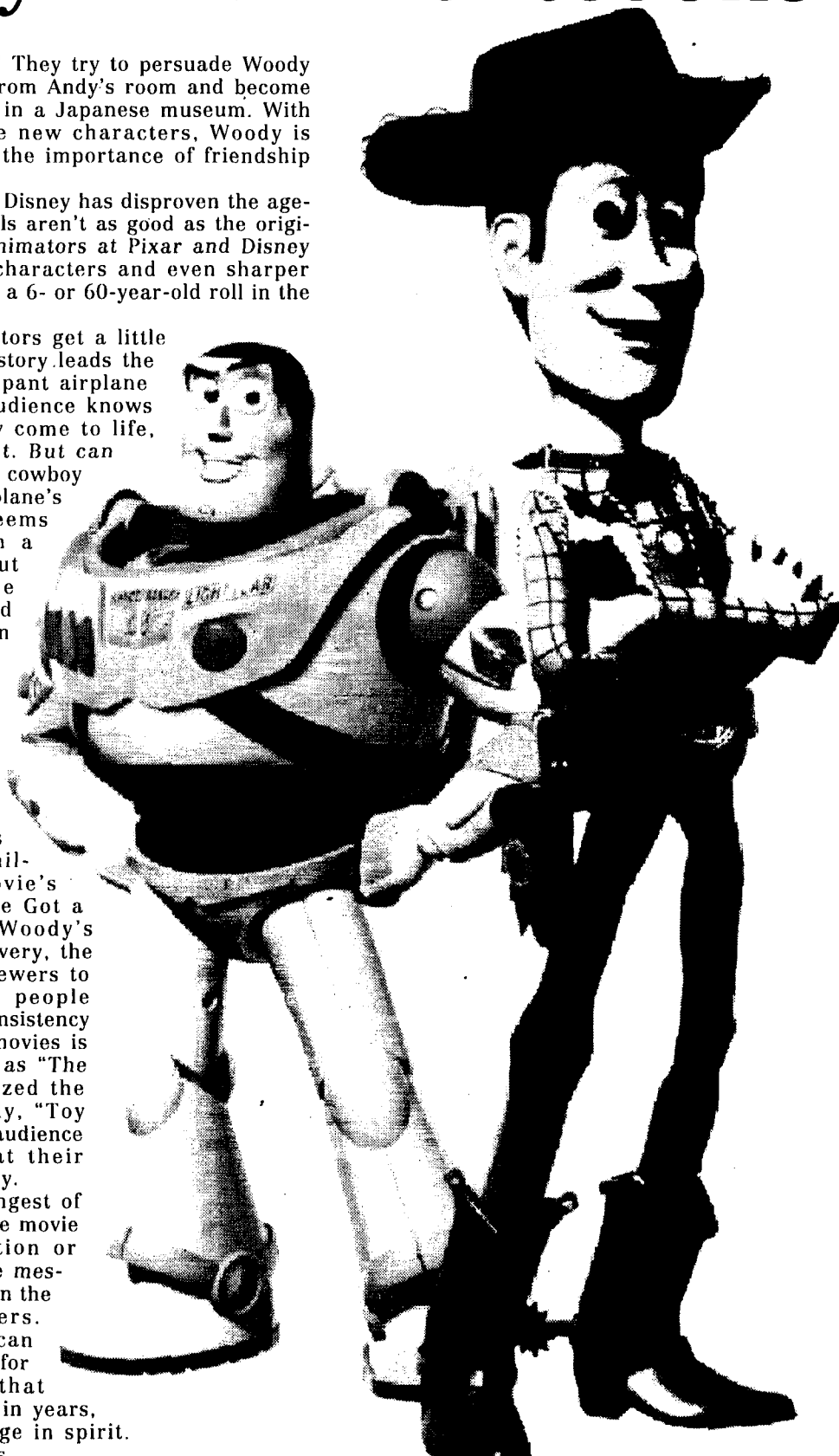


Photo courtesy of Walt Disney Pictures

Animated favorites like Woody (Tom Hanks) and Buzz Lightyear (Tim Allen) return in "Toy Story 2."

## BOX OFFICE



Walt Disney Pictures' "Toy Story 2" topped the box office charts for the weekend following Thanksgiving at \$57.4 million. The film broke the five-day Thanksgiving record with \$80.5 million. "The World is not Enough" continued its strong run at the box office with a \$23.2 million gross over the weekend.

Photo courtesy of Walt Disney Pictures

## Top Ten

Weekend of Nov. 26-28

Movie Title	Weekend Sales	Total Sales
1. Toy Story 2	\$ 57.4 million	\$ 80.5 million
2. The World is not Enough	\$ 23.2 million	\$ 75.5 million
3. End of Days	\$ 20.5 million	\$ 31.5 million
4. Sleepy Hollow	\$ 18.4 million	\$ 61.6 million
5. Pokemon	\$ 7.1 million	\$ 77.7 million
6. The Bone Collector	\$ 5.5 million	\$ 53.7 million
7. Dogma		\$ 21.0 million
8. Anywhere But Here	\$ 2.8 million	\$ 14.6 million
9. The Insider	\$ 2.5 million	\$ 22.1 million
10. Being John Malkovich	\$ 2.0 million	\$ 11.9 million

## SWIMMING

## Irish aim for double victory in Notre Dame Invitational

By NOREEN GILLESPIE  
Saint Mary's Editor

Fall semester work will culminate next week in the classroom, but the men's swimming and diving team will face its true test this weekend in the water.

Entering three days of competition at Rolfs Aquatic Center, the 1-3 squad will put its fall training efforts to the test to close the first half of their season.

"If this were class, this meet is the final exam," said head coach Tim Welsh. "The next time we put this much emphasis on a meet will be the Big East Championships."

Men's competition will be fairly tight this weekend, with a mix of 10 returning and new teams competing in Irish home waters. Michigan State, Western Kentucky, Toledo and Wyoming all pose strong competition for the Irish, but show no clear-cut frontrunner.

"The meet is up for grabs at this point," Welsh said. "If you look at the entry, you can't run down it and say, 'This team wins.' It's going to make life very competitive."

The Irish are relying on consistent standouts freestyler Ray Fitzpatrick, butterfly Ryan Verlin and breastroker Dan Szilier to pull in points.

But a strong showing for the Irish will require team depth as well as standout performances. Looking to continue consistent top finishes in the distance events, Welsh will look to several athletes to emerge in the sprint freestyles, one of the team's weak points.

"We'll rely on two or three people for sure, but we'll really be looking to people to step up and take leadership positions," Welsh said.

The strategy will be a simple one. "In simple terms? We want to swim as fast as we can in every event," Welsh said. "If we can do that, the points will take care of themselves. It's that simple."

Posting fast swims in the morning sessions will be key for those points because of the trials and finals format of the meet.

"You win the championship at night, you lose the meet in the morning," Welsh said. "We need to swim fast in the morning to

qualify for finals in the right places."

The undefeated women's swimming and diving squad will also seek to defend its home turf this weekend, taking on nine registered teams. To keep its win streak going, it will need to ward off strong competition from University of Wyoming and Michigan State.

"We're not taking anything for granted, but we're excited to be swimming at our home facility," said assistant coach Kristin Heath. "This is a big meet for the men, and we're excited to be able to swim the meet alongside them. When you get more Irish swimmers around, there's a lot of excitement."

Defending a second place finish last year, the Irish women will be forced to look to the team's depth to step up and fill in key positions. Top scorers Carrie Nixon, Brooke Davey and Shannon Suddarth left campus Wednesday to compete in the U.S. Open this weekend.

"We will have to look to some of our other women to step up," Heath said. "We're missing our three major scorers, so we'll have to look to other women to step up individually and particularly in relays. But the 20 women we have swimming this weekend are ready to race."

In the absence of Nixon and Davey, Heath will rely on Laura Shepard and Brenda Reilly to fill the holes. Allison Lloyd and Kathleen Rimkus will fill Suddarth's spot in the breast stroke events.

After falling to the Wolverines last year, which came into the 1998 meet tapered and shaved, the Irish will look to notch a victory this weekend.

"We are by no means rested for this meet," Heath said. "This is a tough time of year in the water and academically for our athletes. We want to win the meet, but our primary goal is to swim fast."

Following a fourth-place finish at the University of Minnesota Invite last weekend, the Irish women have already prepared to shift gears from dual meet competition to a championship environment.

"We'd like to improve equally if not more than how we swam in Minnesota," Heath said. "It's going to be a tough meet, but we're going to come to each session prepared."



MIKE HARRIS/The Observer

The Irish women's swimming team dives into competition today, hoping for a victory despite missing several athletes due to the U.S. Open.

## CLASSIFIEDS

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Big K in San Jose has never seen the likes of the Observer crew.

There is way too much space to fill on this page.

"I packed an extra set of legs and your crazy eyes."

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# CAMPUS MINISTRY

## Calendar of Events

### Freshman Retreat #26

Friday-Saturday, December 3-4, St. Joe Hall

### Marriage Preparation Retreat

Friday - Saturday, December 3-4  
Fatima Retreat Center

### RCIA Rite of Welcome

Sunday, December 5, 4:00 p.m.,  
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

### Rejoice! Mass

Sunday, December 5, 4:00 p.m., Sorin Hall Chapel

### Advent Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 5, 7:15 p.m.,  
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

### Basilica Community Choir Rehearsal

Monday, December 6, 7:00-8:30 p.m.  
Earth Science Building, Room 102

### Notre Dame Encounter Retreat #59 (Feb. 4-6) Sign up

Monday-Friday, December 6-10, 103 Hesburgh Library

### Freshman Retreat #27 (Feb. 11-12) Sign-Up

Monday, December 6 through Monday, February 7,  
103 Hesburgh Library  
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Zahm

### Campus Bible Study

Tuesday, December 7, 7:00 p.m.  
Badin Hall Chapel

### Graduate Student Bible Study Group

Wednesday, December 8, 8:00 p.m.  
Wilson Commons

### Interfaith Christian Night Prayer

Wednesday, December 8, 10:00-10:30 p.m.  
Walsh Hall Chapel

A spirit-filled, student led power half hour of prayer and  
music for all students of all Christian faith traditions

### Las Posadas Celebration followed by social

Thursday, December 8, 7:30-9:00 p.m.  
Meet at Hesburgh Library Concourse

## Second Sunday of Advent

### Weekend Presiders

#### at Sacred Heart Basilica

**Saturday, December 4 Mass**  
5:00 p.m.

Rev. B. William Beauchamp, C.S.C.

**Sunday, December 5 Mass**

10:00 a.m.

Rev. Mark L. Poorman, C.S.C.

11:45 a.m.

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

### Scripture Readings

1st Reading Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

2nd Reading 2 Peter 3: 8-14

Gospel Mark 1: 1-8

## The Real Y2K Problem

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Several nights ago, I had a dream. I dreamt that it was several months into the future. January 1st, 2000 had come and gone. I was walking down a busy city street. Buildings were still standing. Cars still honked for attention. Planes were still flying over head. Office workers were still happily surfing Gamesville.com on company time. All was well in this post-Y2K future. Or so it seemed, that is, until I turned the corner. There they were, much to my horror. Dressed in what looked to have once been well-tailored suits and dresses, a line of them stood in front of me, stretching for city block after city block. Each held a sign that explained their plight all too vividly. One read "Y2K Computer Debugger. Will work for Internet Access." Another had scribbled on her sign, "Y2K Survivalist. Need Shelter." Another explained, "Y2K Compliancy Officer and Crisis/Contingency Plan Manager. Help." Another's simply asked, "Why, 2K?" Hundreds, maybe thousands, more like them stood waiting for their turn outside the unemployment office. I began to run, looking for the end of this line of humanity. I ran and ran and ran and....

I jumped up in bed, in a cold sweat. Listening to my burdened breathing, I tried desperately to get the faces and signs out of my head. But it was no use. I had seen the future and its images were seared into my mind. What had we done to these people? They had seemingly done their jobs well, right? Prepared us for the new millennium? Everything in the future seemed to be working the way it always had. Nothing had changed from the way we live our lives right now, before Y2K, so what happened? Hadn't we focused our pre-millennium attention on all the right places?

Maybe. Maybe not. If we consider whether or not we've been getting ready for the arrival of the first days of the year 2000, then the answer is yes. Yes, we have, indeed, been focusing our pre-millennium attention in all the right places. Just make a mental list of all we, as individuals and as a society, are doing in preparation for the turn of the century. Fix computer bugs. Check. Withdraw cash from bank. Check. Stuff under mattress. Check. Stock batteries and candles. Check. Make New Year's Eve party plans. Check. It's all getting done by all the right people.

But, if we consider whether or not we've been getting ready for life beyond the first days of the year 2000, the answer has to be no. The distinction is a subtle one, but one that can make a lifetime of difference. Little attention has been paid to what this new millennium has to offer our lives beyond a flip in the calendar. Sure, we've looked back on the century and, to a lesser extent, the millennium that are about to end, mostly in the form of a pat on the back for a job well done. But, how often have we stopped to think about how the shape of our lives could be different in the new centuries to come. It is our natural tendency to look back when we celebrate an anniversary, to take stock of what has been accomplished, but only one in 50 generations gets to experience what it means to get the chance to live life in a whole new century. So how can we make Y2K mean more to us?

Christian churches around the world have declared the year 2000 to be a Jubilee Year. Pope John Paul II calls it the "Great Jubilee of the Year 2000." The tradition of Jubilee is rooted in the Old Testament (Leviticus 25) and sets forth a blueprint for hope and renewal in our lives and our communities for decades to follow. In scripture, God declared every 50th year to be a Jubilee year, or a "a year of favor from the Lord." During the Jubilee year, debts would be forgiven, prisoners and slaves would be set free, property would be returned to its original owners, land would go unharvested, and a great feast would be held. For many, it was a year of rest, a year during which relationships were reconciled, and a year of new beginnings.

In our modern context, the principles of the Jubilee can be translated in many ways. Personally, we can ready ourselves to live in the third millennium by identifying wounds in our relationship with ourselves and with others that need healing and reconciliation. We need to ask ourselves what might we be holding captive in our hearts that could be set free during the Jubilee Year. Through God's grace, reconciliation will lead to renewal in our lives, our friendships and our faith. The Jubilee year promises to usher in a new season of hope and justice. Will we be a part of it?

The Jubilee 2000 is also the context for renewed relationships around the globe in the form of the campaign for international debt forgiveness. Many of the world's poorest countries are being crushed by unmanageable debt burdens, often paying several times more in loan payments than for the health care or education of its citizens. Support for this Jubilee campaign is beginning to grow, especially in the United States, where President Clinton has promised to lobby Congress for 100% forgiveness of debts owed to the U.S. by more than 30 of the world's poorest nations.

This Sunday many of you will be asked to take a Jubilee pledge during mass in your hall. The pledge is an invitation to all to reflect on how we might choose to live our lives, with re-energized faith, hope and love, in the new millennium. The pledge calls us to make concrete what it means to be called Christian 2000 years after the birth of Christ. You are also invited on Tuesday, December 7th, at 9:45 p.m. to a special Jubilee prayer service outside the Basilica's Holy Year Doors. These doors won't be opened until Christmas Eve, but will serve as our backdrop on Tuesday night for a meditation on reconciliation and renewal 15 minutes prior to the Advent Penance service, which begins at 10:00 p.m. in the Basilica.

It is not too late to fix the "real" Y2K problem.

CONSIDERATIONS...





## NCAA FOOTBALL

## Williams replaces Saban as interim head coach at MSU

By MATT MYFTIU  
The State News (U-Wire)

EAST LANSING, Mich.

Michigan State football players' mood changed from somber to excited Tuesday afternoon with the announcement that MSU associate head coach and running backs coach Bobby Williams has been promoted to the position of interim head coach.

Williams replaces Nick Saban, who accepted a job as football head coach at Louisiana State University early Tuesday morning.

Saban, who is no longer affiliated with MSU, announced his decision to players Tuesday morning. He then flew to Baton Rouge, La., where he will immediately take on his new position.

In his Baton Rouge news conference, Saban said he did not leave MSU because he was unhappy.

"I was very happy at MSU," Saban said. "I was there for five years as defensive coordinator and five years as head coach. That place is as much my home as anywhere I've ever been."

Williams will lead the No. 10 Spartans in the Jan. 1 Florida Citrus Bowl while the search for a permanent head coach goes on. Williams addressed the team Tuesday at the Clara Bell Smith Student-Athlete Academic Center. His enthusiastic tone made the team meeting seem more like a pep rally.

"I really appreciate this opportunity," Williams said. "I've always told you guys that life is full of opportunities, and this is a great opportunity for me."

Players greeted Williams with a rousing standing ovation after MSU interim Athletics Director Clarence Underwood introduced him as the interim head coach at the beginning of the meeting.

Freshman tailback T.J. Duckett, who worked regularly with Williams in his previous role, said Williams is an enthusiastic coach and should fill the position well.

"He's a fun guy who brings a lot of excitement to the team," Duckett said. "He gets you going and keeps you motivated. I think he'll bring that attitude to the whole team, and we'll be ready to play."

The biggest obstacle the team must overcome is adjusting to its coach in time for the Florida Citrus Bowl. MSU will most likely face the loser of this weekend's Florida-Alabama game, so the 9-2 Spartans will have to be at the top of their game to pull out a 10th win on New Year's Day.

Senior cornerback Amp Campbell said the team has faced adversity all season, and this most recent dose will give the players a chance to show they can still be successful.

"A lot of people will count us out and say we're not the same football team," Campbell said. "But we have to prove them wrong. We have to come



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Nick Saban, who coached Michigan State to a 23-13 victory over Notre Dame earlier this season, resigned as head coach earlier this week to take over the reins at LSU.

together as a team. We're going to see what kind of family we have here."

MSU men's basketball head coach Tom Izzo was also on hand to lend support Tuesday. He told the players they hold the fate of the bowl game in their hands.

"I've watched some of you

guys for four or five years, and there's one thing I want to tell you," Izzo said. "The coaches can do a good job, but it's the players that play the game. And it's the players that will determine whether you win or lose."

Underwood said the search for a coach is already in the beginning stages, but Williams

said he wouldn't mind if the "interim" label were removed from his title.

"If I get the opportunity to stay on as head coach, that would be great," Williams said.

Williams will start preparing his troops for the bowl game when practices begin this weekend.



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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

# Lofton may be sidelined until July after surgery

Associated Press

CLEVELAND  
It's no secret the Cleveland Indians are in the market for some pitching help. Now, their shopping list may include a center fielder, leadoff man, base stealing threat and Gold Glove winner, too.

Kenny Lofton will likely have surgery on a torn rotator cuff in his left shoulder that could sideline him until next season's All-Star break.

"This hurts. It's a setback," Indians general manager John Hart said Wednesday. "It's a tough blow, but not a devastating one."

See why you shouldn't slide into first base, kids?

Lofton sustained the injury while diving headfirst into first base during Game 5 of the AL playoffs against the Boston Red Sox. Last week, Lofton was told by team orthopedist Dr. Lou Keppler that a muscle in the shoulder was torn and he needed surgery.

With the Indians' blessing, Lofton got a second opinion and visited renowned orthopedic surgeon Dr. James Andrews, who confirmed Keppler's diagnosis and also recommended surgery.

Lofton has not yet decided when or if to have the procedure, Hart said.

"Kenny is now evaluating his options," said Hart, who spoke with Lofton for a half-hour on Tuesday. "He's really down about it. He really wants to play."

Lofton is expected to make a decision in the next week to 10 days and the Indians will support whatever it is, Hart said. If he opts for surgery, Lofton would be out for a minimum of five months and a maximum of seven.

"He's going to listen to his heart," Hart said. "You can't force a guy to have surgery."

Lofton's agent, Casey Close, would not comment on his client's situation. However, he did say Lofton, a six-time All-Star, was in Atlanta.

While Lofton is sidelined, the Indians could use a platoon of Jacob Cruz and Dave Roberts in center or sign a free agent. Among the players currently available are Tom Goodwin and Brian McRae.

"We may not do anything, but we're going to look," Hart said. "It's [Lofton's injury] not a full season. Fortunately, we had two guys who played there a bit last season when Kenny was out."

Lofton hit .301 with seven homers and 39 RBIs last season, but played in just 120 games because of a hamstring injury. He got off to a great

start in '99, batting .386 in April, but his production fell off dramatically in the second half.

Cruz batted .330 with three home runs and 17 RBIs in 88 at-bats. He was doing a nice job filling in before tearing a ligament in his right thumb sliding into second base in August.

Roberts, who has better speed than Cruz, batted .238 with 12 RBIs in 143 at-bats, and stole 11 bases.

Hart didn't say if Cleveland would now become a factor in the bidding for Seattle superstar Ken Griffey Jr., who has asked the Mariners to trade him.

However, Hart is approaching the free-agent market with an eye on the Class of 2000 which could include Griffey, Indians right fielder Manny

*"This hurts. It's a setback. It's a tough blow but not a devastating one."*

**John Hart**  
Indians General Manager

Ramirez, Seattle's Alex Rodriguez and Toronto's Carlos Delgado as well as some top-flight pitchers.

As for immediate pitching help, Hart said he has

expressed interest in several free agent

pitchers, including Scott Kamieniecki, Graeme Lloyd, Allen Watson and Rich Rodriguez.

"Kammy is a guy we like," Hart said of Kamieniecki, who pitched for Baltimore last season. "He's a swing guy who can pitch out of the bullpen and start. That's something we were missing last year."

The Indians are also now without a closer after Mike Jackson signed a one-year, \$3 million deal with the Philadelphia Phillies.

Hart let Jackson walk because the GM has never

been willing to pay big money for a closer, preferring to a balanced bullpen instead. As for next season, Hart said he

would expect the team to find its closer on the current roster, with Paul Shuey or Steve Karsay likely to get the job.

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We learned how to throw a marshmallow and what it feels like to be hit by one. We learned that squirrels don't understand the coaching cliché of running "north/south." We even learned what a squid would look like if it could fly. We learned that streaks must be broken at some point. Nine straight bowl appearances, 13 straight games against USC without losing, eight straight wins against Michigan State, 11 straight wins against Purdue, eight straight wins against Pittsburgh, 21 straight wins against the service academies, 12 straight winning seasons.

All gone.

On the bright side, thanks to Allen Rossum, we still have our streak against Navy, and we have started another streak against Michigan State, albeit a losing streak.

Any future coaches learned a few trick plays, for example, throwing to our tight end.

We learned that no game is a sure win. Perhaps no team in the country can turn a seemingly easy win into an adventure as well as we can. Who else plays Navy that close?

We learned that sometimes a big heart is better than a big body.

We saw Joey Getherall running up the middle with Rudy-like stupidity and making plays that players twice his size couldn't hope to make while taking hits that strike fear into the hearts of many much larger receivers.

We saw our own Rudy, Jonathon Hebert, go from being just another walk-on to a symbol of perseverance, blocking a punt

and providing one bright spot in an otherwise depressing game.

We learned the meaning of true class by watching Lou Holtz leave us without ever tarnishing our name, despite having his own dragged through the mud during an embarrassing trial.

We watched as Ron Powlus endured four years of unmet expectations and intense criticism and then refused to tell reporters that his decision to attend Notre Dame was a mistake.

We learned how to win with dignity, never running up a score intentionally. We learned how to lose with dignity again and again.

We learned the feeling of walking through the tunnel at the stadium and seeing the emerging Touchdown Jesus while celebrating with the players after West Virginia and Michigan.

We learned that sometimes things don't come out the way they're supposed to.

We all dreamed of a national title and of ending the century like the Yankees.

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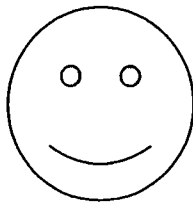
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## MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

## Cone seeks long-term contract from Yankees or trade

Associated Press

NEW YORK David Cone, trying to get the Yankees to give him a two-year contract, may force New York to make a decision by Tuesday.

A clause in Cone's expired contract gives the 36-year-old right-hander the right to prohibit the team from offering him salary arbitration, a baseball lawyer familiar with the contract said Wednesday, speaking on the condition he not be identified.

If Cone exercises that right and doesn't sign by Tuesday, the Yankees would be ineligible to re-sign him before May 1. If Cone allows the Yankees to offer arbitration, he could negotiate with them through Jan. 8.

Steve Fehr, Cone's agent, wouldn't address if the pitcher intends to exercise his no-arbitration right. Cone, according to a person familiar with his thinking, hasn't made a decision.

"Obviously, we're aware of the time frame that we're under," Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said Wednesday.

Cone, speaking Wednesday after receiving an award from the March of Dimes, said his preference was to finish his career with the Yankees.

"I don't think it's unreasonable to ask for two years considering the type of run I've had with the Yankees," said Cone, who pitched a perfect game against Montreal last July 18.

"To me, it's not trying to maximize the dollar value of the contract. It's the security of two years."

Cone earned \$9.5 million this year, going 12-9 with 3.44 ERA, the second-best in the American League. He was 9-4 with a 2.86 ERA at the All-Star break, but struggled in the second half, going 3-5 with a 4.28 ERA. Taking extra rest between starts, he rebounded to go 2-0 in the postseason.

The Yankees, worried over his age and the condition of his shoulder, would like him to sign a one-year deal.

"The last thing I'd like to do is play one more year with the Yankees and then look for a job," Cone said.

If he doesn't agree to a contract with New York and isn't offered arbitration, another team could sign him without losing any draft picks. In addition, they would know their offer wasn't being used by Cone to raise the Yankees' bid.

Cone had an aneurysm in his right shoulder in 1996 and had arthroscopic surgery to repair

the shoulder following the 1997 season.

He went 20-7 with a 3.55 ERA in 1998, prompting New York to

sign him to a \$8 million, one-year contract with \$1.5 million in performance bonuses that he earned all of. If he doesn't sign

with the Yankees, the New York Mets, Cleveland and Baltimore are among the teams thought to be interested.

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## B-ball

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scoring 13 on the night.

"I thought Ruth Riley and Niele Ivey played particularly well tonight. Both of them shot the ball well," said McGraw.

Ratay, who appears already to have found a comfort zone in just her third collegiate game, looked confident on both ends of the floor, and for the second time this season led the team in scoring.

"I really don't feel any pressure," Ratay said. "I just try go out there and play well."

A 46-22 halftime advantage proved beneficial for McGraw, who was able to rest her starters and get her young bench some important game action. Riley played sparingly in

the game's second half as she rested a nagging ankle injury.

"Ruth said at halftime that her ankle was really bothering her," said McGraw. "With a big game against North Carolina coming up this weekend, it's important that we have our starters rested."

McGraw has been especially enamored with the play of her bench.

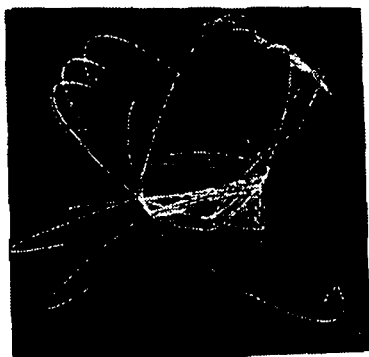
"I'm really happy with this year's freshmen class," noted the Irish coach. "I think Monique Hernandez has really sparked us."

The Bulldogs saw their record fall to 3-2, but they did get a game-high 17 points from forward Kelly Kuhn.

The Irish will enter a weekend tilt against the North Carolina Tarheels on a high, coming off of what was easily their sharpest game of the season.

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## NFL

## Smith warns fans his career isn't over

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — Emmitt Smith says those who have written him off as an aging back on the downside of his career are mistaken.

So what if he's 30 years old, in his 10th season with the Dallas Cowboys and playing with a broken right hand. Smith is still fifth in the NFL in rushing, just 22 yards from his ninth straight 1,000-yard season.

"To try to tie in my age with

my physical condition and my injuries, that's the variable right there that they got them wrong," Smith said Wednesday. "They failed to look at the overall picture. They just wanted to look at one segment."

"I feel like I've got a good four or five more years in me. They jumped the gun, and never took the time to really look at the game and dissect the game."

Maybe 30 is considered old in the NFL, where the average career lasts only a few seasons.

But players the caliber of Smith and Deion Sanders can't always be defined by numbers for average players.

"They are saying the same

thing about Deion right now, that he's on the downside of his career ... all because statistics have shown and indicated this happens when you reach a certain age," Smith said. "You are dealing with today's athletes now, people that train

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**Emmitt Smith**  
Dallas Cowboy running back

year-round." In Sanders' case, he sometimes plays professionally almost year-round. He has played baseball and football in the past and has indicated that a return to the Cincinnati Reds is possible.

Smith concedes that it takes more effort to stay in playing shape. He doesn't recover from the wear and tear of games as quickly as he did when the Cowboys were winning three Super Bowls in four seasons.

That hasn't diminished his desire.

"To win another rushing title, another rushing title and another Super Bowl and another Super Bowl, that's all in me," he said. "That's what it's all about. That's my motivation."

"Why would I go out here and beat up myself to take chances on breaking hands and breaking bones and everything if I did not want to be a champion all over again?" Smith said, showing the swollen right hand and its accompanying 3-inch scar.

Smith has had consecutive 100-yard rushing games since having six screws and a plate surgically inserted into his broken hand on Nov. 9.

He had rushed for 140 yards and two touchdowns on 13 carries, the best rushing total in a half in his career, before fracturing the hand in the second quarter against Minnesota on Nov. 8.

With receiver Michael Irvin's immediate and long-term future still in doubt because of a neck problem, Smith has been counted on to carry the offensive load for the Cowboys (6-5).

Dallas is a game behind Washington in the NFC East.

"If that's the case, I've been in that position before. It's nothing to me," Smith said. "I want to go out and do whatever I can do to help this team win. If that's putting it on my back and letting me carry it, that's what it is."

## Swim

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welcoming atmosphere and support at Saint Mary's the most important part of her transition.

"The first thing that made me happy was the support I'm getting," Hildebrandt said. "The swimmers and student workers alike really reached out and said, 'Is there anything I can do?' They didn't just say it, they did it."

Now that Hildebrandt has settled in at Saint Mary's, she is setting goals for herself and the swim team.

"I feel that the team is an untapped resource of really talented swimmers," she said. "My goal is to tap that."

Saint Mary's swim team's reputation in the MIAA is a major concern of Hildebrandt.

"We want to make a statement in the league that we are not a joke," Hildebrandt said. "We are a hardworking team."

This season, both Hildebrandt and Kachmarik believe teamwork and team-building will be invaluable.

"I want to continue to get the commitment and dedication that has already started," Hildebrandt said. "The word 'team' and the actual unit of a team is really important to me. I want everyone to do their part."

Kachmarik agreed that teamwork is indispensable in a sport like swimming.

"She is going to build a team," Kachmarik said. "I think it's important in a long season like swimming, the team aspect. Building that team unity, maybe putting somebody else first is important."

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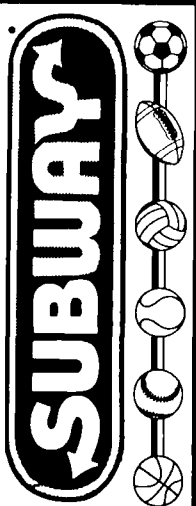
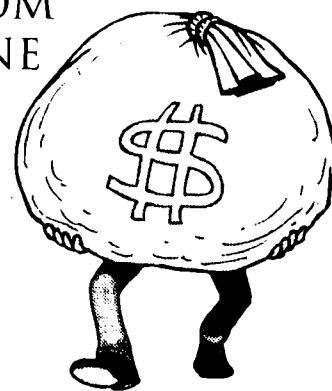
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## NCAA BASKETBALL

## Auburn extends home win streak despite poor shooting

Associated Press

AUBURN, Ala. Mack McGadney had 15 points and 10 rebounds as No. 7 Auburn overcame poor foul shooting Wednesday night to beat Belmont 65-56 for its 19th straight home victory.

Chris Porter added 12 points, 12 rebounds and three steals for the Tigers (3-1). They lost at No. 3 Stanford on Saturday in the Wooden Classic.

Belmont (3-2) got 27 points from Jay Lannin, who was 7-of-12 from 3-point range. He was 10-of-16 overall while the other four starters were just 8-for-36, including 3-for-20 on 3-pointers.

The Tigers led 36-25 at half-time, but went just 5-of-16 from the free-throw line in the second half. They were 6-of-18 from the line for the game.

Auburn's home winning streak is the second-longest in team history. Coach Cliff Ellis got his 99th career victory with the Tigers.

Point guard Doc Robinson

had 12 points, seven assists, seven rebounds and three steals for Auburn. Scott Pohlman had 10 points.

Center Mamadou N'diaye, who had career highs in points his first two games, had a second straight subpar outing for Auburn. After being in foul trouble much of the game against Stanford, he finished with five points and three blocked shots.

**Wolfpack 61,****Boilermakers 59**

Justin Gainey hit a 3-pointer with 15.2 seconds to play, giving North Carolina State its first lead of the second half as the Wolfpack beat No. 19 Purdue Wednesday night in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge.

N.C. State (4-0) battled back

from a 12-point deficit as Purdue (2-2) made just two field goals in the final 13 minutes.

The loss was the first at home in a non-conference game for Purdue since Nov. 30, 1996.

The Boilermakers had won 42 of their previous 43 non-conference home games at Mackey Arena.

Anthony Grundy led the Wolfpack with 18 points and Ron Kelley scored 17.

N.C. State was only 3-of-19 from 3-point range until Gainey's shot gave them a 60-59 lead.

Reserve John Allison missed a wild hook shot for Purdue and Mike Robinson fouled Kelley battling for the rebound. Kelley made one of two free throws with 5.6 sec-

onds remaining to cap the scoring.

Carson Cunningham then tried to drive and the attempt turned into Purdue's 26th turnover of the game.

The Boilermakers led 52-41

with 9:54 remaining. However, the Wolfpack refused to wilt as they capitalized on Purdue's turnovers and poor shooting when the Boilermakers had just one field goal for the rest of the game.

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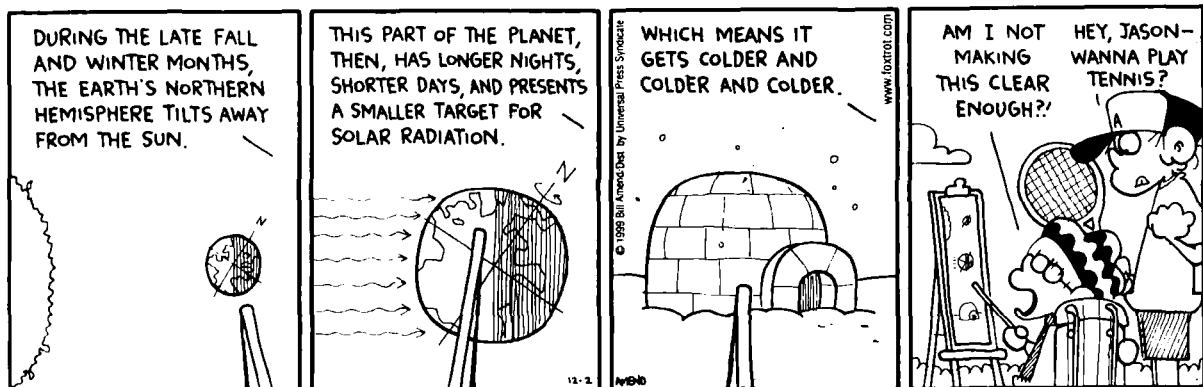
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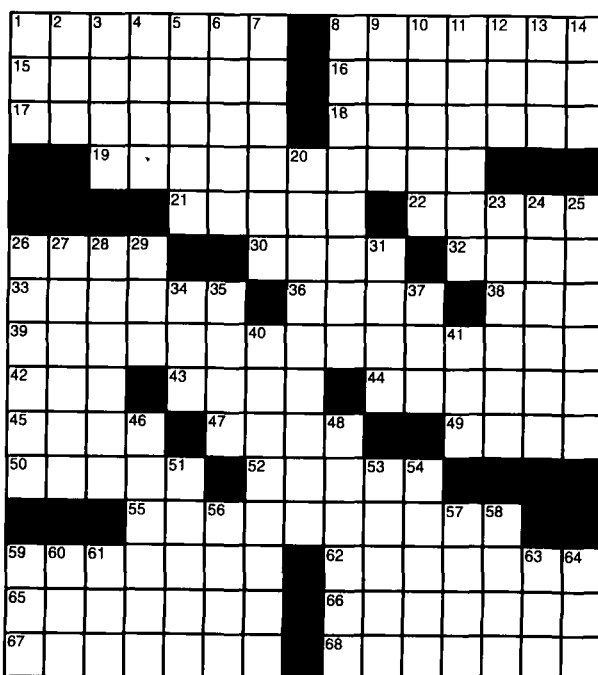
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## CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1 Come through with the goods
  - 8 Louis Armstrong, informally
  - 15 Former
  - 16 Gem Stater
  - 17 "Take care of that!"
  - 18 Short times
  - 19 Alarming sight at sea
  - 21 Flower part
  - 22 Much-devalued currency
  - 26 It starts and ends with a line
  - 30 Henry James biographer Leon
  - 32 Hat part
  - 33 Rama, to Vishnu
  - 36 Markers
  - 38 Joanne Woodward Oscar-winning role
  - 39 Appraise quickly
  - 42 \_\_\_ chi ch'uan
  - 43 Gist
  - 44 Deviating, as a rocket
  - 45 Kind of tradition
  - 47 Some
  - 49 Latin infinitive
  - 50 Some funeral arrangements
  - 52 Fore-and-aft-rigged vessel
  - 55 Believe the bluff
  - 59 Rampaging
  - 62 More impertinent
  - 65 Try
- DOWN**
- 1 Fetes and fiestas
  - 2 Acetyl ender
  - 3 Actor \_\_\_ Cobb
  - 4 "Sock \_\_\_ me!"
  - 5 Early fiddles
  - 6 Boxer Griffith
  - 7 Key over
  - 8 Buck
  - 9 Ouida's "\_\_\_ of Flanders"
  - 10 Petruchio, to Kate
  - 11 Certain angel
  - 12 "Angel"
  - 13 Pinning surface
  - 14 Switch positions
  - 20 Theme of this puzzle, in popular parlance
  - 23 Ars longa, vita \_\_\_
  - 24 Perks (up)
  - 25 Come out
  - 26 Convertible
  - 27 Feature of some zoos
  - 28 Cracker topper
  - 29 Toulouse time
  - 31 Charlie Brown tormentor
  - 34 It needs a PIN
  - 66 Mexican affirmative
  - 67 "Chipping" bird
  - 68 Electra's co-conspirator

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Puzzle by Manny Nosowsky

- 35 Consort of Cronus
- 37 Swell place?
- 40 Is humiliated
- 41 Be behind
- 46 Hannibal of "The Silence of the Lambs"
- 48 Terse rebuttal in a shouting match
- 51 Pilot's wind problem
- 53 Transmitting
- 54 Chasers
- 56 "I lack iniquity" speaker
- 57 List on a detergent label
- 58 Clair choice
- 59 Wonder words
- 60 Day break?
- 61 Actress Gardner
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**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Your emotions will be unstable if you allow your partner to take you for granted. Secret love affairs or infatuations will be enticing. Be careful. This type of temptation could damage your reputation. ○○○

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** You will be able to pick up some valuable information if you are willing to listen to those with more experience. Be prepared to do some traveling to pursue your interests. ○○○

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Older relatives may be a burden. Don't let them frustrate you. Take care of their needs quickly and get on with your own plans. Sudden financial disruptions will limit your spending. ○○○○

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Do something special with your mate. The stress you've both been under has caused disagreements. Put that behind you. You mustn't let others meddle in your personal affairs. ○○

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# SPORTS

**Making Waves**  
The swimming team begins action today in the Notre Dame Invitational. The women look to remain undefeated and the men seek to chalk up a victory.  
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Thursday, December 2, 1999

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

### Irish outpace Bulldogs behind Ratay, Riley

By KEVIN BERCHOU  
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women's basketball team is clearly ecstatic to be home.

Playing in the friendly confines of the Joyce Center for the first time this season, the Fighting Irish scored an impressive win, caging the Butler Bulldogs 77-57.

The Irish women bounced back from last week's loss to the Fighting Illini by mounting a first-half charge which saw them lead by as many as 24 points.

Led by junior All-American Ruth Riley, who tallied 14 points in the first half, and sharp-shooting freshman Alicia Ratay, who added 16, the Irish had little trouble improving their record to 2-1.

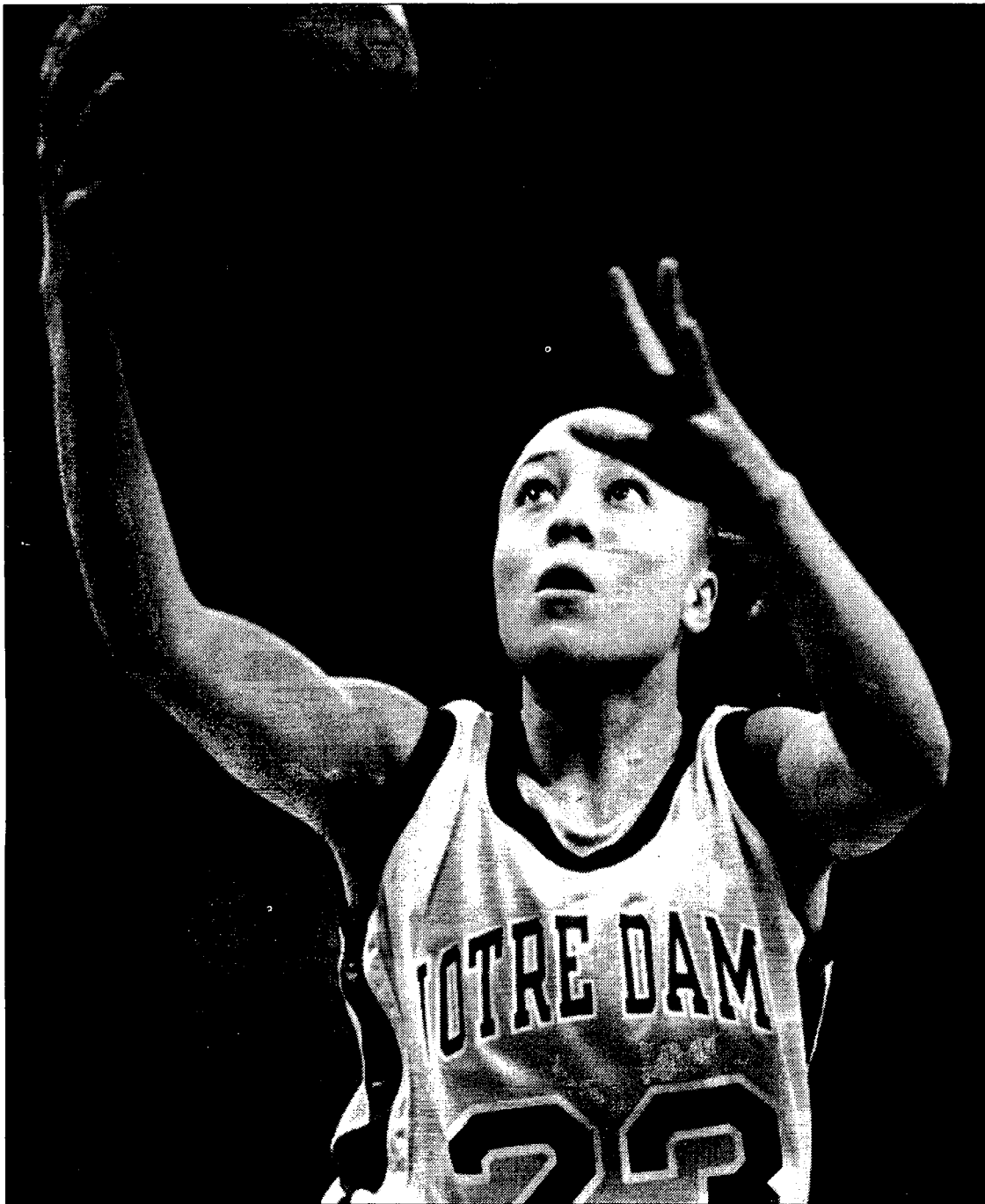
Motivated by their poor play against Illinois, the Irish came out extremely sharp and pounced on the Bulldogs from the opening tip.

The Irish bolted to a 26-9 advantage behind the strength of Riley's solid two-way play. After notching six of her team's first 10 points, the Irish center turned to her defense, blocking three Bulldog shots in just more than a minute. Flustered by Riley's imposing play, Butler struggled to mount a first-half attack.

"I think the effort was outstanding tonight," said Irish coach Muffet McGraw. "We knew we played poorly against Illinois, and we just wanted to get back out there and play somebody. I thought we came out very sharp and focused."

Guard Niele Ivey also showed glimpses of brilliance, dishing out five assists and drilling three first-half treys en route to

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MIKE HARRIS/The Observer

Freshman Monique Hernandez pulls down a rebound in Notre Dame's 77-57 victory over Butler Wednesday night. The Irish took an early lead in the game and never looked back.

## The Lesson We Learned

My mother always told me it didn't matter if I won or lost, but rather only that I learned something from my mistakes. So as a senior, I'd like to look back on the last four football seasons not in terms of wins and losses, but in terms of the lessons learned in the process.



Brian Churney

On the Hot Corner

We learned patience. Whether it was watching Jarious mature from the quarterback he was into the quarterback he has become, or finally beating USC, we learned that good things come to those who wait.

Sometimes we learned too much patience: patiently watching the clock run out or patiently waiting for our leader to deliver the victories he has promised.

We learned the value of repetition. Honestly, how many of you don't know the pep rally speech by heart? If only we could read our class notes that many times, we'd all be scholars.

We learned forgiveness, or at least we're trying to learn it.

We watched a certain kicker miss field goal after field goal. We watched certain cornerbacks blow coverage after coverage (Insert Covington or Jefferson; take your pick.). We watched a certain ex-quarterback throw away pass after pass. We watched a certain coach make mistake after mistake.

And yet, we also watched them being forgiven time after time after time.

We learned to say good-bye. Good-bye to a coaching legend.

Good-bye to the all-time rushing leader in Notre Dame history.

Good-bye to the all-time leader in returns for a touchdown.

Good riddance ... I mean good-bye to the all-time leader in every career-passing category. Good-bye to the all-time single-season passing leader.

Good-bye to a less-than-legendary head coach. Oops, a little pre-mature on that one.

We learned the jig, the words to the Alma Mater and the first verse of the fight song.

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## SWIMMING

### Hildebrandt works double-time for Belles

By MOLLY McVOY  
Assistant Sports Editor

Balance is the key to Gretchen Hildebrandt's coaching style and career.

Hildebrandt, who replaces Jini Cook as Saint Mary's head swim coach and assistant athletic director, said either could be a full-time job in itself.

"Being the head swim coach is a full time responsibility," Hildebrandt said. "It's a challenge trying to balance that with

being assistant athletic director because sometimes it feels like I just don't have enough time."

Hildebrandt's ability to look past her hectic schedule to the players she coaches is what distinguishes her as a coach, according to first-year athletic director Lynn Kachmarik.

"I think her ability to care about people is her best quality as a coach," said Kachmarik, who coached Hildebrandt in swimming at Bucknell University. "She's putting individuals first, being an honest

and compassionate person."

Hildebrandt's experiences at Bucknell help her to be an effective coach at a college like Saint Mary's, Kachmarik said.

"Coming from an institution very similar to Saint Mary's where she was a student athlete and academics was most important will help her greatly," Kachmarik said. "Swimming is very demanding; it's a huge time commitment. I think she can bring her background to this program as she's trying to build it and give her swimmers advice

on how to make both academics and swimming work."

After graduating from Bucknell in 1998, Hildebrandt taught language arts at a Massachusetts grade school. She then served as assistant swim coach for the men's and women's swim teams at The College of the Holy Cross, a Division I school in Worcester, Mass.

This fall, she came to Saint Mary's. Hildebrandt called the

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