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First round vote ends in run-off for candidates



Renner



Nagle

VS.



Koelsch



Rodarte

By NELLIE WILLAMS
News Writer

Emily Koelsch and running mate Rachel Rodarte will be in a runoff election on Wednesday against Crissie Renner and her running mate Michelle Nagle in the race for student body president and vice president of Saint Mary's.

The Renner/Nagle ticket was ahead with 43 percent of the votes, while the Koelsch/Rodarte ticket was right behind with 37.

"We are thrilled," Renner said about the election results. "We still have so much to do. We just want to get everyone pumped up."

Nagle is just as excited. "It's a wonderful award for such hard work and I'm looking forward to the run-offs."

Koelsch would still like to see

more students cast their ballots.

"We'd like to see more voting turnouts — that's an issue for Wednesday," Koelsch said.

"I was happy," said Rodarte. "Honestly, Emily and I expected a runoff. I'm excited we're up against [Renner/Nagle] because we've had a good experience with them and being friends with them makes it easier."

Rodarte and Koelsch plan to campaign more among the student body before the runoffs on Wednesday.

"We're going to go around to residence halls, talk to people and see if anyone has questions," Koelsch said.

"All the leg work on our part is done. It's now up to the student body," said Rodarte.

In other election news, the Bittner/Banahan ticket received 14 percent of the vote,

while the Koepke/Hollis ticket earned 3 percent. There were two penalties in the campaign against Koepke/Hollis and Bittner/Banahan for violating campaign rules, but the violations came after the votes were counted.

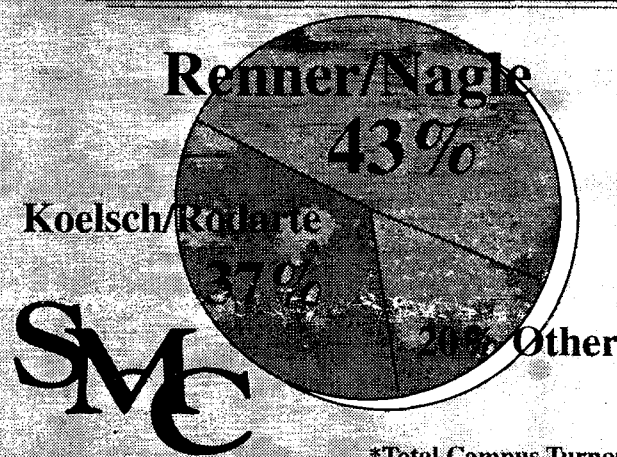
Thirty-six percent of the student body turned out to vote, compared with 37 percent last year.

"This is a good number — it's what we usually get," said Bridget Heffernan, interim election commissioner. "We expected more votes because we had four tickets, but we're still happy."

The election table was set up in the lower part of the dining hall during breakfast and lunch, and then was moved inside the dining hall for dinner.

"The location was really bad," said Heffernan.

Student Body President Election Returns



FINAL VOTING WEDNESDAY

On Campus Students
DINING HALL:

7-9 a.m., 12-2 p.m., 5-7 p.m.

Off Campus Students
HAGGAR COLLEGE CENTER:
11 a.m. - 3p.m.

'Cybersquatters' make monitoring essential

By ERIN LaRUFFA
News Writer

Searching for the words "Notre Dame" on an Internet search engine will return numerous results including the University's official Web-site, sports-related sites and the sites of other schools with similar names.

Since these Web addresses are often similar to the official Notre Dame site, it is possible to confuse an unrelated site with the one related to the school. While most of the sites are harmless, Notre Dame and other colleges across the country are worried about the use of their trademarked names as domain names for Web-sites.

"There are ongoing efforts to enforce [Notre Dame] trademarks," said Larry Williams, Director of Licensing for the University. "We had always dealt with trademark infringement in other mediums."

Registering a domain name is relatively easy and inexpensive. Since domain names are meant to serve only as addresses for Web-sites, only one numeral or digit has to differ between two separate domain names. Companies that register names do not check

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Saint Mary's examines sexuality attitudes

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Saint Mary's Editor

In a deviation from Saint Mary's standard majors of the week, a collaboration of groups is examining attitudes regarding sexuality through Identity Week.

Organized by People in Support, GALA ND/SMC, the Office of the Dean of Faculty, the Feminist Collective and six academic departments, the week is designed to foster discussion regarding sexuality and identity issues on campus.

Inspired by a position paper composed by the Faculty Assembly on sexual orientation, the week is intended to raise some of the issues on campus that were brought forth in that paper, said George Trey, associate professor of philosophy.

"It seemed like something that college students would be interested in," Trey said. "Students, particularly college students, are inherently interested in questioning and dealing with identity. This is pertinent to campus issues."

The week's events include film showings, a lecture and an alumnae panel that will open discussion and evaluation about attitudes regarding sexual identity on campus.

Friday's alumnae panel, entitled "Alumnae Perspectives on Identity and Sexual Orientation, SMC and Beyond," at 4 p.m. in Dalloway's, will feature four Saint Mary's alumnae. The women, who graduated from Saint Mary's during different time periods, will discuss their experiences and attitudes they encountered regarding sexuality at Saint Mary's.

"Our main goal was to get a cross-generational perspective on what the attitudes were at different points during the college's history," Trey said.

The forum is intended to provide a different perspective to students.

"This is a more student-to-student connection, versus a more academic approach," Trey said. "Our reason for bringing in alumnae is to provide current students with a perspective on how students who have been away from Saint Mary's look back and see how those experiences have shaped them."

The week will also feature Dr. Margaret Bender, a former Saint

Mary's visiting professor of anthropology and current professor of anthropology at the University of Oklahoma, who will lecture on Thursday evening. Bender's lecture, held in Stapleton Lounge at 7 p.m., is entitled "Sexual Identity: Anthropological and Personal Reflections."

All films show during the week involve depictions of gay, lesbian and bisexual individuals who are dealing with their identities.

The Celluloid Closet, to be shown tonight at 6 p.m., is a 1996 Emmy-nominated documentary that chronicles how Hollywood depicts gays, lesbians and bisexuals on the silver screen.

Through interviews and film clips, it displays the attitudes behind those depictions. Wednesday's showing of The Incredibly True Adventures of Two Girls in Love depicts a couple struggling through the beginnings of a new relationship, while dealing with the reactions of their friends and family.

All movies will be shown in the off-campus lounge at 6:00 p.m.

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George Trey
associate professor of philosophy

INSIDE COLUMN

Harder than it looks

While home over Christmas Break, I made a "foolish" purchase. I used some Christmas money to buy a guitar. With a chord book and some sheet music, I figured in no time at all I would be able to imitate my favorite stars I watch intently on MTV and CMT. They all easily strum away at the instrument, and I thought I too could quickly pick up the talent.

It didn't take me long to figure out that playing guitar is harder than it looks. Just getting my fingers to stretch across the different strings was difficult enough, and then added to that, I had to strum the thing. It was nearly impossible! I couldn't even figure out whether to strum just up or up and down.

The more I thought about this, I recalled several other times where things were harder than they looked. Example No. 2: the wonderful Nordic Track cross country skiing machine. How many have seen the 75-year-old man in the commercial honkin' on — I mean, he's flying, smiling and having a grand ol' time. And yet, when I step on there I can barely make my arms and feet move at the same time much less go at a decent pace.

Honestly, how many people have ever tried the machine? I do not understand how the commercial manages to make it look so fun, easy and appealing.

My final example is quite embarrassing. I assume by now everyone has taken a PE class while in college. At Notre Dame, we have the opportunity to choose from a variety of different sports.

Last year, I decided that it would be good for me to take an ice skating class; the one time I had tried, I had a small bit of difficulty. I figured by the end of the rotation I'd be turning triple axles like Nancy Kerrigan, Tara Lipinski and Kristi Yamaguchi.

The first day of class I strapped on my skates and headed out on the rink. I knew I was not gifted on the ice so I stayed close to the wall until the teacher called us to begin with the basics.

"OK class," she said. "To warm up everyone skate across the rink."

Quite easily, my entire class flew over to the wall on the other side. I began my attempt at trying to waddle across the rink and the instructor yelled out, "YOU! Get back on the wall. I can't be responsible for someone getting hurt out here!"

The entire class was now on the other side of the rink, the teacher stood in the middle and everyone looked at me trying to get back to the wall. I have never been more embarrassed.

I guess ice skating falls into the same ranks as the guitar and Nordic Track. Some people are blessed with these talents and for some of us, these activities are way harder than they look.



Laura Rompf

Assistant News Editor

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"If things are going well, expect Bush to run a very vague, compassionate conservative campaign."

Patrick Pierce
Saint Mary's professor on Bush's campaign for president

"Nobody expected this. We're just trying to stick together and work through this."

Stephen Maio
soccer team member on the death of coach Mike Berticelli

"My films have never been shown to more than three or four people. I am a little nervous."

Claire Connelly
student filmmaker on the student film festival

"[The students] are a big part of this program and we could not have won this game without them."

Matt Doherty
men's basketball coach on the team's win over St. John's

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Stanford group scrutinizes campus recruiters

STANFORD, Calif. During college, many students have high hopes of making the world a better place. However, as they find themselves getting trampled at career fairs and overwhelmed by the pressure to make money, it is easy to lose sight of original ideals.

Stanford senior Ned Tozun, founder of a new student group, Students for Informed Career Decisions (SICD), said he believes students do not have to surrender their aspirations of social responsibility when they enter the work force.

SICD hopes to provide students with ready information about the labor, human rights and environmental practices of major corporations that recruit at Stanford by profiling them, Tozun said.

Tozun explained that the 59 companies being profiled are a "random

"Philip Morris actually canceled their interviews ... I guess they wanted to avoid the bad publicity."

Ned Tozun
founder, Students for Informed Career Decisions

sampling that will grow and change as we find out more clearly who are the big recruiters and which would be most helpful to have information on for students."

In effect, no company has been singled out as a "bad guy," Tozun said. He emphasized that SICD's aim is to provide objective information that presents both sides of any controversy.

The mission of SICD is not without its own bit of controversy. Some University officials worry that highlighting negative information about companies will cause them to cease coming to campus, or will at least discourage them from hiring Stanford students.

In fact, tobacco giant Philip Morris canceled scheduled interviews with students last November after students organized a protest to inform the campus of what they allege to be unethical marketing policies.

At the time, Tozun told Stanford's student newspaper, "Philip Morris actually canceled their interviews today when they heard there might be a protest. I guess they wanted to avoid the bad publicity."

Another factor is that many of these corporations are donors to the University.

Police arrest OSU students at protest

CORVALLIS, Ore.

Five people were arrested by the Oregon State Police Friday evening, ending a 12-hour sit-in at the College of Veterinary Medicine in protest of a small-animal surgery class. Three of those arrested were students at Oregon State University, while two others were Corvallis residents. The five were taken to jail and charged with criminal trespass, which is a misdemeanor. They were then released. Three other OSU students who were also participating in the protest were not charged because they walked away from the protest voluntarily following requests from the police. The rest of the protesters, however, had to be forcibly removed. "They had to cut us out," Lincoln said. "This was too important for us to just get up and leave." Administrators of the College of Veterinary Medicine state that the animals used in the small-animal surgery course come from shelters where they are already scheduled to be euthanized. Lincoln and the rest of the protesters contend that the administration is not telling the truth. "The administrators have misrepresented the whole situation," Lincoln said.

Meningitis victim returns to S. Illinois

CARBONDALE, Ill.

Carrie Milnor knows she is lucky to be alive today as she laughs with friends about being airlifted to a Springfield hospital in critical condition in November. Milnor, a sophomore, contracted potentially fatal bacterial meningitis last November. Meningitis, caused by viruses or bacteria, is an infection of the membranes surrounding the brain and spinal cord. Milnor first noticed flu-like symptoms, with chills and body aches. A fever of 102 degrees convinced her to seek medical help. A friend of Milnor's drove her to Carbondale Memorial Hospital where Milnor underwent blood tests. She was released with a prescription for antibiotics. The next morning, Milnor noticed spots all over her body. She soon discovered she had meningitis. Milnor was placed in intensive care until Dec. 2, and was kept isolated until her release Dec. 4. Milnor's illness caused her to miss the last three weeks of the fall semester. The missed school left her with incompletes in her classes, and Milnor is making up her schoolwork now. "I realized how valuable [life] is, and it can be taken away," Milnor said.

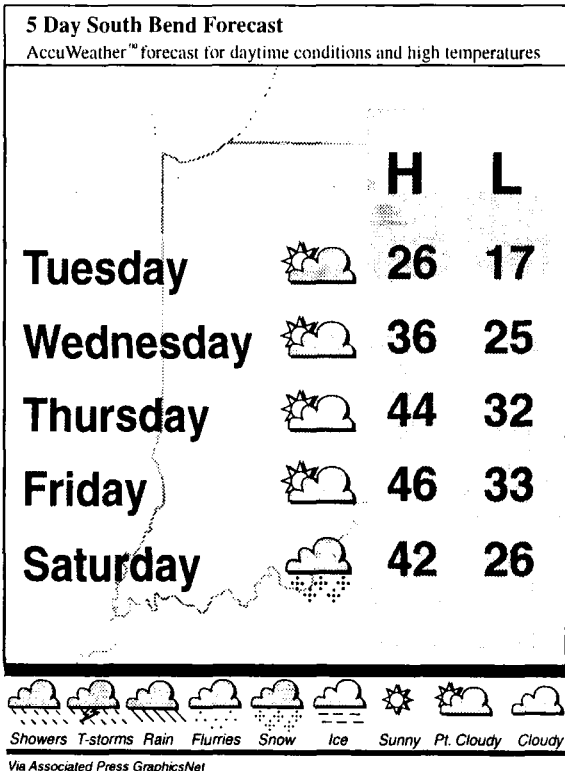
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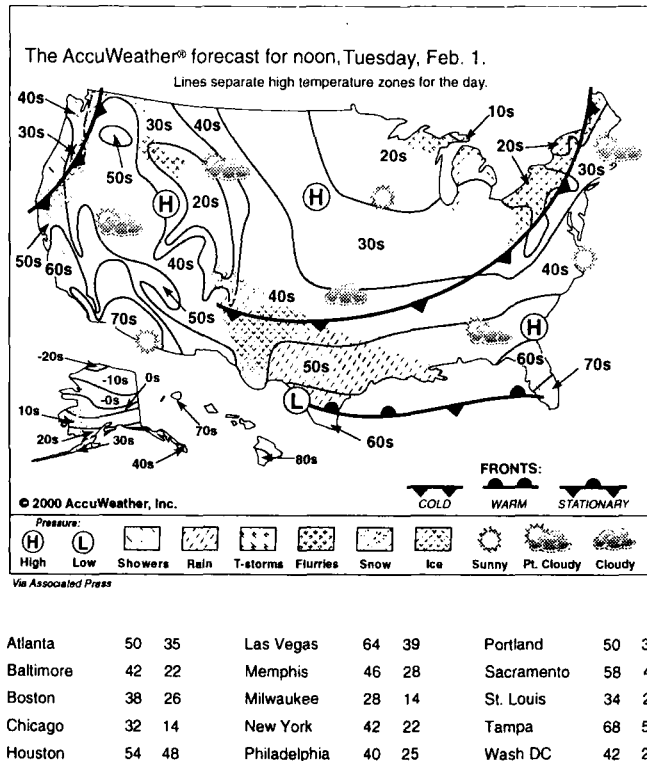
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Venturing beyond the Dome



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The Marian K. Ficher Hall holds classes for students studying abroad in Notre Dame's London program. A recent report released by the Institute of International Education said that Notre Dame has the highest percentage of students in study abroad programs.

♦ More students studying abroad

By NICOLE HADDAD
News Writer

The University of Notre Dame has the highest percentage of students participating in study abroad programs among American research universities, according to a report released by the Institute of International Education.

"We've worked very hard on getting students to study abroad, and we've found they very much want to," said Michael Francis, assistant provost for international studies.

"It isn't just rhetoric when the University says it wants to internationalize. Sending students abroad is a part of that, and it will be even more so as our numbers rise."

The increase in the number of students studying abroad is due in part to the recent enhancement and expansion of programs in London and Dublin along with the expected addition of new programs, Francis noted.

In addition to the integration of programs, Francis points out that students themselves are also responsible for the increased numbers.

"The student grapevine is powerful," Francis said.

As students rave about their

experiences, other students find themselves interested in studying abroad as well.

Students of all majors are getting involved. Ten years ago, 85 percent of students studying abroad were in the Arts and Letters program, said Francis. That number has since dropped to 50 percent, while the other 50 percent has grown from multiple other programs.

More opportunities are especially opening up for science majors. Specifically, the expanded programs in London and Dublin allow science students to study abroad. For example, in London, there is a pre-med-oriented physics program, while in Dublin, several courses are now

available in the sciences.

Several Notre Dame programs include distinctive components that are unmatched amid higher education facilities. In Jerusalem, students study at the Ecumenical Institute for Theological Studies at Tantur, a center established jointly by Notre Dame and Pope Paul VI in 1971.

The Dublin program is located in historic Newman House and includes a partnership with University College Dublin and Trinity College, Dublin. Students in Fremantle study at the University of Notre Dame-Australia, a Catholic institution modeled after Notre Dame.

The Rome program provides a required year of study for students in the School of Architecture and is considered by many the leading center for classicism among American colleges and universities.

"Wherever the program is located, the personal and academic growth students gain by studying abroad is immeasurable," Francis said. "The value of studying in another country is related to globalization," he said. "Our students will end up working abroad as well as in companies that have other operations in other countries. It's just vital to have this kind of experience as an undergraduate."

"The students in our programs come back with their lives changed," said Francis. "They invariably say, 'This was the best semester of my life.'"

♦ New program to start in Mexico

By HELENA RAYAM
News Writer

The Office of International Studies will offer students a new program in Puebla, Mexico, instead of the Mexico City program. "We felt Mexico City was just too dangerous a place for our students and we were attracted to the quality and variety of academic programs in Puebla," said Michael Francis, assistant provost for International Studies in a prepared statement.

At the Universidad Iberoamericana in Mexico City, students fell victim to various crimes, mainly theft. The Puebla program will be located at the University of the Americas, which is actually in Cholula, Mexico. Both Cholula and Puebla are near Mexico City.

"It's a culturally rich area," said Claudia Kselman, associate director for International Programs.

Puebla has a population of two million people, and many anthropologists have studied archaeological sites in the pre-Colombian city of Cholula. Kselman stated that this program will benefit anthropology majors. The program will also offer classes in science, business and "the full complement of Arts and Letters," said Kselman.

The Office of International Studies intends to appoint a Notre Dame faculty member to be in Mexico to assist students and plan trips, among other duties. The need for an on-site director depends on the number of students who enter the program.

"We hope that the students will seize the opportunity," said Kselman.

Students can take classes for a semester or year and live on the campus or with families that the program screens. The program requires students to have a full year of Spanish before studying at the University. The program will try to start with at least ten students per semester.

"Eventually we can go higher than that and we'd love to," said Kselman.

Currently there is one Notre Dame student at the University, senior Blanca Ibanez. She is finishing classes for her literature major and is taking computer application courses as well.

The University has over 5,000 students and 95 percent are Mexican. Notre Dame's program is independent from that of other universities, but American schools such as Stanford and Valparaiso also have programs at the same location.

The program will not replace opportunities to study abroad in Monterrey, Mexico.



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for similarities between new addresses and existing ones.

People known as cybersquatters buy large quantities of domain names in hopes of selling the names later. Cybersquatters thus profit commercially from the names they register. Laws passed late in 1999 established financial penalties for cybersquatters who purposely exploited domain names.

Trademark owners, such as Notre Dame, are required to protect their trademarks, including uses which are "confusingly similar" to the trademark, said Williams. He added that if any trademark owner failed to prevent such uses, the owner would forfeit the rights to the trademark.

"We [at Notre Dame] don't mind if there's excitement about the sports programs," he said, referring to fan-based sites about the school's sports teams. The University does not mind most sites focusing on other University programs, either.

As with other colleges and universities, Notre Dame wants to prevent its name from being used in a disreputable manner.

"The University has a reputation that it holds near and dear, and it doesn't want its name used in anyway that would be demeaning to it," Williams said, adding that the University examines each use of its name on an individual basis.

The University would object to an unaffiliated site that used its name for profit through advertisements or sales. Using the University's name in relation to a site for pornography is another.

Although the University has gone to court in the past to protect its trademark from misuse in other mediums, it has not yet had to go to court

because of a domain name. The University would seek legal action over a Web-site if such action became necessary, Williams said.

Monitoring the use of the Notre Dame name is difficult because there are infinite ways in which a name could be incorporated into a Web address. Notre Dame does its own monitoring and also relies on supporters such as alumni to report questionable usage.

Companies who pay money for the use of the Notre Dame trademark also alert the University to unauthorized use of the mark.

The first step in dealing with an objectionable domain name is to send a cease-and-desist letter to the person to whom the site is registered. Such a letter would request that the owner stop using the Notre Dame name and would also threaten a lawsuit. The University has taken this step, although Williams could not

discuss details of those cases.

The next step after a cease-and-desist letter would be to receive a court injunction to stop the trademark usage.

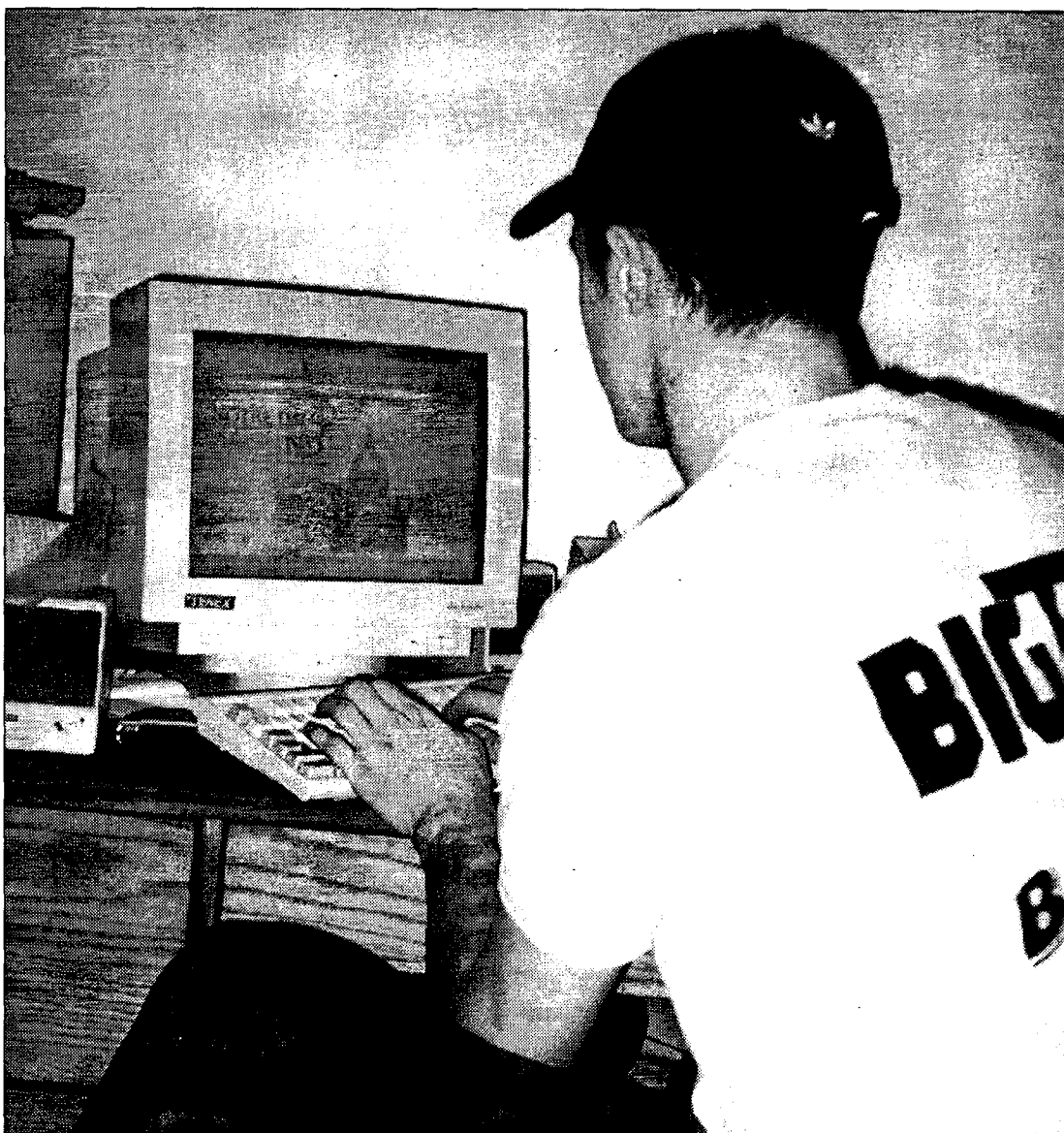
The University has not yet needed to take such an action.

Under new legislation to protect trademarked names from being used improperly for Internet addresses, Harvard University is currently suing a Web-site designer who registered over 60 Internet addresses containing the words "Harvard" or "Radcliffe." According to officials at Harvard, the man demanded money from the University, a claim the man denies.

Other schools have also faced problems. New York University, for instance, recently dealt with a site called nyudormcam.com that claimed to have video cameras in the University's dorm rooms. The site's owners agreed to change the name of their site and all other references to NYU before legal action was necessary.

"There are ongoing efforts to enforce [Notre Dame] trademarks."

Larry Williams
director of licensing for
Notre Dame



SUZANNE KELLMAN/The Observer

Because entrepreneur called 'cybersquatters' often buy up many websites in hopes that others will purchase them, there is an ongoing fear that web addresses will violate the Notre Dame trademark.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Attacks delay peace with Syria

JERUSALEM

Prime Minister Ehud Barak said today that talks with Syria would not resume until it reined in the Hezbollah guerrilla army, a stance that would likely freeze U.S. efforts to revive the stalled negotiations just hours after three Israeli soldiers were killed in Lebanon. Hezbollah guerrillas blasted an Israeli patrol with rocket-propelled grenades and machine-gun fire, also wounded five others, Lebanese security officials said. "Israel will not be able to negotiate peace as long as the Syrians do not restrain the Hezbollah from acting against the Israeli army in the security zone," Barak said in a statement issued on Defense Ministry letterhead. Barak's other government position. The choice to include a ban on attacks on the army as a condition for talks is rare. Israel's red line has traditionally been attacks on civilian settlements along Israel's northern border.

At least 86 dead in Kenya Airways plane crash

IVORY COAST

As dawn broke Monday across the inky waters of the Atlantic, the men of the Artaban launched their ship into a nightmare. Bodies surrounded them: men, women, children, limbs that had been torn away. The remains floated amid the baggage, books and clothes of dozens of passengers killed when Kenya Airways Flight 431 slammed into the sea. At least 10 people survived the disaster. By Monday evening, 86 bodies had been brought to shore, rescue workers said, and most searchers had given up for the night. The plane, an Airbus 310, took off at 9:08 p.m. Sunday into overcast skies. Destined for Lagos, Nigeria, it crashed into the ocean after only one minute in the air, according to George Dapre Yao, the head of air traffic at Abidjan's Felix Houphouet-Boigny Airport.

North Korea will allow U.S. inspection of human remains

WASHINGTON

North Korea invited the United States on Monday to send forensics experts to an area where the communist government says it unearthed hundreds of human remains that may be American servicemen killed in the Korean War. The Pentagon said the offer is under review. To bolster its claim that the remains are American, North Korea released a name from a military identification tag it said was found among the remains. The name is Charles E. Sizemore. According to Pentagon records, Sizemore was a soldier from Rush County, Ind., who went missing on Nov. 2, 1950, a date that coincides with major clashes in the part of North Korea where the remains are claimed to have been found.

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GERMANY



German businessman Karlheinz Schreiber will return to court after accusations that he contributed illicit party donations to Germany's Christian Democratic Party. AFP Photo

Illicit fund scandal hurts CDU

Associated Press

BERLIN

The head of the Christian Democratic party admitted Monday to meeting a second time with a key figure who gave off-the-party-books cash to the party, further undermining his credibility to lead Germany's conservatives out of their spiraling funds scandal.

Wolfgang Schaeuble has repeated at news conferences, on television

appearances and in statements to parliament that he met only once with German-Canadian businessman Karlheinz Schreiber, accepting \$50,000 in cash in 1994 after a party function. Schaeuble has said he turned the money over to the party treasurer.

After German ZDF and ARD public television reported another Schreiber encounter, party spokesman Thomas Raabe confirmed that Schaeuble

had found another meeting with the businessman in his 1995 appointment calendar.

"However, I don't have any memory of such a meeting, as opposed to the meeting when Schreiber handed over a cash donation," Schaeuble told Bayerischer Rundfunk television.

Schreiber has refuted Schaeuble's account of how the cash traded hands, saying he actually gave the money to then-party treas-

urer Brigitte Baumeister.

Baumeister has corroborated Schreiber's account, according to a report in the Berlin tabloid BZ that said she will testify to parliament investigators that she received the \$50,000 and then handed the money over to Schaeuble.

Schaeuble said he was ready to swear to the parliament committee about his version of the events, saying the contradictions could lead to a criminal investigation.

Leaders pick Clinton as Nobel nominee

Associated Press

OSLO, Norway

President Clinton and American peace envoy George Mitchell were among those nominated for this year's Nobel Peace Prize as the deadline ran out Monday.

Clinton was nominated for at least the fifth straight year, this time by two Norwegian parliamentarians, Vidar Kleppe, of the right-wing Party of Progress and Steinar Bastesen, an independent.

"Clinton is president of the world's most powerful

nation and throughout his presidential term has been a guarantor and friend of peace," a news release from the legislators said. They said he was a key player in ending war and conflicts in the former Yugoslavia, and defends human rights worldwide.

The Norwegian awards committee said it may not release the number of nominations until its first meeting on Feb. 23.

The secretive five-member Nobel Peace Committee never releases the names of candidates. However, those making

nominations often announce their pick. The winner is announced in mid-October.

The Norwegian news agency NTB said Mitchell was nominated for his peace efforts in Northern Ireland by an American congressman, who was not identified.

Finnish lawmakers in December nominated their President Martti Ahtisaari, whose term ends this month, for his peacemaking efforts in Kosovo and Namibia.

Each year, the awards committee is flooded by nominations, many of

them invalid because they are made by those without nomination rights. This year, invalid nominations included one from a group of Serbian war veterans for Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic, blamed for much of the violence in the Balkans through the 1990s, NTB said.

Those with nomination rights include members of national legislatures and governments, past laureates, some university professors and peace groups, and awards committee members.

Airliner crashes near L.A.

Associated Press

OXNARD, Calif.

An Alaska Airlines jet carrying 65 passengers and five crew members from Mexico to San Francisco crashed Monday in the Pacific Ocean after reporting mechanical difficulties.

Flight 261 from Puerto Vallarta was reported down 20 miles northwest of the Los Angeles airport about 3:45 p.m., the Federal Aviation Administration said. Pieces of wreckage could be seen in the water, but there was no sign of survivors.

A Coast Guard helicopter, a Navy airplane and small boats were searching a large field of debris rolling in swells off Point Mugu as darkness began to descend on the ocean. Spotlights illuminated the water, which typically has a temperature in the low 50s this time of year.

"Right now they are searching for survivors," said Coast Guard Lt. Jeanne Reincke. "They see a large debris field, but that's all we've heard from them."

The jet's crew had reported mechanical difficulties and asked to land at Los Angeles, said Ron Wilson, a spokesman for the San Francisco airport. The flight was scheduled to continue to Seattle after San Francisco.

"Radar indicates it fell from 17,000 feet and then was lost from radar," Wilson told KRON-TV in San Francisco.

FAA spokesman Mitch Barker said the plane was a Boeing 737. Boeing spokesman Craig Martin said the company was told by Alaska Airlines that the plane was an MD-80.

Cynthia Emery, FAA flight operations officer in Seattle, confirmed the number of passengers and crew.

On Sunday, a Kenya Airways flight crashed into the Atlantic Ocean shortly after take off from Abidjan, Ivory Coast. The Airbus 310 carried 10 crew members and 169 passengers. At least 10 people survived.

Last Oct. 31, EgyptAir Flight 990 plummeted into the ocean 60 miles south of the Massachusetts island of Nantucket. All 217 people aboard the

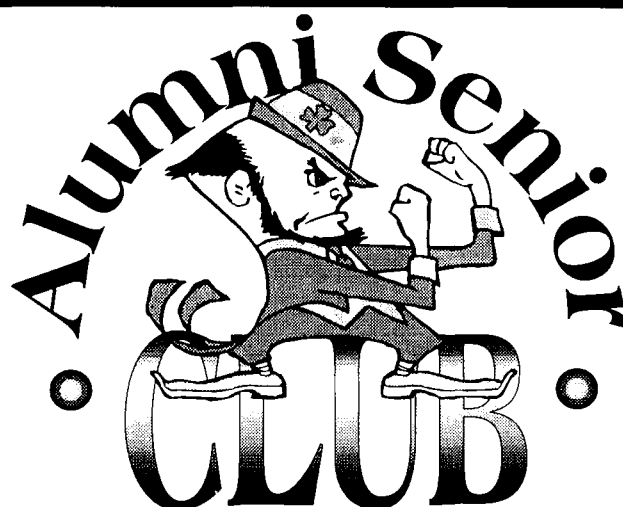
Boeing 767 were killed.

Alaska Airlines, which has a distinctive image of an Eskimo painted on the tails of its planes, has an excellent safety record. It has built itself into a western power by serving more than 40 cities in Alaska, Canada, Mexico and five Western states. Its headquarters are in Seattle.

The airline had two fatal accidents in the 1970s, both in Alaska, according to Airsafe.com, a Web site that tracks plane crashes.

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Group attacks Bradley

Associated Press

♦ Organization's ad criticizes methods of finance

WASHINGTON

A New Jersey anti-tax group with a history of opposition to Democrat Bill Bradley is running ads that criticize him on campaign finance reform — even as the group uses a financing provision that allows it to keep its contributors secret.



Bradley

Hands Across New Jersey refuses to say who is paying for the ads, which have run for a week in New Hampshire. The group is considering running them in other states with upcoming primaries.

The law does not require that outside groups disclose contributors as long as the ads stop short of explicitly advocating a candidate's election or defeat.

"Let us be the example of why these laws should be changed," said John Sheridan, spokesman for Hands Across New Jersey. "If they don't change [the law], they will be the victims of these sorts of ads in the future, and they will feel as helpless as the public does in trying to bring about change."

Asked if it was hypocritical to advocate change while exploiting what is widely viewed as a loophole in the campaign finance law, Sheridan said: "It is hypocritical."

The ad in question shows three irate New Jersey residents sitting around a kitchen table accusing Bradley of a variety of campaign financing misdeeds, including arranging favors for special interest contributors.

The advertisement also says Bradley had to return a campaign contribution from an insurance company and attempted to intervene with

the Commerce Department on behalf of a donor. The Bradley camp denied all wrongdoing, saying Bradley returned a contribution from Prudential Insurance Co. because it was raised using corporate facilities, which is illegal.

Hands Across New Jersey was begun in 1990 to protest a large tax increase pushed through the New Jersey Legislature by then-Gov. Jim Florio. Bradley nearly lost his bid for re-election that year, due partly to Florio's tax hike and the group's attacks, even though he was running against a virtual unknown — Republican Christine Todd Whitman, now the state's governor.

But in 1996, the group split, partly over whether it should endorse then-Rep. Dick Zimmer, who unsuccessfully challenged Democratic Sen. Robert Torricelli. Ousted board members charged that those who remained were tying the group too closely to Whitman and the Republican Party.

"I got tired of battling off wave after wave of Republican infiltrators," said John Budzash, the group's founder.

Budzash and Ray Babecki, one of the ousted board members, say the group's New Hampshire ads are probably backed by money from Republicans worried about facing Bradley in November.

"Wherever Bradley goes, they want to knock him, to make sure [Al] Gore wins," Budzash said.

Sheridan, who appears in the ad, said his group has 1,300 dues-paying members and a list of 90,000 potential supporters. He said he has no idea whether donors are Republicans, Democrats or Libertarians, as he is.

"I don't know who sent the money," he said. "I don't ask the membership their party affiliation."

He said contributions range from hundreds to thousands of dollars and added that he didn't know the politics of even large donors.

He said the group is targeting Bradley because it is familiar with his record, even though Vice President Gore has had well-publicized questions about his record on campaign finance.

GOP offers bigger marriage tax cut

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Aiming for a House vote prior to Valentine's Day, Republicans proposed a 10-year, \$182 billion remedy Monday to the "marriage penalty" that makes 25 million two-income couples pay higher taxes than if they were single.



Archer

The legislation is four times as costly as a plan offered by President Clinton, mainly because it would enlarge the bottom 15 percent income tax rate to ensure a tax cut for couples with higher incomes and those who itemize deductions. Clinton's measure focuses on couples who take the standard tax deduction.

Although the two sides differ in approach, addressing the marriage penalty is popular among Democrats and Republicans alike and stands a better-than-even chance of becoming law despite the jockeying for political advantage that frequently overshadows election-year legislation.

"The American people support this, representatives and senators of both parties support this, so there's no excuse why this shouldn't be done this year," House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Archer, R-Texas, told reporters.

House Republican leaders have decided not to pursue a repeat of last year's giant \$792 billion tax cut that was vetoed by Clinton, preferring to break it into a series of popular,

smaller tax-relief bills more difficult for Democrats to oppose.

White House officials say the president's support will depend on how the GOP balances projected budget surpluses among the overall priorities of Social Security, Medicare, government spending, debt repayment and tax cuts.

"It's going to depend on the entire picture," said Clinton spokesman Jake Siewert. "It's difficult to address these items in isolation."

The Treasury Department estimates that 25 million married couples pay higher income taxes than if they were single, mainly when both spouses have jobs. The tax strikes most often when the higher-earning spouse makes between \$20,000 and \$75,000 in adjusted gross income a year, according to the Congressional Budget Office, but some single-earner households actually receive a marriage bonus.

The GOP bill would reduce government revenue by \$182.3 billion over 10 years, or 10 percent of the projected \$1.9 trillion surplus not earmarked for Social Security.

It would gradually raise the lowest 15 percent income tax bracket so that it applies to more income for married couples.

Had that change been in place this year, married couples would have paid the lowest income tax rate on their first \$52,500 of income, com-

pared to \$43,850 under current law. It would be of no benefit, however, to the millions of middle- and lower-income couples who already pay taxes at only the 15 percent rate.

Two other GOP provisions are similar to those proposed by Clinton, who last week outlined a 10-year, \$45 billion plan to fix the marriage penalty.

House Republicans would increase the standard income tax deduction for married couples to twice that for single tax filers beginning in 2001. If it were the law now, that would translate into a standard deduction of \$8,800 instead of \$7,351 for couples who don't itemize.

The GOP bill also would increase by \$2,000 the income cutoff for lower-income couples who claim the earned income tax credit, an item proposed by Clinton and also included by Republicans in their larger tax cut last year.

"The American people support this, representatives and senators of both parties support this, so there's no excuse why this shouldn't be done."

Bill Archer
U.S. Rep., R-Texas

The Ways and Means Committee is scheduled to consider the bill Wednesday, with a House floor vote planned prior to Valentine's Day, Feb. 14.

The measure's fate in the Senate is uncertain. Partly because of Senate rules and partly because of philosophical differences, Senate Republicans are divided on the House approach of passing a series of smaller tax cuts rather than one large tax relief package.

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Death penalty suspended in Illinois

Associated Press

CHICAGO Gov. George Ryan took the unprecedented step Monday of putting all executions on hold in Illinois, which over the past two decades has freed more inmates from death row — 13 — than it has put to death.

"There is no margin for error when it comes to putting a person to death," the Republican governor said. "Until I can be sure that everyone sentenced to death in Illinois is truly guilty — until I can be sure with moral certainty that no innocent man or woman is facing a lethal injection — no one will meet that fate."

Ryan called the death penalty system "fraught with error" and said he will appoint a committee to help revamp it.

Illinois becomes the first of the 38 states with the death penalty to issue a moratorium on executions while the system is examined.

Thirteen inmates have been released from Illinois' death row since 1987, exposing what critics say are serious flaws in the criminal justice system and leading to calls for a moratorium.

In most of those cases, prosecutors acknowledged they had the wrong man after they were confronted with DNA evidence, new witnesses or confessions from others. In other cases, the inmates' convictions were thrown out on appeal and prosecutors have yet to pursue a retrial.

Ryan, who insisted he remains a supporter of capital punishment, said the committee will review the use of jailhouse infor-

ants. He also pointed out that unqualified defense attorneys have handled some death row cases; some were eventually disbarred.

Illinois has executed 12 people since the death penalty was reinstated in 1977, and even critics of the system have not suggested any of them were innocent.

Death penalty foes — including lawyers who represent the nearly 160 death row inmates in Illinois — applauded the governor's decision. Most of those on Illinois' death row are black and Hispanic.

"It's clear that racism is rampant in the system, and I don't know what they're going to do to cure that," said Tim Gabrielsen, a public defender who handles death penalty cases.

One of the people Gabrielsen has defended is Rolando Cruz, who was twice convicted of the 1983 rape and murder of a 10-year-old girl in the Chicago suburb of Naperville. Cruz spent nearly a decade on death row before he was acquitted. Seven prosecutors and law officers were later charged with lying and fabricating evidence against Cruz; all seven were cleared.

In another noteworthy case, Anthony Porter spent 15 years on death row — once coming within two days of being executed — before a college journalism class proved his innocence. Porter was released last year.

Within the past month, prosecutors dropped charges against a former Chicago police officer who was convicted and sentenced to die based on the word of a jailhouse informant.

"In Illinois, it's looking more

like the rule that you cannot trust the system," Gabrielsen said.

When asked whether the panel might lead to the abolition of the death penalty in Illinois, the governor said he is keeping all options open.

He did not set a deadline for the investigation, saying he did not want the panel to be rushed, since he is responsible for sending inmates to their death. "I am the fellow who has to make the ultimate decision," he said.

Nebraska considered a similar halt to executions last year. But a moratorium passed by the legislature was vetoed by the governor.

The only other state where more death row inmates have been exonerated is Florida, where 18 have been freed from death row and 44 executed. But there has been little talk of a moratorium there.

"In Florida, the issue of executing the innocent is a non-issue," said Michael Radelet, a University of Florida sociology professor who has written extensively on the death penalty. "I'm

not aware of any legislator who has expressed any interest at all in learning from these blunders."

The notion that Illinois cannot guarantee that an innocent person would not

be put to death even led the state Supreme Court's chief justice, Moses Harrison II, to call the Illinois law unconstitutional.

Nearly a year ago, Harrison said the governor had the power to declare a moratorium. But after Porter's release last February, Ryan said he saw no need for a moratorium or a "knee-jerk reaction."

"There is no margin for error when it comes to putting a person to death."

George Ryan
governor, Illinois



Ryan

FDA approves digital mammograms

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The nation's first digital mammograms — computerized breast X-rays to hunt breast cancer — were approved by the government Monday.

Digital mammograms appear as good as — but not better than — regular mammograms in detecting breast cancer, the Food and Drug Administration cautioned.

But the new digital mammography machine, GE Medical Inc.'s Senographe 2000D, does offer potential

advantages to regular film X-rays: digital mammograms can be stored electronically so films aren't lost, adjusted for under- or overexposure without needing another X-ray, and sent electronically to specialists worldwide for consultation.

Better, it is a long-awaited first step in using computers in even more sophisticated ways to better detect breast cancer, said Dr. Daniel Kopans, director of breast imaging at Massachusetts General Hospital, who has helped study the system.

"This will open a new era in mammographic detection of breast cancer," he said, describing a list of research that digital equipment will enable to move forward. "This is the first step and I've got my fingers crossed all these things are going to pan out. This gives us the opportunity" to try.

American women undergo some 30 million mammograms every year. The breast X-ray is the gold standard in detecting breast cancer, particularly early tumors.

But mammograms are not foolproof. Scientists have long hoped that computerizing mammograms could improve the images.

The FDA approved essentially a first step in digital mammography, cautioned radiologic devices chief Dr. Dan Schultz.

In studies of 625 women, a printout of the mammogram from the digital machine was as effective in detecting breast cancer as standard film mammograms, he said.

From a woman's point of view, digital mammograms are performed like traditional mammograms — the image just isn't recorded on film. And radiologists read those printouts just as they read standard mammograms.

To utilize the machine's full digital capabilities, doctors wouldn't need a printout — ideally, they could check a computerized image on a video monitor. But the FDA did not approve this ideal "soft copy" digital mammogram — just the printout version — because GE Medical has not yet studied whether reading from the video screen is as accurate, Schultz explained.

If that full digital capability is realized, doctors one day could have a greater range to manipulate and improve the breast scans, he said. For example, if one part of a woman's breast were particularly dense, the computer might compensate to better check that spot.

Using digital equipment also will enable studies of whether injecting dyes into the breast or devising computer-generated images of breast tissue from different angles could better detect tumors, Kopans said.

"This will open a new era in mammographic detection of breast cancer."

Dr. Daniel Kopans
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EDITORIAL

Sophomore Sibs Weekend cancellation unfair, unfounded

The recent cancellation of Sophomore Sibs Weekend by director of Student Activities Joe Cassidy is unfortunate, unfair and unfounded.

The several reasons Cassidy cited for the cancellation of the growing tradition are rife with hypocrisy, particularly the arguments that families are too small or live too far away.

Despite the national trend in decreasing family size, more students than not have siblings, and it is disingenuous to base the decision to cancel a local, campus event on a national statistic.

The average number of siblings students actually have, however, is immaterial in discussing whether or not such siblings should be able to visit during an organized weekend. "[T]he likelihood that a sophomore student would have an eligible sibling in the right age [middle school] is very small," said Cassidy. There is no "right" age to visit a brother or sister at Notre Dame. Limiting the age group to middle school is unfair to siblings younger and older than this age and creates an elitist attitude that they need to be the "right" age and somehow don't belong if they are not.

It is also wrong to base, in part, the decision to cancel Sophomore Sibs on the notion siblings do not have equal opportunity to attend because of travel distance. Does the University cancel Parents Weekend during football season or Junior Parents Weekend because some families live too far away? No. Does the admissions office decide who is admitted based on where they are from and whether or not they can afford to travel? No. This University is definitely not an

"equal opportunity lender" when it comes to considering the distance people travel to visit, whether it's for four years or a weekend.

Another reason Cassidy cited was low attendance.

According to that logic, we should cancel most of our guest lectures, more than half of our sporting events and almost anything SUB orchestrates. Failure to fill an expected attendance quota is not a legitimate reason to cancel an event.

Neither is the concern for underage drinking. If Cassidy and the administration are so concerned about underage drinking by visiting siblings, maybe they should consider orienting their efforts toward a more effective solution to the student underage drinking that is already here.

Each of the concerns Cassidy cited about Sophomore Sibs could have been easily remedied; it is absolutely absurd to cancel the event without exploring and testing options for improvement. If Student Activities really cared about the problems with this event, it would solve them. Such a rash and unjustified decision is just one more item to add to the swelling list of ways administrators let students down.

Kudos is in order to members of the Class of 2002, however, for taking a strong stand in their appeal to Cassidy's decision last semester. Their efforts to fight for tradition and classmates are to be commended and celebrated. By voicing their concerns, they defended the right to be heard in the atmosphere of petty dictatorship that all too often guides the way decisions are made on this campus.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We were left in the cold

I am writing this letter at 3 a.m. I just got back from Saint Mary's College. The only explanation I have for why it took me an hour to get back home is that the damn shuttle bus stopped early. Three Zahm guys, a Sorin guy, a Dillon guy, and I walked back through the falling snow, driving winds and arctic temperatures.

On the way back, we met a seemingly kind Saint Mary's College security patrolman who informed us politely that we were dedicated individuals. What the hell! Does he think that a bunch of guys just decided to take a stroll through hellish weather at two in the morning?

Then, after eating another doughnut, he informed us that he couldn't give us a ride of one block because he was only allowed to give Saint Mary's students rides. Then, he proceeded to drive in front of us at an obnoxiously slow speed, leaving just enough room so that we couldn't hang on to the bumper. So, all this having been said, I'm cold and wet and want to know why Transpo thinks that it can mess with the shuttle schedules on a whim. If anybody has an answer, pray tell.

Jacob T. Rodenbiker
Freshman, Keenan Hall
January 30, 2000

Call for Pope to resign is wrong

On Thursday, Mr. Gary Caruso took a fairly routine act by the Chinese government and used it to fashion a broad indictment of Pope John Paul II. Indeed, Mr. Caruso even asks for the Pope's retirement!

These latest appointments of Catholic bishops by China are merely the latest shots in a long-drawn battle over control of organized religion in China. The Chinese government has a policy of maintaining control over religions. The most famous of these government-appointed religious leaders are the anti-Lamas routinely appointed as foils to the real Dalai Lama. Witness also the allergy of the Chinese government to the Falun Gong movement. So, appointment of Chinese bishops not recognized by the Vatican should not be seen as any sign of weakness on the part of our Pope. The Chinese government will do this as a matter of policy no matter who is Pope. The only way to for this to stop is with a major restructuring of the Chinese government.

What's more, Mr. Caruso goes on to say that these appointments threaten the very survival of Catholicism in all of Asia. In so doing, he makes the common error in thinking that China is Asia and that Asia is China. He also forgets that the vast majority of Catholics in Asia are in the Philippines. Catholicism will go on very nicely in Asia with or without Chinese intervention.

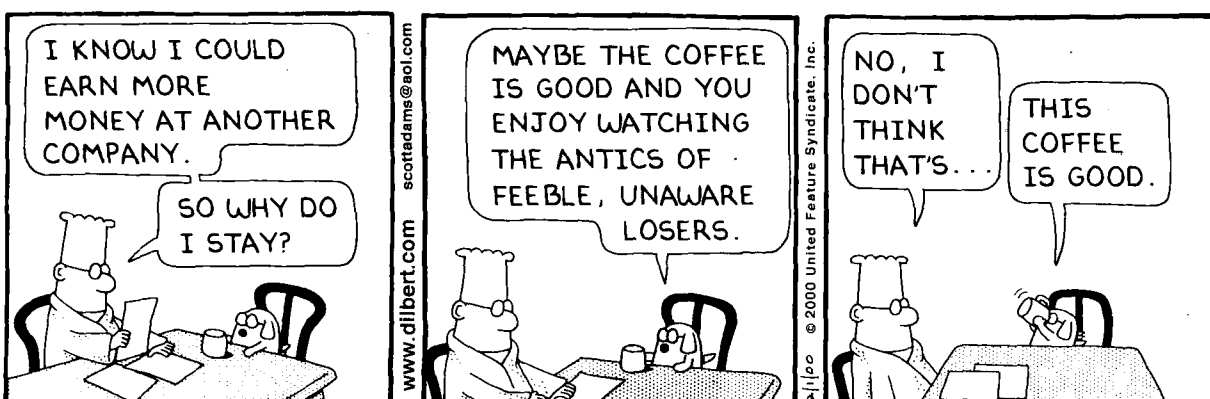
Pope John Paul has done more than any Pope to make the Catholic Church a truly universal Church. He should not be judged on the basis of extremely weak extrapolations based on one news item.

Luis F. Razon '81, '85
January 31, 2000

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"God is dead." —Friedrich Nietzsche

"Nietzsche is dead" —God

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Students respond to atheist's charge

'Uninformed atheism is perhaps the most blind faith of all'

At the risk of sounding arrogant, I would like to address — and perhaps correct — Mike Dillon for the little verbal fit he had over Elizabeth Bauer's comments. While I am not a devoted reader of The Observer, and therefore cannot claim that I read the words that generated his response, I do have a few points to make with regard to his own. It is proper that I do so, because the nature of the comments I would like to address is very much a general one.

I fully respect the fact that faith is a choice. When all data has been examined, it is true that there is no conclusive evidence that God does exist. This, of course, assumes a traditional view of God. Whether there are "solid facts" is left to question, but it is conclusive evidence that both modern science and theology seem to lack. However, let me also extend your narrow intuition to a range of more consistency, as this claim of yours is also true for the opposite: There is no conclusive evidence that God does not exist.

If you did some research, you might conveniently find that there are proofs in numerous disciplines that "disprove" the existence of God. Let me inform you, however, that there also exist similar proofs of just as much credulity that do the opposite, and "prove" the existence of God. In fact, what are considered the most brilliant minds in the history of mankind often differed in opinion with regard to this matter. Among the famous "believers" was Sir Isaac Newton, devoted philosopher/scientist with an insatiable appetite for "proof" in his studies of the universe. I mention this, because it seems that there is a hint of hubris in your letter and would like to suggest a more balanced perspective. Namely, if Newton believed that the intricate order of the Universe—which he was actively involved in discovering—was suggestive of the existence of God, I'm not sure that Elizabeth Bauer's opinion can really be dismissed as sheer 'nonsense.'

Of course, I will not deny that the opposite view was held by many such brilliant minds in the history of mankind. It is not my intent to make a case for the existence of God, nor is it my intention to defend or dismiss either opinion. My attempt is none other than one of objectivity. As a reader, I fear that your response was much too impassioned to hold any weight. Partly because most people who do believe in the traditional Christian God do not hold the simplistic view that God "lets all [of these] children suffer and die everyday." And "needlessly," I might add.

Also, philosophically, it does not follow that there is no God if things that may be construed as "negative" occur in the world's social contexts. If your experiences at Harvard have led you to believe that such a conclusion does necessarily follow, then I'd be inclined to think that your visit to "America's Oldest University" was not a very fruitful one. Not because you don't agree with me, but because you fail to see that there are more possibilities than those that you have enumerated.

I feel I speak for a significant number of students when I say that I'm not sure that your comments in Monday's paper escape the realm of the "silly and nonsensical." I'd also like to apologize to the reader for what may be considered a "simplistic" treatment of the subject matter, as it is, no doubt, more complex than I have had the space to digress upon.

Lastly, I openly defend and thank Elizabeth Bauer for expressing her opinion as she has the right to do. While Mike Dillon both dismissed it as "simple" and "mindless," and implied that it was "irrational," I must admit that I am deeply curious about the comments that inspired a response infused with such flagrant hypocrisy.

It is no lie that in the wide spectrum of religion, there are often individuals who do not seek to enlighten themselves with regard to the nature of the very beliefs that they choose to contend with.

A few words of advice to Mike: Uninformed atheism is perhaps the most blind faith of all.

Kelly Fabrega
Sophomore, Welsh Family Hall
January 31, 2000

Don't condemn other's beliefs

Today I read a letter from a person claiming that God does not exist. Contrary to what usually happens, I am NOT writing to condemn that person's view. I am also not writing to agree with him, because I personally do believe in God. The reason I am writing, is in hopes that perhaps I can cut off the probably near 20 letters, in utter disgust of Mr. Dillon's view.

When did we get so judgmental? Last week someone expressed the opinion that pre-marital sex is okay, and was promptly responded to with letters claiming he doesn't belong here. Today someone wrote a letter about not believing in God. I assure you that if THIS letter didn't make the paper, then one telling him about how wrong he is did. There are all types of religion at this school. Protestants, Jews, Muslims and any religion you can think of are represented. We don't express views of disgust to them, so why, are there 20 people writing letters as I speak, condemning views of an Atheist?

To last week's author, does Mr. Dillon not "belong" because we're a Catholic-affiliated school and he doesn't believe in God? Do the Jewish people here not

"belong," because they don't worship Jesus as we do? The answer of course, is no, because if we as individuals told everyone who doesn't have the same views we do, that they don't belong around us, I assure you, we'd be awfully lonely. Different opinions make the world interesting.

If you disagree with someone's opinion, write in and tell everyone about it! But please, let's stop telling people how totally wrong they are, and how they don't belong here because they have a different opinion. Have the "right" opinion, have the "wrong" opinion, but for God sake, have an opinion and don't be afraid to share it with us all, for fear of being torn apart by judgmental people. On that note, Mr. Dillon, I don't agree with you, I do believe in God, but thank you for not being to scared to tell people what you think.

Keith Anderson
Sophomore, Keenan Hall
January 31, 2000

'Problem of Evil' is not sufficient to challenge the Christian idea of God

This letter responds to Mike Dillon's statements on January 31, 2000 regarding God and our notions about Him. Briefly, Mike weighed in on the occasional debate on premarital sex with the typical individualist position of mutual respect for opinions, and then invoked images of suffering and deprivations, attempting to prove a God non-existent.

Mike makes some valid points. The problem of evil in the world has caused considerable debate since at least the second century A.D. It has been difficult for people to accept a good God who, though being omnipotent, allows evil. I would, however, redirect Mike's question. The God that most persons think of when they make this evils-exist-thus-no-God theory is not the same one whom Christians believe to have been incarnated in the person of Jesus Christ. The sort of God these people hold as their paradigm is not one that any sane person would wish to have over for lunch; such a god is entirely dominating, wilful, and selfish. It does, in fact, remind us of the pagan predecessors to Christian belief. If such a God did exist, Mr. Dillon would not want Him to.

The Christian God is strange. We hold a God high who came down as low as it is possible for God to be—in human form. Thomas Aquinas holds humanity as the lowest among rational creatures; our lives are

inherently full of the suffering that Mike wishes to do away with by means of the god he doesn't believe in. I would venture to say that I don't believe in God either, if He is as Mike would have us believe; rather, He is compassionate enough to bear with humanity in all of its foibles, sins, and sufferings so much so that He let us crucify Him as the result of these evils we perpetrate. God's message to us is one of absolute acceptance, shown fully on the cross, allowing even our worst evil while still loving us. We commit evil, the nature of our existence inflicts the rest, and this strange God of ours loves us anyway, forgiving us even when we crucify Him.

What are we to think of such a God? Augustine says that our "hearts are restless until they rest in Him." God's assured and purposeful love asks (not demands) only to be fully accepted, and in consequence to turn our lives in a radically different-oriented direction. A daring direction in which premarital sex and the rest matter far more than anyone's opinion if we are to make a response to the divinely-originated love.

Nathaniel Hannan
Sophomore, Dillon Hall
January 31, 2000

Free Will is worth the price of evil on Earth

Mike Dillon humored readers of the Observer on Jan. 31 with a misguided attempt to attack the Christian values of Elizabeth Bauer, who had written, as Catholic doctrine teaches, that sex should wait for marriage. Mike's response was that people can do as they please, because there is no God.

Mike, your attack on the existence of God doesn't seem to have been thought through with any particular care. In fact, it's limited to what has been called the "problem of evil," that is, the observation that an all-powerful, all-good God would not allow people to sustain harm, but nonetheless "children suffer and die everyday ... billions of people suffer, starve and die needlessly." The conclusion you draw is that there can be no God — but you overstep the bounds of rational philosophy in an attempt to use logic to justify what are obviously just your personal convictions. As a matter of fact, the most one can hope to show in a consideration of the problem of evil is either that God is not omnipotent, or that He is not omnibenevolent. In the theology of the ancient Greeks, for instance, it was easy to identify the suffering one saw in the world as the consequence of the wrath, jealousy, or carelessness of one or more of the gods — and the problem was solved.

For Christians, the problem is somewhat more complicated, but capable philosophers and theologians since St. Augustine have been grappling with it and,

for the most part, getting the best of it. The most common defense of Christian theology, very simply put, is that, faced with the choice of controlling everything Himself or allowing people free will, God took the latter option, even though it carried with it the consequence that people might use their free will to do evil. Even a world with some evil in it is better than a world with no free will, because we have the ability to choose God over evil. This isn't a proof of the existence of God, but it is a very adequate defense against your attempt to disprove Him.

So it surprises me, Mike, that you would base your remarkably insensitive attack on Elizabeth Bauer's values upon a comparatively weak disproof of the existence of God. In fact, you seem to take the atheistic position for granted, and theism as a bizarre delusion — perhaps you picked up this sophisticated post-modernism at Harvard University, a name you took particular care to drop. Perhaps it's just east-coast elitism. In any event, Mike, you would be well-advised to heed the very warning you gave Elizabeth: Please think rationally before inserting simple, mindless opinions into our newspaper.

Alan M. Robinson
Sophomore, Knott Hall
January 31, 2000

CONCERT REVIEW

Umpfrey's returns to State Theatre

By DAVE CLARK
Scene Music Critic

For those who believe that nothing exciting ever happens in South Bend on the weekends, Umpfrey's McGee has two words — you're wrong.

Something very exciting happened on Friday night at the State Theatre.

Setlist

- ◆ All In Time
- ◆ Prowler
- ◆ Front Porch
- ◆ Der Bluten Kat
- ◆ Brown-Eyed Girl/
Punk Tease
- ◆ Fool In the Rain
- ◆ Mamu
- ◆ Jose
- ◆ Slacker
- ◆ All Night Long
- ◆ Phil's Farm
- ◆ Billy Jean
- ◆ Fussy Dutchman
- ◆ Pick Up the Piece
- ◆ Q-Bert
- ◆ Hangover
- ◆ 2X2
- ◆ Lively Up Yourself
- ◆ All Things Ninja
- ◆ Dr. Didj
- ◆ Late in the Evening

State. Back in 1998 Umpfrey's McGee was a freshly hatched campus band from Notre Dame which impressed many people by playing such a large venue so early in its career. That was

then, and now Umpfrey's McGee has two albums under its belt along with many appearances in areas such as Milwaukee, Kalamazoo, Madison, Indianapolis, Ann Arbor, Cincinnati and their most frequent stop, Chicago. Playing almost 80 shows a year has brought the band a couple of successful east coast jaunts with stops in New York, Buffalo, Boston, Montreal, Pittsburgh and Burlington, Vt. Their most recent album, *Songs for Older Women* was ranked number 46th in JamBands.com's top 50 albums of the year. With the momentum on their side, it seemed that their return to the State Theatre would be a fitting way to reflect on the past two years while bringing their music up to a new level as they look to the future.

As there was some historical significance, there was also a presence of a potent intangible — the atmosphere within the building. For those who have never been to the re-opened State Theatre, its enormous size, posh decor, and old-style nostalgia blend with plentiful bar availability, and well-remodeled seating and dance areas to create what is undoubtedly the best place to see a concert in South Bend.

The crowd was a mix of people, many of whom came to see Umpfrey's McGee, familiar with what they would see, and many of whom came to enjoy the State Theatre, having little idea what Umpfrey's McGee was all about. What was probably most important about the crowd was its size. Late in the evening the crowd spilled deep into the upper level seating areas and balconies creating one of the largest crowds ever at an Umpfrey's McGee show. The crowd's size lent itself to high energy and eager response to the music.

The element that completed the recipe for such a great show was of course, the music. The band opened up early, having limited playing time, and played one long set. The band



Courtesy of Umpfreys.com

After two years of touring throughout the Midwest, Umpfrey's McGee has developed a very devout fan base.

opened with old favorites like "All In Time" and "Front Porch," intermingled a new song called "Prowler" which explored Latino inspiration along with flowing melodies congruent with the Umpfrey's sound. With the special inclusion of guest saxophonists Rich Cohen and John Wiseman, the band brought out many improvisational jazz themes familiar to influences such as John Coltrane and Miles Davis, along with funk sounds likened to the Meters and Karl Denson's Tiny Universe.

An amusing treat was the tease of Van Morrison's "Brown-Eyed Girl" which led into the Led Zeppelin classic, "Fool in the Rain." Other songs the band covered which made the "highlight reel" were Michael Jackson's "Billy Jean", Lionel Richie's "All Night Long," The Average White Band's "Pick Up the Piece," Galactic's "Church," and Paul Simon's "Late in

the Evening" (perfect with horns).

The band's newer originals such as "Q-Bert," "Fussy Dutchman" and "Mamu" kept the music's balance of experimentation and exploration within the bounds that Umpfrey's McGee likes: intricate yet fluid. It seemed from an audience standpoint that the band was having fun, especially with their special guests. Only in certain rare occasions did one instrument seem overpowering and there were almost no technical flaws from the musicians or technicians. One drawback was that the band's performance was cut off at a relatively early 12:15 a.m.

By the end of the show, it was undoubtedly that the elements which make a great concert had fallen together perfectly and energy was in the air. Broad smiles amid the crowd spoke loud and clear: "Something exciting is going on."

UPCOMING CONCERTS

South Bend

Transoms, Doc Brown Benchwarmers Feb. 18
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Indianapolis

Paula Cole Vogue Theatre Feb. 29
Fiona Apple Murat Theatre Mar. 7

Chicago

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Pretenders Riviera Theatre Feb. 25-26
Fiona Apple Riviera Theatre Mar. 11

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Today

Bernard Butler - Friends & Lovers
Lo Fidelity Allstars - On the Floor at the Boutique
Morphine - The Night
Michael Penn - MP4
The Rockfords - The Rockfords
Snoop Dogg - Snoop Dogg Presents the Eastsidaz
Tina Turner - Twenty Four Seven
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Sarah - Cracknell - Lipslide
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Joni Mitchell - Both Sides Now
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★ (out of five)

SUPER BOWL XXXIV



Rams' quarterback Kurt Warner is greeted by young fans in Monday's parade held in St. Louis. Warner became only the sixth player in history to win the regular-season and Super Bowl MVP awards. KRT photo

Super Bowl champion Rams welcomed at home

♦ Statehouse recognizes Rams' achievement

Associated Press

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. Never mind political affiliations or geography. On Monday, just about everyone in the Statehouse was a St. Louis Rams fan.

And why not? The Rams won Missouri's first Super Bowl since the Kansas City Chiefs beat the Minnesota Vikings in 1970.

Of course, some of the same lawmakers who stood and applauded the Rams had opposed using taxpayer dollars to pay for the team's current home in the Trans World Dome when the team moved from Los Angeles.

But all was forgiven Monday as legislators in the House and Senate praised the Rams for their 23-16 thriller over the Tennessee Titans in Atlanta.

Though neither the House nor the Senate honored the Rams with

a formal resolution Monday, the achievement of the Super Bowl heroes did not go unheralded.

"I think all of us should give recognition for a great victory on behalf of St. Louis and the state of Missouri," said House Speaker Steve Gaw.

The champions even received mention in the ceremonial opening prayers in each chamber.

Sen. John Scott, a supporter of the city's professional football teams since 1953, said an attempt is being made to lure a couple of Rams to the Capitol, perhaps even this week.

"We are working on something," Scott said. "This is just great for St. Louis. Everybody is in a good mood."

Sen. Bill Kenney, the former Pro Bowl quarterback for the Kansas City Chiefs, never made it to the big game but was happy for the Rams.

"I think everybody in Kansas City was a big Rams fan this weekend," Kenney said. "I wish the Chiefs could go. Maybe it's our year next year."

♦ St. Louis hosts parade for Super Bowl champs

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS

With coach Dick Vermeil riding a wagon pulled by the Anheuser-Busch Clydesdales, tens of thousands of fans lined the streets of downtown Monday evening for a parade honoring the Super Bowl champion St. Louis Rams.

The parade began about 40 minutes late, but the crowd didn't seem to mind. Players rode in trucks behind the wagon pulling Vermeil and his wife, Carol.

"Thank you very much world champions," Vermeil told the crowd. "As a representative of these guys, the management and the coaching staff, I'd like to thank you for your support. I'd like to you to know that the Rams aren't world champions. St. Louis is world champions."

Rams owner Georgia Frontiere raised the Vince Lombardi trophy, causing the crowd to cheer even louder.

"Georgia baby, I love you," one male fan shouted.

Fans also broke into a chant of "MVP" as the truck carrying Kurt Warner made its

way through the throngs of people. Warner is only the sixth player in league history to win the regular-season and Super Bowl MVP awards.

Warner — who went from stocking grocery store shelves at the Hy-Vee in Cedar Falls, Iowa, to help the Rams improve from 4-12 to 16-3 in a single season — gave high-fives to several fans, who ran up to greet him.

"I'd like to say that we forget about the grocery stores and all that stuff, and we start thinking about a repeat," Warner said.

Meanwhile, traffic on nearby Highway 40 backed up for miles, thanks to the added congestion of people making their way to the celebration.

A rally at nearby Kiener Plaza, which began earlier in the afternoon, was to resume once the parade ends.

"This is great. It's a dream come true," said Marshall Faulk, after making his way onto the stage a Kiener Plaza. "The fans have been great. We appreciate you guys supporting us. Thank you!"

St. Louis fans also were signing a large "get well" banner that will be sent to Kansas City Chiefs linebacker Derrick Thomas, paralyzed from the chest down following a car crash on Jan. 23.

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the rest.....

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NEMATODE!

don't worry, Noreen. We all love
you (OK, except maybe connolly).
Even if you are ... um ... underap-
preciated in certain circles.

There is something in my eye.

what is going on out there?
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david bowie

hello erin elizabeth,
hope you are having a fantastic
day! i'm doing just great. take it
easy.

going to miami

NBA

Miami holds onto first place

Associated Press

MIAMI

With their 11-week stay in first place at stake, the Miami Heat responded by routing the slumping Detroit Pistons 104-82.

Jamal Mashburn had 23 points, eight rebounds and six assists to lead the Heat, whose starters enjoyed a short night. Miami shot 56 percent.

With a loss, the Heat would have fallen out of first place in the Atlantic Division for the first time since Nov. 10. Instead they took a half-game lead over the New York Knicks.

Detroit's Grant Hill sat out with a bruised hip that has forced him to miss three games. His status remains day-to-day.

The Pistons have lost seven of their past eight games, and they've dropped six straight on the road.

Miami's Alonzo Mourning scored 20 points, reaching the milestone for the 10th consecutive game to break the team record he shared with Glen Rice.

Jerry Stackhouse had 17 points for Detroit but only seven after the first quarter. He sliced through the Miami defense for four dunks to help give Detroit a 20-16 lead before the Heat went ahead to stay early in the second period.

Tim Hardaway's 3-pointer capped a 19-4 spurt that put Miami up 50-37, and consecutive 3-pointers by Voshon Lenard and Mashburn made it 65-45.

Without Hill, the Pistons struggled to find an offensive

option. They shot 5-for-15 in the second period, then did even worse in the third period — 3-for-17.

Excluding his dunks, Stackhouse shot 2-for-13.

Timberwolves 105, Kings 90

Bobby Jackson had 17 points, 11 rebounds and 12 assists for his first career triple-double as the Minnesota Timberwolves beat the Sacramento Kings 105-90.

Jackson, starting for the third time this season in place of the injured Terrell Brandon, had season highs in rebounds and assists. Brandon sat out after spraining his left ankle in Saturday's victory over Utah.

It was the third triple-double by the Timberwolves this season and seventh in franchise history.

Kevin Garnett had 31 points, 12 rebounds and seven assists for Minnesota, which has won 18 of 22 since snapping an eight-game losing streak.

At 25-17, the Wolves have matched their best record ever after 42 games (1997-98).

Chris Webber had 14 points to lead seven players in double-figures for Sacramento, which has lost four of six since winning seven in a row. The Kings were making their fifth stop on an eight-game road trip, the longest trip by an NBA team this season.

Sacramento's Jason Williams got a technical and scored just two points, one night after scoring five points and getting ejected in New York.

Sacramento scored fewer than 100 points for the first

time in 13 games.

Garnett scored 13 points in the third quarter as Minnesota took control against a worn down Sacramento team.

The Kings fell behind 66-49 early in the third before Vlade Divac scored nine of their next 11 points to make it 68-60 with 4:24 left.

But, Garnett answered with a 7-0 run of his own, including a one-handed dunk over Divac. The Wolves took an 84-66 lead into the fourth and didn't look back.

Minnesota went on a 20-2 run in the first quarter to take a 26-12 lead with 4:18 left in the period. The Timberwolves shot 15-for-23 (.652) in the quarter and held a 32-21 lead into the second.

The Kings' bench provided a spark in the second, as Scot Pollard scored eight points and Darrick Martin scored seven to bring Sacramento within 47-43 at the 5:39 mark. But, Minnesota ended the quarter on a 13-6 run to take a 60-49 halftime lead.

Notes:

♦ Jackson has five career double-doubles, but none last season.

♦ Anthony Peeler scored 16 points off the bench for Minnesota.

♦ Minnesota and Sacramento split a two-game series in Japan to open the season. Three of Minnesota's five starters were different than in that series.

♦ At 12-3 in January, the Wolves have set a franchise record for wins in a calendar month. Minnesota was 10-4 in January of 1998.

♦ Minnesota is 20-1 when leading after three quarters.

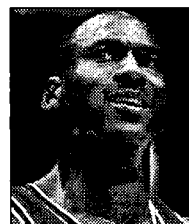
NBA

Jordan's first move doesn't go as planned

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

On the court, Michael Jordan's one-on-one spin move past Laron Profit was as smooth as ever. Off the court, the Washington Wizards head of basketball operations admitted his first big management move — a confusing and bitter change of coaches — didn't go according to plan.



Jordan

Darrell Walker, who has been coaching a last-place team in the CBA, was hired as the Wizards interim coach Monday. Walker expected to be named an assistant, but suddenly moved up the ladder when Jordan's first choice, Golden State assistant Rod Higgins, fell through because the Wizards couldn't agree on a compensation deal with the Warriors.

"That was an unfortunate situation in that things did not work out properly with Golden State," Jordan said. "Rod was just one of our candidates for the job. Darrell was another."

Walker was 41-90 over 1 1/2 seasons with the Toronto Raptors before quitting in 1998, and he's leaving a Rockford Lightning team that is 13-17 and in last place in the CBA's Atlantic Conference. Thrilled to be out of the minors, Walker used the word "fun" at least a dozen times at his introductory news conference.

"I'm just happy to be here," said Walker, who also played four years as a guard with the then-Washington Bullets from 1987-91. "It's a dream come true. Hopefully, I can be the guy who can turn this team around back in the right direction. It's not like we're going to jump up and run off 20 or 30 in a row, I just want us to go out, be competitive, get after people, play defense and have some fun."

Walker's first game is Tuesday night in Cleveland, but he was almost the bit player Monday as some tough parting shots were exchanged among the players, Jordan and fired coach Gar Heard. Jordan had to defend the timing and manner of Heard's dismissal, and Jordan, Rod Strickland and Juwan Howard shot back at Heard's allegation that his dismissal was due in part to the "David Falk factor."

Jordan was in Atlanta for the Super Bowl when Heard was fired Saturday night, immedi-

ately after the Wizards (14-30) beat the Cleveland Cavaliers. Jordan said he was deferring to the wishes of general manager Wes Unseld.

"I actually offered to do that because that's my responsibility as president," Jordan said. "And Wes took the approach that 'I hired the guy, I'll fire the guy.' My response to Wes was that this is the only time that you're going to be able to do this. From this time forward, I'm going to do the hiring, and I'm going to do all the firing."

From the first day he became part-owner and president of basketball operations, Jordan gave Heard the cold shoulder. Heard said he wished Jordan had fired him immediately instead of letting him twist in the wind, and suggested to several newspapers that the Falk, the agent who represents Jordan and well as Wizards players Rod Strickland and Juwan Howard, was an intermediary to his demise.

"I didn't expect to be one of [Michael's] guys, especially with the David Falk factor," Heard told The Washington Post. "Rod and Juwan, I'm sure they didn't have anything good to say."

Strickland and Howard, both of whom clashed openly with Heard's old-school coaching style, reacted with anger.

"Ha! Let me tell you something," Strickland said. "I sat up last night try-

ing to think about how I was going to deal with this situation, and I wanted to be very diplomatic about this. But instead he's talking his little shots. The bottom is, maybe he just couldn't coach. Have y'all ever thought of that? Is that a possibility? I'll take accountability when I play bad, when we lose, I'll take the heat and everything. Now he has to take some heat and accountability. He didn't handle this situation that great, neither. And it wasn't just about me and Juwan. That's just an excuse."

"He came in with a bulldozer mentality. He was like that every day, balking, cursing, screaming every day. After a while, that gets old. We're grown men."

Said Howard: "I don't control stuff like that. I don't go behind the scenes and I don't go behind anybody's back."

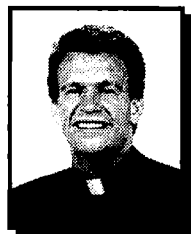
Jordan was more diplomatic, saying he fired Heard because the coach had lost his players' respect.

"When you're disappointed, quite naturally you start reaching out for different types of straws," Jordan said. "He felt like David Falk changed my mind or initiated the firing, but I think that's totally incorrect."

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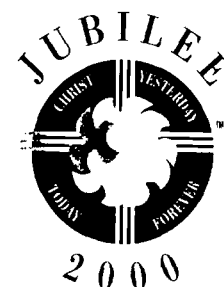
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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Braves' Roker suspended until May for racial comments

Associated Press

NEW YORK

John Roker was suspended until May 1 by commissioner Bud Selig on Monday for racial and ethnic remarks that "offended practically every element of society."



Roker

The Atlanta Braves' reliever also was ordered to undergo sensitivity training for disparaging foreigners, homosexuals and minorities in a magazine interview. The amount of the fine was not

immediately known.

The players' union said it intends to fight the ruling.

"Major league baseball takes seriously its role as an American institution and the important social responsibility that goes with it," Selig said.

"We will not dodge our responsibility. Mr. Roker should understand that his remarks offended practically every element of society and brought dishonor to himself, the Atlanta Braves and major league baseball. The terrible example set by Mr. Roker is not what our great game is about and, in fact, is a profound breach of the social compact we hold in such high regard."

The players' association said it expects to file a grievance over the penalty, believed to be

the longest against a baseball player for an action not related to drug use since Lenny Randle of Texas got 30 days in March 1977 for punching his manager, Frank Lucchesi.

"I do not believe it is appropriate that I should be harshly disciplined for my misguided speech unaccompanied by any conduct on my part," Roker said in a statement released by his agents. "I have previously apologized for my unfortunate remarks and stand by my apology."

A grievance would force the matter before Shaym Das, the sport's new independent arbitrator.

"We have been in consultation with Mr. Roker and it is our present intention to appeal," said Gene Orza, the union's No. 2 official. "It is lit-

erally unprecedented to impose a penalty on a player for pure speech, offensive though the speech may be. That, coupled with the magnitude of the penalty, just as unprecedented, makes us optimistic about the outcome of the appeal."

With the season to start April 3, the suspension technically is to last 28 days. A suspension will not affect his salary, expected to be between \$200,000 and \$300,000.

The 25-year-old pitcher was barred from joining the Braves at spring training. A high-ranking baseball official, speaking on the condition he not be identified, said the commissioner's office did not want Roker to report with other Braves' pitchers and catchers, thus minimizing the number of media descending on Kissimmee, Fla., when camp opens Feb. 17.

Rob Manfred, baseball's executive vice president for labor relations, disputed that, saying it was not a factor.

Roker's comments drew a strong response from Braves executive Hank Aaron and civil rights groups. Several Braves players have said they expect Roker to have a difficult time when he rejoins the team.

The pitcher was ordered by

Selig on Jan. 6 to undergo psychological tests, but the results of those tests have not been disclosed.

Roker said in a Sports Illustrated story published last month that he would never play for a New York team because he didn't want to ride a subway train "next to some queer with AIDS." He also said, "I'm not a very big fan of foreigners. ... How the hell did they get in this country?"

He also called a black teammate a "fat monkey."

Braves owner Ted Turner has said Roker deserves a second chance, and pointed out the reliever had apologized.

"I don't think we ought to hold it against him forever," Turner said. "He didn't commit a crime."

Roker told ESPN last month that he had lost his cool and said things he didn't mean about New York fans because he wanted "to inflict some emotional pain in retaliation to the pain that had been inflicted on me."

Roker said he was frustrated by Yankees fans who threw batteries at him during the World Series. He said Mets fans spit in his face and poured beer on him during the playoffs.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Syracuse tops St. John's, remains undefeated

Associated Press

SYRACUSE, N.Y.

The streak lives.

Jason Hart hit a clutch 3-pointer to forge a late tie, then set up Damone Brown for a three-point play as No. 4 Syracuse rallied past St. John's 63-57 to remain unbeaten.

Hart, plagued by foul trouble, came off the bench with 8:30 left to spark the Orangemen to their 18th straight victory and keep them the only undefeated team in Division I.

The Red Storm (13-6, 5-3 Big East) gave Syracuse (18-0, 8-0) fits all night, using their crisp passing attack to befuddle the Orangemen.

It seemed like St. John's would end the winning streak when Anthony Glover converted a three-point play to put the Red Storm up 54-49 with 5:23 left. They double-teamed Syracuse center Etan Thomas all night, preventing the Orangemen from taking advantage of his strong inside game.

But Syracuse, which went nearly eight minutes in the second half without a basket, came back behind Hart, who had four fouls, as St. John's fizzled down the stretch for a third time in four games.

After Brown hit a baseline jumper, Hart hit a 3 from the right corner to tie the game 54-54.

Bootsy Thornton then hit a jumper in close over the outstretched arms of Brown for a 56-54 St. John's lead, but that was the Red Storm's last field goal of the game.

Thomas tied it with two free throws, then Hart, double-teamed by Erick Barkley and Chudney Gray as St. John's pressed, found Brown alone under the basket for an easy layup with 1:58 left. Brown, who was fouled on the play, converted the free throw for a 59-56 lead.

The Orangemen used their tough zone defense to shut down St. John's in the closing minutes.

Thomas, who had six blocks, stuffed Gray to force a shot clock violation and Hart, Brown and DeShaun Williams hit free throws over the final two minutes to secure the victory.

Brown, Hart and Williams each had 12 points, while Thomas had eight points and 11 rebounds.

Thornton led St. John's with 13 points, while Barkley and Glover each had 12 and Lavor Postell added 11.

St. John's shot 47.3 percent for the game (26-for-55) and might have come out on top if not for some awful foul shooting (2-for-9). Barkley missed four free throws and Glover missed two more when the Red Storm were clinging to a slim lead before Hart turned the game around.

Ohio State closed its win over St. John's with an 11-0 run, while Notre Dame finished its victory last Saturday with a 17-2 run. Syracuse closed this game with a 20-8 run.

Oklahoma 83, Texas 59

J.R. Raymond scored 25 points and Eduardo Najera had 18 points and 16 rebounds as No. 18 Oklahoma handed No. 16 Texas its most lopsided loss of the season, 83-59.

The Sooners (17-3, 5-2 Big 12) held Texas to 34 percent shooting, a far cry from the 57 percent the Longhorns shot in beating Oklahoma 79-66 on Jan. 15.

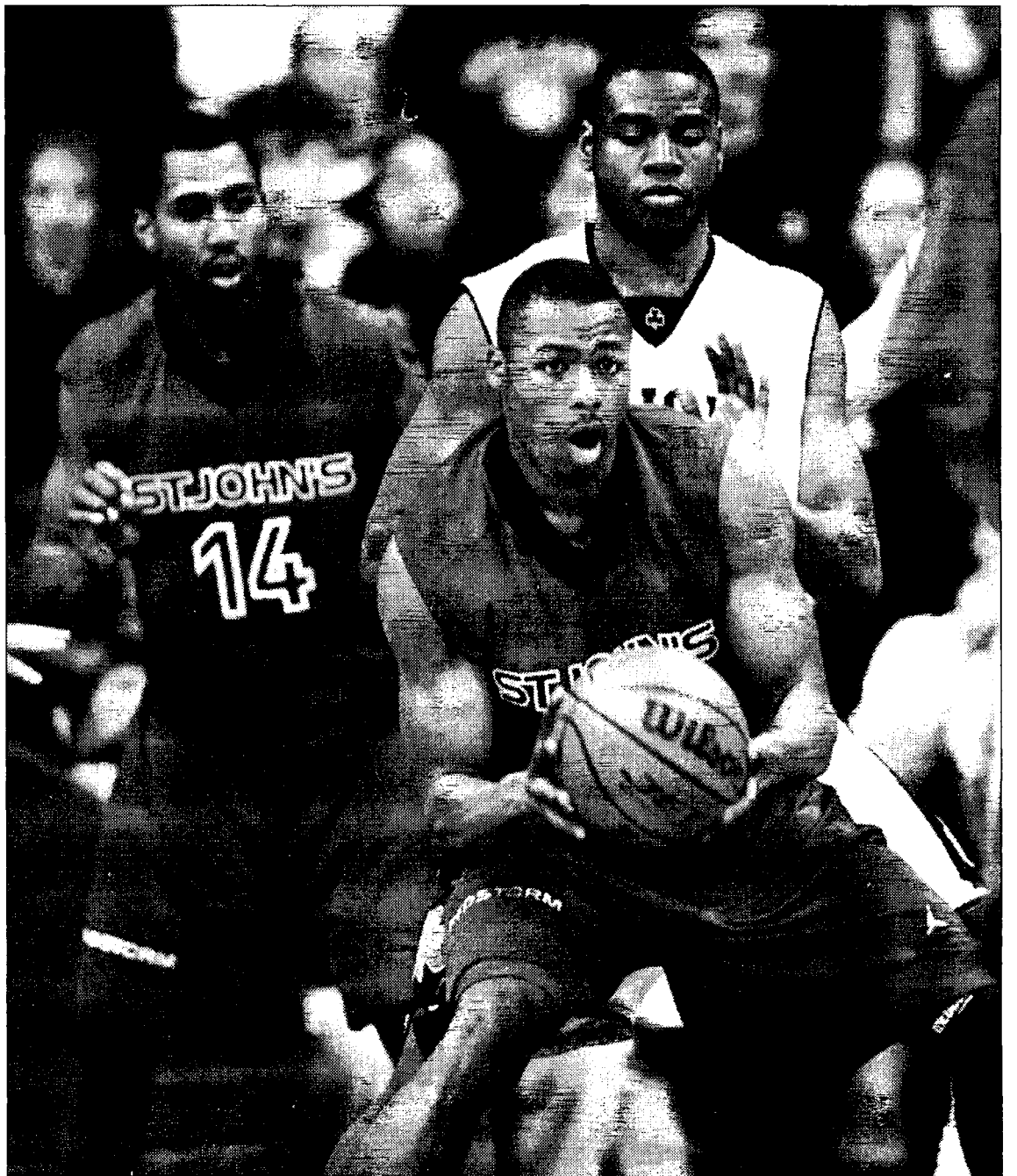
Gabe Muoneke of Texas tied a career high with 30 points in that game, but wasn't a factor this time. The Longhorns (14-6, 6-2) had to rely on 7-footer Chris Mihm, who had 21 points and 12 rebounds but was swarmed by two and three defenders just about every time he touched the ball. As a result, he was just 7-of-17 from the field.

Najera didn't appear bothered by a broken bone in his left hand, an injury suffered in practice last week. He banged with Mihm all night, and occasionally Muoneke, and sparked Oklahoma with his hustle.

Muoneke, who averages 14 points per game, picked up two fouls, one of them a technical, in the first two minutes. He never got going and finished with six points.

The Longhorns survived from the perimeter early, but didn't hit from inside or outside while going nearly 7 1/2 minutes without scoring midway through the first half.

Oklahoma outscored the Longhorns 11-0 during that stretch to take a 27-17 lead. Texas got within 29-25 with 2:45 remaining, but Najera fueled an 11-3 spurt the rest of the way, scoring six points and making a steal as Oklahoma took a 40-28 lead.



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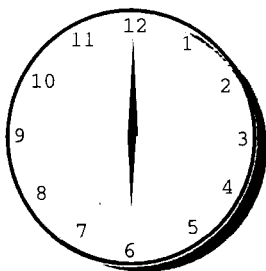
Anthony Glover posts up Harold Swanagan in St. John's 73-60 loss to Notre Dame. Glover scored 12 points against Syracuse Monday, but his team fell to Syracuse.

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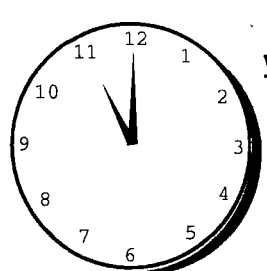
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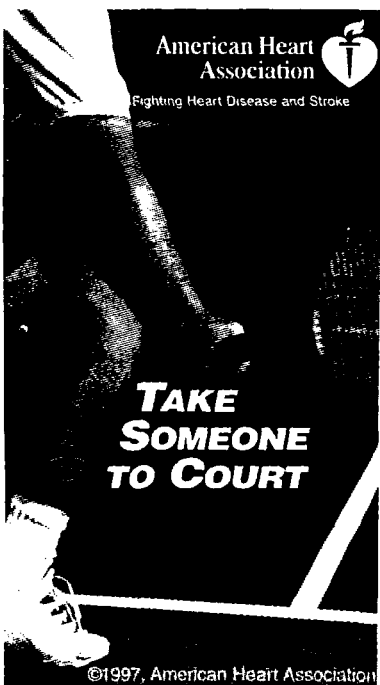
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NBA

Dallas awaits Rodman's answer

Associated Press

DALLAS — The Dallas Mavericks would probably have a better chance of getting an answer out of Dennis Rodman if they were inviting him to a party Tuesday night rather than asking him to play in a game.



Rodman

As of Monday afternoon, the Mavericks were still waiting to hear whether Rodman was ready to return to the NBA or if he planned to continue celebrating being Dennis Rodman.

Neither Rodman's agent, Steve Chasman, nor his publicist immediately returned phone calls to The Associated Press.

The king of self-promotion put his hometown team on hold last week so he could join his friends, the Red Hot Chili Peppers, at Super Bowl parties in Atlanta.

While there, Rodman said he was considering delaying his return a few more weeks so he could go to the Pro

Bowl in Hawaii this weekend and even the NBA All-Star game the following weekend.

"I've got to get all of my partying out of the way," Rodman said.

Mark Cuban, the Mavs' soon-to-be owner, laughed off the quotes and said he still hoped to have a decision by Monday. Dallas has home games against Philadelphia on Tuesday and Charlotte on Thursday.

Dallas can only offer Rodman the prorated share of the \$1 million salary-cap exception. He loses about \$12,200 every game he misses.

Although Cuban is willing to make some concessions for Rodman, waiting may not be one of them.

The Mavericks have won seven of nine despite the ongoing will-he, won't-he? saga and players have to be ready for the dance to end, one way or another.

Then again, they should probably get used to it. If he does join the team, that's how it'll be every day.

The Los Angeles Lakers found that out last February and got rid of him after only 23 games.

Rodman has said other teams are pursuing him, but

none are known to be interested.

He's especially hoping the Lakers will call because it would mean a reunion with Phil Jackson, his former coach in Chicago.

Cuban, though, is willing to give Rodman the same free reign Jackson did.

The Internet billionaire figured that's the best way to treat Rodman after talking to backup center Sean Rooks and new team executive Derek Harper, both of whom played with Rodman on the Lakers last season.

Cuban has agreed to let Rodman ride a stationary bike instead of practicing and said he can keep pedaling during games. Rodman also has permission to arrive at games 75 minutes prior to tipoff instead of the usual 100.

And, because of Rodman's rock star-like following, Cuban also is planning to beef up security at games.

Attention isn't the only reason the Mavericks are interested in Rodman, although it is a big part of it.

Even at 38 and a long layoff from the NBA, Rodman would be Dallas' best rebounder. The Mavericks also could use his tenacious defense.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Manuel concerned about star's future

Associated Press

CLEVELAND

Indians manager Charlie Manuel expects Manny Ramirez to walk up to him one day soon, perhaps during spring training next month, and ask for some advice.

Not on how to hit a curveball or Pedro Martinez's sinker.

No, Ramirez, Cleveland's All-Star right fielder and soon-to-be free agent, will be looking for guidance about his playing future.

Stay in Cleveland? Or take bigger, free-agent money elsewhere?

Manuel has his answer prepared.

"What do YOU think I'm going to tell him?" Manuel joked Monday. "I'll tell him, 'I need you, son. What are you trying to do, get me fired?'"

Manuel, the Indians' former hitting instructor who replaced Mike Hargrove this offseason, was at Jacobs Field on Monday along with some of his players as the Indians kicked off their winter media tour.

Catcher Sandy Alomar, and pitchers Steve Karsay and Sean DePaula were joined by Indians general manager John Hart for a luncheon.

A slimmed-down Alomar answered questions about his knee injury; Karsay talked about becoming the team's closer this season following Mike Jackson's departure; and Hart, as usual, held court on a variety of topics but none as important to the Indians as Ramirez.

Ramirez led the majors with

165 RBIs last year and soon could lead baseball in another category — largest contract.

Hart said he and Ramirez's agent, Jeff Moorad, have had several brief conversations recently.

"We've had some informal discussions," Hart said. "But they've been, hello? Goodbye."

Moorad said neither side has presented anything formal and that he likely would meet with Hart in Florida during spring training.

"I know we'll talk when the Indians feel comfortable moving forward," he said. "I'm certain our paths will cross in the near future."

Ramirez, who will make \$4 million in the final year of his contract, has made it known that he wants to stay with the Indians.

"Manny would like to play in Cleveland for the balance of his career," Moorad said.

The recent news that the New York Yankees were close to signing shortstop Derek Jeter to a \$118.5 million, seven-year contract and Detroit's willingness to give Juan Gonzalez a \$140 million, eight-year deal has potentially taken Ramirez into a financial stratosphere the Indians can't and won't approach.

"As much as we'd like to sign Manny, we just don't think the economics make sense for us at this time," Hart said. "We'll wait and see what happens. There's a big class of players coming out next year. We'd like to retain Manny if at all possible. What other clubs do sometimes doesn't make sense to us."



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CLUB SPORTS

Bowlers place 26th in Blue and Gold Open

Special to The Observer

Over 300 keglers converged on Beacon Bowl for the Bowling Club's annual Blue and Gold Open. Fifty of the top men's and women's teams traveled to one of the year's most prestigious events, including defending national champion Saginaw and other top-ranked teams such as Northern Illinois, Michigan State and Purdue. On the women's side, Morehead State and Indiana State, ranked first and fourth nationally, headed the field. The Irish had bad luck in match play, drawing top five seeded opponents. Bowling on their home lanes, the Irish finished 26th in the match play format, although their total pin count was good enough for 16th. Top averages included Jason Pawlak, 214, and Darren Kraft, 204, which placed them 15th and 19th in the tournament. Anne Deitch's 183 put her at 19th in the women's rankings. Men's Champion was 11th ranked Northern Illinois, while the women's trophy went to Indiana State.

Men's Volleyball

The Michigan Classic was anything but for the Men's Volleyball Club. Having already won more matches than all of last year, the Irish hoped to build on momentum gained from last week's victories over Miami (Ohio), Illinois State and Marquette. However, a subpar performance resulted in losses to Navy, 25-19, 25-23; Kentucky, 25-23, 18-25, 15-17; Northwestern, 25-14, 25-14; and Graceland, 25-15, 25-11. The B team fared much better, defeating Michigan, Penn State - Altoona and Grand Rapids, before falling to Michigan State. Next up for the netters is a Midwest 10

tournament at Marquette in three weeks.

Ultimate Frisbee

The Ultimate Club competed in the University of Michigan Invitational, an event featuring the best teams from the midwest. In men's competition, the Irish posted a deceiving 2-3 record. Decisive victories over Ohio State, 11-6, and Michigan B, 12-4, were offset with close losses decided in the final minute. Dayton scored twice in the last minute to walk away an 8-7 victor, and then the Irish fought ninth-ranked Michigan to the wire before dropping a 9-8 overtime decision in the semifinals, and later losing 12-9 in a game that was close to the end. Matt Anderson's valiant play against Dayton was the individual Irish highlight of the tournament, as he scored five of Notre Dame's seven points. Cory Padesky's standout play throughout the entire event paced the club.

In women's play, the Irish played several club teams, before dropping off against the other top two midwest teams. These matches lived up to their billing as the Irish split two hard fought games, losing to Michigan 9-8, and rebounding against defending regional champion Illinois 8-7. These three teams figure to dominate midwest intercollegiate competition, and will likely meet again in the season ending championships.

Late Night Olympics

In addition to several competitions this weekend, seven clubs will stay at home to help with RecSports Late Night Olympics. The Equestrian, Rodeo, Field Hockey, Judo, Ultimate, Men's Water Polo and Women's Boxing Clubs have volunteered their time to support LNO.

UNDEFEATED



MARY CALASH/The Observer

The volleyball team featuring (l.-r.) Adam Oyster, Kimberly Berg, Christopher Nickele, Nicole Ortega, Colleen Ganey and Kevin Haney won the round robin physical education volleyball tournament.

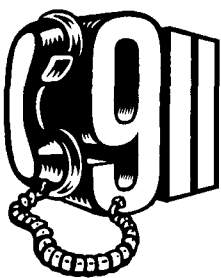
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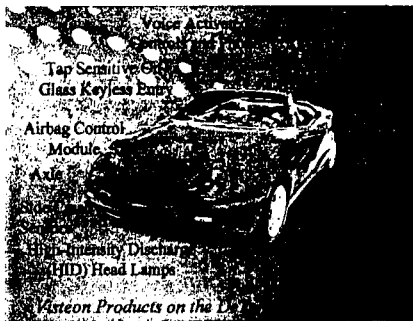
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MEN'S SWIMMING

Diver Huesman sets school record, leads Irish to victory

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Saint Mary's Editor

Herb Huesman did a lot more than just lead the Irish to victory on Saturday. He achieved a goal that one year ago, doctors could have said would be impossible.

Decorated as one of the leading divers in the Notre Dame diving program's history, Huesman was about to enter his junior season as a two-time NCAA Zone qualifier and as a two-time record holder in the 1-meter diving.

But a questionable tumor discovered in Huesman's lung shortly before the season began would postpone any dreams of qualifying for NCAA championships that year. Surgery completed last fall that removed a benign tumor from his chest red-shirted the diver, leaving him to watch from the sidelines, yearning to return.

And return he did. Posting a collegiate-best score, Huesman climbed out of the water

after his last dive Saturday and smiled at his beaming coach. He had finished the dive eclipsing his personal best and the school 3-meter diving record, and Huesman knew he was back.

Completing his final dive, a back 1 1/2 somersault with a 2 1/2 twist, Huesman knew he had achieved his goal.

"I knew I broke it," he said. "It's something I'd been shooting for, and the 3 meter is my favorite, so this was important."

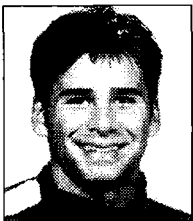
The diving record was previously held by Sean Hyer's mark of 351.60 was set in 1992. Huesman's mark of 360.90 shattered the record by nine points.

If that victory weren't enough, Huesman answered again in the 1 meter diving, posting another first place finish for the day.

"Right before conference, this is a good time to feel back where you were," Huesman said.

Huesman will look to the Big East Championships Feb. 17-21 in Uniondale, N.Y. for some solid competition and a preview of what he will taste at the NCAA championships.

"This is a great meet to prepare you [for NAAs]," Huesman said. "The competition is great. We have the best



Huesman



JEFF HSU/The Observer

Notre Dame's men's swimming team posted a victory over Oakland University this weekend. The Irish now stand at 4-4 in dual meets this season.

people in the world in our conference." Huesman's dual wins fueled the Irish with 32 points that led the Irish to a victory over Oakland University that evened their season record at 4-4.

The Irish also picked up wins from junior Dan Szilier, junior Ryan Verlin and sophomore Jonothan

Pierce. Szilier swept the breaststroke events, while Verlin dominated both the 100 and 200 butterfly. Pierce wrapped up with wins in both distance freestyle events.

The Irish will wrap up their dual meet season against St. Bonaventure Saturday, February 5 at 1 p.m. at Rolfs Aquatic Center.

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NFL

Baltimore's Lewis charged with murder

Associated Press

ATLANTA

Police charged Pro Bowl linebacker Ray Lewis with murder late Monday in the slayings of two people outside an Atlanta nightclub hours after the Super Bowl.

Lewis, middle linebacker for the Baltimore Ravens, was charged after a day of investigation into the slaying at the Cobalt lounge in Atlanta's Buckhead neighborhood about 4 a.m. Monday.

Lewis, thought to be en route to the Pro Bowl in Hawaii, was taken into custody and expected to appear in court on Wednesday.

Two men were stabbed during a fight that broke out just as the party was ending at the club.

Witnesses said six men had fought and argued with the two victims. The men fled in a black Lincoln Navigator stretch limousine, firing at least five gunshots as they drove away.

Police found the vehicle, with New York license plates, in a parking lot behind a hotel near

the shooting scene, Atlanta police spokesman John Quigley said.

Quigley and Georgia Bureau of Investigation spokesman John Bankhead both said they could not release details of the investigation.

Local broadcast outlets said earlier that Lewis had been questioned as a possible witness but was not a suspect.

One man died at the scene and the other victim died at Grady Memorial Hospital. The Fulton County Medical Examiner's office identified the victims as Jacinta Baker, 21, and Richard Lollar, 24, both of Atlanta.

Despite the report of shots, Atlanta police Lt. M.C. Smith said the preliminary investigation indicated both victims were stabbed to death.

The 24-year-old Lewis, from Lakeland, Fla., became the second NFL player this month charged with murder.

On Jan. 4, Carolina Panthers wide receiver Rae Carruth was charged with first-degree murder in the shooting death of Cherica Adams, who was pregnant with their son.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish serve up 9-0 win over Yale

By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women's tennis team continued its winning ways as it served up an impressive 9-0 victory over Yale Saturday.

A dominant singles squad dropped just one set in caging the Bulldogs, who were clearly overwhelmed.

"I thought we played very well," Irish head coach Jay Louderback said. "We'd been practicing for weeks, and everyone was really ready to go."

The Irish received contributions from several unexpected sources in a victory that demonstrated the team's sizable depth. In an effort to comply with NCAA regulations which limit the number of

matches players can take part in, Louderback chose to rest some of his big guns against the Bulldogs, a relatively weak opponent. With senior captain Kelly Zalinski and sophomore standout Becky Varnum sitting this one out, Louderback turned to freshman Katie Cunha, who did not disappoint.

Cunha, playing in her first singles match, rallied for a hard-fought 3-6, 6-1, 7-5 victory in No. 5 singles over Yale's Elizabeth Oosterhuis.

"Katie played great for us," Louderback said. "She got down early but didn't panic. She got that first win and that's always the toughest."

While Cunha's solid play proved to be instrumental in gaining the upper hand, the Irish also saw several other players shine brilliantly. Junior All-American Michelle Dasso, coming off a recent shoulder injury, seemed to have regained some of her old

spark as she dismantled Yale's Cynthia Obsitnik in No. 1 singles in straight sets, 6-1, 6-2.

"She's really playing well," said Louderback of Dasso. "Her opponent was really a strong player. Now I think it's just a matter of getting some more matches under her belt before she's all the way back from that injury."

Nina Vaughan, Lindsey Green, Kim Guy and Sarah Scaringe also got into the act of dominance. Each netted impressive straight-set victories over their Bulldog counterparts. Vaughan scored an easy victory in No. 2 singles over the Bulldogs' Andrea Goldberg 6-1, and 6-4, while Green had an equally easy go at it, besting Yale's Elizabeth Kaufman 6-1, 6-3.

Guy's booming serve and formidable baseline game allowed her to quickly dispatch of Yale's Ashlee Ferlito 6-1, 6-3, before Sarah Scaringe slammed the door with a straight-set win over Yale's Kristen Gross.

With the singles battles having already decided the

match's outcome, the doubles play was a mere formality. That fact, however, did not stop the Irish from pummeling the

Bulldogs in each of the three doubles clashes. The tandem of Cunha and Guy buried the Bulldog pairing of Kaufman and Obsitnik by a score of 8-3, while the coupling of Dasso and Vaughan pummeled Yale's offering of Goldberg and Oosterhuis, 8-5.

"Our doubles were strong again," Louderback said. "I think they'll continue to be the strength of our team."

The Irish will look to continue their fine play, on the heels of Saturday's emphatic win over Yale, when they take to the courts next weekend to compete in the Rolex National Indoor Championships in Dallas, Tex., an event which serves as the third leg of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association collegiate grand slam.



Dasso

Women's Tennis

Notre Dame 9
Yale 0

◆ Next match: at Rolex National Indoor Championships
◆ Where: Dallas, Tex.

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Green turned in another top-notch performance against the Hoyas, netting 14 points on the night.

Green has increased her point production in the latter half of the season and has led the Irish in scoring in two of the team's last four outings.

Center Ruth Riley has dominated under the basket all season. Leading the Irish in points and rebounds, the 6-foot-5 junior has outmatched her opponents each time she has stepped on the court.

Even when Georgetown pitted its 6-foot-10 center Suzy

Bendegue against Riley, the Hoya's freshman was no match for the All-American candidate, as Riley hustled her way to 12 points, despite sitting out most of the second half in order to give the bench experience on the floor.

Riley's next opponent will be Friar center Monika Roberts. Roberts is Providence's leading scorer, averaging 14.1 points per game, just below Riley's 14.3 average.

The Friars have had a season of ups and downs — each game a different-caliber team takes the court. Saddled with

injuries that have left the squad at less than top-strength the entire year, the Friars have struggled to stay at the .500 mark. With a 9-9 overall record, the Friars are split 4-4 in the Big East and remain stuck in the conference's seventh spot.

Suffering in the midst of a four game slide, a win over the Irish would be a perfect way for the Friars to get their season back on track.

Beating No. 5 Notre Dame will be a formidable task for the unranked Providence squad. The Irish hold a 7-0 edge in regular season matchups with the Friars.

Women's Basketball

No. 5 Notre Dame at Providence

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"Sexual Identity: Anthropological and Personal Reflections" is the topic of the lecture by Dr. Margaret Bender. Dr. Bender is currently a professor of anthropology at the University of Oklahoma. (A reception will follow.)

Alumnae Panel: Friday, February 4, 2000

Friday, February 4, 2000, Dalloway's Coffeehouse, SMC Clubhouse, 4:00 p.m.

Saint Mary's alumnae from various years gather to discuss their life experiences while in college and since graduation. This question-and-answer forum entitled "Alumnae Perspectives on Identity and Sexual Orientation: SMC and Beyond" will be an honest look at ourselves and our own environment. (A reception will follow.)

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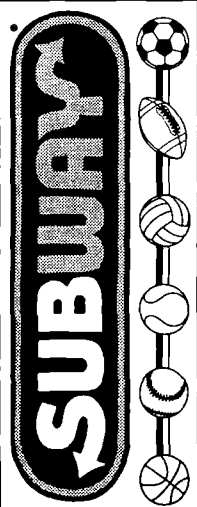
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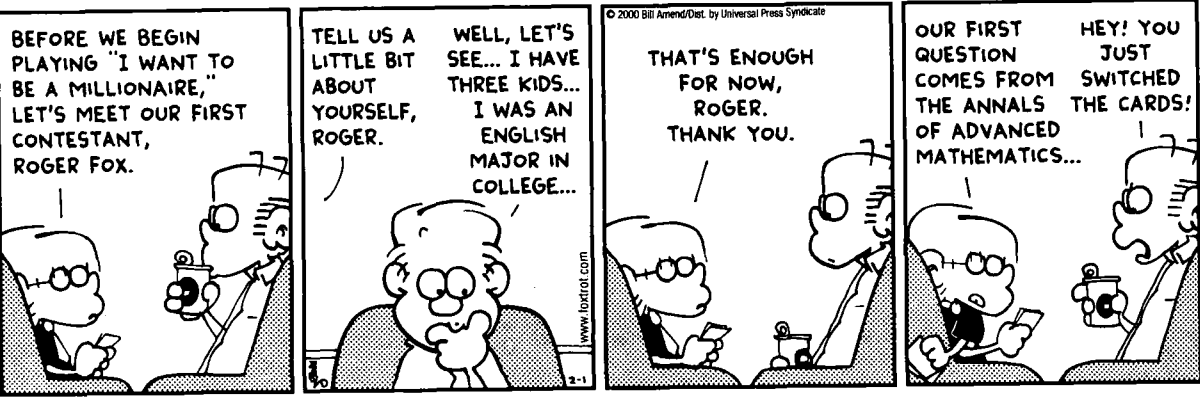
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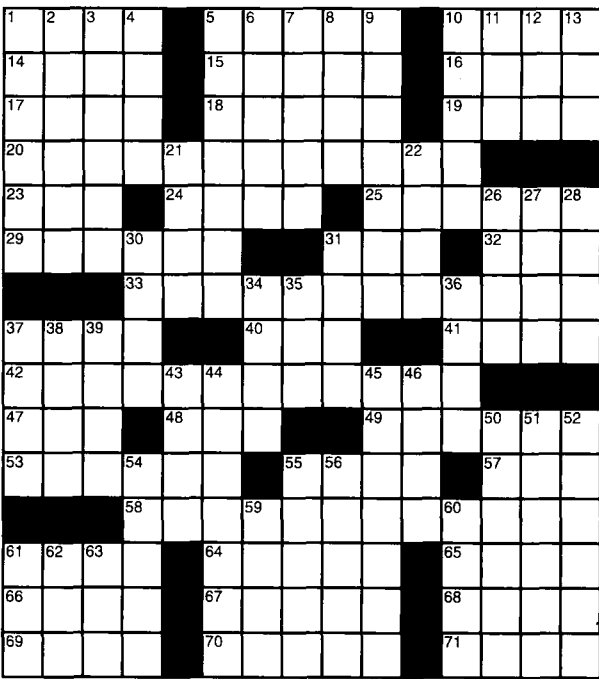
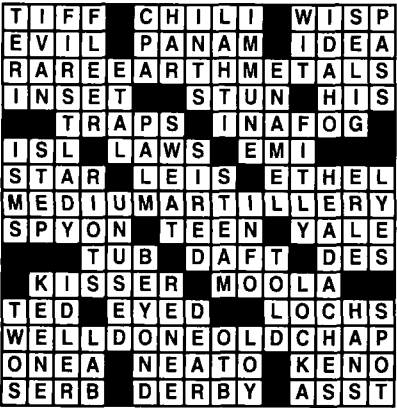


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- ACROSS**
- 1 Laddie's love
 - 5 Vehicles with bells
 - 10 Nursery item
 - 14 "Tell the marines!"
 - 15 French assembly
 - 16 Operatic heroine
 - 17 Big fat mouth
 - 18 Delaware Indian whose name is French for "a friend"
 - 19 Diving bird
 - 20 Like some purchases
 - 23 Hustle
 - 24 Taking the booby prize
 - 25 Two trios
 - 29 Line of trousers
- DOWN**
- 31 Soccer star
 - 32 Dined
 - 33 Time-tested
 - 37 fact
 - 40 Really liked, man
 - 41 Redding of R&B
 - 42 Hardly gentlemanly
 - 47 Koufax's was 2.76
 - 48 Writer
 - 49 Less trying
 - 53 Reach
 - 55 Bounders
 - 57 Miracle (lawn products brand)
 - 58 Unharmed
 - 61 Roentgen's discovery
 - 64 "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes," e.g.
- DOWN**
- 1 Chinese fruit tree
 - 2 Vehicle for Duke Ellington
 - 3 Positions of equilibrium
 - 4 Frosh follower
 - 5 Wave of destruction
 - 6 Tears
 - 7 Put on (pretend)
 - 8 Doll's cry
 - 9 Adds gradually
 - 10 Flower part
 - 11 Earth Summit host, 1992
 - 12 Words preceding a kiss
 - 13 Shut out
 - 21 Apple growth retardant
 - 22 Peruse
 - 26 Pucker-producing
 - 27 Needle holder
 - 28 Caddy's bagful
 - 30 School for British princes
 - 31 Traveling trio
 - 34 Mini-whirlpool
 - 35 Flop

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



Puzzle by Richard Hughes

- ACROSS**
- 36 Children's Christmas wish
 - 37 Notion
 - 38 Harbor city
 - 39 Kind of team
 - 43 Soprano's song, maybe
 - 44 Like some items on a grocery store receipt
 - 45 Cousin of a wapiti
 - 46 Soviet news agency
 - 50 Large lizard
- DOWN**
- 51 Title bandit in a Verdi opera
 - 52 Dennis of the N.B.A.
 - 54 To this point
 - 55 West Pointer
 - 56 Drink flavoring
 - 59 Isle of exile
 - 60 Persian poet
 - 61 The Affair (1797 imbroglia)
 - 62 Fish eggs
 - 63 longa, vita brevis

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your best investment will be property. Take the time to look at your options. Consider joint ventures. Females may present you with opportunities. ○○○○

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Romance should develop while on business trips or if you attend lectures. You can sign contracts and formulate agreements that will eventually bring you prosperity. ○○○

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You can make financial gains through calculated investments or dealing with other people's money. Secret affairs may lead you in an undignified direction. ○○○

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Prior investments can pay off now. You will enjoy the company of children if you pursue activities they are interested in. Self-improvement projects will be successful. ○○○

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You will accomplish the most if you can work out of your home today. Catch up on those domestic chores you have been putting off doing. ○○○○

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Travel opportunities must be taken advantage of. Don't confide in relatives or friends when it comes to your personal life. Delays concerning mail and correspondence are probable. ○○

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Extravagance is likely. Your lover may cost you more than necessary. Don't lend money or possessions to female friends. Put your energy into your work. ○○○○

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You can discuss future plans with your lover today. Short pleasure trips or outings will be conducive to such talks. You may overreact to personal situations. ○○○

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may find that evading issues will backfire on you today. Lay your cards on the table and hope for the best. You may be misinterpreted if you aren't precise. ○○○

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Someone may be trying to undermine you. Be frank when talking to superiors or colleagues. Don't leave any room for misunderstandings. ○○○

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Investments appear to be dubious. Be cautious whom you trust with your hard-earned cash. Don't be too eager to lend to others. ○○○○

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You may find it difficult to relate to your partner. Listen to his or her concerns but don't voice your thoughts. You can't win today, so keep a low profile. ○○

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Tuesday, February 1, 2000

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Notre Dame looks for its 14th-straight victory

By KERRY SMITH
Assistant Sports Editor

Two years ago, the Providence Friars traveled to Notre Dame only to suffer a 49-point loss at the hands of the Irish.

Last season, the Irish traveled to Providence and repeated their stellar performance in their series with the Friars with a 38-point victory. Crushing their Big East rival at home, the Irish showed no mercy as they left Rhode Island with a 97-59 win.

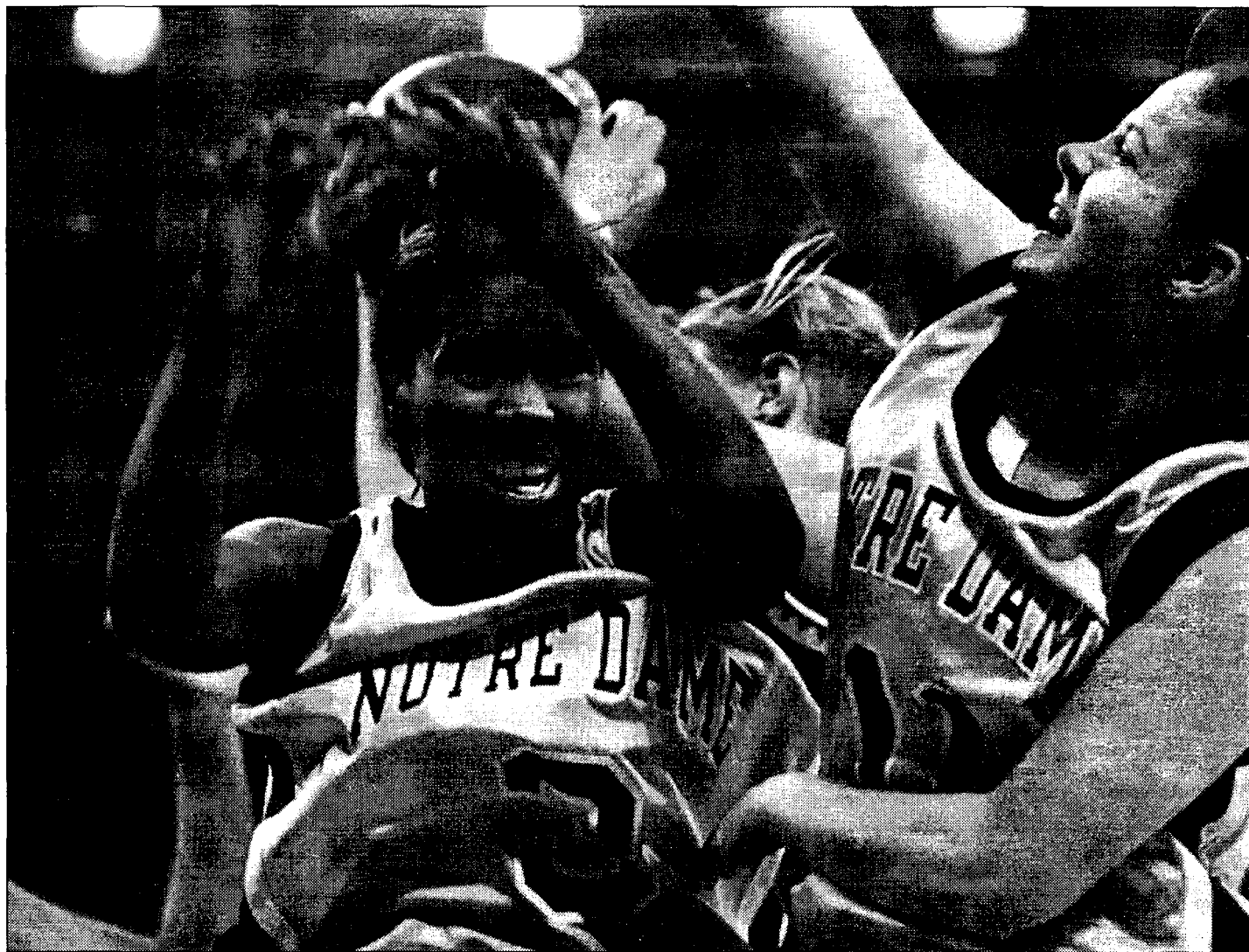
This season, the Irish are travelling to Providence again with the same game plan.

Taking the court against the Friars tonight, the Irish are looking for their 14th straight win in an attempt to extend their longest winning streak in nine seasons.

Holding fast to an undefeated conference record, the 17-2 Irish share the top spot in the Big East with the Connecticut Huskies. The Irish will face the Huskies in their toughest test of the season at the end of February, but first they must take on Providence on unfamiliar turf.

Irish guards Niele Ivey and Danielle Green have combined to form a powerful back court duo and have led the Irish all season and will continue to run the offense against Providence. Ivey, at the point, leads the team in steals and assists and Green has stepped up in recent games to become a scoring machine.

Ivey powered the Irish squad in their largest victory of the season Saturday over Georgetown with 18 points and five steals.



MIKE HARRIS/The Observer

Notre Dame's Ericka Haney (3) and Alicia Ratay (22) battle for a rebound in Notre Dame's victory over Georgetown Saturday. The Irish take on the Friars tonight.

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WOMEN'S SWIMMING

No. 23 Irish complete undefeated dual meet season

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
Saint Mary's Editor

If last week's victory over No. 9 Northwestern taught the Notre Dame women's swim team anything, it was that Notre Dame could pull out the close ones.

The timing couldn't have been better. With their final dual meet against No. 8 Michigan only a week away, No. 23 Notre Dame needed a little bit of encouragement — and a big boost of confidence.

With an unbeaten dual meet record and their first victory

against a top 10 team all season, the Irish had little to worry about.

Until Friday night.

Entering a weekend with arguably their two most important dual meets of the season on the slate, Michigan walked into their meet with Northwestern and made a statement — they weren't going to lose. Handing the Wildcats a solid defeat, suddenly, that top 10 victory for Notre Dame was looking less and less sturdy.

"We thought we had a chance when we looked at their meet results a couple of weeks ago," said women's head coach Bailey Weathers. "When we knew they beat Northwestern, we didn't change the meet at all, but we were surprised. They swam a lot faster than they had all season."

But the Irish knew how to

pull out the close ones.

They had never defeated the Wolverines in match history, and no women's swim team has ever gone undefeated in regular season. With both meet odds and history stacked against them, the Irish got an unexpected blessing — the Wolverines were tired.

"It can be pretty hard to swim Friday and Saturday," Weathers said. "They had not swam anybody this tough all season. These were big dual meets for them, and they swam the best they could. We were as good as we were all season."

If not better.

The Irish won 11 of 16 events to hand the Wolverines a decisive defeat 170-128.

Sophomore Kelly Hecking led the Irish with three wins, posting victories in the 100 backstroke, 200 backstroke, and accompanied Allison Lloyd,

Elizabeth Barger and Carrie Nixon to win the 200 medley relay. The squad also found support in double wins from junior distance swimmer Kristen Van Saun, who swept the distance freestyle events. Barger captured the 100 butterfly, and Nixon out touched Michigan's Jennifer Crisman for a win in the 50 freestyle. Shannon Suddarth posted a win in the 200 breaststroke, and Alison Newell grabbed another first place finish in the 200 butterfly.

The Irish also held strong on the boards, with senior Gina Ketelhohn cleaning up the one and three meter diving events for the team. Ketelhohn's score of 283.12 was enough to set a school record for the Irish, eclipsing sophomore Heather Mattingly's mark of 282.12 in October of 1998.

Maintaining their lead

throughout the meet, while going undefeated was in the back of their minds, it was nothing they had been striving for all season, Weathers said.

"It was a possibility, but it wasn't one of our goals," Weathers said. "That's the kind of goal that you set yourself up to fail with. Being perfect for each dual meet is hard to do. Our goal was just not to lose first semester."

With the undefeated record behind them, the record doesn't change much in the team's approach to Big East Championships, held Feb. 17-20 in Uniondale, N.Y.

"Our goal is always to win conference," Weathers said. "But the kids are very, very confident. This is the first undefeated women's swim team at Notre Dame. Beating these two top 10 teams back to back is a big step."



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