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Forest lecture pays tribute to Dorothy Day

By KATE STEER
 Associate News Editor

To lead a life according to the life of God is the greatest thing we can do, said Jim Forest of the Orthodox Peace Fellowship in a talk about Dorothy Day Tuesday evening.

Forest, who served in Day's Catholic Worker Houses for many years, recalled the words and life of the "troublemaker and saint."

Forest first learned of Day and the Catholic Worker movement when he was declared a conscientious objector to the Vietnam war after participating in a prayer vigil organized by Catholic Workers as a protest against the Bay of Pigs invasion. After leaving the military, Forest devoted his life to helping others in the way that Day had established.

"Her basic message was, 'We are called by God to love one another,'" he said of Day.

Forest, who has written a biography of Day, said that he is glad that people today do not receive a polished version of the person he knew. Part of what made her such an inspiring person was that she had flaws and made mistakes but

was willing to claim them and go back to work, he said.

"She will be not only the patron saint of the homeless and those who try to take care of them but people who lose their temper."

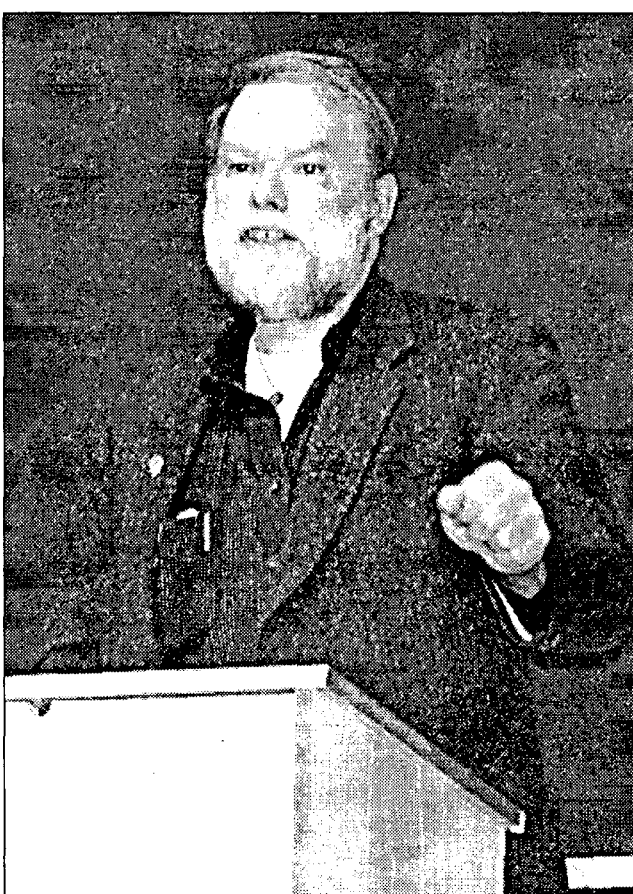
However, according to Forest, hospitality was a trademark of Day's Catholic Worker philosophy.

"She said that hospitality is simply practicing God's mercy to those around us," he said. "There is not only hospitality of the door, but also of the face and the heart." Hospitality includes not only taking in those who need shelter, food and clothing, but also those who are difficult to take in, including one's own enemies. This philosophy extended to the members of the movement as well.

The people who make up the Catholic Worker movement are strong and strong-willed, and every day in service is a struggle to maintain civility and one's own ideals, Forest said.

"One of the miracles of Dorothy's life is that she remained part of a conflict-torn life for nearly a half century," he said.

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Jim Forest, who served in Doris Day's Catholic Worker Houses for several years, lectured Tuesday night about the Day who he called a "troublemaker and saint." Forest has also written a biography about Day.

NEWS ANALYSIS

The Never-Ending Story: Election 2000

By KIFLIN TURNER
 News Writer

One week has passed since the controversial presidential election and the country is still eagerly awaiting the results. With Florida hanging in the balance, the candidates are in a heated battle over whether Florida ballots should be recounted. Circuit Judge Terry Lewis upheld the 5 p.m. deadline yesterday for the Florida recount originally set by Florida Republican Secretary of State, Katherine Harris.

The Gore campaign vowed to challenge the decision, as stated by U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher. The halt in the recount is expected to confirm Bush the victor by 388 votes according to an unofficial media tally.

What then comes to mind is the general opinion of the American people and what effects, if any, the election have had on society. Especially alarming is the possible aftermath of the lengthy election process on the future of the Electoral College as well as on financial markets.

"I see it as an index of the system working not malfunctioning," said Donald Kommers, concurrent professor in the Notre Dame Law School, on the issue of the extended elections.

With the elections dragging on for days, many Americans have voiced concern over the constitutionality of the Florida recount, as well as over the incidents that have occurred in various Floridian counties.

"The [further away] we keep getting from the election it seems like people are more frustrated; it's starting to look really petty among the candidates," said Susan Alexander, associate professor of sociology at Saint Mary's.

Many voters are having a difficult time accepting the voting delay, said Sean Savage, Saint Mary's associate professor of political science.

"Generally Americans expect much more of an immediate, specific response of the majority will than they did more than 200 years ago when the Electoral College was developed and instituted," Savage said.

Kommers agreed. "These people have no historical sense," he added. "When the Electoral College functioned during the early 19th Century it was really days and weeks before anyone knew who was going to be elected. I guess we feel differently because of modern technology."

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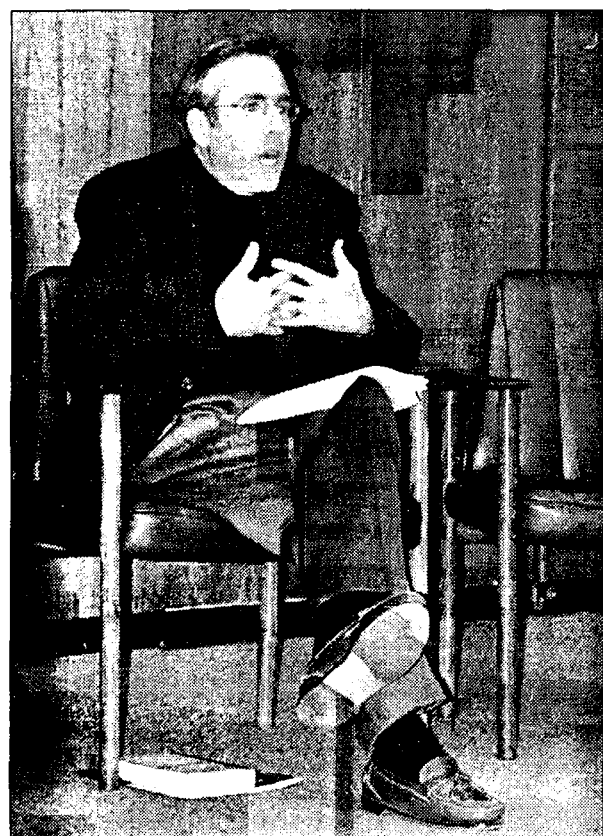
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Roche: questioning religion leads to faith



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Dean of the College of Arts and Letters, Mark Roche, lectured about the relationship between intellectuals and religion. Roche said questioning religion is the a way to strengthen faith.

By ANDREW THAGARD
 News Writer

Intellect and religion can mix, said Mark Roche, dean of the College of Arts and Letters in a lecture titled "Religion and Intellectuals" Tuesday.

"The idea that intellectuals cannot be religious ... is irrational and embarrassing," Roche said.

Approximately 25 students and professors attended the talk held at the Hesburgh Library Lounge.

According to Roche, most people initially hold a position of "simple faith." He characterized this perspective as one of total acceptance of a religion, as a "moment of naïve piety."

"Most of us at Notre Dame have been raised in a religious household and we don't initially question our religious beliefs," he said.

While Roche said he admires some aspects of this position on religion, he added that it does not allow a person to defend his or her faith against others and forces them to downplay problems within their religious institution.

Instead, Roche advocated

maintaining an open frame of mind in regard to religion, calling internal questioning of faith "healthy," especially when used as "an opportunity to measure the validity of one's own religion."

"I absolutely endorse the idea that a loss of faith or the criticism of faith can ultimately strengthen [it]," he said.

He highlighted the existence of other faiths, such as the fundamentalist and sociological perspectives.

The fundamentalist perspective emerges amid a crisis of faith and is generally a radically conservative view of religion.

"There is no tolerance of a secular position that contradicts the religious," Roche said of this view, claiming that this position "produces tremendous conflict."

The sociological perspective, he said, has much in common with skepticism. This school of thought recognizes the importance of the moral component of religion but discredits the importance of faith and the divine. Roche further explained the sociological perspective as wanting to "use religion for alte-

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INSIDE COLUMN

Be nice to me, I'm sick.

I hate being sick. Like many of you, I was attacked by the nasty flu bug. Unfortunately for me though, I never got the chance to get over it. The expected five days turned into a week, and now two. After hacking up a rainbow and a lung, I decided to brave Heath Services to hopefully find out what was going on. Yup, I have, or should I say had, the flu.

Kelly Hager

Copy Editor

The ironic thing: I work with Community Outreach as a Flubuster — a person who goes into the community to vaccinate people — I should have known better. I should have gotten vaccinated. I should have read the emails instead of deleting them, read the posters instead of walking past them. I should have taken the time to get the shot.

Then after battling the flu for a week, I was diagnosed with Pneumonia. I have been sick before, but it has never really affected my lungs. There is no feeling that can compare to the terror that pulsates through your body when you cannot grab your breath to walk to the bathroom, or find the air to speak.

My first couple of days in quarantine were extremely miserable. I was in and out of the ER and doctor's office and scared to death. I didn't really move too much from my bed except to go to the restroom and to Health Services. And I really didn't want to move either.

It was extremely lonely.

I never had a television in my room, I was never in my dorm room enough to really sit and watch it. I tried to read and color to keep myself entertained. However, after only two days of sitting and staring at the wall, I realized I was not St. Clare of Assisi and I broke down and had my friends get me a small TV. And the next day, there was cable. And it was good.

My friends always joked that all Health Services can offer regarding medical care are popsicles. But I am thankful because lucky for me, the popsicles are buddy pops — you know, the ones with two sticks you break and share with a buddy? Those popsicles gave me an excuse not only to venture out of my room, but also share some time and popsicle goodness with a friend.

It amazes me how people have come to visit me during this whole ordeal. And, I thank them. My friends did everything from smuggling dining hall food to helping me find my remote. Some even offered to vacuum my floor and iron my pajamas stating, "Hey, what are friends for?"

So, now a few weeks later I am still sick and counting off the days until I can go home for Thanksgiving. I am ready. I long for my own bed and I crave my dad's special Campbell's soup. I want my mommy.

You might recognize my name as the person who begs people not to smoke, and not to eat saccharin and sorbitol. Yeah, even us health freaks get sick. And, I am afraid that all of the ginseng and echinacea will not cure me. I just need more time, more prescriptions — and hopefully, more popsicles.

Oh yes, and if you haven't been vaccinated yet, please do so. Being sick is no fun. Especially if you don't have a TV.

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THIS WEEK IN MICHIANA

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
◆ Concert: Notre Dame Chorale and Chamber Orchestra, 8 p.m., Sacred Heart Basilica	◆ Workshop: Shopsmith Inc. specialists will demonstrate woodworking techniques, Scottsdale Mall	◆ Performance: "Just Singin' and Dancin' Into the Holidays" by The Company, 8 p.m., Battel Community Center, Mishawaka	◆ Performance: "Alice in Wonderland" 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., Mendel Center
◆ Theater: "Love's Fire," 7:30 p.m., Washington Hall	◆ Lecture: "Seeing the Elephant" by James Dunkerley, 4:15 p.m., Hesburgh Center	◆ Lecture: Arun Gandhi, 5:30 p.m., IUSB Main Auditorium	Mainstage, Lake Michigan College, Benton Harbor
			◆ Workshop: Workshop for church organists, 1 p.m., South Bend

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Michigan student dies after binge drinking

ANN ARBOR

In the late 1980s, Byung Soo Kim came to the University of Michigan while his father, Ha Young Kim, was a visiting professor. When Byung Soo was ready to go to college, he returned to Ann Arbor.

The Engineering sophomore celebrated his 21st birthday Friday night, a day late, at a friend's home at near North Campus. According to the Ann Arbor Police Department he tried to drink 21 shots of Scotch whiskey. Kim passed out early Saturday morning after taking 20 shots in about 10 minutes.

His time at the University ended tragically when he died Monday at 6 a.m. following more than two days in intensive care.

Kim's parents arrived from South



Korea on Sunday. His mother, Jung Sun Park, spoke at a press conference Monday afternoon.

"We hope that all who knew our son will remember him as selfless, supportive, considerate, loving and kind. He had brought great joy to us and

was a loyal friend to many," Park said.

Kim's parents were joined by University officials, wearing white ribbons in memory of Kim, who addressed the problem of "heavy episodic drinking."

Kim passed out after drinking 20 shots. Friends put him in a back bedroom to recover. An hour later, they discovered Kim was not breathing and called an ambulance.

Ann Arbor Police Department officer Eric Bowles responded to the apartment and found Kim and another student, who was breathing, unconscious in the bedroom. Bowles began cardiopulmonary resuscitation on the other student was taken to the hospital along with Kim and has been released.

MIAMI UNIVERSITY

Fraternity fire leaves one injured

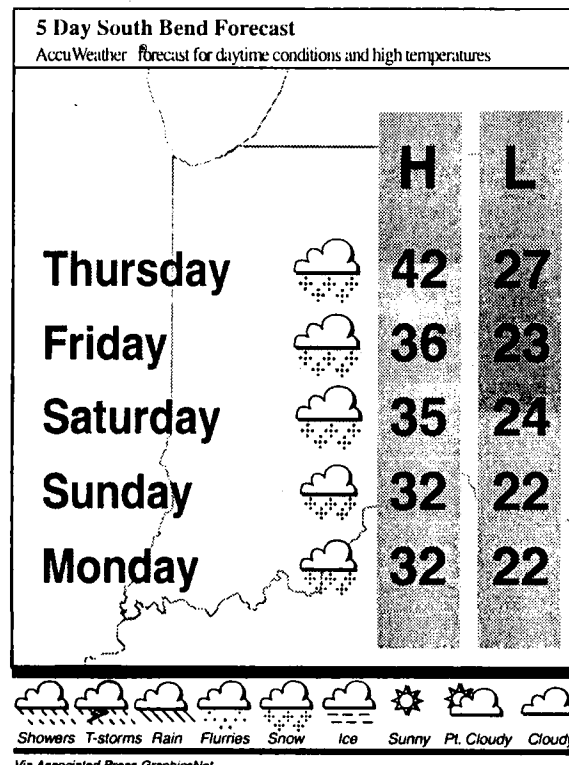
A burning candle left unattended sparked a blaze around 5 a.m. Friday morning at the Sigma Chi fraternity house, according to Oxford Fire Department Chief Len Endress. The fire, which originated on the west wing of the second floor, left one man in serious condition, displaced 45 residents, and caused \$450,000 to \$500,000 in damage to the building and in the loss of personal possessions. Nashville native Robert Ammarell remains in the Miami Valley Regional Hospital for treatment for smoke inhalation. College Corner firefighters, who were called in to assist the Oxford Fire Department, found Ammarell unconscious in the third-floor bathroom using a thermal-imaging camera to "see" through the billowing black smoke. The zoology major was carried out of the building and airlifted to Miami Valley in critical condition. Ammarell did regain consciousness and was upgraded to serious condition late Friday evening. He remained in serious condition Monday, according to Miami University Director of News and Public Information Holly Wissing.

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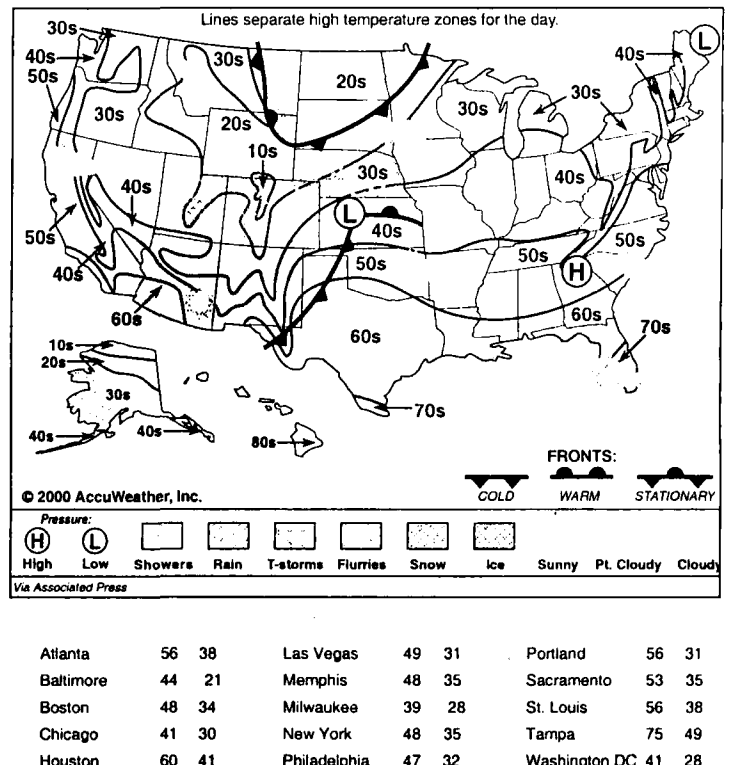
Study shows nicotine targets brain

Funded by smokers themselves, researchers have found that nicotine degenerates the part of the brain that controls sexual arousal, emotional control and REM sleep. Nicotine causes degeneration in one part of the brain, according to University of California-Los Angeles professor of psychology Gaylord Ellison, who announced the finding in the journal *Neuropharmacology*, and at this year's meeting of the Society for Neuroscience. Ellison found that nicotine causes selective degeneration of the fasciculus retroflexus, the part of the higher brain that primarily controls the dopamine and serotonin levels in the body. Dopamine controls movement, emotional response, and the ability to experience pleasure and pain, while serotonin regulates a person's mood. In past research, Ellison's team has shown that drugs such as amphetamines, cocaine and ecstasy damage one half of the fasciculus retroflexus, but new research shows that nicotine affects the other half.

LOCAL WEATHER



NATIONAL WEATHER



Koestner: date rape is an important issue on college campuses

By COLLEN McCARTHY
Associate News Editor

When Katie Koestner began college in the fall of 1990 at the College of William and Mary in Virginia, she never imagined that her plans for the future would have led her to giving the speech she did before students from Notre Dame and Saint Mary's on Tuesday night.

"When I started college I had more than a few plans, none of which worked out, and now I'm standing here in front of all of you," Koestner said.

Koestner's life was changed in the fall of her freshman year when she was raped by a fellow student she had been dating casually. After going on a date with the student named Peter, Koestner invited him back to her dorm room with the intentions of dancing. However, Peter had other plans. At one point while in her room, she turned around and saw he was in only his boxers and socks.

Koestner acknowledged that she did not think she was sending him a message that she wanted to have sex with him just because she invited him back to her room.

"Some might say that I was naive," said Koestner. "I guess I was naive if your definition of naive is someone who

thinks that you can like someone, be in a room alone with someone and not have sex."

Koestner added that what complicated the situation is that she actually liked Peter.

"I should remind you that I liked him and I don't want you to forget that because if that wasn't the case, the whole issue would be crystal clear," she said.

Tickling and teasing transpired into a wrestling match that night that left her on the floor pinned under Peter's weight with him holding her hands above her head by her wrists and kissing her even though she said "no."

After the incident, Koestner didn't tell Peter to leave her room that night.

"I can't tell you why I didn't throw him out of my room," she said. "Maybe it was because I thought he would just sleep it off and then go home in the morning but when he awoke, he saw me huddled in the corner and I hadn't slept all night. He said I should lay down and close my eyes and get some sleep. When

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Katie Koestner
rape survivor

I did that, and started to fall asleep, I could feel him and he started to kiss me and I said 'no.'"

Koestner said people have asked her why she didn't scream or hit him to stop Peter from raping her.

"I didn't scream because do you know what I did? I bit a hole through the inside of my cheek and I still have the scar today so maybe that is why I didn't scream, and I didn't hit him because I had my arms crossed over my chest trying to protect myself," she said.

Koestner later told her resident advisor about the incident and reported it to the dean of her college. She wasn't aware of the 72-hour time period to go to a hospital to have evidence collected. She went to campus police and they conducted an investigation and Peter was brought to a hearing, found guilty

and told to stay out of her residence hall for the rest of the semester. He was later thrown out of school after being found guilty of raping a second

woman. Koestner also noted that rape occurs 84 percent of the time between individuals who know each other. Only 16 percent of rapes are committed by strangers.

"When I was 18, date rape didn't exist," said Koestner. "My dad sent me to school with a can of mace to protect me, but when I went on my date with Peter, I didn't think I needed my mace because I didn't accessorize for a date with Prince Charming with a can of mace."

Koestner appealed to the men in the audience.

"I'm here at Notre Dame for the third time and I'm thinking about all the men in this room but also all the men who are not here who saw the ads for the lecture and said 'I don't need to go, it's not my issue, I'm not a rapist,'" said Koestner. "I think I could tell this story of the worst night of my life a thousand times but if just one of the bravest men in this room would stand in the middle of campus and say 'rape is wrong' it would be

just as effective.

"So for the men in the room, I have only 50 minutes of your life, and you can blow me off if you want to, but I am asking for your help."

Koestner said that she had two reasons for travelling to the more than 800 schools she has visited

speaking about date rape. She said she does it in hopes that there will be one day without any rapes occurring and in hope that she can reach someone with her message and prevent rape or help others assist someone who has been raped.

In her final appeal to the men in the audience she asked them to leave "angry and angry enough to do something more about this issue of rape than just be here tonight."

For women, Koestner encouraged them to live each day deciding what one is willing to take and what one is not willing to take, to be strong for one's self and to recognize that one's best self-defense is self-esteem.

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Katie Koestner
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NEWS IN BRIEF

Had enough of governor George W. Bush and vice president Al Gore? Tune in to NBC's the West Wing tonight where Martin Sheen is president and Notre Dame is a fea-

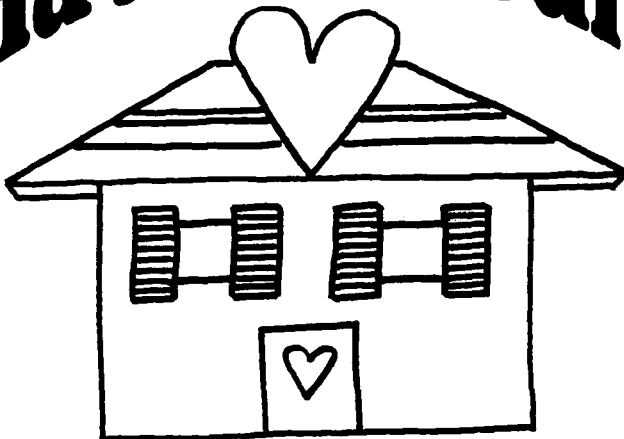
ture topic.

Although Sheen's character wears Notre Dame apparel frequently, he has never explicitly stated he attended the University. According to

sources, tonight's show will nearly confirm his Irish heritage.

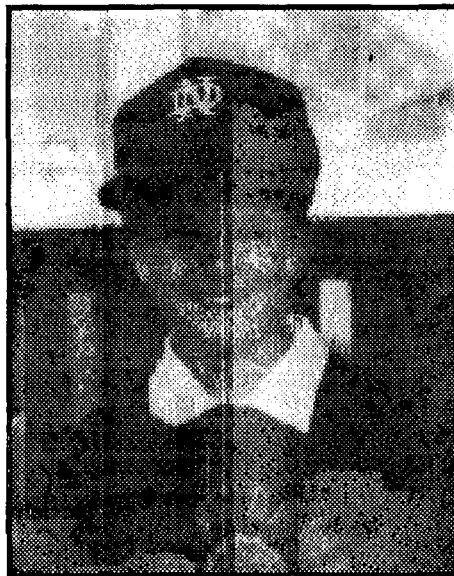
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Day

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Perhaps what brought Day through such a dedicated and controversial life was her devotion to her religion. "While she was one of the freest persons in our society, she was also one of the most disciplined, especially in her religious life," Forest said. She didn't let a day pass without recognizing the Blessed Sacrament.

She prayed her way through many major life events from her conversion to the birth of a daughter out of wedlock to the collapse of her common-law marriage, Forest said.

Her influence on the lives of others continues today, as the Catholic Worker movement continues to work to help those in need. Forest said that every day he is reminded of

her effect on his own life.

"She made me more capable of seeing beauty where I would have seen rubbish."

Day has made Forest think more about the words of Christ than anyone else, he said.

"Every time I open the door to a guest is partly because of Dorothy Day. Every time I think about things in the bright light of the gospel rather than the dim light of politics and money is partly because of Dorothy Day. Every time I try to overcome meanness and selfishness rising up in myself is partly because of Dorothy Day. Every time I resist the impulse to buy something I can get along without and use the money for some better purpose is partly thanks to Dorothy Day. Every time I try to see Christ's presence in a stranger, there again I owe a debt to Dorothy Day."

The talk was sponsored by Pax Christi.

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would rather have the count be accurate than quick, and so far Americans have been patient with the whole process," said Savage. "As a consequence of all this, we'll probably have the Electoral College subjected to the greatest scrutiny ever, especially in modern century."

If in the event Democrat presidential candidate Al Gore wins the popular vote and Republican candidate George W. Bush wins the Electoral College vote, there is a strong possibility that the American opinion of the voting process may sour and lead to reform, Savage said.

"I think we could have probably the most serious effort in modern times to amend the Constitution," he said.

Kommers, however, said that the efficiency concerns of the Electoral College and talks of abolishing it are misguided.

"There's a lot of exaggerated rhetoric over what this all means," said Kommers. "I think the Electoral College gives the states, particularly the small states more clout in the federal system than would otherwise be the case. So for federalistic reasons we should probably be in favor of retaining the Electoral College."

Not only has the delay in elections results sparked debate on the efficiency of the Electoral College, but the doubt of who will become the next leader of the United States has had speculated effects on the stock markets during the last week.

Former Secretary of State James Baker, representing the Bush campaign, said that the

election confusion was causing financial market profits to decline, and that the market may continue to suffer until Dec. 18, when the Electoral College will meet to vote in the next president.

"I think the presidential election situation is being blamed for a lot of the decline in the stock market," said Claude Renshaw, professor of the College of Business Administration and Economics at Saint Mary's.

"But I think the real reason for the decline in the stock market is just because people are coming to the realization that so many companies have been overvalued in the last year," he added.

Renshaw said the decline of the stock market is nothing new, and that the market had been showing signs of decline before the presidential elections began.

"If you look at the trend of the last several months, the decline in the market started and continued long before a question of the presidential election came in," he said. "How do you explain all the decline that took place about 10 months before the election?"

Despite the prediction that the market would continue to dwindle during the post-election process, yesterday proved the idea false when the markets began to rise.

Other election discrepancies have surfaced lately including a Florida voting mishap, causing

more than 19,000 ballots to be thrown out due to the complaints from several voters who accidentally voted for Pat Buchanan thinking they were voting for Al Gore.

Savage said that these errors may cause a national reform to establish uniform standards for voting processes.

"I don't know if [the government] is going to achieve that kind of national uniformity, but I think at least at the state level, we may see each state trying to get greater similarity in all different counties about what kind of system is used for voting," he said.

Some people also have suggested that the closeness of the presidential race might also bring about change in the number of American citizens who

choose to vote in the future.

"Even as close as this race has been all along, it did not make much impact on voter turnout, but the controversy now might make more of a difference," said Alexander. With Bush recapturing New Mexico by a slim margin of 17 votes after it had been awarded to Gore, and the general narrow scope of the elections, the voting process has raised more interest on behalf of the voters, said Alexander.

"I do think it is making people far more attentive to the process," she added. "The actual strategy of the campaign I think is largely going to be overshadowed by the post-election strategy."

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Sean Savage
SMC associate professor

Religion

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rior purposes."

In order to attain a more moderate view of faith and religion, he suggested combining favorable aspects of each perspective. This perspective would lack the blind acceptance of one's own religion but recognize the inherent virtues of religion. Additionally, Roche maintained that it would allow religion to be weighed against reason, while recognizing its contributions to society.

Roche said that this perspective is a major component of the world's major religions, especially Christianity. He praised Notre Dame as an institution that embraced this view.

"Notre Dame tries to help students to develop a philosophy of faith which is why it's a good place to have a crisis of faith," Roche said.

Roche encouraged his audience to continue to reflect on the issues behind religion and intellectualism.

"With grace I think that we today can find a path that brings together reason and faith in a productive way.



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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Foreigners protest Cuba embargo:

Thousands of pro-Cuba foreigners from around the world — including hundreds of Americans — joined Fidel Castro on Tuesday to demand an end to the 40-year-old U.S. trade embargo against the communist island. Flags from Brazil, the African National Congress, New Zealand and other countries and organizations fluttered amid a sea of Cuban flags as the crowd gathered outside the U.S. Interests Section, the American mission here.

Protesters want president ejected:

Thousands of Philippine workers and students staged a rally Tuesday near the palace of President Joseph Estrada, with demands that he step down without waiting for the outcome of an impeachment trial for corruption.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Commission argue on trade talks:

A new round of multinational trade talks would be one way to deal with America's lopsided trade deficit, a congressionally appointed commission said Tuesday. The panel's Republicans and Democrats differed on whether labor and environmental issues should be part of the talks. The 12-member U.S. Trade Deficit Review Commission, divided equally between the parties, also came to divergent conclusions on causes and consequences of the growing trade deficit, with Democrats expressing more pessimism about its effects on American life.

Ford offers to sub Goodyear tires:

Ford Motor Company said Tuesday that consumers ordering 2001 Ford Explorers may substitute Goodyear tires for Firestone brands questioned in a 6.5 million tire recall the automaker has blamed for declining sales of the sport utility vehicle.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Church awaits federal seizure:

Hundreds of parishioners whose Indianapolis church was ordered seized in a \$6 million dispute with the IRS prayed and wept Tuesday as they awaited the arrival of federal marshals. Experts believe the U.S. government has never before seized a church in a dispute over taxes. Singing "Faith of our Fathers," members and supporters of the Indianapolis Baptist Temple worshipped for what they believed would be the last time inside the church. A noon deadline for the Baptist independent congregation to vacate its property.

ISRAEL



Palestinian youths carry an injured child during clashes with Israeli soldiers near the Gush Katif Jewish settlement, south of the Gaza Strip. Three teenage Palestinians were shot and four Israelis were killed Tuesday.

Blockade fails to stop violence

Associated Press

JERUSALEM

Israel imposed a stringent blockade around Palestinian communities Tuesday in response to the deadly drive-by shootings of Israelis, paralyzing normal life but failing to halt violence. At least three Palestinians were killed in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The killings of four Israelis on Monday was part of a new "death on the roads" terror campaign by Palestinian militants, Israel said. Palestinian leaders harshly condemned the army cor-

don around the territories they control.

It came as Prime Minister Ehud Barak headed home from a U.S. trip that produced no peace breakthroughs, and as Israelis and Palestinians braced for potentially widespread confrontations Wednesday — the 12th anniversary of a symbolic declaration of Palestinian independence.

"The (Palestinian) state will be fundamental to peace in the Middle East," Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat declared upon his return to Gaza Tuesday from an Islamic summit in Qatar.

Arafat, who was in exile when he first declared Palestinian independence on Nov. 15, 1988, has repeatedly promised that statehood would arrive this year. Some Palestinians have called for a unilateral declaration Wednesday.

But with the peace process derailed by violence, no such move is planned, Palestinian leaders said. Israel, meanwhile, has warned that it would respond harshly to any one-sided action by the Palestinians.

"There will be no decision on the Palestinian state in the coming few

days," said Yasser Abed Rabbo, the Palestinian information minister.

In Tuesday's violence, three teen-agers, aged 13-19, were shot dead by Israeli troops in the West Bank and Gaza, hospital doctors said. Israel, however, denied that its soldiers had killed the two youths in Gaza, calling reports of the incident part of the "campaign of Palestinian lies that have inflamed the territories."

In a fourth case, Palestinians said a 50-year-old man died after settlers threw rocks at his car. The man was hit in the chest by a huge rock.

EGYPT

Police injure 40 voters in protest

Associated Press

EL-AMAR

Police fired live ammunition and pummeled opposition supporters with batons and tear gas in clashes Tuesday that left five people dead and 40 injured during the final round of parliamentary voting.

In the Nile Delta village of El-Amar, 20 miles north of Cairo, fighting erupted when supporters of an independent candidate broke down-

the doors of polling stations after they were not allowed to enter to vote, according to residents and police speaking on condition of anonymity.

Four people were killed and five injured there.

Hundreds of voters in Shubra El Kheima, in northern Cairo, also clashed with police Tuesday when polls did not open on time. Police, some on horseback, fired into the crowd after attacking the protesters with batons and dogs and using tear

gas. That clash left one dead and 35 people — including children — injured.

Police blocked polling stations and fired tear gas at voters in the Cairo district of Maadi. In Hawamdiya, a district of Cairo, police detained 75 people for election-related disturbances, according to officials.

"Is this the democracy that (President Hosni) Mubarak is calling for?" asked Kamal Abdel Karim, who said he was stopped from entering a polling station in Maadi.

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Panel discussion highlights feminism and women's issues

By KATIE MILLER
News Writer

Issues surrounding feminism of the past, present, and future were discussed by the Ladies of Notre Dame/Saint Mary's at Carroll Auditorium Tuesday night.

A panel composed of four women, each from a different generation, illustrated the way feminism has touched their lives.

"We are all women; feminism affects us all," said Jane Syburg, group chair and moderator. "This is a complicated issue; the four speakers have mixed feelings and times have changed."

"The first feminist in my life was my father," said Mollie Bernard, founder of the Stanley-Clark school. "His ideal woman had a broad education."

Bernard, a mother of 10 who received a theology graduate degree from Notre Dame, started the Stanley-Clark school in 1958 when she and her husband became unhappy with the local schools.

One-third of the children enrolled in 1959 were children of Notre Dame faculty. As the school flourished, Bernard became even more involved.

"In 1962, I was pregnant with my seventh child, and felt that I needed to be at home with my children," she said.

After spending two years at home, Bernard was soon volunteering in Catholic schools. She took a position at Sacred Heart Parish as director of religious education. It was at this time that Bernard decided to further her own education. She enrolled in graduate school at Notre Dame for free as a faculty member's wife.

"Women deserve the best education they can acquire. It is important to understand that the primary value of education is not to make money, but to enrich your life," she said.

Georgia Bain, who graduated from Saint Mary's in 1958

Bain was from a middle-class family that supported her aspirations.

After graduating from Saint Mary's, she interviewed for a job at AT&T. Before the interview, Bain recalled that she decided to remove her engagement ring. After receiving the job, Bain asked her female interviewer if she would have been hired had she worn her ring; her answer was no. She continued to work for the company, but eventually decided to stay at home with her children.

"During the '70s, I became involved with a group called 'Women in theology at Notre Dame.' This was a conscious-raising experience," said Bain. "I finally had a name for what I had long felt-feminism. There was no man hating involved and I never burnt my bra."

The group, Bain said, discussed gender stereotypes and issues such as rape and domestic violence.

"If a woman was raped, it was asked what she was wearing, now legal action is taken; domestic violence used to be a private affair, now it is a public crime," she added.

Ellen Syburg Bartel, currently the president of an all-women's college preparatory school, attended Notre Dame the first year women were admitted.

"Through my work, I've recognized that women's needs are different from that of young men and



KRISTINE KAAI/The Observer

The Ladies of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's held a panel discussion Tuesday night at Carroll Auditorium to discuss feminism from the perspective of women in different generations.

boys," Bartel said. "I've become more familiar with the idea that single sex education is beneficial for young women and my commitment to college age women is a passionate one."

Bartel attended Saint Mary's Academy during her high school years where she was very comfortable in the single-gender environment. "I thought that I was equal to men, but also the same as men — now I think that's absurd," she said.

Bartel became one of the 300 young women in a group of 6,000 undergraduates her freshman year at Notre Dame.

"It was an institution in transition; the environment for women

was at best barren. There were no adult women on campus," she said. "The tradition was all male; it was an unusual experience and choice for me to have made."

Toni Fein, new to the Ladies of Notre Dame/Saint Mary's, said she was encouraged in high school and college to take advanced math and science classes, courses that previously had been recommended only to males.

"I represent the first generation of women who benefited from the feminist movement without being directly involved," said the University of Chicago graduate.

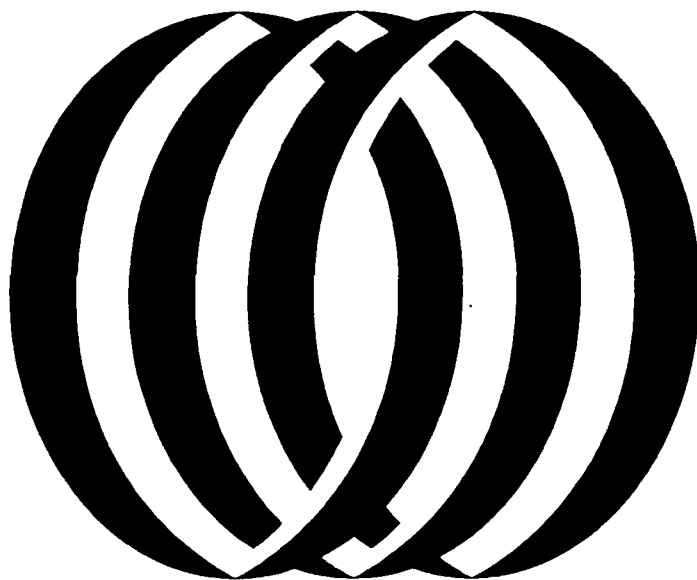
"To me, feminist ideas always seemed reasonable, I was surprised that they were an issue."

After graduating college, she was in the first management group containing women that her company had ever hired and trained.

"When I started work, I realized what I had gained," Fein said. "I was aware that I was breaking barriers."

Fein went back to school for a master's degree in education, before deciding to stay at home with her children.

"At this point, we decided to maximize my husband's career," she said. "I felt shortcomings of feminism. As an educated woman, it is not easy to stay at home. We as women fail to celebrate the choices we have and fail to make those choices."



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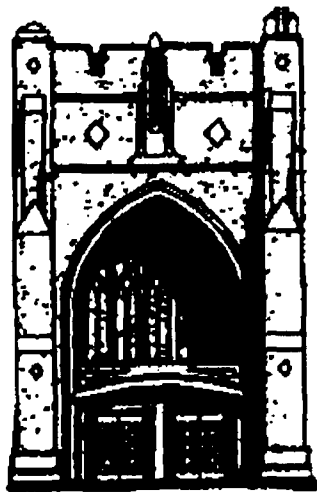
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Lawyers in Florida: ammended votes must be counted

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. A new day in Florida's chaotic presidential vote count, a new deadline.

Lawyers are hopscotching across the state challenging election law arcana, while the Republican state official overseeing the crucial tally laid down a Wednesday deadline for Democratic strongholds to justify more counting.

A state judge ruled Tuesday that the state should collect returns from all 67 counties by 5 p.m., as required under Florida law. When that deadline passed the state said those returns give the election — and perhaps the White House — to Republican Gov. George W. Bush of Texas by 300 votes, pending an unspecified number of absentee ballots still to be tallied by Friday night.

Democrats said the ruling gives them new legal options because Circuit Judge Terry Lewis said in his decision that counties still recounting ballots by hand at the request of Democrat Al Gore campaign's may be able to make a case for filing those totals late.

If Secretary of State Katherine Harris, a Republican who campaigned for Bush, rejects those requests, Democrats could sue.

Harris said she wants to hear the

counties' justifications by 2 p.m. Wednesday.

"If the secretary of state arbitrarily refuses to accept the amended returns based on the recount and violates what this court has ruled ... then we will be back in court," said David Boies, the latest high-profile lawyer to join Gore's legal team.

The Gore camp said the recounts Democrats requested would go forward, though only Palm Beach County was scheduled to keep reviewing ballots Wednesday morning.

Volusia County had completed a full manual recount; Broward County was holding off on a decision about whether to order a full hand count; and Miami-Dade voted 2-1 Tuesday night against a full manual count after a hand count of three precincts awarded Gore a net gain of six votes.

The Democratic Party filed a motion in state court arguing that Broward should be ordered to conduct a full hand count of its 588,000 ballots. The motion said the county's decision not to conduct such a recount was based on an erroneous opinion by Harris, who said a manual recount could only be conducted if county officials found a problem with the election computer.

Democrats hope those recounts by human eye and hand will turn up addi-

tional votes for Gore.

Two separate appeals were heading for courts in Tallahassee, the state capital, and yet another challenge was headed for a federal appeals court in Atlanta.

Volusia County challenged Lewis' ruling in a midlevel appeals court Tuesday, with the expectation that the state Supreme Court would hear the case. The court has seven members, all chosen by Democratic governors.

A ruling from that court could end up before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Palm Beach County appealed to the state Supreme Court seeking clarification of conflicting legal guidance on its recount.

Numerous voters have sued over alleged voting irregularities in Palm Beach. Celebrity lawyer Alan Dershowitz represents some of them.

Lawyers for the Palm Beach elections board said that without clear guidance from the state high court, the board will face more lawsuits, "the state and federal courts of Florida will be inundated with further litigation, the outcome of

the general election will remain in doubt and subject to additional litigation."

Also Tuesday, the GOP filed notice that they planned to appeal a federal judge's ruling that allowed the recounts to go forward.

The GOP claims the manual recounts are unconstitutional since they mean some voters are treated differently depending on where they live. A ruling from the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals could also end up before the U.S. Supreme Court.


Bush spokeswoman Karen

Hughes said the Texas governor is a three-time winner in Florida, counting the Nov. 7 election, an automatic recount done last week and the totals certified by Harris on Tuesday.

In West Palm Beach, a judge considered the lawsuits of voters seeking a new vote in their county. The voters argue the punch-card ballots they were given on Election Day may have confused them enough to mistakenly vote for Reform Party candidate Pat Buchanan when they intended to vote for Gore.

"If the secretary of state arbitrarily refuses to accept the amended returns... then we will be back in court."

David Boies
Lawyer for Gore's team



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Bush holds narrow lead in vote

Associated Press

After a week of suspense, a fistful of lawsuits and thousands of ballots counted, counted again, then recounted by hand, George W. Bush clings to a tenuous 300-vote lead over Al Gore in Florida's decisive presidential election. But the outcome remains uncertain in a struggle still careening through the courts and open to additional canvassing.

"This is a pretty intense process," Florida Gov. Jeb Bush said Tuesday, his state at the center of a post-election battle unlike any other. "I hope this will be resolved."

On that — and that alone, it seemed — there was no dispute.

Of the counties where the Gore campaign has sought complete hand recounts, officials in Volusia County had completed them as of Tuesday night; Democratic party officials said they went to court seeking to force a recount in Broward County; and Miami-Dade voted Tuesday night not to honor the request, although officials said the Gore campaign hoped to overturn that refusal, as well.

Palm Beach County officials stood ready to launch a full manual recount Wednesday morning.

The politics were intense, the legal maneuvering no less so,

since the winner of Florida stands to gain an Electoral College majority and take the oath of office Jan. 20 as the nation's 43rd president.

The current White House occupant, President Clinton, assured a gathering of Pacific Rim leaders in Brunei that the United States was not shaken by the election impasse.

"The world can rest easy," Clinton said early Wednesday.

In a fast-paced series of developments Tuesday, Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris announced that Bush, the GOP presidential candidate, officially held a lead of 300 votes over the vice president out of about 6 million cast, according to totals submitted by all 67 counties in response to her 5 p.m. deadline.

An unknown number of absentee ballots remained to be counted by Friday midnight, Harris said.

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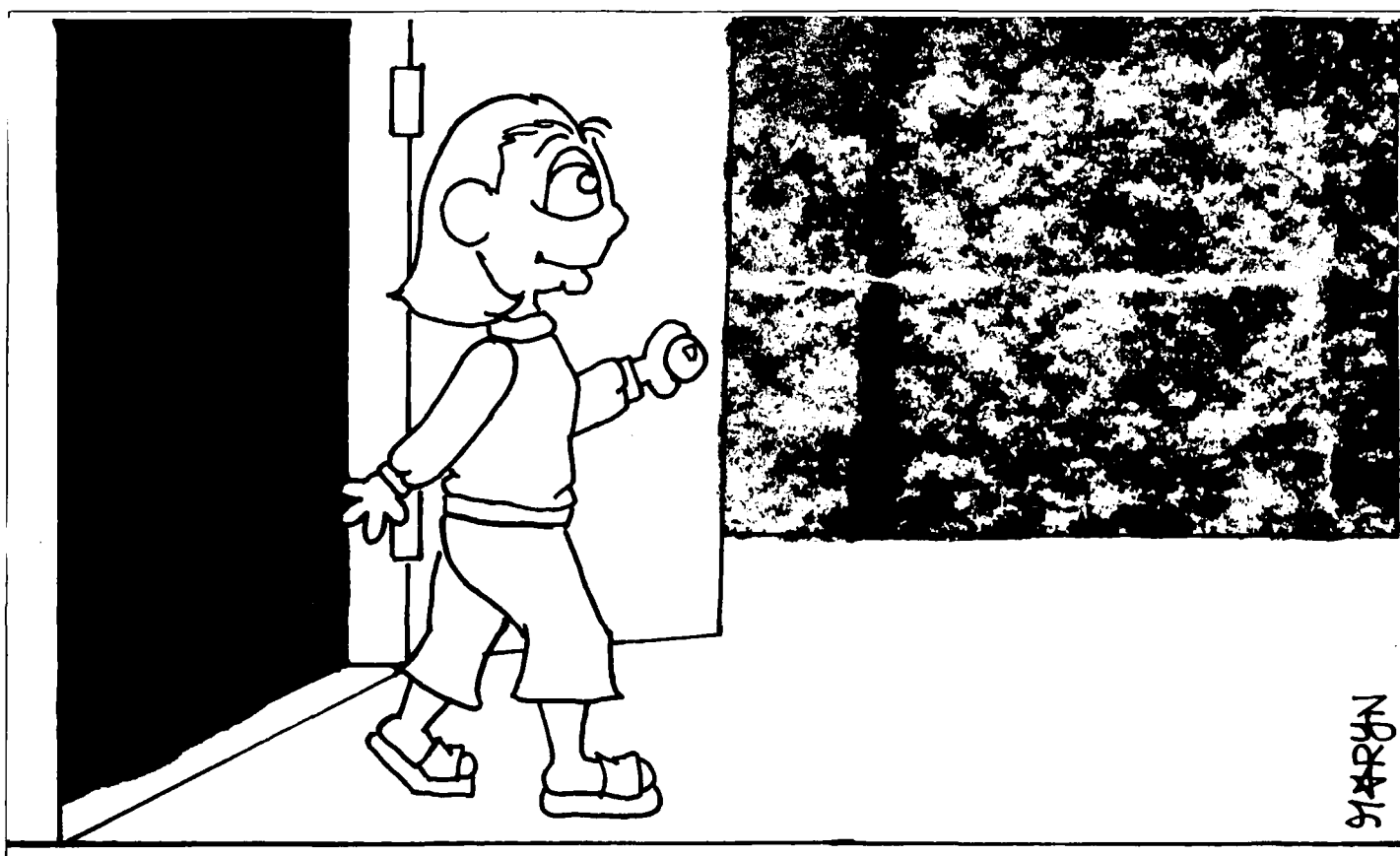
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Coming out for Mom

I would have loved to have written this column back in October on National Coming Out Day or even last week during our week of learning tolerance, but there were reasons for my delay. My mother was just here for the Boston College game, and I didn't want to write this until she had come and gone. You see, it's about my mother that I want to write. My mother is a lesbian and I want to talk about that today.

Marlayna Soenneker

Here We Go Again

You are probably wondering why I want to talk about this in such a public forum. To explain this, I need to tell you more about myself and my experiences thus far in life.

My mother discovered that she was a lesbian when I was ten and subsequently left my father, whom I lived with afterward. I didn't actually know why she left until about a year later. It was never really a big deal to me. I loved my mother, and it didn't matter to me what gender the people she loved were.

But I wasn't stupid and I did know that in my small town, other people would not be nearly so accepting. So I kept my mouth shut about it for another year or two. Then I started to slowly tell my closest friends. I'll say right now that I have never, in all of the last eight years, had anyone react badly to my telling them my mother is lesbian. Never. Of course, until now, I've never broadcast the fact in a public forum, but I find the reception I've gotten thus far in life very hopeful.

Anyway, I slowly began to bring this

fact into my public life. I gave a speech in my sophomore speech class about gay rights. I was proud of myself. I was also heckled by an extremely annoying guy. (Needless to say, not someone I've mentioned my mother's preference to.) By the end of my sophomore year, all my close friends knew.

Then, at the very end of my sophomore year, two friends and I decided to throw a big old party at the beach. I asked my mother to chaperone, and she agreed. But she thought I meant both her and Barb, her partner, when I just meant her. So they both showed up to pick me up for the party.

I asked my mom why Barb was there and she covered quickly and told me that she was just taking us to the beach and would leave then. I said that was good, because I didn't know how I would explain her. Barb heard that and it really hurt her feelings, as I found out later. I've felt bad about that for years. But she's a loving woman, and has never held it against me.

So I wasn't ready to tell everyone I knew just yet. As I got older, I was pretty much ready to tell anyone I liked. When I went to college, I decided that it was time to be open about it, to say something when it seemed relevant. And I have. I've told more people around here than I ever did at home.

My life, since I was ten years old, has been a long coming out of the closet. When we hear that phrase, "coming out of the closet," we normally only think of gay or lesbian people themselves. Most people never realize that the friends and family of gays and

lesbians are often also forced into closets from fear of "what others will say." For me, it was never a question of me accepting my mother or Barb. But I had to learn to say to hell with the people who can't accept them and learn to say that if you can't accept them, you can't accept me.

So I am writing this now because it is time. I am ready to stand my ground, to say in black and white so everyone can see it, that my mother is lesbian, and that I love her and I love her partner. It's time for me to stop hiding in any way. It's time for me to realize that I don't have to "explain" Barb. I just have to tell people that she's my mom's partner and a part of my family. In some ways, I'm writing this to make up for a mistake I made four years ago, when I couldn't do that.

This is a rite of passage. It is a moment of truth and maybe it is a crucible for me as well. I am putting my heart in your hands and I am trusting you. I woke up this morning, I guarantee you, with butterflies in my stomach. I don't know how people will react to this. I don't know what you will say.

But I believe in this place and the people here, enough to believe that it will all be okay. And, in the end, I believe in Christ. It was he who said that the truth shall make us free.

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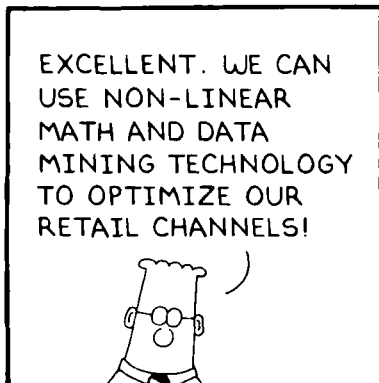
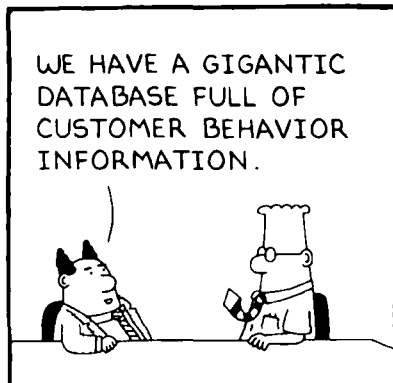
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"All you need in this life is ignorance and confidence; then success is sure."

Mark Twain
author



Breaking out of the bubble

We painted walls in a school, put up ceiling tiles, shadowed students and picked trash from one of the many illegal hillside trash dumps. Knee deep in filth, wading through the dirt, garbage, bones, dog carcasses and syringes, we worked with dozens of other college and local students and left David, Kentucky, the site of our Appalachia Seminar experience, with the understanding of what service to and by many people can accomplish. Communities can achieve greatness if willing people communicate, work hard and have a vision.

Drew Olejnick

*For a More
Just and
Humane World*

Lined up in a row of 12 with a bag of seeds tucked under our arm, we began the laborious process of planting two to three seeds every small step in the tilled fields. Droplets of sweat poured down our faces under the 95-degree heat. The plants that were to grow from our work would prevent further erosion of the surrounding land. Twelve Notre Dame students on the Mexico Seminar discovered how demanding life is for many other people throughout the world.

Sitting around a large circular table in a cold, damp church, the ND/SMC participants of our Chicago Urban Plunge, conversed with two gang members from the local neighborhoods. Although the two young men left at 10 p.m., most of the group stayed awake until well after 2 a.m., discussing and debating critical social questions and issues spurred by the dialogue that night. Away from the classroom-based learning, we breached real life subjects and formed opinions on how to improve our country.

The experiential learning opportunities offered through the Center for Social Concerns are an essential part of the educational experience. For my first three years, I was involved with various opportunities as a participant, drinking the nectar of knowledge. But this year, as a seminar coordinator, I saw others expanding their minds and broadening their life experiences to become more concerned, professional and analytical students.

On the Washington D.C. Seminar, participants met with various government, non-government and religious organizations during the day to discuss international humanitarian issues. The topics included sweatshops, third world development, refugees, human rights accountability and the Catholic Church's role in global issues. In the afternoons, they explored the city: Arlington National Cemetery, the Smithsonian Museums, Congress and much more. In the evenings, they familiarized themselves with the different neighborhoods of Washington including Georgetown, Union Station, Adams Morgan and Dupont Circle.

Now, more globally aware, politically conscious and familiar with the city of Washington D.C., the participants returned from a week outside of the bubble of Notre Dame. And, they had grown in ways that could not be measured by paper and pencil.

Experiential learning opportunities help students connect classroom-based learning to real world problems and occurrences. Through the Center for Social Concerns, students have the opportunity to meet the outside world during the academic school year or over their breaks. Whether it be as a summer service project, spring or fall break seminar or a study abroad experience, no Notre Dame student should graduate without participating in one of these formative experiences.

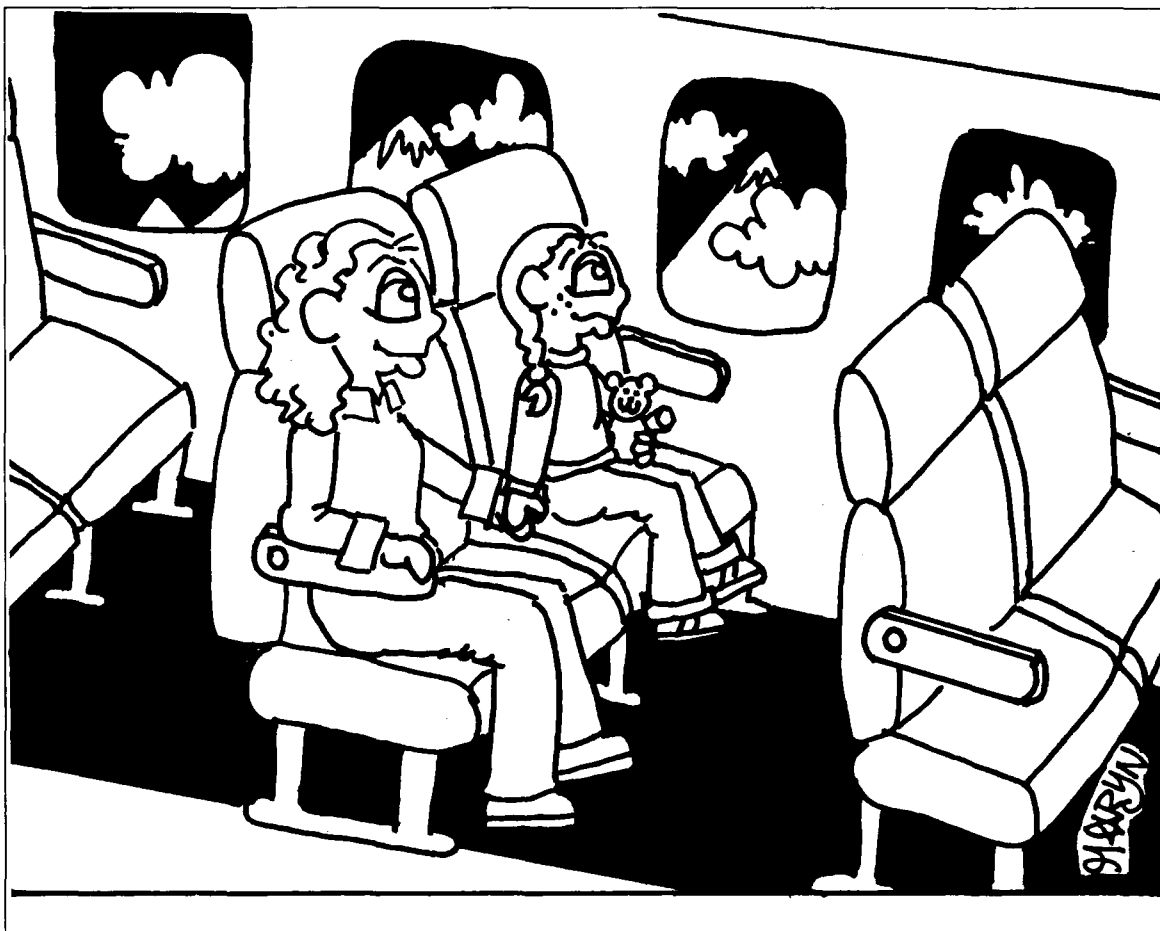
Notre Dame is a great place for a college education, but it could become an even better place if everyone were to bring back and share the experiences which occur away from campus. We should sit down with a friend who spent a semester "around the world" or "down-under" and find out what the people are like in another part of our global community, what is unique about another culture's way of life, what his favorite part of the experience was. You may be surprised to find that there exists ways of life that are more appealing than the American way.

I acknowledge that spring breaks on a cruise, summer jobs on the Jersey shore and skiing in the Rockies are incredibly fun and relaxing experiences. Our breaks are meant for that — to recharge our batteries. But ask almost anyone who has participated in at least one of these experiential learning seminar opportunities and you will likely hear how enriching the experience was.

The seminars are fun. You learn about new and exciting topics, meet other great Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students and experience something completely different and novel to your daily lives at Notre Dame. Try one. It may be one of the most rewarding experiences of your time at Notre Dame. What do you have to lose? The beaches and mountains will still be there after you graduate. But these opportunities may not.

The CSC column, "For a More Just and Humane World" is a bi-weekly column in The Observer. Drew Olejnick is a senior government and economics major with a concentration in peace studies. Drew developed and organized this year's Washington D.C. Seminar.

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Struggling to rebuild

I got my first look at East Timor through the plane window while holding the hand of the girl sitting next to me. (Terrified of flying, she braved the trip to visit her mother who worked for the United Nations.) The mountain peaks of the half-island formerly part of Indonesia jutted through the clouds.

After 25 years of Indonesian occupation — full of deprivation and torture — East Timor was granted independence in an August 1999 referendum. But the Indonesian military and pro-integration militia did not leave without destroying virtually the entire country.

Walking through the streets of the capital city Dili, you see building after building burnt out or demolished. People would point out where once had been a school, a business, their home. There is no social infrastructure; currently the unemployment rate is 80 percent. In rural villages, people starve since crops cannot be planted because seeds and ox were carried away to Indonesian West Timor. (Many Timorese were pushed there as well and still remain captive refugees.) Timorese living today have faced great hardship all their lives.

Perhaps the first (and only) time Americans heard of East Timor was when a U.N. peacekeeping force was finally sent to stop the destruction. Since then, East Timor has again become obscure to Americans — disturbing especially since in other nations like Australia it is a prominent issue.

But Timor is on the other side of the world, and media cameras turned their attention to Kosovo and now Israel. They have "unmade" the struggle in Timor, but in real life it continues.

I worked for the U.N., teaching English to their local staff. On one occasion, we climbed

into a U.N. helicopter and headed for Suai, a rural border district. Militia still threaten the stability of the peace process, as we were reminded upon touching down. Be cautious. Don't leave town. A New Zealand peacekeeper was killed yesterday in a border confrontation. During our stay, conversations were often interrupted by the loud rumble of tanks passing to and from the border.

We came to survey the educational needs of the area. One school operated, thanks to about 30 volunteers. One teacher I met, Rogerio, taught high school biology — from what he remembers; there are no more books. A university student himself, Rogerio longed for the opportunity to return to school and again be challenged. If he did not teach, his only other option was household chores. As one friend from Suai recently wrote to me, while independence from Indonesia was the first resistance, the struggle against educational poverty is the second.

Another university student, Ajiza Magno, was forced to put off her education, making remarkable contributions in the meantime. Magno helped organize the women's national congress and even represented Timor labor issues to the U.N. in Geneva. Now she is traveling across the U.S., making people aware of her country's struggle. Come to the Hunger Banquet tonight (or Pangborn afterwards), listen to her speak and the struggle will no longer go on silently.

Dawn Lardner

senior

Welsh Family Hall

Nov. 14, 2000

Larger facilities needed

I was more than a little disappointed in the University in their handling of the Tim Russert talk. It is not often that the students get to hear someone of his stature speak on our campus.

What does the University do? I don't know the exact number, but it looked like they packed about 150 people in the auditorium at McKenna, while a number that size was left outside.

Those remaining either had to stand in the

hallway or leave. To the organizers: Next time you get a high-profile person to talk, try to get a bigger auditorium.

Aaron Murray

graduate student

off-campus

Nov. 14, 2000

Cutthroat ratings weed out the weak, support the strong

ABC relies on big-name movie stars, Regis's charisma to rake in millions



Photo courtesy of abc.go.com

The cast of ABC's "Spin City" rally behind actor Charlie Sheen (center) as Michael J. Fox's replacement in the popular primetime comedy.

By KATIE MALMQUIST
Scene Writer

Tired of hearing Regis ask "Is that your final answer?" Apparently the executives at the American Broadcasting Company are not.

Originally adding an extra night of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" to their primetime line up (bringing the game show's appearance to four hour-long airings a week) and premiering only three new series, ABC opened this season confident that Regis and his flashy suits would carry them through the fall ratings.

Within the first month of the season, however, "Millionaire" suffered a significant drop in ratings, hinting that viewers are growing increasingly tired of the game show phenomenon. So does ABC have any life lines left in its fall line up? A recap of the network's latest attractions and returning favorites should save you the call to a friend to find out.

Surprisingly, ABC's most interesting hook this season is its influx of stars making the leap from the silver screen to the TV screen. Two of these brave faces appear in brand new series — Gabriel Byrne ("The Usual Suspects") in "Madigan Men" and Geena Davis in the not-so-creatively titled "The Geena Davis Show."

Byrne stars as the father in an intergenerational trio of grandfather, father, and son. "Madigan Men" follows the trials of the three Irish men as they venture through three very different dating worlds.

The comedy, airing Friday at 9:30 p.m., was not ABC's best received premiere.

Premiering Nielsen's 63rd slot and slipping ever since, "Madigan Men" shows little promise of reviving ABC's declining TGIF series which has continued to lose viewers since last season's cancellation of teen favorites "Boy Meets World" and

"Sabrina the Teenage Witch."

"The Geena Davis Show" seems to have a better chance of surviving its first season. The show chronicles Davis' comedic escapades as a single New York woman adjusting to life in the suburbs with her new husband and step-children.

"The Geena Davis Show" premiered at 14 in the Nielsen ratings — the highest of all major network premieres this season. Though it has since slipped out of the Nielsen top 30, "The Geena Davis Show" is definitely ABC's strongest addition to the fall line-up.

In ABC's third premiere of the season, Academy Award nominee Paul Attansaio ("Donnie Brasco") makes his television debut in "Gideon's Crossing." The hour-long drama centered in a Boston teaching hospital has not shaken the position of NBC's "ER" as the top medical drama on the air waves.

However, its premiere in Nielsen's 19th spot set it above ABC's last newcomer, "The Trouble with Normal," which was cancelled after only three episodes.

Also making his television debut on ABC this fall is actor Charlie Sheen, who replaced Michael J. Fox on the half-hour sitcom "Spin City."

After Fox's emotional last episode in the spring season finale, the actor has remained with the project, working behind the scenes as executive producer of the show.

Though Sheen was generally well received by the show's loyal view-

ers, "Spin City" has promised various cameo appearances by Fox throughout the season.

Many of ABC's returning series also look strong, especially David E. Kelley's "The Practice," which has held steady in the eighth and ninth ratings positions all season. Sela Ward and Billy Campbell return for a second season of "Once and Again," which opened to rave reviews last fall, but has since dropped out of the Nielsen top 30.

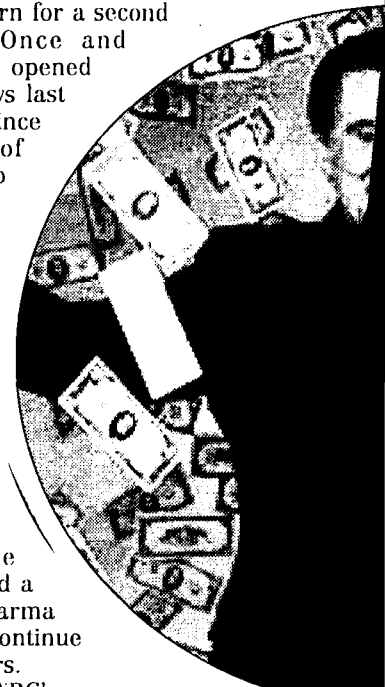
"The Drew Carey Show" is back for its fifth hilarious season and Norm MacDonald returns for his second year of "Norm." Sitcoms like "Two Guys and a Girl" and "Dharma & Greg" also continue to draw viewers.

Ultimately, ABC's biggest blow this season is the temporary hiatus of "NYPD Blue," whose 19 Emmy Awards have brought strong ratings for the past seven seasons.

While ABC promises that the hour-long police drama will return this January for its eighth season, it's clear that the network's overall ratings have felt its absence since the new season opened.

This fall, network executives and viewers alike are left wondering if "Millionaire" will be able to pick up the slack.

With ABC's fresh faces, new series and old favorites, Regis should have some help, but tuning in is the only way to be sure.



Notre Dame alum game show "Who



"Friends" returns to NE

PRIMETIME SCHEDULE ABC: Nov. 15-Nov. 21

Wed:	Sun:
8 - Millionaire	7 - The Wonderful
9 - The Drew Carey Show	World of Disney presents "Santa Who?"
9:30 - Spin City	9 - Millionaire
10 - Gideon's Crossing	10 - The Practice
Thurs:	Mon:
8 - Whose Line is it Anyway?	8 - 20/20 Downtown
9 - Millionaire	9 - NFL Monday Night Football
10 - Primetime Thursday	Tues:
Fri:	8 - Millionaire
8 - The Beatles Revolution	9 - Dharma & Greg
10 - 20/20	9:30 - The Geena Davis Show
Sat:	10 - Once and Again
8 - College Football	11 - Dateline NBC

Nothing to do? No excuse for boredom in South Bend

Because of the Finnegan's bust and the pending end of the home football season, students have already begun to complain that there's nothing to do around here. I have one piece of advice for you pessimists: Get over it.

You're in college. If you can't find ways to amuse yourself now, think what you'll end up doing in ten years. You'll be sitting around, watching infomercials, wondering what happened to your youth.

There are a million things to do at Notre Dame both on and off campus. If you're the magical age of 21, your possibilities are limitless. Since most of us aren't, we have to be a bit more imaginative.

If you've got access to a car (or are confident enough to brave the South Bend bus system), see a movie. Go bowling. Forget the dining halls for an

evening and try one of the million chain restaurants on Grape road.

Out of money? Flex yourself a meal and get creative with the hotpot. Put your VCR to use and watch a movie with your roommate/friends/significant other.

Still looking for some fun? You may have outgrown the freshman dorm parties, but if you're really looking to recreate a Boat Club-esque atmosphere, here's an idea. Overcrowd your room, spill things on the floor to make it sticky, purchase cheap refreshments, play the latest top-40 music, invite a few locals over and see what develops. You may be surprised.

Get creative. You know, way back in the dark ages, there was a man who found hours of amusement flipping plastic cups up on a table for sport. That sure caught on, and these days the game can provide a night's worth of entertainment and allow participants to develop great hand eye coordination all in one. Who knew that such a simple game would be so much fun? It's that easy.

Still searching? Notre Dame offers a multitude of

options for every crowd. Maybe take in a lecture from a visiting professor and make yourself smarter. Even if you don't learn anything, you can still brag to your friends that you did. The SUB movies aren't half-bad either.

Visit friends in other dorms — even if it's cold out and they live on (gasp!) another quad. Or maybe you could get to know your roommate better. You'd be surprised of all the things you might learn.

If all else fails, catch up on your sleep. Lord knows you need it.

Once again, you're in college. Make the most of it. Complaining that there's nothing to do here on the weekends is like saying that polyester is going to come back into style or that the bookstore is going to charge a reasonable amount for books next semester. It just isn't true. So get out there, be creative and have a good weekend.

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Jacqueline Browder

In Vogue

g on fall line-up from competitors NBC, ABC and the WB

'Buffy's' high kicks, 'Dawson's' love triangle bring faithful following to WB

By JACQUELINE BROWDER
Assistant Scene Editor

Although Warner Brothers isn't one of the few fuzzy channels that gets reception at Notre Dame, you're still likely to find dozens of girls in the 24-hour lounge watching their favorite WB melodrama several times a week.

Whether it's the cult hit "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," the new series "Gilmore Girls" or the highly articulated, moody adolescents on "Dawson's Creek," the show that started it all, the WB has moved itself into mainstream primetime TV.

This fall, the WB's lineup includes some impressive debuts, as well as a few staples from seasons past.

Here's a look at a few of the season's highest rated

and most talked about shows.

"Grosse Pointe"

What do you get when you cross "Beverly Hills 90210" and "The Real World"?

The WB's "Grosse Pointe," an amusing look behind the scenes of one of TV's hottest hits: the fictitious primetime soap "Grosse Pointe."

The onscreen melodrama of infidelity, pregnancy, and occasional bouts of amnesia is nothing compared to what happens when

the cameras aren't rolling. Johnny Lane (Al Santos), who plays handsome hero Brad, is a womanizer who's lucky to be able to read his lines much less be a superstar.

Courtney Bennet (Bonnie Somerville) is a "serious" Broadway actress who turns up her nose at TV, but is too broke to turn down the money. Hunter Fallow (Irene Molloy) is the series' reigning vixen who sees Courtney's cleavage as a threat to her star power.

Rounding out the cast is Marcy "Network Connection" Sternfeld (Lindsay Sloane), the Tori Spelling-esque character. Shot in a realistic, single-camera style, new series "Grosse Pointe" follows the escapades of young actors whose lives are as shallow and entertaining on and off-camera.

"Buffy the Vampire Slayer" and "Angel"

"Buffy the Vampire Slayer," now in its fifth season, is still following its curvaceous, vampire-butt-kicking heroine as she confronts the evils of the underworld while trying to lead a normal college life on the side.

Buffy struggles with the transition from high school to college, as well as losing the love of her life (to a spin-off series, no less).

This series explores the twists and turns of adulthood with the same irony and wit used in years past. With a strong supporting cast and surprising plot twists, "Buffy" remains one of the WB's top rated shows.

The popular spin-off series "Angel" chronicles the lives of "Buffy" alums Angel (David Boreanaz), Cordelia Chase (Charisma Carpenter) and Wesley Wyndam-Pryce (Alexis Denisof).

The series follows Angel and company through the streets of Los Angeles, where they battle evil and confront countless temptations lurking beneath the city's glittery façade.

Buffy and Angel air back-to-back, and frequently feature interconnecting plots, allowing the title characters to continue their tortured love affair and keep ratings strong for both shows.

"Gilmore Girls"

Set in a storybook Connecticut town populated with an eclectic mix of dreamers, artists and everyday folk, the new series "Gilmore Girls" is a heart-

felt, multi-generational drama about friendship, family and the ties that bind.

Thirty-two-year-old Lorelai Gilmore (Lauren Graham) has made her share of mistakes in life, and she's doing her best to see that her 16-year-old daughter Rory (Alexis Bledel) doesn't follow in her footsteps.

Because of their extraordinary friendship and some pretty good genes, the two are often mistaken for sisters. From the beginning, this unique mother-daughter team has been growing up together.

A sort-of dysfunctional "7th Heaven," "Gilmore Girls" is intended to add to the offerings of compelling family programming on network television.

The writing is strong and often humorous, and although the show faces tough competition from NBC's Thursday line-up, the show has been an important favorite thus far.

"Popular"

In its debut season, "Popular" introduced us to Sam (Carly Pope) and Brooke (Leslie Bibb) — polar opposites who are forced into sisterhood when their single parents make a love connection.

Loaded with scathing humor, social angst, and pop culture references, "Popular" instantly became one of the WB's more original and comical looks at high school.

With a unique sensitivity to contemporary issues and some of the most entertaining supporting characters on the network, "Popular" resumes its blend of sharp comedy and drama as it launches into its second season.

"Dawson's Creek"

Easily the most popular and well-known show the WB has produced, Dawson's Creek has come off of a rocky



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The gang of "Dawson's Creek" open their fourth season entangled in a web of love and teenage angst.

third season, and has gone back to the formulas that works best — teenage love and angst.

In the title role, teenage heartthrob James Van Der Beek is caught in the middle of a budding romance between his two best friends, Joey and Pacey (Katie Holmes and Joshua Jackson).

This problematic love triangle is the core of the season's plotline, and most likely won't be resolved until the season finale.

PRIMETIME SCHEDULE WB: Nov. 15-Nov. 21

Wed: Dawson's Creek, Felicity
Thurs: Gilmore Girls, Charmed
Fri: Sabrina the Teenage Witch, Popular
Mon: 7th Heaven, Roswell
Tues: Buffy, Angel

(all shows run an hour each, from 8-10 p.m.)



Photo courtesy of abc.go.com
Philbin hosts ABC's "Be A Millionaire?"



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C for another season.

Favorites of 'Must-See-TV' battle failures to boost NBC's ratings

By MATT KILLEN
Scene Writer

After last year's ratings loss to "Who Wants to be a Millionaire," NBC's Thursday night "Must See TV" is again at the top of the Nielsen ratings. With the exception of Thursday and Wednesday shows, however, the rest of the week seems to follow a bumpy road in the way of viewership.

The tent pole for Thursday is still "Friends" and "ER." While both of these shows remain strong and entertaining, they both suffer from a similar problem — the number of original cast members. "Friends" needs to drop the Geller siblings. Both Courtney Cox and David Schwimmer are drags on an otherwise funny show.

Meanwhile, "ER" suffers from the opposite problem — a lack of its original cast. The newer members are obnoxious and bothersome, while the few remaining originals are stuck with little to work with.

Thursday night also brings in one of NBC's new sitcoms — a show called "Cursed." This show is going the way of "The Single Guy" and "Veronica's Closet" very soon, so those "Wings" fans (all three of you) should enjoy the Steven Weber fix while you can.

Thursday does host the peacock's two strongest sitcoms: "Will & Grace" and "Just Shoot Me." Both of these shows are extremely funny and neither shows

signs of slowing down.

Neither does a former Thursday night show, "Frasier." Now on Tuesday nights, "Frasier" shows signs of returning to the wit and quirky humor of its heyday — a big improvement from the lackluster past seasons. Along with "Frasier" on Tuesdays is "3rd Rock from the Sun," a once-mediocre sitcom that should have been cancelled last year.

Joining these two shows on Tuesdays are "The Michael Richards Show" and "DAG." "DAG" premieres Nov. 14, but Michael Richards' new show has been on for a few weeks. The former Kramer on "Seinfeld" stars as a wacky detective, but his goofy character comes crashing down here.

Richards is too much like Kramer, and this simply doesn't work without Elaine, George, and Jerry. The supporting characters he does work with, however, are one-dimensional and have no comedic abilities of their own.

NBC's other new sitcom "Tucker" has been cancelled, along with "Daddio," — and ratings show neither will be missed. NBC has also cancelled "Deadline," the Oliver Platt drama about a newspaper columnist.

While this show showed potential, Deadline played after "Daddio" and "Tucker" on Mondays. This proved fatal, as all were summarily beaten by "Monday Night Football," CBS's lineup of comedies, and FOX's "Boston Public" and "Ally McBeal." Thus, NBC's Monday lineup is currently in a state of flux.

NBC's strongest new show is its dramedy "Ed," airing on Sundays. Thomas Cavanaugh plays the title character, a lawyer who also owns a bowling alley. This is a great comedy from David Letterman's Worldwide Pants Inc.

"Ed" has a great blend of comedy and dramatic elements. This light touch is not only entertaining but also an excellent example of how both comedy and drama can be mixed together successfully.

NBC's other freshman drama that's still on the air is the Aaron Spelling soap opera "Titans," starring Yasmine Bleeth and Casper Van Dien. This show is nothing more than a soap opera with a big budget. If NBC had any brains at all, they would bring "Deadline" back and replace it with "Titans" with the Wednesday timeslot.

Instead "Titans" is the lucky reaper of the benefits of having the lead-in slot to "The West Wing." This Presidential drama has started its season with a succession of brilliant episodes, proving that its Emmy win was well-deserved.

"Law & Order" has been surprisingly sluggish this year, but storylines are picking up. Along with "The West Wing," this NBC favorite continues to be among the best dramas on television.

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NFL

Burress benched for inconsistent play

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH
Plaxico Burress, a \$9 million wide receiver in his first season with the Steelers, was benched Tuesday by head coach Bill Cowher.

Burress, the eighth pick in the April draft, has largely disappeared from the offense in recent weeks, making only four catches for 45 yards in their last four games.

"The play has just been too inconsistent," Cowher said Tuesday.

Burress left Sunday's 26-23 overtime loss to Philadelphia after being hit hard by line-backer Jeremiah Trotter on a throw over the middle. Courtney Hawkins, a former Michigan State receiver like Burress, came in and made a team-high four catches for 71 yards after making only one reception previously this season.

Hawkins, the only Steelers receiver left from quarterback Kordell Stewart's standout season of 1997, will start Sunday. He survived the final roster cut in August only when the Steelers waived fourth-round draft pick Danny Farmer. Now, he and Hines Ward are the starting receivers.

"He is a guy who had to come in and accept a [backup] role he didn't particularly like, but he accepted it as a true professional," Cowher said. "He went about his business and worked very hard and when he had an opportunity,

he came in and performed."

The move means the Steelers now have two of the NFL's highest-paid backup receivers. Their last two first-round draft picks, Burress and Troy Edwards, have lost their starting jobs since the season began.

Between them, Burress and Edwards have only 37 catches — none for touchdowns — and have drawn criticism for not running precise routes and dropping passes. Last year, Edwards tied with Ward for the team lead with 61 catches.

"I think [Burress] is going to be a good player, just like I think Troy is going to be a good player," Cowher said.

"But, right now, we need consistent play, people being where they need to be and doing it on a consistent basis."

"I think it will be good for Plax and I think he will respond in a positive manner. At the same time, Courtney came in and there's no doubt he made some plays and he gave us a spark there, and you can't overlook that."

Cowher weighed whether it was better to leave Burress in the lineup and allow him to play his way through his mistakes.

"That's a fine line you have to live with," Cowher said. "At this time, I'm making this decision because I feel like it's in the best interest of our team. ... But nobody should look at it as I'm taking Plax out of the lineup because he's the reason why we haven't been executing."

"But, right now, we need consistent play, people being where they need to be and doing it on a consistent basis."

Bill Cowher
Steelers head coach

Warner to return to lineup Dec. 3

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS

St. Louis Rams quarterback Kurt Warner began rehab on his right pinkie this week and is expected to return to the lineup Dec. 3 against the Carolina Panthers.

That means Warner, the NFL's MVP last year, will have missed five games since he broke the finger on his throwing hand taking a snap from a backup center Oct. 22 at Kansas City. The original prognosis was he'd be sidelined 4-to-6 weeks.

Warner had surgery on Oct. 24 to insert two pins into the finger. He'll be X-rayed on Friday after a week of therapy, and the pins are due to come out next Tuesday.

The pins are being taken out a week later than originally scheduled. Doctors decided the best strategy was for Warner to begin therapy with the pins still in.

"They chose to be a little more aggressive with the physical therapy," coach Mike Martz said. "With what Kurt does, it's important that (the finger) is very straight.

That has a lot to do with how you throw the ball."

Warner has completed 68.7 percent of his passes for 2,445 yards with 18 touchdowns and 10 interceptions in seven starts. He and backup Trent Green are 1-2 in passer ratings, 111.6 to 109.0.

Green threw four touchdown passes and ran for a fifth in Sunday's 38-24 victory over the New York Giants. He has completed 63.6 percent of his passes for 12 touchdowns with three interceptions.

WTA Tour

Williams sisters upset with WTA

Associated Press

MIAMI

Venus and Serena Williams have brought excitement and "a ton of money" to women's tennis, and the family deserves more of the WTA Tour's windfall, their father said Tuesday.



Williams

"Venus and Serena are not sharing in the revenues packages that the WTA is collecting because of them," Richard Williams said. "It's very unfair, and something should be done. I should share in that package too."

Williams' remarks came in the wake of complaints last week by Tiger Woods about marketing rights. Woods

didn't rule out leaving the PGA Tour if the issue isn't resolved.

Speaking from Palm Beach Gardens, where the family lives, Williams said he wants an equal partnership with the WTA. If the issue isn't addressed soon, he said, his daughters might skip tournaments they would otherwise play.

"They might do a slowdown here and there," he said.

As it is, the sisters rarely play in the same events.

The impact the Williams sisters have made in tennis is comparable to Woods' effect on golf, Richard Williams said.

"I look at it as being exactly similar in the exposure they bring, the tickets, the money they generate," he said. "Any place Venus and Serena go, they sell out everything, even if they play doubles. No one has been able to sell out a doubles match before."

Bart McGuire, chief execu-

tive officer of the WTA Tour, responded by saying all players share in the revenue generated by the tour.

"The WTA is a not-for-profit organization, with the tour's share of revenues being used for overall tour operations and the day-to-day running of the tour," he said in a statement. McGuire said he's always willing to discuss operations with players and their parents.

The mercurial Williams has been known to make inflammatory remarks. Last spring he said Venus might retire, but instead she won Wimbledon, the U.S. Open and two Olympic gold medals, teaming with Serena to win the doubles in Sydney.

Williams said his family, himself included, deserves a share of television and other revenue. He plans to discuss his complaints in the next couple of weeks with McGuire.

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PRO TENNIS

Martina Hingis wins \$2M in Chase Championships

Associated Press

NEW YORK

In a dominating performance, Martina Hingis breezed into the quarterfinals of the \$2 million Chase Championships and sent Julie Halard-Decugis into retirement from singles play.

"I stop everything," Halard-Decugis said after falling 6-2, 6-3 Tuesday night in the season-ending tournament at Madison Square Garden. "This is the last match of my career."

Earlier in the day, Amanda Coetzer enjoyed a rare victory in an arena that has brought her nothing but trouble. The 5-foot-2 South African routed eighth-seeded Chanda Rubin 6-2, 6-1.

The night's final singles match pitted No. 7 Anna Kournikova against Jennifer Capriati.

The first round will be completed Wednesday with No. 6 Nathalie Tauziat against Amy Frazier; No. 3 Monica Seles against Sandrine Testud and No. 2 Lindsay Davenport against Elena Dementieva.

Hingis is ranked No. 1 in the world in singles; Halard-Decugis in doubles. Hingis put on a clinic, thoroughly dominating their match throughout.

"I was surprised myself how well I served today," Hingis said. "I'm just enjoying myself out there."

Hingis won 60 points to just 36 for her French opponent. But the 20-year-old Swiss right-hander, who hasn't won a major tournament since the Australian Open in January 1999, won every important point in the match.

"I couldn't do anything on her serve," Halard-Decugis said. "She wasn't making any mistakes. And she knows my game very well."

Hingis lost her serve just

once, in the third game of the match. But she broke right back, then held to go up 4-1. Twenty-four minutes after they began, Hingis was up a set. It took another 28 minutes before she had a spot in the quarterfinals of the elite 16-player event.

In a rare display of sportsmanship in the sixth game of the second set, a drive by Hingis was called long.

Halard-Decugis, however, waved off the call, saying the ball hit the line, and the two replayed the point. Hingis won the point, but

Halard-Decugis won the game.

With more than 2,000 students cheering every point in the morning match, Coetzer gained just her second victory on the blue carpet in her eighth trip to the Garden and her first since her Championships debut in 1993. It was only her third win in nine matches against Rubin.

"It was nice to know what it feels like to win here," Coetzer said.

Rubin's left knee was heavily taped, and it appeared to hamper her movement. After losing the first three games of the second set, she had the tape removed and replaced it with a bandage just below her knee.

It might have improved her mobility, but it had no effect on Coetzer, who won in 54 minutes. Rubin had 28 unforced errors to just five for the South African.

"The only time I noticed it was on the serve," Coetzer said of Rubin's injury. "She had difficulty putting weight on that knee and I broke her a lot, and that really helped me."

This is final year for the Championships at the Garden. The tournament will move to Germany in 2001.

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how well I served today
I'm just enjoying myself
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**Martina Hingis
Chase Championships
quarterfinalist**

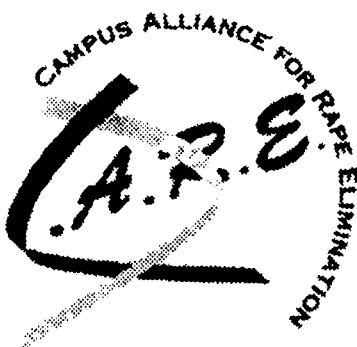


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Martina Hingis, shown above, advanced to the quarterfinals of the Chase Championships with a 6-2, 6-3 win over Julie Halard-Decugis.

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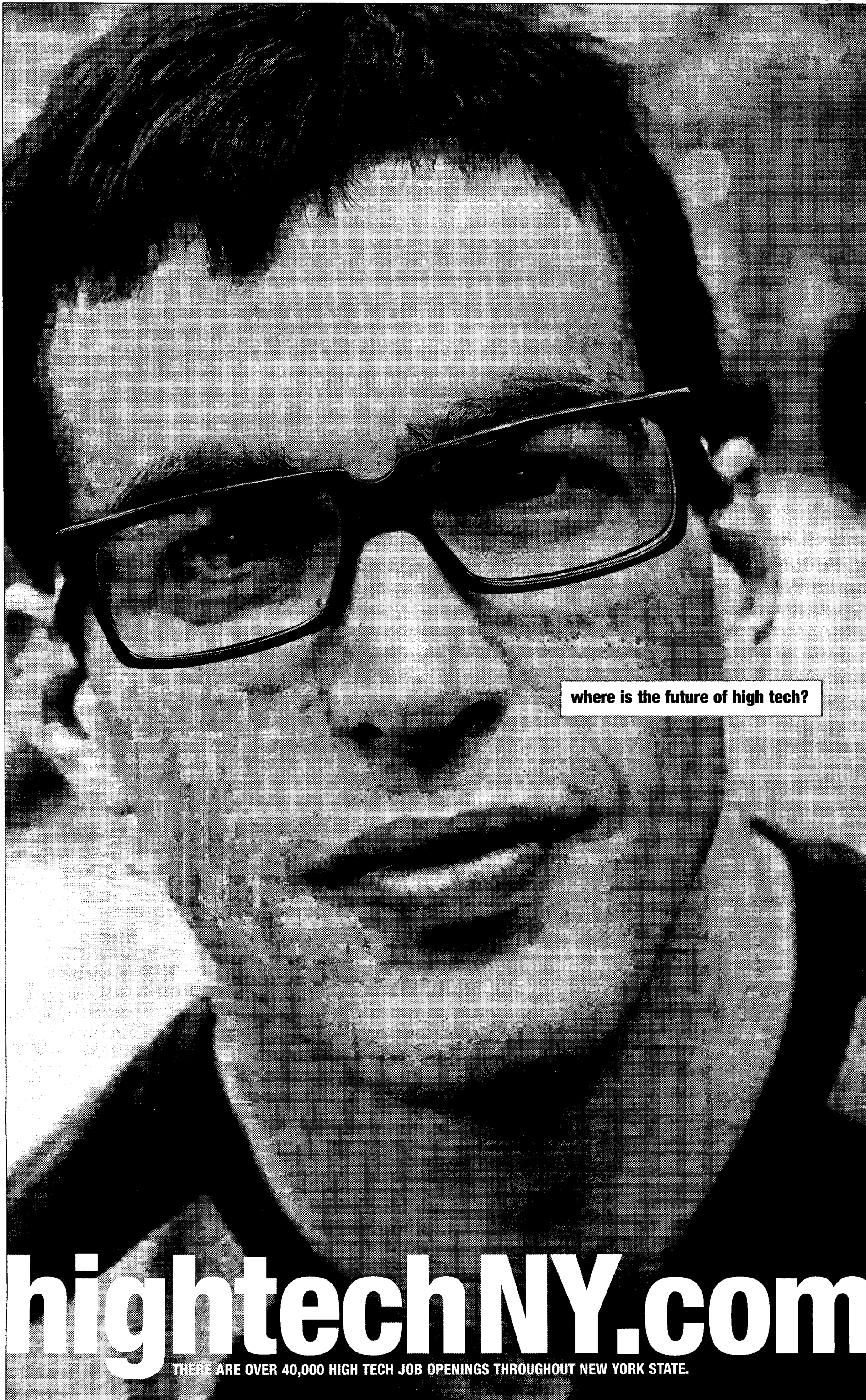
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B-ball

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minutes she played in the second half. Although the Irish began the second half on a 19-2 run to expand the lead to 75-33, McGraw was still concerned.

"I don't think we gave her (Riley) enough opportunities," McGraw said. "Seven shots (Riley's total attempts on the night) is not enough."

Notre Dame started off slow and led 17-12 before scoring 11 straight. A Jeneka Joyce three-pointer from the left wing gave the Irish their biggest lead of the half at 48-21 with four minutes remaining.

In her second collegiate game, Joyce scored all 14 of her points in the first 20 minutes. She was the first player off the bench and connected on four three-pointers.

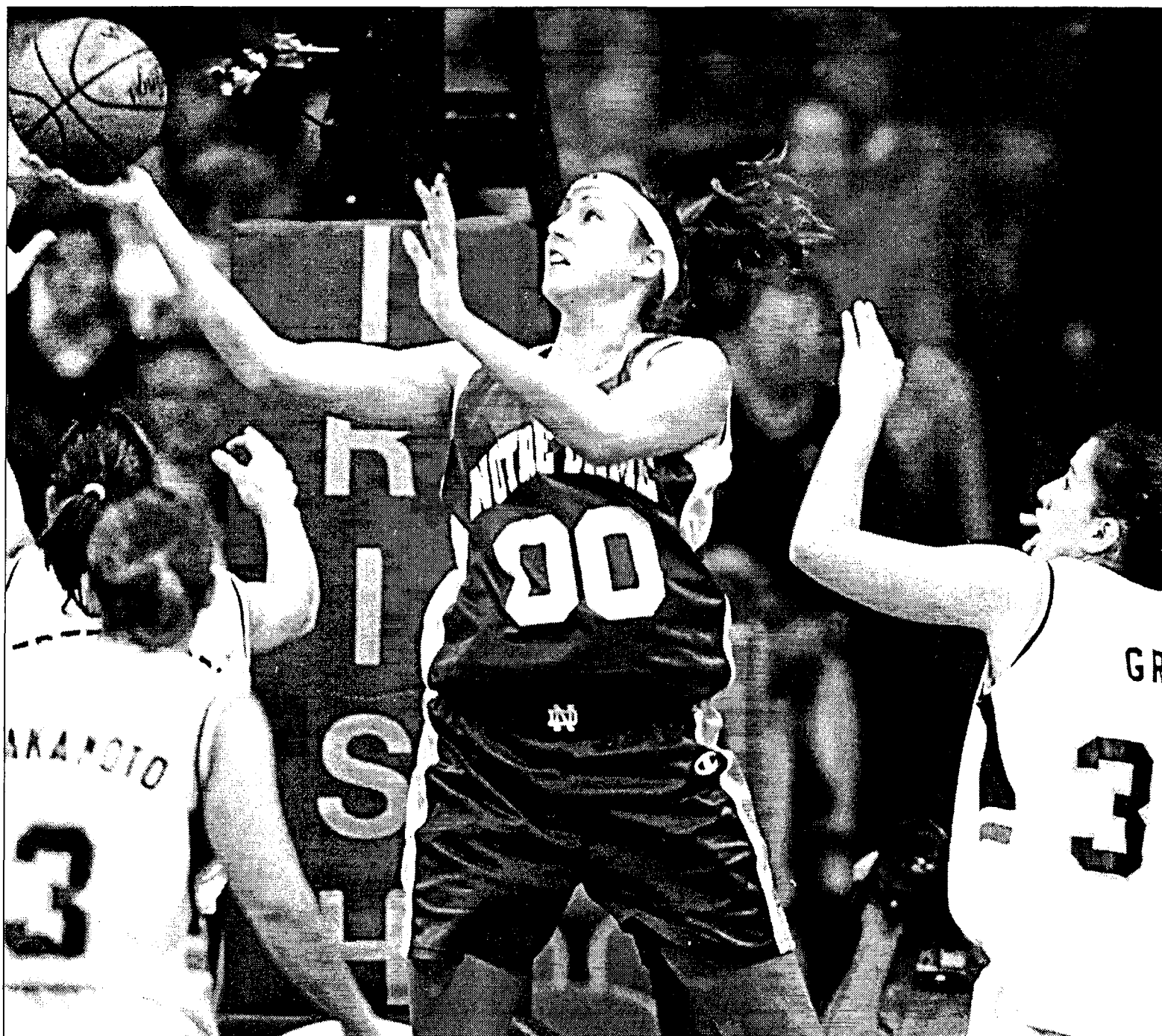
Forward Alicia Ratay (17 points and 8 rebounds) also nailed four 3s, while point guard Niele Ivey missed a triple double by one point and two assists. Ivey led the team with 10 rebounds.

Tapiolen Honka returns to Europe today after playing 10 games in the past 17 days. They lost 120-46 to Ohio State on Sunday and 119-44 against Purdue on Nov. 1. The team shot just 33 percent from the field on

Tuesday, including 25 percent in the second half.

"It's nice to go home," coach Mikko Mantyla said.

"We've got a lot to work to do in the next three days," McGraw said. "We plan to come out (on Friday) with a lot more intensity."



Senior Ruth Riley shown above, goes up for a shot. She totaled 8 points Tuesday night against the Finnish National Team.

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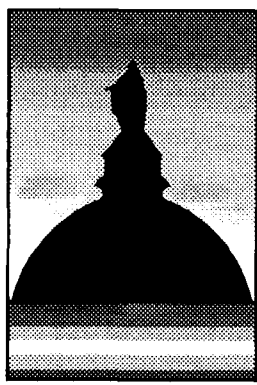
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Two games left give the Irish a chance for a bid in the Bowl Championships. This weekend the team could add another win to its record in New Jersey at Rutgers Stadium.

Football

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And Davie is not saying or doing much publicly about postseason possibilities or the pressure that is weighing in heavily on the Irish to win out

for the remainder of the season. All Davie wants to do is talk about the game at hand and the factors the Irish are focusing on.

"This week, just like every week, the scenario changes," Davie said. "We are playing at Rutgers — the first time we have ever played there in that

stadium, the first time I have ever been on that campus. It is [head coach] Terry Shea's last home football game that he is coaching in. We have players from New Jersey. So as always, those are the issues."

Davie knows that if the Irish stay focused on the task at hand, they have the talent to



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VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball signs new freshmen to class of 2005

Special to the Observer

Three high school seniors will make Notre Dame their home in the fall of 2001. Kelly Corbett, Emily Loomis and Leah Nedderman have signed letters of intent to play volleyball at the University of Notre Dame, beginning in the fall.

Irish head coach Debbie Brown is excited about the class of 2005 and feels they

blend perfectly into the Notre Dame program.

"Speed has been a key quality we have looked for and we have that in all three of these student-athletes," Brown said. "Another important trait is competitiveness and a will to win. All three meet that criteria as well."

Corbett is a 6-foot-0 middle blocker out of St. Francis High School in Mountain View,

Calif., which is currently ranked second in the nation and captured the state title in 1997 and 1998.

A four-year starter for St. Francis, Corbett helped the team compile a 149-6 record during her career. She was named Most Valuable Player in the DeAnza League last season and earned All-American honors at the 1999 Junior Nationals in New

Orleans, La. Since Corbett began playing at St. Francis, the team has never lost a league home game or match.

"I am just ecstatic to receive an opportunity to attend Notre Dame," Corbett said. "Signing day was a big deal for me and my family. I have worked very hard for this opportunity and my family is extremely proud."

Brown believes Corbett has some very important personality traits that will add to the Irish program.

"Kelly is coming out of great situation because she has been in a winning program," Brown said. "She possesses a burning desire to win. She is a fighter and a competitor. Those are the characteristics we want in this program. One of Kelly's strengths is her speed. She is extremely quick and moves laterally very well."

Loomis hails from Fort Wayne, Ind., and will be the first Indiana native to sign with the Irish since current senior outside hitter Christi Girton.

The tallest Irish recruit at 6-1, Loomis is a three-sport standout playing track, basketball and volleyball at Bishop Luers High School. A member of the two-time state champion basketball team, Loomis holds the sectional high jump record of 5-7 and has a jump reach measured at 10-5.

Loomis holds the school volleyball records for kills in a season with 272, a hitting percentage of .397 and 76 blocks.

Loomis, the 2000 Fort Wayne News-Sentinel Female Athlete of the Year, is also among 10 finalists for the Wendy's High School Heisman Award.

"I am very excited about signing with Notre Dame,"

Loomis said. "I love the coaches and the players. I am really looking forward to the opportunity to play with them."

Although she is

slated to begin at outside hitter and opposite for the Irish next season, Loomis has the ability to play any position on the court.

"She is an excellent blocker and has very good natural instincts for blocking," Brown said. "She is an all-around player with solid passing and defensive skills. She has never dedicated herself to volleyball full-time, but I think that is very healthy. She will be able to maximize her potential next season."

Leah Nedderman will be the third Texan on the Irish roster next. Nedderman, who hails from Grapevine, Texas, is a 5-10 outside hitter who possesses raw speed and natural athletic ability.

"There are a couple things that stand out with Leah," Brown said. "She has very good jumping ability. She also possesses very good all-around skills, solid court sense and excellent communication skills."

"Any of her past coaches had nothing but good things to say about her — not only as a player but as a person as well."

A two-sport star in volleyball and track at Colleyville High School, Nedderman also played at Grace Preparatory in 1997 with her sister Anna, who currently plays for Tulsa. She has been named the district defensive player of the year, district outstanding hitter and team most valuable player, also earning the team Heart and Hustle Award. She earned the MVP award at the University of Texas-Arlington volleyball camp in 1997 and 2000.

"I am really excited that I have finally signed to attend Notre Dame," Nedderman said. "Notre Dame has been my choice for a while, but actually making the decision is great. While narrowing down my choices, I saw the campus, met the coaches and players and I knew that Notre Dame was a really good fit for me."

"Speed has been a key quality we have looked for and we have that in all three of these student-athletes. Another important trait is competitiveness and a will to win. All three meet that criteria as well."

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CLUB SPORTS

Men's volleyball finishes 3-1 in Notre Dame Invitational

By DAVE BROWN
Sports Writer

After a brief two-year hiatus, the men's volleyball team hosted the Notre Dame Invitational at a new venue, the Rolfs Sports Recreation Center Nov. 3-5. In their best season opening tournament in several years, the Irish posted a 3-1 record in a very strong field and reached the semi-finals. Bolstered by the power of outside hitter Brian Price and middle hitter Andrew Mascarnhas, Notre Dame opened play with wins over Bowling Green, 25-20, 26-24, and Michigan, 25-21, 22-25, 15-7. Solid jump serving and all around play from Greg Silber, outstanding performance by Peter Strotmans as the Irish' only setter, and great leadership by Adam Schreier were on display the entire day. Notre Dame then edged Dayton, 25-21, 27-25, before falling to Tennessee in the semi-finals by a close margin, 25-22, 14-25, 15-13. St. Louis University defeated Tennessee in the championship match in a field that also included Ohio State and Ohio University.

The Irish will next compete in two weeks at East Lansing, in the Michigan State Invitational.

Field Hockey

The Irish were victorious in two of three games this weekend at the Wheaton College Invitational. Liza Naticchia, assisted by senior Carolyn Roderick, and sophomore Colleen Harkins, assisted by junior Deirdre McInerney, found the net giving Notre Dame a 2-1 win over the University of Chicago. The second game was against the North Shore Club, a team comprised mostly of men with several years of international playing experience. The Irish lost 2-0, despite outstanding mid-field play from freshman Liza Davis. In the third contest of the day, Notre Dame rebounded to shutout host Wheaton, 2-0.

This weekend the Irish revenge the loss last weekend and a September loss to North Shore Club of Chicago with a

thrilling 2-1 victory Sunday at Stepan Field. Goals by senior J.R. Doria and sophomore Colleen Harkins and continued stellar mid-field play from freshman Liza Davis humbled North Shore, handing them their first defeat of the year.

In its second game, Notre Dame demolished the University of Chicago by a score of 6-0. Lindsay Goodwin and Katie Solic tallied two goals each, while Colleen Harkins and captain Liza Naticchia each hit the net once to complete the scoring. The Irish are awaiting the Ball State Invitational in February, where they will challenge some of the Midwest's finest varsity programs.

Bowling

A young Irish Bowling club continued to clash with strong competition as it finished 18th at the Akron Invitational Nov. 3-5. Dan Buttke posted high scores for the keggers, with a 195 average, while Jason Pawlak rolled an average of 190.

Ultimate

Both the men and women's ultimate frisbee clubs used invitational on Nov. 3-5 as an opportunity to develop young players for the upcoming season. At Evanston, the women finished 2-2 in round robin play in the Northwestern Invitational. With Monica Kerschner's lay out defense and Rachel Kelly's explosive offense, the Irish defeated Purdue 13-7 and Michigan 9-4, and lost to Northwestern, 11-6, and Chicago, 7-6 in a tiebreaker. Newcomers Sarah Benton, Jules Dickinson, Colleen Moak, and Julie Shutte played very well, portending another strong spring showing.

The men closed their season giving new members equal playing time rather than use only experienced players in the Volunteer Classic at Tennessee. The club posted a 3-2 mark for the weekend, opening with a victory over U. T. Chattanooga, 13-5, and a 13-9 setback to Georgia Tech. The Irish rebounded to defeat Knoxville 13-7 to qualify for the quarterfinals

where they defeated Virginia Tech, 13-9. In the semifinals, Tennessee prevailed 15-9, despite continued strong play from Mike Shiel, Chris Rutt, Greg Ladky, David Hoffman, and Frank Helgesen.

Equestrian

Back to back weekend shows at St. Mary's of the Woods College and Taylor University saw several equestrians continue

a successful fall campaign. On Saturday, Lyndsey Lyden captured second place in both open fences and open flat. Overall, the Irish finished second at a team, earning Reserve Highpoint honors. Leading the Irish was Mary Barter, whose first place finishes in both intermediate flat and novice fences earned here high-point rider honors, with 14 points, and qualified her for the Regionals. Lyden again had out-

standing rides on Sunday, placing fifth in open fences and garnering a first place in open flat competition. Others riders that scored points for Notre Dame were Jen Pojunas and Cristin Rousch. Pojunas took a second place finish in intermediate fences. Rousch took another first for the Irish in intermediate flat, earning three team points with a fourth place standing in novice fences.

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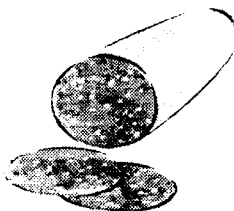
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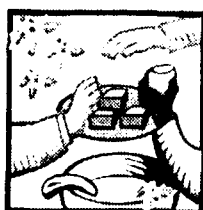
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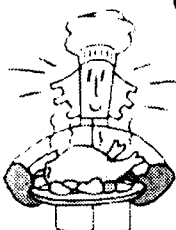
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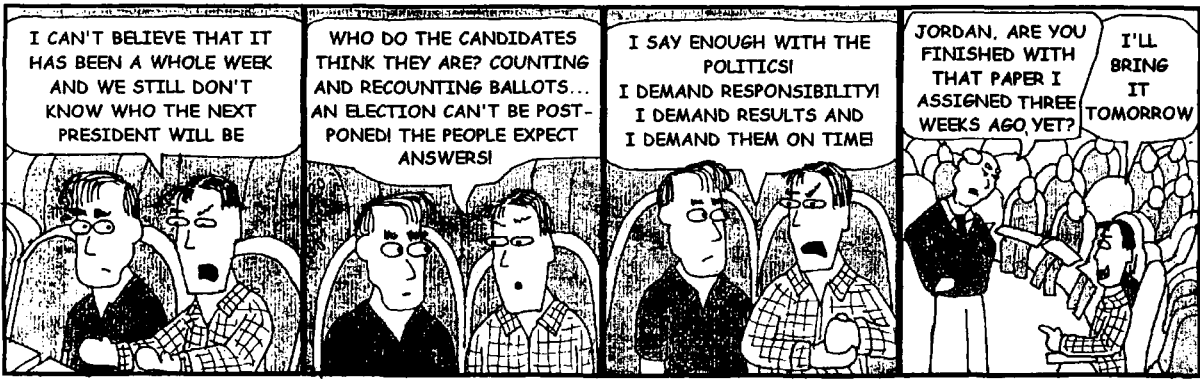


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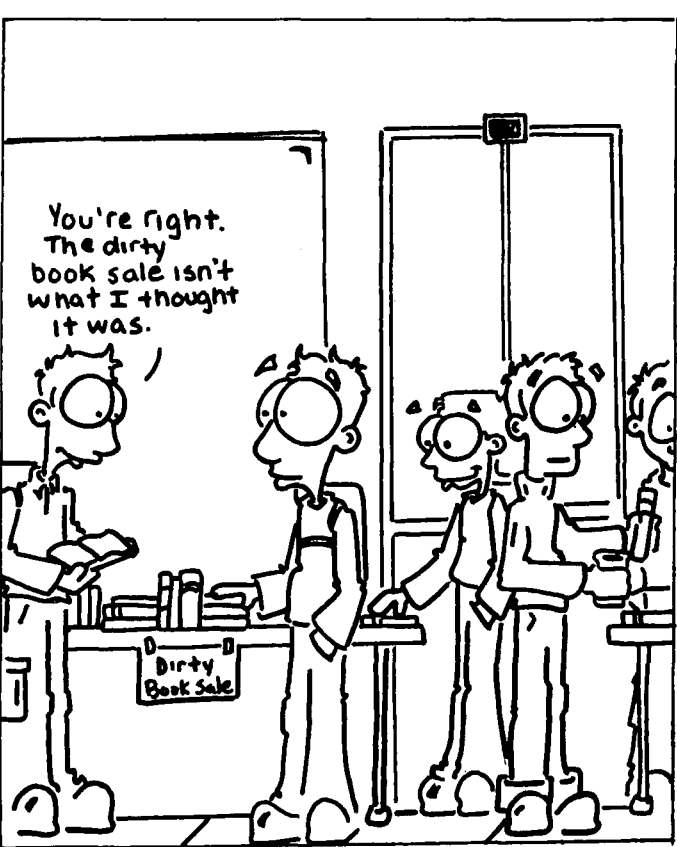
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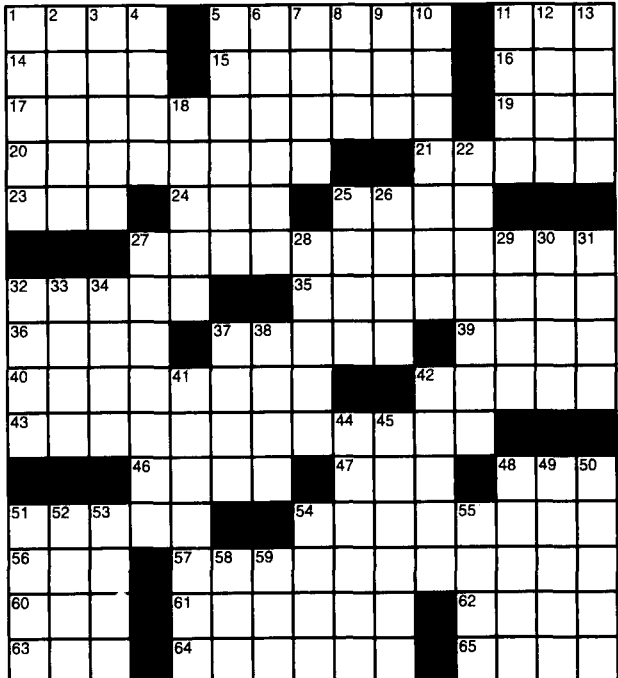
CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1 Cake with a kick
 - 5 Lemon locale?
 - 11 Freestyle musical performance
 - 14 Cousins of kiwis
 - 15 Pricing word
 - 16 El Dorado's lure
 - 17 Airplane for a rock singer?
 - 19 Pinch, in a way
 - 20 Currently plentiful
 - 21 Scrum game
 - 23 Playpen item
 - 24 When repeated, a 1953 Cole Porter musical
 - 25 Comparative word
 - 27 Medical supplies for a chanteuse?
 - 32 Argus-eyed
- DOWN**
- 35 Trolley predecessor
 - 36 Guitarist Hendrix
 - 37 Scrape together
 - 39 Slight
 - 40 Certain erratum
 - 42 Use an atomizer
 - 43 Cooking area for an actor?
 - 46 Part of Q.E.D.
 - 47 Bush spokesman
 - 48 Hero
 - 51 Lost
 - 54 In an unharmonious way
 - 56 "How dumb of me!"
 - 57 Place for a senator's car?
 - 60 Last in a series
 - 61 "Seinfeld" role
 - 62 End-of-performance call

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- DOWN**
- 1 Seem suitable for
 - 2 ___ acid
 - 3 1991 gangster role for Warren Beatty
 - 4 Queens stadium name
 - 5 Kind of salad
 - 6 Green perimeters
 - 7 Rembrandt van
 - 8 Writer Harper
 - 9 Pumpkin time: Abbr.
 - 10 Quaternities
 - 11 "Fanny" novelist
 - 12 Kaffiyeh wearer
 - 13 ___ Dick
 - 18 Understood
 - 22 Disheveled
 - 25 Santa Fe Trail town
 - 26 Take on
 - 27 Invention spawned by a pie tin
 - 28 Yours, once
 - 29 Patisserie employee
 - 30 Butler's haunt
 - 31 Long basket, in basketball slang
 - 32 "Get ___" (1957 hit)



- ACROSS**
- 33 Capital near Callao
 - 34 Literally, "commander"
 - 37 Costa ___
 - 38 Hot month in Québec
 - 41 Colorful wraps
 - 42 Apiarist's woe
 - 44 Copper coating: Var.
 - 45 Decreased?
 - 48 America's Cup entrant
 - 49 Extreme
- DOWN**
- 50 They're committed to memory
 - 51 Cabinetmaker's tool
 - 52 11 to 20, for some counters
 - 53 Queens stadium name
 - 54 Comparable
 - 55 Handouts
 - 58 Ring master?
 - 59 Joplin specialty

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You will have to take a long hard look at your emotional commitments. You will not be too happy if your mate is overindulgent. Don't do things that will encourage escapism. ○○

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You will be able to inspire confidence in others and get them to help you accomplish your goals. Your charming manner will entice your mate and help stabilize your relationship. ○○○

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Romance will be most alluring. Travel and philosophical pursuits will be exciting and rewarding. Don't overspend on entertainment or personal purchases. ○○○○○

Birthday Baby: You are clinging, sensitive and very helpful. You have an excellent memory and will not lose sight of what you want to do. You are dedicated, loyal and family oriented.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish 'Finnish' off Junior National Team 98-53

By TIM CASEY
Assistant Sports Editor

Glance at the score of Tuesday's exhibition game and an obvious reaction of satisfaction comes to mind.

For coach Muffet McGraw, however, Notre Dame's 98-53 win over Tapiolen Honka provided little satisfaction.

"I didn't feel like the intensity on defense was there and I didn't feel we executed on offense," McGraw said. "There weren't a lot of positives."

After opening with a 35-point win over the Ohio All-Stars, the Irish hosted a group of players from the Finnish Junior National Team on Tuesday night.

Three 16-year olds and three 17-year olds suited up for Tapiolen Honka. Tatum Brown (an ex-UNC-Charlotte player) and Jamika Jones, who plays for the Miami Sol in the WNBA, made their debut and combined for 33 of the squad's points.

Jones scored 22 points on 9-of-22 shooting, including 17 in the first half.

"We had a great opportunity to be challenged [by Jones]," McGraw said. "I wasn't happy with the defensive effort on her. If we could have shut her down a little bit more, we would have been able to accom-

plish something."

With the Irish comfortably ahead in the second half, McGraw was able to play the entire team. All 10 women scored, led by Meaghan Leahy's 15 coming off the bench. The forward shot 5-for-6 from the field and converted on all five of her free throw attempts. She scored 10 of the Irish's 15 points in a nine-minute stretch near

the end of the game.

"That's the best game she's played in a long time," McGraw said. "We're looking for the seventh

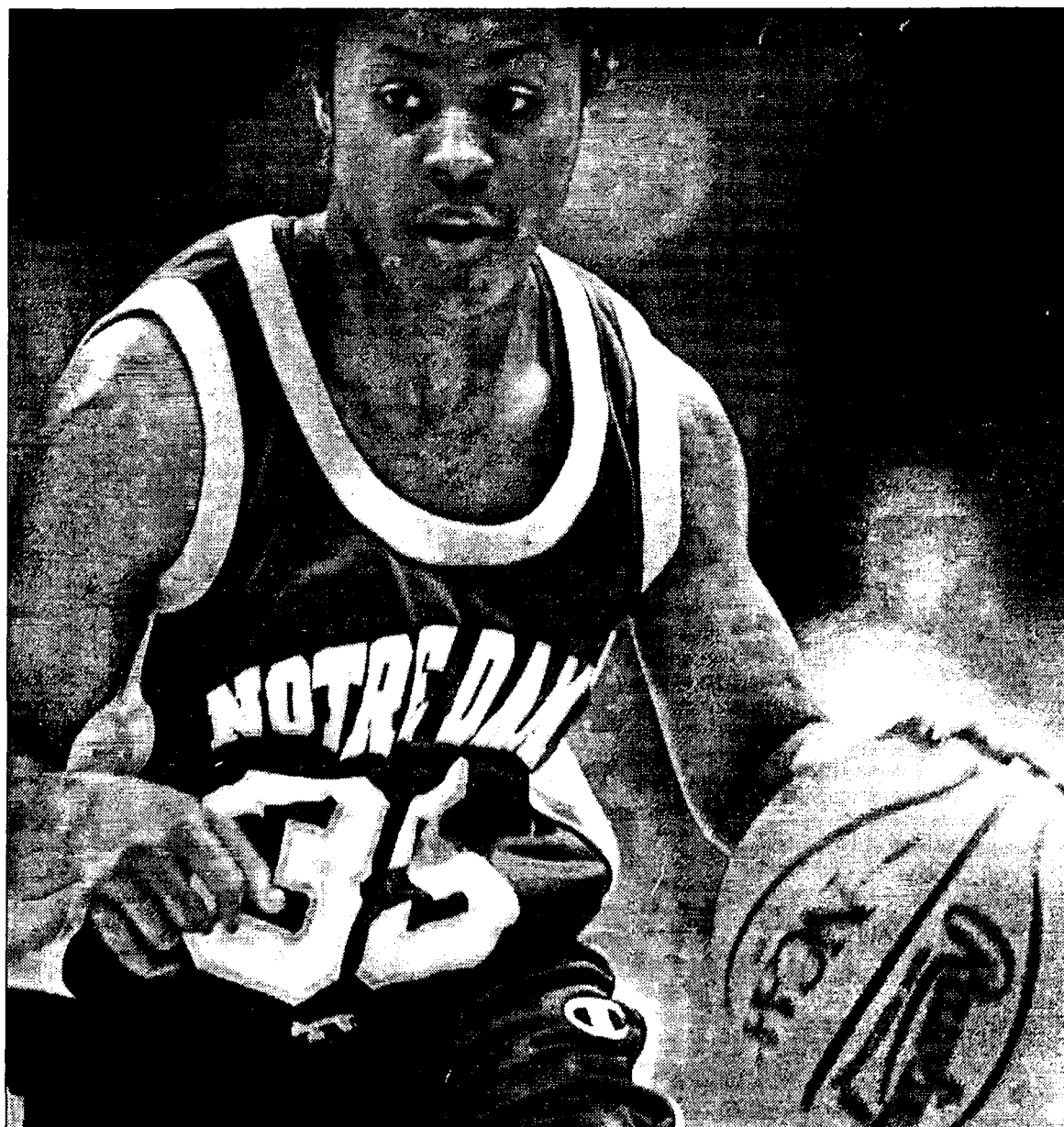
Ruth Riley

and eight person. Meghan made a great push for that tonight."

Ruth Riley also helped put a smile on her coach's face, as the 6-foot-5 center committed zero fouls. Since she arrived at Notre Dame, Riley's tendency to foul has limited her playing time and has caused concern for the entire team.

"I was really focusing on [not getting into foul trouble]," Riley said. "I wanted to prove to myself that I could play smart."

The senior All-American finished with eight points and six rebounds. Riley did not attempt a shot in the six



LIZ LANG/The Observer

Senior guard Niele Ivey, shown above, scored 9 points against the Finnish Junior National Team

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FOOTBALL

Davie focuses team effort and constant improvement

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Editor

With just two games remaining and a 9-2 season a looming possibility, Bob Davie and the Irish have a lot on their minds. Like a Bowl Championship Series bid, that would provide redemption after a less than



Davie

mediocre 5-7 season and quiet calls for a new coaching staff once and for all, right?

Not if you ask Davie. "With all the different things swirling around and all the implications of if you win, if you lose, what happens two weeks from now if you win two games, if you just go one and one, honestly, none of that matters," Davie said. "What matters to me and this team is what the [game] tape is. And when we look at ourselves, it's about the effort and it is about the accountability to each other."

Davie contends the Irish are focused on constant improve-

ment.

Poring over game tape, reinforcing outstanding plays with awards and keeping the game and practice plan simple are the focus of the No. 11 team in the nation, not a post-season appearance to quiet critics.

A quick glance at Notre Dame's schedule makes it easy to overlook the remaining games. Riding a five-game winning streak after

an overtime loss to then-No. 1 Nebraska and a heartbreaker

at Michigan State, the Irish have combined a steady defense with a big-play offense to rise from unranked status to a position just short of a top-10 spot.

While Notre Dame has found success from a number of unlikely heroes, Rutgers and the University of Southern California have not fared as well. Unranked and

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Bob Davie
head coach

unproven, the next two teams on Notre Dame's schedule don't have much to compare with the Irish on paper. But that is not stopping Davie from preparing diligently and making sure the Irish are ready when they step on the field in New Jersey Saturday.

"You find out quickly it is not what you say, it's what they hear and it is not even what they hear but what they have invested in it and how important it is to them," he said. "I think they do more on what they see you do than what you say you do."

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

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third round
vs. Harvard
Friday, 7 p.m.

vs. Northern Michigan
Friday, 7:05 p.m.

Big East Tournament
Semifinals
Saturday, 1 p.m./2:30 p.m.

at Rutgers
Saturday, 3:30 p.m.

vs. Sacred Heart
Saturday, 8:30 p.m.