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Rotation schedule set for men doing laundry

By PATRICIA CARROLL News Staff

After concluding negotiations with the rectors of the women's dormitories and their hall councils, the Student Senate has established a definite rotation schedule for men who wish to do laundry in the women's facilities.

The schedule became effective yesterday and will continue through Thursday, February 23. Pasquerilla West will be open Monday, Pasquerilla East on Tuesday, Breen-Phillips on Wednesday, and Farley on Thursday. The facilities will be available from 7 p.m. until 11 p.m.

Specific guidelines have been established for men using the program. They are to use laundry facilities in specified halls on specified evenings only and adhere to the times allowed. No load is to be started after 11 p.m. and men should be out of the dorm by midnight. If not studying, men are to stay in the laundry room or in the T.V. room. In addition, men are asked to refrain from knocking on the dormitory doors and to wait or call for someone to let them in.

Student Senator Teresa Ross suggested using the program on a trial basis last year in answer to the growing need for men's laundry facilities. "At first I didn't think there would be much opposition to it," Ross said. "With four women's dorms on each quad . . . we could ac-

comodate the men on their respective quads."

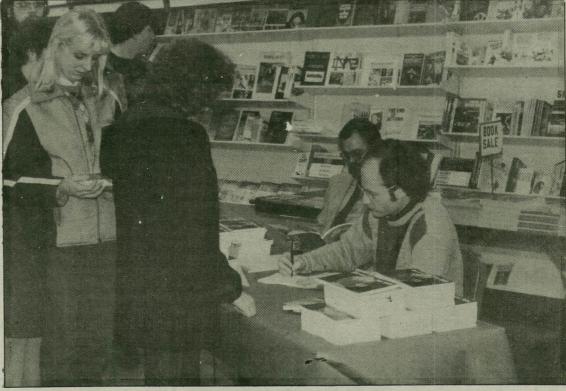
Ross, along with other senators, introduced the idea first to the Student Senate and then to the Hall President's Council where it was debated and directed to the separate halls. Though several female students objected to the program's intrusion on privacy and security, opposition to the plan came primarily from the rectors of the women's dormitories.

Even after the hall councils of Walsh and Lyons had approved the plan, the respective rectors rejected it. Although the rector of Pasquerilla West, Dolores Ward, had reservations about the laundry plan, she agreed to the hall council's decision to accept it.

Currently, the women's dormitories on the north quad are participating while those on the South quad are not. Ross suggested this division might be due to an attitude that the Badin facility is enough in

Ross said she has initiated this program as at least a temporary solution to what is seen seen as a real campus-wide need for available laundry rooms for men.

"This is a Christian university," says Ross, "where we're supposed to work as a whole and work as a group. It doesn't seem like one night a week is too much to give up when you could be meeting the needs of



The Observer/Carol Gales

signs autographs for some fans in the bookstore. An interview with Larson and highlights from his lecture

Gary Larson, creator of the cartoon The Far Side, last night in the library auditorium are featured in today's Showcase section.

Plans finalized for gathering place

By LINDA GASE

News Staff

Plans have recently been finalized to build a new gathering place in front of O'Shaughnessy Hall, centering around the sculpture of a

Samaritan woman at the well which faces the South Quad.

Designed by Dr. Fredrick Beckman, chairman of the Art, Art History and Design Department, the park will include two circular concrete pits approximately 12 feet in diameter which may be used by students as a gathering area or by teachers for informal class discussions.

The two pits will be located on either side of a large circular concrete area with Ivan Mestrovic's sculpture of Christ with the Samaritan women by the well as the focal point. Surrounding the statue will be trees, hedges, and a row of benches. A lighting system will also be installed.

Two other Mestrovic sculptures, presently located outside the west door of O'Shaughnessy, will be moved and placed at the corners of the two pits.

Beckman said he had noticed for several years that "the statue was a natural gathering area for students. I had several thoughts for a gathering or resting place for visitors or stu-

Approximately one year ago Beckman put his ideas on paper, but the project had been delayed as a result of lack of funding. The money was recently donated by Eli Shaheen, an alumnus of Notre Dame from Sturgis, Michigan, Beckman

The project is now in the hands of Don Dedrick, Physical Plant Director, who said that plans are still in the preliminary stages since the building contractor, cost and completion time of the project have not yet been determined. The bid for the project should go out at the end of February, he noted.

Dedrick commented that the project is a "positive development. It will make an interesting gathering area for both students and teachers as well as visitors.

The park will be dedicated to both the Shaheen family and to Mestrovic, a former Notre Dame professor as well as creator of the three sculptures being highlighted. Beckman hopes that "as the University acquires more sculptures, more

Lack of alternatives to abortion inspires new local counseling clinic

By JOHN-JOHN AMORES News Staff

Kicking off the fundraising campaign for a woman's care center in the area, the national president of Women Exploited by Abortion said pregnant women are being "ripped off' by not being informed of the full implications of an abortion.

Speaking Monday evening in the

Mary's Right to Life, and it was every case documented by WEBA,

created to help the newly-formed Women's Care Center/Pregnancy Help Center, which will open this March. The center will provide free pregnancy testing as well as professional counseling.

Nerad explained to the audience that WEBA is a group of women who have had abortions and have come to regret their decisions. The group was started in July of 1982, and since library auditorium, Lori Jo Nerad then has expanded to 83 chapters in advised women considering abor- 45 states. The group is non-political, tions to consider alternatives such as non-profit, and pro-counsel, and it aid and support from relatives or helps women deal with physical and mental trauma in the aftermath of The fundraising campaign is being their abortions. The group uses the sponsored by Notre Dame/Saint word "exploited" because in almost



Lori Jo Nerad and Junet Smith, faculty advisor of Notre Dame/Saint Mary's Right to Life.

the woman had either been coerced into having the abortion, she was never given all of the facts, or both, Nerad said.

Often, abortion is explained as a clinically safe surgical procedure, but Nerad stressed that abortion does carry the risk of permanent physical impairment, as well as the potential for chronic psychological problems. Some of the major physical problems include infections, sterility, and gastro-intestinal distur-

The goal of WEBA, Nerad said, is to educate all women about the effects of abortion and to help them to find an alternative.

Throughout her often emotional speech, Nerad brought up different case histories of women having trouble dealing with their abortions, including her own personal crisis. She had an abortion eight years ago because, at that time, Nerad said she was pressured by social and economic factors into believing that she could not have another baby. The resulting feelings of regret, guilt, and loss put her into a tailspin of drug abuse, child abuse, and eventually, a nervous breakdown.

Nerad believes that in addition to her emotional state, the physical trauma of her abortion caused her to have cancer, and as a result, she had to undergo a hysterectomy.

It was during this low period in her life that she realized that she was not alone in her depression. Nerad found out that many other women

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ND-SMC debate team looks toward national tournament

By BARBARA HARDIN News Staff

Research and study are not limited to the classroom for 20 students who comprise Notre Dame/St. Mary's Debate Team.

According to Captain John Monberg, the hard work begins in mid-July when the team receives a resolution informing it of the unique debate topic for that year.

This year's resolution pertains to hazardous waste disposal, declaring that the producer of hazardous waste is legally responsible for any resulting injury.

Along with individual research, there are two two-week long institutes team members can attend during the summer in Amherst, Mass., and Tucson, Ariz, where ex-

perts elucidate on the debate topic. Speaking skills are also an important part of debate, Monberg noted.

Through practice, many of the debaters can say 300 words in one minute and recite 60 arguments in a single 10-minute speech.

Leading the team this year are juniors Monberg, Paul Komyatte, Jim Malackowski and St. Mary's sophomore Kristi Stathis. According to Monberg: "The team is strong this year and will continue to be next year because we're not losing anyone and have recruited some good freshmen."

Out of six tournaments so far this season, the team has taken first place at both Notre Dame and Eastern II-

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In Brief

The on-campus computer store opens today at 10 a.m. in the basement of the LaFortune Student Center. The store, operated by General Microcomputer, Inc. of South Bend, will have information on the new Apple Macintosh personal computer as well as the Lisa and Apple IIe systems, all of which are on display. As of January 25, oral commitments had been received for approximately 100 of the 150 Macintosh computers ordered initially. The computer, retailing at stores nationwide for \$2,495, sells for \$1,090 at the store. The discount is part of an arrangement worked out between Apple Computer and 24 universities, including Notre Dame. — The Observer

The University of Wyoming Student Senate may withdraw student fee support of all campus publications. The measure would leave the student newspaper, yearbook, and literary review to produce their own revenue. Under that system, only the newspaper could survive. Sponsors of the resolution say it will insure an independent student press and prevent students from subsidizing publications they don't use. — The Observer

Kicking the television habit, a month-long experiment for Farmington, Conn., residents, ended yesterday, with backers claiming that up to a third of the residents went cold turkey and that many permanently reduced their dependence on the tube. Ironically, the sponsors said a major contributor to the success of the project was all the publicity it got — from television. TV news coverage of the program "immediately brought national and international attention on this community and virtually everyone in town was aware of it," School Superintendent William Streich said. Streich estimated that at least one-third of the families with school-age children participated in the TV turn-off that started Jan. 3. — AP

Of Interest

The annual change of command ceremony of the Battalion of Midshipmen of the Naval ROTC Unit at Notre Dame will be at 4:30 p.m. today at the Stepan Center. Midshipmen Second Class Robert B. McMonangle will relieve Midshipmen Captain Peter Quast as the Battalion Commander. Quast, a senior physics major from Vestral, N.Y., will remain at Notre Dame next year to study mechanical engineering as a graduate student. McMonagle, a junior government major from Parris Island, S.C., is a member of the Marine Option program. Many Midshipmen will also be recognized for their achievements of the past semester at the ceremony. — The Observer

Candidates for the degree of Certified Public Accountant may attend a series of 36 review sessions for the May examination, each three hours in length, to be sponsored by the College of Business Administration at Notre Dame, in association with the Center for Continuing Education. An introductory session is scheduled for 7 p.m. tomorrow in the Center. Classes will be conducted on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evening from 6 to 9:45 and on three Saturdays from 8:30 to 11:45 a.m. and from 1 to 4:15. — The Observer

Want to be president? Meetings for students interested in running for student body president or student body vice president will be held tonight at 6:30 in the Little Theatre of LaFortune. A meeting for potential student senate candidates will be held at 7:15 p.m. in the Little Theatre. The times of the meetings have been changed because of the Fordham basketball game. — The Observer

Dr. Anthony Malcomson, deputy director of public record office of Northern Ireland, will speak this afternoon at 4 in the Library Lounge. The topic will be research opportunities in manuscript collections in England and Ireland. —*The Observer*

Weather

Cheer up; spring is coming. Mostly sunny and warmer today. High in low to mid 30s. Mostly clear tonight. Partly sunny and mild tomorrow with highs in the upper 30s. -AP

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Grade point system lacks accuracy and fairness

It's time to revise Notre Dame's misleading scale for calculating grade point averages.

The current system awards a 4.0 for an A, a 3.5 for an A-, a 3.0 for a B, a 2.5 for a B-, a 2.0 for a C, a 1.0 for a D and a 0 for an E

The grading system has changed three times in the last 26 years. Before 1958, A's represented 91 to 100 percent, B's 83 to 90, C's 76 to 82, and D's 70 to 75.

From fall 1958 to spring 1963, the University used a six-point system with new letters and new numerical equivalents. Ninety-five to 100 was an A-plus, while similar five point ranges represented A's, B's, C-plusses, C's and D's. What did they have against B-plusses?

In fall 1963 the University adopted a standard fourpoint system and did away with the numerical equivalents

With these changes came the idea of quality points. For the first time, the grade point system used weighted averages so an A in a three-credit course would not equal a one-credit A.

In September 1970 the University switched to the present scale — one which many consider arbitrary.

In 1974, a legend was added to explain what each grade meant — outstanding for an A, excellent for an A, very good for a B, good for a B, acceptable for a C and passing for a D.

The system at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's today has its advantages. Professors can be more precise with their grades — instead of four choices for passing grades, they have six. Students who earn 80s and 90s are not lumped with those who earn 89s and 100s.

Such a system should, in theory, make it easier to compare students within the University. But many think the system exaggerates the performance of good students and protects those with lower grades.

The question is a good one. Why are there two kit nds of A's, two kinds of B's, but only one kind of C and one D?

The setup makes more sense when looking back at the previous systems the University used. The A, A-, B, B-, C, D scale today is much like the A-plus, A, B, C-plus, C, D system of the late 50s and early 60s. The letters are confusing, and probably meaningless, but both have six passing grades.

Yes, the system does a better job picking the men from the boys (and the women from the girls.)

But what good is that for students and the learning process?

Students who constantly compare themselves to

Keith Picher

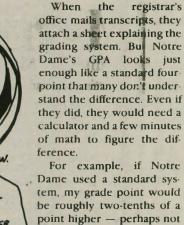
Viewpoint Editor

Inside Wednesday

others are missing the point of education. They learn not for the good of learning, but to own bragging rights.

The more a system tells people that one student is better than another, the more students will believe such a theory and organize their studying to beat the system

But aside from ethical questions, there's one practical concern. Many students who have a shot at a job or a fellowship after graduation are hurt by Notre Dame's peculiar system.



dent who graduates with a 2.8 instead of a 3.0, or someone who misses a scholarship by a tenth of a point or so. And students who get a disproportionate amount

enough to make a difference. But tell that to a stu-

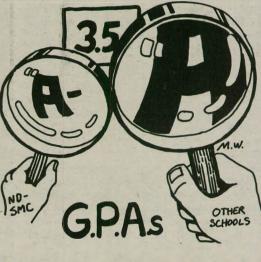
of A-'s and B-'s are hurt more.

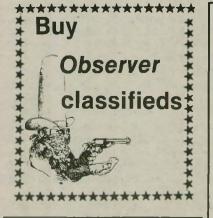
Students probably do worry too much about grades at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's. But at least some of the fault belongs to a system which yields a GPA consistently lower than that of other schools.

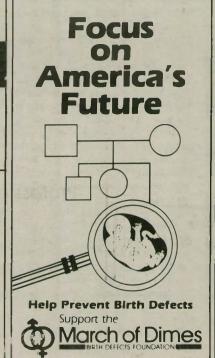
To settle the matter, the schools could add plusses, take away minuses or even print a standard GPA equivalent on the transcript.

Notre Dame and Saint Mary's want to avoid grade inflation, especially when it involves athletes. But their way of doing it probably hurts education at at both schools, rather than helping it.

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O'Connor named N.Y. archbishop

Associated Press

NEW YORK - Bishop John J. O'Connor, named to head the nation's fourth-largest Roman Catholic archdiocese, vowed yesterday that the fight to stop abortion and "defend human life" would permeate everything I attempt to do" as archbishop of New York.

O'Connor, a former chief of Navy chaplains who helped draft the U.S. Catholic bishops' letter condemning nuclear war, was bishop of Scranton, Pa., for seven months before Pope John Paul II named him to succeed Cardinal Terence Cooke, who died

But unlike Cooke and other past archbishops of New York, O'Connor

to serve more than 2 million Catholics associated with the armed

The Vatican is giving the military post a new status "by making it totally independent of any territorial diocese," said Archbishop Joseph Ryan, who has been running the vicariate since Cooke's death.

Wearing a lapel button reading "I love NY." O'Connor told reporters in Scranton he was "scared" about succeeding Cooke, whom "the people of New York considered a saint."

O'Connor, 64, said he would devote himself "unceasingly to defend human life, especially the life of the unborn. Such efforts will conpermeate everything I attempt to

He will be installed as archbishop on March 19. His elevation to cardinal is a virtual certainty

Referring to the archbishop's need to cope with the city's social and cultural problems, he said "This will be beyond my experience. I used to play ball, but I've never played with the Yankees. It's a different ballgame."

'Some might call me a liberal in terms of social activities," he said. 'But never at the expense of the orthodoxy of the doctrine.'

As head of the archdiocese, O'Connor will lead 1.8 million Catholics, the nation's fourth-largest archdiocese after Los Angeles, Chicago and Boston. Church historians said he is the first career chaplain to rise so high in the U.S hierarchy.

Before becoming bishop of Scranton last year, O'Connor was an auxiliary bishop under Cooke in Military Ordinariate. In that post, and previously as a 27-year Navy veteran, he developed a reputation as a good administrator.

Born in Philadelphia, O'Connor was ordained in 1945 and became a Navy chaplain in 1952. He served in both the Atlantic and Pacific fleets, including tours of duty in Okinawa and Vietnam.

He became senior chaplain at the U.S. Naval Academy, then chief of Navy chaplains. In 1979 he was named an auxiliary bishop to Cooke.

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had had similar negative feelings after their abortions, and she decided to work for WEBA. Since then, Nerad said, she has been "growing and healing by ministering to other women who have also experienced problems.'

In counseling women on surviving the experience of abortion, Nerad stressed four points: don't allow anyone to trivialize or dismiss your grief, don't be too hard on yourself, forgive those toward whom you might feel bitter because of their implication in the abortion. and most importantly, seek healing in God. "The most powerful thing for pre-abortion counseling," Nerad stressed, "is love."

Nerad has counseled women from all over the United States and she said that she "can't believe the need for WEBA. It's so great.'

Commenting on the new Women's Care Center/Pregnancy Help Center that will open in March, Nerad said that if she had been counseled properly and if she would have had more of a chance to think things out, she would have had her baby. Nerad said that the care center is important for pregnant girls because it ets them away" from the negative atmosphere of the abortion clinic and the pressure to have an abor-

Nerad discussed some of the alternatives to abortion, citing the availability of centers in communities all over the U.S. that will help raise infants as well as selective and open adoption plans, which allow the mother to choose the adoptive parents.

She also commented on how glad she was that the care center is located near the adoption clinic, so that the girls could have a real choice. Decrying the legality of abortion, she commented on the logic of the law, saying that "a girl can get an abortion without telling anybody, but she can't even get her ears pierced without permission from her parents."

Nerad placed her confidence in the new care center, predicting that the abortion rate in the area would go down, and that hopefully, the need for her counseling services would also decrease.

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Debate focuses on foreign policy

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CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Walter F. Mondale favors swift withdrawal of American Marines from Lebanon, but Sen. John Glenn shies away from setting a date.

Sen. Alan Cranston makes the nuclear freeze the centerpiece of his presidential campaign, giving it an emphasis that the other Democratic presidential contenders have not.

All seven — Mondale, Glenn, Cranston, Sens. Gary Hart and Ernest Hollings, former Sen. George McGovern and Jesse Jackson — had an opportunity last night to air their foreign policy differences, as well as stress their disagreements with President Reagan.

Former Florida Gov. Reubin Askew was the only major Democratic candidate to skip the debate, sponsored by Harvard's Kennedy School of Government and the Boston Globe.

The forum, one in a long series of face-to-face campaign confrontations, was arranged at a time when the pace of the campaign is quickening, with the lead-off lowa caucuses less than three weeks away and the New Hampshire primary set for eight days later on Feb. 28.

Massachusetts holds its Democratic primary on March 13, the "Super Tuesday" on which several Southern states hold primary elections as well.

Whatever the disagreements among themselves, all seven Democrats participating in the debate have long been critical of

Congress receives '85 budget

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congressional leaders got a preview yesterday of the \$925 billion fiscal 1985 budget President Reagan officially sends to Capitol Hill today. The legislators said they were not surprised by the election-year package, even by all the red ink — \$180 billion worth.

"The budget deficit will be larger than we would like it to be. But not as large as some had predicted and many feared," Senate Majority Leader Howard H. Baker Jr., R-Tenn., said after he and other Republican congressional leaders emerged from a White House budget briefing with Reagan.

Debate

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linois University and a third place award at Miami — a record which the team is quite proud of, Monberg says.

The team's next tournament is February 10-12 at Northwestern. "It will host 32 teams, the biggest tournament in the country," says Monberg.

The team hopes to be invited to the National Debate Tournament in which top teams are chosen from all over the country to compete. "We will probably make it," says Monberg, "It would be the first time in seven years."

Tentatively, the debate team will host a team from Japan at Notre Dame in March. Deviating from the assigned topic, they would debate the issue of Japa nese trade policies.

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WRITE: MARIGOLD SUPPLY Box 3098N, Warren, Ohio 44485 Reagan's Lebanon policy, and have opposed the administration's policy of providing covert assistance to guerillas fighting the leftist government in Nicaragua.

On arms control, all Democrats complain that Reagan has failed to achieve any progress in negotiations with the Russians, an issue that is expected to become a major issue in the fall campaign, regardless of who wins the Democratic nomination.

Reagan, who announced on Sunday that he will seek a second term, counters that the world is safer than it was before he was inaugurated because of his administration's military buildup.

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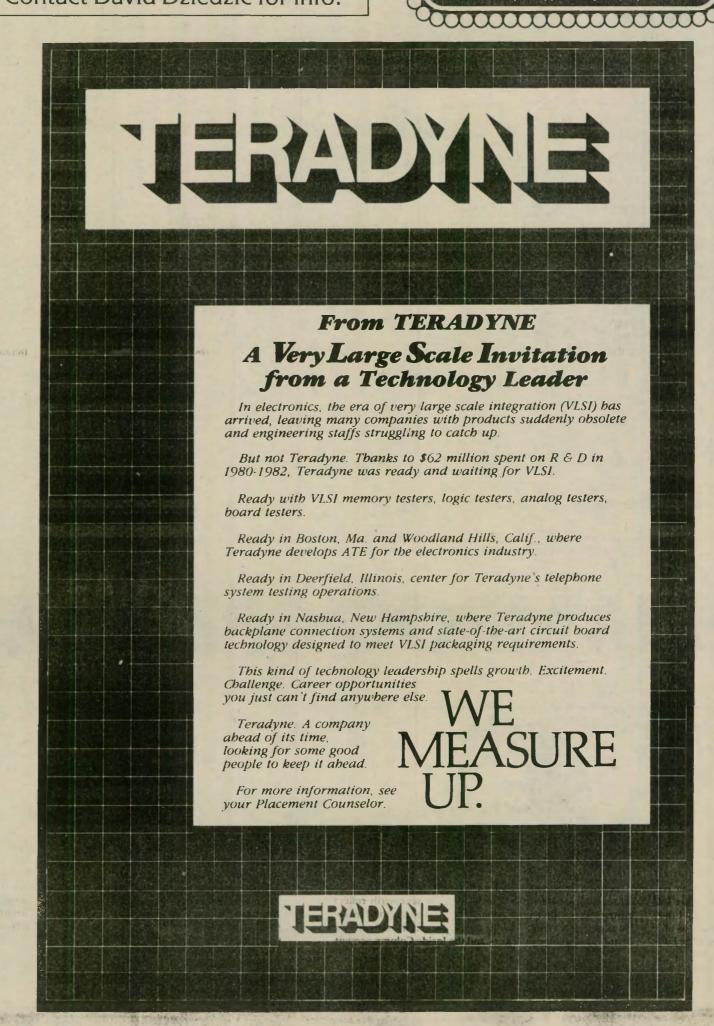
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The challenges of a transfer student

As incoming Freshmen we find ourselves at a large university with daily challenges and countless new experiences. We stumble through a lot of things but we can find solace

Randy Fahs

Wednesday analysis

in the camaraderic which we find in the dorms, as well as the fact that there are 1700 other people at Notre Dame going through the same thing.

The transition to Notre Dame living poses some unusual problems for people who enter the university not as Freshmen, but as transfer students from other colleges and universities. These people draw far less attention than the 1700 incoming first year students.

Transfer students bring with them the experiences gained from other institutions. They have to clear many of the same hurdles as the Freshmen, but they also have additional obstacles which are unique to their status as transfer students

The major problem is that of housing. Whether they like it or not, transfer students are going to spend at least one semester, and often as much as a whole year, living off campus.

Being an off-campus resident is a far different experience for a person who is new to the University than it is for someone who has lived in the dorms for two or three years and has elected to move out.

Notre Dame is a campus which revolves around dorm life. The people that we eat with, socialize with, and participate in activities with, are generally the people who live in the same hall we do. A transfer student is not afforded the same luxury of having a group of ready-made friends nearby.

They are unable to enjoy the conveniences

of living on campus. Their lives are much less flexible and they have to spend much more time alone. Also, lack of easy transportation can prevent them from taking part in many activities.

Junior Laura Battaglia commented that transfer students have to try much harder to get to know people on campus. Theirs is a far greater feeling of isolation since most of the social life revolves around dorm life.

One transfer student who since has been able to get a room on campus is Karen Klocke. She said, "The number of people I got to know tripled when I moved into the dorms. I think that the various halls should attach themselves more to transfer students to give them more access to Notre Dame social life."

The unique problems faced by transfer students may not be common knowledge to the average Notre Dame student, but the student government and the administration have done a great deal to make the transition easier. There is an organized orientation which includes many of the same things as the Freshmen orientation procedure, as well as some unique activities designed especially for transfer students.

While housing remains a problem, the Office of Student Residences aids "new" students (they do not use the word "transfer" because they feel it has too many negative connotations) in their search for off campus housing, as well as quickly filling on campus vacancies from the list of people waiting for dorm housing.

Even though new students have had difficulties is getting acclimated to Notre Dame, Karer and Iaura feel that the experience has fulfilled most of their expectations. If oncampus housing could be made more available, the orientation process would be made much smoother and easier, but alas this can only be solved by building additional dorms and this is not likely in the near future.

Reagan re-election decision hardly a surprise

The President's announcement last Sunday night that he would (surprise, surprise) seek re-election with his current Vice-President, George Bush, will stand as a landmark if anticlimactic date in recent American politics.

No American President since Dwight Eisenhower has successfully completed a second

Robert Lloyd Snyder

Then midweek

term in the Oval Office, and surely no President since Richard Nixon has stood a better chance of accomplishing that feat than Ronald Reagan.

Newsweek, in a recent issue, posed the "hot" political question of early 1984, "Can Anyone Stop Fritz?" The real question of the 1984 presidential campaign does not center around the nomination of Walter Mondale, but rather around the electoral hopes of Ronald Wilson Reagan. At this writing, it is dubious that anyone can sidetrack the Reagan-Bush steamroller.

I believe that it is important for this country that Reagan run for re-election for a variety of reasons. For one thing, American domestic and foreign policy since 1960 has been victim to the dog-eat-dog arena of American electoral politics, causing problems for the United

States in our dealings with our NATO allies, Latin America, and especially the Soviet Union

It is important at this time to determine if the reactionary voting practices of the American electorate will end during this election year, and if the evolution of media-age politics has not rendered the four-year presidential term obsolete.

If Reagan cannot win re-election, can any future American President? Wouldn't it be a strong signal that the times demand a single six-year Presidency similar to that of the French?

Secondly, I believe that it is important for Reagan to run for re-election for the simple reason that the Soviet Union, currently in the throes of a leadership crisis, knows that the possibility is very real that it will have to deal with a Reagan for another four years who, this time, won't need to worry about re-election.

The Soviets will perhaps then decide to negotiate with the United States at the earliest possible opportunity, rather than have to deal with an encouraged and unfettered Reagan.

Not co incidently, this would work to Reagan's advantage if the Soviets decide to deal in good faith before the summer, because major progress in US-USSR relations in the months prior to November will re inforce Reagan's desire to cast himself as a man of both peace and strength.

Conversely, the Reagan administration will under no circumstances make major concessions to the Soviets without payment-in-kind, and will not likely make any vigorous attempt to rekindle stalled negotiations with the Russians

Perhaps it would be good to review sketchingly the accomplishments and the failures of the Reagan administration over the past three and one-half years. In the positive column, America's economic turnaround since 1981 has been nothing short of amazing in many respects.

America is once again seen as a determined and unafraid actor in international affairs by a large portion of the world. But perhaps most importantly, Reagan is perceived as a man who keeps his word, someone that the American people can trust.

Indeed, it was quite humorous that many political observers dismissed much of Reagan's 1980 campaign promises as 'rhetoric" and were genuinely surprised when he was able to enact many of those promises. Throughout Reagan's political career, it is evident that he truly believes most, if not all, of what he says.

Reagan projects an honesty and "old-style" forthrightness which opinion polls continually manifest. Reagan's major accomplishment

would seem to be, then, the spiritual uplift of the United States since the term of Jimmy Carter and the resultant patriotic surge in America

Yet, it is easy to list Reagan's failures. His Cabinet has been a disaster in the respect that it has continually been torn by dissention and instability. Reagan has been unable to achieve any tangible results in the Mddle East or Latin America other than to maintain the status quo.

Unemployment in the United States, while perhaps partially due to the advances of structural unemployment, remains unacceptably high and directly attributable to the economic policies of the Reagan Administration.

Reagan has shown little if any compassion for the poor and the politically disenfranchised in this country, and will be a major campaign point of the Democrats in the next few months. He has alienated Jews, blacks, Big Labor, teachers, and perhaps most importantly, women.

It is incredible that Reagan has remained as personally popular as he has, and interestingly, Reagan seems the only hope that the Republicans have of avoiding a disaster comparable to the Democratic massacre of 1980.

Perhaps this leads directly to the major reason why it is good that Reagan is running for re-election, because it will give America the best opportunity possible to determine the type of future which will lie ahead of it.

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Infonet system

Dear Editor

After two weeks of practice, I have finally mastered the art of using the new phone system. First, you get some refreshments, your security code, and as much patience as you can gather and you head for the brand new touch-tone phone that sits in the corner of your room.

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should be enough for you to get that elusive special tone that tells you that the system is ready to accept your security code. Be sure to punch it in quickly because if you don't, you're liable to lose the line to a faster person.

This part also shouldn't take you more than a dozen tries. You shouldn't, however, think that you have gotten through at this point, for more often than not, the line goes dead after you punch in the code, and you have to start over.

The true beauty of the system is that if you ever do manage to get across, which should be about once every two 30 minute sessions at the phone (if you follow the above instructions religiously), you will have forgotten what you wanted to say in the first place, and will thus have wasted an hour at least without accomplishing anything...Bring Back the old phones, at least they served a purpose.

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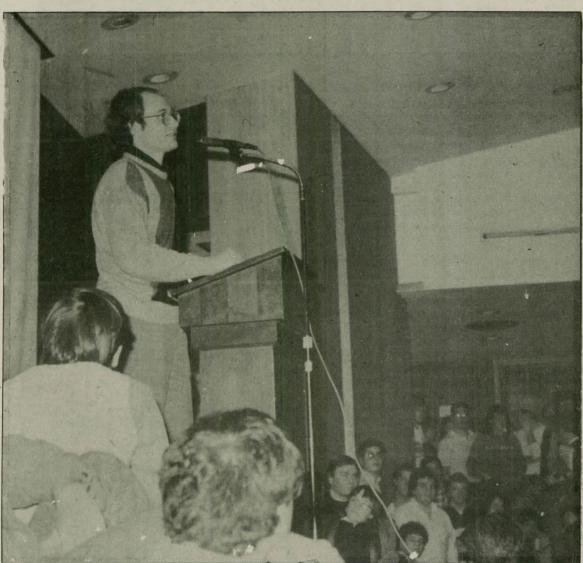
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Larson, before a capacity audience, displays in slide form the cartoons rejected by his publisher, and explains how his unusual style evolved.

Keenan Revue once again to tickle the campus

by Marc Ramirez features staff writer

The line was long. It went all around the LaFortune lobby, around and up the stairs to the Chautauqua ballroom, winding up and down the floor, packing the ballroom, then meandering down another hallway and through the door at the other end, down the student government office hallway, back through the door at the other end of that and up the stairs to the third floor, through one more door and up the hallway until I could peek out the Observer office door and see them waiting.

Waiting for their chance at tickets. It could only be for the Keenan Revue, and the Keenan Revue it was: three nights of music and comedy and fun, showcasing the talents of most of the inhabitants, and nothing to whittle down the six hours of but the inhabitants of Keenan Hall.

The Revue was started by two Keenan Resident Assistants, Rick Thomas and Tom Lanz, who decided Magana. "Not this Dancing Irish that hall spirit and unity just wasn't up to par. They searched for acts and together a show that attracted attention from not only Keenan, but the entire Notre Dame campus. That first Revue was held in Washington Hall. Two years later, the show was so popular that a larger facility had to be found; and now, in the eighth anniversary of the Keenan Revue (the 1983 Information Please Almanac suggests that you bring linens pearances, and you can also look forand lace as your contribution). people stand in line for hours beforehand, people who will fill up O'Laughlin Auditorium at Saint Mary's for three nights (it would have been three consecutive nights, but Billy loel is coming right smack

dab in the middle of it, and don't think the Keenan Revue people have forgotten that) starting tonight.

Randy Fahs and David Magana, both seniors, are once again the producer and director of the Revue. This year the positions of assistant producer and assistant director have been added and are being filled respectably by Neil Keohane and Bill Boraczek. Head writer for the Revue is James MacLennan - a junior who admits liking "stupid jokes". Stage manager is Jim Henry, who makes sure everything is onstage when it has to be

Magana spent last weekend watching over 60 acts and skits audition for the show. He then spent hour upon horrendous hour trying material into two and a half hours of quality showbiz. "There's competent quality dancing," said

Keenanites were encouraged to skits from Keenan residents, and put begin secreting their creative juices over Christmas break, but Fahs and ticipate. Magana suspect that most skits were written sometime last Thursday. Gone are the Hoosier Ronco Brothers and exercising with Mother Theresa, but returning are the Keenan Tumblers and the Theater K.

Fahs says he plans to be clothed for the first time in three Revue apward to a lot of humor directed at Saint Mary's. There will of course be will be presented again Friday and the usual repertoire of abuse aimed at Breen-Phillips. Violence is prevalent in this year's Revue, say Magana and Boraczek.

The Keenan Revue is the only

event in which people flock to be insulted . . . sometimes being insulted if they are not. "In the Revue's fifth year," said Fahs, "we insulted every girls' dorm on campus except for Lyons, and they were upset.

And why does Saint Mary's hate them? "Well, we packed O'Laughlin," said Fahs. "They can't

Walking around campus the other lay, Magana heard a caped crusader ay "There goes the Keenan Revue master". He replied, "Is that anything like a GAF Viewmaster?" In between such bizarre experiences as this, Magana found time to assert that last year's Revue did break even, and assured that "this year we'll do it again." Said Keohane, "We're more organized this year than we've ever been, as far as money.'

MacLennan, a resident of the only non-Keenan entity to participate in the Revue (the University of 4-North, which seceded from Keenan some time ago and plans to "give Fr. Ted an honorary degree"), has created a skit "for anyone to be in the show who wants to be in." That way anyone whose original act was cut from the show can still par-

Donations to the Revue to cover costs are being encouraged, and if you really want to carry this memory with you until your waning years, the 1984 Keenan Revue will be available on video tape for the first time (\$29.95 for either VHS or

The Revue opens tonight at 8 and Saturday nights. Admission is free, but if you didn't get your tickets last weekend, well . . . there's always next year, I guess. And don't forget, Fahs will be clothed this time!

A glimpse of the Far

by Sarah Hamilton

features editor

The Library Auditorium seemed filled to capacity at 7:15 p.m. but still they kept squeezing through the doors. It wasn't the prospect of the Keenan Revue or Billy Joel tickets that brought these students in droves. They had come to see the man who has a contract with the Chronicle Features Syndicate for drawing bears calling "dibs" on a fat

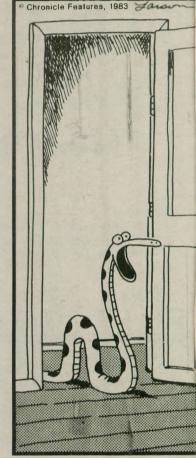
Finally, at 8, Mary Schmid, Student Union academic commissioner walked onto the stage to introduce the creator of The Far Side. But the resounding applause compounded by an audience chant of "Gary, Gary, Gary . . ." prevented Schmid from completing her task

Then Gary Larson appeared. As the cartoonist walked meekly to the podium, the auditorium exploded into a standing ovation which Larson could only answer with a nervous "Thank you . . . I don't know what to say. I didn't realize there were this many demented people in South Bend."

Larson had come to explain his cartoon and career to the students of Notre Dame who have been laughing at and sometimes pondering The Far Side every day at lunch since January 1983 when it first appeared in The Observer. This was only the third lecture Larson has given, but his nervousness, humility, and natural frankness were appreciated and enjoyed. Slides accompanied the presentation which added to the casual atmosphere of the evening.

In fact, the presentation actually began with home pictures as Larson showed slides of his childhood house, an early drawing, and himself reading a Superman comic book.

The cartoonist opened up his past, offering the audience a chance to determine whence came his drawings of snakes pained by charley horses, dinosaur fossils devouring cub scouts and Snow White learning that the seven dwarfs have black lung.



"Oh no, Elliott! Wh

People have asked whether Larso hobby of snake collecting, which he partial answer.

The man b

by Margaret Fosmoe features staff writer

Bizarre, off-the-wall, unhinged, wild, unpredictable.

This is the image readers conjure up as they peruse their newspapers each day.

Today it might be three snakes chuckling together as one of their companions slithers off with a "kick me" sign taped to his back.

Last week it was probably a family sitting around its living room staring at a blank wall. "In the days before television," the caption explains.

Tomorrow it will be three insects marching along, arms linked, to the chant "Spiders, scorpions and insecticides, oh my!"

The creative genius behind The Far Side cartoon defies the image that most of his fans expect when

A gentle little man with rimless eyeglasses, a receding hairline and a quiet smile, Gary Larson is disconcerting to his readers. They come expecting to encounter irrationality, and are greeted with flawless manners. They secretly hope for lunacy, and are disarmed by a shy nervous laugh.

Larson, four years after signing a contract with the San Francisco Chronicle that skyrocketed him to celebrity status, still doesn't seem to know what all the fuss is about.

'Generally confused, quiet, cynical, irreverent and benign" are words he uses to describe himself. Not at all like the off-beat demented Far Side characters who appear each day in 110 newspapers across the country.

"Sometimes people think you are going to be a walking manifestation of what you draw," says Larson.

This contrast between expectation and reality sometimes makes for unusual encounters. Fans expect Larson to do bizarre things. Once he was asked to sign his name on a bowling ball with an electric engraver. For the most part, however, fans are "strangely wellmannered," he says.

Larson is a very private man who infrequently goes out to meet his fans by way of lectures and booksigning sessions. He agreed to come to Notre Dame when he was invited by Student Union because "I was told (The Far Side) had a good following here."

The Larson style is a landmark, and perhaps a turning point, in the cartoon industry. The Far Side is an upside-down and backwards look at

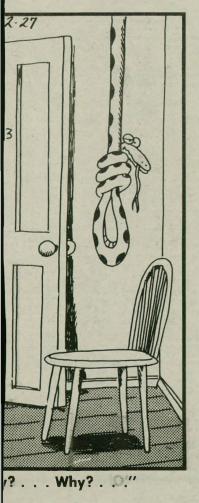
Sides that went off the deep end

There were slides of Larson and

Larson and his guitar. Larson and his frog. Larson and his python.

Larson and his warthog. It is now a little easier to understand how The Far Side came into

Last night Larson showed many slides of cartoons that the syndicate had rejected. Either they were too violent, or they had the potential to



n identifies with his animals, and his talked about last night, may provide a offend a particular group. One such cartoon depicted the three blind mice hearing the deranged farmer's wife chasing after them with a'carving knife. This cartoon was published; however, the Farmers' Wives of Oregon wrote to Larson asking for an explanation and suggesting that it gave farmer's wives a bad name.

Often it is only necessary for the cartoonist to make small changes before the syndicate will accept a particular cartoon. In one Far Side, Larson had only to convert an insect th t at was abandoning her husband from a fly to a beetle so that she could take the grubs with her and not the maggots. His editor did not accept a deceased King Kong lying in the street on one end of a dog leash with a poodle at the other end, but when Kong crushed an annoyed woman's tomatoes, the cartoon went into print. Sometimes publication means only waiting until the editor goes on vacation.

In response to a question about the Fort Wayne News-Sentinel's cancellation of The Far Side, Larson apologized, "I feel bad when someone has taken offense." Although the cartoonist does not sit down and "try to offend half the country" even he was embarrassed about one slide of ants marching off to feast on a fallen and broken Humpty Dumpty. When the audience groaned, Larson tried to explain, "Ants like egg.

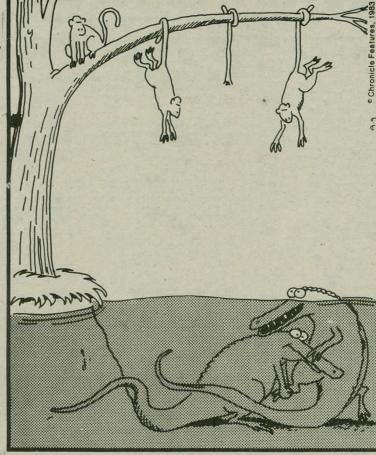
Larson likes to spoof fairy tales and nursery rhymes in his cartoons, though usually with more taste than he treated Humpty Dumpty. According to Larson, his editor warns him about this because he is afraid the cartoons might be too esoteric. This was not the case last night as the audience voiced their amusement at a lobster crying "Auntie Em, Auntie Em . . . There's no place like home, there's no place

like home," before being tossed into a pot of boiling water; or a crocodile placing an obscene phone call to Captain Hook. "Tick-tock-tick-

One of the cartoonist's favorite pieces is entitled, "Great Moments in Evolution." It portrayed a baseball team of fish contemplating how to retrieve its ball which had fallen on land. Cows, snakes and babies also seem to be among his "pets." Larson's cows which have been catapulted to immeasurable fame were first introduced when a troupe consisting of a cow and a cat with a fiddle were rehearsing their act so that they could take their show to

Larson appears much less off the deep end than his Far Side, and denies identification with any of his characters. Nevertheless, at least two cartoons were based on personal experience. One of these pictures a person lying flat on his back after building his own chin-up bar into a door frame and chinning himself through the door jam. Larson's fear of sharks and the unknown is captured in a Far Side which shows a shark spitting out scuba

The Far Side should remain a part of lunchtime at ND for a while to come (as its artist claims not to be financially secure enough to retire for a period as Trudeau did); however, some of Larson's offbalanced and sometimes off-colored cartoons may never reach the dining halls. This is more understandable after last night's visit from The Far Side's creator. For those who could not fit into the auditorium and therefore missed this momentous occasion, a sense of Larson's humor can be grasped from his closing remarks, a quote from Mel Brooks: "Tragedy is when I cut my finger and comedy is when you walk into an open sewer and die."



"Okay, here we go again . . . one . . . two . . ."

The humor of violence?

An award to appreciate

by Chris Fraser features columnist

s you may have heard, Notre A Dame Food Service was honored with an Ivy Award last week. In our very own Observer, the award was described as the Academy Award for kind of Oscar. food services. I discussed the honor, over lunch of course, with Francis Frankfurter, a friend of mine who considers himself an connoisseur of film Oscar. Yeah, that must be it be culinary productions.

Me: I just don't know about this award Frank. I really don't think the food is that good.

Frank: What do you mean? This food is a sheer delight to the palate. Let me try some of that awardwinning "chili frito delight" you've got there . . .mmmmm, that's delicious. Personally, I'm partial to this award-winning Hungarian Noodle

Me: Wait a minute. Just last week here wasn't fit for pigs.

Frank: Don't you know that certain species of swine require special the closest thing we've had to a nanutritional supplements that are not tional championship in years. routinely supplied on an institutional basis.

Me: Well, no, actually, I never

anyway. We just didn't realize how great this stuff really was until these Ivy people came along.

Me: I just don't know Frank. Frank: Don't be so picky. Hey, aren't you going to eat those awardwinning mashed potatoes?

Me: Here help yourself. I thought they were grits.

absolutely scrumptious potatoes! Me: Scrumptious?

Frank: Yeah scrumptious! You know I was talking to a friend I know become known the world over as who goes to Podunk U. Told me they the King of Cafeterias, the Mecca of don't even have honey loaf there . . . ever!

Me: But you hate honey loaf. Frank: You're missing the point again. Eating this food is like watching someone win an Oscar. You don't have to worry about it because you know it's first rate, top notch, numero uno. These are quality eats taste better already. Hey, are you

Me: Actually, I've seen some

Academy Award winners I didn't like. Maybe this Ivy thing is sort of like a "Best Color-mix in a Short Black and White Documentary"

Frank: An Oscar is an Oscar and an Ivy is an Ivy

Me: Or maybe it's like a foreign cause I can never understand foreign films without subtitles. At the cafeteria I can rarely figure out what the food is without looking at the menu. And hey, that would justify those Mexican nights and Chinese nights they're always

Frank: You know a lot of hard work goes into preparing those nights in order to create the right

Me: Gee, and I thought all they did you were complaining that the food was put up a few Mexican posters and serve tacos.

Frank: Don't be sarcastic. This is

Me: I suppose you're right. I guess we should count our blessings.

Frank: In fact, this might be better than a national championship in Frank: Listen, that's not the point football or basketball. Those are just silly games. I mean, what do people care more about, a bunch of guys running around in funny suits or a four-star meal?

Me: Everybody does have to eat. Frank: And not all schools have football teams, but every school must have some kind of a cafeteria or at least a snack bar. The Ivy, my Frank: Are you kidding? These are friend, is a true national champion-

Me: You might just have something here Frank. Notre Dame could Munchies. Every Irish Catholic kid in the country would grow up dreaming to eat at Notre Dame.

Frank: Sure, and the alumni would donate thousands . . . millions to make sure our comestibles remained number one.

Me: Frank, this food is starting to going to eat those award-winning gelatin cubes?

behind the madness

the world. Larson's people and (more frequently) animals do the least-expected things in the leastexpected manner. His elephants can use crutches and talk on the phone. His fish may commit suicide by jumping out of the water. And his humans could very well be found chasing cars or living in mailboxes.

Larson says he does not try to analyze where his ideas come from 'I've never had a very good answer for that. I just sit down and go to work. I'm almost apprehensive about looking into that too much,"

Larson claims he had a "fairly Leave-It-to-Beaverish" childhood in Tacoma, Washington. An interest in animals, particularly reptiles, and a knack for drawing have been with him since he was a young boy. "I've been drawing since I was a little kid, but I've never had any formal training," Larson explains.

After graduating from Washington State University, Larson held various odd jobs, including working with the Humane Society, a music store and a Seattle-based band. His cartooning career began "when I was disenchanted with what I was doing. I took a couple days off and drew six cartoons." He sold them to a local magazine and his career was launched.

"In 1980 I drove down to San

Francisco to the Chronicle and came back with a five-year contract. It was a Gnderella story of sorts," says Lar-

The cartoonist, who is unmarried, lives and works in his house in a suburb of Seattle. In his spare time, Larson enjoys playing the guitar and indulging his continued interest in

He does not follow a rigid work schedule. Each Far Side cartoon "may take a half an hour to draw or I may spend the whole day on one and still not get it right," he says.

Larson has been criticized for presenting too much violence in his work. A Fort Wayne newspaper recently dropped The Far Side because an editor felt the comic was too violent. The paper resumed the comic after mass reader response demanded The Far Side be

Larson responds to such criticism: "It is a very subtle medium. There is no way I can control the ways it is interpreted. People have a varied sense of humor. There is a certain amount of risk in it."

Larson says The Far Side tends to be most popular with a young adult audience. "I guess I directed it at that audience. I think humor is vite something that evolves as society does and I am reflecting that."

The Far Side has achieved a near-

cult following at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's. Larson says it is also very popular at Washington State University and the University of Arizona. Larson has visited both hose schools on a promotion tour.

As the success and reputation of The Far Side continue to grow, Laron plans to branch out. His two books, The Far Side and Beyond The Far Side both made the Washinton Post best-seller list. Plans are underway for another book, a calendar, posters and a greeting card line. "I'm not sure how extensive merchandising will be," says Larson.

Gary Britt, a representative of Andrews, McMeel and Parker Publishing, Inc., says the posters are being designed now and should be out by mid-May.

The Far Side was not created overnight and Larson says the cartoon will continue to evolve. "It's taken more of a shape in the last few years," he says.

With merchandising plans in the works, and Larson's creative genius showing no signs of stopping, it looks as if devotees of The Far Side will be able to look forward to dogs taking their masters for rides in the car, three pigs discussing an obscene phone call, and bears inspecting a a group of campers in sleeping bags ('Sandwiches!') for a long time to

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Your Health is a three-night seminar sponsored by Century Club and NVA. The seminar runs this Sunday, Tuesday, and Wednesday and is being held in the LaFortune Center Classroom (first floor). Lectures begin at 7 p.m. Sunday's lecture is "Why Good Health . . . And By The Way, What is it?" featuring Jeff Aaron, director of the Health and Lifestyle Center. Register for the seminar by calling NVA at 239-6100. The cost is \$3. More information will be in tomorrow's paper. — The Observer

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Track

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fact that Piane's squad did not include all of its top performers.

"It (Friday's meet) was a real good opportunity to get all the guys into a race," said Piane. "We didn't double up for too many races, so a lot of people could run."

Nearly all of the Notre Dame competitors placed in the top four places, while eight of them won their events. Miller was the only multiple winner, as he was one of just a few people who competed in more than one event.

The Irish victories came in the shotput (Chuck Lanza), 60-yard dash and high hurdles (Miller), mile run (Ed Juba), 440-yard run (Dan Shannon), 880-yard run (Jim Tyler), 300-yard dash (Miller), 1000-yard run (Tim Cannon), long jump (Joel Autry), and triple jump (Gary LeKander). Because it was a nonscoring meet, though, Notre Dame could not officially count the meet as a victory.

Ball State, DePaul, and the like were relatively easy pickings for the Irish — at least when compared with the competition that the runners who traveled to the Millrose Games in New York and the Goodwill Games in Chicago faced.

In those two very prestigious meets, the Notre Dame entrants ran into some of the toughest competition in the nation and in the world. Understandably, the Irish did not perience of facing some of the best athletes in the world proved more valuable than wins against inferior

Notre Dame's two-mile relay team of Jim Moyar, Jeff Van Wie, John McNelis, and Mitch Van Evken found the going awfully tough as the only Irish athletes in the Millrose Games. The group finished seventh in the event, not quite as high as they had hoped to place.

"Our first leg was OK, but we weren't leading after it," explained Piane. "I think that it had a bad effect on the others."

mpressive showing in the Goodwill Games, though, as it got off to a better start and finished second to an outstanding University of Chicago Track Club squad with a time of 7:38.25, qualifying for the IC4A's, another prestigious meet which is run late in the season, in the process.

There were some other Irish runners competing in Chicago, none of which placed in the top three in his event. However, senior Ralph Caron did an outstanding job in the 3000meter run, placing first among the collegiate runners in a schoolrecord 8:13.68.

The distance-medley relay team of Cannon, Shannon, Andy Dillon, and Juba was the only other Notre the season, Piane might find he may Dame entrant to reach the finals. The relay team finished fourth and able to bring with him.

its time of 10:02.9 was good enough to qualify it in the IC4A's.

The other Irish competitors, Miller, Bell, and Patterson did not fare too well. Miller failed to qualify in the hurdles as he competed against the likes of Rod Milburn, a former world-record holder. Bell had similar problems in the 55-meter dash as he had to face sprinters like Calvin Smith, the current worldrecord holder in the 100 meters. Patterson was unable to get off a legal jump in the long jump competition. He, too, faced some of the toughest competition in the world, including Larry Myricks, one of the top few jumpers in the world.

All these failures aside, though, The group made up for its uni- the track team has overcome the absence of some key competitors to perform as well as can be expected. In little more than a couple weeks, nine individuals and two relay teams have qualified for the IC4A's.

> Piane hopes that this number will increase even more this weekend when the Irish play host to the Midwestern City Conference Championships.

> "I hope to get one more guy to qualify in the three-mile run," says Piane. "(Injured middle-distance runner) Jim Tyler should qualify, and maybe a long jumper, too. Joel Autry is only a quarter-inch away."

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early lead. That way we'll be able to play our kind of game.

"We want to control the tempo of the game, and to do that we're going to have to get the hall inside, play aggressive defense and really pound the boards."

Notre Dame continues to benefit from the take-charge attitude of captain Tom Sluby since the beginning of the new year. In his last ten games, Sluby has averaged 19.6 points per game.

"Tom is playing well offensively because he is tough to stop," Phelps says. "He has a lot of confidence in his game right now, and we have a lot of confidence in him as a team."

Tim Kempton and Jim Dolan have continued to play well, both contributing to Notre Dame's rebounding and defense.

Forward Ken Barlow caught the eye of his coach for his performance against Maryland.

"Barlow has probably been our most improved player, with his good shooting and improved rebounding.

"The key for us for the rest of the season is to play consistently and do the little things better," Phelps

states. "The reason why we're getting better is that each guy is now playing his role out on the court."

Although it is improving game by game, the team's shooting percentage for the year still has not cleared the .500 mark. The Notre Dame head coach points out, however, that his team is playing tough defense (allowing its opponents only 54.3 points each game), and committing fewer turnovers, so it has made significant improvements

compared to earlier in the season.

Phelps' departure from Fordham was 13 years ago, and he thinks that too much has been made of his having coached the Rams.

"What counts for this game is that we are facing a team that can play very well," Phelps emphasizes. "Their record this year is deceptive.

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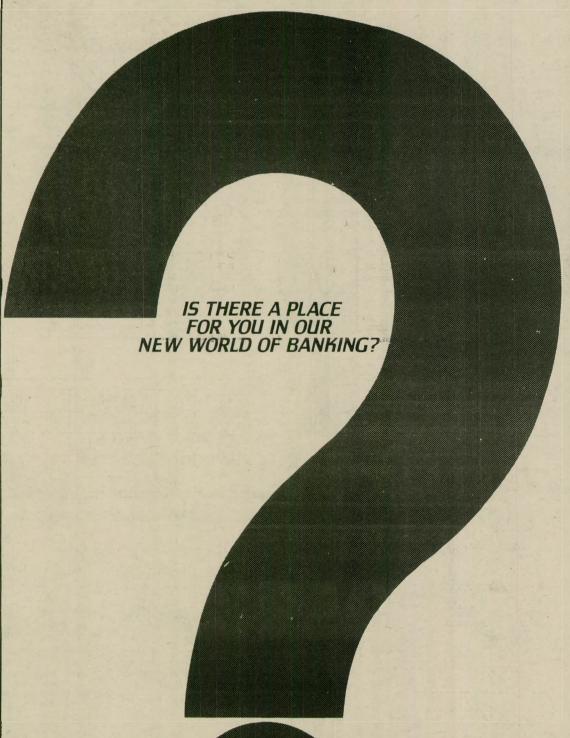
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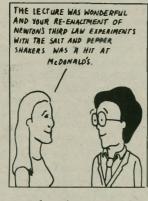
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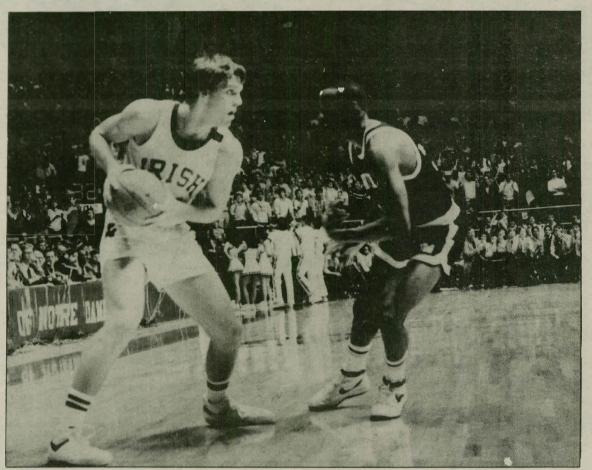
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The Irish will be counting on a strong performance—in the ACC. For more on tonight's game and Saturday's matchup at South Carolina, see Theron Roberts' story and Chuck Freeby's column on this page.

Hoping to continue recent reign, Rams visit red-hot Irish tonight

By THERON ROBERTS Sports Writer

Fordham tries to extend its winning streak over the Notre Dame men's basketball team to three when it visits the ACC tonight. Tipoff is set

However, the task may be a little more difficult for the Rams than winning their previous two encounters has been. Notre Dame is in the midst of a win streak that has reached six

The matchup holds a special significance for Irish coach Digger Phelps Phelps entered collegiate coaching at Fordham, guiding the Rams to a 26-3 record in one season before packing his bags for South

Fordham's fortune is not as bright this season as last.

The Rams, now 12-9, lost four of their top players from the 1982-83 team which made it to NIT post-

Junior Steve Samuels leads the balanced Fordham offensive attack,

in double figures, netting 12.3 points a game. The 6-6 junior also leads the Rums in rebounding, with a 7.5 average. Samuels is joined at forward by 6-5 sophomore Don McCormick. McCormick contributes 7.6 points each outing.

Starting at the pivot will be 6-5 senior Dave Roberson, who carries a 12.2 scoring average

Tony McIntosh and Jerry Hobbie hold down the two starting guard slots. The two have quite a lot in common, besides being the backcourt starters for Fordham. They both are 6-2 juniors, and average 10.5 and 10.4 points per game,

Although the leading scorers for the Rams play along the front line, the guards are the key players because they run the Fordham fourcorner offense. The Rams often spread out their offense to the four corners if they have the lead.

"I like their guards because of their quickness," says Phelps. "They also play very smart, especially when they get in the lead and go to

Irish were hurt by the Fordham delay game. Many times the Notre Dame defense broke down and allowed the Rams to get easy shots.

While this year's team might have a harder time getting a lead that it can protect, it could be dangerous looking past the Rams toward the South Carolina game on Saturday.

The last two Fordham games have been against opponents common to the Irish - Holy Cross and LaSalle. The results were also similar, as the Rams defeated Holy Cross, but dropped a tough one to LaSalle.

On the Irish side of the coin, continually improving play has been converted into six straight Notre Dame wins.

'We've been playing well and we have two games this week," says Phelps. "We just can't have a letdown after the Maryland win."

The Irish coach knows that there are certain things the Irish must do to win against Fordham.

We have to jump out and get the

see RAMS, page 10

Indoor track

Miller stars during busy weekend

Sports Editor

The 1984 indoor track season is barely out of the starting blocks, but Joe Piane's Notre Dame track team has already seen a good amount of action. This past weekend marked the busiest time of the young season as some members of the team traveled to Chicago and New York. while others competed in the ACC.

As expected, the results were mixed. Some athletes put on outstanding performances, while others did not perform quite as well as expected. However, considering that the team lost to academic probation four people who were expected to make large contributions, the Irish are holding their own so far.

'Our performance so far is just an indication of how much better we

could have been if we had those four kids around," said Piane. "Three of them we're really going to miss and the fourth would have really helped out down the road. We just don't have the people to replace them

That does not mean that the remaining squad is a weak one. In fact, with more performances like that of Alvin Miller, Piane might soon forget that he does not have a

Miller, the outstanding freshman football player, was the star of Friday night's meet in the ACC. In that meet, which also included teams from Ball State, DePaul, Loyola, and Valparaiso, Miller finished first in the 60-yard dash, the 60-yard high hurdles, and the 300-yard dash. Not bad for someone who just started his

college track career a couple of weeks ago.

It was Miller's time in the 60-yard dash that drew the most attention. He posted a time of 6.1 to tie the Notre Dame and ACC record that has been matched four times, the last time coming in 1974. The race was hand-timed, so the actual time was not quite as fast (the time is the equivalent of an automaticallytimed 6.37). However, it marked the second time in two weeks that Miller had run the 60 in 6.1

While Miller's accomplishments were the most impressive, he was not the only Notre Dame performer to win over the weekend. Irish athletes were victorious in ten of the 16 events in Friday's meet, despite the

see TRACK, page 9

Can Irish continue the magic of 'Camelot'?

Chuck Freeby

Sports Writer

Irish Items



Hello again, everybody!

For one brief shining moment the south dome of the ACC became Camelot last Saturday. The subjects of this frozen wasteland, known as the student body, had become restless and quiet for a couple of years, but responded in a tumultuous crescendo which "shook down the thunder" from the catwalks. Digger Phelps and the Fighting Irish shone like knights on white horses, deftly saving victory from the evil clutches of a band of warriors from Maryland.

OK, maybe that's overdoing it a little, but the point is this: Notre Dame's victory over Maryland was not a fairy tale. Saturday's win came through a solid effort by an Irish squad growing in confidence with every game. The team seems to be gelling right now, which makes the last ten games of the season look extremely exciting, indeed. Nevertheless, Phelps and Co. must guard against a letdown this week, as they have a tough game with Fordham tonight before heading into a snakepit at South Carolina on Saturday

The Defense Never Rests . . . Digger Phelps has always prided himself on the ability of his teams to play good defense, and he should be busting his buttons over this year's squad. The Irish currently rank third in the nation in team defense, allowing an average of only 54.3 points an outing. In five of the last six games, Notre Dame has held opponents to 56 points or less.

Just as impressive, though, has been the way the Irish "D" has frustrated outstanding individuals. Villanova's Ed Pinckney and Maryland's Adrian Branch were held to a mere five points each by a swarming defense. (In fact, Branch may wish he never got out of bed Saturday. He was arrested Saturday night for possession of narcotics. Not exactly a banner day.)

So while good defense doesn't always provide the most exciting basketball for fans, it has brought about six straight wins which tends to hold down complaining.

Ram Rumblings . . . The Fordham game is always something special for Phelps, who had his first colllegiate head coaching job at the Bronx school. However, he knows the Irish will have their hands full with coach Tom Penders' Rams, who lost to Arkansas by only one and St. John's by four.

The Rams have compiled a respectable 12-9 ledger behind a balanced attack. Junior center Steve Samuels leads Fordham in scoring with a 12.4 average, but three other Rams average in double figures. 6-6 center Steve Samuels paces the maroon-and-gold in rebounding with 7.5 caroms per game.

Overall, Fordham is lacking in size (Samuels is the tallest starter at 6-6), but not in scrappiness, and they will not roll over and die easily for the Irish tonight.

Gamecock Chirps . . . South Carolina isn't having one of its better years, but Bill Foster's 9-8 Gamecocks are still tough to beat in the noisy Carolina Coliseum. The hostile home crowd will be primed for an upset of the visitors from the north.

Carolina has the size to matchup very well with the Irish, and Notre Dame's front line must control the Gamecock inside game. One of the key people to watch will be 6-8 forward Jimmy Foster, who is averaging 19 points and 10 rebounds a game. He gets plenty of help from 7-foot center Mike Brittain (11.3 ppg.) and 6-8 forward Brad Jergenson (10.7 ppg.).

Irish Eyes Are Smiling . . . and after winning six straight games they should be radiant. Tom Sluby continues to be impresssive in his starring role, coming through in the clutch twice last week. Meanwhile, the supporting cast continue to fill their roles nicely, with Jim Dolan dishing out assists, Tim Kempton clearing the boards, and Ken Barlow showing improvement in several aspects of his

One of the things the Irish will be looking to do this week is give Phelps his 250th victory as coach at Notre Dame. The veteran Irish mentor boasts a 248-116 ledger in 13 seasons at the helm of Notre Dame basketball. Not too shabby a record by any means.

Pick of the Week ... Since 1300 of you will be at the Keenan Revue on Saturday night, the other 7000 residents can venture over to the north dome of the ACC and watch Lefty Smith's hockey team take on Marquette. The Irish icers are now 17-1-0 after sweeping a weekend series from Iowa State, and will be looking to extend their

Brent Chapman continues to pace Notre Dame in scoring, while Al Havercamp, Tim Lukenda, and Marc Guay hold down the number of goals by the opposition. The team will be returning home for the first time in two weeks, and would appreciate your support. Face-off