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Hume receives 1995 Notre Dame award for service

By MARY KATE MORTON
Associate News Editor

Recognizing the 17-month long cease-fire in Northern Ireland, the University of Notre Dame has chosen to honor one of the major players who prompted this first step towards lasting peace throughout Ireland and the United Kingdom.

John Hume, leader of Northern Ireland's Social Democratic and Labour Party (SDLP) and member of the British and European Parliaments will receive the 1995 Notre Dame Award for international humanitarian service. In announcing the award last week, University President Father Edward Malloy praised Hume's instrumental role in the peace process. Malloy also stressed that the University hopes the award will serve as a catalyst for peace not only in Northern Ireland but world-wide.

"For three decades, John Hume has consistently and courageously rejected the appeal to

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SMC forum probes student unity

By PATTI CARSON
Saint Mary's Editor

What are we doing as student leaders to combat "involvement" apathy on the part of students? Is the "Student Government Association" as united as it should be? And where is the administration during our softball games? Heck, where are the students during our softball games?

These were some of the questions raised last night at the Saint Mary's Student Government Forum. At least these were the questions which time permitted for discussion before the sudden chaos near the end of the meeting.

Disgruntled students exchanged words at the close of the forum.

But Student Body President Sarah Sullivan resumed order and called the meeting to an end, possibly frustrated that the same two or three questions were given discussion time during the ninety minutes in which the forum took place. Sullivan thanked those in attendance and stated that any further questions and concerns could be addressed to stu-



The Observer/Leslie Zielinski
Saint Mary's student government members (from L to R): Sarah Sullivan, Jen Roach, Racquel Mitchell, Mary Udovich, and Paulette Raczkowski sat on the panel at last night's annual open forum. Nearly 40 Saint Mary's women were in attendance.

dent government in person or via e-mail.

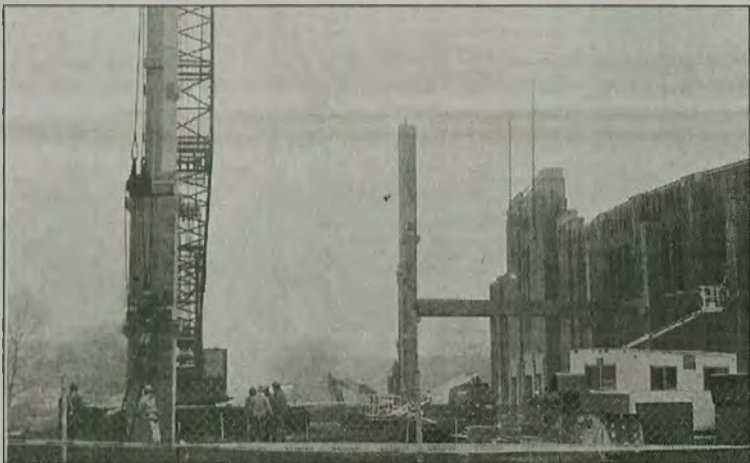
The atmosphere at the beginning of the meeting was calm, as representatives from groups that make up the "Student Government Association" (the Board of Governance, the Residence Hall Association, the

Student Activities Board, and the Student Academic Council) explained the function of their respective groups.

BOG treasurer Jen Roach explained

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Stadium expansion crew makes 'visible' progress



The Observer/Katie Kroener
The first of 276 concrete columns that will support the new and improved Notre Dame stadium was placed in the ground yesterday, the first major proof of progress.

By DAVE PREISSLER
News Writer

The winter did not stop the expansion of the House that Rockne built, although many misconceptions may lead one to believe that no progress was made over the break. While the students were basking in the California sun or shovelling snow in the Midwest and on the East Coast, Casteel Construction kept busy preparing for the first visible signs of the stadium expansion project.

As of yesterday, the first of the 276 columns were set in place on the north side of the stadium with a crane capable of lifting 250 tons. By compari-

son, the crane used for the new dorms Keough and O'Neill could lift only 80 tons. But, that crane is only half it. Mike Smith, director of facilities engineering, mentioned that within a few weeks, another 250-ton crane will be assembled to double the fun. It will take a 35-ton crane just to put the other crane together.

Michael Crawford, senior project manager for Casteel Construction Corp., spoke of the immensity of the project. "It is very important not to come in the perimeter fence for everyone's safety," he noted. No one would want a 18 to 22 ton precast concrete column falling on them.

The shortest concrete column weighs approximately 18 to 22 tons of and towers at 38 feet. Prestress Services made these precast chunks of concrete in Decatur, Ind., near Fort Wayne. After being trucked to Notre Dame, they now rest in the parking lot south of the JACC and wait to be set in place. Because these columns are so massive, they will be brought over to the construction site on a need basis one at a time. Consequently, from now until August, trucks will be crossing Juniper Road frequently. Crawford therefore suggests that drivers use Juniper as little

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President gives State of the Union, Dole responds

■ NEWS ANALYSIS

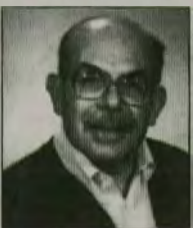
Arnold: Address appears 'extraordinarily successful'

By JAMIE HEISLER
Assistant News Editor

In a manner that pulled out all the stops, President Bill Clinton's State of the Union Address confronted the many issues that have seemed to divide the government since the Republican party won a majority in Congress, and it in effect put Republicans on the defensive for the upcoming electoral year, according to a Notre Dame expert on the subject.

"Politically, it was extraordinarily successful," said Peri Arnold, professor of government. "Clinton did a skilled job of articulating his position and took the steam out of the Republicans."

According to Arnold, Clinton carefully positioned himself on the offensive by



Arnold

treading on what had previously been Republican territory, such as the issues of family values and a reduced government, but gave them a different spin, turning them, for the time, in his favor.

For an hour and five minutes, Clinton presented to the American people a plan that called for unity in order to bring about a better America for individuals and their families. Citing seven specific goals for the future, Clinton also stressed the necessity of collective action in order to achieve these goals.

"The theme of working together and partnership was very effective," according to Arnold.

In an attempt to completely define his political agenda, Clinton touched on numerous subjects including the balanced budget, education reforms, crime, economic security, the environment, the size of the federal government, and the United States' role in

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Clinton challenges Congress with budget, shutdowns

By TERENCE HUNT
Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Delivering his State of the Union address to a skeptical Republican Congress, President Clinton traced the themes of his re-election campaign

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Tuesday night and confronted the GOP on the budget, demanding they "never — ever" shut the government again.

Democrats rose with loud cheers but Republicans sat in stony silence at Clinton's challenge. GOP lawmakers — particularly the rebellious House freshmen — had been coached by party elders to be on good behavior and not boo Clinton, as some did last year.

The speech was brief by Clinton standards, 61 minutes by one count, 62 by another. Either way, less than last year's record 81-minute marathon.

Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole —

front-runner for the GOP presidential nomination — made the Republican response, outlining differences with Clinton and assailing the president as "the chief obstacle to a balanced budget." He called the president "the rear-guard of the welfare state."

Dole said Clinton was "careening dangerously off course" in welfare, education, Medicare and taxes. "We will challenge President Clinton again and again to walk the talk he talks so well," Dole vowed.

Clinton proposed several new initiatives, among them \$1,000 college scholarships for the top 5 percent of graduates from every high school, and turning the FBI loose on youth gangs.

With Republicans controlling the legislative agenda, Clinton's proposals are unlikely to see the light of day, especially in an election year.

The House chamber overflowed with Senate and House members, Clinton's Cabinet, the Supreme Court justices in their black robes and ambassadors

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■ INSIDE COLUMN

Remembering the Challenger

This Sunday, January 28, is a big day. And not because of Super Bowl XXX. But, incidentally, Let's Go Steelers! No, Sunday, January 28 is a big day for a more important reason. On the cold morning of January 28, 1986, Christa McAuliffe and six other Challenger astronauts lifted off from Cape Canaveral, Fla., only to plummet into the Atlantic Ocean a few minutes later.

Dan Cichalski
Accent Copy Editor

I was in the fourth grade and in Mrs. Brendel's classroom at Point Road School that morning when the principal put the intercom microphone up to the radio. The first words I heard were "Atlantic Ocean" and, for reasons of which I am still unclear, I knew that the space shuttle had somehow ended up there. We were all instructed to head back to our homerooms and soon televisions were rolled in and classes brought together so we could watch what had happened.

No one talked. No one moved. Some of the teachers, I suspect, probably held back tears. We just watched in silence as the television replayed the routine lift-off and subsequent mishap 74 seconds later over and over and over again. I still have the issue of *Time* with the explosion on the cover: the normal trail of white smoke, the orange fireball that was once the Challenger and its fuel tank and the paths of the two booster rockets diverging to form a giant "Y" in the Florida sky.

Over the next several months, parts of the shuttle were recovered from the ocean. I remember rumors of a sock with the bones of a foot still inside of it. The February 1996 issue of *LIFE* reports that McAuliffe's lesson plans for space were found floating in the Atlantic and "when the bodies were brought up, it became clear that some of the astronauts had been alive during the three-to-four minute fall to the sea." At least back in 1986 I felt comfort in figuring that the explosion would have killed all seven directly, and none of them would have had any time to realize that they were about to die.

I still talk with my friends from grade school about the space shuttle Challenger. It was our first "where were you when" experience, like the JFK assassination or the end of U.S. involvement in Vietnam were for our parents. We go through the day much like I'm doing here, remembering our thoughts and feelings and the events of January 28. Back in 1986, shuttle missions were still such big deals for the media that lift-offs were usually carried live on morning news shows and I can remember watching several of them while reluctantly missing others because I had to get to school. Now, though, the *Endeavor* and *Discovery* are in space so often, we sometimes do not know it until they are on their way home.

It's nice to see that Christa's husband, for one, has remarried since the disaster. That was another concern of mine ten years ago: the families, especially the McAuliffes. One minute your mother is taking some time off from teaching (and both my parents are teachers) to become the first civilian in space, and the next she's gone.

On Sunday, Rich Scobee, the son of the Challenger's commander, Dick, will lead a formation of F16s over Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe, Az., in memory of the seven astronauts who died on that unusually cold Florida morning. And on Sunday I will remember the Challenger crew and think of their families today.

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■ WORLD AT A GLANCE

Five 'notorious evil-doers' slayed in Haitian witch hunt

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti

Residents of a remote fishing village bludgeoned to death five people they claimed were sorcerers responsible for several recent deaths, police said Tuesday.

The dawn attack took place Monday in the village of Corail, about 150 miles west of the capital.

Police from the nearby town of Jeremie arrived after the mob had already killed five people, said police investigator Max Harry Isaac.

Four other people, "whom the people said are notorious evil-doers" whom they hired to put spells on their enemies, had escaped into hiding, Isaac said in a telephone interview from Jeremie.

Isaac said residents of Corail told him that 15 children had died in the past month, including one who died early Monday. That child's father suspected a well-known practitioner of black magic, named Nerva, whom he brought to the child's deathbed, demanding Nerva give the child an antidote.

Nerva did, but the child died anyway.

A mob of about 50 people "tied him up and tortured



AP/Wm. J. Castello

him, beating him with sticks. He then denounced other members of a ring of black magicians, nine in all. He admitted they had killed these children for magical purposes," Isaac said.

One villager told Radio Haiti-Inter that residents took the law into their own hands because authorities had not responded to complaints that witchcraft was responsible for the sudden deaths.

By late Monday morning, the village was calm and the five had been buried in a common grave, Isaac said. Police made no arrests.

Before the attack, villagers were locking themselves into their houses, bolting doors and windows after sunset to prevent evil spirits from entering.

Haitian believers in black magic claim evil-doers can possess the body of an animal, often a cat, then slip into a home and steal the soul of a victim, usually a child. The victim falls sick and dies, and the evil-doer can take over the body after burial, and use it, for example to turn into a zombie enslaved by the master.

Princess Di thins Britain's royal staff

LONDON

Princess Diana's dwindling personal staff lost two more members Tuesday — her chauffeur and a personal assistant. Personal assistant Nicky Cockell and chauffeur Steve Davies resigned Tuesday, said a palace spokesman speaking for the princess's office on customary anonymity. The spokesman said Diana, 34, often drives herself and probably didn't need a full-time chauffeur. The resignations leave Diana with an office staff of two secretaries at a time when she is negotiating a possible divorce from Prince Charles and her future role as part of the royal family. Diana's most senior adviser, private secretary Patrick Jephson, resigned Monday, and her press secretary, Geoffrey Crawford, quit in November. Diana reportedly kept both men in the dark about her decision to grant an interview to the BBC in November.



Drug lord kills Homecoming Queen

WILLIAMSON, W.Va.

A drug boss ordered the slaying of a 17-year-old former homecoming queen last year because she knew too much about his business and planned to tell federal authorities, according to FBI documents. The documents released Monday said admitted drug boss Robert J. Warren Sr. held a gun to the head of James Pennington, a 20-year-old high school dropout, and ordered him to shoot Michael Ann "Miki" Koontz. The documents cited a statement from Pennington and another witness, who said Warren admitted to having Ms. Koontz killed Aug. 25. At the time, Warren had suspected his arrest on drug charges was imminent. The release of the documents was the first public allegation that the popular cheerleader, whose death shocked the town of 4,100, was a drug user. Pennington told authorities he shot Ms. Koontz twice with a .22-caliber weapon when she left home to run an errand. He faces a murder trial in April.

Joy ride incriminates car thieves

LUMBERTON, N.C.

A young man accused of killing basketball star Michael Jordan's father showed up for a date at the wheel of the victim's car hours after the murder, a witness testified today. Melinda Moore said Daniel Andre Green called her on the morning of July 23, 1993, to ask if she and her friend, Delores Sullivan, would meet him and Larry Martin Demery that night. Moore, 21, of Marion, S.C., said Green and Demery arrived in a 1992 red Lexus coupe identified previously as belonging to James Jordan. Prosecutors say Jordan, 57, was shot to death early that morning while he napped in the car along a highway. His body was found dumped in a South Carolina swamp. Green is charged with murder, armed robbery and conspiracy and could face the death penalty if convicted. Demery has pleaded guilty to the same charges and is expected to testify against Green this week. Prosecutors contend Green and Demery spent July 23 driving around in the \$40,000 car.

Russian parliament chooses speaker

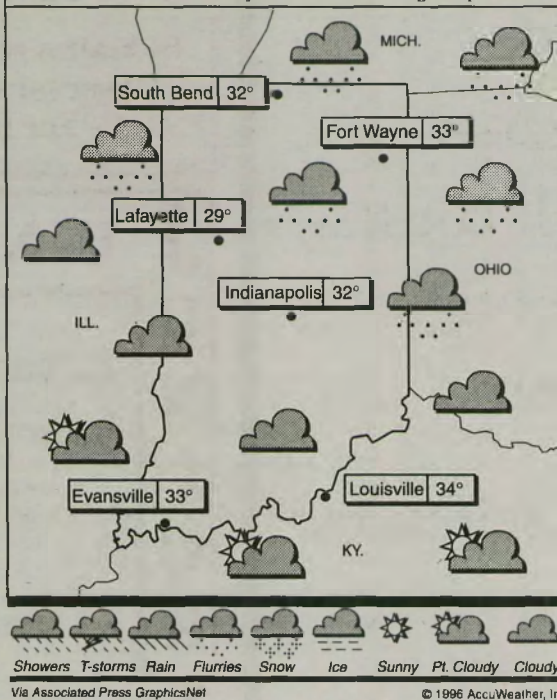
MOSCOW

The Russian parliament's upper house today chose a former Soviet Communist Party boss as its new speaker. Yegor Stroyev's election follows last week's selection of a Communist to head parliament's lower house. Stroyev, a former member of the Communist Party's ruling Politburo, has not joined the revived Russian Communist Party and is on good terms with President Boris Yeltsin. But the 58-year-old Stroyev advocates putting the brakes on reforms, and well-known reformer Anatoly Sobchak said he is known for his "orthodox" political views. "I'm concerned that people with communist views have come to lead both parliament houses," said Sobchak, the mayor of St. Petersburg. Members of the 178-seat Federation Council elected Stroyev on a 147-19 vote. Two other nominees for speaker, Nikolai Fyodorov and Eduard Rossel, refused to run.

■ INDIANA WEATHER

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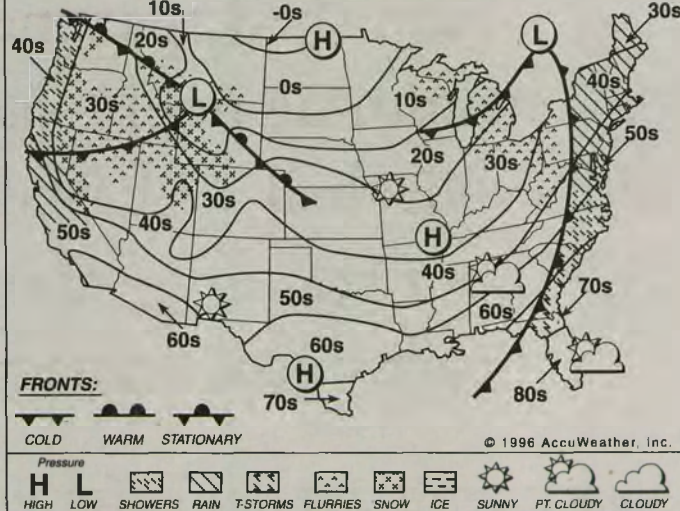
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Columbus	30	15	Minneapolis	11	2	St. Louis	36	25

Notre Dame female robbed on Ivy Road

By GWENDOLYN NORGLE
Assistant News Editor

A female Notre Dame student was robbed at approximately 4 p.m. Tuesday afternoon, according to Chuck Hurley, assistant director of Notre Dame Security.

The student, a resident of Turtle Creek, was walking on Ivy Road in the vicinity of the soccer field when a vehicle drove up beside her and a passenger asked her if she wanted a ride.

The passenger, a white male wearing a red jacket, then ran up to the woman, grabbed her purse, and sped

off in the vehicle northbound on Ivy Road. The suspect then threw the purse out onto the road after removing the currency.

The woman, who was not harmed, reported that the vehicle was large and white. The make, model, and license plate of the vehicle are unknown.

Security is still investigating the incident, according to Hurley.

Students should always be careful when walking off-campus, he added, and should try to walk in groups or get a ride whenever possible.

Students work in work-out

By LAURA SMITH
Assistant Saint Mary's Editor

It's January 24.

How are you doing on your New Year's Resolutions?

Many Saint Mary's and Notre Dame students resolved to make the Dean's List in 1996 or to begin charting their career paths. But the most popular New Year's Resolution is to lose weight and shape-up.

According to Jan Travis, director of Athletics at Saint Mary's College, the enrollment in Aerobics and Total Body Workout classes this spring is double the enrollment from last fall.

But this is nothing new. "In the three years that I have been here, there's always an increase in the number of students working out after the first of the year," Travis said.

RecSports Fitness Coordinator Jennifer Phillips, sees a similar tendency at Notre Dame.

"We see higher attendance in fitness classes this time of the year," Phillips said, "because of New Year's Resolutions, Spring Break approaching, and the bad weather."

College students are not the only people determined to have a healthier new year. Attendance is up at health clubs throughout the South Bend area.

According to a representative from Aerobics and Fitness, the club's business increases over 60 percent after New Year's Day. But most of these new customers stop exercising after only 90 days.

That is why Phillips discourages New Year's Resolutions in favor of a lifestyle change. "As we get further away from the new year, students forget their New Year's Resolutions. By fall, when students get busy, the first thing tossed out is exercise," Phillips said.



The Observer/Tina Lemker

These Saint Mary's women, pumping iron at Angela Athletic Facility, are faithfully sticking to their New Year's Resolutions.

Instead of a resolution, Phillips recommends students write down an exercise plan and write it into their schedule. She reminds students that RecSports offers plenty of classes throughout the day to fit everyone's ability levels and time schedules.

"We even offer an early morning class," Phillips said. "It's a great energy boost for the day and then you don't have to worry about exercise for the rest of the day."

"I encourage an entire concept of wellness," she said. "As people become more aware of the benefits received from moderate activity, they increase that activity and stick with it."

Many Saint Mary's students have already made the lifestyle changes Phillips recommends, according to Kevin Kirwan, Food Service director at Saint Mary's.

"At Saint Mary's, our students are concerned about a healthy, nutritious, low-fat diet all year round," Kirwan said.

While such high-fat items as french fries, chicken strips, and Mexican dishes remain favorites with Saint Mary's students, low-fat items are the

most popular.

Saint Mary's students consume 20 cases of bagels, 100 gallons of marinara sauce, 800 pounds of pasta, and 210 gallons of no-fat frozen yogurt every single week, according to Kirwan.

The most consumed beverages are Crystal Light and Natural Spring Water. Students demand "lite" dressings on the salad bar.

Also, the Saint Mary's Dining Hall provides nutrition information on every recipe that is prepared by the chefs. Quarterly newsletters on health, nutrition, and fitness decorate the Dining Hall tables.

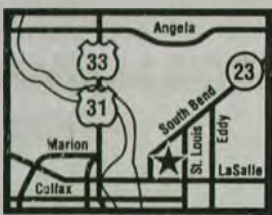
Just this year, Saint Mary's Food Services added "Just In Time" cooking to their menu. "We actually prepare the items in front of you keeping heavy fat items to a minimum," said Kirwan. "Students actually learn how to prepare healthy dishes."

With the help of Saint Mary's and Notre Dame Food Services, Angela Athletic Facility, and RecSports, Saint Mary's and Notre Dame students have no excuses for leading an unhealthy lifestyle.

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violence which has plagued his country's politics," Malloy said. "By honoring his witness we hope to hasten the peace for which he hungers and thirsts and to quicken such craving in all the broken communities of the world."

Hume has long been a force in the politics of Northern Ireland. A Catholic hailing from Derry, he served as an organizer and leader of the non-violent civil rights movement in Northern Ireland during the late 1960's. Spurred on by the brutal internment of Republican prisoners by British authorities, Hume and his supporters, though opponents of physical force Republicanism, announced their campaign of civil disobedience against inhumane internment.

This involvement, in addition to his extensive schooling at Saint Patrick's College in Maynooth, Trinity College in Dublin and Harvard University, propelled Hume to a seat in Northern Ireland's Parliament in 1969 as an independent. Along with five other non-Unionist members of the Parliament, he founded the SDLP in 1970 and has headed the party since 1979.

Since that same year, Hume has been a member of the European Parliament as well as heading the SDLP. Hume has faced serious opposition for his views on a Northern

Ireland cease-fire, specifically from Catholic and Protestant extremists who have not, in the past, shown signs of ceding their positions. However, Hume's groundbreaking decision to engage in talks with Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams led to the cease-fire declared by the Irish Republican Army on August 31, 1994 and to the more recent developments, including President Clinton's visit to Northern Ireland in November of 1995, in the name of peace. The Notre Dame Northern Ireland Awareness Group has applauded the University's decision to honor Hume with the Notre Dame Award.

"We recognize Mr. Hume's courageous efforts in pursuit of peace in Northern Ireland and especially his dedication to a non-violent resolution," said Co-President Peter Geraghty. "We are pleased that the University has recognized this as well, in the form of the prestigious Notre Dame Award."

Hume will travel to Notre Dame in April to receive the award and the University plans to honor him in Dublin, Ireland in November, as part of the Notre Dame vs. Navy football game.

The Notre Dame Award was established in 1992 to honor "persons within and without the Catholic Church, citizens of every nation, whose religious faith has quickened learning, whose learning has engendered deeds and whose deeds give witness to God's kingdom among us."

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as possible during the day in order to avoid unnecessary traffic.

Although it may be unnoticeable to passers-by, Casteel Construction has made major improvements during the past few months.

John DeLee, Notre Dame's director of utilities, commented that approximately two miles of utility pipes have been laid in order to re-route the sewer system and other such utilities.

Moreover, more than 5000 cubic yards have been poured for the footings, and transporting these was a difficult task, considering the cement mixing trucks can only hold ten cubic yards.

The shortest of the columns will stand at a mere 38 feet, while the top of the stands will rise to a height of 70 feet.

And when the press box equipped with fiber optics is completed, it will soar 110 feet over the field.

With a completion date set before the 1997 football season, the expanded seating structure with the exception of the external masonry work will be completed although not used for the '96 season.

These and many other visible signs of progress will be revealed as construction of the expanded stadium continues.

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world affairs. As expected, the issue of a balanced budget seemed to be prominent on the president's list of priorities.

In one of Clinton's many challenges to Congress, he called for an end to the possibilities of further federal shutdowns. According to Arnold, techniques in Clinton's speech will benefit him at least temporarily.

"This is the best job that he's done, and he's even rivaled some of Ronald Reagan's speeches for political effect. It could turn on him, but at the moment he's winning," Arnold said. The only problem that Arnold sees with Clinton's present approach is inconsistency. "He changes his mind too often."

The people need a predictable, reliable president, and inconsistency results in a lack of trust."

Clinton called for several measures which would affect college students. Among his proposals were thousand dollar merit scholarships for the top five percent of every high school, increased Pell grants, increased work study programs, and a \$10,000 tax deduction for college expenses.

Bob Dole, Senate majority leader and Republican front-runner, gave the Republican response to the address, in essence attempting to answer the challenges presented by Clinton.

According to Arnold, however, Dole's response was "lame, sour, and negative." He said, "It shows Clinton had thrown them off balance."

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MBA program reveals new technology

By MELANIE LAFLIN
Assistant News Editor

Working professionals who are geographically removed from the Notre Dame campus now have the opportunity to receive an Executive MBA degree without setting foot on Notre Dame's campus.

Thanks to a new distance-learning program students in Notre Dame's Executive MBA program have undergone a graduate business education through live videoconferencing in a state-of-the-art conference room hidden away in the College of Business Administration (COBA) since last August. And now the MBA program is ready to go public and proclaim the phenomenal success it has had this past semester with one of Notre Dame's most expensive and best kept secrets.

The technologically advanced, fully interactive, "wonder" room located within the MBA wing of COBA uses telephone lines to connect students and faculty at Notre Dame with the students attending classes off-campus.

At this time, six professionals based in Toledo, Ohio are the first remote students to be enrolled in the two-year program.

According to Rebecca Mela, assistant professional specialist of the Executive MBA program, these six students serve as the testing ground to see whether live teleconferencing can expand to other areas and become a permanent fixture of the Executive MBA program.

Cameras, audio equipment and video monitors at the Notre Dame and Toledo sites make it possible for live interaction between the faculty and students in both locations at all times. During classes, which are held all day every other Friday and Saturday, cameras throughout the room can focus on the professor and quickly scan students in both sites. Students press microphones on top of their desks to be heard in the other location.

"It seems as if everyone likes the new setup," Mela said. "After a while, the faculty soon became used to the new equipment, and students began to automatically raise their hand and press the microphone with the other."

Developed by VTEL Corp., the University's videoconferencing system is based upon two-way audio and video compressed digital technology over a high

speed T-1 communications line. The line runs between COBA's classroom and the specially-equipped room at the corporate headquarters of Owens-Illinois Inc., a Toledo-based manufacturer of packaging products.

Most students in the Executive MBA program are older, more experienced middle and senior level managers that work full time. This new program will allow even more senior executives to take advantage of Notre Dame's MBA program.

As of now, three of the off-campus students are employed at Owens-Illinois Inc. "I believe the company is quite satisfied, and they even use the videoconferencing equipment to hold company meetings," said Mela of the company, which is the first to experiment with this program.

A facilitator is present at the Toledo site during all class sessions to deliver course materials, collect assignments, monitor exams and handle administrative issues. According to Mela, students even have a telephone in the classroom with a private line during exams to ensure students off-campus get the same amount of access to the professor as the students at

Notre Dame do.

Video office hours and electronic mail are used by students to communicate with faculty and fellow students outside of class.

"The key benefit of any distance-learning program is extending access beyond the driving range of campus," said Arnold Ludwig, assistant dean of executive programs in Notre Dame's College of Business Administration.

"Students in Executive MBA programs tend to be older, are working full time, and generally have family responsibilities as well. Delivering the program remotely allows them and their employers to save on the time and expense of travel, and that makes them more productive at work and at home," said Ludwig.

The Executive MBA distance-learning program was an "overwhelming success" in its first semester, according to Ludwig, who hopes to expand the program to other sites in the near future.

Working professionals interested in the distance learning program can receive more information at (800) 631-3622 or at Mela.2@nd.edu.

■ HPC Council maps out agenda

By DEBORAH SCHULTZ
News Writer

The Hall Presidents' Council met for the first time after the Christmas break last night to discuss dance dates, service ideas and upcoming elections. The co-chairs also updated HPC on Campus Life Council's present deliberation over coresidentiality.

In order to ensure that as few dorms as possible have conflicting SYRs and formals, the dorms were required to announce their scheduled dates.

Dates are subject to change, but this helps cut back on cancelled dances due to a lack of participation.

Co-chair Matt Schlatter announced that HPC had money remaining in its budget to go toward service projects and asked for ideas about the best way to spend this money.

"This money can only be used by the dorms for service or by HPC as an entire body. We are thinking of sponsoring a house for Christmas, but HPC members would have to work at this. But we are also looking for other suggestions," said Schlatter.

Schlatter also informed the council about CLC's debate over coresidentiality.

"[The discussion at the CLC meeting] was more to see what ramifications there would be rather than to come to a final decision. Basically, most people think it is a good idea ideologically, but are concerned with how it would actually work and how it would affect the traditions of Notre Dame," said Schlatter.

Elections for the co-chairs and executive board of HPC for next year will be coming up soon.

They are tentatively scheduled for March 19, and Schlatter encouraged all to begin thinking about it.

Lewis Hall will be selling vinyl lunch bags for five dollars each to serve as grab-n-go bags instead of the paper bags in order to cut back on waste.

"About 1800 bags are wasted daily from grab-n-go meals and so we thought reusable bags would really help out the environment. We really want this to be successful and we would like it to continue in the following years," said Michelle Sharp, environmental commissioner of Lewis Hall.

"There will also be a special bonus for all those with the vinyl bags," Sharp added. "Along with the standard items for grab-n-go, each person will get a chocolate chip granola bar with every meal."

The bags will be on sale next Wednesday at the dining halls.

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Van Huffell dead at 61

Special to The Observer

Harold "Mike" Van Huffell, 61, died Dec. 29 at Saint Joseph's Medical Center in South Bend of heart failure.

A 1956 graduate of Notre Dame, Van Huffell was class president in 1952 and a football manager in 1955. He was a member of the Sorin Society, the Monogram Club, and the Mahoning and Sheenago Valley Notre Dame Alumni Club. Mr. and Mrs. Van Huffell were also members of the Saint Mary's College Madeleva Society. Van Huffell was president and owner of MidAmerica Sales for 28 years, and worked for 11 years at Van Huffell Tube. Funeral services for Van Huffell were held on Jan. 2 at Blessed Sacrament Church. All material contributions were made to the Notre Dame Annual Fund in South Bend.

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the student government treasury and Student Body vice-president Racquel Mitchell discussed the function and progress of SAC.

Mary Udovich followed with an explanation of SAB and Paulette Raczkowski announced that Little Sibs Weekend will take place March 1-3 and will be called "SibFest '96." She also said that Women's Week will be February 5-9.

When the floor was opened to questions, however, the tone of the meeting changed slightly, and then drastically by the end of the meeting.

One of the major questions discussed at the meeting was whether or not student apathy is an issue on campus, in terms of whether or not enough students attend the events planned and sponsored by student government groups.

When lack of attendance at campus events was discussed, several students cited reasons of having other commitments and time conflicts with the planned events.

Reasons like these were given after it was decided by a majority of those present that publicity and programming were not necessarily reasons for, what some considered, "low attendance."

And many students stated that they did not feel that there was a problem with apathy on

the part of students at all.

Sullivan reminded those present that nearly 400 students attended the reopening of the Haggar Snack Bar.

Though not all students agreed that student apathy is even an issue, much time was spent discussing it.

The "Belles" dispute was also brought up again last night. Several students reminded those present at the forum that only about 60 women showed up for the discussion on the controversy over the nickname of the school mascot.

Others rebutted that those who cared were the ones who showed up.

Some said that the timing on the forum could have also been a problem.

Voting percentages were also

brought up for discussion. Some present at the forum claimed that normally only 40 percent of the Saint Mary's student body votes in student government elections.

One student cited, however, that 16 percent of a student body is the national voting average at most colleges and universities, implying that the Saint Mary's student body is above that average.

But some students were not content with this explanation.

"As Saint Mary's women, we should expect more from ourselves," said senior Laura Richter.

Richter called attention to low attendance at Saint Mary's sporting events. "Where are the students?" she asked. "And where is the administration?" she added.

Richter claimed that in her 56 home softball games, members of the Saint Mary's administration were only present at two of those games. Richter said she had seen them at Notre Dame games.

Whether or not the "Student Government Association" is united was also brought up last night.

But due to the words exchanged near the close of the meeting and the subsequent abrupt ending, these issues and more may be taken up in the future, perhaps even this weekend at Play of the Mind, the annual women's conference sponsored by Saint Mary's.

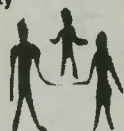
And this was encouraged by a Saint Mary's senior present at the forum.

"Save it for Play of the Mind," Emily Duncanson said.

Clinton's challenge

Issues President Clinton tackled in his State of the Union address, which he dubbed *America's Challenge*

• **Family responsibility**
Clinton stresses the importance of children's upbringing.



• **Education**
Clinton proposed a \$1,000 merit scholarship for the nation's top 5 percent high school graduates. He also said he'd expand a federally funded work-study program.

• **Economic security**
Protect Medicare, Medicaid and workers' pensions; raise the minimum wage.



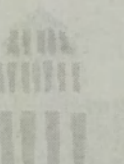
• **Crime**
Clinton called for a new assault on gang-related crime and drug trafficking.

• **The environment**
Businesses that clean up abandoned properties could be eligible for tax breaks.



• **Foreign policy**
America must continue in its role as "responsible peacemaker throughout the world".

• **Government**
The government must continue down the path of reinvention and downsizing.



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from around the world. House Speaker Newt Gingrich, Clinton's yearlong nemesis, sat immediately behind the president, applauding politely on some occasions, and sitting in stern silence when the president criticized Congress.

And criticize he did.

"I challenge all of you in this chamber," Clinton said, "never — ever" shut the government again. He said it was time to "finish the job" and pass a balanced budget plan that he could sign.

Immediately after the speech, C-Span heard from a caller who said it was Clinton himself who forced the government shut-down, by vetoing GOP budget bills.

Said Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz. said he thought Clinton delivered a "cheap shot" by having a hero from the Oklahoma City bombing stand up by way of setting up his remark "about how we are shutting down the government."

First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, listening along her GOP Whitewater critics, was applauded as she entered with her 15-year-old daughter, Chelsea, who was making her first State of the Union appearance.

The president introduced the beleaguered Mrs. Clinton as a "wonderful wife, a magnificent mother and a great first lady," and Chelsea led a standing ovation of Democrats and

Republicans alike.

"The era of big government is over," Clinton said, twice, as if to capture a campaign slogan. Republicans liked that, and answered with applause. Democrats hailed Clinton's next sentence: "But we cannot go back to the time when our citizens were left to fend for themselves."

Clinton began his remarks expressing pride in U.S. peacekeepers in Bosnia.

He said the state of the union was "strong" and cited economic and falling crime rates to make the case. In all, Clinton was interrupted 78 times by applause.

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Sun Microsystems prepares bid for Apple Computer

By EVAN RAMSTAD
Associated Press

NEW YORK
Sun Microsystems Inc. is preparing a bid for Apple Computer, and the struggling pioneer of the personal computer is expected to accept it, The Wall Street Journal reported today.

Unless some last-minute glitch pops up, a deal between Sun and Apple is "imminent," the Journal said, citing people familiar with the negotiations. Just last week, the company announced a loss and plans for 1,300 layoffs.

The paper's report came on the same day as Apple's annual shareholders meeting at its headquarters city of Cupertino, Calif.

Apple Chairman Mike Markkula opened the meeting by telling shareholders it is the company's policy not to comment on such reports "until the time is right."

He then said, "The board of directors and I want you to know that we understand the seriousness of the issues facing our company today. And we're closely working with management to develop plans to address the needs comprehensively."

Sun also had no comment on the story.

Specifics about the deal or its price tag were not disclosed by the sources, the newspaper said, but one source indicated it could amount to a stock swap valued at about \$4 billion, or roughly \$33 an Apple share.

Apple closed Monday at \$30.50 a share on the Nasdaq market.

Investors took the report seriously, sending Apple's stock up \$1.87 1/2 to \$32.37 1/2, or 6 percent, in early afternoon trading on the Nasdaq Stock Market. Sun shares were down \$3.44 to \$45.12 1/2, or 7 percent, on Nasdaq.

Sun, a major maker of work-

stations in Mountain View, Calif., had been discussing such a takeover of Apple since about September, according to people familiar with the talks. Two weeks ago, talks broke off.

At the time, the reason appeared to be a dispute over price.

However, the Journal said, people familiar with the talks now say the negotiations were merely suspended while Sun waited for Apple's stock to go down after Apple's announcement that it lost \$69 million, or 56 cents a share, during the quarter that ended in December, usually its best period of the year.

Between Wednesday, when the announcement was made, and Monday, Apple's stock fell 10 percent.

Acquisition of Apple would give Sun access to the fast-growing market for desktop computers. Sun's main focus is workstations and Internet servers.

Will Sun rise for Apple?

Sun Microsystems Inc. is reportedly close to acquiring Apple Computer Inc. in a \$4 billion deal that would reshape the computer industry. A look at the two companies:

Apple Computer Inc.

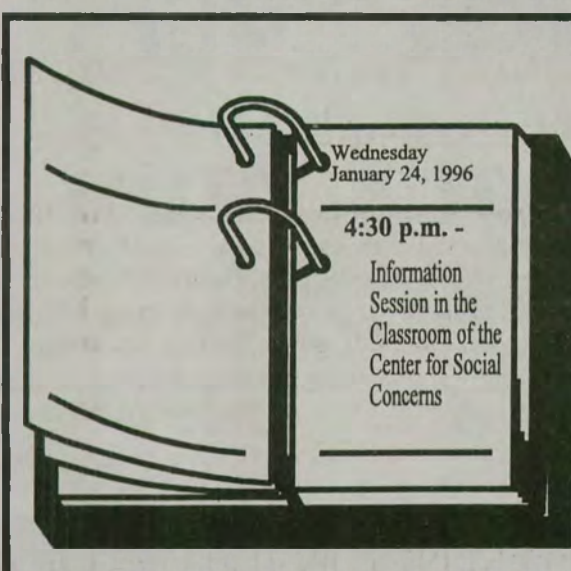
- **Headquarters:** Cupertino, Calif.
- **Chief executive:** Michael Spindler
- **Annual revenue:** \$11 billion, FY ended Sept. 29, 1995
- **Recent performance:** \$69 million loss, quarter ended Dec. 29
- **Employees:** 14,592
- **History:** Founded in 1976 by computer enthusiasts Steve Wozniak and Steve Jobs. Set a standard for usability with the 1984 introduction of Macintosh, incorporating graphical commands. Now the second-largest maker of PCs. Apple finds it tough to keep up with competitors' low prices because it shoulders all of its development costs. Plans to lay off 1,300.

Source: Company reports, Hoover's Handbook

Sun Microsystems Inc.

- **Headquarters:** Mountain View, Calif.
- **Chief executive:** Scott McNealy
- **Annual revenue:** \$5.9 billion, FY ended June 30, 1995
- **Recent performance:** \$126 million profit, quarter ended Dec. 31
- **Employees:** 13,500
- **History:** Founded in 1982 by four 27-year-olds who saw a market among scientists and engineers for powerful workstation computers that run Unix software. Shot from \$115 million in sales in 1985 to \$1 billion in 1988. Sun's share of the workstation market is now around 40 percent. Company's profile was raised last year with development of the Java programming language for software that can interact flexibly on electronic networks such as the Internet.

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Man keeps keeps sick father from Kevorkian

JOHN FLESHER
Associated Press

PETOSKEY, Mich.
A man trying to keep his Alzheimer's-stricken father away from Dr. Jack Kevorkian won custody of the ailing 69-year-old in a court battle against his own mother.

Probate Judge Fred Mulhauser ruled in favor of Chip Klooster, who feared his mother and siblings were arranging

for his father, Gerald Klooster, to kill himself.

"Chip Klooster was apparently the only person who felt bold enough to act," the judge said.

"Through his efforts, it is not too dramatic to say that his father's life may have been spared."

Legal experts said it may be the first time someone has gone to court to prevent an assisted suicide by a relative.

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■ AND IN THIS CORNER...

Baseball's owners grasping at straws

Hey there, and welcome back to the column. It still feels sort of weird to be in class again, as if last week didn't really happen. Maybe it's got something to do with all this crazy weather. I'm still annoyed that Minnesota got a foot of snow and we got zip.

Originally I had the grand idea to create a "New Year's Resolution List," at the top of which would have been "I resolve not to expect the Bills to get into the playoffs again until my kids are my age," but it didn't feel right. I've never actually made New Year's resolutions, partly because they seem silly, partly because I know I'd never keep them.

Instead, I've decided to write about the greatest sport of all time, baseball. A bit cold out there to be talking about a spring-weather sport, I know. Call it wishful thinking, if you like. The topic, naturally, is the owners' recent approval of interleague play.

For some reason, baseball alone of all the big-time sports has struggled through a series of labor problems in the past three decades. This past one, which hasn't really ended, canceled the World Series for the second time (the first time occurred way back in 1904 when Connie Mack refused to let his Philadelphia A's play the New York Giants out of fear of losing.) History lesson notwithstanding, the fans took it out on baseball in 1995, with most ballparks showing a decrease in attendance of almost 25 percent from the previous year.

The owners have now decided upon a new strategy to get their fans back. The idea is to create more fan interest by pitting AL teams against NL teams, teams that normally would never play each other in the regular season. In order to accommodate the additional

interleague games into the demanding 162 game schedule, teams would play teams in their own league and own division fewer times. While this may look good on paper, there are still a number of problems the owners have conveniently overlooked.

First of all, these interleague games are worthless. Consider college sports or high school sports: each team plays a certain number of games each season against teams within its own conference and a certain number of games against teams that are not in that conference. In the final tally, conference wins determine who goes to the playoffs (or championship rounds, or what have you). Games that are played

against teams who are not conference opponents may count in the final team record, but not in the final team standings. The games are meaningless.

When major league baseball teams play divisional opponents, they try to win them all, at practically any cost. A win for a team versus a divisional rival means a definite gain in the standings, because at least one team in that division has lost that day. Games against divisional opponents are usually very intense. This has in the past led to many great baseball rivalries (most of which were made meaningless by the shift of teams into the new three-division alignment.)

So although interleague games would technically count in the standings, teams are going to treat them as non-divisional games, or even as exhibition games. I wouldn't be surprised if most teams would use all their secondary players in interleague games to rest the starters for the games that count. Boy, fans would really rush to see a Florida versus

Detroit game, wouldn't they?

Second, there are still differences between how the two leagues play. The big one is the Designated Hitter, which the American League adopted in 1973. The union likes it because teams shell out millions of dollars for extra home run hitters and because hitters get a chance to play two or three more years without actually playing. As you can tell, I don't like the rule. It lessens the role of the pitcher, decreases the strategy involved, deprives teams of money that could be used for better players, and takes away a spot on the roster that would be better filled by a younger, more exciting player.

Obviously, the DH was only invented by owners to supposedly make them money by attracting home run fans. The DH adds nothing to the game and reduces the aspects of baseball that give it the hum of intensive potential energy. It has also affected the manner in which pitchers perform in the American League. One of the reasons hard-throwing pitchers like Roger Clemens and Randy Johnson have been so effective is that for years AL pitchers threw nothing but junk. They thought that by learning curves and slurs and forkballs and other soft stuff, they could work their way around the extra hitter.

As a result of all these pitches that came in at the plate around the batter's ankles, the umpires began looking for them and thereby lowered the strike-zone. And as a result of more low strikes, batters adopted a diving style of swing to try to golf the ball out of the park, which in turn resulted in people believing a good hitter was someone with 30 homers and 100+ strikeouts to go with a sub-par batting average of below .250. If you've ever watched the World Series, you can see many instances of umpires confusing batters in both leagues by calling pitches strikes over different parts of the plate. This strike-zone confusion and lack of strategy in general in the American League

will continue to be a problem until the DH is eliminated.

Last, there remains the small matter of a labor agreement. The owners went right ahead and approved two expansion teams in Tampa Bay and Arizona, and now have approved interleague play, all assuming that baseball survives until 1998. I think that the fans were fed up with this sort of nonsense long ago, and that all of them want the labor problems to be settled before they believe a word of anything either side says regarding the future of the sport. Frankly, I don't blame them. It's hard to be loyal to a hometown team when you don't know if they're going to bother respecting your loyalty. I have to wonder how it must feel to those who have been loyal to a particular for a long time, only to see a pastime that has become a part of their lives turn around and treat their fans as nothing but sentient dollar bills.

In short, interleague play is the owners grasping at straws. They don't have a clue how to make more people interested in baseball, so they throw history and common sense out the window and turn to the bank. It's very amusing that these same money-grubbing owners come crawling on hands and knees to city hall begging for more tax revenue for more stadiums, I'm not one for traditions, but it seems to me, purist that I am, that interleague play at this point in baseball's history is being considered not as a potentially good thing for baseball, but as an escape for the owners from their own responsibility to the game.

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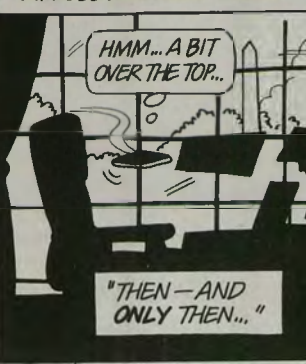
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"Writers are always selling somebody out."

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■ DESIDERATA

The death penalty: Learning from life preserved

You might be glancing at this article and wondering why I am writing about the death penalty today, when my very last column was devoted to this subject. I agree that it's rather unoriginal to write two consecutive articles on the same thing, and normally I wouldn't do so. However, the case I am writing about today is very much unlike other capital punishment cases; it certainly stands in stark contrast to the specific one I considered in my last column. George DeVecchio, whom I discussed last time, was killed by the state after he and his attorneys fought a long, hard battle in an attempt to save his life. But today I write about Guinevere Garcia, who did absolutely nothing to stop her execution and even criticized the efforts of those who fought for her life. And much more importantly, despite Garcia's readiness to die, she did not — less than 24 hours before her scheduled execution, Illinois Governor Jim Edgar commuted her sentence to life imprisonment.

Kirsten Dunne

Of course, it pleased me more than I can say that her life was spared — especially by a Republican governor who had six times allowed executions to proceed. I see this as a big victory for the abolitionist movement. But aside from the implications of this case for a cause I stand behind strongly, I find it interesting for other reasons. Regardless of the outcome, this was a case in which the condemned was ready — even apparently willing to die. And in this type of situation, people may feel torn on what to think. As someone who vehemently opposes capital punishment, I would never support an execution. But on the other hand, if an individual truly wants to die, I tend to think it inhumane to keep her alive against her will. Was it wrong, then, for lobbyists to fight for Garcia's life — and to succeed? Was a victory for our cause won only at the cost of an individual?

My response is "no." Let me explain. First of all, there has been a pervasive misconception throughout Ms. Garcia's case that she wanted to die. In fact, Guinevere Garcia never stated that she desired death. Her point was rather that she did not want to beg for her life. She reasoned that, after her efforts in the courts, any further courses of action would amount to begging, and she considered that degrading. Furthermore, having lived for more than three years on Death Row, she had accepted the fact that death was her fate. She was, as they say, "ready to go." But despite her affirmative efforts to stop others' attempts to halt her execution, she never said, "I want to die." And indeed, upon learning that her life would be spared, Guinevere Garcia was relieved, and she thanked God for His mercy.

Even assuming, however, that this woman had a death wish — and those who believe this do have a strong basis for their argument — I cannot say that granting her wish under these circumstances would have been proper. I do feel that a fully competent, clear-minded adult should be able to make his own decision about whether, in given circumstances, he would prefer to live or die. For example, if someone close to me stated that she would want to die should she become vegetative and then, God forbid, that happened, I would feel that this wish should be honored. I cannot say it would not hurt me deeply to lose a loved one, for death always leaves pain for those who remain behind. But death is also profoundly personal, and if someone makes a well-thought-out decision that, under extreme circumstances, he would rather die than live, this decision should carry more weight than the opinions of other people. After all, we are not the ones doing the dying, and as Justice Brennan once stated, "(a) quiet, proud death, bodily integrity intact, is a matter of extreme consequence."

However, nothing but the most serious considerations should bear upon whether an individual has a "right" to die. I think we all, from time to time, feel as if we want to die, but normally these wishes are accompanied by traumatic events in our lives, and fade away as things return to normal. Wanting to die is not abnormal or unusual, but when, during stable periods in our lives, we think back on such thoughts, I think we can all say that they were the product of extreme circumstances. And hopefully, we can also say that we are glad that our death wishes were not granted, and that we are happy to be alive.

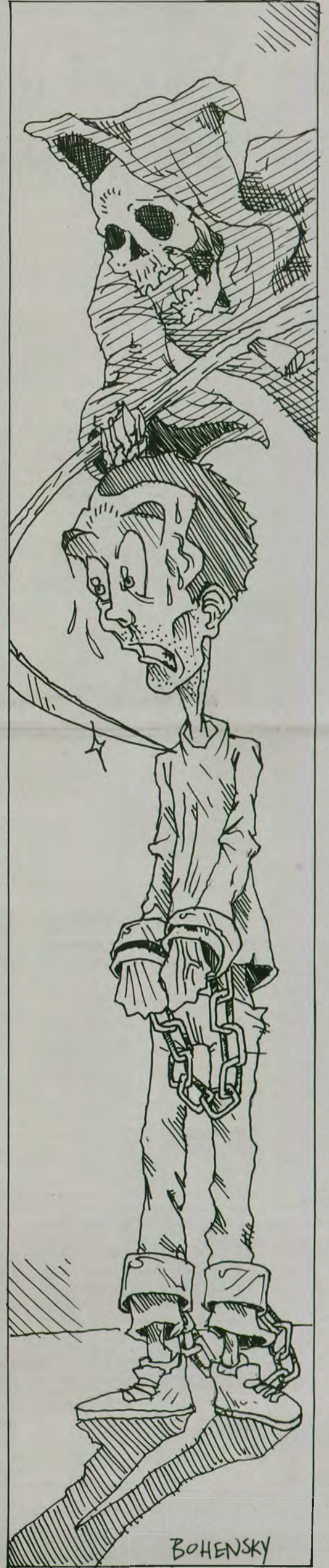
Now imagine living the life Guinevere Garcia has lived. At only eighteen months old, she saw her mother catapult herself out of a window and fall to her death. She was raped at age six by an uncle, and this became a pattern to last for years to come. This same uncle led her into alcoholism. By age seventeen, she had turned to prostitution and strip-dancing. She had a daughter, Sara, and she feared that her abusive uncle would gain custody of the child. Rather than condemning her daughter to a life like she had lived, she suffocated the child, and went to prison. Upon her release, she met George Garcia, marrying him shortly thereafter in the hope of finding some stability and normalcy. What she actually found was a man who beat and mutilated her. She shot and killed him in retaliation. For this, she received the death penalty.

I would hope that, for most of us, a life like this is virtually inconceivable. But consider this: if those of us who have been much more fortunate have harbored irrational wishes to die, what about this woman? Even if she did, indeed, have a death wish, it was obviously not the product of reason. She had lived a most painful life, and eventually was told by the judicial system that death was what she deserved. From this perspective, I think it is amazing that she did *not* say, in a more affirmative manner, that she desired death. But it is also highly evident that, under these circumstances, one cannot make a rational decision on this subject. Choosing death — and a particularly degrading form of death, I must add — is, in a case like Guinevere Garcia's, no choice at all. This woman had no capacity to say that she wanted to die, and when one lacks capacity to do something, it does not demean them to refuse to defer to their wishes; in fact, quite the opposite. Governor Edgar made the right decision — not just for the abolitionist movement as a whole, but for Guinevere Garcia in particular.

When Guinevere Garcia gave a rare interview to a local reporter, she was asked whether she really wanted to die and, if not, what it was she did want. She responded: "A childhood. 'Cause I never had one. But I'd give my life right now for one day of it; for a day to know what it feels like to be a child and not be afraid." A woman who wanted to die? I don't think so.

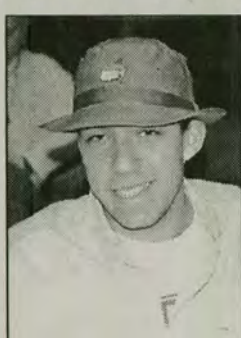
The death penalty is always inappropriate, and the unique circumstances of this case do not change that. If anything, death would have been especially egregious here. Life was the correct choice.

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■ ACCENT ASKS...

What do you think of the new library chairs?

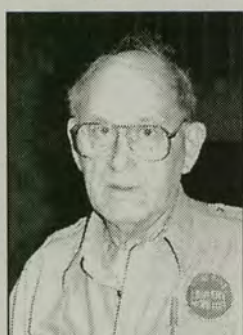


"They are harder to sleep in."

Michael Peppard
Sophomore
Carroll

"They are all the same. The students don't have to pick and choose."

Roger Zeigler
Library Monitor

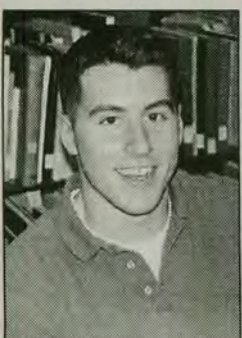


"The flooding was the library crying for her vinyl orange and green chairs. It's the end of an era."

Kelly Smith
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"The colors remind me of the seats in Madison Square Garden."

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"It's like sitting in butter."

Rich Kizer
Sophomore
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"I miss the swiveling chairs. They were better for looking around."

Maureen Gribbin
Sophomore
Cavanaugh



The Observer/ Dave Murphy

■ BOOKS ARE GOOD...

Fun possible in South

New book by local author Jeffrey Roberts proves impossibility, especially for Notre Dame and Saint Mary's.

By KRISTA NANNERY
Accent Editor

Fun? South Bend? Most people, including a lot of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students, wouldn't even dare to put those two words in the same sentence. For many people, fun in South Bend is a plain, old oxymoron.

But does anyone ever really give the Bend the chance it deserves? Outside of Cinemark, Bridget's and Don Pablo's, off-campus trips and activities among students are few and far between.

Jeff Roberts, present director of career and placement at IUSB and former coordinator of career and placement at Saint Mary's until 1993, used to joke about being the author of an imaginary book, "You Too Can Have Fun in South Bend." People always found that self imposed title amusing. Their laughter stuck to him like a mosquito bite.

"I would keep scratching it and scratching it. I kept thinking, what would I recommend to people searching for something to do in South Bend?" Roberts says.

Some quick brain-storming during a car trip to Milwaukee helped relieve that itch. By trip's end, Roberts had a list of 150 things people could do in South Bend and the surrounding areas.

Before long, he had whittled that list down to 125 and the first edition of "You Too Can Have Fun in South Bend" was born.

The first edition, priced at \$2, sold 1600 copies. Offering alternatives to the bar and campus party scene, it was aimed primarily at the student populations of

Saint Mary's and Notre Dame.

Demand was high, especially from real estate agents helping people relocate to South Bend. That was 1994. By 1994, a second edition was already in the works.

Roberts notes, "The first edition gave us a sense of what needed to be expanded and added. We got a lot of feedback. 'Wait, you left something out!'"

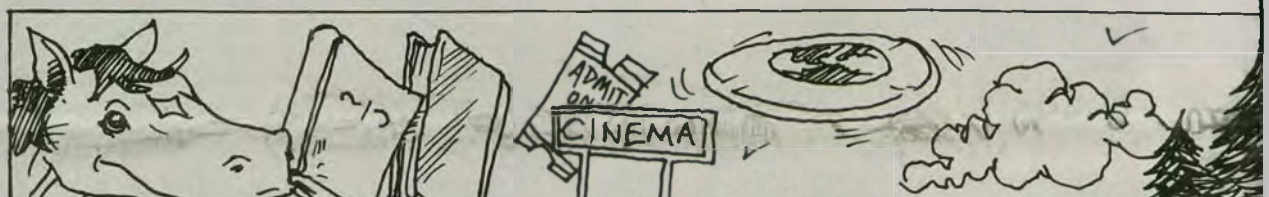
By December 1994, the new edition of "You Too Can Have Fun in South Bend," with 77 pages and 300 entries, was out in bookstores, real estate offices, hotels and airport giftshops.

Notre Dame's Office of Drug and Alcohol Education also kept copies of the alternative fun guide on hand and still does. So far, the 2nd edition has sold 400 copies at \$5 each.

In order to be included in Roberts' guide, an event, locale, festival or entertainment need only meet three requirements: 1. the entry should not be driven by alcohol, 2. it should be reasonably priced, and 3. it should be relatively safe. All suggestions are located within a thirty mile radius of The Saint Mary's Inn. Roberts also provides directions for most activities from the Inn, he finds it a convenient central location for most students and residents of South Bend.

Roberts covers the gamut of activities available in the Michiana area. Some you might recognize, others might not. A lot of them are cheap and all of them are definitely fun.

For example, not too many people realize that the World Whiffle Ball Championship is held every summer right here in South Bend. Michiana has its own chess studio and ultimate frisbee club. There are two pa-



Flamboyant Leyner ba



By BRYCE SEKI
Accent Literary Critic

A year has passed since flamboyant author Mark Leyner's debut, "Hesburgh library auditorium." His ideas are insane. For those who look no further, the author who has written "Butthead" and William S. Burroughs is "Venus de Volleyball" and "Einstein On a Corn Dog," available now with his fiendish parody on the world.

Leyner's take on the world is sick and new stories, "Venus de Volleyball," is indeed Leyner begins by taking us on another peaks and valleys of his brain.

"Venus" starts with Leyner recalling his choice of books for storytime. While his teenage love, Leyner got Pindar's victory boredom, Leyner whirlwinds into the effort in his regards for Women's Profess-

Leyner gives dissertations on why professional sports, why Sandy Koufax never won, importantly, why in the fifth grade Belletrist/Troubador/Epigrammist shot at the of professional beach volleyball against authenticity" including whether or not a vase or an urn and whether the sport is packed with references to items common in a way that draws the reader in. "Venus d-

The same can't be said for "Einstein on the Phone" just doesn't have the bark or bite that is compelling enough. A telephone conversation with a runner is not compelling. A conversation discussing mathematical theorems is even less effort but worthwhile reading nonetheless.

Reading Mark Leyner will make you laugh and disturb you. It will disturb you so much that you'll be amazed that Leyner has been able to sustain it. "Einstein on the Phone" is a slip, but "Venus de Volleyball" is an extra special bonus in "On a Corn Dog," available now by Vintage.

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ball courses and three hot air balloon companies within easy driving distance of campus. And in case you were looking for a creative way to celebrate a friend's 21st birthday, there is a Chuck E. Cheese within driving distance from campus.

Roberts also lists eleven outdoor, one indoor and four miniature golf courses, certainly a big change from Burke Memorial. (The guide also tells you where to go if you're interested in Frisbee Golf.) And did you know South Bend has been the cradle of national champions in table tennis for years?

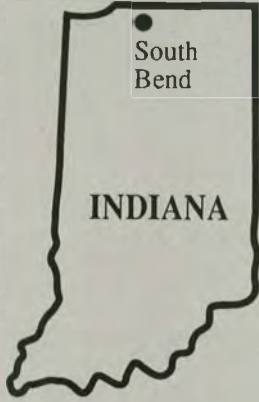
Along with new and pleasant surprises, "You Too Can Have Fun In South Bend" also includes such campus favorites as Coach's, The Bengel Bouts, The Sophomore Literary Festival, The Colonial Pancake House, and The Mishawaka Brewing Company.

All this fun is for a good cause, too. Proceeds from "You Too Can Have Fun in South Bend" benefit Youth Leadership South Bend/Mishawaka. This program seeks to provide leadership training and build self-confidence for "hidden leaders," or youth with the potential for success.

In publishing "You Too Can Have Fun in South Bend," Roberts wanted to offer people good, clean fun. It seems to be working. Already, he's planning a 2 volume, 700 entry edition.

"700 things to do in South Bend," you scoff? It's true. And it's fun. In this guide to plain, pure, unadulterated fun, Roberts truly brings South Bend's fun right to the surface. No longer can we claim that there's nothing to do in town. Roberts goes out of his way to prove us wrong.

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War was a heroic endeavor when the risk of being maimed and killed was greater for the participating soldiers than for the local civilian population. But today, it's far safer being a soldier than a hapless civilian huddled in the cellar, waiting to become a collateral damage statistic. Sic transit heroic warrior. Just compare Alexander the Great leading his calvary against the Persians at Gaugamela to today's biological warfare expert, cozily ensconced in his bunker, sipping a diet soda, releasing a cloud of aerosol anthrax pathogen over a village with the flick of his joystick.

Well, the same equation obtains for sports. If it's more dangerous for the athletes than the spectators--it's heroic. And we Americans like our sports heroic. Why do you think soccer never quite catches on here? Because the chances of a spectator being trampled to death by anthem-crooning jingoistic expatriates or pummeled by besotted neo-fascist hooligans are far greater than the chances of a player stubbing his toe in the game. Boxing, on the other hand, is still heroic. You think the mugging glitterati would cram their fannies into ringside seat if the risk of brain damage and detached retinas wasn't greater for the mugging pugilists themselves? No way.

—from "Venus de Volleyball" by Mark Leyner

■ ACCENT SPEAKS...

Making fun part of the program

One year ago practically today, somebody up there decided to make some changes down here in a lot of people's lives.

A new nameplate was ordered, some new business cards showed up, and Accent had itself a new editor.

It was really scary.

One year later and Accent is still puffing along, bringing

you such favorites as "The Days of Our Lives Update," "The Medical Minute" and Thursday's "Music Extravaganza."

Getting it all to come together has been fun, if frustrating. But it's only gotten easier as the time has gone by.

We're more into fun than ever before. Remember, we got the scoop on the removal of yo-cream from the dining halls and got two female students—one Notre Dame, one Saint Mary's—to switch places for a day. We also hit the streets and investigated why backpacks are so popular and why everyone's wearing them on both shoulders nowadays.

There's not too much time left in the reign of this particular Accent Editor—40 days to be exact—but there's still enough time to make things bigger and better. We're expanding to two pages everyday, not just two pages most of the time. We're racking our brains for new and funny things to present to you in new and interesting ways. (Watch for our pieces on male pattern baldness and the ultimate Valentine mix tape.) And we're way into fun.

Fun is good.

Sometimes fun needs to be scheduled though. Otherwise, nothing around here would ever get done and we'd all sit around playing darts. We figured if we wrote our plans down and let you all know, we'd actually stick with them. So here it is, The Accent Schedule of Events. Hopefully, it will last the duration of the semester.

If you haven't noticed, The Fat Man is back. Yes that's right, Fat Man and Daddy, Accent Movie Afficianados, are reunited (and it feels so good) and back with their big words and a movie review if you're lucky. They're being joined by Mark Torma, providing you with not one, but two movie reviews every Monday.

The Days of Our Lives Update is back. Hopefully, somebody out there will come through for us and rearrange their schedule to watch General Hospital everyday. We need a GH Update.

Also on Monday, we'll be profiling some cool person or another. Feel free to give us a call if you know of any particularly interesting person.

The Medical Minute is back every Tuesday, with John Galvin and Liza Nykiel alternating. We've noticed you like to take quizzes a lot. Maybe you'll get some more. The rest of Tuesday will be dedicated to random fun. Hopefully, this will include some cool web sites. We've gotta keep up with the times, don't we?

Because we know you like to hear us whine, we'll bring you a photo poll and the Accent column every Wednesday. The Accent Editor gets to write it every other week, when she's not playing the Powerball lottery. The rest of the staff will be drawing straws for the other slots.

To fill in the blank space in between on Wednesdays, we'll also add some more random fun and a book review or two. You guys should read more. It's relaxing, really it is. Bryce Seki returns as Chief Book Guy.

Christian Stein and the rest of the Accent Music critics return every Thursday bringing you the best of today's music. Listen in to WVFI every Thursday evening for that day's reviews, live on-air. We'll also try to line up some give-aways. Free stuff always gets people excited.

And Fridays, oh Fridays. Fridays mean color and a big headache for Accent but a nice looking paper in the dining hall for the rest of you. We'd tell you what we have planned, but really, it's going to have to stay a secret, at least for now. Trust us, you'll like it.

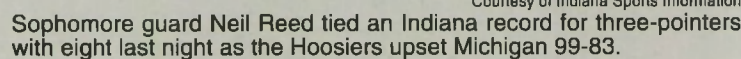
Anyhow, that's the low down for now and this has got to be the most unamusing column Accent has ever run. Sorry about that.



Krista Nannery
Accent Editor

Reed ignites Indiana's offense in upset of Michigan

Michigan came within 69-67 with 11 minutes to go before Evans went to work inside. He scored on a fast-break slam, added a tip-in basket and started a six-point streak that put the Hoosiers up 79-70.



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■ NFL

Tagliabue testifies in favor of antitrust exemption

By LEROY TILLMAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON
Commissioner Paul Tagliabue today told a Senate committee that a limited federal antitrust exemption would help the NFL keep owners from moving teams as freely as some have been doing.

Tagliabue, who testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee, said the threat of antitrust suits by owners when their requests to relocate are denied, would be remedied by limiting their power to sue. "The threat of antitrust litigation and the threat of antitrust challenge is creating an environment where teams are afraid to act unilaterally in the belief that a league decision, whatever it may be, could not withstand antitrust scrutiny," he said.

"The very things that we are trying to do in professional sports today to ensure franchise stability are the measures that are subject to antitrust challenge."

Tagliabue, who was the league's leading attorney before becoming commissioner, said some form of limited immunity is needed because of the

of courts' perception that the 30 NFL owners are economic competitors, rather than partners.

He said this view was responsible for treble-damage litigation in the past and the threats of future legal challenges by owners who are not satisfied with their current stadium or lease agreements.

Tagliabue cited how the threat of billion dollar lawsuits from Georgia Frontiere, the owner of then-Los Angeles and now St. Louis Rams, and the city of St. Louis were responsible for reversing an owners' decision not to allow the

team to relocate.

"Our internal decision-making process should not be subject to antitrust challenges, particularly by league members who get the benefit of (belonging to) the league ... and then when it suits their fancy, they turn around and sue the league," he said.

"It doesn't make any sense whatsoever. They act as business partners for 10, 15, 20, 25 years — and when they want to file a suit they take one hat off and put another hat on as a business competitor and they sue us under antitrust laws." The Rams did not receive

approval to move to St. Louis until after a deal was worked out for the team to indemnify the league \$29 million dollars.

The commissioner said most of the recent franchise moves involved cities bidding against each other to either attract or retain franchises and adding more favorable lease terms, newer facilities and guaranteed revenues as inducements to relocate.

■ SPORTS BRIEFS

Downhill Ski Trip- RecSports will be sponsoring a Down Hill Ski Trip to Swiss Valley on Friday, January 26. Transportation provided. Register in advance by January 24, at RecSports. For information about fees call 1-6100.

Campus Bowling League- RecSports will be sponsoring a Bowling League that will compete on Thursday nights between February 1 & March 7. Register your 3 person team in advance at RecSports by January 31. For more information call 1-6100.

Martial Arts- The Notre Dame Martial Arts Institute is starting beginner classes for the spring semester. Practices are Thursdays from 6:30-8:00 in Room 301 Rock and Sunday 6:00-8:00 Room 219 Rock. For more information call Kyle 4-3282.

Interhall Football- The Interhall football equipment return will be held on January 24 from 3:00-5:00 at Jake Klein Field.

Racquetball & Volleyball- The RecSports Office is offering Campus Raquetball Doubles, Interhall Team Racquetball, Co-Rec Volleyball and Grad/Fac/Staff Volleyball. The deadline is January 24. Please call 631-6100 for date and times of captain's meetings.

Equestrian Club- There will be a meeting January 24 at 7:00 in room 222 of the library. Be prepared to pay for your lessons.

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■ SUPER BOWL

Aching Aikman refuses to hang up his uniform

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. Troy Aikman has had so many injuries he has seriously thought about taking the gold watch.

But he decided Tuesday after a long consultation with himself that No. 8 will be in uniform for the Dallas Cowboys next season.

"I've had so much punishment this year that I was real close to falling apart," Aikman said. "Every day this season I've felt some kind of pain. I've had knee pain, back pain, and my arm hurts."

But Aikman was lucky. The quarterback started every game. And he didn't get his seventh concussion. His sixth concussion occurred in the NFC title game two years ago and Aikman, to this day, can't remember part of the Super Bowl.

"Some of it is still fuzzy," he said. "I didn't even remember the NFC championship game."

Unless Pittsburgh linebacker Greg Lloyd takes his head off in Sunday's Super Bowl, as promised, Aikman wants to try his eighth NFL season.

"I'm planning on coming back," he said. "Don't fit me for that gold watch yet. I'll still be using my Casio."

He has said in the past that one day he could walk away from the game if injuries become a big bother or if the Cowboys management doesn't keep the players it should to be competitive.

There has been speculation that winning a third Super Bowl would prompt his early exit from the game. Also, he has been painted as being at odds with coach Barry Switzer.

"When I decide to quit it will be on my own terms and not because I'm running from something," Aikman said. "Barry and I are after just one thing and that's winning. I think Barry has done a good job this year. I'm OK with Barry."

Aikman made his strongest statement to date about his

future.

"I still enjoy playing the game," he said. "But when you start getting concussions, and I'm working on my seventh one, then you get concerned. It scared me. You don't want to come out of the game with a damaged brain, that's for sure. But I'm OK now."

Aikman laughed when asked about Lloyd's threats, saying:

"He's right, his job is to hit the quarterback. That's fine with me. It doesn't bother me. I know guys on our team like that."

Lloyd has said a high hit is a good hit. "When you see a guy go back there and he beats a guy and goes up high at the quarterback, that's a clean hit," he said.

"I've never minded getting hit," Aikman said. "I like standing in there. Most of the time I don't even feel them. I've had people ask me if I remember a certain hit and most of the time I don't."

Aikman has won 90 percent of the playoff games he has started, is 2-0 in the Super Bowl, and has been the MVP in one of the wins over Buffalo.

"I'm committed to win," he said. "If I feel everyone on the team is doing everything it can regardless of the record, then I'm happy. I know I will miss football when I decide not to play. How long it will be, I don't know. I hope it's not anytime in the near future."

O'Donnell dedicates game to his dad

By ALAN ROBINSON
Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz.

He is the youngest of nine children, and 30 relatives have traveled cross country to share in his biggest moment. It is a king-sized family reunion, and the Super Bowl is its center stage.

But Neil O'Donnell, whose inner strength and stubborn resistance to losing are so respected by his Pittsburgh Steelers teammates, still feels very much alone at times. Everything he has ever wanted is here — except for his mentor, his hero, his best friend, his kindred spirit.

His father.

"I've thought about it a lot, and I wish he could be here," O'Donnell said of his father, Jack, a retired car dealer from Madison, N.J., who died late in the 1994 season. "So I'll try to go out and win the game, and try to win it for him."

All but one of O'Donnell's five older brothers played college football, and there were three sisters, too. Christmas was complicated in the O'Donnell household, and so were the sports seasons, too, with so many kids and so many games to watch.

Jack O'Donnell made sure he watched them all.

When Neil landed a scholarship to Maryland, mostly on the recommendation of Ted Monica, his brothers' high school coach, the elder O'Donnell traveled to nearly every game. When he retired

from his Buick dealership a few years later, his youngest son said, "All he wanted to do was play golf and watch me play football."

But, for the final two years of Jack O'Donnell's life, it was Neil who was forced to watch, and it often grew quite painful.

A stroke in August 1992 forced his father first into a wheelchair, and, later, into a rehabilitation center, and O'Donnell agonized as his father's health, and life, deteriorated.

Just as his father was always there for him, Neil O'Donnell tried to be there for his father. He debated skipping a Steelers game when his father became gravely ill, but decided his dad would want him to play. Sometimes he flew back just for a day, even for a few hours alone with his dad, and he never gave up hope he would get well.

Then, suddenly, Jack was gone, before he could watch the biggest season of his son's career, and, now, his biggest game. This has been a break-

through season for O'Donnell, one that has elevated him into the elite inner circle of NFL quarterbacks, yet it has seemed like an empty season, too.

His numbers have been excellent, and, even, sensational during the Steelers' transition from a power-oriented, run-at-all-costs offense to one driven by the pass. This is a big game for sure, but it can never be as big as O'Donnell wanted it to be — not without his dad.

"I'm not a bit uptight," O'Donnell said. "A lot of quarterbacks never even get the chance to play in the Super Bowl, and I'm going to make the most of it. I know it's what my dad would have wanted."

That, of course, and a Super Bowl ring for his son.

"They keep talking in Pittsburgh about winning one for the thumb, about winning a fifth Super Bowl," O'Donnell said. "But I didn't play back then (in the 1970s). I don't want one for my thumb, I want one for my finger."

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■ SUPER BOWL

Versatile Slash, Swoosh spark Sunday showdown

By DAVE GOLDBERG
Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz.

Kordell Stewart was in a restaurant the other night when he spied Deion Sanders at a table across the room.

The man they call "Slash" walked over and introduced himself to the man who wears the Nike "Swoosh."

"We just said, 'Hello. How are you?' Things like that," Stewart said Tuesday. "I wanted to meet him."

An appropriate meeting, indeed.

For if two players have revo-

lutionized the sometimes predictable NFL game, it's Slash and Swoosh.

Who is more versatile? Kordell Stewart or Deion Sanders?

Both.

"I told our coaches not to let Kordell Stewart outshine me," Sanders said as he sat surrounded by 300 or so microphones, tape recorders and notebooks during Tuesday's Media Day. "I might play quarterback. I want to do everything Kordell does. If he punts, then I'm gonna punt."

That's probably the one thing

neither Stewart nor Sanders will do Sunday when the Pittsburgh Steelers challenge the Dallas Cowboys in the Super Bowl. Otherwise, the two most versatile players in the NFL will provide an entertaining sideshow, even if the game, as usual, is one-sided.

Stewart is the new face, drafted by the Steelers as a quarterback last April, then enlisted as a receiver and running back. He never played either; he turned out to be a natural at both.

The world knows Sanders, who likes to say, "I'm household already."

The full-time baseball player won his first Super Bowl ring last season with San Francisco, then joined the Cowboys this season for \$35 million, including a signing bonus of \$12,999,999.

Stewart, a second-round pick, was paid \$240,000 to go with his signing bonus of \$132,500.

He certainly earned it.

A quarterback at Colorado best known for a "Hail Mary" pass that beat Michigan in 1994, Stewart was considered a good prospect by almost every NFL scout.

But most wanted him as a receiver; he wanted to be a quarterback. He even hired Leigh Steinberg, agent to many of the NFL's top quarterbacks. At last February's scouting combine, Stewart even refused to work out with receivers or running backs.

Early in the season, Stewart was the fourth-string quarterback behind Neil O'Donnell, Mike Tomczak and Jim Miller, working with the scout team that runs opponents' plays for the regulars. Sometimes he was a quarterback, sometimes a

wide receiver, sometimes a running back.

"I saw him running routes on the scout team, and I thought, 'Wow!'" said Yancey Thigpen, the Steelers' top receiver. "I asked him, 'Hey, have you ever done this before?' But he's a

since he started playing and he became "Slash" — as in quarterback-slash-wide receiver-slash-running back.

"It's the first nickname I've ever had in football," Stewart said. "I'm Slash, he's Prime Time."

Prime Time was treading water while Stewart was emerging.

Signed in September, he didn't start at cornerback for the Cowboys until Oct. 29 after recovering from surgery for an ankle injury incurred during the baseball season. And he didn't have the impact during the regular season that he had with San Francisco.

But in Dallas' opening playoff game, he ran 21 yards for a touchdown on a reverse, his first rushing touchdown in seven half-

seasons (baseball was always first.) But he has 11 other TDs — six on interceptions, three on kickoff returns, two on punt returns and two receiving.

He's liable to do all those things Sunday.

"We expect to see him as the third wide receiver," said Dick LeBeau, Pittsburgh's defensive coordinator. "No, come to think of it, he might be their second wide receiver."

Stewart will play the same role for the Steelers and then some.

"I want to score every way," he said. "By throwing the ball, catching it, running it and throwing a block that lets my teammate score."

Sanders will try to prevent it. But he also appreciates what Slash has done for the game.

"He's a great guy personally and a great guy for the league," Prime Time said. "The NFL has gotten a little boring in the last few years. It needs guys like Kordell Stewart who do everything, guys who are versatile, guys who have a little more freedom to be themselves."

Slash or Swoosh?

Both.



great athlete and he can do whatever he sets his mind to."

His coaches saw the same thing. When Charles Johnson, Stewart's former Colorado teammate, was lost for the season with a knee injury, Pittsburgh needed an extra wide receiver. Stewart was it.

Suddenly, the Steelers' conservative offense was wide open.

Stewart would play quarterback with five wide receivers spread out, including O'Donnell. Against Cleveland, he threw his first touchdown pass; against Cincinnati, he caught a 71-yard touchdown pass; and late in the season, he began lining up as a running back.

Season stats: 15 carries for 87 yards, including a 22-yard touchdown run; 14 catches for 238 yards, an average of 16.8 and five completions in seven attempts for 60 yards and a touchdown.

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■ TENNIS

Rubin sweats out another epic match

By STEVE WILSTEIN
Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia
Sweat flooded down Chanda Rubin's face, soaked her shirt and skirt, and formed a puddle at her feet as she towed off, craftily making Arantxa Sanchez Vicario wait and worry.

They had played 3 1/2 hours. Hit more than 3,000 shots. Run each other ragged for 325 points. And now, with Sanchez Vicario serving at 0-40 in the 30th game of the third set, Rubin paused for a final moment of gamesmanship.

It wasn't the kindest way to treat a doubles partner, but as Rubin said, "Anything I can do, I'll do it."

Rubin, seeded No. 13, did exactly what she had to do two points later, lunging for a volley winner on her sixth match-point to upset the third-seeded Spaniard 6-4, 2-6, 16-14 Tuesday night and reach the Australian Open semifinals against Monica Seles.

This epic-match thing is getting to be routine for the 19-year-old American, who is halfway to a career Grand Slam of the longest matches at all the majors.

She won the longest in Wimbledon history last year, and now she's won the longest in Australian history. Watch out for her at the French and U.S. Opens.

Last June at Wimbledon, Rubin beat Patricia Hy-Boulais 7-6, 6-7, 17-15 in a duel that set a women's Grand Slam record for most games in a match and in a set.

A few weeks before that, Rubin put on one of the greatest comebacks ever, fighting off seven match points and a third-set deficit of 0-5, love-40 to beat Jana Novotna at the French Open.

This time, Rubin and Sanchez Vicario broke Australian women's records for most games in a match and in a set. At 3-hours, 33-minutes, it also was believed to be the longest ever in the Australian. The third set alone lasted 2 hours, 22 minutes — 18 minutes longer than the final set at Wimbledon.

Rubin flashed back to that Wimbledon marathon during this one, "but it was more like

disgust because I couldn't put it away," she said. Yet it also gave her a boost.

"I was thinking I can hang with her for however long," she said.

When she finally did end it, she knew she had accomplished a lot more than winning another long match — she'd reached her first Grand Slam semifinals. "It's huge," she said.

For all its drama and brilliant play, the match delayed until nearly 11 p.m. the one most of the crowd of 15,000 had come to see — defending champion Andre Agassi against two-time champion Jim Courier in the quarterfinals.

Courier led 5-4 with Agassi serving when a cloudburst drenched the court. Though the roof was quickly closed and the court dried, the players and officials agreed at midnight to finish the match Wednesday. That decision angered many fans and threw off the scheduling of the men's semifinals, which now will be played Friday instead of Thursday.

"It would not have been appropriate in a Grand Slam event to resume a match that potentially still had several hours left in it after midnight," Geoff Pollard, president of Tennis Australia, said.

"It was funny," Rubin said of the fans shouting for the men during her match. "I felt a little bad because I knew everybody was waiting for Agassi and Courier. I felt the same way. It was like, somebody please finish it. But she didn't give it to me, and I wasn't willing to give it to her. So we were going to be out there regardless of what the crowd was saying."

As unhappy as fans might have been at the end, they saw a women's match of the highest caliber by two players famous for their stamina.

On Australian television, a Nike commercial during the match showed Agassi and Pete Sampras playing an endless point, with John McEnroe in the broadcast booth, all of them growing beards as the months go by. There were times when Rubin thought her match might never end.

"A lot of times," Rubin said. "Especially on the second of two match points that I had at 30-40 (in the 28th game). The ball she hit, it was clearly out,

and it was so hard to come back after that.

"I was thinking, 'God, I can't win this. It's just going to go on all night.'"

Sanchez Vicario punched a backhand volley on that point, and the ball drifted several inches past the baseline near Rubin's feet. But the linesman's view was blocked by Rubin, and the umpire said he didn't see the ball clearly enough to make that call on match point.

Rubin, who let two match points slip away in the 10th game, tried to stay calm after seeing the match snatched from her grasp by that missed call. She held serve to take a 15-14 lead, then quickly jumped on Sanchez Vicario's serve to push her to 0-40.

Instead of going straight to the baseline to receive, Rubin paused to towel off by her chair and make Sanchez Vicario wait.

"I wanted to slow it up a little and give myself time to think, not just rush," Rubin said. "She has a tendency to rush a little, but I just wanted to get my thoughts together."

She acknowledged that the tactic may have made Sanchez Vicario think a little more about the pressure situation she was in, saying, "That's good."

Rubin was the aggressor the whole match, attacking at the net twice as often. She made twice as many unforced errors (96 to 48), but also hit twice as many winners (68 to 34).

"I kept trying to go for it, regardless of what was going to happen," Rubin said. "When I didn't was when I lost it, in the third set at 4-1. I don't think I went for it as much as I needed to. So I just kept trying to go for it and see how long I would have to stay out there before they fell in."

■ BATHING SUITS

Swimsuit fans soon to be seeing double

Associated Press

NEW YORK

A double treat is in store for readers of Sports Illustrated's swimsuit issue with two beauties adorning the cover this year.

Models Tyra Banks and Valeria Mazza are posed back to back, marking only the third time in the issue's 33-year history that more than one model appears on the cover.

Twins Yvette and Yvonne Sylvander were featured in 1976, and Rachel Hunter, Kathy Ireland and Ellie Macpherson shared the cover in 1994.

Banks is the first African-American to be on the swim-

suit cover. Mazza, who is from Argentina, also appears in the issue for the first time.

The setting for the issue this year, due on newsstands Wednesday, is South Africa. Seven other models are posed, in addition to the two on the cover.

The magazine estimated that the issue will be seen by 50 million adults, more than double the normal weekly readership, and that 16 million will be women, nearly four times the usual SI female readership.

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■ NBA

Bulls cruise past Knicks with third quarter scoring barrage

By WENDY E. LANE
Associated Press

NEW YORK

The Chicago Bulls blew past the New York Knicks with a 19-2 third-quarter run on the way to their 12th straight victory, 99-79 Tuesday night.

Michael Jordan had 33 points in 36 minutes, the eighth straight game in which he's put up 30 or more. He's averaging 38.5 during his current streak.

Jordan's last visit to Madison Square Garden was a night to remember. In just his fifth game back from retirement, he burned the Knicks for 55 points, the most he's scored in any game since resuming his career last March.

In that game, the Bulls needed that kind of effort to eke out a two-point victory.

Not this time.

The Bulls opened a 20-point lead in the third quarter with their big run, and the score was 76-56 at the end of three

quarters.

Down by nine at halftime, the Knicks made their best defensive stand of the game early in the third quarter, holding the Bulls scoreless for almost three minutes and cutting the lead to 57-50 with 7:44 left in the period. That was the last time New York would be in the game.

Pippen had nine of his 19 points during the Bulls' big run, and Jordan made his mark with a pretty reverse layup in traffic. The spurt, which included a 4:49 scoreless stretch for the Knicks, put Chicago ahead 76-52 with 1:26 left in the period.

Chicago coach Phil Jackson pulled his starters early in the fourth quarter as the Bulls cruised to their 35th win in 38 games.

The Knicks, who have lost five of their last eight games and three straight at home, were led by John Starks with 15 points on 6-of-9 shooting. Hubert Davis came off the bench to add 11.

■ SAINT MARY'S TENNIS

Belles achieve highest rank ever

By CAROLINE BLUM
Saint Mary's Sports Editor

When tennis coach Katie Cromer opened up the envelope with the NCAA's list of the nation's top 20 teams in Division III, she silently hoped that for the first time in history, her team's name would appear on the list.

As she glanced at the list she failed to locate Saint Mary's. However, Cromer started her search from the bottom of the poll. That's where the problem lied. The Belles weren't mired among "others receiving votes" or even at the bottom spot, rather, they were located at a respectable 16th spot.

"I knew we had done exceptionally well in the fall (5-0), but I didn't expect us to be nationally ranked," Cromer said. "We beat great teams, but I really had no idea."

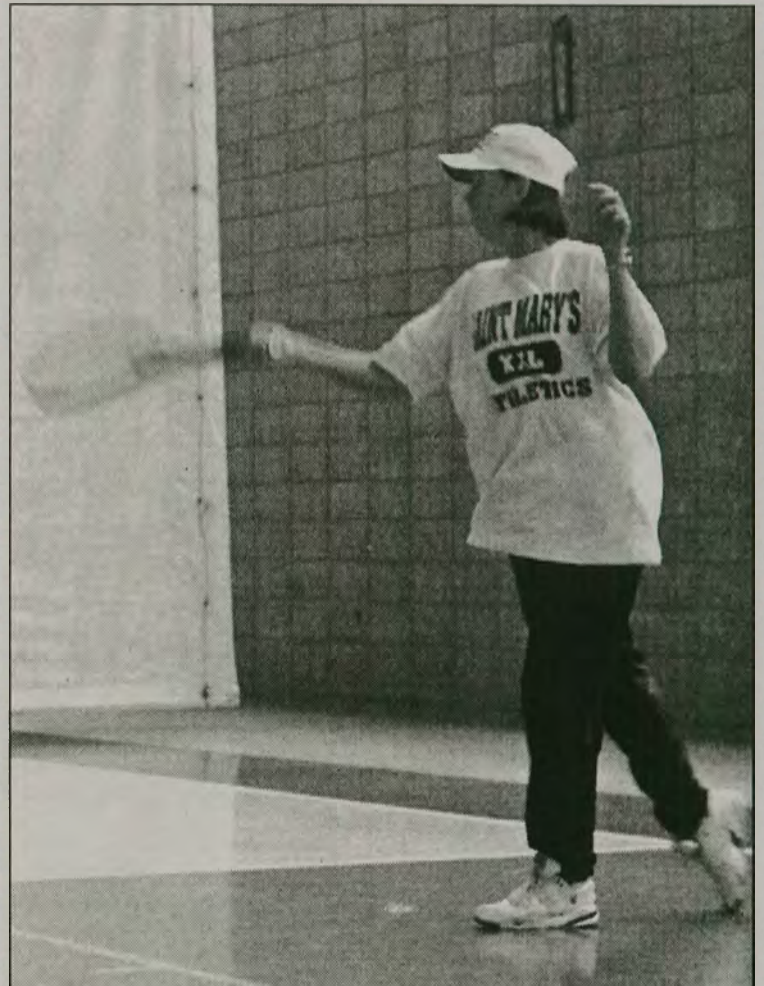
In addition to their membership among the nation's top 20 teams, the Belles rank 4th in the entire Midwest, their highest ranking ever.

This year marks only the second year that the Belles participated in the fall competition, something Cromer attributes much of her team's success to.

"Competing in the fall season has really helped us," she said. "Not only does it give us a chance to prepare early, but the season is great for the recruiting and publicity of the school."

Junior Kate Kozacik, the team's leading singles player, currently occupies the 20th spot among singles players in the midwest. However, her goal for the year lies primarily in the success of her team as a whole.

"I was pleased with my rank-



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Junior Kate Kozacik, the Belles' leading singles player, currently is ranked 20th among players in the midwest.

ing as well as the team's," Kozacik said. "But my main goal rests with the team. Doing this well early on gives us a lot of hope."

Kozacik's hopes for the season mirror her coach's—a trip to the Midwest Invitational. The invitational invites the top eight teams in the Midwest to compete for a place at Nationals. Last season, the Belles finished in 12th place in the invitational.

"We still have a lot of work to do in preparation for the spring season," Cromer said. "But the depth and experience of the team this season will benefit us."

The Belles' line-up includes Kozacik, junior Nancy Sorota who returned to Saint Mary's this year after taking a year off, and junior Ashley McArdle who spent last year in Ireland.

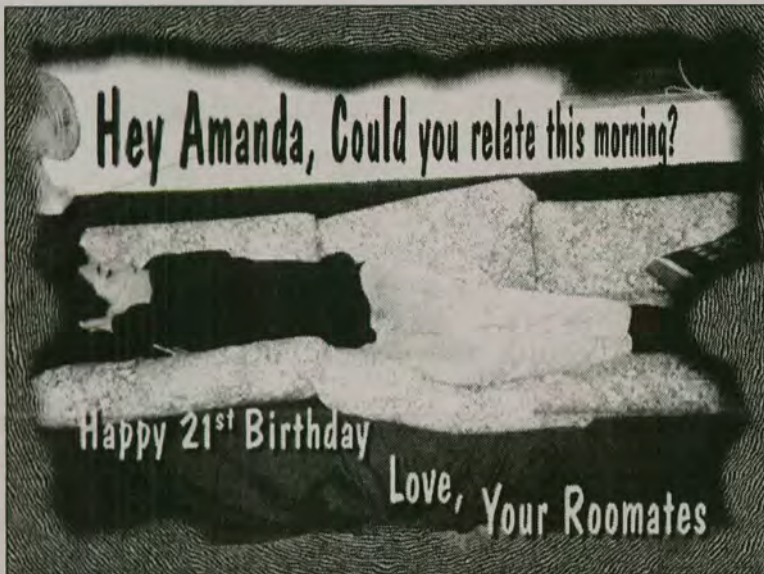
Classmates Anne Underwood and Jen Brahlner return again this season, while Amy Fors is the squad's only freshman. In the fall, Sorota played with freshman Rachel Blanchard in the number one doubles position, but Blanchard transferred at the semester.

"Rachel leaving is definitely a loss to us," Kozacik said, "but we have four great juniors who are experienced and ready to go. We will come back together easily."

Tryouts take place this week to fill the remaining 2-4 positions on the team.

The Belles begin their season March 2 against one of their toughest rivals, Hope College.

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fense helped to spark our offense."

Nowlin agreed with Morgan's assessment of Notre Dame's second half improvement.

"We were sluggish in the beginning, but in the second half

we came out and were more aggressive," Nowlin added. "We did a better job executing, and we rebounded better."

Notre Dame's contest with the Red Storm is the last Irish home game for two weeks. A win would provide an emotional lift for the next two road trips to Miami and Rutgers, respectively.



Freshman Sheila McMillen (left) and the Irish will host St. John's tonight at the JACC. The Observer/Brent Tadsen

Miami

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In fact, after a torrid start, Notre Dame went cold from the floor after halftime, as Miami's defensive pressure started to rattle the Irish. Hoover, whose shooting kept the Irish close in the first half, was significantly affected, managing just two more points the remainder of the game.

Miami, in contrast, began to find its range. Steven Edwards, the Hurricane's leading scorer who was held to two points in the first half, regrouped to pour in ten for the game, including a clutch three to put the 'Canes up nine.

Forward Steve Rich, meanwhile, was carving out a niche under the boards, riding 6-9 shooting to a team-high 15 points. Rich also benefited from Miami's domination of the glass, as the 'Canes outrebounded the smaller Irish by 20.

Unfortunately for the Irish, the loss wasted a strong performance from the Notre Dame bench, which contributed 22 points and a definite spark. Miller finished with 12 points, while point guard Admore White had a stellar all around game, adding eight.

"Admore gave us a tremendous effort off the bench," said MacLeod of White's performance, which included a remarkable first half stretch where he contributed two buckets, two rebounds, an assist, and a steal in three minutes. "That was one of his best games so far."



Center Matt Gotsch scored nine points last night against Miami, but once again was in foul trouble throughout the contest. The Observer/Rob Finch

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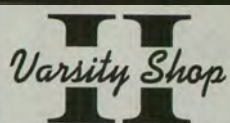
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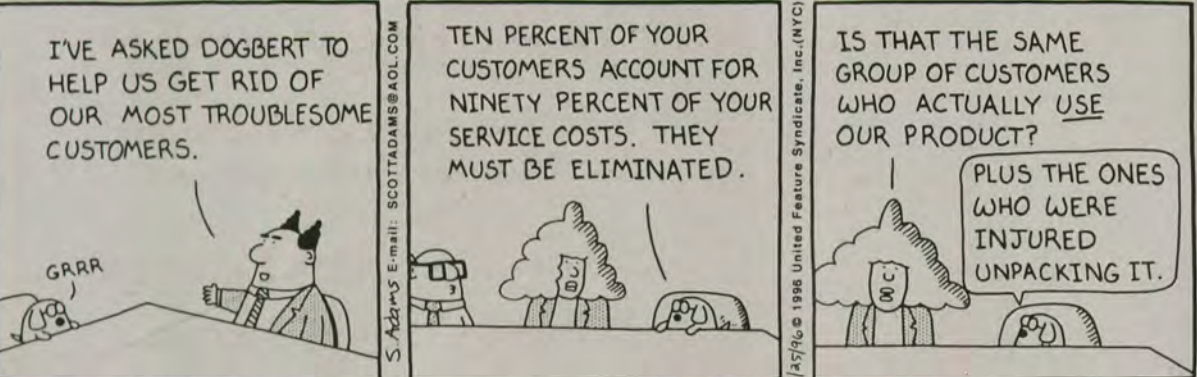
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CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**

1 Half of an old radio duo

5 German Expressionist Franz

9 Like many football stadiums

14 Queen's home

15 Where most people live

16 Out

17 Stock heading

18 Leg crosser

19 Computer accessory

20 1915 film epic, with "The"

23 Goddess, in ancient Rome
- 24 Leb. neighbor

25 Bradbury adjective

29 Not uncut, as a film

33 " little teapot..."

34 1960's U.N. name

36 Met's home

37 1965 Beatles lyric

41 Picnic ruins

42 Red as

43 Polite "du"

44 Odor eater?

47 Listen

49 Point of law

50 Rock's Lobos
- DOWN**

1 Husband of Jezebel

2 Actress Rogers

3 Banking blunders

4 The Brady kids, e.g.

5 Minnesota clinic

6 Since

7 Baltic capital

8 Dean of "Lois & Clark"

9 Finger or toe

10 Ancient Celtic tongue

11 Barcelona-born artist

12 Jet

13 Slow-witted

21 Columbus landfall, 1492

22 Snake charmer's snake
- 51 Classic Poirot case

59 New Age musician

60 Crêche figure

61 Pressed cheese

62 Coordinate

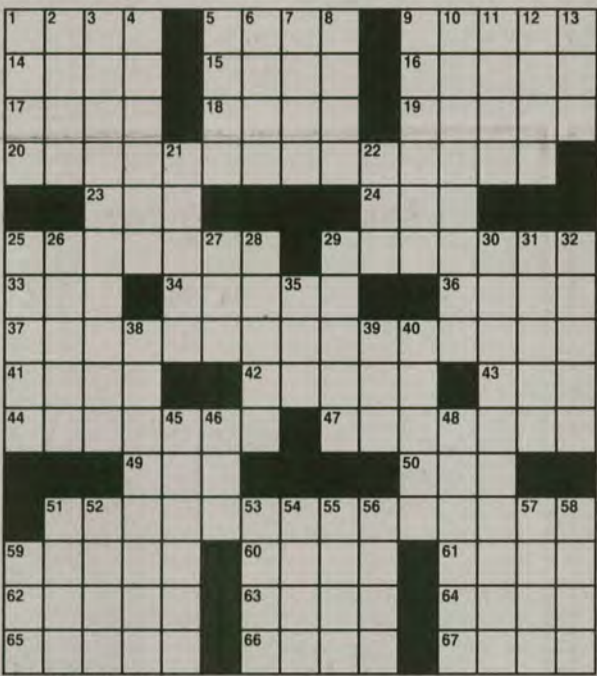
63 Shirt stitching

64 Big rig

65 Jason deserted her

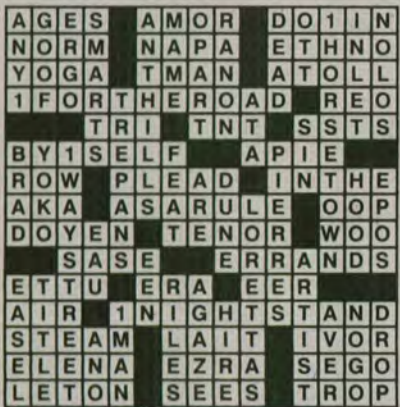
66 Ajax rival

67 Erstwhile despot



Puzzle by Matt Gaffney

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



- 25 City of Lombardy

26 acid

27 Relaxed sighs

28 Like some blockades

29 Throat problem

30 Didn't engage in fence-sitting

31 Chilling

32 Obsolete

35 Lincoln's home: Abbr.

38 Alienate
- 39 Verily

40 Do, as hair

45 Image receiver

46 Approximately, in times

48 "It's true!"

51 Valley

52 Oklahoma city
- 53 Drop

54 Hitlerite

55 Stepped (on)

56 Park visited by Sherlock Holmes

57 Buddhist priest

58 Mideast bigwig

59 Starchy dish

Get answers to any three clues by touch-tone phone: 1-900-420-5656 (75¢ each minute).

■ OF INTEREST

The Women's Resource Center will have its first meeting of the new semester tonight at 8 p.m. The center is on the 2nd floor of LaFortune in the Student Government office.

A Dynamic Interviewing Workshop will be today in DeBartolo Hall, Rm. 207 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. This workshop will cover the types of questions typically asked, behavioral interviewing techniques, and verbal and non-verbal behaviors. Presented by Olivia Williams, Assistant Director Career and Placement Services.

The Wrestling Club will have practices tonight and tomorrow night from 7-8:30 p.m. in the JACC wrestling room in preparation for the Edinburgh Open on February 20th.

The Summer Job Fair is offering summer job opportunities. You are invited to visit on Jan. 25, in the lower level of the CCE, between 1 and 4:30 p.m. BRING RESUMES.

The Notre Dame Chess Club will meet on Jan. 25 at 7 p.m. in LaFortune, Rm. 308. For more information call 234-9648.

■ MENU

- Notre Dame North

Spanish Rice w/Beans

Stir-Fry Szechuan Beef

Neopolitan Spaghetti
- South

Chicken Pot Pie

Vegetable Stir-Fry

Pita

Veal Parmigiana
- Saint Mary's

Scandinavian Cod

Beef Chimichangas

Ratatouille

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■ MEN'S BASKETBALL

Hurricanes put vise on Irish, 72-64

Notre Dame foul trouble key in Miami rally

By TIM SEYMOUR
Associate Sports Editor

Valiant efforts are becoming quite common-place for Notre Dame. Unfortunately, valiant efforts are often synonymous with futile ones.

Despite competing against almost every possible disad-

vantage, the Irish stretched Miami to the limit last night before finally succumbing 72-64 at Miami Arena.

Already handicapped by a depleted roster due to Gary Bell's injury and Phil Hickey's flying phobia, the Irish battled foul trouble throughout the contest before allowing the Hurricanes

to pull away in the final two minutes.

"Our effort was good enough to win, but we didn't play as intelligently when they were coming back at us," summarized Irish coach John MacLeod, who saw his charges drop to 6-9 (1-7 Big East).

A combination of bad decisions and questionable calls plagued the Irish throughout, as Notre Dame's thin front line became saddled with fouls in the early minutes of the contest.

Forward Pat Garrity, Notre Dame's leading scorer, sat out most of the first stanza with two early fouls, while the center combination of Matt Gotsch and Marcus Young fared little better, as each accumulated three by halftime. Notre Dame had so few big people that walk-on Nick Wills saw first half minutes.

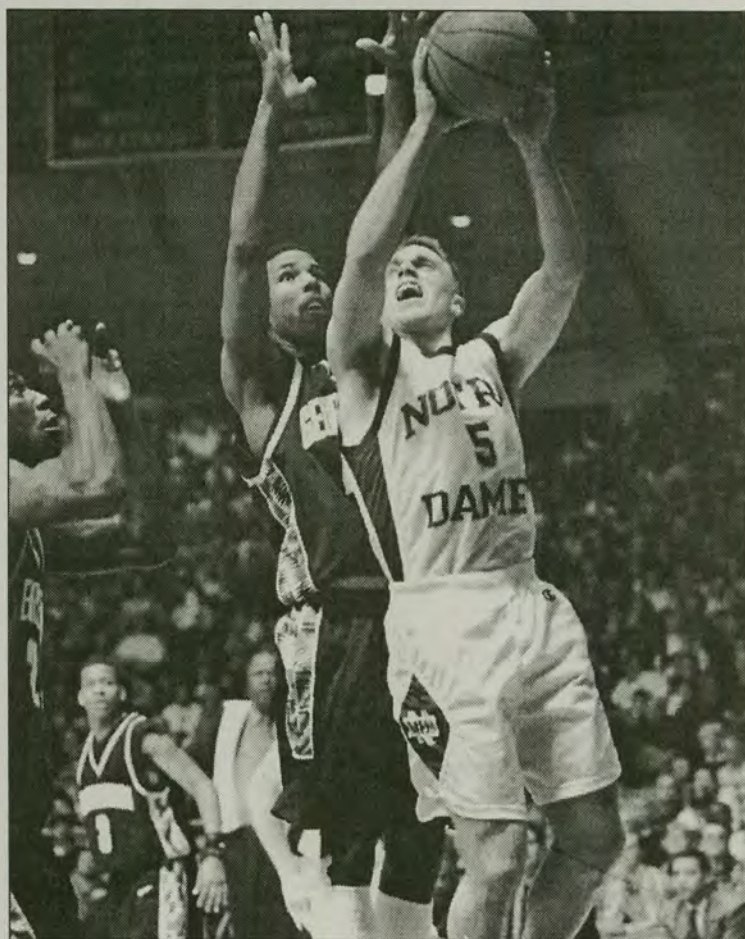
Despite the personnel problems, though, the Irish went into the locker room with a 35-30 lead, sparked by Ryan Hoover's 13 points (four 3-pointers) and 10 points from reserve Pete Miller.

"We had a great first half, but with so many people in foul trouble, we were just trying to patch it up out there," explained MacLeod.

The patchwork was aided by poor Hurricane shooting, especially from the charity stripe, where Miami spent a considerable amount of time during the night. The 'Canes attempted 44 free throws (making only 24) while the Irish shot just six.



The Observer/Kevin Klau
In 22 minutes last night, Marcus Young tallied no points, no rebounds and five fouls.



The Observer/Mike Ruma
Senior Ryan Hoover sparked the Irish in the first half last night to a 35-30 halftime lead with thirteen points, including four three-pointers.

"It was a physical war out there," said MacLeod. "Given how physical a game it was, I have a difficult time believing that we wouldn't be on the free throw line more than six times."

Fittingly, Miami sealed the game with free throws in the

waning moments, when they finally began to regain their form. The guard combination of Kevin Norris and Steve Frazier was 8-10 from the line as the Irish went cold from the floor.

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■ WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Back on track in the Big East

By TODD FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Resilience is a characteristic of any great team.

The women's basketball team proved it could rebound from a tough defeat by crushing Georgetown on Sunday afternoon. Now the Irish feel they have regained the momentum that slipped away after their loss to Connecticut.

"We're playing really well right now. The big test was to see how we would respond after the UConn game," commented assistant coach Margaret Nowlin.

"The UConn game, in general, was a letdown. But now we need to concentrate on the upcoming games," added junior co-captain Beth Morgan.

Next up for the Irish is Big East foe St. John's tonight at the JACC. Less than three weeks have passed since Notre

Dame handily defeated the Red Storm by 26 points on their home court. Irish players and coaches, however, refuse to succumb to overconfidence. They warn that St. John's has made noticeable improvements since their last meeting.

"They've come on as of late. Against any team in the Big East, you have to come ready to play," noted Morgan.

"They're playing really well. They have just beaten Seton Hall and Providence," said Nowlin.

Since playing Notre Dame on January 4, St. John's has experienced its most successful stretch of the season. The Red Storm has won three of its last five games, all of which were against Big East opponents.

Despite the Red Storm's recent improvement, Notre Dame is confident that it can begin a new Big East winning streak and retain its tie with

Connecticut as the conference leader.

Much of the Irish confidence stems from their performance against the Hoyas, especially in the second half. Notre Dame exploded for 53 points after regrouping at halftime.

The Irish shot 53.4 percent from the field, resulting in four Irish players in double figures. Morgan and Katryna Gaither led the team with 25 and 22 points respectively.

Defensively, the Irish limited Georgetown to a 31.6 shooting percentage for the game. Notre Dame also outrebounded the Hoyas 50-37. Morgan pointed out that rebounding and team defense were two of the keys to second half domination.

"We concentrated on hitting the boards, and we picked up the intensity in the second half. They were playing very physical," she explained. "Our de-

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The Observer/Brent Tadsen
Carey Poor (40) recorded her fourth double-double of the season against Georgetown last Sunday.

SPORTS
at a
GLANCE

Men's Basketball

vs. West Virginia, January 27, 7 p.m.

Women's Basketball

vs. St. John's, Tonight, 7 p.m.

Fencing

Notre Dame Meet, Joyce Center
January 27-28

Hockey

vs. Army, January 26-27, 7 p.m.

SMC Sports

Basketball vs. Hope, January 27
2 p.m.

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