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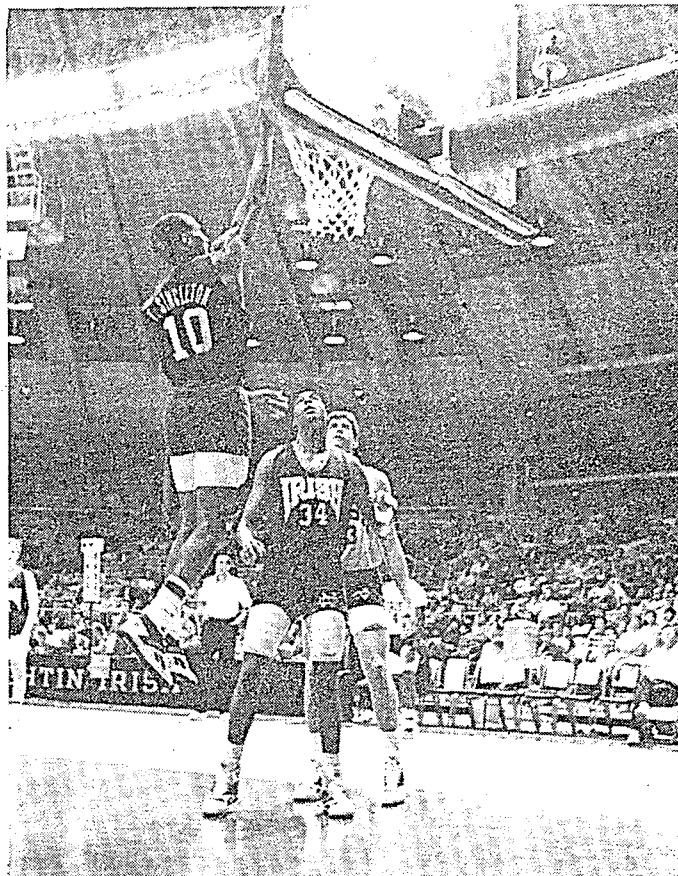
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Forums Flawed

University President Father Edward "Monk" Malloy's Task Force forums last week were a great idea. A great idea that failed. Getting student input throughout the dorms is a crucial step before making major policy changes. But the forums would have been much more successful if the forums had been more of a truly open forum with an unbiased task force. As it is now, after the forums, it is difficult to believe that the administration does not have at least beginnings of a plan already formalized to alter the present alcohol policy; and it doesn't appear that that alteration will result in any loosening whatsoever.

Simply from the wording of the questions the task force presented to students, it is clear that the force members approached the student forums with preconceived notions of what they wanted to find from the students. That fact is especially annoying considering the force's insistence to the contrary. Apparently, the appearance of asking for student opinion was desired more than the student opinion itself.

Students now should be prepared for a policy with even tigher alcohol restrictions. Only this time, instead of simply "dropping a bomb" on the students, the administration can say that it asked for student opinion and created a policy taking that opinion into consideration. While there is still time to effect any sort of change, students should voice their concerns; and, this time, the administration should pay more than lip service to suggestions and observations.

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Thursday, Nov. 19

Catch one of the hottest bands to hit the Notre Dame campus...

THE BOTTOM LINE!!!

Doors open at 9 p.m., Showtime is 9:30 p.m.
9 p.m.- 1 a.m.

Friday, Nov. 20

Check out tonight's featured movie...

"MONTY PYTHON'S MEANING OF LIFE"

DJ's to follow the movie
9 p.m.- 2 a.m.

Saturday, Nov. 21

Come for an evening of dancing and good tunes with campus DJ's Tom Sloane and Marty Crowe
9 p.m - 2 a.m.

Sunday, Nov. 22

Relax and hang out with your friends at Theodore's and take advantage of the Sunday food special:
BUILD YOUR OWN SUBS...
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What A Day For A Daydream

Finally, "The Secret Life of John Coyle" is revealed

Fantasy, it gets the best of me when I'm sailing."

Okay, I may like Christopher Cross about as much as a glass of warm prune juice and it's true that I'm not exactly Dennis Conner when it comes to sailing. But I am big on fantasy, especially that of the daydreaming variety.

Daydreaming for me, starts the moment I wake up in the morning. So if I'm caught up in one of those dreaded hygiene kicks the shower is usually the location for the first of my many daydreams. Suddenly, I'm no longer rub-a-dub-dubbing with cockroaches for showermates in a cold, fungus covered stall. No, it's me and Brooke Shields sharing a celestial waterfall on some isolated tropical island with wild birds flying overhead and a soft mist filling the warm dawn air.

"Brookie (my little pet name for her)," I say as we frantically rub aloe leaves all over bodies, purely, of course, for its medicinal value of soothing sunburn pain, "What do you say we try to build a dingy to see if we can get back to civilization?"

"I don't want to go back to the real world 'my little landshark,' then I'd have to share you with all those other women. No, I never ever want to leave", replies my fellow Blue Lagoon resident.

"Oh well, if you do stay, let's

not have bananas for breakfast again this morning", say I with my best you-know-what eating grin.

My 10:10 class is normally the spot for the second daydream of the day. Having had it with the theory of monopolistic competition, I throw on my leather jacket and scream out "I don't want to go to school no more." The geek next to me, who only a minute ago was hard at work picking his nose, is now sporting a mohawk and bellows, "Can't make me go, no way Daddio."

Obviously, I'm no longer in 103 O'Shag. I'm in the middle of a Stray Cats video and little old me is the lead singer. I jump on top of my professor's desk, shake my booty, swivel my hips and jump into the first verse.

"It's the stray trut. I'm a stray cat. It's a swinging casanova, cat that's where I'm at," I sing as I storm out the door to "get my dinner from a garbage can."

It's early evening now and as I head to the "Rock" to play some basketball I know I am ripe for another daydream. Fantasy strikes when I make a quick steal to prevent what seemingly was a sure basket and I start the long drive towards my own hoop. In my head I hear Marv Albert, the voice of the New York Knicks, describing the action.

"This young Coyle is something else. With his trademark lightning quick speed, he blows the doors off three defenders.

Now 'Mr. Excitement' veers left leaving Michael Jordan foolishly in his path. Artis Gilmore is the only one left to beat. Coyle moves left, takes off from the top of the key and I don't believe it, a 720 degree Vanilla Thunder Slam. With a short wave to his adorning fans and a quick flick of his hair, the rookie from out of nowhere races back on defense."

Watching David Letterman provides the inspiration for the last dream of the day. "It's 'Late Night with John Coyle,'" announces the emcee. I break into my traditional opening monologue. "I shot an elephant in my pajamas this morning. What an elephant was doing in my pajamas I'll never know." And then "it was so hot today that I saw a dog chasing a cat and they both were walking."

The studio is deafened by the laughter. "Stop, stop, my side is splitting," "oh this guy kills me," and "too funny, just too damn funny" the crowd manages to say when they finally catch their breath.

Well, the day has drawn to a close; consequently, the time for daydreaming is over. So I climb into my bed, wrap myself up in my comforter, fall asleep and all of a sudden I'm back in the middle of another dream, hosting a cocktail party with me and the Mrs. at the Whitehouse. Who needs reality?■

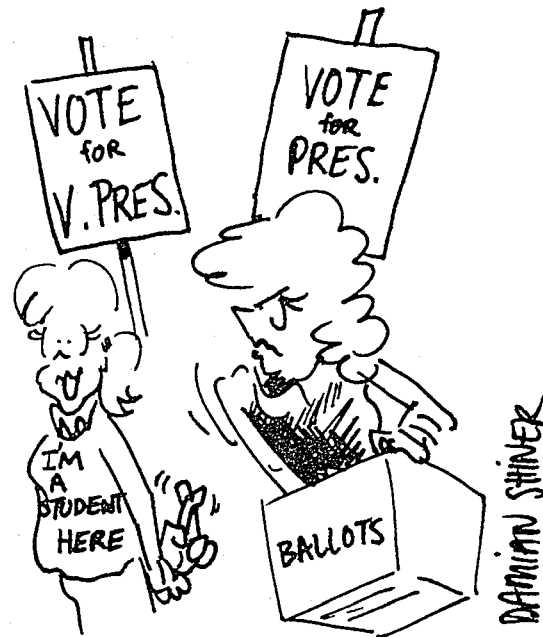
Other Campuses Are Sleeping, Drinking, and Eating

What else is there?

The entire student government of the University of Chicago has been ousted in wake of a political scandal. According to the College Press Service, all 50 of the university's student officers have either resigned on their own or been forced to leave. Within less than two weeks, the student body president has admitted to ballot-stuffing, the vice president has been forced to leave because he was not enrolled as a student, and new elections have been ordered to replace all the officers. The ex-president admitted to stuffing ballot boxes while serving as a poll watcher because she was retaliating for what she considered election violations by the vice president.

Brown University's "Weekend of Choice," a student government attempt to encourage students to find alternatives to drinking, seems to have been a success. However, not everyone agreed with the spirit of the weekend. The Association of Fraternity Presidents saluted the weekend with a moratorium on keg parties. Many fraternity fans were angry with the AFP for the moratorium. According to the Brown Daily Herald, these students -- when asked if the "Weekend of Choice" had changed their drinking habits -- slurred phrases like 'not at all' and 'I made my choice about ten months ago.' One Brown student commented that the weekend was really a choice between \$9.90 Busch and \$10.35 Budweiser.

Shallow breathing seems to lead to better classroom results, according to a report by a West Virginia researcher. The National On-Campus Report stated that the professor con-



ducted a two-year study of students' breathing rates in both normal class setting and before tests were administered. The results of the test indicate that the students who breathed less than normal received better grades. Their study hypothesized that shallow breathing causes more blood to flow to the brain and ears, increasing concentration and hearing acuity. In addition, shallow breathing is a sign of relaxation. One professor commented, "Silly me. I always thought that the students that were breathing less in my class were asleep."

Non-kosher food is being served to students at Brandeis University for the first time. The University, which was founded by Jews but is presently non-sectarian, decided to try to create an atmosphere that was more attractive to non-Jews. "The rationale behind the decision is that the additional foods will make non-Jews and non-observant Jews more comfortable, and encourage more students to come here," stated John Krasner, editor of the school's newspaper. The reaction of the student population, which is two-thirds Jewish, is mixed. Quotes Michael Raphaeli "Ideally Brandeis should be comfortable for Jews and not uncomfortable for non-Jews. But right now it isn't comfortable for either." In a diplomatic move, several Notre Dame students have offered to send their dining-hall pork dinners to Brandeis.

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No Place Like Home

BY CHRIS DAUER

Notre Dame was founded in 1842 and became coeducational in 1972. The possibility that the University was considering going coeducational had been made public and was a hotly debated topic nationally, as well as on the home campus; so when the final decision was announced no one was caught off-guard. Similarly, Howard Hall, founded in 1924, had long since been established as a male dorm. Without any significant notice, however, the University announced that Howard Hall would be converted to a women's dorm in the Fall, 1987.

The period leading up to finals is a naturally trying time for

everyone. In addition to the normal anxieties, Howard residents were confronted with the information that come the fall their home was to be their home no longer. They were given no alternatives other than to find a new place to live, and quickly. Senior Eric Zagrocki summed up the general feelings of the Howard residents: "To begin with" he said, "everyone was just really really pissed...and the timing couldn't have been worse- exams were coming up, guys going to London were looking for housing...it was just a mess."

Surprisingly, there seems little ill will about the change left today. It helps that Howard is one of the smallest dorms on campus. The transition would not have been as smooth in a larger dorm. With a

population of only 167 people, not only were there less people to get upset, it was easier to relocate that number to other places.

It was easy to fill up that number with incoming freshmen girls. In fact, they were hardly needed; girls requesting transfers to Howard was in no way uncommon. The large number of singles in Howard made it attractive to many upperclass women especially those from P.E., P.W. and Lewis, dorms with few such rooms. Mary O'Neill, a senior who came to Howard for more than just a single, is happy with the switch. "You get to know a lot of people you wouldn't have otherwise- it's a nice situation. There's no tradition here right now, but that's something that's starting," according to O'Neill.

Beginning a tradition at Howard is something that will have to be done slowly, and those at Howard show no interest in artificially speeding things along. The election of section representatives, for example, took place early in the year, but hall officers were not elected until this past week. Said assistant rector Kate Sullivan, "We wanted to establish a foundation first, so people would feel comfortable with each other before we began to develop our personality."

The RA's of Howard assumed much of the responsibility for establishing that tradition. The potential resident assistants applied for the spots in their own dorms, and were then interviewed for Howard. Sullivan said that these RA's had unique challenges at Howard: "It was definitely harder, because with people coming from all over, it was work to get to know everyone. So, everyone's done a lot of group social stuff to bring people together." Now that dorm presidents -- Angela Ammond and Beth Healy -- have been elected, they can begin to aid in that process as well. High on the list of priorities is to further delegate responsibility, by appointing commissioners for the liturgy, social events, and other facets of dorm life.

Howard, the women's dorm, has come together fairly well. They managed to put together a football team to compete in interhall, and while they did not win the championship, the mere fact that one was formed is to their credit. The recent formal was attended by only thirty five members of the dorm, but Sullivan points out that in terms of percentage, that number was compatible with Lyons, the dorm which co-sponsored the dance. Other factors she pointed out for the rela-

tively small turnout were the home football weekend, the fourth such weekend in a row, and the fact that the ticket price was high, even for a Notre Dame formal.

Having to start from nothing is not a new idea to freshmen, so it's not surprising that freshmen seem to notice least any difference living in a previously male dorm. Melody Horne is a freshmen this year at Howard, and while aware of its history, she says she has not sensed anything radically different at Howard than any other girl's dorm. Horne said, "It seems normal here to me- it's not strange at all . . . maybe it's sort of awkward when alumni come to see their old

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--Carole Cooper

rooms, but that's the only thing; and they don't act too awkward." Sullivan said that the freshmen girls are in a "special position, and they're really psyched to be here for four years."

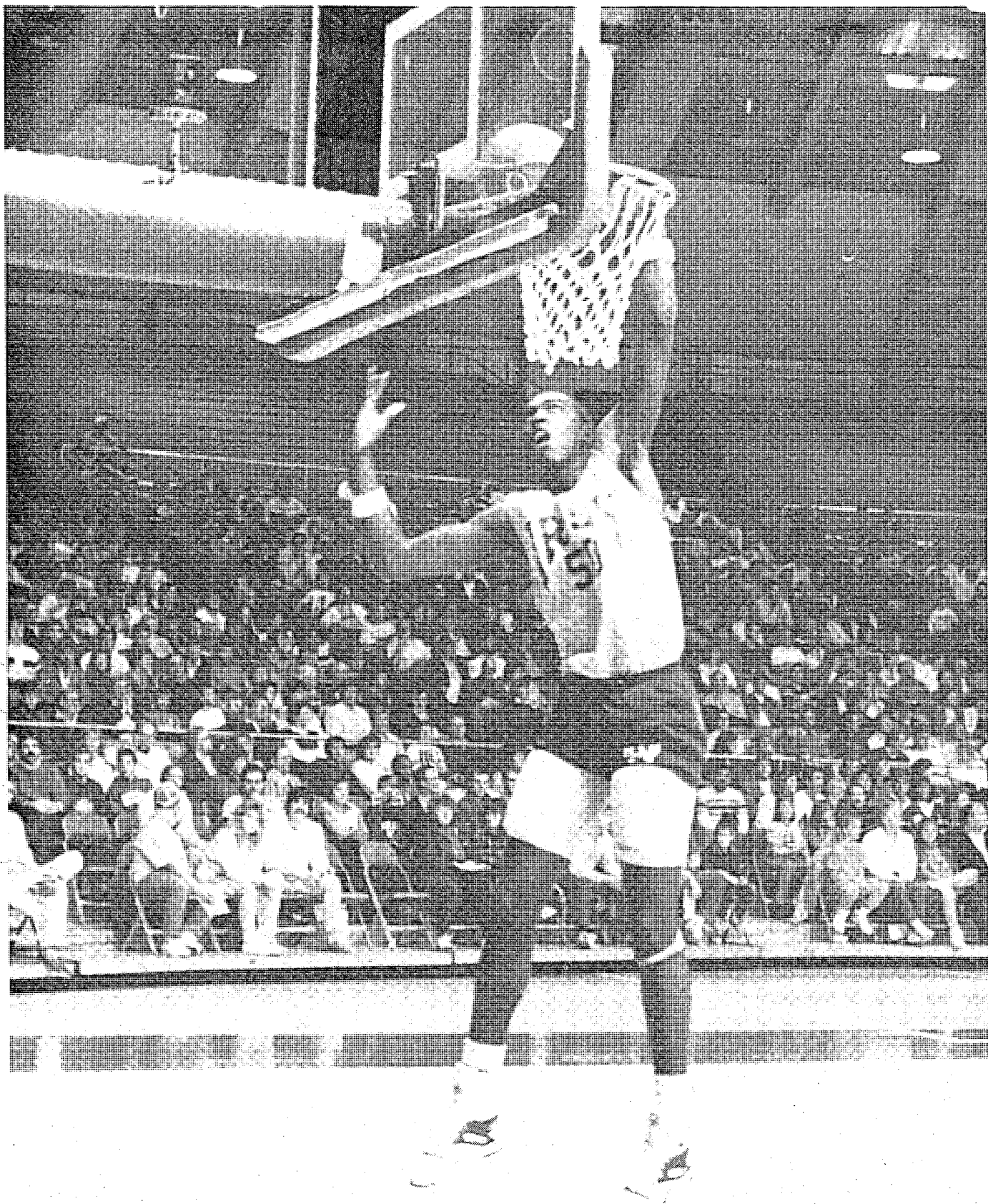
As the alumni have adjusted, so too have the expelled male residents of Howard. O'Neill said that the only problem she notices now is that "guys are sometimes upset that their rooms are pink now." Stephen Polansky is a former Howard resident who now lives in St. Ed's. Polansky says that the biggest problem last year was lack of time: "Nothing would have been changed of course, but

we could have made choices. . . this way, we were all in limbo." Nevertheless, Polansky is quite happy where he is now, saying "I'm doing great".

Zagrocki is another handling the change well, now living in Campus View. "It's nice over here," he said, "there's more room, and it does prepare you for real-life. . . paying the bills, cooking your own meals, and so on. What you lose is the feeling of community that you get on campus -- and Howard was one of the few dorms where everyone knew everyone else. A lot of guys wanted to give something back to the dorm- to be R.A.'s, for instance." Zagrocki was most upset over the lack of warning given. "At least Carroll was given a couple of years," he pointed out. "Now, it's really just best not to think about it."

A current resident, Junior Carole Cooper, agrees that it's pointless to dwell on the past. "Any tension there was is gone now," she said, "as well as the idea that everyone living in Howard is a misfit or something. I felt bad for the guys last year -- I wouldn't have liked it either. . . but I moved because I wanted a change -- Howard's a beautiful dorm, and the South Quad is a lot prettier this year because of all the construction on North." Cooper, who formerly lived in P.E., pointed out that people changing halls is not uncommon, and the switch to Howard is similarly an unspectacular one.

Most of the current women's dorms had to undergo the same changes that Howard is undergoing this year. Perhaps a little more sensitivity on the administration's part would have made the initial change easier. Nevertheless, the Howard of today appears to be ready to face the next 62 years with its own sense of tradition. ■



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BACK IN THE RIGHT KEY

*After sitting out all of last year, Proposition 48 victim
Keith Robinson gets in tune for the college game*

BY KATHLEEN MCKERNAN

When Keith Robinson drapes his 6-9 frame across the institution-style bed in his Dillon Hall home, he's surrounded by a few friends who hang around -- literally -- his room. One of his posters features rapper LL Cool J, who also makes a "big and def" contribution to the musical world Robinson has created. "I like all kinds of music, quiet music, too," Robinson says. Vanity is also there for more, um, aesthetic reasons. ("She can't sing though," he adds.) But at the very foot, the Sultans of Slam poster is a reminder of the type of music the former Mr. Basketball of New York wants to make on the basketball court of the JACC, after a year devoted exclusively to academic pursuits.

Robinson fell victim to Proposition 48 (now bylaw 5-1 (j)) and his spectacular high school numbers of 30 points and 22 rebounds per game meant nothing to NCAA

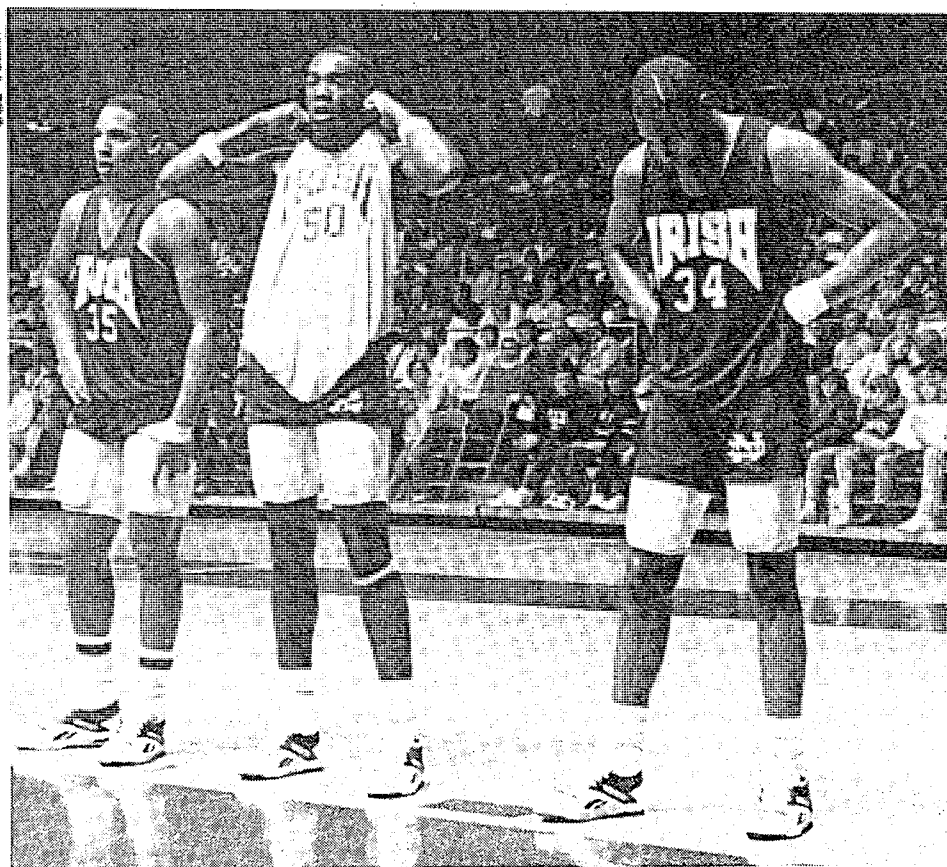
Robinson, and teammates such as Kevin Ellery and Tony Jackson [shown here flanking him], will have to fill Donald Royal's shoes under the Irish boards.

bigwigs without a 660-740 combined score on the SAT. Robinson went for a full season without playing or practicing with the basketball team, so he may be a touch, so to speak, out of tune.

"It's like if you're a violin

player and someone tells you that you can't practice with your coach or teacher for a year," Irish head coach Digger Phelps says. "When you pick it up again, you're going to be a bit flat."

But while Robinson was losing



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a bit of his courtly harmony, he was honing his classroom skills. Unfortunately, though, while Robinson worked (he is now debating whether to be a history or sociology major), roommate Tony Jackson lost his eligibility for this semester. Even so, Robinson claims his own troubles are behind him, and that the limited study time caused by basketball has not affected him academically. But for the first time in his life, he is having to play a little bit of catch up on the practice floor.

"He is behind defensively with the terminology and with the

dropped in eight points and grabbed eight boards in the annual 20-minute exhibition.

"Coach wants me to do more rebounding," says Robinson, "and what I'm really lacking in is my defense. It's those little things on defense that I need to really work on."

Phelps may disagree about how "little" those defensive techniques are. Robinson is definitely a major project of Phelps', and it's almost as if Phelps is trying to make up for lost time. There's no question Robinson will get the attention he missed last year and more. "He's got a lot of talent, but he hasn't put it together yet," Phelps says. "For example, in the Yugoslavia tour [over the summer] he played well in spurts but then he'd get in foul trouble or you wouldn't even know he was out there on the court. That goes back to intensity and concentration."

Robinson didn't have much need for concentration in his high school days, but his potential is enough to motivate any coach, with or without a carnation in his lapel, to put in a little extra. A four-year letterman in basketball at Buffalo's Grover Cleveland High School, Robinson did not have to concentrate. In high school Robinson did everything just about effortlessly. In addition to his 30 points and 22 boards as a senior, he averaged five assists, four blocked shots and two steals. And, as even Phelps admits, "He's a solid shooter for a player his size."

Phelps is not the only one watching Robinson. The Sporting News ranked him number-two among Proposition 48 casualties with the best chance to contribute immediately to his team's drive for an NCAA bid. And the likelihood of his matching Royal's numbers is the standard for weighing Irish

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-- Keith Robinson

concepts," Phelps says. "I see it because [fellow sophomores] Tony Jackson and [Scott] Paddock have improved so much in the last year. I've seen how far they have come, and I can tell that Keith needs time, too."

For Robinson, the pressure is definitely on, and Phelps is straightforward about what he wants out of his newest big man. "Keith Robinson has got to become a better rebounder," he says. "With the loss of [Donald] Royal up front, we'll need him inside." Royal, last year's co-captain, averaged seven rebounds and 15.8 rebounds per game to pace the Irish. Sunday in the Blue-Gold game Robinson

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--Digger Phelps

hopes.

"When I was in high school they compared me to James Worthy," Robinson says. "He's one of my favorites now. I like his style, the penetrating and driving to the basket." The current Laker standout and former North Carolina great has his place on Robinson's wall along with the other NBA leapers, as well as those musicians who play in the recording studio rather than on the hardwood. "I like music," Robinson says as his boyish face lights up. Then his eyes sparkle with amusement and he adds dryly, "I make a point of listening to a little every day."

With the artists staring him in the face every morning, he'd find it hard not to avoid music. And with Robinson's potential staring Phelps and the rest of the Irish faithful in the face, it's hard to ignore him as he strives to find the proper chord between the Irish game plan and academia. ■

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HOCKEY

The hockey team won both games last weekend against Lake Forest. The team's 3-1-2 start is its best since 1981-82, excluding the one year the program assumed club status. Against Lake Forest, the Irish won Friday night, 6-4, and then came back the following night to post a 4-3 overtime victory. BRIAN MONTGOMERY scored the game-winner on Saturday night. KEVIN MARKOVITZ scored two goals and had two assists over the weekend. Notre Dame leads the ACHA with a 2-0-2 conference record.

Notre Dame will host St. Thomas at the JACC on Friday and Saturday nights at 7:30.

WRESTLING

The wrestling team travels to St. Louis on Saturday to participate in the St. Louis Open. JERRY DURSO and CHRIS GENESER will try to defend their first-place finishes in last year's Open against more than 20 teams, including Oklahoma, Wisconsin and Missouri. Sophomore ANDY RADENBAUGH, who finished in fourth place in his weight class, also returns for head coach FRAN McCANN's squad.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

After falling last weekend at the hands of Alabama by a score of 127-88, the women's swim team (0-1) will meet Ferris State in the Rolfs Aquatic Center tomorrow at 7 p.m. It will be the first meeting between the two teams.

Against Alabama, the Irish were only able to capture one first-place finish. Freshman JEAN KELLY captured first in the 1000-yard freestyle with a time of 11:25.6. Senior AMY DARLINGTON took third in the 200-yard freestyle (11:58.3) and the 200-yard butterfly (2:15.8), and also pulled out a second-place finish in the 500-yard freestyle (5:30.8). Freshman BECKY WOOD took second in the 200-yard breaststroke (2:32.8).

MEN'S SWIMMING

The men's swim team, also 0-1 after an opening-season loss to Alabama, will take on Ferris State tomorrow night in the Rolfs Aquatic Center at 7 p.m. The men will then travel to Wisconsin-Milwaukee for a 1 p.m. Saturday meet.

The 16th-ranked Crimson Tide broke many pool records en route to a 120-92 defeat of the Irish. Notre Dame's 400-yard freestyle relay team of JOHN KOSELKA, BILL JACKOBOICE, CHRIS PETRILLO and ROGER MIRO clocked the only first-place finish with a time of 3:14.2. Freshman PAUL GODFREY came within .75 of breaking the school record in the 1000-yard freestyle with a time of 9:57.9.

MEN'S TENNIS

Six Irish players received invitations to the ITCA Rolex Regional Qualifier last week in Bloomington. Senior PAUL DAGGS won the only singles match for Notre Dame, defeating CARTY RICHIE of

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK AMY WHITE



White, a freshman from Mishawaka, appeared in all 11 matches over the weekend for the volleyball team, setting for 10 of them. She averaged 9.27 assists per game over the weekend, and hit .474 in the last two matches. Normally a right side hitter, White switched positions and accumulated 102 assists in the three match period.

Western Michigan 6-4, 6-1. The doubles team of BRIAN KALBAS and RYAN WENGER split their two matches, finishing the season at 7-2. The Rolex Regional marked the end of the fall season for the Irish.

Notre Dame will open its 1988 season on January 23 in the new Eck Pavilion.

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

The women placed 14th in the NCAA District IV Meet last weekend in Bloomington, achieving their goal of a top 15 finish in the regionals. The Irish improved from last year's 20th-place finish, jumping from 532 points to 372.

THERESA RICE set a Notre Dame record in the 5,000-meter race with a 17:51 finish and climbed from her 98th-place finish of a year ago to finish 25th. TERRY KIBELSTIS turned in a career best time of 18:43, marking the second straight meet that she has notched a career best despite missing seven weeks of the season. Kibelstis and senior JULIA MERKEL crossed the line in 72nd and 76th place, respectively.

VOLLEYBALL

The Irish (26-8) finished their home season with three wins over Marquette (3-0), Valparaiso (3-1) and Michigan State (3-1). They will play this weekend in the North Star Conference Tournament in Chicago, hoping to repeat as tournament champion. Notre Dame has a 5-0 record in the North Star Conference this season.

Junior ZANETTE BENNETT averaged 4.61 kills per game in the last six matches, while MARY KAY WALLER recorded 16 service aces in the last seven matches. COLLEEN WAGNER had a career-best 10 kills against Valparaiso, along with eight against Michigan State and seven against Marquette.

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TEAM OF THE WEEK MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY



Garrett



Markezich



O'Connor

Paced by top three runners in DAN GARRETT, RON MARKEZICH and MIKE O'CONNOR, the men's cross country team ran to a third-place finish in the District IV Meet last Saturday in Bowling Green, OH, and earned a berth in the NCAA Championships next Monday in Charlottesville, VA.

The Irish have not been to the NCAA's since 1984, when they finished 19th in the 22-team field. The last time the team won the NCAA crown was in 1957. Last Saturday the Irish finished behind Indiana and Wisconsin. Garrett finished fifth overall (30:19), Markezich finished eighth (30:29) and O'Connor came in 20th (31:06). Freshman PAT KEARNS (31:42) finished 39th.



Digging It

Even with Indiana, Louisville and DePaul awaiting his young 1987-88 squad, Notre Dame head coach Digger Phelps feels star guard David Rivers will lead the Irish to another NCAA tourney

BY MARTY BURNS

Something is wrong with the picture. It's a Friday afternoon under the dome of the JACC, and as the sound of Michael Jackson's "I'm Bad" belts out through the air, the Notre Dame basketball team shuffles through its practice warm ups. Irish head coach Digger Phelps rests calmly, much too calmly, on the back of a chair, arms folded, looking up into the stands, looking much too content.

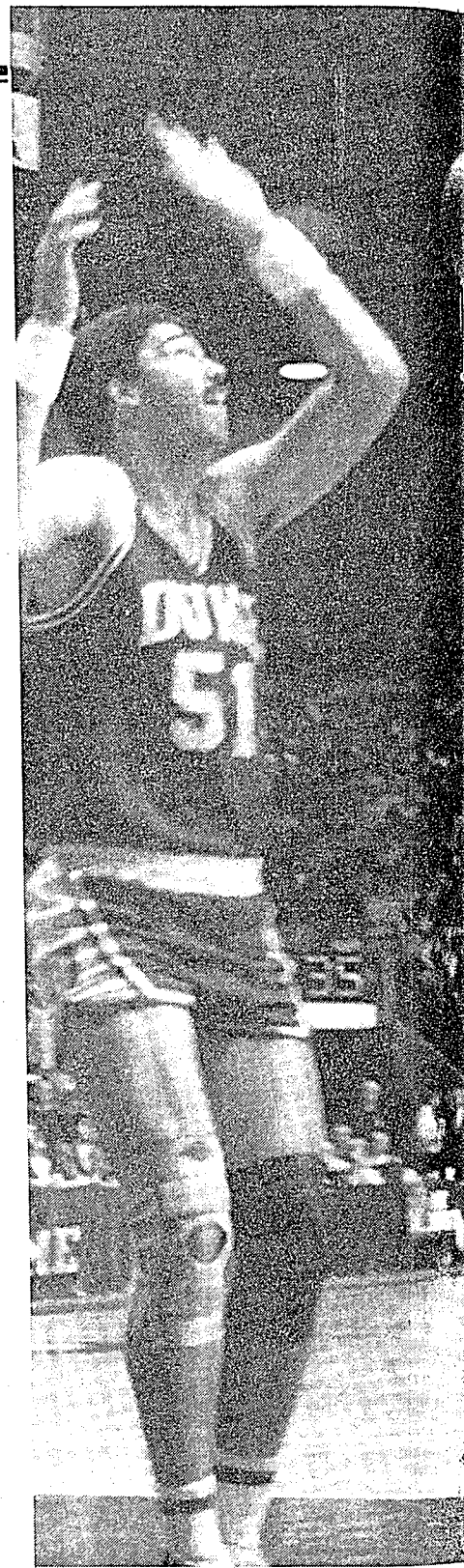
He shoots no icy stares, spews no invective, makes no cutting retorts. And this is strange, considering you just asked the 46-year-old Phelps how his 1987-88 Irish team could possibly hope to live through its murderers' row of December opponents -- Indiana (Dec. 1), Louisville (Dec. 5) and DePaul (Dec. 12), all on the road.

There was a day long ago, way back, about two years ago, when Phelps would have bristled a bit at your suggestion. He may have snapped off a harsh comment or

two at you, pointing out last year's Irish upsets over North Carolina, Duke and DePaul. Then he would have reminded you that he's the coach (which you would agree with since he's the one with the .700 winning percentage), and then he'd finish you off with his sarcastic trademark "Thanks."

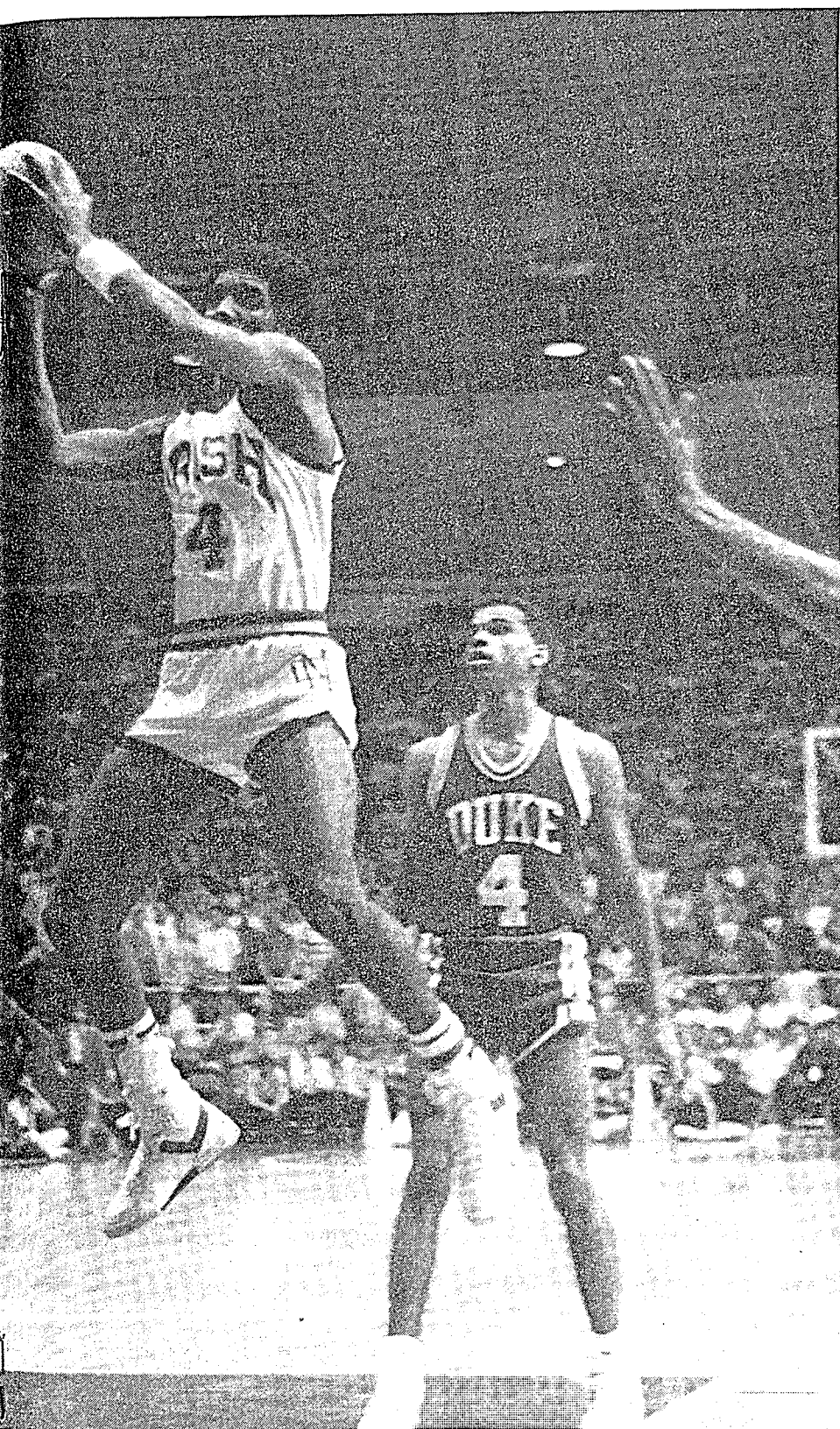
But this is a different Digger these days. And you really want to know what's going on. Now that there's all that snow on the roof, has he grown staid? Has all that classical music he gets piped into his office softened him up? Has Digger, gasp, mellowed with age?

Naaaah. More likely Phelps' easy-going manner these days can be attributed to the pleasant memory he still holds of last year's 24-8 campaign, one in which he performed one of his better coaching feats and silenced many of the critics who figured his Irish for dead after early losses to Western Kentucky and Indiana. And this year's 1987-88 version, which opens its season tonight in an exhibition at the ACC against Yugosla-



via, simply reminds Phelps too much of last year's squad to concern him.

"We could go 0-3 over those first three road games and it



Phelps hopes Rivers can fly high again this year. If he does, the Irish will soar into their fourth straight NCAA tournament.

Well, you all talk about it and all we do is show up in March when it counts."

Phelps may very well get the chance to serve critics some crow once again this season. Thanks to senior guard David Rivers and a schedule which features Prairie View A&M, Hardin-Simmons and a dozen other vastly inferior opponents, all at home, Notre Dame should manage its fifth consecutive 20-win season and its fourth straight NCAA tournament bid.

But with the graduation of big forward Donald Royal and guard Scott Hicks, who combined to average 26 points and 11 rebounds per game last year, the Irish may not match last year's Final 16 showing in the tournament. After the splendid Rivers, Phelps has only two veteran regulars, 6-9 center Gary Voce and 6-6 forward Mark Stevenson. Voce averaged over four points and six rebounds per game, while the underrated Stevenson chipped in with 10.6 ppg. and four rebounds. Add to this the first-semester loss of 6-6 sophomore Tony Jackson to academic probation, and you have a team notably different than the one which gave some of the NCAA's best such a hard time last year.

"This is a very young team, especially defensively," Phelps noted. "We have to be a team that gets better through game experience, like last year's team. If we can win some games, and keep improving, there's no doubt in my mind that come March we'll be a good basketball team. So I'm not worried about what we do in December, just where we'll be in March."

wouldn't bother me," Phelps says matter-of-factly. "As long as I see some phases of the game improve, it will carry over into January and February, and then we're in the

tournament.

"I look at last year when we lost to Western Kentucky and Indiana, and we're 0-2 and everybody says, 'It's going to be a long winter.'

How far the Irish can ride Rivers come March will be determined by the play of three newcomers, each of whom must contribute in some significant way immediately. Led by 6-9, 200-pound Keith Robinson, a sophomore who sat out all of '86-87 as a Proposition 48 casualty (see story on page 8), the trio also consists of freshmen Tim Singleton (a 6-1 guard from New Orleans) and Kevin Ellery (a 6-5 forward and former Mr. Kentucky). Robinson, as the only real big man besides Voce, must emerge as a dominant rebounding force or else opponents will feast away inside.

"Robinson will play a key role if he becomes a better rebounder and learns the defensive concepts," said Phelps. "Ellery and Singleton, meanwhile, are both solid players who will get playing time. Ellery will help us where we need it on the front line or at second guard, and Singleton will allow Rivers to play off at the second guard when we want him there."

For now, at least, it appears that Robinson and Singleton will start along with Rivers, Voce and Stevenson. Junior forward Sean Connor (5.9 ppg.) will start at forward when Phelps needs someone who can shoot over a zone, freeing Stevenson for the back court. Sophomore Scott Paddock, meanwhile, and sophomore guards Jamere Jackson and Joe Frederick, will chip in off the bench. Junior guard Michael Smith also could contribute, once the badly twisted ankle which has sidelined him indefinitely heals well enough to allow him to play.

Yet while Phelps questions the development of his young players defensively, stating that he's "not sold completely on our defense and we need to control teams

defensively," he harbors no such doubts about the leadership of his irrepressible floor leader, Rivers. Phelps knows that no matter how outmatched his team could be, Rivers provides him with one weapon his opponent cannot match.

despite playing at less than full strength. "He's going to have to score more and to take more shots. Nothing against anybody else on the team, but if he's that good, that creative, then we'll use him to open things up."

But if fans are hoping to see Phelps pull the reins completely off Rivers and Co., they shouldn't get too carried away. While Singleton and Stevenson probably wouldn't mind Rivers turning the tempo up a notch, Phelps remembers that the slow-down approach kept his club in the game against teams with deep benches like North Carolina.

"We won't go out there to impress people, just to win," Phelps states flatly. "The score last year was 60-58, there were 5,000 students on the floor, and nobody cared about the score. The fact was we had beaten No. 1 North Carolina. Now if we had played transition with Carolina, we would have been buried."

"You've got to play to your strengths and make the other team play to your strength. That's how we won 24 games last year."

Phelps, quite clearly, likes to think back on last year. But with his star Rivers returning, as well as a cast of developing talent, he also likes to muse about the possibility of recreating some of the magic he found in 1986-87. Even with Indiana, Louisville, and DePaul looming on the horizon. "Those teams don't bother me," he says. "You've got to play them sometime, so you may as well say, 'Let's go,' and find out what you've got. And then you take it from there. From that standpoint, I think we'll be fine."

Then Digger Phelps smiles and calmly walks off to get his basketball team ready for another season opener. ■

NOVEMBER	
19	ZADAR
DECEMBER	
1	Indiana
5	Louisville
8	BOSTON UNIVERSITY
10	PRAIRIE VIEW A & M
12	DePaul
19	VALPARAISO
JANUARY	
2	LaSalle
4	Lafayette
9	Marquette
13	YALE
16	DEPAUL
21	PENNSYLVANIA
23	KANSAS
27	BUTLER
31	Kentucky
FEBRUARY	
2	MARYLAND
7	Duke
10	FORDHAM
14	UCLA
16	Rutgers
18	DAYTON
22	CREIGHTON
27	VANDERBILT
MARCH	
5	MARQUETTE
7	HARDIN-SIMMONS
12	Dayton

"David did it all for us last season and, looking at that first month of the year, he's going to have to do it again this year," Phelps says of his senior playmaker, who averaged 15.7 ppg. and dished out 163 assists last year



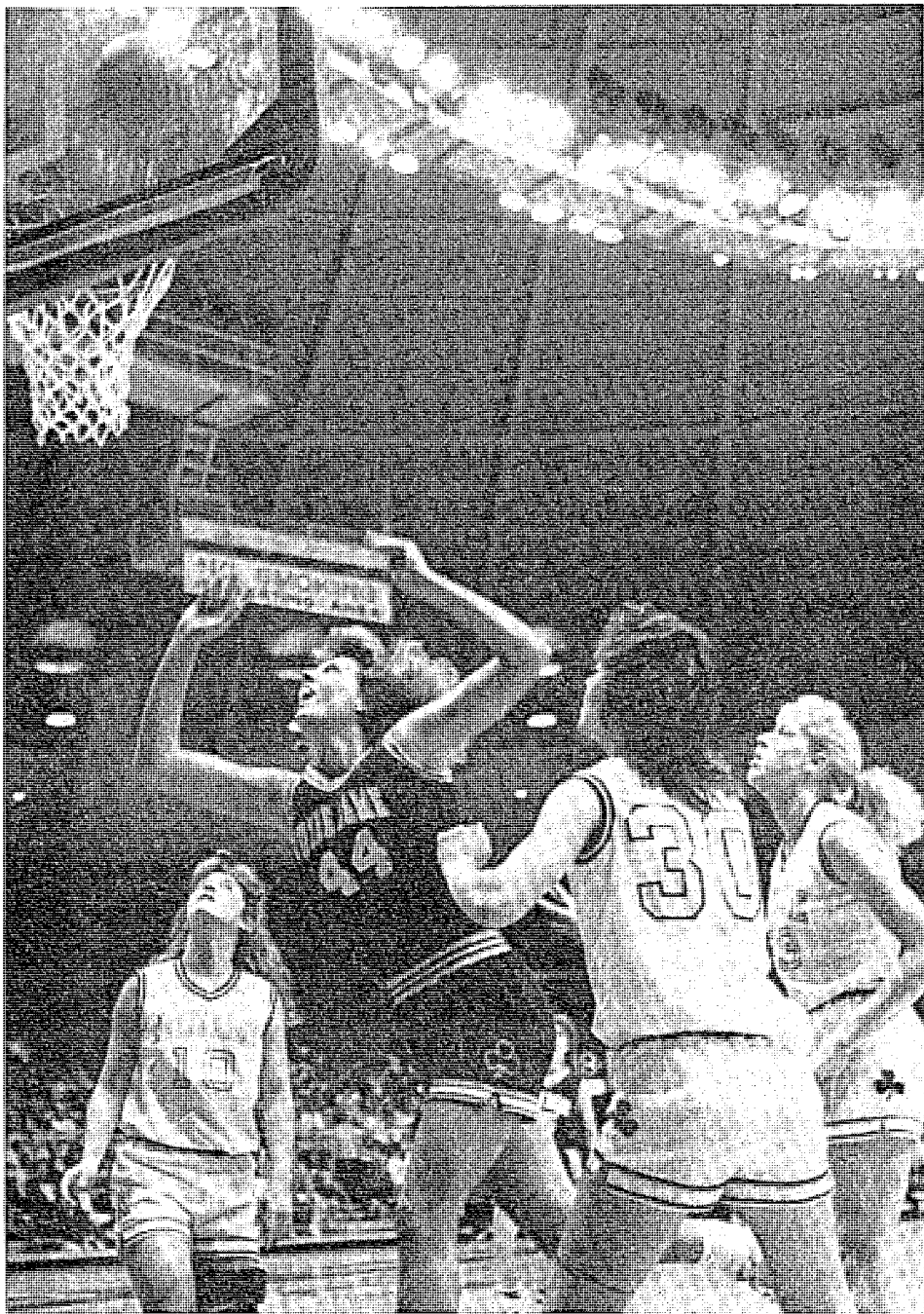
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On Your Marks, Get Set...

... and watch the ND women's basketball team run at its opponents -- and away from last year.

BY TERRY LYNCH

Aside from all the last-minute defeats, the fall from a somewhat lofty 23-8 record and the diminishing memory of an NIT Tournament bid two years ago, the losses of the Notre Dame women's basketball team last winter went beyond the loss column. As the



With scoring leader Bunek (44) back at forward, there's reason to look up.

season wore on, the players wore out. Anyone who had a team photo could virtually mark the passing of each month by the loss of another player to injury or defection.

It started with a knee injury to Lisa Kuhns that sidelined the key player before the season even began. Along the way, captain Lavetta Willis walked off the

team, freshman Julie Garske departed for her home state of Wisconsin, Kathy Brommeland left and Beth Morrison went down with a knee injury. It ended on April 21 with the biggest loss of all: head coach Mary DiStanislao departed for Northwestern to pursue a master's degree in business administration.

On the surface, it looked as



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McGraw (right) won't stand for standing around.

though DiStanislao's departure was the first time in history that someone sought sanity and stability in graduate school. Still, the announcement came as a surprise to most. Just over a month before her departure, DiStanislao had rallied the remainder of her team to end the season with six straight wins and a second-place finish in the North Star Conference. This all came out of a team that was 6-15 on Valentine's Day after an embarrassing 90-55 blowout at the hands of eventual-NCAA champion Tennessee.

"I'd like to start next season right now," said DiStanislao in March. "It's not often you end the season wishing you had another half-dozen games left."

"We played awfully well the last three weeks [of the season],

and that's a credit to our players. We had more than our share of adversity this season, but the kids always hung tough. And it really paid off. It's always too soon to quit, but it's never too late to be a winner."

Yet one month later, DiStanislao called it quits. And that's the way the reign of Mary D. ended -- not with a bang, but a cliché.

So what happens now? If you thought last year's ending was unexpected, just wait until you hear about this year's beginning. The women have a new head coach who has known nothing other than Eastern-style basketball -- Phillyball, to be precise. That

means Big Five basketball. To the uninitiated, it means zones, traps, and presses on defense. On offense, it means the one thing that can beat that kind of defense -- the fast break. So throw out all the diagrammed post-up plays, the 40-minute body-banging contests of Midwestern-style one-on-one defense, and lace up the Air Jordans. There's a new kid in town.

Her name is Muffet McGraw, she comes from the top women's job at Lehigh, she played at St. Joseph's (Philadelphia) and she has a dream: somehow, some way, the Fighting Irish are going to run. Now wait a minute. The Irish are gonna run? There's a coach who dares breathe the words "fast break" in the Land of Digger -- even in the same building?

"We're hoping to run a lot," says McGraw, with the kind of earnestness that makes all of this just about serious. "That's the biggest change for [the players]. Last year I guess they didn't run too much. It's a big mental transition for them to play 94 feet instead of a half-court game."

"It's starting to come along now, and I'm hoping it'll be ready for our first game. Right now, I don't know if it will be or not." If last Sunday's intrasquad game revealed anything, it was that McGraw has her schemes in place, and it's up to her players to perform. As is par for intrasquad games, the schemes looked a little better than the players did. Even so, at least it was something, well, different.

"We didn't execute tonight the way we can," said senior guard Mary Gavin about the new style of play. "But we have the type of

girls who can do it, and I think we'll be better off in the long run." But the long run may not come easily for the halfcourt-minded Irish. "It's slow going," says McGraw of the transition. "We look like we're running uphill a lot. It's just a mental thing of getting them thinking, 'We're going to get the rebound. Let's get out and down the floor.' They have a tendency to stand around a lot."

The running game will get a big boost from Karen Robinson, a 5-6 freshman from Turnersville, NJ. During Sunday's intrasquad game,

she scored 10 points, six of them coming on two three-point plays late in the game. "Karen Robinson is like a blessing for us," says McGraw. "I would have definitely looked at her if I was recruiting. She beat everyone down the floor." Robinson's speed has run her not only into McGraw's heart, but into her backcourt as well: Gavin and she will start at guard for the Irish.

But if you accuse McGraw of trying to play Eastern-style basketball with Midwestern players, she will be the first to plead guilty. For all of her plans, McGraw is a realist, and is blunt about her defensive plans: "We have to play zone. We're too slow." Indeed, McGraw starts her first season without any of her own recruits. "Usually I recruit players that can run," she says. "That's the main thing I look for, and now I have maybe [only] 10 players that can. I have to change my style a little bit to adapt to theirs."

Yet a lack of speed is not a one-way ticket to McGraw's bench. Of all her players, she is highest on 6-2 senior Sandy Botham, who was named to the first team all-North Star Conference team for the second straight year after last season. "I like Sandy a lot," says McGraw. "She's strong inside. She's probably the slowest person on the team, but she can rebound, and you can't run if you don't rebound. She's good in the post, and she can come outside and shoot the ball." Joining Botham on the boards will be junior Heidi Bunek, whose 14.4 points per game led the Irish last year.

Botham sees a change not only in the style of play, but in the attitude of the team as well. "It's really good right now -- very upbeat. It's so much of a relief. The attitude is very different, especially in practice. She

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Botham has a shot at being ND's most dominant player.

[McGraw] doesn't get on you for the little things. She's got a good attitude, and always has something good to say. When I walk back from practice, I can feel good even though I know I have a lot to work on. There's not as much pressure on me before this season compared to last season."

McGraw hopes that the new style will translate into more than just an improved team attitude, even though she faces a brutal schedule with 17 road games and just 11 home dates, one of them being a Feb. 3 rematch with Tennessee. "We'll attract some fans [with the new attack]. We have to be exciting or we're not going to get anyone to see us play. And winning will be great, too. If we can do that, it'll be good." ■

NOVEMBER

- 28 Loyola
- 30 NORTHWESTERN

DECEMBER

- 4-5 Phoenix Classic
(Green Bay, WI)
- 9 OAKLAND
- 12 ST. AMBROSE
- 19 VALPARAISO
- 21 Indiana
- 28-29 Wildcat Christmas Classic
(Phila., PA)

JANUARY

- 4 Virginia
- 7 Miami
- 14 NORTHERN ILLINOIS
- 16 SYRACUSE
- 20 DePaul
- 24 Michigan State
- 26 MARQUETTE

FEBRUARY

- 3 TENNESSEE
- 6 Duke
- 11 DETROIT
- 13 DAYTON
- 17 Cleveland State
- 20 Marquette
- 25 Valparaiso
- 28 DePAUL

MARCH

- 2 Illinois-Chicago
- 9 Northern Illinois
- 12 Dayton

A Toast To Health

Task Force solicits student opinion on the Alcohol Policy

BY CAROLE COOPER

Last week the Task Force on the Whole Health and the Use and Abuse of Alcohol established by University President Father Edward Malloy turned its attention to the Notre Dame student body. A series of open forums from Nov. 8 to Nov. 12 were held at several locations across campus. Students were encouraged to attend the forums and speak out about the current and future alcohol policy.

"I was curious to see what the turnout (for these meetings) would be," said Mike Gordan, a Flanner

R.A. "This is the students' chance to voice their opinions instead of just complaining about it among themselves."

The Task Force has been assigned to examine the current Alcohol Policy at Notre Dame, four years after it was first established. Father Malloy charged the following mandate to his personally assembled task force:

"(1) to examine the issue of use and abuse of alcohol in contemporary American society, with special attention to the college and university environment,

(2) to provide an appropriate frame of reference for the analysis

of the ethical, social, personal and legal significance of alcohol use and abuse,

(3) to determine the University's educational responsibility with regard to alcohol,

(4) to review present University policies concerning the availability and consumption of alcohol as they apply to all segments of the University community."

The final report and recommendations of the Task Force will be presented to the President by March 15, 1988. The Task Force is made up of a cross-section of the University community and includes students, class officers,

Questions Task Force Asked of Students:

1. How big an issue is alcohol at ND? Is there a problem?
2. What are student perceptions, vis-a-vis use and abuse, among students? among faculty/staff? Among alumni?
3. What values should an alcohol policy reflect?
4. What effect does the alcohol policy

have on residential life? On student life in general?

5. What are the assets of the policy? The drawbacks?
6. How should the policy accommodate the state law? Who should enforce the policy(ies)?
7. What about SYR's?
8. How consistent should a policy be, vis-a-vis students, faculty/staff, alumni?

residence hall rectors, resident assistants and University departmental staff, all appointed by Malloy.

The Task Force is gathering information about the attitudes concerning the current policy from a wide spectrum of the Notre Dame family. Meetings have been held with various groups of people affected by the policy, including Father Malloy, Notre Dame security officials, residence hall rectors, members of the administration, student government leaders, alumni representatives, and residents of the Northeast neighborhood.

"The need for more education has been expressed in all the meetings," said Sr. Joris Binder, a member of the Task Force and rectress of Pasquerilla East Hall. She also cited the need for greater respect from Notre Dame students for the Northeast community. Sean Cullinan, another member of the Task Force, refused comment when asked about the meetings.

Concern was expressed by students over the possibility that the Task Force had already formed an opinion on the subject and that the student meetings were a mere formality in the decision making process. Steve Newton, the forum moderator, put this fear to rest when he stated, "To date the Task Force has no opinion. Right now we want input, advice, and ideas about how to reach our mandate. Students ask whether we're out just to make the policy stricter." He said that right now, the Task Force's final recommendation could be for a stricter or a less confining policy.

The panel raised eight questions (see box), listened to and took notes on students reactions, but offered no opinions themselves. Attitudes and views of students attending the meetings were

varied. Strong areas of concern were the problems of drunk driving and off-campus parties.

"(Now that) I am a junior, none of my friends socialize on campus. It seems like the stricter the policy is, the more the alcohol problem is being pushed off campus and left for the Indiana State Police to deal with," said Jim Grace. Mike Diegel, a Campus View resident, stated, "Some people think of Campus View as just an underage bar. Underclassmen go there with no real destination, just the attitude that there must be some place to drink."

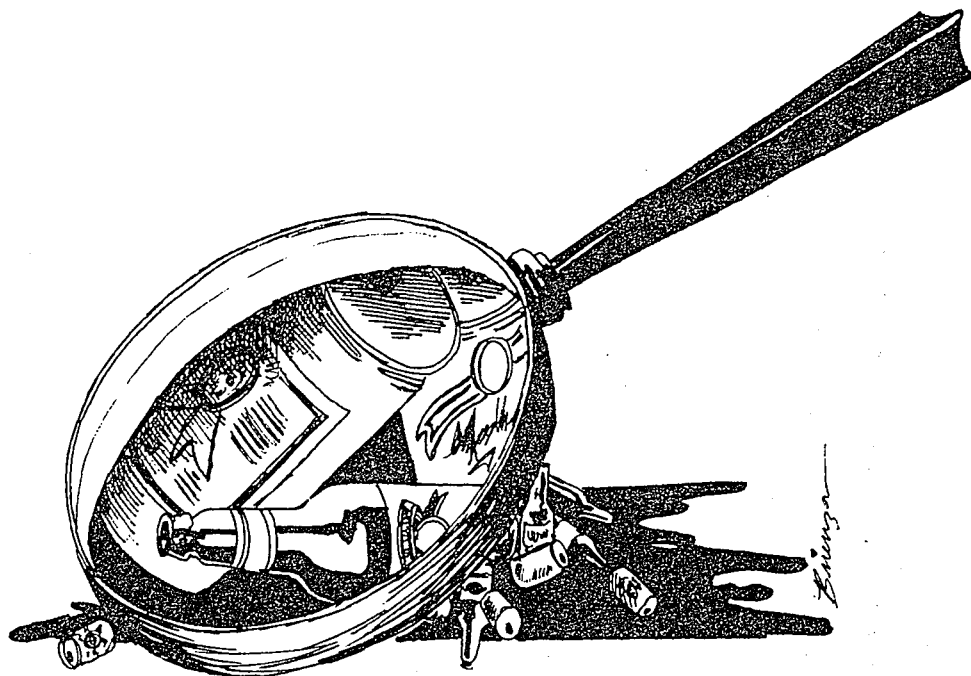
Other issues were raised in the forums as well. Complaints about across-campus enforcement inconsistencies were voiced, as well as the fact that the current policy does nothing to help the alcoholic that quietly drinks in his or her room. There was disagreement among the students as to whether or not there is valid justification to have an alcohol policy inconsistent with Indiana state law. Strong support for the continuance of the traditional SYR's was

voiced. Students also spoke about the current policy's weakness in the area of alcohol education and awareness.

There was no shortage of opinions; throughout the meeting, discussion was facilitated by a receptive attitude on the part of both the students and the members of the forum. Newton said he thanks the students for the interest exhibited by their presence and their comments at the forums.

Members of the Task Force stated that their real work, assimilating all pertinent information, would now begin. None of the members who were contacted would release any information about meetings they held other than the student forums.

Eric Emerson, co-president of Flanner said, "I think people need to realize that there will be no black or white answer. The Task Force is faced with the difficult responsibility of coming up with a suitable compromise for all involved. Not everyone will be satisfied no matter what the final outcome is."



Notre Dame & Saint Mary's

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

FILMS

"The Golden Child"
Engineering Auditorium
7, 9, 11 p.m.
\$2

"Destructive Engagement"
CCE Auditorium
7:30 p.m.
Free (South African
Biko Film Series)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

FILMS

"European Vacation"
Engineering Auditorium
7, 9, 11 p.m.
\$2

"Therese"

Annenberg Auditorium
7:30 & 9:30 p.m.

ST. Mary's

Hanna and Her Sisters
Carroll Hall
7, 9, 11

SPORTS

Swimming
NDM & NDW vs. Ferris State
Rof's Aquatic Center
7 p.m.

Ice Hockey
ND vs. St. Thomas
JACC Ice Arena
7:30 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

AT & T College Comedy Tour
Stepan Center
8 p.m.
tickets \$7

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21

FILMS

"European Vacation"
Engineering Auditorium
7, 9, 11 p.m.
\$2

SPORTS

Football
Notre Dame at Penn State
12:10 EST CBS
(Away)

Ice Hockey
ND vs. St. Thomas
JACC Arena
7:30 p.m.

TRIPS

Ladies of ND/SMC Chicago
Bus Trip

EDUCATIONAL

Educational Testing Service
Examination
Engineering Auditorium
8-3p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

ISO International Banquet
Knights of Columbus
6-9 p.m.

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7:45 and 9:45 p.m.

"Like Father Like Son"

7:30 and 9:30 p.m.

"Hiding Out"

7:40 and 9:40 p.m.

100 CENTER I-II

"Dirty Dancing"

5, 7, and 9 p.m.

"Beverly Hills Cop II"

7:30 and 9:30 p.m.

UNIVERSITY PARK WEST

"Hello Again"

7:30 and 9:45 p.m.

"Fatal Beauty"

7 and 9:30 p.m.

"Russkies"

7:45 and 9:45 p.m.

UNIVERSITY PARK EAST

"Death Wish IV"

7:45 and 9:45 p.m.

"Less Than Zero"

7:30 and 9:30 p.m.

"Deadline"

7:45 and 9:45 p.m.

"Running Man"

7:30 and 9:30 p.m.

"Prince Of Darkness"

7:45 and 9:45 p.m.

"Made In Heaven"

7:30 and 9:30 p.m.

SCOTTSDALE

"The Hidden"

7:30 and 9:30 p.m.

"Weeds"

7 and 9:30 p.m.

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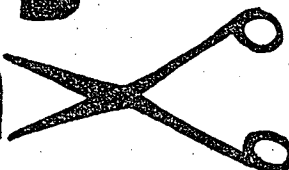
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1987's Best?

The Non-Guide to the Year in Music

I'm still receiving the occasional crank call from you lovely students, which I guess signals that some people seriously have nothing better to do with their time, or were somehow absent when the gods were handing out secure egos. But, as I said, I'm not taking this whole thing half as seriously as people probably think, so it's not as if I'm losing a whole lot of sleep over it. Anyway, this is my last column of the year, and I know you're gonna be inundated with "Best Of" lists in the next few weeks, so I thought I'd beat the rush and submit my admittedly short and idiosyncratic account of what struck me as cool in 1987.

First off, GG Allin, "The Wildman of New Hampshire" as people call him. Other nicknames to grace this character include "The Legend," "The Animal," and "The Only Real Rock 'n' Roller Alive." Undoubtedly, most Notre Dame students have never heard of him, and that's just as well 'cuz the guy's destined to die on stage sometime really soon. GG's stage shows, most of which only last 15 minutes, consist of him pummeling his entire face with a microphone, rolling around in broken glass, defecating into his hand and throwing it every which way but loose, sticking the mike into his nether regions (a real crowd-pleaser), and basically doing everything that normal humans wouldn't. No, I don't quite endorse GG's lifestyle -- au con-

traire, I think the fellow is quite pathetic -- but on the other hand this kind of "entertainment" doesn't pass anyone's way very frequently, and his stage performance and the resultant crowd reactions are both real and scary. I've been to at least a hundred concerts, and I can honestly say that very few of them will remain etched in my memory the way GG's set will.

This was also an excellent year for the underground press, especially with respect to fanzines. Spin couldn't hack it and Rolling Stone seems content going for that Guess jeans market, so there's really no other place to turn for biting, no-holds-barred commentary about music. Away From the Pulsebeat (\$5 to Art Black/ P.O. Box M1842/ Hoboken, NJ 07030), which comes out at a rate of approximately once a year, is arguably the best-made and well-written of the lot. Covering groups like Killdozer, Celibate Rifles, Saqqara Dogs, and Nomads, its most recent issue was jam-packed with insightful record reviews (over 200 of 'em), concert reviews, and a discussion of shock magazines and movies, plus the editor was kind enough to include a free 7" single featuring a song apiece by the Celibate Rifles and Saqqara Dogs. Well worth it.

Another biggie is Forced Exposure (\$3 to P.O. Box 1611/ Waltham, MA 02254), which seems almost prolific at two issues a year. In the past, this one has given coverage to the Divine

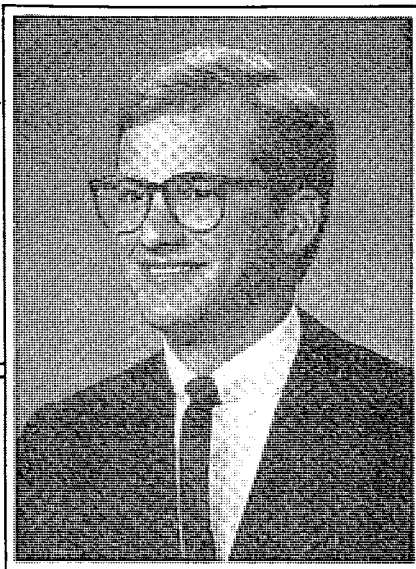
Horsemen, Christmas, and Lydia Lunch. Each issue also has its share of weird fiction and art, plus hundreds of record, concert, video and book reviews. Acidic in the best sense, though not up to its peak levels of 1986, this again is worth the dough. Rounding out these is The Offense Newsletter (P.O. Box 12614/ Columbus, OH 43212), which actually is the "nicest" of the three despite its moniker, which focuses on some of the more ethereal English groups (Cocteau Twins, Wolfgang Press, Wire) around today. Editor TKA changes things around with each issue, so you can see a long run-down of recent records to come out, an interview with the owner of 4AD Records, letters from his readers, or the results of his annual readers poll in any one copy.

And last, there were some good records that came out this year. No, can't say I spent much time on the new U2, Bruce, or REM albums, so don't expect to find 'em here. But these artists put out worthy albums, in my oh-so-informed opinion: Dinosaur, Phantom Tollbooth, the Primitons, Vomit Launch, and Big Black.

And, yes, I did see my fair share of good bands in concert, too. Here are just a few: The Beastie Boys, Die Kreuzen, Blatant Dissent, the Descendents, the Membranes, and Naked Raygun, etc. etc. You get the drift. Not too lame a year for music, if you're into the good stuff.

Questioning the Constitution

BY MIKE JAEGER



This semester marks the beginning of my fourth year at the University of Notre Dame; it marks as well, the beginning of my fourth year of active public service to the Notre Dame community. Dynamic involvement in the student government has been my predominant mode of service although I have never held an elected position in the University of Notre Dame student government; yet, my close contact over the years with both elected and appointed individuals has provided me with a tremendous resource of knowledge.

During the course of my tenure of service, I have been exposed to the phenomenal responsibilities accepted by the volunteers that comprise the student government. Also I have been exposed to repeated accounts of so-called scandal, supposedly demonstrated by the various members of this organization. Recently I became, in the perception of a significant number of students, recognized as the originator of the perceived scandal; the sole conspirator in an effort to bring attention to this supposed scandal.

On Monday, November 2nd, I submitted a report to the Student Senate concerning operations currently under the immediate jurisdiction of the Student Union Board. The result of my presentation was a public statement recognizing certain violations of the Constitution of the Under-

graduate Student Body of the University of Notre Dame. I must admit now, to all concerned, a deep regret for the resultant preoccupation with this notion of "scandal."

In the spring of 1985, and again in the spring of 1986, in a continuance of a recognized need for change, individuals active in student government founded committees to address directly the problems recognized in the function of the organization. It was the document that defines the structure and delineates the function of the various assemblages composing student government, the Constitution, that became their ultimate concern. This concern was not new, in fact, it had become almost traditional; the results, however, were new.

The Constitution was recognized by the committees as inherently flawed and seriously problematic; consequently, the committees set forth on their mission to clarify the functions of student government, especially in those cases which could be popularly misconstrued as scandal. In their attempt to rectify the problematic nature of the document, the committees saw sweeping changes and the formulation of new constructions as the the most pragmatic solutions; therefore, new constitutions were proposed. The committees themselves then became the manifestation of scandal. The effect of their proposals was a heightened political sensitivity; consequently, the various assem-

blages within student government became adversaries in a battle over the distribution of power.

Lost in the perception of these committees was the original mission. Concerns for programming, voicing of student concern, protection of students rights, and a better overall environment took a back seat to the battle over new constructions. As scandal resulted, and sensitivities were enhanced, compromise became impossible. Embittered factions became solidly entrenched in their own "unique ideologies." The result was little or no change, and an ill-feeling between the various segments of student government.

As the spring term of 1987 advanced, the concern for the problems with the Constitution was still very real and, yet, another commission was formed. This time, under the leadership of an experienced Brian Holst, district I student senator, with an all-encompassing evaluation team, the representatives of traditionally warring camps were brought together in one forum. Since the project initially stated no intent for a new constitutional document, the air was free of scandals past. Now all felt free to air their own concerns about the operation of student govern-

ment. Reason prevailed, which inevitably resulted in understanding and acceptance; the remnants of the feudal past were buried.

I am, nonetheless, concerned. My worry is that no effort has been made to reach a full understanding of the implications of the agreements reached by the most recent committee; thus, no action has been taken to formally accept them. In order that the work of this committee be preserved, I began a campaign for public awareness and understanding of the need for significant constructional changes to effect the preservation of the agreements reached.

I therefore drew up and delivered the presentation to the senate on November 2nd. The primary intention was not to call

attention to the violations; it was to call to the attention of the public the need for change and to demonstrate the spirit of cooperation within the Student Government Evaluation team.

With this goal in mind, I again express regret for having caused the feeling in certain individuals that they had been "dragged through the mud." I herewith declare my deep respect for those who have volunteered, and continue to volunteer, such a significant portion of their time and energy in the service of the student body.

I would, as well, like to express the fact that the presentation to the senate has brought some very positive results. The Student Union Board accepted the responsibility and took almost immediate action to

rectify the perceived problem areas. I maintain that this is the most positive result in the past three years, as it provides the inclusion in the problem solving process of a group previously indifferent to solution. Nonetheless, this is only a new beginning. The problematic situations inherent in the Constitution, the real culprits of concern, have only begun to be resolved. I maintain that the inclusion of the issues in the public forum of the student senate is a correction of the mistakes of the past. It is my sincere hope that the proper, constructional inclusion of the public forum will result in genuine affirmative change. (in italics) Michael Jaeger is student government chief of staff and a senior in pre-professional studies. ■

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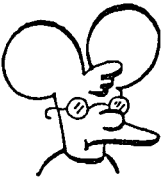

























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