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Reagan: Nicaraguan rebels virtually defenseless, need aid to stop communist takeover

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Reagan, seeking public pressure on Congress to approve \$100 million aid for "virtually defenseless" Nicaraguan rebels, declared yesterday evening that the funds are needed to "deny the Soviet Union a beachhead in North America."

Beseching Congress "to vote yes," Reagan emphasized his belief that "it is not Nicaragua alone that threatens us." In a televised address from the Oval office, he asked viewers, "Tell them to help the freedom fighters. Help us prevent a Communist takeover of Central America."

In prepared remarks, four days before the House votes on his aid proposal, Reagan urged his countrymen not to ignore "the malignancy in Managua until it spreads and becomes a mortal threat to the entire New World."

Sen. James Sasser, leading the Democratic response to Reagan, agreed with much of the president's view of the Sandinista government in Nicaragua, but said it was time for negotiation, not military buildup. Sasser has proposed compromise legislation that would give the Sandinistas time to talk.

Making his case for \$70 million in military aid and \$30 million in non-lethal funds for the so-called Contra forces, Reagan said, "We are asking only to be permitted to switch a small part of our present defense budget — to the defense of our own southern frontier."

A senior administration official, briefing reporters at the White House on the president's speech but insisting he not be identified, said Reagan was about 10 to 12 votes

short of victory in the House and would lobby members in search of support.

The official said the administration remains unwilling to compromise on the amount of money Reagan requested or by placing new restrictions on how the money is spent. But he acknowledged "the possibility of the president agreeing unilaterally to allow some time between the enactment of the legislation and the actual delivery of military assistance" to encourage peace talks with the Sandinistas.

Reagan portrayed a dire situation in Central America should the Contra forces lose American assistance.

"Using Nicaragua as a base, the Soviets and Cubans can become the dominant power in the crucial corridor between North and South America. Established there, they will be in a position to threaten the Panama Canal, interdict our vital Caribbean sea lanes, and ultimately move against Mexico.

"Should that happen, desperate Latin peoples by the millions would begin fleeing north into the cities of the southern United States, or to wherever some hope of freedom remained."

Displaying a map of the region and an airfield photo from Nicaragua, the president charged members of the ruling Sandinista regime with selling illegal drugs to Americans, using their country as a terrorist command post and threatening the security of the Western alliance by seeking to spread revolution through Central America to the Panama Canal.

In the Democratic Party reply prepared for broadcast following

the president's address, Sasser of Tennessee said the Democrats agree with Reagan that "the Sandinista government has betrayed the promise of its revolution, has suppressed the freedom of its own people, and has supported subversion in El Salvador." But Sasser said the Democrats believe "that the president is seizing military options before he has exhausted the hope of a peaceful solution."

"Let us call upon our diplomatic skills," Sasser said. "Let us call upon our patience, on our wisdom and, most of all, on our democratic traditions to achieve a balanced bipartisan policy of success and one we, as Americans, don't have to be ashamed of," he said.

As the president prepared to speak, dozens of demonstrators carrying candles and anti-administration placards marched on the sidewalk outside the White House chanting, "Stop the killing! stop the lies. We know what Contra money buys."

For its part, the Nicaraguan government, in a statement issued by its embassy in Washington, accused Reagan of attempting "to hoodwink the Congress and US public opinion into supporting a policy of creeping military involvement of U.S. combat troops in Nicaragua" and trying to "trigger a bloody regional war in Central America."

The president's address culminated an intense two-week campaign to bring public opinion to his side. Reagan's chief of staff, Donald Regan, predicted yesterday that the president would prevail in the up-or-down House vote on Thursday.



Upset Irish

The Observer/Drew Sandler

Two Notre Dame cheerleaders console each other after the Irish defeat to Arkansas-Little Rock Friday night. Notre Dame was knocked out of the NCAA championship tournament after the 90-83 loss. Story on page 12.

More active, influential senate cited as candidates' top priority

By BUD LUEPKE
Staff Reporter

Editor's note: This is the second of two articles concerning tomorrow's Student Senate elections. Today's article focuses on candidates from districts 3, 4 and 5.

A more active and influential senate is the top priority for senate hopefuls as they move to the final phases of their campaigns for tomorrow's elections.

Candidates from districts 3, 4 and 5 said they would push district as well as campus-wide issues in their effort to get something done in the senate.

In district 3, Andrew Vierhile, a sophomore from Dillon, goes up against classmate John Bauer of Morrissey. Vierhile says he wants "to make the senate do something." Vierhile also said that if elected he would work to reduce regulations and penalties on parietals, but said he didn't think the administration "would sway" on certain issues.

Vierhile said, "I hope to have a lot of fun and hopefully get something done."

Bauer agrees that penalties for parietals violations were too strict and he would work to reduce them. Addressing problems with the senate, Bauer said relations with the Hall Presidents' Council should be improved. Also on Bauer's platform is a proposal for a drug rehabilitation program and a call for more student unity.

Bauer said there is too much infighting in the senate. "Senators make the senate. We need greater input from the senators," he said.

District 4 features J. Christopher Murphy and Steve Viz. Both are freshmen from Flanner. Murphy wants to improve the senate by "getting students involved in so that senate is a working body." Murphy also stresses consistent rector enforcement of regulations, particularly on parietals and party policy. "Enforcement of these rules varies too much from hall to hall," he said. Murphy says he wants to

keep his district informed with a newsletter from which he said he hopes to get feedback as well.

Viz says, if elected, he will focus on the issues of his district such as better security in the north quad parking lots, more phones in Flanner, and air conditioners in the Pasquerillas, which he described as "ovens in the summer." Viz said he would also propose the elimination of penalties for switching dorms.

Three candidates are up for the off-campus district 5 post. Eileen Hartigan, a junior, said she wants to improve the off-campus representation. "Du Lac stresses on campus representation. I would work to improve off-campus representation for instance by getting an off-campus member on the HPC," she said.

Hartigan also said she thinks people living off campus should have parking closer to campus and

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Soph candidates stress social life, class unity

By CLIFF STEVENS
News Staff

On the eve of class elections, sophomore class office candidates are citing social life, class unity and involvement as their major concerns for the upcoming year.

The sophomore class office ticket of Liam Brennan, Mary McCarthy, Jeff Utz, and Tim Lake, listed in order of president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, plans to stress social life if elected, said Brennan.

"We're committed to an active social life and we'll do that through activities on a very regular basis, with religious and academic aspects, too," he said.

Pat Cooke of the Cooke, Theresa Barshart, Chris Bownes, and John Ruhlin ticket, said class unity and "well-being" are their primary goals.

Cooke called the class unity at

the Kevin Hurley Mass "something special."

"That's the unity we're going to try to maintain over the next year, as well as well-being which includes social life and liturgical and community life," he said.

The ticket of Patrick Creadon, Erica Hinkel, Tom DiResta, and Sam Bailey are citing fun and unity in their campaign plans, said Creadon.

"If elected we're going to work as hard as we can to pull the class together but we're going to have a good time doing it; the class as a whole is going to have a good time, too," he said.

Michael Keegan of the Keegan, Martine Beamon, Pete Hartwegger, and Ellen Nichols ticket said separation of politics and social life was their prime objective.

"Everyone seems to be worried about disbanding this and

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In Brief

The Coca-Cola boycott is picking up steam at Michigan State University where three residence halls and the student government have voted to support the ban as an anti-apartheid protest. "The boycott is not just against Coke," said one student leader. "We are asking students to focus on Coke simply because students don't buy IBM computers every day." — *The Observer*

The 1986 Younger Scholar Award winner is Laura Speranza, a junior at Saint Mary's. The award is part of a national competition commemorating the bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution and sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Contestants had to submit proposals for research and writing projects on the constitution. Speranza is a history and philosophy major from Munster, Ind. Her proposed project focused on James Wilson, a legal theorist and signer of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence. Speranza will be provided with \$1,800 to research and write the paper during a nine-week period this summer. Her advisor is Stuart Warner, a visiting professor of philosophy at Saint Mary's. — *The Observer*

International criminal Charle Soobhraj, wanted in three countries for befriending young couples so he could drug, rob and kill them, escaped from a New Dehli, India prison with six other convicts yesterday after drugging the warden and guards with candied fruit, police said. Authorities declared a nationwide alert and sealed New Dehli's borders in the manhunt. — *AP*

Mario Cuomo is seen by Democrats as their front-runner in the 1988 presidential election, with the GOP expecting to line up behind Vice President George Bush, according to a Newsweek poll of 43 governors. The magazine said in its March 24 issue that 20 percent of the Democratic governors interviewed believe Cuomo will head the Democratic ticket. Fourteen percent named Colorado Sen. Gary Hart and 10 percent picked former Virginia Gov. Charles Robb. On the Republican side, 77 percent chose Bush, with former Delaware Gov. Pierre du Pont IV a distant second with eight percent of the vote. — *AP*

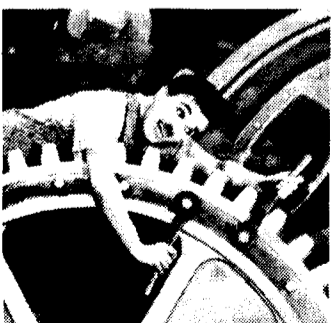
Ferdinand Marcos, exiled Philippines president, is finding househunting in Honolulu a hard job, while one of three countries in which he reportedly would like to settle apparently will not accept him. According to a published report, Spain, Mexico or Panama are on Marcos' list but a Spanish government official was quoted yesterday as saying he would not be granted asylum. — *AP*

Of Interest

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Weather

Get back to class. Just forget about the 52-degree weather, sunny skies and green beer — what would your mother say if she knew you were at the bars all day? Increasing temperatures tomorrow with possibilities of thundershowers. — *AP*



The Observer

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St. Pat's fests at Notre Dame could be biggest in country

For the first time in five years, the green suds will flow in the land of the golden dome.

St. Patrick's Day, that notorious festival of parties and parades, of Gaelic pride and Irish revelry, has finally arrived. This year, because the semester schedule has the spring and Easter breaks combined, students remain on campus for the celebration, instead of on the beaches or at home.

Now, what happens when the second most famous celebration day of the year (after New Year's Eve) is combined with the spirited campuses of the Notre Dame community? No joke, it's a mega-party.

But seriously, folks, this could be the start of something big. And even worthwhile. What if Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students celebrated St. Patrick's Day on campus every year? Why not?

Of course, there are inherent scheduling problems. While the administrators usually schedule spring breaks during St. Pat's Day because they are afraid students will get too wild, this is only part of the picture. March 17 coincidentally falls right in the middle of the semester, neatly breaking it into halves — the ideal time for spring break.

But Notre Dame has the potential to be the site of the biggest, best celebration of St. Patrick's Day anywhere outside Dublin. The party doesn't necessarily have to happen on March 17 every year. It could take place before or after. It's the spirit of the event, not the day on the calendar.

So what is standing in the way? Two things: administrative anxiety and lack of student initiative.

Both of these could be eliminated this year if students show some responsibility during the celebration today. There's no way to stop the drinking and partying today — and frankly, who wants to? But there are ways to change people's attitudes. Namely, maturity and responsibility.

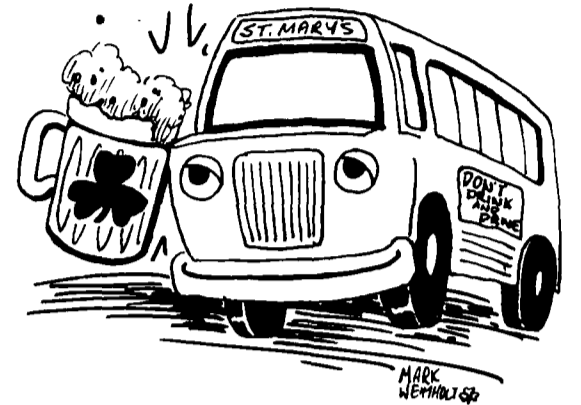
These qualities have already been shown this year. The Saint Mary's student government tonight is sponsoring a Paddy Wagon, a school bus that will circulate between the campuses. Turtle Creek, Campus View, Five Corners, the corner of Howard and St. Louis streets, and the corner of Leeland and Rex streets. These are the places where students will generally be celebrating today.

The bus, which will make the circuit every half hour beginning tonight at 8, will return students from the parties safely back to campus. No drinking and driving. No staggering home in the dark.

Besides maturity and responsibility, this idea exhibits a certain amount of realism on the part of the Saint Mary's student government. You don't have to be psychic to realize that people are going to drink to

Dan McCullough

News Editor



day, and some are probably going to drink too much. This project, which provides a free and safe ride home, deserves to be commended.

Such a realistic approach to the situation should serve as a model for the planning of future St. Patrick's Day projects. With such an attitude, a successful and fun St. Patrick's Day at Notre Dame could become an annual event.

St. Pat's Day under the dome could rank nationally with Indiana University's Little 500, the Dartmouth Winter Carnival and the Southern Illinois University's Halloween as nationally-known student celebrations. All these successful student events have three things in common: they are planned by people who are responsible and know what they are doing, mature attitudes by most of the people who take part in the celebrations, and realism on the part of everybody involved.

It is laughable to go on the pretense that students at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's are going to go dry today. Fat chance. But with maturity and responsibility on the part of the students, and realism on the part of the administration and activity planners, the home of the Fighting Irish could become the home of the greatest Irish celebration of all time.

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South African rioting kills seven in gold mine

Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Rioting between rival tribal factions at the world's second-largest gold mine yesterday left seven dead and 67 wounded, bringing the death toll to 14 in two days of mine violence, officials said.

The battle between Xhosa and Sotho miners at Vaal Reefs Gold Mine raged Saturday night till yesterday, ending by noon, said Errol Symons, a spokesman for mine owner Anglo American Corp.

He said factional grievances were unclear, but management was talking with both sides.

On Friday, police fired on rampaging miners demanding bonus pay at Blyvooruitzicht Gold Mine, about 45 miles west of Johannesburg. Police said seven miners died from police gunfire or in factional fighting then, and 176 miners were wounded, 58 of whom needed hospitalization.

Greg Kukard, spokesman for Rand Mines, Ltd., which owns Blyvooruitzicht, said about 160 miners were dismissed after refusing to sign forms saying they wanted to go back to work. He said the mine would resume normal

operations today after a weeklong disruption.

Vaal Reefs, near Orkney about 95 miles southwest of Johannesburg, is second in size to a newly merged group of five mines in the Orange Free State. Both are owned by Anglo American; the huge South African mining conglomerate.

Vaal Reefs was hit by strike action earlier this month when miners demanded that police free nine black miners accused of killing four black supervisors. Anglo American refused to yield, and the strike died down.

Violent strikes and factional fighting, common in the mines for years, have increased in recent months.

Some analysts blame a climate of unrest in black townships across the country, which has left more than 1,200 dead in 18 months.

Most of the deaths are tied to protests against apartheid, the race segregation system by which 5 million whites govern and deny the vote to South Africa's 24 million blacks.

Police headquarters said three clashes with black rioters late Saturday and early yesterday resulted in seven blacks injured and 41 arrested.



Marcos of the Jungle

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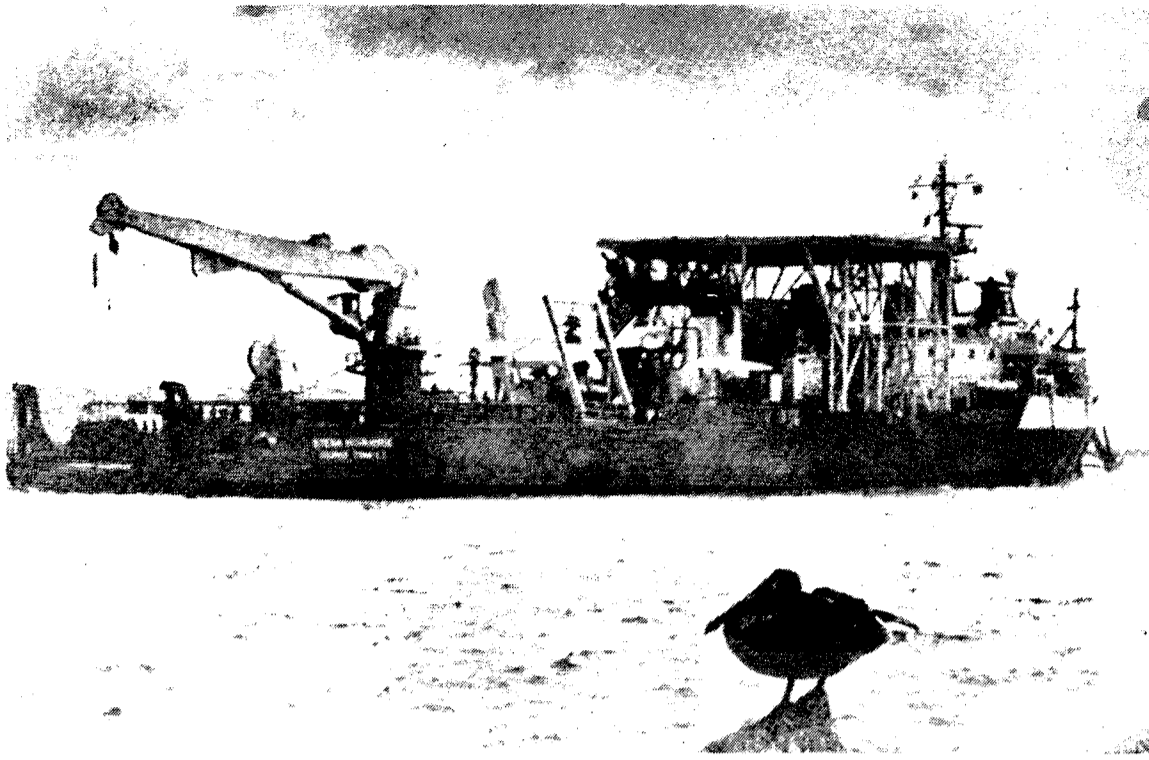
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Workhorse was brought into port Friday because of heavy seas but will resume its work in trying to salvage debris from the Space Shuttle Challenger.

Ship nabs new Challenger debris

Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — A salvage ship yesterday plucked from the ocean bottom a 3,250-pound chunk of debris that might be part of the right solid rocket booster suspected of causing the Challenger explosion.

The Stena Workhorse, which has a lifting capacity of 10 tons, hoisted the 6-by-18-foot piece aboard after a robot submersible attached lines to it at a depth of 400 feet, a Navy spokeswoman said.

The ship then moved from the site, about 28 miles east-northeast of Cape Canaveral, to another location four miles away. There, the crew sought to retrieve what may be another part of the right

booster, a 4-by-5-foot section 650 feet down.

This piece, if part of the right rocket, could be critical to the investigation because it might contain the segment joint believed to have started the accident.

"We still don't know if they are parts of the left or right SRB," said Lt. Cmdr. Deborah Burnette, spokeswoman for the Navy search and salvage operation.

Investigators have focused on a joint between the bottom two segments of the right booster. Photographs taken on launch day show a puff of black smoke spewing from the area of the joint on liftoff and a plume of flame escaping from the same area 58 seconds later.

The space shuttle exploded 73

seconds after liftoff of Jan. 28, killing the seven crew members.

Rough seas, which have stalled search and recovery efforts for two days, subsided yesterday, allowing a fleet of 10 ships and two manned submarines to resume operations.

In another part of the search zone, divers battled strong currents 100 feet below the surface as they worked to retrieve more debris from the crew cabin of the Challenger.

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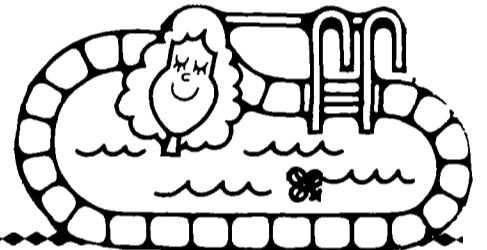
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Acid rain focus of Mulroney visit

Associated Press

OTTAWA — Prime Minister Brian Mulroney will be seeking action to fight acid rain and a renewed commitment to negotiating a free-trade agreement when he meets President Reagan and congressional leaders tomorrow and Wednesday in Washington, officials said.

Mulroney, whose Progressive Conservative government has been sagging in popularity, will be hoping to show results from his careful efforts to nurture a close friendship with Reagan.

The two leaders, both of Irish descent, met last year on St. Patrick's Day in Quebec City for what was billed a "Shamrock Summit." Among the festivities was a solo rendition by Mulroney of a

line from "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling."

A senior Canadian diplomat, briefing reporters on condition he not be identified, said the Washington visit would be "a more businesslike meeting to engage the attention and the involvement of the administration at the highest political level."

Mulroney and Reagan are to meet an hour each day at the White House, and the Canadian prime minister will also have sessions with Secretary of State George Shultz and with key House and Senate leaders.

Acid rain, the chief irritant in U.S.-Canada relations for at least five years, promises once again to be the headline item on the agenda.

Last year in Quebec City, former U.S. Transportation Secretary Drew Lewis and former Ontario Premier William Davis were appointed as "special envoys" on acid rain.

Their report in January declared acid rain a serious transboundary problem — and proposed a \$5 billion research program, half coming from the U.S. government and half from industry.

An American official, also speaking on condition that he not be identified by name, said he was optimistic the White House will act favorably toward the report. "There's been a real movement toward recognition that this is a real problem that's not caused by forests or volcanos," the official said.

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disbanding that," said Keegan. "We think that detracts from student life at Notre Dame," he said.

The ticket of Michael Kelly, Edward Rossinni, Heather Brieter, and Linda Goldschmidt plans to "liven up" social life, according to Kelly.

"The most important thing is that we have to use the resources like the SYRs to the best of our ability and make them better, and if possible get more," said Kelly.

Kris Malaker of the Malaker, Brian DiBona, Melissa Houk, and John Ofenloch ticket said

that more activities and class newsletter improvements are their major goals if elected.

"We need more informal dances, and it doesn't seem that enough people are getting (the present sophomore class newsletter)," Malaker said.

The ticket of George Molinsky, Karen Ruff, Andy Kinney, and Carolyn Aylward plans to involve the class in organizing activities, said Molinsky.

"We feel the students of Notre Dame are a very active people and like to get involved, and we'd like to give them a chance," he said.

Mike Moynihan of the Moynihan, Chris Sullivan, Tim Cummins, and Patty Fanning ticket said the theme of their

campaign is the "active approach."

"We want to get input from our class and turn that into something concrete in the end for student life," said Moynihan.

The ticket of Stephen Shake, Mike Kletzly, Gretchan Schaffer, and Susan Rosenthal holds as its goal the scheduling of "as many activities as we can," according to Shake.

"We want to get the whole class to be active and have the opportunity to have as much fun as they want to have," said Shake.

Class office elections will be held tomorrow with run-offs on Thursday if necessary.

Senate

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off-campus needs more access to campus information.

Fred Pugliano is also competing for the district 5 bid, and he wants to streamline the senate and "get something done."

Pugliano also wants to reduce the administration's grip on student affairs. "They should guide and help in residence life, not dictate to it," he said. Also on Pugliano's platform are ideas for an off-campus block party and making Corby's into a student club.

Rounding out the battle for off-campus is Chris Sheedy. Sheedy gives increased information for off-campus students the top seat on his platform. Sheedy said he would hold meeting-parties at his house "to get as much information as possible." He also wants to get a lounge in LaFortune for off-campus students.

Sheedy said he thinks the structure of the senate is fine.

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Awareness initiative should be carried on

Student attention last week was focused on alcohol. Not on drinking it, nor on objections to the University's policy, but on awareness.

Last week was Alcohol Awareness Week. A series of events were organized by students to inform students about the effects of alcohol, a drinker's responsibilities and alternatives to alcohol abuse. The University has needed such a program for a long time.

Two years ago, Notre Dame drastically changed its alcohol policy in response to a report by the University's Committee on the Responsible Use of Alcohol. Besides the limiting of alcohol use on campus, the committee recommended an administrative commitment to alcohol education and the further development of counseling programs. The committee advised that a permanent Office of Alcohol Education be established as part of the Office of Student Affairs.

To date, these recommendations are still just words on paper.

It has taken a dedicated group of students to begin a serious effort to increase the alcohol awareness of all students.

The program, sponsored by student government's Alcohol Concerns Commission, the Around the Corner Club and the Student Activities Board, has featured discussions, lectures, a workshop and a concert by a recovered alcoholic. All events were coordinated as an active way of addressing the alcohol problem on campus.

Let's hope that the initiative taken by these student groups is not abandoned because the week is over. The administration must recognize its responsibility and demonstrate its commitment to alcohol education.

— The Observer

P.O. Box Q

We should take a lesson from Tillman's example

Dear Editor:

Congratulations to Dennis Tillman, whose article on changing one's perspective reflects an attitude badly lacking here under the Golden Dome.

Tillman raises some questions which also came up during a discussion of the film "Killing Us Softly," presently being shown in various dorms around campus. What is it to be a man or woman? Black or white? Is it something external which defines us, or do we have qualities within which set us apart from each other?

As Tillman has pointed out, even those of us who consider ourselves open-minded often are unaware of the prejudices and stereotypes which people who are different

from ourselves must endure, and to which we, ourselves, often fall victim.

It isn't easy to defy what our society or class or race has defined as "acceptable" or "desirable." For instance, Tillman states that the thought of putting on hose, wearing cosmetics and walking to class in high heels scares him enough to make him thankful for his maleness.

What is it about those particular things which pertain to femaleness? What is it that makes us more "feminine?" If we dress, paint our faces and walk in a certain way?

I would hope that many of us would learn from Tillman's example and examine how and why we act and define ourselves. It may actually be frightening, as he suggests.

Barbara Grant
Farley Hall

Nicaraguan contra aid will soon be regretted

If Ronald Reagan can rule this country by intuition occasionally, and I believe he does at times, then I can write an opinion using my own intuition. I have a feeling that the U.S. funding of the contras in Nicaragua is a mistake, and that we will regret it.

Ken Kollman

no easy solutions

The history books will look at the Reagan administration's habit of giving aid to anti-communist guerillas as short-sighted foreign policy, unwarranted meddling in another nation's affairs, and the result of reactionary rhetoric by anti-communist pseudo-pundits. My intuition tends to be opinionated.

Reagan is fighting an uphill battle on this issue. Already two House committees have voted to disapprove of his request for \$100 million for the Nicaraguan rebels, and sources report that about ten votes need to be swayed in the House for it to pass.

Surprisingly, Reagan's rhetoric worked against him last week. Lawmakers from both parties expressed resentment at being labelled friends of "Daniel Ortega and the Communists" by White House Communications Director Patrick Buchanan, and the result has been several members of Reagan's own party rebuking him for "red baiting." One Representative, Maryland Democrat Michael Barnes, even went so far as to accuse Reagan and his advisors of "the moral equivalent of McCarthyism."

Last Wednesday, Reagan claimed that Central America will be "covered in a sea of red" if Congress does not come forth with the funds. Quotes like this and other absurdities ignore the reason for Congressional opposition.

It becomes more apparent every day, although many have known for several years, that the U.S.-backed rebels are not the "good guys" the administration pretends them to be. Calling them "freedom fighters" is like calling Secretary Weinberger "flexible." Verified reports of atrocious crimes against civilians are ignored by those in favor of funding. On Feb. 20, the New York Times reported an incident where U.S.-backed rebels mined a civilian bus, killing most aboard, then shooting the survivors. Somewhere amidst all the information flooding the White House, somehow the horror stories that the Nicaraguans tell get lost. Or more accurately, they are ignored by Cold War ears and eyes.

Supporters of contra funding argue that the Sandinista government has reneged on its

original revolutionary promises. They see Nicaragua as a threat to our southern borders, and they claim that the contra war serves to distract the Sandinistas from their real purpose: to spread a Marxist revolution throughout Central America.

Yet the United States continues to ignore the entire Western Hemisphere, and the Sandinistas themselves. According to John Oakes in last Friday's New York Times, not one major democratic government in this hemisphere, from Canada to Argentina, supports the funding. The United States refuses to recognize the Contadora peace process, and scoffs at the possibility of negotiations with the Sandinistas.

The main reason that funding the contras appears to be a mistake is the unfeasibility of the "Reagan solution." To believe that pressure from outside-financed guerillas will establish a liberal democracy in Nicaragua is absurd. What exactly does Reagan see the contras accomplishing?

The Chicago Tribune's editorial board buys the Reagan solution. They see the contras as keeping the Sandinistas pre-occupied so the solidification of a Marxist regime becomes impossible. But the Sandinistas are determined to keep power and, contrary to Reagan rhetoric, have healthy popular support. They are sturdier than they were three years ago and toppling them would take more than several thousand agitators.

While no one wants communists coming up through Texas, and no one wants to see another Cuba in Central America, those opposed to contra funding disagree with the Chicago Tribune, and the Reagan administration, and are afraid of a long, unwanted foreign policy mess.

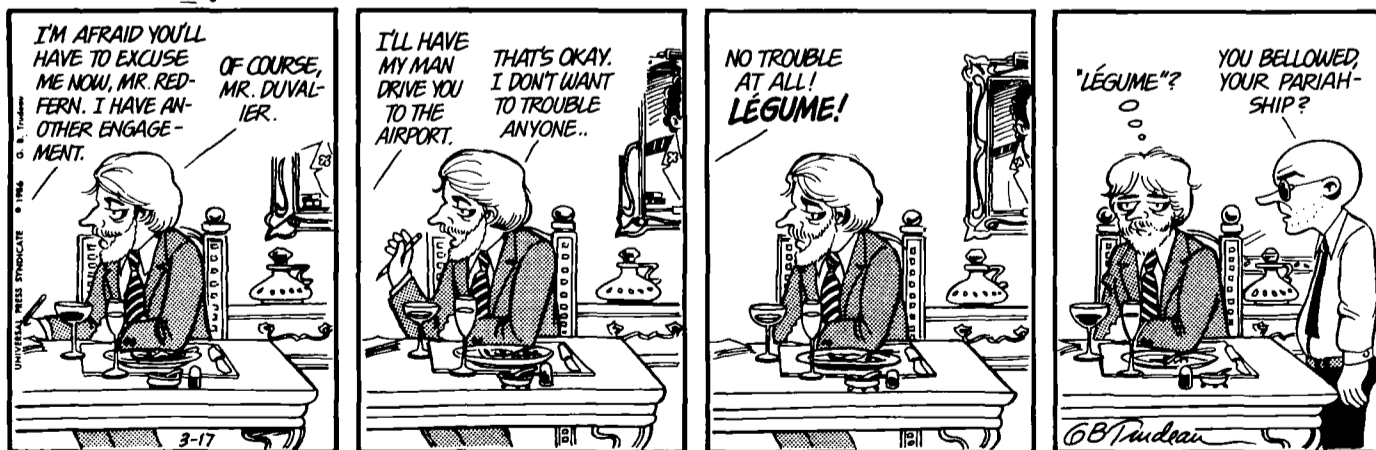
They do not agree with Reagan's vision of a "sea of red" if the rebels fail to receive their weapons. Rather than being friends of the Sandinistas, they see themselves as careful protectors of American moral validity.

Due to the contras' unspeakable crimes, it is beyond reason to believe that the rebels and those who lead them could be any better for the people of Nicaragua than those currently holding power. But were the contras actually the "moral equivalent of the Founding Fathers," it still makes no sense to give \$100 million to a group that does nothing but agitate another government, be that government Cuba, Angola, China, or even the Soviet Union itself. Simply put, it is not our place.

How's that for intuition?

Ken Kollman is a sophomore English and government major and is a regular Viewpoint columnist.

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Quote of the day

"An Irishman is never drunk as long as he can hold on to one blade of grass and not fall off the face of the earth."

Irish saying

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A Bookstore Basketball meeting for all captains will be held on Wednesday, April 2 at 8 p.m. in the Library Auditorium. Attendance is mandatory for all team captains. Schedules will be distributed and games will begin Friday, April 4. For more information call Steve Wenc at 283-2506. — *The Observer*

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NCAA Tournament round-up

Syracuse, St. John's upset victims

Associated Press

David Robinson scored 35 points, grabbed 11 rebounds and blocked seven shots in what he termed a sluggish performance as Navy upset Syracuse 97-85 yesterday in a second-round game of NCAA East Regional basketball tournament.

The 15th straight win for 17th-ranked Navy came in the Carrier Dome at Syracuse, where the ninth-ranked Orangemen have seldom lost this season and where last December they beat Navy 89-67.

Navy is satisfied with the effort of Robinson, a 61-percent foul shooter going into the game, who hit 21-of-23 free throws. Navy was 41-of-52 from the foul line as it boosted its record to 29-4. Dwayne "Pearl" Washington led Syracuse, 26-6, with 28 points.

Unranked Auburn guaranteed the NCAA tournament's Final Four will have a new cast this season as Chuck Person scored 27 points and pulled down 15 rebounds yesterday, leading the Tigers to an 81-65 victory over fourth-ranked St. John's in the second round of the NCAA West Regional.

The 6-foot-8 Person, who said before the game that he felt snubbed by the All-America selectors, showed he belonged against the region's top seed and their All-American forward, Walter Berry.

Person's 10 rebounds in the first half was one less than the entire St. John's team as the quick-jumping Tigers, 10 to 15 pounds heavier per man than the Redmen, constantly got second and third shots on offense and used their defensive re-

bouncing to trigger numerous fast breaks.

Jeff Grayer scored 16 points and Ron Virgil added 14 as Iowa State built an 11-point lead and held on to oust No. 5 Michigan, the second seed in the Midwest, which finishes 28-5. The Cyclones, 22-10 and runners-up in the Big Eight, are coached by Johnny Orr, who led Michigan to the Final Four in 1976. Current Michigan coach Bill Frieder was Orr's assistant in the 1970s.

In the other second-round results yesterday, Cleveland State defeated St. Joseph's 75-69 in the East; Alabama edged past Illinois 58-56 and Kentucky beat Western Kentucky 71-64 in the Southeast Regional at Charlotte, N.C., and North Carolina State beat Arkansas-Little Rock 80-66 in double overtime in the Midwest Regionals at Minneapolis.

Ernie Myers scored all six of his points in the second overtime, including a 15-foot jump shot that put North Carolina State ahead to stay in another game between unranked teams.

Ken Worthy made one of two free throws with 14 seconds remaining to send the game into overtime, 56-56. With Myron Jackson scoring six of his 23 points, the Trojans led 61-56, but North Carolina State battled back and Bennie Bolton sent the game into the second extra period at 64-64 when he hit a 15-footer with 15 seconds left.

Bolton scored only one of his game-high 23 points in the first half and scored all eight of the Wolfpack's points in the first overtime. Chris Washburn scored 22

points for State, 20-12. Arkansas, 23-11, was led by Myron Jackson with 23 points.

Cleveland State, which had upset Indiana, got 23 points from Ken McFadden, 17 from Clinton Ransey and 16 from Clinton Smith in winning the battle on unranked teams. It was the 14th straight victory for the Vikings, 29-3, who are making their first NCAA tournament appearance.

Illinois could have used some of Navy's foul shots. The 19th-ranked Illini did not get a single free throw, while Alabama hit for six for nine from the line.

Terry Coner's 12-foot shot from just inside the foul line was the winner for the Crimson Tide, who had blown a 13-point halftime lead. Buck Johnson's block of baseline attempt by Efrem Winters with 26 seconds remaining set up the winning goal for Alabama, 24-8, Illinois closed at 22-10.

Kenny Walker hit on all 11 of his field-goal attempts and scored 32 points, pacing third-ranked Kentucky to its 13th straight win in only the second meeting between the two schools, which are located 120 miles apart. Western Kentucky won the other game, 107-83 in the 1971 NCAA tournament.

Kentucky, 31-3, built a 16-point lead with just under 11 minutes left, then Western Kentucky, 23-8, rallied to cut the lead to 63-59. Kannard Johnson led Western Kentucky with 20 points.

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UALR

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The two teams battled back and forth for the next seven minutes until finally UALR took a 57-56 Notre Dame advantage and turned it into a 66-59 lead with a 10-2 spurt. Myers hit for four points from the field, while Clarke hit four times from the free throw line.

Clarke, normally a 39 percent free throw shooter, made 11-of-14 shots from the gift line against the Irish, although one of his misses was an air ball.

"My team and coaches had confidence in me," Clarke said. "I just took my time and blocked everything out. I surprised a lot of people today, including myself."

A Notre Dame timeout slowed the Trojans down a little, but not before Clarke had hit twice more for a 70-61 lead.

The Irish stormed back then for a final charge. Kempton hit underneath, Barlow jammed off an ally-oop from Rivers, before Rivers, playing with four fouls, hit two outside jumpers to pull Notre Dame within one at 70-

69. Jackson pushed the lead back to three with a jumper from the right side, but Rivers bombed from the right corner to make it 72-

71. Myers hit two free throws, before Scott Hicks and Donald Royal countered with baskets to put the Irish on top, 75-74, and send UALR coach Mike Newell calling for a timeout.

"I knew Notre Dame would make a run at us," Newell said. "We got really tired in the last five minutes. We couldn't even get the ball inbounds we were so tired."

"Our guys have risen to the occasion all season long, and tonight was no exception. Every time we needed a basket, we did exactly what we had to and hit the shots. We

wanted it bad, and just played an excellent, excellent basketball game."

Rivers, who scored 25 points on 9-of-19 shooting, said defense was the difference in the game.

"They played defense rather well overall," said the Irish sophomore. "To win a game, you have to play defense, and they did. It was a team effort for them."

"We didn't execute our offense, we didn't do what we were supposed to do. They outplayed us; that's basically it."

UALR came out of the timeout and answered with a 12-2 spurt for a 86-77 lead with only 56 ticks of the clock left. Myers, who had 18 second-half points, scored six in the final Trojan surge.

"When Notre Dame came back, we knew we had to keep our poise and stay in our game," Myers said. "We knew we could win if we stayed in control."

"Beating a team like Notre Dame makes it even sweeter. Everybody knows them, but nobody knows us."

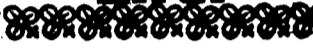
Many people at Notre Dame now know who Arkansas-Little Rock is, including Phelps, who was left shaking his head afterward.

"I'm not disappointed in the way we lost," he said. "We shot 52 percent for the game, which is our average, and Little Rock shot 79 percent, which gives you an idea of what we were up against."

"We just got beat by a good basketball team. They responded to everything we did. These things are going to happen. That's what the NCAA tournament is all about."

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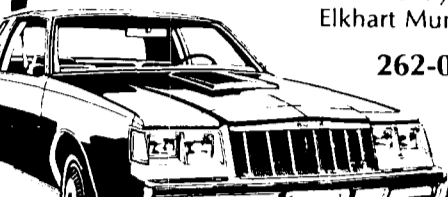
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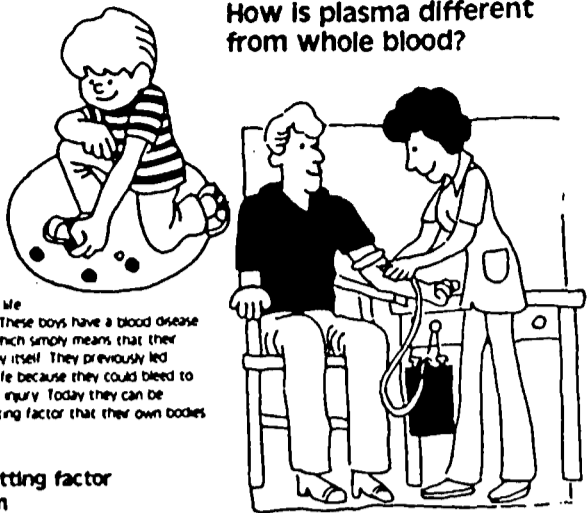
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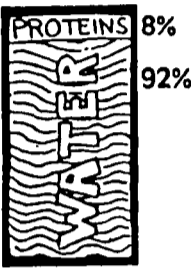
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Notre Dame women's tennis team plays hard, loses to Michigan, 6-2

By KATHLEEN McKERNAN
Sports Writer

Despite a strong effort, the Notre Dame women's tennis team lost 5-4 to a strong Michigan team at Ann Arbor Saturday, dropping its spring record to 6-2.

"We played exceptional, we just didn't play the big points," said Irish head coach Michele Gelfman. "I'm really proud of the way all the girls played. They all gave 150 percent."

"We choked on some of the big points. Some of our mental intensity broke down at times, and that's what hurt us. We haven't played Michigan's level of competition in a while. We're starting to play a higher caliber of team, and that's going to help us in the long run."

Mary Colligan, Michelle Dasso, and Izzy O'Brien took singles wins for the Irish. O'Brien raised her record to 7-1 with a comeback 4-6, 7-5, 6-3 victory over Michigan's Tricia Horn. Colligan now stands

at 6-2 after defeating Tina Basle 6-3, 6-4. With her 7-6, 6-7, 6-3 defeat of Tina Mackey, Dasso goes to 5-2 on the year.

"It was an interesting match," Gelfman said. "The three of them (Colligan, Dasso, O'Brien) probably played the best matches I've seen them play all year."

Notre Dame's first flight player, Susie Panther, led off for the Irish with a 6-4, 7-5 loss to Paula Reichert. The number-one doubles team of Panther-Dasso also lost a close match to Michigan's Reichert-Basle team, 3-6, 6-3, 7-5.

"That was a key match for us to lose," said Gelfman. "We were tied 5-5 at the break. It was a tough match for us to lose — we fought so hard. It was also an incredibly long match, lasting about six hours."

The number-two doubles team of Colligan-O'Brien salvaged Notre Dame's final point with a 6-2, 3-6, 6-4 win over Michigan's Mackey-Monica Borcherts team.

In other singles play, Tammy Schmidt's perfect season record fell to Erin Ashare in sixth-flight competition. JoAnne Biafore lost in the fifth-flight to Michigan's Borcherts.

The number-three doubles team of freshman Natalie Illig-Biafore also fell, 6-2, 6-2.

The Irish will have a chance to redeem themselves against better competition over spring break in Delray Beach, Fla. In the Lavers International Tournament, they will take on nationally-ranked Miami (Florida), Denison, Rice, Auburn, and last year's nemesis Tennessee-Chattanooga. Tennessee beat the Irish last year to win the Division II national tennis championships.

"We really have our work cut out for us," Gelfman said. "Miami is really an amazing team. They're ranked fourth in the country and their top four flights are ranked in the top 25 individuals."

Mets center fielder Wilson's injury will slow comeback from adversity

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — New York Mets third base coach Bud Harrelson looked into Mookie Wilson's puffy, bloodshot right eye.

"It's a good thing you're not a boxer," he said.

"Did I win?" Wilson asked — then decided he must have: "You should have seen the other guy."

The other guy was Mets short-stop Rafael Santana, and he looked fine because the instrument of violence was a thrown baseball, not a fist. And Wilson definitely was the loser.

Wilson, the Mets center fielder and offensive catalyst, was struck

in the eye by a ball on March 5. There was no actual damage to the eyeball, but the eye socket filled with blood, preventing him from working out. The delay was a major problem only because Wilson already was coming back from shoulder surgery.

"Right now, I'm just taking it a day at a time," Wilson says. "I don't want to put a schedule on it, because then you start to rush. Of course it was discouraging because I'm going to lost almost two weeks on my shoulder. Anytime you lose playing time, it's disappointing."

"But it's just another one of those spring training things," Wilson says. "If it was September, I probably would have shot myself."

"Wilson was scheduled to begin throwing for the first time since the eye injury again today. He wanted to start throwing last Thursday, but the team doctors and Manager Dave Johnson told him to hold off for several more days. They didn't want him to jar the eye until most of the blood had drained away."

The accident happened during a run-down drill. Wilson was between first and second, and he turned toward second just as Santana made his throw.

In addition to the blood in his eye, Wilson also has a scar below the eyebrow from a cut where the ball forced his plastic-lensed sunglasses into his face. The glasses prevented the ball from actually striking the eyeball.

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Forsman gets zero bogeys over 36 holes

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Dan Forsman played 36 holes without a bogey, turned back frustrated Ray Floyd and scored a 1-stroke victory yesterday in the Hertz Bay Hill Classic.

Forsman acquired the second victory of his four-year PGA Tour career with rounds of 67 and 67 in the 36-hole windup that was prompted by two days of rainouts. Forsman, 27, won this event, cut to 54 holes by the series of storms that lashed the Bay Hill Club course, with a three-round total of 202, 11 shots under par.

The victory was worth \$90,000 from the total purse of \$500,000 and lifted his earnings for the season to \$125,526.

Floyd, 43, applied the pressure throughout the nine-plus hours of competition but was unable to catch the lanky, unflappable Forsman.

In the end, it was Floyd's inability to make a putt down the stretch that denied him his 20th career victory. He missed makeable birdie putts on six consecutive holes, including a pair from about eight feet.

He wound up with rounds of 69 and 66 and tied for second at 203 with tour sophomore Mike Hulbert. Hulbert, an Orlando resident, played the morning round in 69 and then scattered nine birdies across his card in a final round of 64.

Lacrosse starts season defeating Wolverines

By PETE SIKKO
Sports Writer

The men's lacrosse team scrimmaged the University of Michigan on Saturday, and the outcome provided Notre Dame head coach Rich O'Leary with a good indication of where the team is headed.

The Irish defeated the Wolverines, 14-10, and as O'Leary said, his players showed him a lot of what he wanted to see.

"I was really pleased with the way just about everybody performed," said the sixth year head coach. "We fought back from a 6-3 deficit and at one time scored eight consecutive goals. Once we got by the first quarter, we maintained a steady intensity level throughout the rest of the game."

Notre Dame was led by two seniors, midfielder Tim Corrigan and attacker Tom Grote. Corrigan had five goals and co-captain Grote had four goals and three assists. Sophomore Matt McQuillan had a strong game in goal, and O'Leary

cited the good play of face-off specialist Tony Rettino as a factor in the win.

"Michigan has a super club team," added O'Leary. "Their players are a combination of college students and kids who aren't even in the university, and as a team, they have a great deal of experience. I'm glad we had the opportunity to play them and do well against them."

Originally, Ashland College was slated to take on the Irish Saturday, but Ashland decided to drop their lacrosse program two weeks ago. Sunday, the Irish held two controlled scrimmages against Windy City, a club team from Chicago, and the University of Illinois. Notre Dame won both, by scores of 14-8 and 12-5, respectively.

The lacrosse team's next action will be over spring break, when they travel to Virginia to play VMI, Washington and Lee, Radford, and William and Mary.



The Observer/Robert James

Senior attackman Joe Franklin (11) faces off against a Michigan opponent in this past weekend's scrimmage. The Irish defeated the Wolverines, 14-10, in what was a fine performance.

ND baseball begins stand here today

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame men's baseball team will begin its home season today in a doubleheader against St. Joseph's starting at 1 p.m. The Irish are coming off a two-game weekend sweep of DePauw.

Tim Hutson hit a grand slam in the fifth inning to break a 3-3 tie in the first game of Notre Dame's doubleheader sweep over host DePauw Saturday afternoon. The Irish posted an 11-5 triumph in the opener and then routed the Tigers, 11-1, in the second game.

John Loughran and Tom Guilfoile also hit home runs for the Irish in the opening triumph as Loughran picked up three RBIs.

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even with the runners from Auburn and Arkansas when he passed the stick to Van Wie.

"I was kind of lost in our qualifying run on Friday," said Nobles, "and a little overwhelmed by the importance of the event. I wanted to make up for it and concentrate better. I really felt relaxed and ready to run. It worked out well."

Van Wie took off on the third leg and had both runners right in front of him on the MYRIAD Coliseum track.

"I wanted to concentrate on the Arkansas guy and make a move with him if he moved," said the junior from Suffern, N.Y. "I ran a hard first quarter and felt good. I lost about five yards to him but got ahead of the Auburn runner."

Van Wie's exchange to Tyler left the Irish anchor in third, a position he held, while Donovan, who also won the meet's 3,000 meter race, held off Georgetown's Irish.

Notre Dame did not count on Georgetown's sophomore sensation Mike Huber breaking 1:49 in the relay.

The record-breaking effort gives the Irish some healthy momentum as they prepare for the outdoor season. Notre Dame begins its outdoor season this weekend at the Willie Williams Invitational in Tucson, Ariz.

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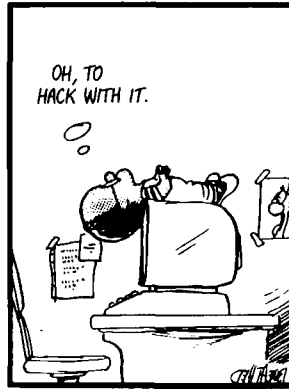
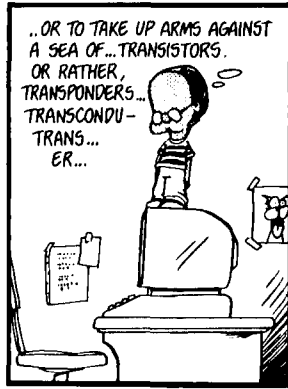
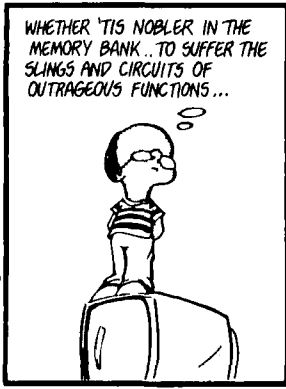
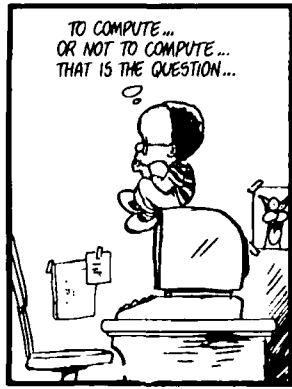
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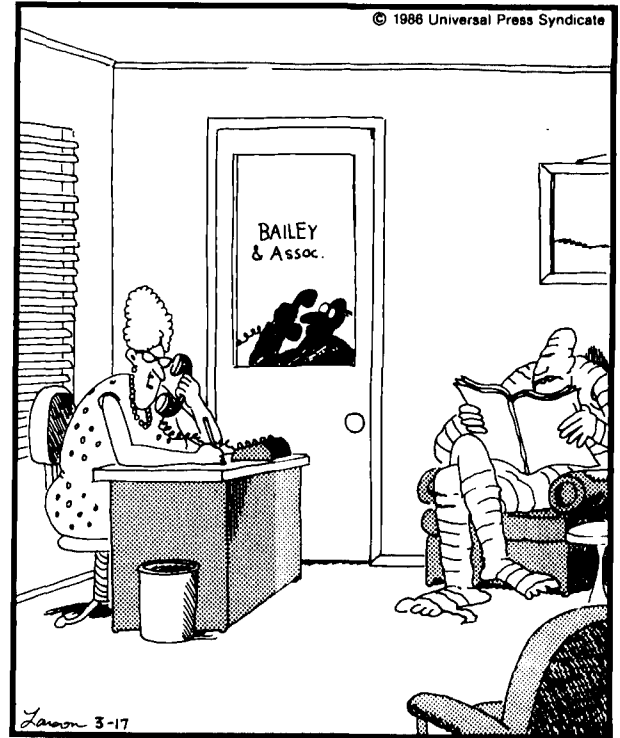
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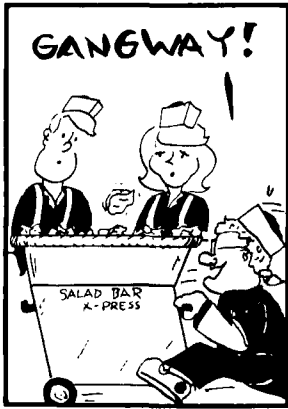
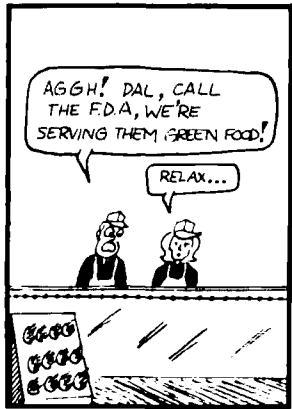
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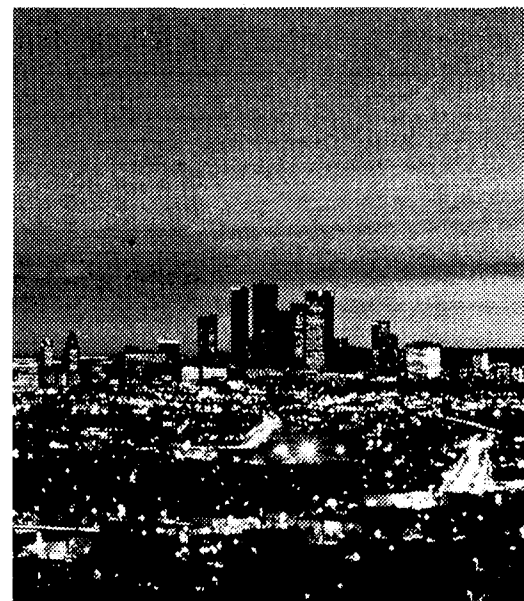
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UALR dashes Irish dreams of making Final Four, 90-83

By JEFF BLUMB
Sports Editor

MINNEAPOLIS - Whatever the outcome, it would be the end for four seniors. If Notre Dame lost, the college careers of Ken Barlow, Tim Kempton, Jim Dolan and Joseph Price would come to a close. And if Arkansas-Little Rock lost, the same would be true for Myron Jackson, Pete Myers, Michael Clarke and Ken Worthly.

When all was said and done late Friday night, the upstarts from UALR had upset the heavily-favored Irish, 90-83, in the first-round of the NCAA tournament, and it was the four seniors from Notre Dame who were faced with the realization that they had reached the end of the line.

The Trojans of UALR had talked tough the day before playing the Irish, and then backed that talk up Friday by playing a nearly flawless game to get by Notre Dame and move into the second round against North Carolina State yesterday.

Arkansas-Little Rock shot 79 percent from the field in the second half and had a 62 percent mark for the game, 16 percentage points more than its average.

Normally a 64-percent free throw shooting team, UALR shot 75 percent Friday.

The battle on the boards between the nation's top two rebounding teams ended in a 31-31 deadlock.

Myers scored 29 points, Clarke 27 and Jackson 22 to key the UALR victory. Added to the 10 points of Trojan freshman Paul

Springer, a native of Fort Wayne, Ind., the foursome scored all but two of UALR's points in the game.

"No matter what we did defensively, they hit the clutch shots," said Irish coach Digger Phelps, whose 15th Notre Dame team finished the season at 23-6. "They didn't force many shots and we couldn't stop them defensively. They were just determined to win the game.

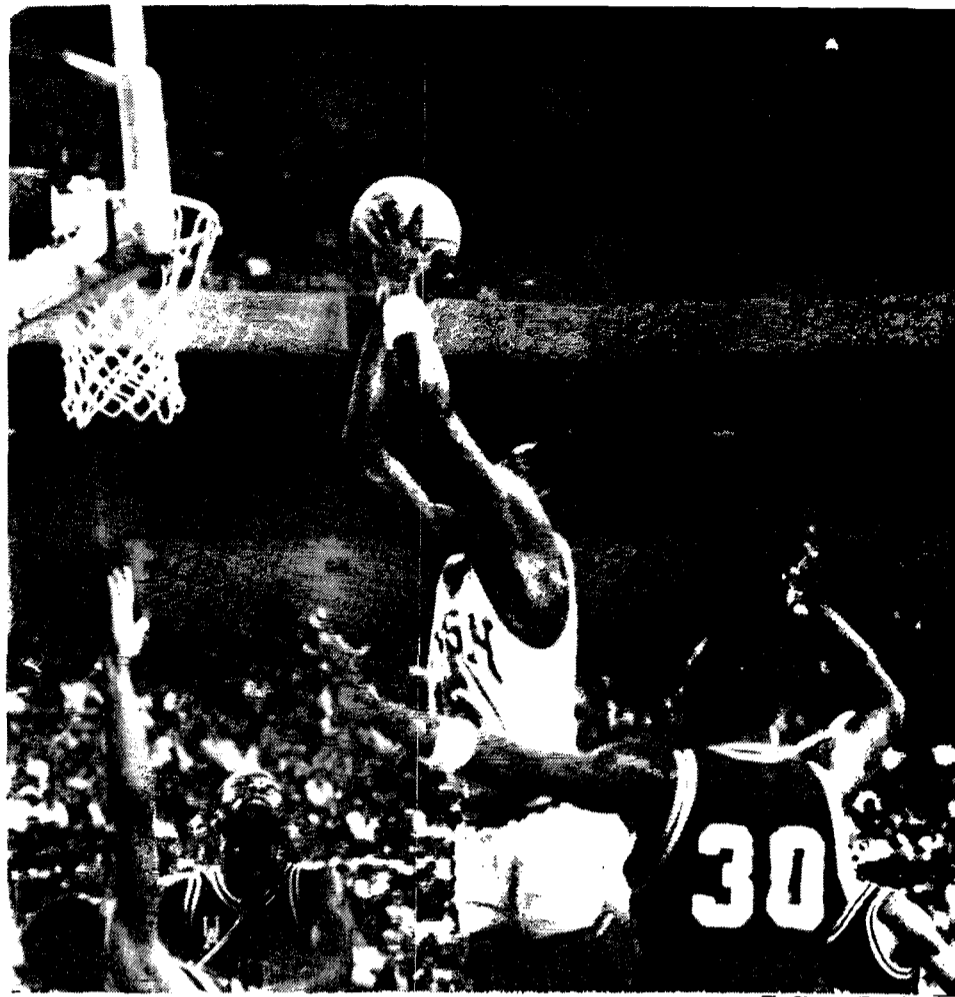
"They shot a lot of shots we would normally give people. There wasn't much I would change. It was just one of those nights where you come out and the other team does everything right. They played about as well as you could play.

"For them it's a great moment, and we wish them well the rest of the tournament."

Jackson got the ball rolling for UALR in the first half, hitting for 16 points, including a buzzer-beater from the corner to send the Trojans into the locker room up one at the half, 40-39. "Jackson did a lot early to get their confidence going," Phelps said. "Once they got that momentum going, it was hard to get them out of it."

Notre Dame came out in the second half and outscored the Trojans 8-3 to grab a 47-43 advantage. Barlow drove the left baseline for two, he and Dolan each rebounded misses by David Rivers for four more, and then Rivers fed Kempton underneath for two more.

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The Observer/Drew Sandler

Irish forward Donald Royal drives the ball against Arkansas-Little Rock forwards Michael Clarke (30) and Pete Myers (25) in Notre Dame's first-round NCAA tournament loss. The Trojans shot 62 percent from the field and 75 percent from the line. Jeff Blumb details the story at left.



The Notre Dame two-mile relay of Jim Tyler, Jeff Van Wie, Robert Nobles and John McNelis (from left to right) shown here placed third at the NCAA indoor track championships with the sixth fastest time ever recorded for the event in 7:21.11 this past weekend.

Relay team places 3rd in record breaking run

By ED JORDANICH
Sports Writer

John McNelis, Robert Nobles, Jeff Van Wie and Jim Tyler ran their way into the record books Saturday at the NCAA Indoor Championships in Oklahoma City. The Irish two-mile relay team not only broke the Notre Dame record by more than four seconds, but its third place finishing time of 7:21.11 was one of the six best clockings of all time.

The race was one of the finals' most exciting events and it made Irish coach Joe Piane very happy.

"This is really a great accomplishment for these guys," said Piane. "They ran their best race in the NCAA finals, and it was one of

the best two-mile relays ever. They are the third-ranked relay team in the nation, and all four, by virtue of their finish, are All-Americans. They have a lot to be proud of."

Arkansas won the event with a new collegiate record of 7:20.72, while Georgetown's 7:20.78 was second. Razorback anchorman and native Irishman Paul Donovan edged the Hoya's Miles Irish, and Tyler rounded out an "Irish" sweep of sorts by finishing .39 behind Donovan.

McNelis got the Irish off to an excellent start and handed the baton to Nobles after a 1:52.3 beginning leg. Nobles, a junior, ran his turn in 1:50 and was almost

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Notre Dame seniors worked to restore program

MINNEAPOLIS - I can remember distinctly the first time I ever saw Notre Dame's four senior basketball players, Ken Barlow, Tim Kempton, Jim Dolan and Joseph Price. They were together then, walking to one of the many freshman orientation activities at the ACC, as was I.

Nearly four years have passed since that day, and the bond between the four has grown with all that they have accomplished. Each had his own trials and tribulations, but each overcame and found his respective role.

The four arrived at Notre Dame as the Irish were coming off a 10-17 season. As a group, they helped Notre Dame rebound from that disastrous year and rise to basketball respectability again.

They had worked so hard and come so far to get where they were on Friday, in the NCAA tournament with a legitimate shot to win it all. That's what made Friday's loss to the upstarts from Arkansas-Little Rock so tough to swallow. In 40 short minutes, four years of sweat and hard work seemed to go down the drain.

But it really did not. Because of the efforts of these seniors, the Notre Dame program is back to where it was in the mid-1970s. They will not reap many of the benefits of their work, but, hopefully, they will realize the impact they had at Notre Dame and be able to take satisfaction in that.

Jeff Blumb

Sports Editor



But why did Notre Dame lose? Were the Irish outcoached? No. Did they choke? No. Were they outthrust? No. Were they beaten by a team that wanted it more? Probably.

Arkansas-Little Rock gets none of the exposure that Notre Dame does. Irish coach Digger Phelps often speaks of "Notre Dame moments." While the Irish get several opportunities each year to have one of these moments, Arkansas-Little Rock rarely gets the same chance.

Once I saw the look of joy of the faces of UALR seniors Myron Jackson, Pete Myers and Michael Clarke, losing to them did not seem quite as bad as it had only moments earlier. For these guys, beating Notre Dame was the biggest thrill they had ever experienced. It was their moment, and one could not help but feel happy for them.

Like the four Notre Dame seniors, they, too, had put in long hours of practice, working for that one day when

it all would pay off. In many ways, they were less fortunate along the way. They do not have the same quality education to fall back on that Notre Dame seniors have. They didn't even have a band or cheerleaders along to help them celebrate the victory.

I could find some solace in the fact that Notre Dame had lost to a Cinderella team like UALR, while it would have been much harder to take if the Irish had been beaten by Iowa or North Carolina State in the first round.

Maybe I've just been hardened to losing by watching Gerry Faust coach the football team for four years. Along with most of the student body, I thought the basketball team would somehow alleviate all the frustration felt in watching the football team. When it was apparent that the end was near and that would not happen, it really wasn't so bad. It wasn't something I liked, but I've been down this road before and it was nothing I couldn't handle.

I'm glad that I had the chance to shake the hands of Jackson, Myers and Clarke after the game and wish them luck the rest of the way. While it would have made me much happier to have been shaking the hands of Notre Dame's seniors, the UALR players certainly deserved the credit. At the same time, Notre Dame's seniors deserve no less homage for all that they have done.