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First HPC meeting discusses SYR's

By **JIM WINKLER**
Staff Reporter

Discussions about the alcohol policy, student spirit, and new programs from the University Counseling Center highlighted the first Hall Presidents Council meeting last night at Howard Hall.

"The new regulations on SYR's put pressure on these Hall Presidents to set a precedent," said HPC Co-Chairperson Michelle LaRose. "These Hall Presidents have to make it work this year, or the dances will be gone. We need 100 percent cooperation from the students to make it work," LaRose added.

Many of the Hall Presidents expressed concern over the regulations, especially the rules prohibiting open containers of alcohol in public areas. Keenan Hall's President Mark Flaharty said, "Why would you go up to the fourth floor if you live on the first, if there is nothing to go up there for?" Mike Caponigro, president of Alumni Hall, added, "I don't think the people who wrote the policy have any idea what dances are like. I think that these people who wrote the policy don't even drink."

Kerstin White, co-chairperson of the Council, announced that she and LaRose were to meet with Father David Tyson, vice president for Student Affairs, later this week. She also said that she would try to arrange a meeting for the entire Council with Tyson or John Goldrick, associate vice president for Residence Life.

In addition to the alcohol policy, much time was spent discussing school spirit and the newly formed Irish Insanity organization. Eric Straub, a representative of the new group, spoke with the Council about the need for increased school

spirit, and his group's intentions. "We need people to get a little more crazy on campus," Straub said.

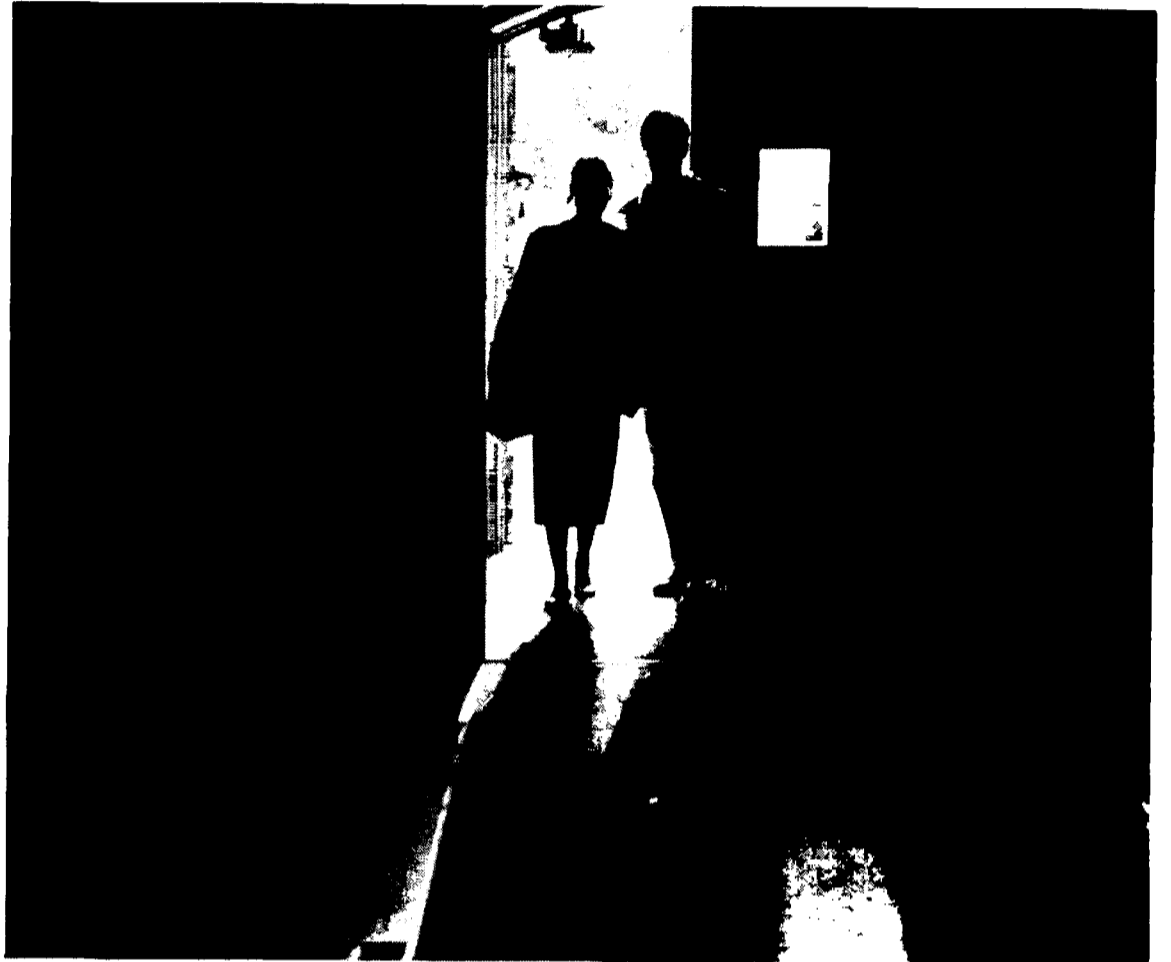
For the Michigan game, Straub said, the Friday evening pep rally will be on the Stepan basketball courts and will follow a student picnic. Straub also asked that students wear green to the game. With support from the Hall Presidents Council, Straub and his group plan on providing free face painting to all students. Straub said he hopes to finalize plans for that by next week.

Straub noted that the Athletic Department was very supportive of the Insanity group. Straub introduced class of '88 graduate George McGowan, who now serves as director of marketing and promotion for the Athletic Department. McGowan echoed Straub's sentiments about spirit, saying, "This campus should be as wild as ever. It has been a little lame lately. We are supposed to be obnoxious and we are not." McGowan voiced his support for Irish Insanity and for the non-revenue sports that are now covered by the All-Sports pass announced last week by the Athletic Department.

Tim Ontka, a psychologist at the University Counseling Center, addressed the Council about the Counseling Center's new program on dating and relationships. Ontka said he wanted dorms to sponsor or co-sponsor one section of this four-part program. The program deals with dating, falling in love, getting closer emotionally and physically, and breaking up. Ontka said, "We need the dorm support to get people involved in these programs. We want sponsoring dorms to provide space to have these events."

In other business, the Council

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Into the darkness

Wendy Chambers and Patrick Murphy enter the Great Hall of O'Shaughnessy late yesterday afternoon. It's

not easy to leave the warm sunshine and sit through yet another lecture.

Drug crackdown produces over 250 tons of marijuana and cocaine

Associated Press

WASHINGTON- More than 1,200 people were arrested this month in a 30-nation drug crackdown which was unprecedented for its international teamwork, Attorney General Richard Thornburgh said Tuesday.

The operations, centered in the United States and South and Central America, led to the seizure of 11 tons of cocaine and the destruction of 244 tons of marijuana, 118,000 coca plants and 13 cocaine laboratories, Thornburgh announced.

Authorities also demolished seven hidden airstrips and seized \$3.8 million in cash, he said.

The Aug. 1-28 campaign involved a variety of operations, including intensified border searches, the discovery and destruction of chemical stores, and increased patrols of airports, highways and rivers known to have been used for illicit drug shipments.

In Florida, Arizona and Texas, about 100 members of the National Guard helped inspect over 6,000 vehicles,

leading to the seizure of marijuana.

Thornburgh, revealing the operation at a news conference, said "The statistics are not as important as the signal that has been sent to the drug kingpins. Henceforth, they will increasingly face the combined fury of law enforcement agencies of all nations whose people they victimize."

He called the international cooperation an "important milestone" and the "first type of operation of its kind" on the war against drugs.

Security apprehends four alleged bicycle thieves

By **MARK MCLAUGHLIN**
Senior Staff Reporter

Notre Dame Security apprehended two groups of alleged bicycle thieves on campus over the past week, according to Assistant Director Phillip Johnson.

Last Wednesday, "Two juveniles were apprehended as they attempted to remove a bicycle belonging to a Dillon Hall resident," said Johnson. A Notre Dame staff member observed the two juveniles riding on bicycles with a third bicycle in tow. The staff member yelled at the suspects, who then fled, and called Security.

"Security officers who heard the radio call were able to apprehend the suspects while they were still on campus," Johnson said.

"We recovered the bicycle stolen from Dillon, which was not registered with Security," Johnson said. The bike was also unlocked.

"We commend members of the Notre Dame community for getting involved like this" in active crime prevention, Johnson said. "If it was not for the responsible caller, we would not have apprehended the suspects."

In the second incident, two suspects were apprehended on

Old Juniper Road near the Alumni-Senior Club around 1:00 a.m. on Friday. A third suspect eluded Security officers, but the matter is "still under investigation," according to Johnson.

"A passerby at Crowley Music Hall noticed a suspicious act and went immediately to the Main Gate to notify Security," said Johnson. Security officers went to the scene and found three juveniles fleeing on bicycles. Security officers chased the suspects on foot and in two Security cars.

A bicycle was recovered and its owner contacted, who said the bicycle had been left un-

locked around noon on Thursday near Nieuwland Science Hall.

"This case is one we'll follow up ourselves," Johnson said. "If we had no information, we would notify the South Bend police."

Security has jurisdiction in such cases even outside the Notre Dame campus, said Johnson. "We have jurisdiction if we are in 'hot pursuit'. We also have jurisdiction by Indiana case law, as do all Indiana police officers, as part of our official discharge of our responsibilities.

"Our primary responsibility is to the campus," added

Johnson. "Our policy is generally not to go off campus unless called by other enforcement agencies" or in following up of campus stories, he added.

Johnson said it was fortunate that Security was able to identify the owner of the bicycle in both cases, because the people reporting the events were third parties. In the first case, a receipt was found in a pack on the bike identifying the owner, and the bicycle in the second was registered with Security.

"In cases like this, we don't have a crime until we find the victim," said Johnson. "If no

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IN BRIEF

Burt Reynolds and Loni Anderson plan to adopt a baby that is expected to be born in a California hospital this week, according to a publicist for Anderson. "I love kids," Anderson, 41, said in an interview published in Tuesday's Daily News. "If I'd been with the right man when I was younger, I'd have had four." Anderson added, "Burt has always wanted to be a father. He asked me if at 52 he'll be able to get used to the noise of a child. I told him it's gradual." - *Associated Press*

Rock superstar Michael Jackson will return to Japan for a series of concerts in December as a finale to his world tour and then will probably retire from the concert circuit, his manager said Tuesday. The reclusive singer kicked off his world tour in Japan last fall, performing before about 450,000 fans and creating a storm the Japanese media dubbed "Typhoon Michael." The singer will continue making records, Dileo said, adding that Jackson also wants to make movies. - *Associated Press*

After kicking an addiction to Valium and vodka, at the Hazelden drug treatment center, fashion designer Calvin Klein says he's a new man, more relaxed about life - and clothes. "I'm in the first year of my second life," Klein said in an interview in the September issue of *Vogue* magazine. "I feel reborn. I really am seeing things differently." Klein said he's been taking horseback riding and sailing lessons and going to movies - something he never had the patience for before. And, he said, his new outlook should be visible on clothing racks next spring. - *Associated Press*

Singer Marie Osmond will fill in for ailing Indiana-born Crystal Gayle at the Statehouse Centennial Gala. Miss Gayle, a Wabash native, canceled her Friday appearance at the Hoosier Celebration '88 event because of complications following recent surgery. The \$50-per-person event is part of a two-day celebration marking the 100th anniversary of the building. - *Associated Press*

OF INTEREST

The NDSMC Urban Plunge is looking for students to serve on the task force which will organize the 1988-89 program. There are five committees on the task force which include Publicity, Registration, Hall Representatives, Orientation Workshop, and Follow-up. If interested, contact Sue Cunningham at the Center for Social Concerns at 239-7867. The Publicity Committee will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 6 at 4 p.m. at the Center for Social Concerns. - *The Observer*

A Bible study informational meeting will be held today at 7 p.m. at the Badin Hall office of Campus Ministry for all those interested in a bible study sponsored by Campus Ministry and led by Father Al D'Alonzo. For information, call 239-5577. - *The Observer*

Senior portrait sign-ups will be held in the dining halls from 4:45 to 6:45 p.m. today, Thursday, and Friday. Photographs will be taken September 5 to 23. - *The Observer*

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INSIDE COLUMN

Mysterious Tarot actually did predict future

Asseen in The Observer. . . "Mysterious Tarot predicts the future"

This is where tabloid rags like the New York Post and the Weekly World News would paste a reduction of last week's or last year's paper to prove that they had the story first. Unfortunately we can't do that because we're not the Weekly World News, despite columns like this one occasionally.

Anyway, on October 14 of last year, a column appeared in this space that attempted to predict the future of the University using Tarot cards, an old Gypsy trick. Well, yesterday I stumbled upon my old column and lo and behold, it actually seemed to predict a recent important campus event. Guess which one. So without further ado, here is the text direct from Wednesday, October 14, 1987:

The Hierophant (as the Significator): The Significator is a card chosen by the reader to represent the seeker. In this case, I chose the Hierophant, a religious authority figure, to represent Notre Dame, which defines itself as a Catholic university, and thus a teaching authority.

Three of Swords, reversed (general atmosphere): A card in the reversed position generally means an opposite meaning as the same card upright. The Three of Swords, a card of confusion or loss, is lessened in meaning when reversed. Perhaps this refers to the recent changeover of University presidents, lessened in impact by the competence of the new man in the job.

Two of Wands (tools available): Creative ability, plans coming to fruition, courage. In this reading, the base upon which Notre Dame was built.

Nine of Swords (foundations): Desolation, suspicion, doubt. The recent tragic deaths of members of the Notre Dame community come to mind.

The Star, reversed (departing influences): Stubbornness, lack of perception. I would say the alcohol policy, but please remember I am not a professional reader.

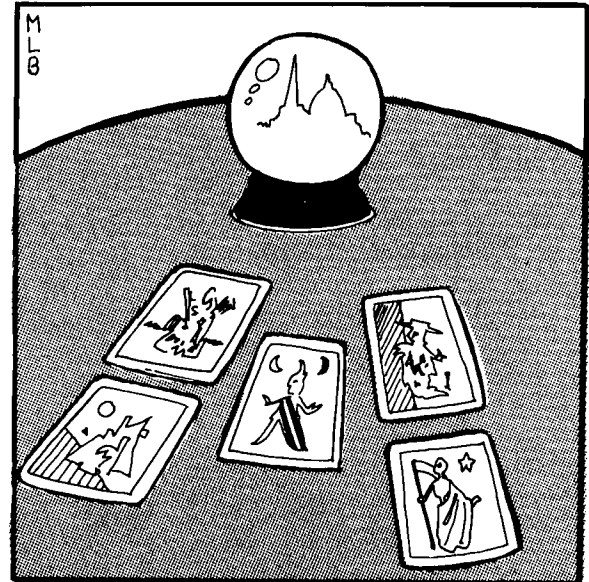
Four of Cups (possible future): Contemplation of self, reevaluation. Since this is positioned next to the reversed Star, perhaps the University may reconsider its stand on a topic which previously had been set in stone.

Queen of Wands, reversed (entering influences): Virtuousness to a fault, domineering. This may be a specific woman or a general trend.

King of Wands (fears): A good leader, strong in body and mind, but sometimes hasty. Perhaps University leaders are afraid of some fu-

Mark McLaughlin

News Editor



ture action they feel they might later regret.

Six of Cups, reversed (influence of family and friends): Clinging to outworn manners and morals. Old friendships should be discarded. This could be interpreted as the view of the student body. Note that this is merely stating people's views, not making any claims as to whether they are correct views.

Eight of Wands (hopes): A long journey nears completion, goals will be attained. The University hopes to realize all of its potential as a center of Catholic learning.

The Sun, reversed (the final outcome): First, the good news. The Sun is one of the best cards in the Tarot deck. It signifies achievement in the arts and sciences, success, and all-around happiness. The reversed position, however, nullifies all this, making it a card of frustrated potential. Its position near the Four of Cups might suggest that introspection and change might help to realize this potential.

Well, I would tell you what these cards predicted, but the powers-that-be around here said we can't talk about the a-word in this newspaper. And I don't mean the a-word with three letters.

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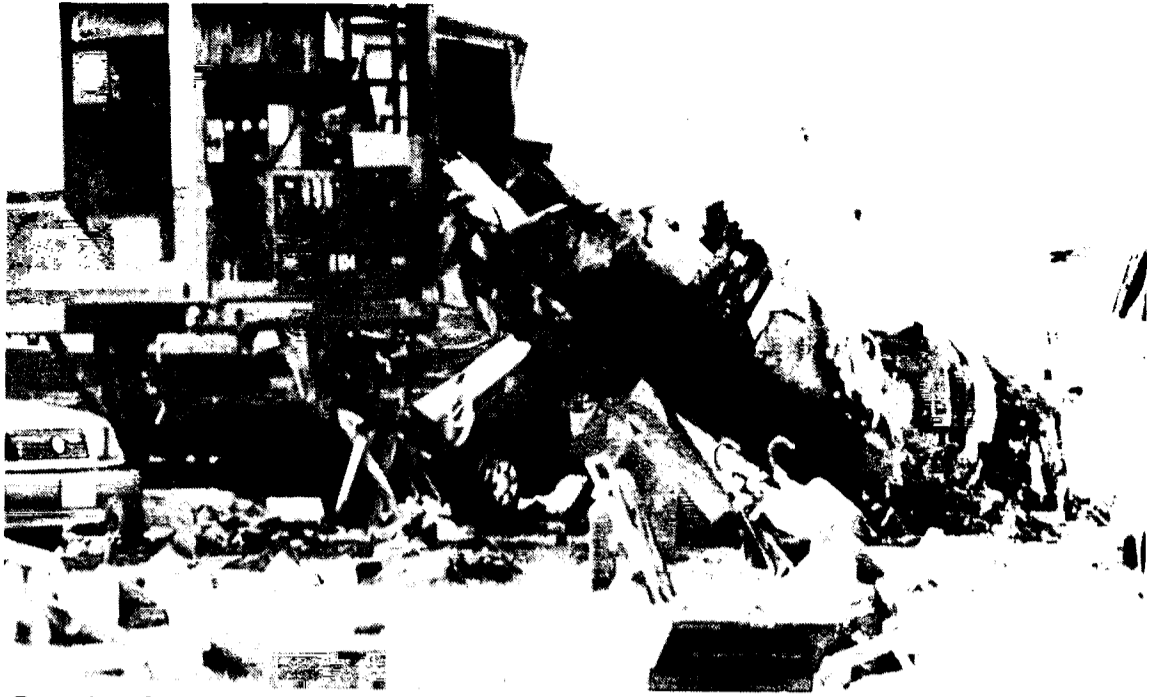
one reports the bicycle as stolen, we can't press charges."

Johnson recommended that:
 ●bicycle owners keep their bicycles locked with high quality bike locks;
 ●owners should register their bicycles with Security;
 ●people who see persons acting suspiciously should call Secur-

ity immediately.

Security provides a free registration service for bicycles, Johnson said. He added that bicycles thus registered have been found by other police agencies and returned to their owners.

Once it has been ascertained that the bicycles taken by the suspects were indeed stolen, said Johnson, the suspects would be referred to Parkview Juvenile Center, a county detention facility.



Crash site

Parts of a plane and other debris litter the ground at Ramstein air base Monday. Three Italian planes collided here Sunday, one of them slamming into the crowd, killing more than 40 people and injuring hundreds.

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Air show crash takes toll on six Americans

Associated Press

Ramstein, West Germany-The death toll in the worst crash at an air show rose to 49 Tuesday, and officials feared some children hospitalized with severe burns had been orphaned because no one inquired about them.

The Pentagon said six Americans were among those killed when three Italian jets collided Sunday at the U.S. air Base in Ramstein, one hurtling into the crowd in flames.

West German officials said two people died of burns Tuesday, raising their death toll to 49. They said 14 had been identified, including the three Italian pilots. None of the 14 was a U.S. citizen.

Chief Pentagon spokesman Dan Howard said the latest U.S. count put the number of confirmed fatalities at 40, including six Americans, four Germans, three Italians and 27

people of unknown nationality. Of the six Americans, two were active-duty military personnel, three were dependents and one is unknown, Howard said.

The Defense Department was trying to resolve its conflicts in the casualty counts, he said.

The latest Pentagon count also showed 363 individuals injured, of whom 41 were Americans and 322 were Germans, Howard said.

Four U.S. burn victims were flown to the Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, for further treatment. Surgeons and other medical staff took nearly an hour to move the blanket-covered patients from a military ambulance onto a C-141 U.S. air Force transport plane.

The West German Bild and Abendpost newspapers said at least three children were hospitalized with serious burns.

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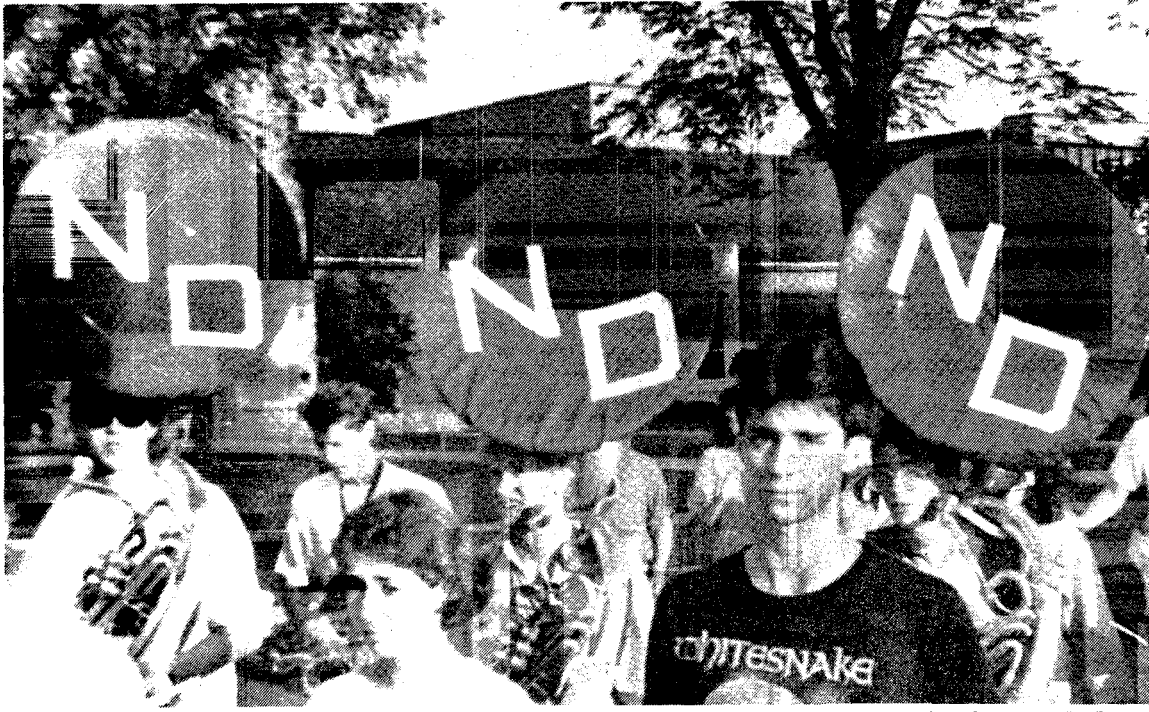
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Blowing by

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have been held in a fenced-in area on Green Field.

Trees turn earlier due to drought

Associated Press

West Lafayette, Ind.- The sweltering summer of '88 that parched the Hoosier landscape may produce an early, colorful fall, says George Parker, an associate professor of forest ecology at Purdue University.

Parker says leaves may turn bright colors by mid-September, several weeks earlier than normal.

The drought left trees under stress, despite recent rains, said Parker.

Although the drought, which the long-range weather

forecast indicates is over, may speed up the arrival of fall, it will have little to do with producing the brilliant colors.

"Generally when you have stress, the colors develop earlier," Parker said. "We might see it a week or two weeks earlier, depending on what part of the state you're in and how much rain fell."

Rainfall throughout the state was spotty this summer.

In the Lafayette area, Parker said, "I think we'll see some significant coloration by the middle of September and then it may peak a little earlier

than the first of October. It depends on what happens during the next month."

Foliage in the southern part of the state will turn a little later.

The weather during the past several days is ideal for producing brilliant fall foliage—warm days and cool nights, says Parker.

While the drought could bring an early start of fall colors, it has not damaged adult trees.

"The adult trees have come through in pretty good shape," he said.

Redesigned shuttle passes final test

Associated Press

Salt Lake City- The redesigned space shuttle booster performed to near-perfection during a critical firing earlier this month despite being peppered with intentional flaws, Morton Thiokol announced Tuesday.

"It was as near perfect a test as you can imagine," spokesman Rocky Raab said. "The test was so perfect that everyone associated with it has taken leave. Brother, there's nobody out at the plant."

Raab said workers had completed disassembly and primary analysis of the 126-foot-long solid-fuel booster tested Aug. 18 at Thiokol's northern Utah plant 25 miles west of Brigham City.

Success of the firing, the fifth and final qualifying test re-

quired before Thiokol's redesigned booster is cleared for flight, was critical to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's plans to resume shuttle missions, grounded since the Challenger disaster 2 years ago.

NASA says it plans to launch the shuttle Discovery in late September or early October if sluggish oxygen valves and a hydrogen leak are repaired in time.

Raab said NASA and Thiokol engineers have "gotten all the primary results" from their painstaking examination of the rocket. All that remains is mostly computer analysis of the "more minor details" of the test-firing, he said.

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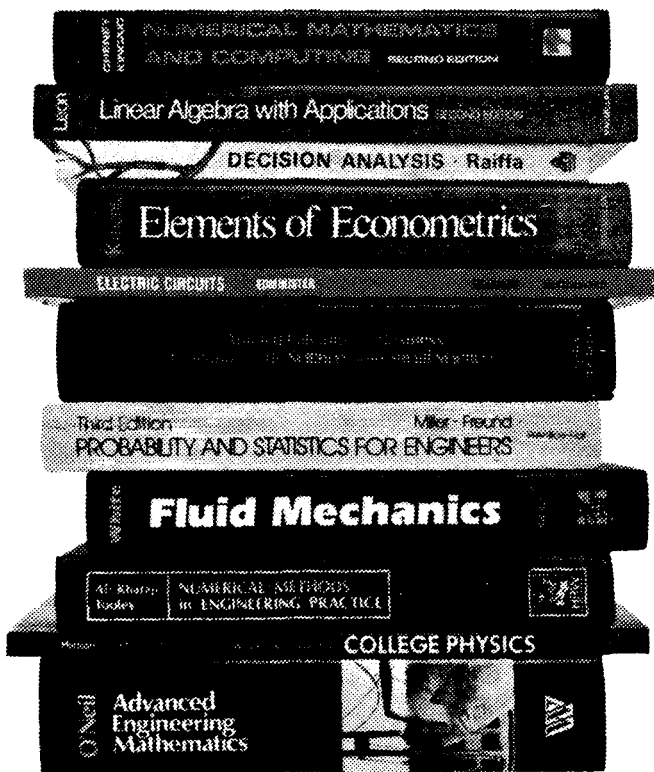
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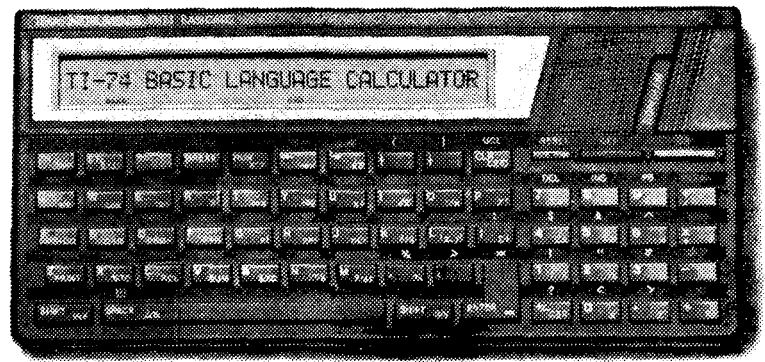
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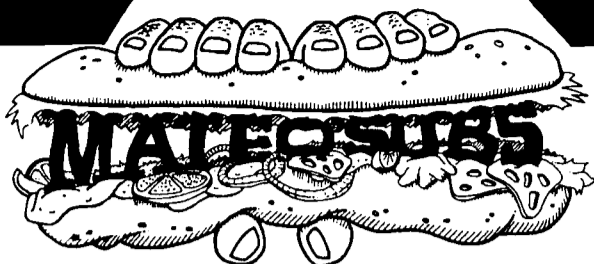
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Divers find 10,000 year old jaw in river

Associated Press

Williams, Ind.- Two women diving for mussels in the White River discovered what a scientist says is the lower jaw of a mastodon, an elephant-like animal extinct for about 10,000 years.

Chris Amstutz and Randy Cornett found the jaw late last week while harvesting mussels near Williams Dam southwest of Bedford in Lawrence County.

Mastodons were stockier and not as tall as elephants. Some had tusks and teeth up to 3 inches wide and 6 inches long.

Ron Richards, curator of paleobiology at the Indiana State Museum, saw the jaw and confirmed Monday that it is from a mastodon. "There's no doubt about it," he said.

"Somewhere in that river you've got the whole skeleton, but it could be a hundred miles away.

"The find is in pretty good condition," said Richards. "In general, there are not that many of these things around in this good of shape."

Richards, who attributed the condition to a lack of exposure to the elements, said there have been about 200 sightings of mastodon remains throughout Indiana.

Amstutz said he wasn't sure what he had found when he first

ran across the jaw in 4 feet of water.

"I saw two little rows of bumps running parallel with each other," he said. "At first I thought it was some type of concrete block."

He said if drought conditions had not caused the water to be so clear, the jaw might have remained unnoticed.

"The clarity of the water is the best I've ever seen it," he said. "Usually when you're musseling, if you have 12 or 14 inches of vision you have good river diving. Right now, we've got excellent vision. You can see a fish swimming 8 to 10 feet from you. It's almost like diving in a quarry."

When Amstutz started brushing the sand away from the object, he saw what appeared to be the white part of a tooth.

"There was no doubt in my mind it was a tooth, and I was sure it was bigger than any tooth I'd ever seen."

"The biggest tooth in a horse's or cow's head isn't even an inch square," he said. "We're talking four inches square with these teeth. I saw those big teeth and I just knew it was something prehistoric."

Amstutz and Cornett used a screwdriver to loosen the gravel around the jaw. "It was in gravel, sand and old mussel shells," said Amstutz. "It looked something like a fish nest."

HPC

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discussed the LaFortune Student Center open house, to be held Sept. 8, the start-up of the Buzz Bus, and tentative plans for HPC to sponsor a campus-

wide charity event. LaRose also stressed the need for support for the 24-hour study lounge at the Oak Room. The 24-hour lounge will open following regular business on Tuesday, Sept. 6, LaRose announced, and will be on a 90-day trial basis.

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Wherever they are, graduate students have a difficult life. They belong to one of those species of men and women that are not assigned a well defined place in the structure of things. Standing between teachers and students, they are part of neither group, and thus segregation easily becomes the name of the game.

Victor J. Krebs
GSU

on the other half

At Notre Dame the problem is even more acute. Since the University has been traditionally an undergraduate institution, its whole structure is centered around undergraduate needs. Graduate students seldom get the special attention which their situation requires, and their life in the University is often precarious.

The Graduate Student Union (GSU) was founded in 1969 precisely to confront such problems, "to gain representation for the graduate students in the total structure of the University community, to promote excellence in graduate education at Notre Dame, and to seek and secure the highest possible quality in graduate student life."

Especially now that the University is seeking to improve its graduate programs and upgrade the quality of graduate student life, graduate students need to have a clear and sound representative voice in the University.

That is one of the first tasks of the GSU.

At the end of last semester and the beginning of our administration, we, the new officers of the GSU, pledged to foster a greater sense of community among graduate students, and to enhance recognition of the graduate student body within the Notre Dame community by increasing graduate student involvement and visibility in the cultural and intellectual aspects of University life. In our first few months of office, we have already made great strides in that direction.

We began this year with a week-long orientation program, opening with a brunch for the new class of over 260 graduate students, where Fr. Malloy welcomed them to Notre Dame, and ending with an extremely successful party at Wilson Commons. The GSU has already programmed a varied schedule of events for this year ranging from a musical concert in the Annenberg Auditorium and symposia on current affairs to international evenings at Wilson Commons; from cultural diversity programs to movies in the Engineering Auditorium. The GSU also sponsors a graduate student Travel Grant Fund which helps cover travel expenses to present work in graduate and professional conferences around the country. This year we proudly publish the first GSU Orientation Guide and Handbook which provides invaluable information for all graduate students about life at Notre Dame.

Apart from these programs the GSU is also an official representative organi-

zation, and as such it is the graduate Student Government. Through the GSU graduate students are represented in the University's Graduate Council, the Academic Council, and the Advanced Student Affairs Committee, all operating at the highest levels of the University administration and dealing with critical issues in graduate student life. Moreover, graduate students have the opportunity to participate through the GSU in the Board of Trustees' Student Affairs Committee meetings held twice a year. The most recent GSU report presented to the Board, together with the 1987 GSU Housing Report, have been instrumental in University deliberations concerning a new graduate student housing project already on the drawing board.

In an effort to continue providing information to the University administration regarding graduate student concerns and interests, the GSU -- in collaboration with the Office of Advanced Studies -- will run a Graduate Student Survey early next spring.

It is essential for the effectiveness of the Graduate Student Union that all graduate students participate at some level. The GSU cannot function without the involvement and administrative ability of its members. Virtually any activity the GSU undertakes -- social, academic, cultural or athletic -- is con-

ceived and carried out by volunteers. Every full-time Master's or Ph.D. student in the Graduate School at Notre Dame is automatically a member of the Graduate Student Union.

Each department is asked to hold elections for two departmental representatives at the beginning of the fall. Departmental representatives together with the officers of the GSU constitute the Graduate Student Council, the representative and governing heart of the Union. Election procedures will be distributed during the first Graduate Student Council meeting, to be held Tuesday August 13, 7:00 p.m. at the Notre Dame Room (2nd floor LaFortune). All interested are welcome.

Stop by our new office, located at 307 LaFortune Student Center, or phone us at 239-6963 to register as an active member and pick up your handbook. We will be glad to meet you, let you know what the GSU can do for you, and show you the things you may want to do for the GSU. Every minute of your time is precious for us.

Come join us and help us make things better for you.

Victor J. Krebs, a graduate student in philosophy, is the President of the GSU and is a regular Viewpoint columnist.

P.O. Box Q

Big business dominates media

Dear Editor:

Mr. Hahn is his February 1, column, "Abortion issue needs rethinking," states that he wants "opinion forming thought" on the volatile topic of abortion. So do most people, but in order for this to occur hyperbole, incomplete analysis, and callousness must be avoided. Mr. Hahn states that we are encountering "an atrocity comparable to the Nazi holocaust." Over six million Jews dies in Hitler's Germany. To equate any number of abortions with this ultimate expression of hate and bigotry is ridiculous. Remember, human beings dies, not potential human beings. Furthermore to infer a parallel between a Nazi and an abortionist is hypocritical and cruel.

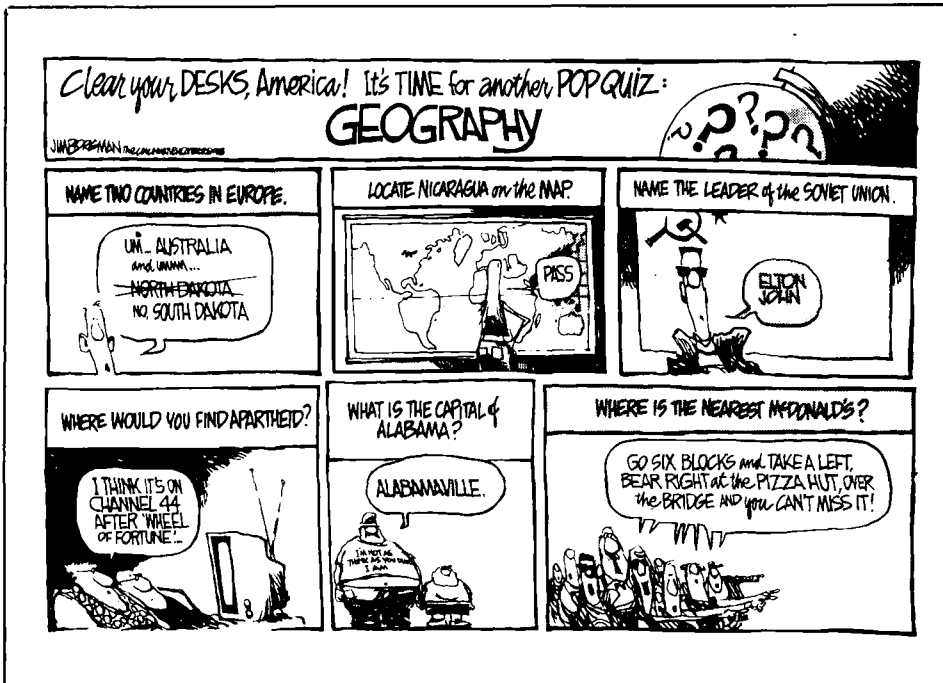
Mr. Hahn cited the decision of some doctors to selectively abort fetuses and

commented--"How low has the medical profession sunk this time?" I will grant that this is a potentially unethical practice, but if Mr. Hahn had explored the issue deeper he would have learned that in many instances the survival of any of the fetuses depends on the aborting of the others.

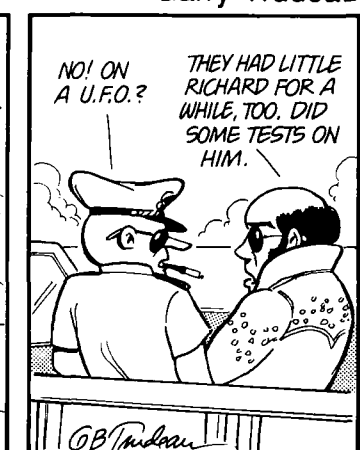
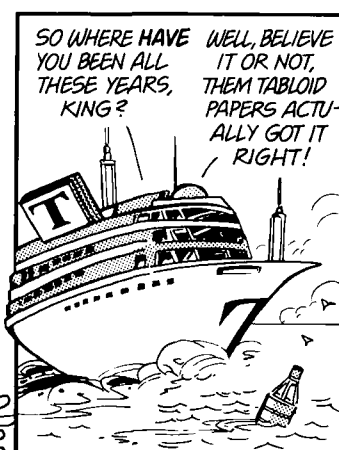
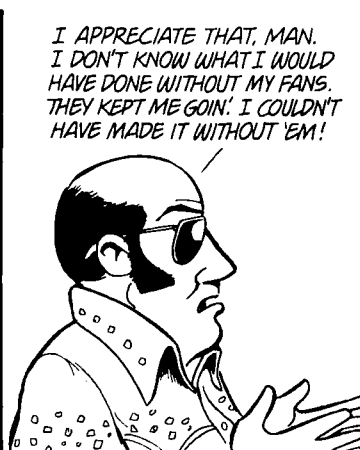
Another difficulty with his article was the lack of this issue must involve the rights of women, to omit them evidences a sexist attitude which too often prevails on the right to life side.

In any discussion of a controversial issue it is important to avoid fanaticism but it is particularly vital on the abortion question. If the U.S. is to reach a consensus on this pressing issue we must do so after examining and respecting all sides with objectivity and compassion.

Craig Gundersen
Grace Hall
3 February 1988



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Garry Trudeau

Quote of the Day

"Every parting gives a foretaste of death; every coming together again a foretaste of the resurrection."

Arthur Schopenhauer
"Studies in Pessimism"

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A Mexican adventure

MARAYA GOYER
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When I was in high school, I remember the Love Boat used to stop at a place called Mazatlan, Mexico. Last year my roommate went there for spring break. My notions of Mexico thus centered around Chi-Chi's Margaritaville, a syndicated television series about a cruise ship, and a friend's vacation experience at one of North America's premiere beach resorts.

This weekend I spoke with 13 Notre Dame students who spent a month of their summer living in a village in Southern Mexico.

The students were involved in a program sponsored by Community for the Lay Apostolate. The trip was financed by various University organizations. The students themselves also personally contributed \$100 each.

After traveling 61 hours by both automobile and train, the group arrived in Oaxaca, Mexico, a town of approximately 140,000. They lived in a house run by the Mary Knoll Sisters Missionaries.

The house they lived in by American standards was exceedingly small and confining, however, by Mexican standards it was a perfectly acceptable residence for 15 persons. The house had one

main room, a kitchen, one bedroom for 10 girls, and another smaller one for the two boys. The "bathroom" was separate from the main house.

The water situation proved to be one of the most pervasive and obvious difficulties for the students. In order to drink the water it first had to be boiled and then strained. Maintaining a supply of drinking water for fifteen thus proved a formidable task. Laundry was done in the kitchen sink. After a final rinse numerous small creatures would have to be manually removed from one's favorite ND sweatshirt or blue jeans.

The group of students was divided into three subgroups. These subgroups would then alternate going to one of two work sites or doing the shopping and housekeeping. One of the work sites was an orphanage where the students, regardless of their knowledge of the Spanish language, taught the Mexican children English. They also entertained and cared for the children. The other worksite was a home for the elderly where they would visit with the aged.

The group which stayed at home, besides shopping and cooking, was also responsible for organizing the daily, af-

ternoon reflection sessions. These sessions served to help the students evaluate what they were being exposed to and to provide peer support as each tried to deal with the poverty and need they were becoming so aware of.

The poverty in Oaxaca is of a degree not frequently found in the United States. For example, the streets were littered with pigs and chickens and all they left behind while children played in muddy streets naked. The poverty in Mexico is real and abject, but the people affected by it still seemed to have hope.

The main impetus behind this hope was their faith. There were Virgin of Guadalupe figurines and pictures in the public transportation vehicles, as well as in shops and restaurants.

The Mexican faith, Catholicism, serves to unify a nation of diversified Indian tribes. This unity of faith is a special aspect of religious belief that the Notre Dame students were able to appreciate and identify with. But unlike Notre Dame, where religion serves to guide and support, in Mexico it provides hope. The Oaxacan villagers have no money, no modern conveniences, and no personal rights or freedoms that our democratic system provides the American public. However, with the strength



Members of CILA Mexican Program smile after a hard day's work.

and unity of their church behind them, they do possess hope for an improved lifestyle.

The Notre Dame students themselves often felt that they were considered by the Oaxacan villagers as a personification of hope. This was not a result of the direct services the student's provided. Rather, it was a manifestation of the Mexican perception of the affluence and freedom of American society that the students were representatives of.

The documented purpose of the group's trip, as stated by the coordinator, was a way

for Notre Dame students to gain a cultural awareness of the third world in order to experience the joys and frustrations of life without modern conveniences. The primary objective of the trip was not to teach Mexican orphans English or to alleviate some of the wretched living conditions in the village. The purpose of the trip was to educate Notre Dame students. The work they performed did not significantly impact the village of Oaxaca. It was the impact that these services had on the students that was the purpose and the importance of their journey south.



Members of the 1988-89 Pom Pons squad practice for their first performance.

Pom Pons are on their way

COLLEEN CRONIN
accent writer

Halftime at home football games brings many images to mind: the band, the cheerleaders, trips back out to Green field to find lingering tailgaters, and the all-out suicidal rush for food, just to name a few. This season, halftime may bring football fans the added attraction of the Irish Pom Pon Squad.

Some people may remember a group called the Dancin' Irish. The Pom Pons are not simply a revival of the Dancin' Irish, who were more entertainment-oriented. "We are spirit-oriented," says senior Erica Hinkle, who is captain of the squad. "We don't want the role of just entertainment. We are more dancing, but we are not show-girls." The dancing is what distinguishes the Poms from the cheerleaders. The cheerleaders concentrate on cheering and stunts, while the Poms focus on dancing, and never perform without music.

The 1988-89 squad consists of sixteen girls, eight from Notre Dame and eight from Saint Mary's. "It just hap-

pened to work out that there were half from each school," says Hinkle. "We don't have a quota." Tryouts were held last spring, and over the summer the squad accompanied the Notre Dame cheerleaders to Eastern Tennessee State University for a week-long camp and a competition in which they fared quite well. The girls have a grueling hour and half practice every Sunday through Thursday.

As of now, the Poms are only performing at Stepan pep rallies, and the Bookstore Basketball pep rally. They are working closely with the band director, however, in trying to figure out an arrangement with the band for football games. Hinkle would also like to see the Poms "show some support for the non-revenue sports" and perform at events such as women's basketball.

The students should be seeing more of the Pom Pon squad in the future, once their role is fully established. As for now, even though things are just barely started, Erica thinks things "are going really well."

Fun on the Continent

SARA MARLEY
accent staff

The strains of "Kuess die Hand schoene Frau" waft from the windows of Keenan, while Marshall Crenshaw plays in a room in Studentenheim Roessl-in-der-Au. The 1987-88 Notre Dame Innsbruck Program is over but not forgotten.

The 21 of us arrived last August 16 in the Munich airport and were met by Dr. Alexander Hahn, math professor and our director for the year. We proceeded to Salzburg by a bus driven by a quite exuberant and dialect-babbling driver who insisted on taking us on a sightseeing tour before we even set foot in our adopted homeland, Austria.

A new group has already taken our places in Heffterhof, Notre Dame's summer school in Salzburg. There they face four six hour days and two three hour days of German per week, taught tirelessly by Hans and Ruth (believe it or not, it's pronounced Root).

Before you start feeling sorry for them, though, bear in mind that they are sleeping under (and on, in some cases) incredible Austrian "Deckes", which are feather comforters. They wake up to great coffee and fresh "Semmeln", the small rolls that make up a typical breakfast. Lunch and dinner are also

served to them by Gabi and her cohorts. Heffterhof provides laundry service for ALL of its occupants, although they definitely learned their trade at St. Michael's.

The school is located just five minutes by bus from Salzburg's Altstadt (old city), which is just as pretty in real life as in "The Sound of Music." The learning process extends from the classroom to the city itself as the students conduct interviews with everyone from ladies of the evening (not exactly part of the curriculum) to monks.

We went on rallies to collect booth pictures of ourselves with people from the street and tapes of ourselves singing the Notre Dame Victory March to appreciative audiences. We had to hand out roses to young, pretty women, collect money from fountains, find out how to get married, and measure a bridge.

Free afternoons were spent enjoying the view from the fortress atop -- now get this -- Monk's Mountain and the better discovery of the year 1492, Stiegl Bier.

After the four-week Salzburg session comes the Innsbruck program's first vacation, a two and a half week layover before the University of Innsbruck begins on October 1. Many of us travelled to either Germany, Greece, or Italy, but almost everyone made it back to

Munich for Oktoberfest.

At this giant carnival we sampled one liter beers from several of Bavaria's major brewries, hopefully not all on the same night. The atmosphere of Oktoberfest is most easily envisioned as one of the major amusement parks like Cedar Point, Disneyland, or Six Flags, with traditional park rides, booths serving Wurst and incredible roasted almonds, and a huge King Kong that speaks German, plus the beer "tents", actually permanent structures. Within they bear a striking resemblance to a packed South Dining Hall seranaded by an oompah band playing from the salad bar region.

After the womb-like atmosphere of Salzburg, arriving in the Innsbruck train station was a little frightening. Although it was to be our home for the next eight and a half months, Innsbruck and its looming mountains seemed less than inviting that first day in October.

We did eventually find our way to Innrain 33, our little piece of Notre Dame for the year. There awaited us Helga Horak, our permanent Austrian director, tons of mail (although there was never enough), and stacks of Observers containing news of the first victories of the football team. We were homesick, but excited as we moved into our dorms and prepared for the first days of classes.

Defensive line dominates despite injuries

By GREG GUFFEY
Sports Writer

With the recent series of injuries, one might expect lackluster performances from Notre Dame's defensive line in early fall practices.

Much to the delight of line coach John Palermo, the opposite has happened. The defense has dominated the fall practices, adding to the problems of an already struggling offensive line.

"I like to think we have something to do with it," Palermo said of the offensive line's problems. "We're going to have a real test Sept. 10 against Michigan. Hopefully we'll get better, play fundamentally hard and make things happen."

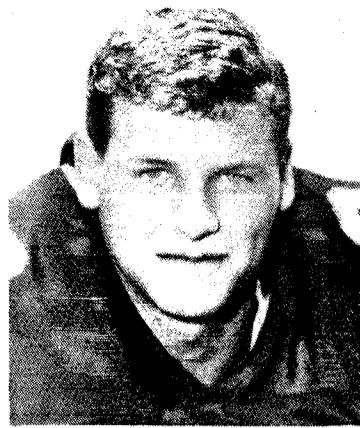
The line is currently without the services of senior Tom Gor-

man at tackle. Gorman had 23 solo tackles and one sack last season. The 6-6, 255-pounder is battling a pulled chest muscle, but Palermo says he will be back for the Michigan opener.

Tackle Bob Dahl, out with an bruised thigh, will most likely be back in action at Michigan State. Ted FitzGerald is also on the injured list, fighting a sprained knee. FitzGerald recorded 16 tackles last fall.

Even with those injuries, the competition is still fierce for the starting spots. Sophomore Chris Zorich is at nose tackle with sophomore George Williams and juniors Jeff Alm and Bryan Flannery fighting for the right and left tackle positions.

Flannery had 18 tackles last year while Alm had five. Zorich did not play a down last fall,



Jeff Alm

and Williams played only eight minutes.

"Right now, we have not settled on a starting lineup," Palermo said. "We have a scrimmage Friday and a meeting Sunday, then we'll be able to give a lineup for the

Michigan game."

Others battling for spots on the line are juniors Steve Roddy and Mike Crouse, sophomore Mike Callan and freshmen Mirko Jurkovic and Bernard Mannelly.

"There are very, very good athletes on the defensive line," Zorich said. "The best three of these athletes will start against Michigan."

The Irish defensive line came under criticism last season for lack of an effective pass rush. Palermo hopes to change that this fall, but says the effectiveness of the rush will depend largely on the opponent. For example, Notre Dame will concentrate on curbing the running game against the Wolverines.

"Pass rush depends a lot of

the time on what the offense does," Palermo said. "The No. 1 priority against Michigan is to stop the run. That's our goal. That's what we've been working on in practice."

"We are definitely going to have a pass rush," Zorich promised. "If I have a chance to get the quarterback, I'll get a sack."

For now, though, those sacks will come only against fellow Irish teammates. The opener against the Wolverines is still more than a week away, and Palermo said he thinks there is considerable room for improvement.

"Generally, we can always improve fundamentally on the little things," Palermo said. "Most of the time the big things take care of themselves."

China

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will also find out if the lessons learned in exhibition play will carry through into the regular season. The real test will be for the freshmen, who will be getting their first taste of collegiate volleyball.

Two freshmen, setter Julie Bremner and hitter Jai Bruno, started every game in China, which should make their transition easier. Junior hitter Kathy Cunningham got her first taste of competition since last year when she had surgery to repair a dislocated shoulder. Lambert also was impressed

by the play of senior captain Maureen Shea and senior Zanette Bennett.

The players spent most of their time either training or competing in games, but they also found time to enjoy a bit of a Chinese culture.

"It was quite a transition," said Cunningham. "We had to adjust to different food and a new environment, but it helped bond the team together and make it stronger."

The "famous American volleyball stars," as they were billed by many press releases and banners, visited the Great Wall and the Ming Tombs on their day as tourists, and even

gave potato peelers and barrettes to people on the streets—a gesture the Chinese genuinely appreciated. The team saved their Notre Dame paraphernalia for their Chinese counterparts, who they got to know better while travelling by train to their matches.

"It was a chance of a lifetime," said Assistant Athletic Director Brian Boulac, who travelled with the team. "Coming from the United States it's hard to imagine a city like Beijing with more than 11 million people, but a trip like this gives you the opportunity to see the diversity of culture few people get to see."

Soccer

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all-time scoring chart with 82 points. Morris set the single-season assist record last year with 17 in 21 games.

Sophomore Danny Stebbins and freshman Mitch Kern also will see action at forward.

Midfielders - Senior captains Guignon and Joe Sternberg return, as does two-year starter Rolfe Behrje. Not returning is senior Kurt Roemer, who transferred to St. John's (Minn.), but into his spot steps Steve LaVigne, a sophomore who has been impressive in the preseason.

Sternberg sometimes will move up to the forward position, and senior Pat Murphy can sub at either forward or midfield.

Backs - Senior Danny Gordon and junior captain Dave Augustyn will hold down the wingback positions, and soph-

omore Mike Drury will fill the sweeper position vacated by Steve Lowney. Stopper Paul LaVigne will get the assignment of marking the opposition's top forward, and he will be joined at times by Guignon in a double-stopper formation.

Keepers - Danny Lyons returns as the starter after successfully postponing until the spring a chance to study a semester abroad. Senior Kevin Mayo has been impressive in the preseason and should see some action this season.

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7:00 p.m. Accountancy Placement Night, sponsored by Career and Placement Services, for all Accountancy majors, Hesburgh Library Auditorium.

LECTURE CIRCUIT

4:00 p.m. "Seniors: Are You Ready for the Real World?" is the title of a talk to be given at a meeting for students interested in a Liberal Arts internship. The meeting is today at 4 p.m. in 170 LeMans Hall. For information, call 284-4565.

4:20 p.m. Physics Colloquium, "Very High Energy Gamma Ray Astronomy," by Professor Richard Lamb, Iowa State University. 118 Nieuwland Science Hall.

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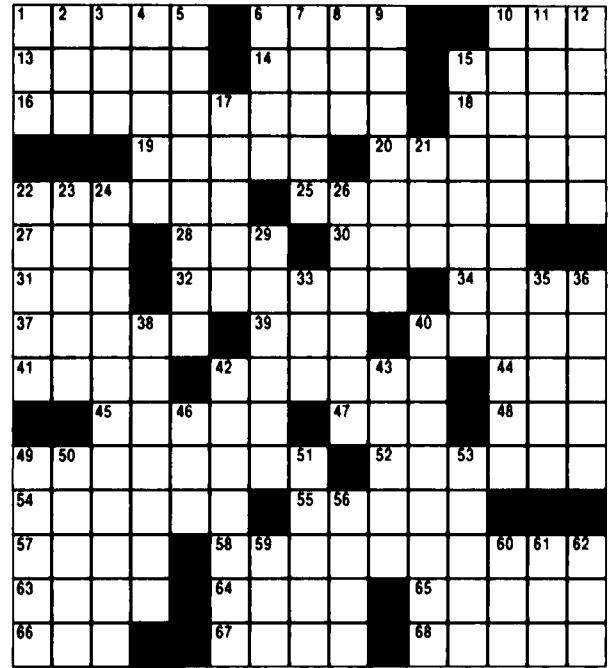
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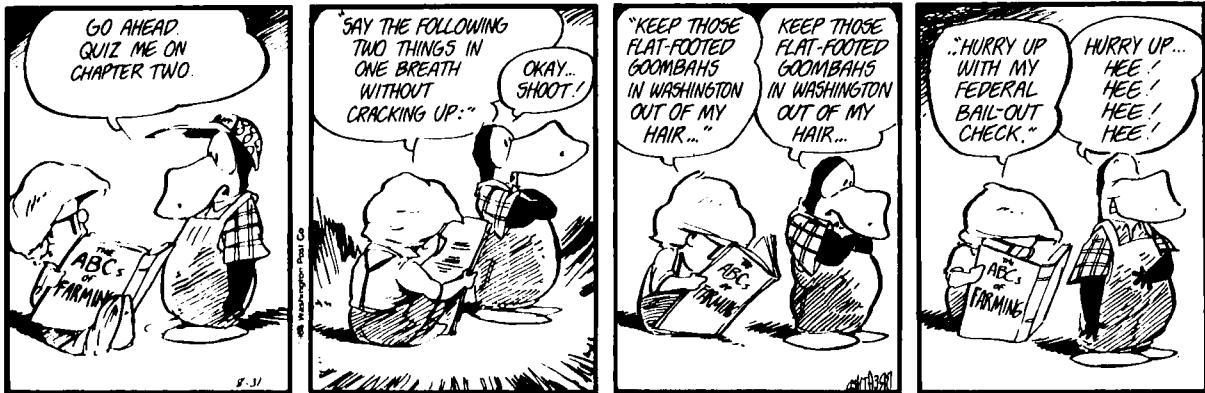


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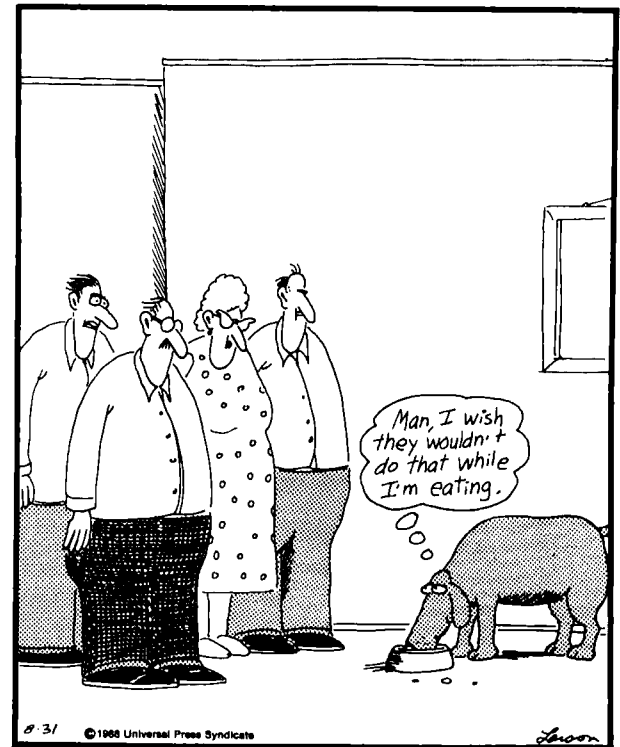
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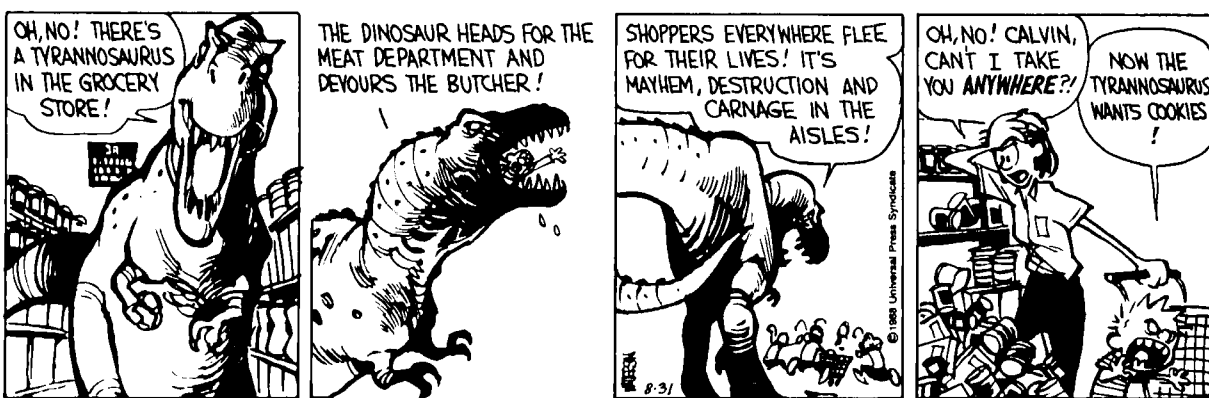
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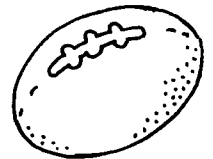


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Seniors lead Irish soccer squad into '88 season

By PETE GEGEN
Sports Writer

The following appeared in the Sept. 2, 1985 issue of The Observer:

The Notre Dame soccer team opened its 1985 season yesterday with a 3-0 loss at Virginia. . . The Irish were unable to stay in the game with the Cavaliers, who are ranked third in the country.

"We just got schooled," remembers senior captain John Guignon of the first game of his collegiate career. "We had four freshmen start, and eventually six

were on the field. We knew we had a long way to go."

Four years later, the Irish have come a long way.

"We went through the pits in '85 with a 7-11-4 record," says Irish head coach Dennis Grace. "But I did it for a reason, and look where we are now. The players have done things nobody gave them a chance to do."

Last season the team rocketed to a 17-3-1 record and a national ranking, just missing a bid to the NCAA Tournament. Now, as the Irish open their 1988

season Thursday night at Krause Stadium, they prepare for a grueling road schedule and the challenge of proving last season's top-20 ranking was no fluke.

And leading the way for the team will be the seniors, Grace's first recruiting class, the same players involved in that loss to Virginia four years ago. And the seniors, of which five will start and two others come off the bench, will settle for no less this season than an NCAA bid.

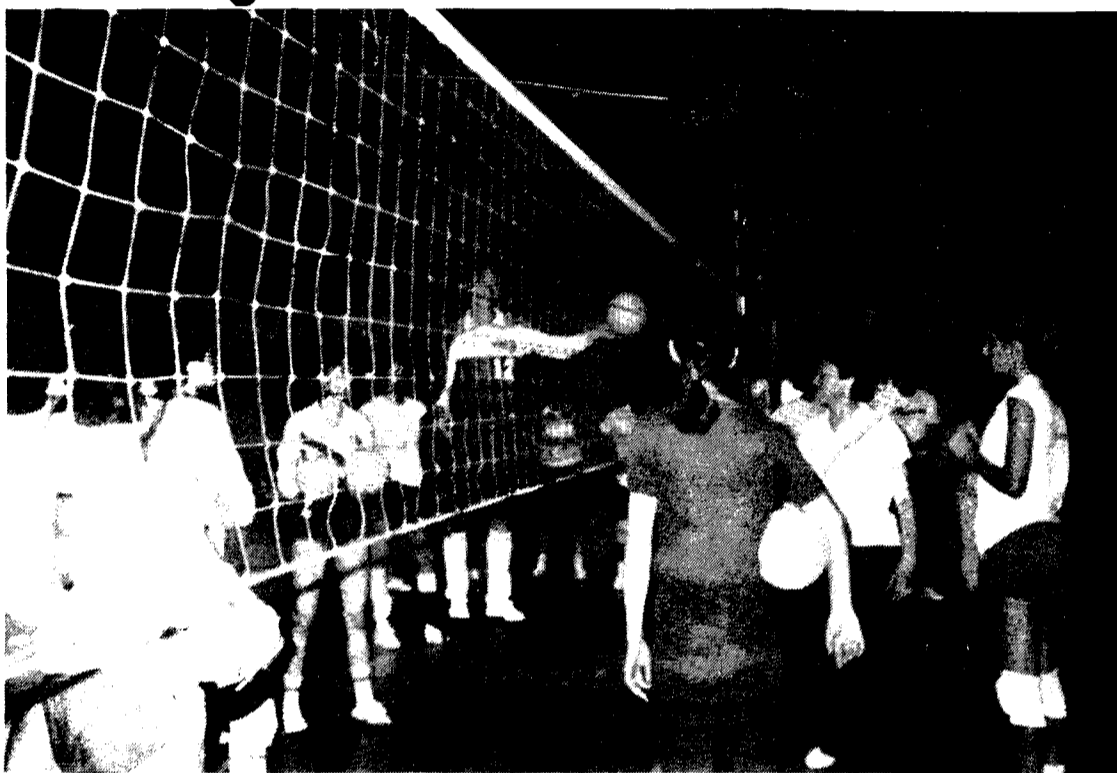
"To get to the tournament is our

goal," says forward Bruce 'Tiger' McCourt. In fact the starting lineup will be loaded with experience, with three juniors who started and three sophomores who were regulars by season's end last year. Here is the position-by-position rundown:

Forwards - Using a 4-2-2 setup, the tandem of McCourt and Randy Morris will start. McCourt currently ranks fourth on the all-time Notre Dame goal chart (35 in 64 games) and fifth on the

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Learning abroad



Members of the Chinese volleyball team teach Notre Dame volleyball players a blocking drill

Chinese teach Irish volleyball on trip

By MOLLY MAHONEY
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women's volleyball team has returned home after a ten day tour through China, where it played members of a team head coach Art Lambert considers to be one of the smartest and best he's ever seen.

That team, comprised of players from the Chinese Olympic team that won the gold medal in 1984 and the World Championship in 1985, won each of the five matches played, and they taught the Irish some valuable lessons.

"It was a tremendous learning experience," said Lambert. "We learned a few new techniques and they forced us to turn our intensity level up a notch. Playing a team like China enabled us to find out exactly where our strengths and weaknesses are."

The trip took the Irish through Beijing, Har-

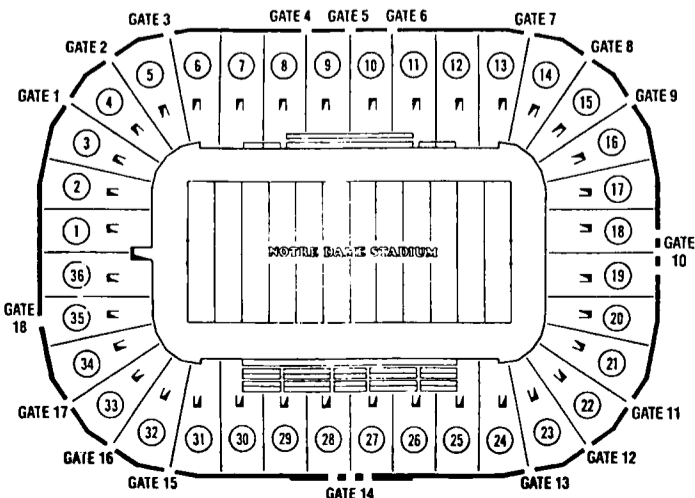
bin and Daqing, and exposed them to fanfare seldom encountered in the United States. They attracted capacity crowds at every stop, as people packed into gyms to see players like Lang Ping—known as the "Iron Hammer"—who is considered a national hero and one of the best hitters in the world. The players often spent a half hour before each match wading through throngs of people and small children who sang as they presented them with flowers.

"The crowds were terrific," said Lambert. "If we played in a gym that held 5,000 people, then 5,000 showed up. If we played in one that held 10,000, then 10,000 showed up. People love volleyball over there."

The Irish will find out if Americans—and Notre Dame fans—share this enthusiasm for the sport this Saturday as they host Indiana. They

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Graduate students, sophomores buy tickets



Sophomore and graduate student ticket sales begin today for the 1988 Notre Dame football season.

Students are asked to bring their application, remittance and ID card to Gate 10 of the Joyce Athletic and Convocation Center on the day specified for each class. One student may present a maximum of four (4) applications and ID cards. Married students wishing to purchase a season ticket for their spouse must show proof of marriage.

Student football ticket applications have been sent to all students with a campus or local address. If you have not received your application or if the class status preprinted on your application is incorrect, you are asked to come to the Ticket Office

Rice hurdles all that blocks his path

If Tony Rice ran track he would be a hurdler, leaping obstacles which stand in the way of the finish line.

The hurdles have certainly been placed before Anthony Eugene Rice during his short career at Notre Dame, beginning even before the affable junior quarterback stepped foot on this campus.

When Rice signed a national letter of intent to attend college at Notre Dame in February, 1986, it was big news. He had 7,000 career yards in total offense. His team lost only two games in four years of high school, both in the state championship. He

Brian O'Gara



Irish Items

was named a Parade All-American. And he had a 640 combined score on his Scholastic Aptitude Tests.

The cry went out—is Lou Holtz lowering Notre Dame's standards by bringing in an unworthy candidate? Doesn't he realize that this is squeaky-clean Notre Dame? Will Tony Rice make it at this prestigious University if he comes here?

No, the standards are the same. Yes, we are still clean. And yes Tony Rice has proven that he can make it as a football player and as a student at the University of Notre Dame.

The race Tony Rice started two-and-a-half years ago began with that first obstacle. It continued with another hurdle—sitting out his freshman year under NCAA legislation Proposition 48. The signal-caller with the rocket-arm and tree-stump legs was now reserved to tossing the pigskin on the greens of South Quad instead of the greens of Notre Dame Stadium.

"One the one hand," says Rice, "I had a lot of opportunities to meet new people that some of the other freshmen football players didn't because they didn't have the free time I had. I really enjoyed the contact and interaction with people. The disadvantage was that I was a step behind and it was going to be a little harder going into the system under Coach Holtz."

But now his time has come. Though he was platooned with sophomore Kent Graham much of last season after a broken collarbone sidelined Terry Andrysiak, there is now no question that the Woodruff, S.C. native will be taking the snap come September 10 when Bo Schembechler's boys come to town.

"Tony Rice is our starting quarterback," asserted Lou Holtz at Tuesday's press conference. "You can tell he's the leader from the time he steps into the huddle," continued Holtz. "It was obvious to me when he stepped in at the Pitt game last year and ran the football team that this was not your average competitor. I'm not just talking about his ability to run or his improvements in throwing the football. His leadership qualities and command of the huddle and the team that set him apart from the rest of our quarterbacks. The team just runs very well when he is in there."

The only thing that was obvious to Rice coming out of his first huddle in the Pitt game was that he was in the wrong place—behind the guard. He shook off that embarrassing moment as easily as he would dodge opponents in the remaining weeks of the season as he directed the dominating 'Pony Express' running attack.

Still, the hurdles kept coming. While he continues to bring home the passing grades in the classroom, the grades on his passing have been less than complimentary. But if anything is stable in the Irish offense at this point of fall practice it is the gun of Rice, who completed 14-of-21 tosses in Saturday's scrimmage for 200 yards.

"This summer I threw all that talk (that he was a poor passer) out of my mind and just came into the fall more relaxed and confident," said Rice. "I knew I was a good passer in high school and I'm a good passer here now. Last year I took what everybody said personally and I thought that maybe they were right. This year I don't worry about what people say—I'll just do my job."

And that job, the axis around which this football team revolves, is finally his. But the race is not over for Tony Rice. In fact, it is barely half over. There are more hurdles in the way. Michigan is one. Operating behind an inexperienced offensive line is another. But these hurdles loom no larger than those which Tony Rice has faced in the past two years. And as he continues to pass his obstacles, the probability that the Irish will pass teams on the way up the polls becomes all the more probable.