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Switzer, Mixon win run-offs Tight margins characterize class elections

By SANDRA WIEGAND
Assistant News Editor

By the narrow margin of 11 votes, the Switzer ticket won the junior class election yesterday. The sophomore ticket led by Patrick Mixon won by approximately 11 percent.

Junior class officers for 1990-91 are Jennifer Switzer, president, Steve Hanson, vice president, Megan Weyers, secretary, and Tim Thorton, treasurer.

"Every one person who voted made the difference," Switzer said. "I want to thank everyone who voted."

"It was a class operation," said Hanson.

Next year's sophomore class

officers are Patrick Mixon, president, Dave Cathcart, vice president, Molly O'Neill, secretary, and Robin Stumpf, treasurer.

"I'm overwhelmed," said O'Neill, "and excited because it was a close race."

"Lynn ran very well against us," Mixon said.

The winning junior class ticket received 50.54 percent of the votes, 514 of the 1,017 cast.

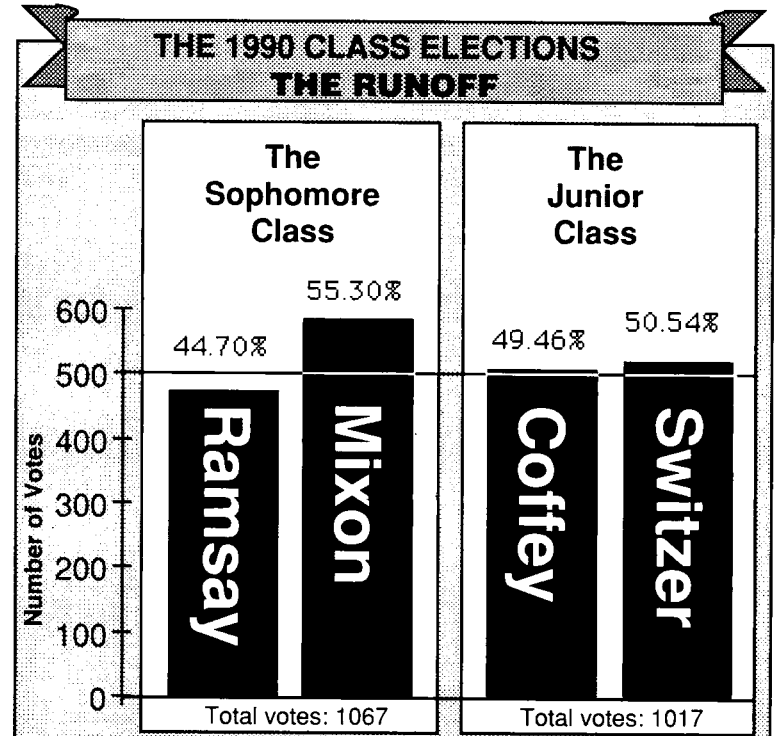
"Well, it's certainly disappointing, but it was a good race," said defeated presidential candidate John Coffey. "We just didn't get quite enough votes. We'd like to congratulate Jennifer; I'm sure she'll do a good job."

Although there were few dorms with a wide margin be-

tween the number of ballots cast for each of the two junior class tickets, Breen-Phillips did vote overwhelmingly for the Switzer ticket. Alumni and Flanner had high percentages of votes for the Coffey ticket. In Alumni, 53 of 60 votes were for this ticket.

The Mixon sophomore class ticket received 55.30 percent, or 590 of the total 1,067 votes cast.

Dorms with the most decided support for the Mixon ticket were Knott, where 53 of 61 votes were for the ticket, and Carroll, where 19 of 20 votes were for Mixon. The Ramsay ticket received 74 of 77 votes in Stanford.



The Observer/Bradford J. Boehm

White House: Libya renews chemical weapon production

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House said Wednesday that Libya has renewed production of chemical weapons, posing "a major threat" and requiring "vigorous action" to shut down the plant.

White House press secretary Marlin Fitzwater refused to exclude the possibility of a military strike to knock out the poison-gas plant.

"We don't rule out anything," he said.

However, Fitzwater also suggested the plant could be closed if foreign suppliers denied it the raw materials needed to produce chemical weapons.

"The international community should step up its efforts to deny Libya the ability to continue operating the plant," he said.

Chemical weapons are considered the poor nations' atom bomb because they are relatively cheap to produce and hard to detect. Libya is one of about two dozen countries con-

sidered capable of or actually producing poison gas, which was used by Iran and Iraq in the Persian Gulf war.

The latest U.S. charges underscore the hostile relationship between the United States and Libyan dictator Moammar Gadafi. Tensions reached a crisis point in 1986 when the Reagan administration ordered that Tripoli be bombed.

Fitzwater said the United States was consulting with other governments to express serious concern about the facility.

The plant at Rabta, 60 miles south of Tripoli, is producing limited quantities of mustard gas and nerve agents, U.S. officials said.

"Rabta is dangerous and becoming more so," Fitzwater said. "This points to the necessity for heightened international vigilance of Libyan procurement activities and for vigorous efforts to stop the operation of Rabta."



Moammar Gadafi

Asked what he meant by "vigorous action," Fitzwater said, "We aren't willing to speculate on what specific efforts, but nothing is ruled out."

He would not comment on the type or quantity of weapons being produced.

"Any amount is a major threat," he said.

Gadafi's regime has "a history of terroristic activities and a history of erratic military be-

havior," Fitzwater said. "And therefore, that is the most immediate threat."

In 1988, the United States raised concerns about Rabta and persuaded West German companies and other foreign suppliers to stop providing technical assistance. U.S. officials said then that Libya had stopped work on Rabta before reaching full production but maintained an assembly line.

Fitzwater said production resumed recently, and West German politicians have said that Libya had produced enough gas for 1,000 artillery shells.

Fitzwater declined to discuss which countries were supplying chemicals to Libya.

"We certainly would urge all countries to survey their internal situation, to inventory their chemical production facilities and to make their own judgments that they are not a source for any of these chemicals."

"We don't really know how

the chemicals are getting there or where they are coming from," Fitzwater said. "But there are so many routes, again I urge you, not to focus on who's giving them chemicals, but to focus on Mr. Gadafi and Libya."

Gadafi, who has steadfastly denied Libya was producing chemical weapons, says the plant was designed to produce pharmaceutical drugs.

JANA, the Libyan news agency, said in a dispatch that an unnamed official source at the Libyan foreign ministry "disclaimed" reports that Libya has produced "quantities of chemical weapons in (the) Rabta medicine factory."

The source, according to JANA, contended that "such allegations aired at present by some media circles aim at creating a state of suspicion" in light of efforts by Libya and other Arab African nations toward economic and political unity.



The Observer/Dave Short

Katherine McFadden (center) and Suzanne Fitzgerald (right) pay close attention to John Mulhern's presentation during the final round of the Iceberg Debates last night.

Breen-Phillips team talks its way to Iceberg Debates title

By JOE MOODY
Assistant News Editor

In what the judges dubbed "a wonderful effort" by both sides, the Breen-Phillips team won by a narrow margin of 3-2 to defeat Pangborn and claim the 1990 Iceberg Debate Championship title.

The resolution for the final debate was "That the Catholic Church should not require priests to be celibate."

Competing for the \$500 first prize, Breen-Phillips debated against mandatory celibacy, while Pangborn argued for it.

The affirmative side, Breen-Phillips, focused on the point that the sacrament of marriage is a commitment and expression of love for God, and a priest could better counsel his parishioners by experiencing this.

The negative team, Pangborn, argued that a celibate priest

will have more time and less distractions by not being involved in marriage and will therefore perform his duties to God much more effectively.

Suzanne Fitzgerald and Kate McFadden spoke for Breen-Phillips. Other team members were Jennifer Schlueter and Michael Coffey.

Andrew Scharfenberg and John Mulhern spoke for Pangborn. Brad Newcomer and Jennifer McDougall were the other members.

"Other teams tended to take a more technical approach. We approached each debate, one at a time, as more of a discussion," said Fitzgerald. "We're thrilled to have won," she added.

"The primary goal of the competition is increased student awareness of key local,

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INSIDE COLUMN

The road turns here, but the trip isn't over

Tomorrow will mark the end of an important part of my life here at Notre Dame.

Regis Coccia

Managing Editor

That's the day my term as managing editor of this newspaper expires. It will be the end of four very good years I have spent at The Observer.

The Observer has occupied my life since I set foot on campus in August, 1986. I've done a lot since then, and I plan to do a lot more.

Before I left home to come here, many people said, "Enjoy college because it goes by very quickly." Were they right! It's hard to believe that four years have passed already.

Hard to believe, but nevertheless true. Now that I'm nearing the end of my time at Notre Dame, I wish I could have more time to enjoy it.

But I'm not going to look back — yet. There's too much to look ahead to.

Right now, there's spring break. After that, the rest of the semester. Then graduation, summer, a job (somewhere), new things to learn, new people to meet and new things to do.

Only God knows where I'll be and what I'll do in the next 21 years, but the memories of this place will always stay with me.

Clippings of my first stories in The Observer have become yellow with time, but my recollection of them is as fresh as the day I wrote them. I'll remember the fun I had as a reporter and editor, tracking down interviews and working late in the office.

For the first time in four years, I can take a break from constant involvement with this paper.

After tomorrow, I will no longer have to dash up six flights of stairs several times a day, or stay in the office until 4 a.m. to help solve problems.

No longer will I get called out of bed at 5:30 to drive 50 miles to the printer because something was left behind. No more bleary-eyed attempts to stay awake during class because my duties at the paper kept me up all night.

Will I miss it? No, but I will remember it fondly.

I'd like to thank the people who have made this job worthwhile. First, I'd like to thank you, the reader, and the University community, because you're the reason I've done this job. Then I'd like to thank all the people who publish The Observer: my co-workers, who are also my friends, and The Paper, where this paper is printed.

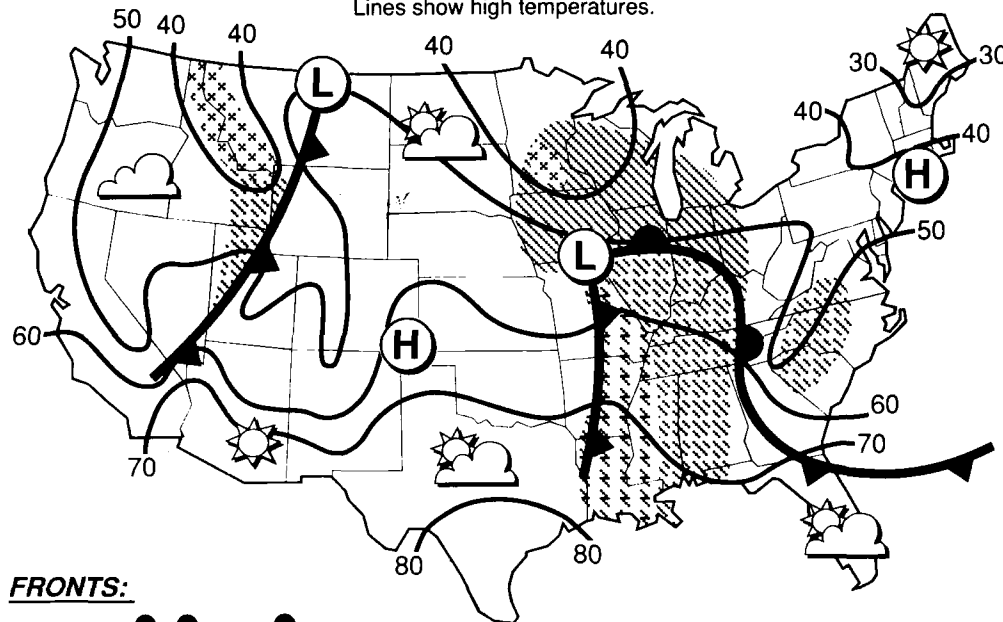
If I've made a contribution, however small, to improving life here in the last four years, then my time has been well spent. Thanks for the memories.

The views expressed in the Inside column are the author's and this author hopes they are also those of The Observer.

WEATHER

Forecast for noon, Thursday, March 8.

Lines show high temperatures.



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OF INTEREST

Applications for Student Government cabinet positions must be returned tomorrow, March 9. Applications are available at the Student Government secretary's office.

Of Interests are accepted at The Observer to publicize one-time free events of general interest. Deadline is 1 p.m.

WORLD

McDonald's Corp. plans to expand its fast-food empire into Eastern Europe, taking advantage of democratic and economic changes sweeping the region. "We've been in Eastern Europe, so we're not reacting to recent political developments there. We've been planning for this area for years," McDonald's spokesman Chuck Ebeling said Wednesday. "But political developments there open up promising aspects for us."

At least 134 people were missing Wednesday after a boat carrying children returning from holiday collided with a freighter and sank into the Amazon River, police said. The riverboat Andresito sank Tuesday evening near the Amazon port of Iquitos, 715 miles northeast of Lima, police said. The boat had just left Iquitos for Puritoyacu, a jungle village three days' journey away.

NATIONAL

A judge Wednesday refused to dismiss charges against Joseph Hazelwood after the prosecution rested its case and the defense offered a new theory on why the former Exxon Valdez skipper should be cleared. Attorney Dick Madson argued that Hazelwood should be acquitted of the charge of operating the vessel while intoxicated because he technically was not in control of the tanker when it went aground March 24, causing the nation's worst oil spill.

A subway train derailed and smashed into a support beam during Wednesday morning's rush hour, shearing one car "like a sardine can." The crash killed three people, injured 162 and left some trapped for hours. Officials said it was the worst accident in the 21 years the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority has operated the regional commuter system.

Kentucky became the 41st state to adopt a Martin Luther King Jr. holiday when Gov. Wallace Wilkinson signed legislation before a jubilant crowd in the Capitol rotunda. The bill designates the third Monday in January an official state holiday and grants state employees a day off with pay to commemorate King's birthday.

One in three people suffer pangs of guilt along with pangs of hunger for a snack, and 11 percent said they feel guiltier quenching their craving for the munchies than cheating on their taxes, a survey has found. The survey, released Wednesday, was conducted for Continental Baking Co., the maker of Twinkies, Hostess Cupcakes and Ho Hos. According to the survey, 40 percent would rather snack than shop; 18 percent would rather snack than travel; 29 percent would rather snack than go to the movies; and 10 percent would rather snack than make love.

INDIANA

The Coast Guard station at Michigan City, Ind., received the call Sunday afternoon by a young man who told officers his 33-foot cabin cruiser was sinking and that he and three other passengers were going into Lake Michigan with life preservers. This prompted a search by rescue boats and helicopters that cost at least \$28,000. On Monday night, the Coast Guard received an anonymous tip that the distress call was a hoax by New Buffalo High School students. They were expected to be arraigned Thursday in Berrien County Court.

John Mellencamp's song tribute to rural life, "Small Town," will take center stage in the state's summer tourism campaign, Gov. Evan Bayh and tourism officials said Wednesday. Miller said Mellencamp agreed to let the state use the song in return for a \$5,000 donation to Farm Aid from the tourism department's promotions budget. The ads will begin appearing in May in nearby television markets such as Milwaukee, Chicago, St. Louis, Louisville, Cincinnati and Cleveland.

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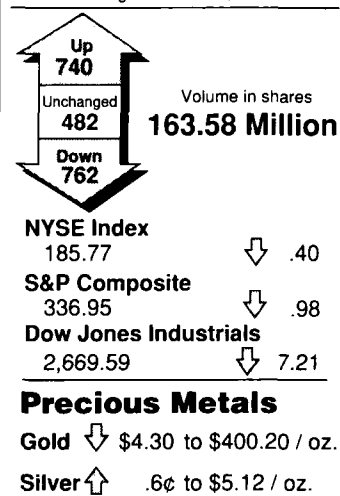
Bad weather during the last week and a half has sharply increased the number of overnight guests at the Center for the Homeless in South Bend.

According to Father Richard Warner, counselor to Notre Dame's president and chair of the executive committee which administers the facility, the Center sheltered a record number of 155 people on one recent night. On an average night, the Center takes in 80 guests.

Father Warner said that the Center provided lodging for 28,905 and 72,123 meals during its operations in 1989. An average number of 330 volunteers each month contributed 15,022 hours of work to the Center, serving 1,296 people in need.

MARKET UPDATE

Closings for March 7, 1990



Source: AP

ALMANAC

On March 8:

- In 1702: England's Queen Anne ascended the throne upon the death of William III.
- In 1782: The Gnadenhutzen massacre took place as some 90 Indians who had converted to Christianity were murdered by militiamen in Gnadenhutzen, Ohio, in retaliation for raids carried out by other Indians.
- In 1854: U.S. Commodore Matthew Perry made his second landing in Japan. Within a month, he concluded a treaty with the Japanese.
- In 1917: The first of two Russian revolutions began with rioting and strikes in St. Petersburg.
- In 1965: The U.S. landed about 3,500 Marines in South Vietnam.

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Faculty debates Athletic Board

By KATE MANUEL
News Writer

The question of who can represent the faculty on the Athletic Review Board provoked lengthy discussion at last night's meeting of the Faculty Senate after Steven Fallon, assistant professor in the Program of Liberal Studies, presented two resolutions concerning membership on the Board.

The first of these two resolutions concerned the difference between the membership of the Board, as stipulated in its by-laws, and the actual membership of the Board. Fallon's resolution maintained that Ann Firth, who is currently a member of the Board representing the "faculty," is not an actual member of either the teaching or the researching faculty.

The Senate voted unanimously to change the final form of the resolution to object to Firth's presence and to request the administration to comply with the guidelines for the Board's composition.

Fallon's original first resolution also objected to the presence of Roland Smith on the

Board. Smith, the executive assistant to the president, represents the interests of the administration more than the interests of the faculty, according to Fallon.

Further discussion established that Smith did teach one course per semester and that the executive assistant to the president has always been the secretary of the Athletic Review Board.

According to Morton Fuchs, chairman of the Biological Sciences Department, Smith's presence on the Board was more related to Fallon's second resolution, concerning who should be able to represent the faculty, than to the first resolution. As it was accepted by the Senate, the first resolution made no comment on Smith's presence.

Fallon's second resolution maintained that deans are asked to act as representatives of the Administration and so cannot be expected to represent faculty concerns accurately. This resolution was tabled until the next meeting.

The concerns about Athletic Review Board membership stemmed from larger concerns

about student athletes, the length of sport seasons, freshman playing time, and University excused absences.

Several members of the Senate reported on student-athlete difficulties, and there was a message to the Senate from the Freshman Year of Studies claiming that student-athlete problems were increasing, not decreasing. One faculty member said, "If we have an interest in educating students, including student-athletes, we have to make sure that excessive demands aren't made on them."

Phillip Johnson, assistant director of Security, made a presentation to the Senate on the changes due to construction and on parking access. Johnson explained his presence by telling Senate members, "We meet one on one when there is a specific problem, we don't look at anything beyond this."

He described the changed vehicle-registration system, using optical scan forms and roll-over data, and the "construction hot-line" to give faculty members information on parking access across from the library.

The chairs of the standing committees on academic affairs, administration, and benefits made brief reports. The Senate also voted for faculty representatives to the Judicial Review Board, the Campus Life Council, the Board of Traffic and Parking Appeals, and the Administration and Faculty Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees.



The Observer/ Marguerite Schropp

Health snacks attract students

Saint Mary's Student Government sponsors healthy snacks outside Haggar College Center, recognizing March as National Nutrition Month. Also, Shannon Walkman writes her suggestion to next year's administration while Olivia Porter (center) and Maureen Laury (left) look on.

Nicaraguan civilians receive assault weapons from army

JINOTEGA, Nicaragua (AP) — Sandinista leaders say they'll hand over the government on April 25, but their local forces don't appear ready to hand over their guns.

The army, a party organ, is delivering truckloads of assault rifles to civilians in Jinotega and Matagalpa provinces who live in the poor neighborhoods the leftist Sandinistas regard as their "social base."

"All the barrios have guns. They are all defending their land," said Francisca Castilleblanco, a 52-year-old tortilla vendor, showing off her new AK-47.

High-ranking Sandinista officials in Jinotega and Matagalpa at first denied civilians were being armed.

When confronted with evidence, the officials asserted they were creating a self-defense network to fend off possible attacks by Contra forces that the Sandinistas have been battling for years.

But they also acknowledged that guns are going to people living on land confiscated after the 1979 revolution, areas the party regards as its grassroots.

The Sandinistas have said they will "defend the conquests of the revolution," including opposing any efforts to return land to previous owners and possibly other aspects of the conservative economic policies of the new government of President-elect Violeta de Chamorro.

Officials of the United Nations Opposition (UNO) say they won't dislodge peasants from land that is being worked, even if it was expropriated under Sandinista rule.

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Happy with results

Jennifer Switzer and Patrick Mixon, respective leaders of the winning junior and sophomore class tickets -- Switzer, Hanson, Weyers, and Thorton and Mixon, Cathcart, O'Neill, and Stumpf- sport smiles upon learning election results last night.

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Debate

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national, and international issues," said Iceberg Debate Chairman Matthew Thiel at the opening of the final round.

Last night's judges were Michael Affleck, coordinator of justice and peace education at the Center for Social Concerns, Martha Atwater, Edward Kline, professor of English, Father Peter Rocca, assistant vice

president for Student Services, and Kathryn Ryan-Zeugner, assistant librarian.

The Standing Committee included senior Sean Buckley, senior Tracy Burke, senior Jerry Duff, junior Ellen Feeney, junior Joan Meissner, and sophomore Ashok Rodrigues.

The Iceberg Debates were founded in the 1988-89 academic year as an undergraduate debate competition on social justice issues.

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Poindexter's Iran-Contra trial finds jury

WASHINGTON (AP) — A jury of seven women and five men was sworn in Wednesday for the Iran-Contra trial of John Poindexter, whose lawyers were attempting to sharply curtail any damaging testimony from Oliver North, the government's leadoff witness.

The jury was sent home for the day, after being selected from a pool of 45 people, as U.S. District Court Judge Harold Greene considered the question of whether to limit North's testimony. Jury selection took just three days, as opposed to more than a week in the North trial last year.

Many of the jurors said they had heard of North but knew little about Poindexter, his former boss whom many failed to recognize in the courtroom.

The jurors include a bridal consultant, a university accountant, a postal worker, a retired food-service worker and a housewife. One of the six alternate jurors is a retiree who got the Watergate scandal confused with the Iran-Contra affair.

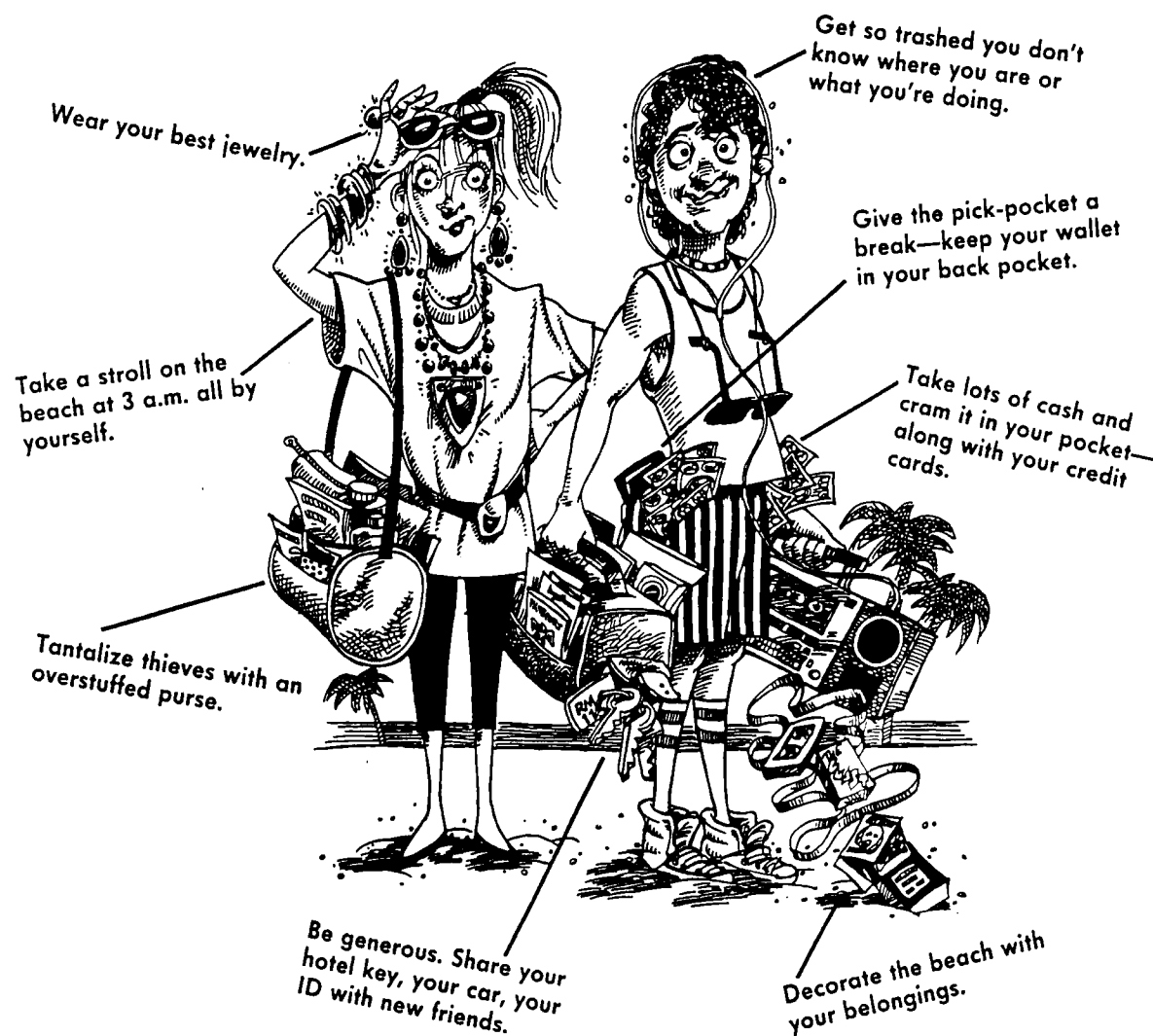
At a hearing, prosecutor John Barrett argued that North should testify that he saw Poindexter destroy a presidential finding on Iran and that Poindexter forced North to lie about the Contras to Congress.

Poindexter lawyer Stephen McNabb said North testimony on those two subjects should not be permitted because it was based on earlier testimony Poindexter gave Congress in 1987 under a grant of immunity from prosecution.

At his trial last year, North testified that he witnessed Poindexter destroy then-President Reagan's finding, which depicted the Iran initiative as a straight arms-for-hostages deal.

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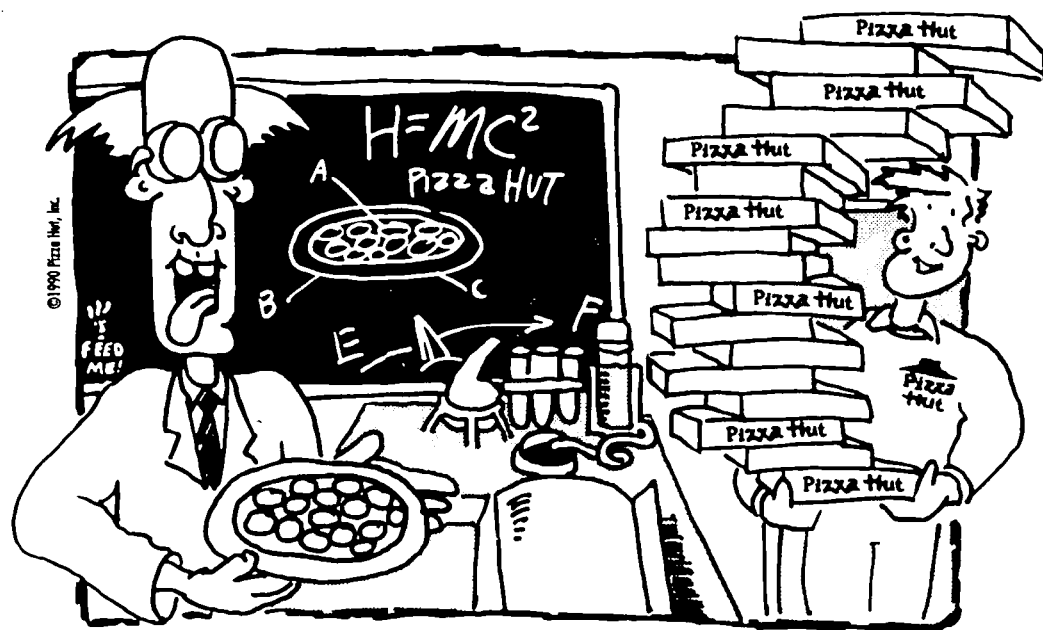


One last paper

The Observer/ Marguerite Schropp

Karen Lalley checks out the resources in the Saint Mary's library, looking through the computer periodicals to finish her "Foundation of Education" paper before break.

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Campus Life Council drops restrictions on Mexico trips

By SANDRA WIEGAND
Assistant News Editor

A proposal requesting a lift on the ban of student trips to Mexico has been unanimously approved by the Campus Life Council.

In order to go into effect, the proposal must be approved by Father David Tyson, vice president of Student Affairs. The proposal is being considered by Student Affairs now.

Trips to Mexico sponsored by student organizations were banned by Student Affairs in December on the basis of the language barrier, the possibility of illness caused by unsanitary conditions, expensive personal costs, and the issue of personal safety and security.

Student Senate passed a resolution to lift the ban on the grounds that trips should be assessed on an individual basis, and students should have input when the decision is made whether their trip will be allowed.

"It's not right to ban the entire country," said Raja Singh, board manager of the Student Union Board (SUB), which put forth the original resolution.

The ban can be interpreted as offensive to Mexican students, he said.

Singh said that if the proposal is accepted by Tyson, Student Affairs will be more accountable for its decisions regarding student sponsored trips in the future, and for the extent that students are involved in making those decisions.

Joe Cassidy, director of student activities, said there is a long list of conditions which Student Affairs must be assured of by the travel agent or tour operator before a trip can be approved.

The fact that the ban on Mexico trips was imposed just as SUB was planning a trip to Acapulco was a coincidence, Cassidy said.

Singh said he was pleased that the topic had been addressed first by the Student Senate and then the Campus Life Council rather than taken directly to Student Affairs.

"This is one of the first times something like this has come up through the pre-set channels," Singh said. The only problem, he said, was the length of time the process took.

SECURITY BEAT

MONDAY, MARCH 5

2:30 p.m. Three residents of Knott Hall reported seeing a suspicious black male in or around Knott Hall. The man entered Knott prior to the lifting of morning perials.

3:05 p.m. Notre Dame Security were called to the scene of a one car accident on Lake Road. The driver lost control of the vehicle due to icy conditions and crashed into a tree.

5:20 p.m. A Morrissey Hall resident reported the theft of cash from a wallet on his desk sometime between 12 and 6 p.m. on March 2. The victim's room was unlocked and unattended.

11:30 p.m. A resident of Farley Hall reported that a suspicious black male let himself into her room while she was studying. He left after a few minutes.

TUESDAY, MARCH 6

9:45 a.m. A resident of Goshen reported that her wallet had been stolen from her purse in the bleachers of the JACC sometime during the Kentucky Game.

3:58 p.m. A Breen-Phillips resident reported the theft of cash from her wallet sometime between 5 and 11:30 p.m. on March 4. The victim's room was unlocked and unattended.

4:25 p.m. A resident of Breen-Phillips reported the theft of cash from her unlocked and unattended room.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

12:20 a.m. A Siegfried Hall resident reported the theft of a clock from the Siegfried Hall lobby. The theft occurred between 1 and 3 p.m. on March 3.

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Seven demonstrators killed in South African homeland

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Seven people were killed Wednesday when police fired on demonstrators in the black homeland of Bophuthatswana, one of several black-ruled territories facing growing unrest, reports said.

South African President F.W. de Klerk said his government was concerned the violence in the homelands could hinder efforts to open negotiations on a new constitution that would include the country's black majority.

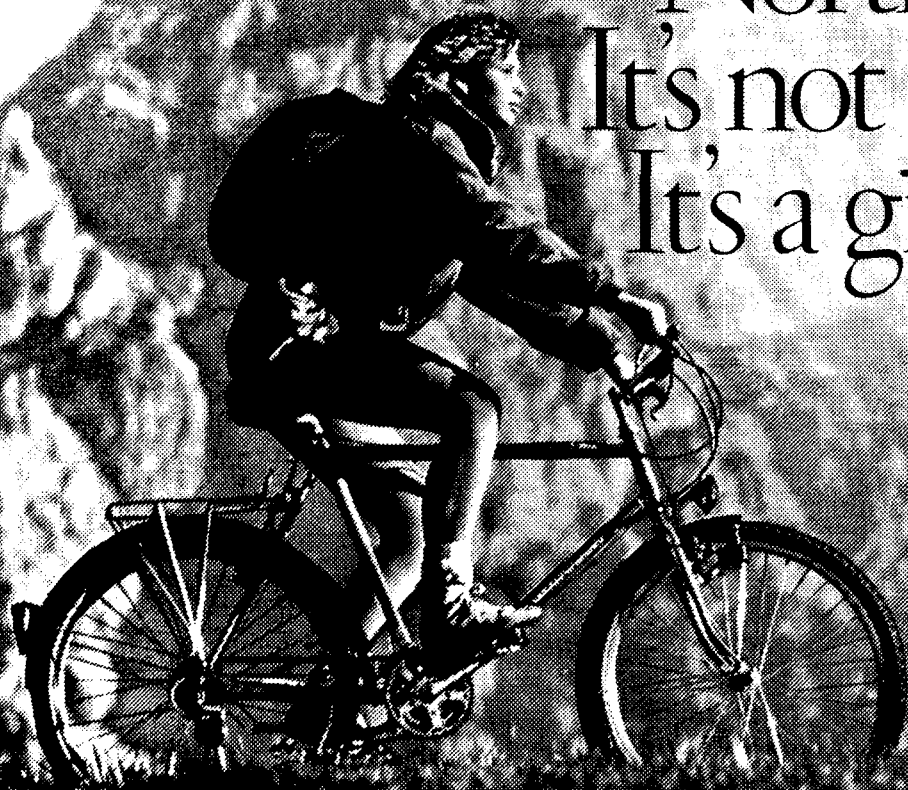
Speaking to journalists in Cape Town, de Klerk said negotiations could not begin if there was "anarchy" in black areas.

South African Foreign Minister Pik Botha said Wednesday night his government's security forces were providing "cooperative assistance" to Bophuthatswana.

He did not say specifically whether troops had been sent to the nominally independent homeland, but de Klerk said that step would be taken if necessary.

Dozens of blacks have died in recent days during violence in several of South Africa's 10 black homelands. Most of the deaths occurred in the southeastern homeland of Ciskei, where the military staged a coup Sunday.

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Student managers taste big business running foodsales

By PATRICK NINNEMAN
Business Writer

The work of foodsales managers shows that a great deal of time and trouble goes into running a successful business. In some cases, however, outside factors limit the success of dorm foodsales.

Foodsales managers toil long hours updating inventory and checking sales receipts. While some dorms' foodsales run smoothly with comfortable profits, others struggle to break even with costs. Some foodsales even have to close down temporarily due to financial problems.

Morrissey Foodsales, run by Chris Benzinger and Mike Sonntag, recently reopened to strong sales after over a year of dormancy. Where some dorms allow their foodsales to use basement space for free, Benzinger and Sonntag must pay rent for the area they use. High rental rates of previous years resulted in some financial problems in the 1988-89 school year.

"Last year people ended up losing money because the rent was so high. They had to pay for some things out of their own pocket," Sonntag said.

Morrissey's new rector, Fa-

ther Joe Ross, agreed to negotiate a lower rent this year, Sonntag said. With lower overall costs, the store is much easier to operate and Sonntag said he expects the business to achieve a healthy profit by the end of this school year.

Both managers receive a small portion of any profit made, an incentive to run an efficient store. Still, Sonntag insists that profits are not the most important part of their management goals. He noted, "We were hired under the assumption that we were providing a service to our dorm. A strong effort is made to keep prices low."

Grace's foodsales, called Sarge's, provides a different example of a student run business. Strongly supported by dorm funds, Jim Meyers said he, Dan Collins, and Shaun Barry find running foodsales in Grace relatively easy. Each manager invests a great deal of time into his job, but the size of Grace virtually guarantees strong sales every night, Meyers said.

Meyers emphasized the importance of experience in making foodsales run smoothly. "You have to get someone who has been groomed for the manager job. You need someone who can be trusted," he said.

Collins, a junior, presently shares duties with the two se-



The Observer/Dave Short
Lee Polisano perfects his pizza-making technique Wednesday night at Sarge's, Grace Hall's foodsales. Many other students spend their evenings working at foodsales gaining first-hand business knowledge.

niors and has been trained this year to head the store next year. This passing of the managerial torch ensures the continued success of the store, according to Meyers.

The dorm strongly supports Grace's foodsales. Meyers said managers share a percentage

of the profits, but most extra money goes back into the dorm. Grace has used some of this money to establish a social area outside of Sarge's, and this area helps attract customers to the store.

Carroll Hall has experienced some trouble with maintaining

its foodsales. Mike Baumer and David Palumbo took up the task this year. Baumer, the dorm vice-president, felt that foodsales were a necessary service that a dorm should provide. He said, "The year before last year, our foodsales lost so much money, so everyone decided that it would be infeasible to continue. We had no foodsales last year."

Baumer noted that because Carroll is one of the smaller dorms on campus, demand for food will never be strong. Even with the weak market, Baumer feels that foodsales could work if situated in a different place in the dorm.

"Right now it is in the basement. In every other dorm, foodsales is situated in a social place, but there is nothing besides foodsales in our basement, except a boiler," he said.

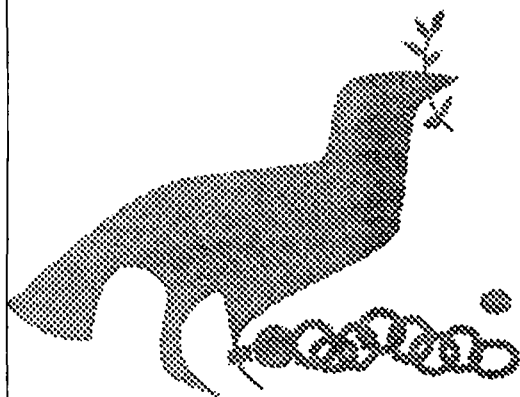
Both managers' salary is equal to their salespersons', although Baumer said that extra time is involved in the managers' jobs. "If we had made some extra money, then both David and I would have received a percentage," he said.

Baumer said he understands that large amounts of money will never be made from running foodsales, but he views his efforts as well-directed, considering the service foodsales provides for a dorm.

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Fr. Michael Himes,
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Theology Professor

TUESDAY
March 20, 1990
7:30pm • 117 Haggard Hall

"Economic
Restructuring of
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Prof. David Ruccio
Prof. Michael Francis
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WEDNESDAY
March 21, 1990
7:00pm and 9:00pm
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"Romero"
:a film.

10:00pm
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Romero at Siegfried
Residence Hall

THURSDAY
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Fr. Ernest Bartell, C.S.C.
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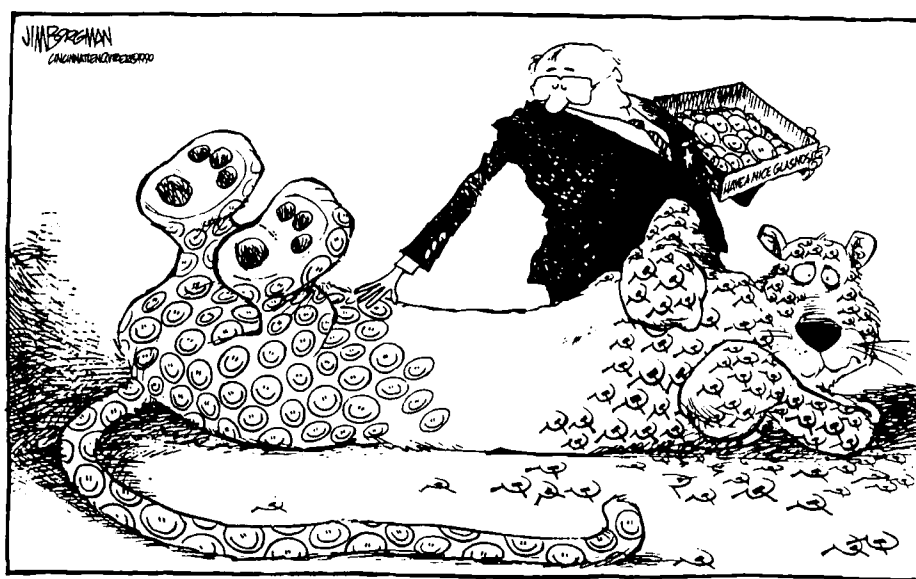
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LEOPARD HAVING ITS SPOTS CHANGED

Smug gate guard denies admission

Dear Editor:

Allow me to relate to you an incident that occurred on March 3, 1990. As I was attempting to bring my car on campus in order to transport a guitar amplifier from Stanford Hall to Fisher, I was stopped at the Stepan gate by a security guard, who very rudely informed me that I would not be allowed on campus. When I explained that the amplifier was too heavy to carry all that distance, he very snidely asked me how I could have loaded it into my car in the first place. I again explained to him that it is possible to carry it, but impossible to carry it all the way to Fisher. I then informed the officer that other guards have let me on before, to which he replied very smugly, "Not today." I asked him if he could possibly be serious, and he said "Yes, you better believe I'm serious. Now turn around and get out of here."

I could not believe it. I was supposed to practice with my band, which was now impossible. I felt completely violated. I could not have been more courteous to this man, and my congeniality was met with smugness and condescension. Aside from the fact that I simply cannot understand why a student of this University should not be let on campus in the first place, unless he or she is in violation of the law or some university policy or other, it boggles my mind how this security officer could justify the way he acted. I have come into contact with this attitude among our officers, as well as others, many times before.

I do not wish to slag a noble and very much needed profession, and I do not wish to imply that all police officers, Notre



Dame's included, are, put simply, "jerks." However, among many, this smugness and condescension seems to be prevalent.

One would think, especially at a Christian university, that the

security guard could have benefited infinitely more from simply being nice.

Theodore F. Leo
Stanford Hall
March 4 1990

Christmas in April project relies on participation of student body

Dear Editor:

Even though we are now the "lame duck" Student Body President and Vice-President, there is still some unfinished business we are in the midst of working on. First, we would like to congratulate Rob Pasin and Fred Tombar as the newly-elected Student Body President and Vice-President. They will assume their duties April 1. We are confident they will steer student government in the right direction next year.

The other topic of interest has to do with Christmas in April. Student government has been working with Pat Doran in

the Office of Student Affairs to coordinate student support. On April 7, the South Bend and Notre Dame communities will unite to help fix-up homes in the Washington Street area of South Bend. We strongly encourage as many students as possible to become a part of this worthwhile project. If you are interested in working on Christmas in April, please contact your hall president or call student government before break.

Matt Breslin
Student Body President
Dave Kinkopf
Student Body Vice-President

Ad campaign for homosexuality lacks moral or factual substance

Dear Editor:

Two items that appeared in the Friday, Feb. 23 edition of The Observer demand comment. The first, a paid advertisement on page 6, attempted to place a variety of hobbies and/or sports on the same level with homosexuality. The two sponsors of the ad wanted the readers to feel the same about ballroom dancing, golf, bowling, hunting, jogging and homosexuality.

The first five activities are designed to exercise the body (although there are some who might argue that hunting a deer by sitting for hours in a tree stand does little for one's health). Homosexuality, on the other hand, is a most destructive lifestyle. There is hardly the basis for a comparison. The ad fails in its factual content as well. The homosexual crowd continues to use the flawed Kinsey Report figures which support that ten percent of the population is homosexual. In fact, every single study since then has shown numbers near one or two percent.

The ad further states that "Biologists have found homosexual behavior in all higher strata of the animal kingdom." My initial question is "What biologists?" What animals? My second inclination is to ask, "Since some animals eat their young, are we to emulate them as well?" Finally, the sponsors of the ad compare homosexuality with being left-handed. How about curly hair? Male pattern baldness? Most scientific studies on the issue "favor an environmental explanation, related to dysfunctional families," according to the Feb. 17, 1990 issue of World magazine. Quite the opposite of the genetic, biological, or hormonal source mentioned

by the homosexual community.

The second item is the article by J. Michael Leger on page 11. Mr. Leger's item is a critical examination of the recent Campus Ministry articles on sexuality. Throughout his article, Mr. Leger chides the Campus Ministry scenarios for their non-favorable depiction of homosexuality. Towards the end of his statement, Mr. Leger writes, "[Campus Ministry is] inclined to treat homoerotic feelings as diseased, despite seventeen years of official American Psychiatric Association repudiation of the disease model."

In fact, the APA only changed its stance on homosexuality after members of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force stormed an APA convention and "demanded that the association reclassify homosexual behavior as normal. Up to that time, psychiatrists for the most part agreed that homosexuality resulted from, among other things, sexual maladjustment during puberty," again citing the same organization's approval is not much support.

Despite the aggressive tactics of homosexual groups, most people do not view their lifestyles as just another way to live, rather as an aberration that goes against the norms established by God. Last year voters in five cities including San Francisco, Tacoma, Washington; Athens, Ohio; Irvine, California and Concord, California defeated pro-homosexual laws by large margins.

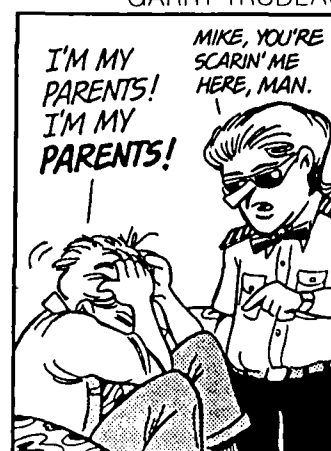
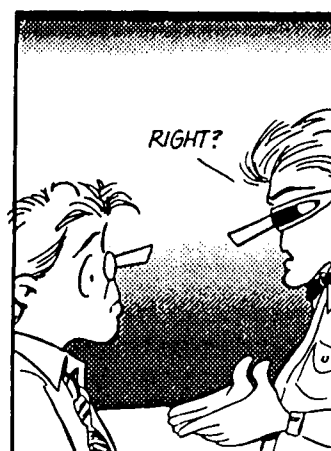
The only answer that homosexuals can turn to and find real peace and acceptance is that provided by God through his Son, Jesus Christ.

John D. Warren
Captain, USAF
AFROTC
Feb. 26, 1990

QUOTE OF THE DAY

'On a trip a person should travel with a companion of equal or superior mind. Better travel alone than travel with a fool.'

Buddha



GARRY TRUDEAU

Reforms in Graduate School add to ND's prestige

Last week an author in Viewpoint voiced an important sentiment shared by graduate students at the University of Notre Dame. For years Notre Dame has concentrated on developing the academic and residential programs that make it one of the finest undergraduate institutions in the country. Add to this a football program filled with legendary traditions that make one want to indulge in the inebriating spirit of the Notre Dame Family. Yet in all this dazzle, graduate students have traditionally lacked prominence in university policy. All this is true, until recent years.

Today the University is making a concerted effort to improve graduate program. Along with this commitment comes a variety of improvements to graduate student life and the integration and recognition of graduate students as contributing members of the Notre Dame community. Fr. Malloy alluded to this new University focus in his inaugural speech two and a half years ago. He again expressed this commitment in last year's welcoming letter to graduate students. "... the University must have a strong commitment to excellence in graduate education. This requires a full spirit of cooperation among all segments of the University community."

Notre Dame has grown to be a prestigious university through its undergraduate programs. With the new focus of the Graduate School it will mature into a leading teaching and research institution. With the added prestige of respected graduate programs, Notre Dame should be able to attract better faculty and graduate students, and consequently improve the quality of the undergraduate academic programs.

I agree that schools like Berkeley, Harvard, and Yale owe their strong academic reputation to their respective graduate programs. However, these schools did not reach their position of excellence solely as a result of policies created by the administration. Graduate schools with prestigious reputations often have a

By Louis Canales

history of regular and constructive student participation in policy making.

Graduate students are more able now than ever to have an impact in improving their condition on campus. A rejuvenated Graduate Student Union (GSU) serves as the appropriate channel of communication recognized by the University administration. The Graduate Student Council, having graduate student representatives from each academic department, serves as the forum where graduate issues are prioritized for the GSU to present to the University.

Already, graduate students are seeing the fruits of the improved rapport between the GSU and the administration in the last two years. Last May's announcement of the University's commitment to build the Fischer Graduate Housing Complex is a concrete example of the changes taking place in favor of graduate students at Notre Dame. Clearing of the grounds has begun behind the O'Hare-Grace Townhouses to make space for the 198 two-bedroom apartments that will be ready for occupancy in the Fall of 1991.

The GSU has been an active contributor in the conceptual and formative stages of the complex. We have advised the university Board of Trustees in May of 1988, May of 1989, and October of 1989 of the need for graduate student housing. Our persistence has paid off as we have also been able to take part in the design process of the complex by way of making recommendations ranging from the number of bedrooms in an apartment to the location of mailboxes within the community center of the complex.

The GSU is also currently working with Campus Ministry to respond to the diverse spiritual needs of graduate students. As a result of several GSU recommendations to the Board of Trustees and various meetings with administrators



of the Office of Campus Ministry, an advisory group composed of graduate students will be established by that office in the next few weeks. This group will work with Campus Ministry in solving Catholic and interfaith needs of the graduate population. With the cooperation of Campus Ministry the plans of the Fischer Housing Complex have also been revised to include an Office of Campus Ministry in the community center of the complex.

Affordable health insurance has also been an issue that the GSU has promoted with this administration. In August of 1989 we offered an alternative health insurance plan through the National Association of Graduate and Professional Students. Since it was the first time that such a program was launched at a national level, a timing problem took place in the distribution of applications and information.

This GSU initiative helped us highlight the insurance problem to the administration. With the cooperation and much effort of the Graduate School, graduate students will be able to make insurance payments by install-

ment starting in the Fall of 1990. This form of payment will be of great benefit to all married students who also have to pay for their spouse and dependents.

This year we have received \$3,000 from the Graduate School to supplement the \$12,000 fund from the GSU Robert E. Gordon Travel Grant Program. This program was established to subsidize graduate student travel for the presentation of their research work at conferences and other universities.

Whether it be a presentation on "Zone Melt Mixing of High Temperature Superconductors" or "A Study of Moral Consistency", graduate student presentations carry with them the best Notre Dame has to offer as a teaching and research institution. Already the GSU has received requests amounting \$30,000 for the first two periods this year. In light of the need for additional funding, the GSU is working together with the Graduate School on a financial plan to secure the necessary funding to adequately

meet this graduate student need.

The Graduate Student Union has also met most of the non-academic issues on its agenda this year. Extended summer hours of the JACC, improved football ticket distribution, increased newsletter (Grad News) publication, and the establishment of Thursday Graduate Lunches at the Alumni/Sr. Club are just a few of the changes that have already come about through GSU this year.

The stage has been set for graduate students to take charge of their destiny while at Notre Dame. The GSU is the vehicle through which graduate students may transform their personal frustrations with the system into useful energy to bring about change for the benefit of all graduate students. We have taken great strides in the amount of recognition we receive from the administration and undergraduates. We would like to see this extend to the Notre Dame faculty, so that they may recognize graduate students as their colleagues as well as contributing students in their field.

As graduate students we have done an excellent job at expressing our disenchantment with the system. Now that we have the University's attention we must step forward to ensure that our needs continue to be met. Frustration may be brought to light through free expression. Isolation may be overcome through involvement. And recognition may come about through vocal support. Change only takes place through expression, involvement, and continued active support.

The success of Notre Dame as a leading teaching and research institution depends on the quality of faculty and graduate students it can attract as well as their relationship within the University community. Everyone of us can help contribute.

Luis G. Canales is President of the Graduate Student Union.

LETTERS

ND basketball record marks group, not individual effort

Dear Editor:

I know some students and fans are angry and unhappy with the poor fortunes our basketball team has been having lately and they want to find someone to blame. That is a natural reaction. Players blame the other team, coaches blame the referees, and fans blame the coach. What they have to realize is that the reasons for any loss are not so cut and dry, there is seldom, if ever, one party upon whom you can place the blame.

An amazing amount of work and effort goes into planning the strategy of each individual game—work that often starts just as soon as the schedule of each game is confirmed. Our coaches (head and three assistants) watch countless hours of game tapes on the opposing teams, watch at least one game in person, pour over piles of game statistics, and spend hours designing plays to take advantage of the opponents weaknesses and to get around their strengths. Once this has been done, they take it to the

players, putting together practice drills, weight training schedules—whatever it takes to find a way to win. Be assured, the Notre Dame coaching staff takes these preparations very seriously. More than anyone else, they want to win.

There is one salient fact that must be remembered before assigning the blame to the coaches. Coaching stops at the out-of-bounds line. Once the players take the floor, 99 percent of all the coaching that gets done for each individual game has already taken place. After this point, only minor adjustments can be made. Actually, coaching is a lot like parenting. Your mom and dad raise you in the best way they know how, training you to cope with all of the ordinary contingencies that come about in life. Most importantly, they instill in you the ability to discriminate and make your own decisions in those situations that arise contrary to expectations. Ultimately, the way you live your life is in some measure a reflection of your mom and dad's

parenting abilities, but it remains your responsibility as well.

Similarly, Digger can coach his young players only so much. They must rise to the occasion and use their abilities effectively for games to be won. Talent is only latent ability. The individual person must draw upon his own personal resources to utilize his training and talent effectively. After all, you

wouldn't want to have all responsibility for your successes and failures be given to your parents. You are the one who gets good grades, excels in art or music, or wins a student government election. You would find it very unfair if others praised your parents for these accomplishments. On the other hand, it would be very unfair to place all the blame on your parents for any foolish ac-

tions you perform, such as driving drunk or skipping classes.

Before pointing the finger at any one individual as being responsible for the basketball team's record, please consider the points I've made above. Any win (or loss) is truly a group achievement.

*Teresa Haus
Basketball Office Staff
March 5, 1990*

Juniors deserve study break for JPW

Dear Editor:

My parents' first visit to the University of Notre Dame occurred during Junior Parents Weekend 1990. My parents and I thoroughly enjoyed the weekend while spending our entire time around campus and at planned JPW events. Unfortunately this time commitment to my parents took away from my time commitment to my academic studies.

At first, I thought the faculty would anticipate this problem and adjust their workload accordingly. However, only one out of my five professors

changed the normal study routine for JPW. I found it disturbing that most teachers didn't give their junior students a break for this special weekend.

My studies have felt and are still feeling the negative effects of this academic time loss. My problem is not an isolated instance either; most juniors I have talked to have expressed a similar dissatisfaction. Does Notre Dame want the commitment to family during JPW adversely affect academic performance?

During the "Year of the Family," I believe it is time to make

it mandatory for faculty to give juniors a break for this weekend. JPW is one time when a student should get relief from Notre Dame's academic pressures to spend time with his/her family. We've all heard about the importance of family and Notre Dame's commitment to this cause. It is about time for the Notre Dame students, faculty, and administration, to turn this pledge into reality.

*James S. Connerney
Off-Campus
Feb. 28, 1990*

The Flag-Waving Veteran

Brother Courtney takes stand against flag burning



THERESA LOOMIS
accent writer

Holy Cross Brother Edward Courtney, 71, has had his picture taken with a squad of high school cheerleaders. He's been given balloons, roses and teddy bears by people he doesn't know.

In return, he waves and gives the "thumbs up" signal to honking drivers along the stretch of U.S. 31 across from the University of Notre Dame. Sometimes he sits in the lawn chair he sets out each day. Sometimes he stands. But always, he waves his hand and flashes his thumb.

"I have to affirm people that go by," he says. "You can't have people wave and not wave back.... That would be rude. A man asked me once why I don't read a book, but I have to reply in kind. There's no chance to rest."

Brother Courtney spends five to six hours daily, weather permitting, by the side of the four lane highway. He stays until it gets dark or the mosquitoes drive him away; but he is not alone. A battalion of American flags have fluttered beside him ever since he began his vigil crusade on June 10, 1989.

Brother Courtney, a World War II veteran, is protesting the Supreme Court's January, 1989, decision which permits flag burning under the First Amendment's freedom of speech clause. The Court overruled an earlier decision in which Gregory Johnson of Texas was convicted of desecration of the flag at the 1984 Republican National Convention.

"When you destroy the flag, you destroy everything sacred about our country and people," asserts Brother Courtney. "The flag flies above all opinions,

positions and ideologies to bring us together as a people."

He took up the flag not only in opposition to the Court, but also to honor the men who died for this country. The red of the flag "represents blood shed for us by patriots."

Brother Courtney, who considers himself a "concerned citizen" rather than an "activist," says support for the flag and his position has been outstanding. "Several people stop and park their cars and ask me what I'm doing. We exchange ideas and they affirm me as I affirm them. Sometimes students want to dialogue about my position. We can talk. We can't lose anything by dialogue, but freedom of speech has limitations. It isn't absolute—the flag belongs to everyone. In this country, you can't burn leaves, but you can burn the flag."

Occasional critics don't faze him. "I get a few dissidents who have a sophomoric or immature remark, but I never reply in kind. Maybe, then, they'll change their attitude. They'll remember what they did and they'll regret it. . . I wish they'd stop and dialogue with me. I find young people very positive so far. They listen, they're smart, they're articulate, they know what they want. Some have strong views and that's fine. You should have strong views."

Some people love the flag and admire Brother Courtney's dedication but don't agree with what he's doing. He regards the experience as "positive all the way" and plans to keep his vigil indefinitely. "I've become a fixture there," he claims.

The bundled figure, ski gloved hands raised in salute and stocking cap pulled down nearly to his glasses, surely will be remembered by many children who ride in any of the nine buses that pass Brother

Courtney between 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

"I like to be there for the buses," he admits. "The kids open their windows and give me the thumbs up. This is a lesson on patriotism and love of country that they won't forget."

Brother Courtney's active role breaks from the brothers' tradition. "We have to get involved in this world instead of letting other people take the heat for freedoms we enjoy," he asserts. "We have to break away from the stereotype. Maybe I'm starting a trend."

About a fourth of the brothers have supported him vocally, but Brother Courtney doesn't importune anyone. "If they support me, fine," he says, "but, regardless, I'm going out there."

The flag is not Brother Courtney's only concern. Since retirement he has taken up writing and often sends "letters to the editor." He's also written to CBS concerning broadcasting of "Card Sharks" and "The Newlywed Game," and written a commentary on sports philosophy for the South Bend Tribune.

"I never went to college," he explains. "I didn't even pick up a pen until nineteen hundred and seventy. Letters are important. We have two freedoms purchased at a great price: our vote and our pen—and we should use them effectively for change."

Brother Courtney's dedication to the flag is rooted in this philosophy. "People who say, 'What can I do? I'm just a lone person,' can vote and take up their pens. Don't neglect precious freedoms. We have thousands of heroes and role models, people who make great sacrifices. If you want to find heroes and heroines look in your own homes and neighborhoods."

ABOVE: Giving the thumbs up signal to all who pass, Brother Courtney spends five to six hours daily waving his flag in protest of the Supreme Court's decision supporting flag burning.

BELOW: Bundled against the cold, Brother Courtney especially enjoys when the school buses drive by. He stands as a lesson on love for his country to many children.

Photos by Andrew McCloskey



Bennett

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Wildcats for a career-high 22 points in Notre Dame's 80-67 victory. His 15 second-half points included eight-of-eight shooting from the free-throw line.

"(Kentucky) packed down on LaPhonso in the second half, and that left me wide open outside," said Bennett. "At the end of the game, they were fouling me, so I had to hit some free throws."

Bennett's 22 points against Kentucky and 21 versus Georgia Tech led all Irish scorers, but the sophomore guard will be remembered most for the three-point shot he hit with no time remaining on the game clock to beat then No. 4 Syracuse last month in the Carrier Dome.

Trailing the Orangemen 65-63 following Billy Owens' driving layup with three seconds remaining, the Irish needed a miracle. Bennett delivered just that when he took Ellis' pass at the top of the key and converted the trey to give Notre Dame a 66-65 victory which resuscitated the team's NCAA tournament hopes.

"We were on the bubble," said Bennett, "and beating a top-10 team like Syracuse gave us a little respectability. After losing three weeks in a row on national television (to LSU, Duke and Houston), that turned a lot of things around for us."

Bennett nearly repeated the heroics three days later against DePaul when he converted two free throws with five seconds left to give the Irish a 62-61 lead before Stephen Howard tipped in Chuckie Murphy's er-

rant shot at the buzzer to give the Blue Demons a 63-62 win.

The only way to stop Bennett in recent weeks was to keep him off the playing floor. Suffering from a stomach virus, Bennett was held scoreless in just 10 minutes of play during last week's 97-79 loss at Dayton.

Bennett recently was joined in the starting lineup by forward Daimon Sweet, the second half of Notre Dame's "Texas Express." Aside from being roommates, the two represent a major part of the much-heralded 1988 Irish recruiting class.

"We've been playing together since the beginning of my senior year in high school (on several all-star teams)," said Bennett. "We both know what each other is going to do at any time in the game. I know when he is going backdoor. I know when he is going to pop out on the wing for the jump shot."

Bennett teamed with his brother in the backcourt at Bellaire High School in Houston

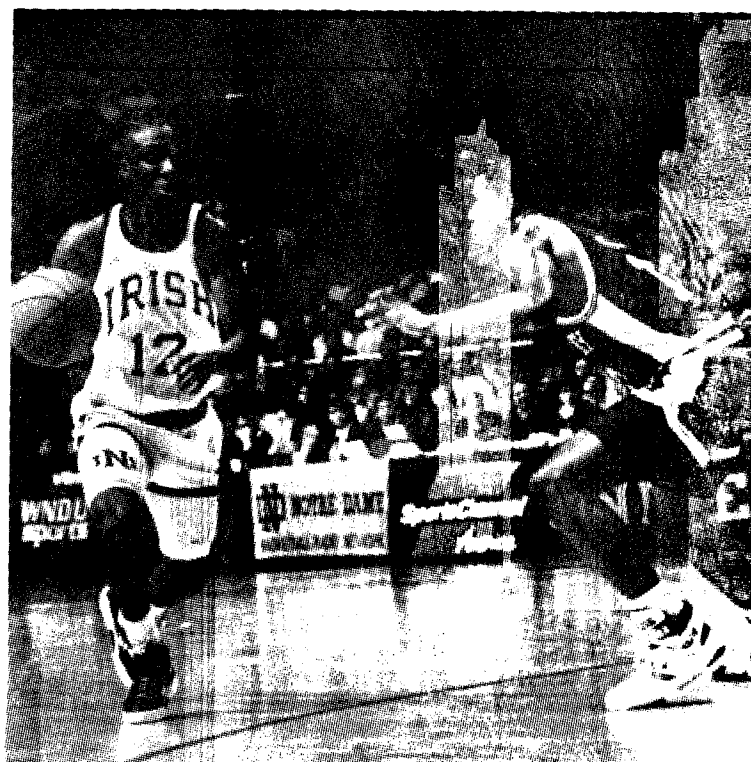
during his freshman year. Elmer went on to become the school's all-time scoring leader, averaging 35.8 points per game in his senior campaign. He also was named Mr. Basketball in Texas.

"Coach (Gene Heffington) turned the offense over to me when everybody graduated before my junior year," said Bennett. "He let me freelance and told me to just go out and score. He really opened up all of my abilities."

Those same abilities will be on display Friday at the Rosemont Horizon when Notre Dame concludes its regular season against DePaul. Bennett is all too aware of the game's implications.

"We gave them a gift by letting them back in the game here," said Bennett. "That's a game that we should have won, but we have to put that in the back of our minds."

"We just have to go down there and beat them."



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Elmer Bennett has averaged 14.9 points per game for the 16-11 men's basketball squad, while throwing in 93 assists for good measure.



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76ers take top spot by beating Knicks 110-93

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Charles Barkley had 15 points, 12 rebounds and 11 assists and Hersey Hawkins scored 26 points as the Philadelphia 76ers beat the New York Knicks 110-93 Wednesday night to take over first place in the Atlantic Division.

Philadelphia edged half-game ahead of the Knicks, who lost for the sixth time in their last 10 games. The victory was Philadelphia's third in four games against New York this season.

The victory also marked

the first time the 76ers have led their division after 60 games since their 1982-83 NBA championship season.

Johnny Newman with 26 points, Gerald Wilkins with 23 and Patrick Ewing with 20 led the Knicks. Ewing also grabbed 14 rebounds.

Philadelphia turned the game into a rout when it scored the last 15 points of the first period to take a 31-14 lead. The Knicks trailed 16-14 with 4:05 left, but did not score again in the quarter.

Hawkins led the 76ers'

breakaway with 12, including a pair of 3-pointers.

In the second quarter, Philadelphia boosted its lead to 53-28 with 5:38 left in the half. But the Knicks rallied with a 17-7 run to trail 60-45 at halftime.

New York reduced its deficit to 68-56 with six minutes left in the third period. But Philadelphia went on to lead 82-66 after three quarters.

The closest the Knicks got in the final period was 85-70 with 10:40 to play.

Lakers 103, Mavs 91

DALLAS (AP) — James Worthy scored seven consecutive points late in the fourth quarter Wednesday night, blunting a Dallas rally and leading the Los Angeles Lakers to a 103-91 victory that ended the Mavericks' homecourt winning streak at 10.

Worthy led the Lakers with 24 points and Orlando Woolridge came off the bench to score 22. Magic

Johnson scored 21, including 4-for-6 shooting from 3-point range.

Suns 113, Bullets 111

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) — Kevin Johnson rebounded his own miss and scored with 2.7 seconds left Wednesday night, giving the Phoenix Suns a 113-111 victory over the Washington Bullets.

Tom Chambers scored 44 points, 32 in the second half, to lead the Suns to their third straight victory.

Blazers 130, Celtics 117

BOSTON (AP) — Clyde Drexler scored a season-high 39 points one day after scoring a season-low of three, and the Portland Trail Blazers rolled to a 130-117 victory over the Boston Celtics Wednesday night.

The Celtics were led by Larry Bird with 22 points and Reggie Lewis with 20. Portland, which won its third straight, got 18 points from Kevin Duckworth and 16 from Jerome Kersey.

LMU will play in tourney for Gathers's sake

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Loyola Marymount's basketball team, still mourning the death of Hank Gathers, voted Wednesday to play in the NCAA tournament and will dedicate the season to their leader.

"Hank would want us to play," said Bo Kimble, Gathers' boyfriend. "He would want us to be stronger. Whenever you were down, he would always try to pick you up and he'd be successful at that."

"The rest of the season goes to Hank. I'm going to have to get me 70 (points) now."

Gathers, who led the country in scoring and rebounding last season, died Sunday night after he collapsed at midcourt in the first half of a West Coast Conference tournament game against Portland. The tournament was canceled the next day and the 21st-ranked Lions (23-5) were declared champions.

Pairings for the NCAA will be announced Sunday and the tournament begins next Thursday. The decision on whether Loyola should participate was left up to the players.

"Everybody wants to play, so we're playing. We want to win. We're playing for Hank, case closed," teammate Terrell Lowery said.

Kimble, who leads the nation in scoring this season, grew up with Gathers in Philadelphia. "I think we're going to get back to business," he said. "It will be hard, but I'll be able to get myself going."

"I might leave with the (Gathers) family tomorrow for Philadelphia. I might stay here until Friday. I'm needed by two families. There's no easy answer for me. I want to be there for both families."

Kimble excelled during the two games that Gathers missed this season. On Dec. 19, Kimble scored a school-record 53 points in a 117-113 victory at Oregon State. He scored 46 points in a 136-121 loss to Oklahoma on Dec. 23.

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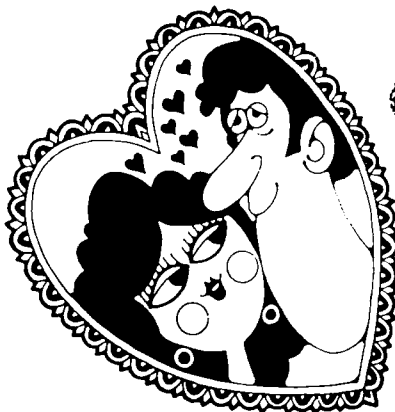
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scoring 25 and 21 points, respectively. In addition, Davis led the team in rebounding, pulling down 15, while Nowlin grabbed nine off the boards.

"Before we couldn't score from the block," McGraw said, "but Margaret has improved so much and Krissi is just playing more aggressively, looking to score and really assuming a leadership role on the court."

"Our post players are playing extremely well. I don't think Krissi missed a shot all night."

Notre Dame did face some trouble in the form of Detroit senior standout Cheryl Day and some impressive outside shooting. Day had 18 points to pace the Titans, who stayed close throughout most of the first half and closed the Irish lead to seven with less than four minutes remaining.

"We didn't play very good defense," commented McGraw. "We were so worried about packing our zone around Day that we opened up their outside shot."

McGraw added that Day, and the Detroit squad as a whole, played much better than when Notre Dame trounced them 99-58 on Feb. 15.

"They were more effective getting the ball inside to Day," said McGraw. "She had three three-point plays in the first half, getting the bucket and drawing the foul. Plus, they were hot from the outside. They shot almost 45 percent, which is about as good as they're going to shoot."

Notre Dame meanwhile, shot 67 percent. Contributing to that figure were guards Karen Robinson and Coquese Washington. Robinson scored 17, while Washington had 11

point and 10 assists. Junior guard Sara Liebscher, still nursing a sore ankle, saw some playing time Tuesday and added six points for the Irish.

McGraw hopes Notre Dame's offensive firepower will ride over into Friday's tournament.

"I feel good about playing Dayton," said McGraw, whose team dominated the Flyers 64-41 on March 1. "They've got to be a little nervous about playing us. Then again, they'll be loose because they have nothing to lose."

Notre Dame, on the other hand, is hoping for its first ever NCAA tournament bid. The invitations go out on Sunday. Meanwhile, the 21-6 Irish are riding a 10-game winning streak. One more victory will break the previous Notre Dame record compiled by the 1981-82 and 1985-86 squads.

Robinson

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Robinson personally saw her role switch this year, as McGraw changed her from point to shooting guard. While this adjustment took some time, Robinson has responded positively, averaging over 14.5 points per game. In addition, Robinson has continued to fulfill some of her old duties at point guard, leading the team in assists and steals, while remaining a leader on the court.

"I try to make sure everyone knows what is going on," said Robinson, "and I try to keep us talking. When I'm not scoring, I try to set up the girls inside."

Both Robinson and McGraw see the team captain's strongest asset in her speed. While at times she is encouraged to hold back, the squad relies on Robinson to pick up the pace of the game when the Irish get sluggish. The 5-6 guard is nicknamed "K-Rocks", as in "Karen Rocks"—evidenced when Robinson takes charge of the game by rocking opponents with steals, fast breaks and quick, crucial baskets.

"I like pressure situations, I think they're a challenge," said Robinson. "Sometimes I'll consciously try to speed up the game and make things happen, but other times a few good things will just happen and we're on a roll."

Robinson adds that she tries to vary her speed levels to confuse opponents and maintain control at all times. Her major problem, claims the American Studies major, is keeping from



Karen Robinson
getting overly psyched.

"I have to be sure and relax before the games and concentrate on what we're going to do."

McGraw, meanwhile, thinks Robinson is the best player in the Midwest Collegiate Conference.

"She may not win the league's award, but she definitely deserves it," said McGraw of Robinson, who has earned 13 spots in the Notre Dame record books, including one as the best Irish free throw shooter ever, with a 78.8 percentage. "Sheryl Porter (Loyola) may have a little higher stats, but we're the number one team, largely due to Karen."

Robinson's leadership, on a team with only one senior, often extends off the court.

"Lisa, Sara and Krissi are all leaders in their own right," remarks McGraw of teammates Kuhns, Liebscher and Davis. "But Karen is the most vocal. Because of her personality, the girls look to her. She talks a lot and fires everyone up."

Robinson's talents have been recognized outside the Notre Dame community as well. The

junior was chosen as a first-team preseason all-MCC pick, made the All-Tournament team at the Central Florida Rotary Classic and was named MCC Player-of-the-Week for January 21. In addition, she participated in the 1987 and 1989 Olympic festivals and hopes to be on U.S. National team this summer.

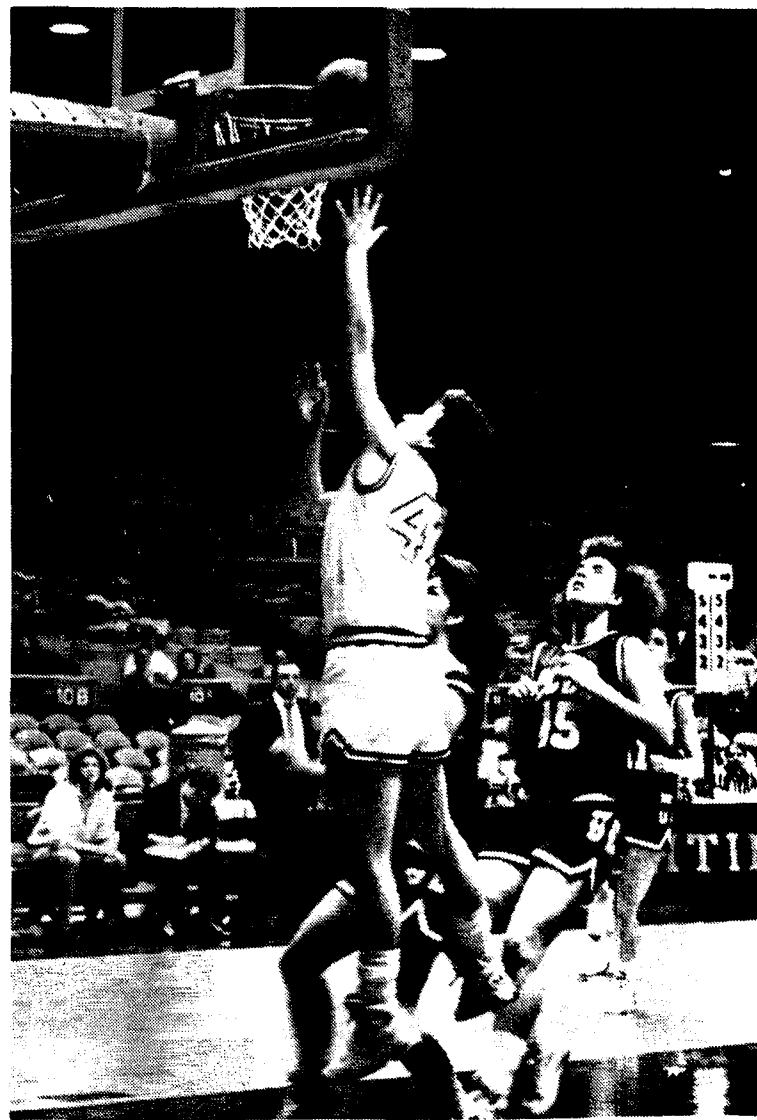
"Playing at the Olympic Festival was a great experience," said Robinson of the competition in which 200 girls vied for a spot on one of the United States' four regional teams. Each squad is comprised of the top 12 players. "The competition is great and the coaching was really good."

Robinson will try out for the National team in May, a stepping stone to a potential birth on the 1992 Olympic squad.

"That's something I definitely want," said Robinson, whose aspirations include coaching someday, perhaps after playing in Europe for a few years.

But for now, Robinson's goals center around helping her team in the upcoming MCC tournament. After that, Robinson hopes her team will be competing in the NCAAs.

"It's all up in the air right now, but it would be great," says Robinson. "Keep your fingers crossed."



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Krissi Davis and the Notre Dame women's basketball team take a 10-game winning streak into the MCC Championships this weekend. The top-seeded Irish will meet fourth-seeded Dayton in the first round.

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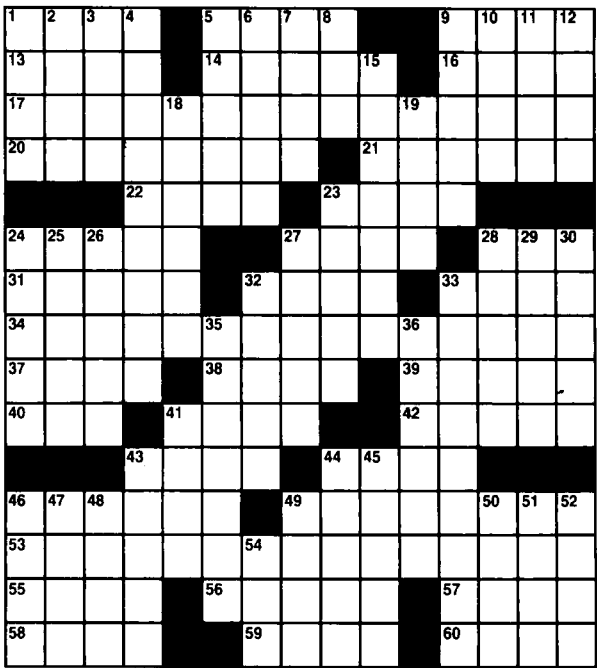
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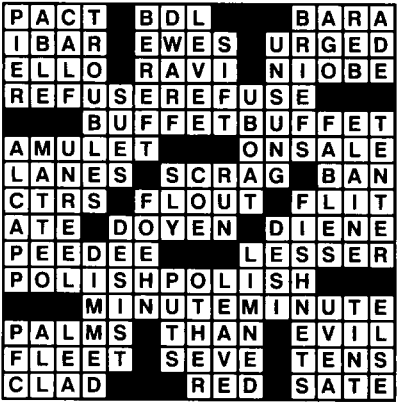
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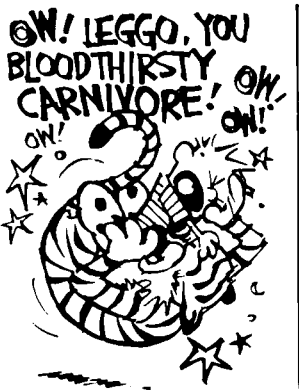
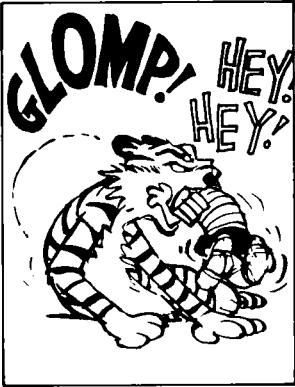
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Bennett keeps his half of the Texas Express in overdrive Irish count on Bennett in new point guard role

BY FRANK PASTOR
Sports Writer

Stacy Bennett always pushed his younger brother to play harder.

But this time he went too far. Playing a local pickup game in Houston, Texas, Bennett used his size and strength advantage to outmuscle younger brother Elmer's desperate attempts to defend him.

With a tear in his eye, Elmer angrily turned to his brother and said, "I'm going to be better than you someday."

Stacy Bennett is now playing in his second season at Southwest Texas State. Elmer, expected to start his eighth straight game at point guard for Notre Dame Saturday against DePaul, credits his older brother for forcing him to play to his potential.

"He always pushed me to play hard, and knew I could do well one day," said Bennett. "He is probably one of the main reasons I am where I am today."

Bennett took over the starting point guard duties from Tim Singleton when the Irish hosted Marquette Feb. 14. Head Coach Digger Phelps moved Bennett to the point to add more scoring punch to the Irish lineup.

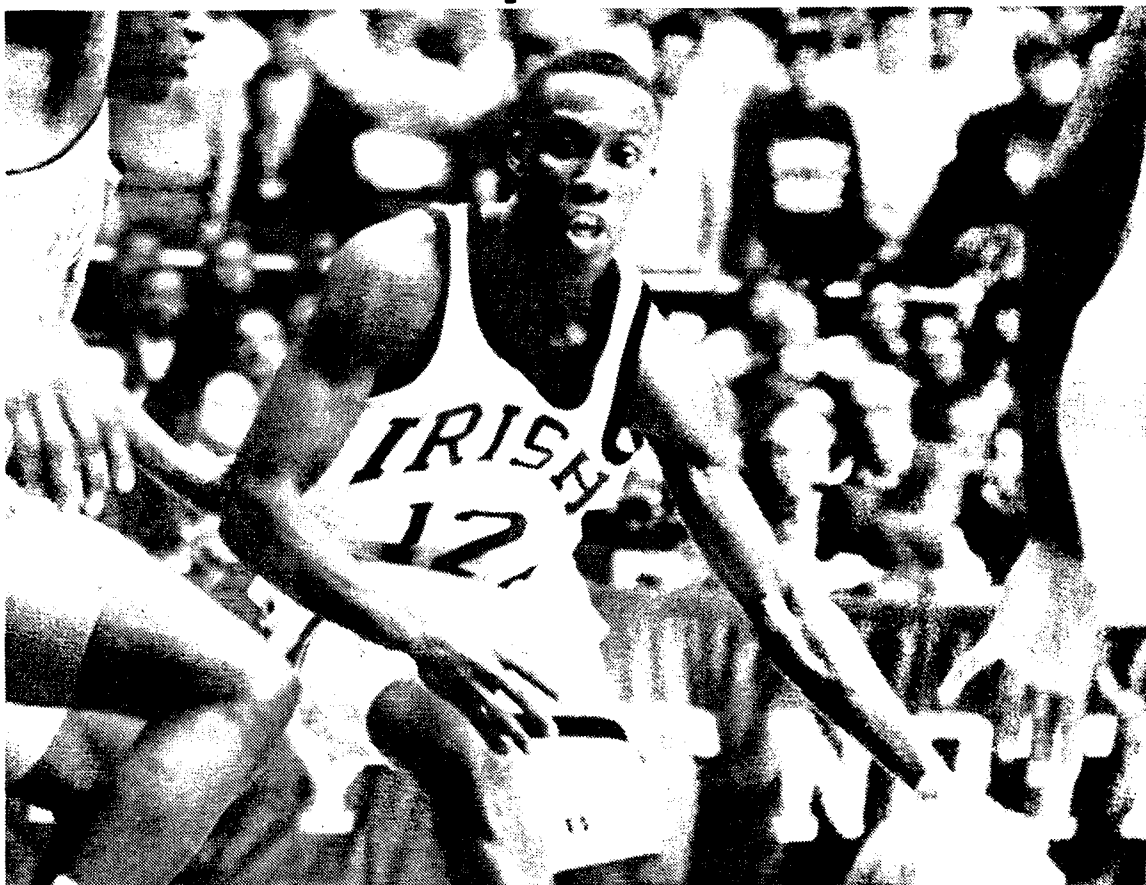
Since entering the starting lineup, Bennett has averaged 14.9 points per game, including scoring in double figures in 10 of the past 13 games. For the season, Bennett has scored 10.7 points per contest and has 93 total assists.

"We needed more scoring from the point guard position," said Bennett. "If you don't take the shot, (opponents) are going to collapse even more on the inside. So you've got to make them respect you from the outside."

"If they come out, then you've got LaPhonso (Ellis), Keith Robinson and Scott Paddock down low."

Kentucky clamped down on the Irish frontcourt on Monday only to watch Bennett burn the

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The Observer / E.G. Bailey

Sophomore point guard Elmer Bennett has been hot for the Irish as of late. Bennett recorded a career high 22 points against Kentucky and in the last 13 games, he has lifted his scoring average from 8.1 to 10.7 points per game by scoring in double figures 10 times.

Robinson leads ND to 21-6 record

By CHRIS COONEY
Sports Writer

If the Notre Dame women's basketball team receives a first-ever invitation to the NCAA tournament on Sunday, they'll have to thank one person in particular. Who can deny the impact of a player who leads the team in scoring, assists and free throw percentage, while executing a fast-paced game plan and leading the Irish to a record of 21-6?

There's not much that hasn't already been said about the ac-

complishments of junior guard Karen Robinson, who scored her 1,000th career point last week, while serving as a catalyst to the surging Irish squad. But Notre Dame head coach Muffet McGraw insists that Robinson's leadership extends beyond the statistics.

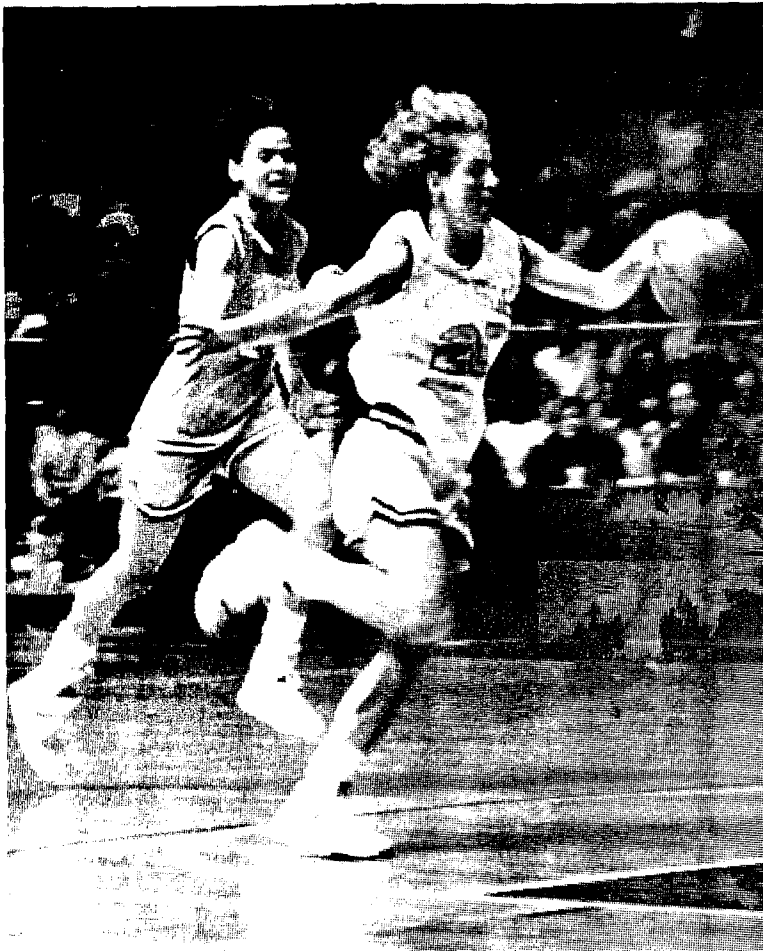
"The thing that makes her so important to us is her attitude," says McGraw. "She fires the team up and gets us going. Karen is feisty on defense while she's a scoring threat offensively. The other teams have to guard her because she's not

afraid to shoot the jumper or drive to the basket."

While Robinson humbly admits her role as team leader, the Turnersville, N.J. native is quick to pass the praise around to other members of the team when describing this year's success.

"The attitude is so much better this year in comparison to last," says Robinson. "Everyone is comfortable in their role and everybody knows what we have to do to win."

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The Observer / Bill Mowle

Karen "K-Rock" Robinson has led the Notre Dame women's basketball team in scoring, steals, assists and free throw percentage en route to helping the Irish to a perfect MCC record and a 21-6 record overall.

Irish ride streak into MCC tourney

By CHRIS COONEY
Sports Writer

After downing Detroit 86-72 Tuesday night and completing its MCC schedule undefeated, the Notre Dame women's basketball team is ready for the conference tournament this weekend in Dayton, Ohio. The Irish, seeded first, will take on No. 4 seed Dayton at 3:30 p.m. on Friday. The victor will play the winner of the Butler and Marquette contest at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

After compiling a perfect 16-

0 record in the Midwest Collegiate Conference, Notre Dame already has been declared conference champs. Dominating the other teams, the Irish have won 20 straight in the MCC, having lost only two games in 29 since joining the league last year.

Tuesday's matchup with the Lady Titans proved that the Irish are peaking at just the right time. Four players scored in double figures, demonstrating Notre Dame's ability to score from any part of the floor.

"It's getting really hard for the other teams to guard us," said Irish head coach Muffet McGraw. "Everyone is playing extremely well. If the opponent focuses on Karen, we can go inside to Krissi or Margaret."

McGraw's words rang true in Detroit. While early in the season the third-year coach had been worried about the Irish inside game, forwards Krissi Davis and Margaret Nowlin put that fear to rest Tuesday night.

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ND/SMC equestrian club in full trot, holds first ever show

Mike Kamradt
Club Corner

There is an old proverb that says you learn something new everyday. Well, here is the fact of the day: Notre Dame has an

Equestrian Club. Actually, its called the Notre Dame/Saint Mary's Equestrian Team and the club recently staged the first horse show in the history of Notre Dame on February 17 and 18. The event, held at Culver Military Academy, was co-hosted with Northwestern.

"Northwestern helped us host because we had no experience," explained show chairperson and club member Michael Santori. Over 200 riders from 11 schools, including Ball State, Indiana, Purdue and Illinois, came out to strut their stuff. The ND/SMC team finished seventh.

"We were very pleased," stated Santori. "We intend to have it again next year. The problem this weekend was that it was JPW and we were missing a lot of riders."

Teresa Uhoda turned in the best performance for the Irish with a second place in stock (Western) walk-trot while teammate Eric Ivanovich placed third. Jennifer Strasser rode to the tune of a third place in Hunt (English) walk-trot. Angela Cutrona finished sixth in Hunt Novice Flats (a category requiring more showmanship).

The following weekend, the club travelled to Purdue to ride against the same slew of teams, and this time improved to a fifth place overall.

"It was definitely a big improvement," commented Santori. "We had more people and everyone placed." Angela Cutrona and Jennifer Strasser were busy women for the club, competing in four and three events, respectively. Cutrona took a third in Novice Fences, fourth in another Novice Fences heat, fifth in Novice Flats and sixth in another Novice Flats. Each class usually has 10 riders. Meanwhile, Strasser took a fourth and fifth in Hunt Seat Walk-Trot and a sixth in a Stock Seat Walk Trot. Bridget Murphy had the best place of the day for the club

with a third in Hunt Walk-Trot-Canter.

Karen Voltura and Teresa Uhoda each had two fourth places in Stock Walk Trot. Mike Santori turned in a couple fifths in Hunt Walk Trot and Eric Ivanovich came up with a fifth and sixth in Stock Walk Trot.

The Saint Mary's Equestrian Club (separate from the one above) sent four riders to the Northwestern/Notre Dame Horseshow over February 17-18.

Anna Stackpoole took a first and second in Beginners Walk Trot while teammate Kristina Neville placed fourth and sixth in two heats. Robin Deal finished first in Advance Walk-Trot-Canter and sixth in Advanced Stock Seat. Emily Kline leaped and bounded to a third in Intermediate Fences and took a fifth in Advanced Stock seat as well.

The Rowing Club will take men's and women's teams to Austin, Texas over Spring Break. The squads will train for the week of the Break and then will compete in a regatta on St. Patrick's Day.