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NATO in search of a new vision

By JOHN LUCAS
Associate News Editor

Although post-Cold War events have been complex and confusing, it is critical for policy makers to continue to adapt to change while waiting for the "New World Order" to take a more definite shape.

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"It's a very delicate and very critical period," according to government professor Janie Leatherman. "Western leaders need to tread very lightly."

While in the past, NATO's primary mission revolved around protecting Western Europe from the conventional threat posed by the Warsaw Pact, recently, leaders have been left without a purpose. Worse, they have not been successful in redefining their mission, she said.

"The core problem is a lack of comprehensive vision among Western European leaders about post-Cold War security," she said. "There is no longer a base premise from which leaders can derive judgments."

The problem surfaced most obviously during Clinton's visit to Prague to meet with Eastern European leaders, she said. Clinton was unprepared to offer full NATO memberships to those countries because he and his policy makers are unsure about the negative implications such memberships could hold.

"In what Clinton is doing right now, there is really no decision at all," according to government professor James McAdams. "He's trying to appease everyone while offending no one."

The fact that Clinton would give no set requirements for a full membership in the organization underscores that it has little place for the emerging Eastern European countries until a reason for Eastern European membership is determined, Leatherman said. The lack of reason goes along with the lack of vision.

Musicians to perform first concert of new semester

By CORRINE DORAN
News Writer

The campus will hear the sound of music for the first time this semester when Associate Professor of Music Carolyn Plummer and Professor of Music William Cerny give a faculty concert this weekend.



Carolyn Plummer

The program, which will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday in the Snite Museum's Annenberg Auditorium, contains music chosen for its romanticism, according to Plummer.

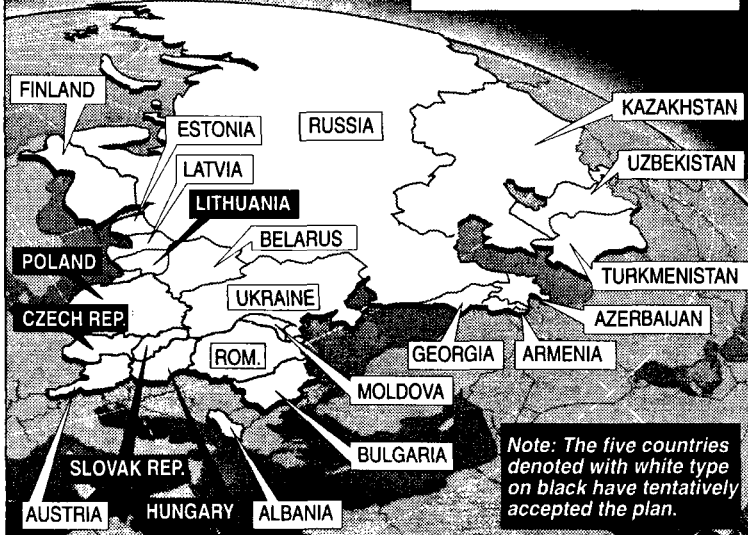
"I was drawn to it emotional-

Partnership for peace

The Partnership for Peace is a plan by NATO which offers closer military and political cooperation with NATO but not full membership. The 22 countries indicated below have been invited to join this partnership.

Current NATO members

United States	Belgium
Canada	Netherlands
Iceland	Luxembourg
Portugal	Germany
Spain	Denmark
Italy	Norway
France	Greece
United Kingdom	Turkey



The first step

An invitation extended to some former communist countries and neutral countries so as to establish tighter bilateral relationships with NATO.

What is being offered

NATO offers training joint military exercises and participation in peace operations authorized by the UN.

The objective

To widen and intensify cooperation

The benefits

The countries who participate in the partnership for peace will be invited to send their permanent representatives to the NATO headquarters and to a separate coordinating cell which will be created in Mons, Belgium.

"The current administration doesn't seem to have policy-makers who can dynamically respond to problems in the international scene," she said. "This problem is played out all across Europe."

McAdams believes that the "new vision" will be a long time in coming. Until then, the American foreign policy should try not to damage itself in the future by holding back in the present.

"There is no clear vision of the post-Cold War era,"

McAdams said. "Everything has changed so much, it's unrealistic to expect anyone to have one. I think it would be a little scary if someone did."

Even without a clear vision, Clinton and other leaders must deal with current problems and begin to install "security mechanisms" to insure that future conflicts may be averted.

Early warning to flare-ups in ethnic and regional conflict are key to a new security arrange-

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Clinton-Yeltsin summit addresses reform issues

By NANCY BENAC
Associated Press

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He added that while he had traveled to Moscow as a supporter of democratic change, "In the end, you will have to decide your future. American support can certainly not make all the difference, and American direction is unwarranted."

Deliberately omitted from the guest list was ultranationalist Vladimir Zhirinovskiy, a leader of Yeltsin's foes.



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Repositories of human knowledge

Students endure long lines and crowds, yesterday, at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Gun Control: Just Another Smokescreen

Long ago, the British blamed crime and growing social unrest on gin. In 1736, Parliament passed a gin-control act. Crime was not stopped, but America tried the same thing in 1919 with Prohibition. The experiment was so successful that Prohibition was repealed in 1933.



Kevin Hardman
Managing Editor

From gin control to gun control...and our streets are as violent as ever.

The belief that gun control will have an effect on crime is a myth. Statistics overwhelmingly contradict the gun-control argument. It has yet to be demonstrated that waiting periods and bans reduce crime. The cities and states with the most stringent gun-control laws have the most widespread crime.

Still the well meaning political machine keeps on rolling. President Clinton, in response to the recent slaughter on the New York train, has called for a law to limit gun clips to ten bullets. The psychotic, racist, murderer goes unmentioned by President Clinton, he simply condemns the gun. He additionally calls for nationwide licensing of all gun owners. Unfortunately, our president does not realize that criminals do not obey the law. Any laws enacted to control guns will not deter criminals who commit crime, they will find their guns. These laws will only restrict law abiding gun owners.

It is much easier for politicians to blame guns. They deceive the public into believing that banning certain weapons or limiting their bullet capacity will make our world a safer place; as if a maniac in the midst of gunning down innocent people will stop at ten bullets to stay legal.

Controlling guns in America is as fruitless as controlling gin in Britain. Yet the politicians continue to fabricate magical solutions that divert our attention from the difficult problems, problems that require more courage to confront.

Crime is not a national disease. It festers in our homes and communities. We cannot solve an unscientific problem with a scientific solution. Crime is not a virus that can be vaccinated nor is crime a broken limb that will heal in 6-8 weeks. Likewise, gun-control is not a mystical serum that can be injected into the arm of America. Crime is learned. It is learned in our homes, our schools, and on our streets. It is our problem and ours to solve.

The gun-control debate is a smoke screen to avoid tougher problems: our judicial system is crumbling, criminals are released only to commit more crime, our prisons are overflowing, the family unit is nearing extinction, drugs are altering our minds, and indifference to human life and spiritual decay perpetuate our society.

Washington needs to stop misleading the people with easy solutions and face the public with the grim reality; it will take more than a ten bullet clip to stop mounting crime.

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WORLD AT A GLANCE

Clown, elephant trainer killed

LAKELAND, Fla. A train carrying Ringling Bros. circus performers and animals derailed Thursday at a crossing, killing an elephant trainer and a clown. Fourteen people were injured. As rescue crews worked on the wreck, a news helicopter covering the derailment crashed a half-mile away in a ballfield next to a junior high school, injuring the pilot and a photographer. Sixteen cars jumped the tracks shortly after 9 a.m. as the train with 53 cars and three locomotives traveled across Florida from St. Petersburg to Orlando, where the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey circus was to open Friday night. "The show always goes on. I suspect we will be late, but the show always goes on," said David Cohen, the circus manager and a passenger on the train. Theodore Svertesky, 39, of Bridgeport, Conn., was killed in a housing car, Polk County sheriff's Maj. Grady Judd said. He had been manager of an elephant farm in Florida since 1985. Ceslee Conkling, 28, of Fort Worth, Texas, was found dead in another car. She had been with Ringling since graduating from a Florida clown college in 1991. Fourteen circus workers were treated at a hospital and released. None of the 25 children on board was hurt. Cars that jumped the tracks carried staff, performers and equipment, said circus spokesman Rodney Huey from his office in Vienna, Va. There were 50 elephants, lions, bears and horses on board, none in the derailed cars. "It was just people screaming; people hollering for help," said Freddie Johnson, who works at nearby motorcycle shop and raced to help. "I just started kicking doors in. I was able to get a few of them out." The cause of the derailment in heavy fog wasn't immediately known. The National Transportation Safety Board sent an investigation team. "We have absolutely no idea what caused the accident. We're not sure of anything right now," Judd said. "The animals are all secure and they've all been fed. They're all in good shape."

Texas district restricts school enrollment

LA JOYA, Texas The school board in this border town has moved to stem the influx of students who come into the district just to attend school, many of them from Mexico. School officials described the measure approved 6-1 Wednesday as a cry for financial help from a district where enrollment has tripled in the last decade. Advocates for illegal immigrants and migrant workers are studying the policy to determine whether it places an unfair burden on students to prove they have a good reason for living away from their parents. "The bottom line is they will restrict the entry into the educational process, and I think that's the worse thing you can do," said Rogelio Nunez, executive director of Proyecto Libertad, an immigration rights group. Carmen Rumbaut, staff attorney for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, said Thursday that a court challenge was likely. The debate is of great interest to other U.S.-Mexico border districts facing problems similar to those of La Joya, a rural town of 3,000 people about 100 miles from the Gulf of Mexico. The sprawling school district covers 226 square miles and has 12,300 students, 99 percent of them Hispanic. Some 5,000 are the children of migrant farm workers. La Joya's new policy is aimed at students residing with someone other than their parent or legal guardian. Migrant farm workers often send their children to live with a relative or friend who isn't their legal guardian. Administrators will be able to question a student to determine whether he or she actually lives in the district, or for those students not living with their parents, whether they have a reason to be in La Joya other than attending school. Those turned away will have a three-step appeal process, or they can remain in La Joya schools if they pay tuition, said Jesus Ramirez, the school board attorney who wrote the policy.



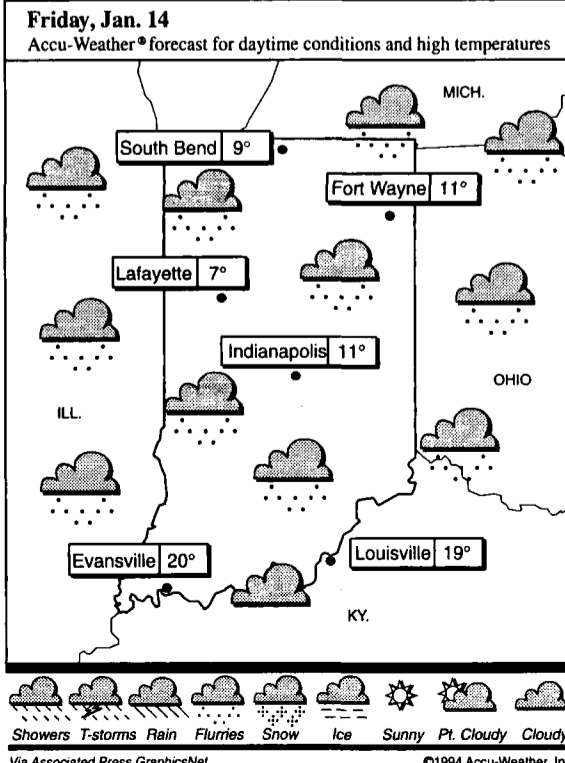
Half of Americans have mental illness

CHICAGO Almost half of Americans experience mental illness at some time in their lives, and almost one-third are afflicted in any one year, according to the most comprehensive U.S. mental health survey in a decade. The study found mental illness more common than researchers had previously found. The findings point to a need to learn why more people don't seek help, the authors said. "It shouldn't be scary to say half the population has suffered from some mental disorder. That's part of life," said the lead researcher, Ronald Kessler, a sociology professor at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. The study involved face-to-face interviews with 8,098 people ages 15 to 54 nationwide between September 1990 and February 1992. The findings are published in January's issue of the Archives of General Psychiatry. The researchers looked for 14 of the most common mental illnesses. Forty-eight percent of respondents had suffered from at least one disorder at some time during their lives, and 29.5 percent had been afflicted within the previous 12 months, researchers said. Results of the federally funded study don't change previous estimates that only 3 percent to 5 percent of Americans are in serious need of psychiatric help at any given time, Kessler said. Many mental disorders are mild, and people get over them without help, he said. But it made an important new discovery: 79 percent of cases of mental illness are concentrated in a small proportion of people — 14 percent of the population — with multiple psychiatric problems.

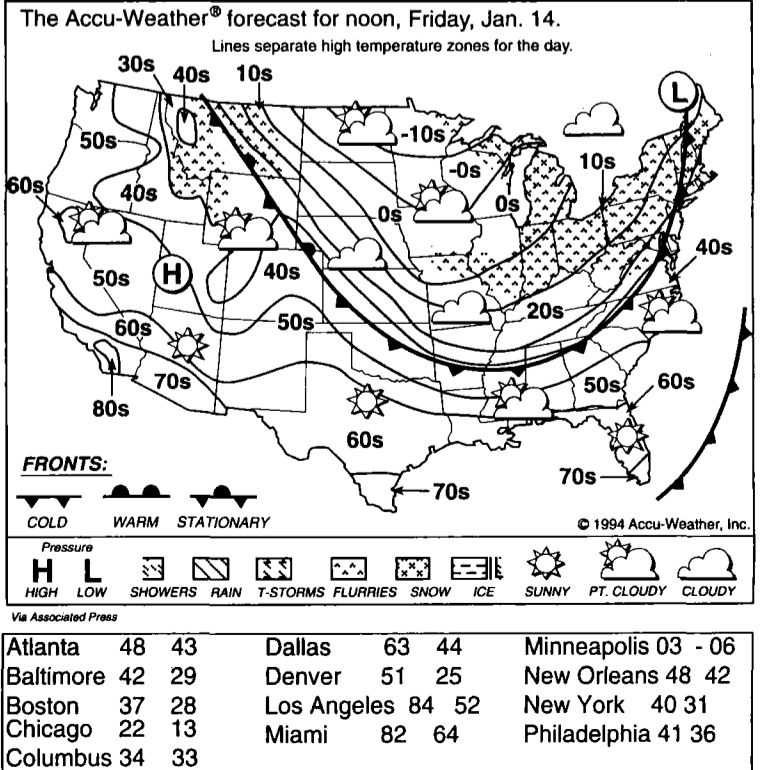
Farmers end blockade of grain elevators

SHELBY, Mont. Dozens of farmers ended their blockade of grain elevators Thursday, saying they accomplished their goal of drawing attention to concerns about Canadian wheat being trucked into the United States. Trucks blocking entry to the Peavey Co. elevator gradually dispersed in the afternoon when an official with the grain-buying company agreed to meet with protesting farmers. Representatives of Montana's congressional delegation also planned to talk with farmers. "We're just trying to get a better price for our grain and to prevent the Canadian grain from being dumped on the American market," said Hank Zell, who organized the protest. "We'd like to make the city folks and the other people in the country realize that we're the ones that raise the food and that we're getting the short end of the stick."

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Yeltsin: Reforms to continue

Russian leader promises to ignore pressures

By NANCY BENAC
Associated Press

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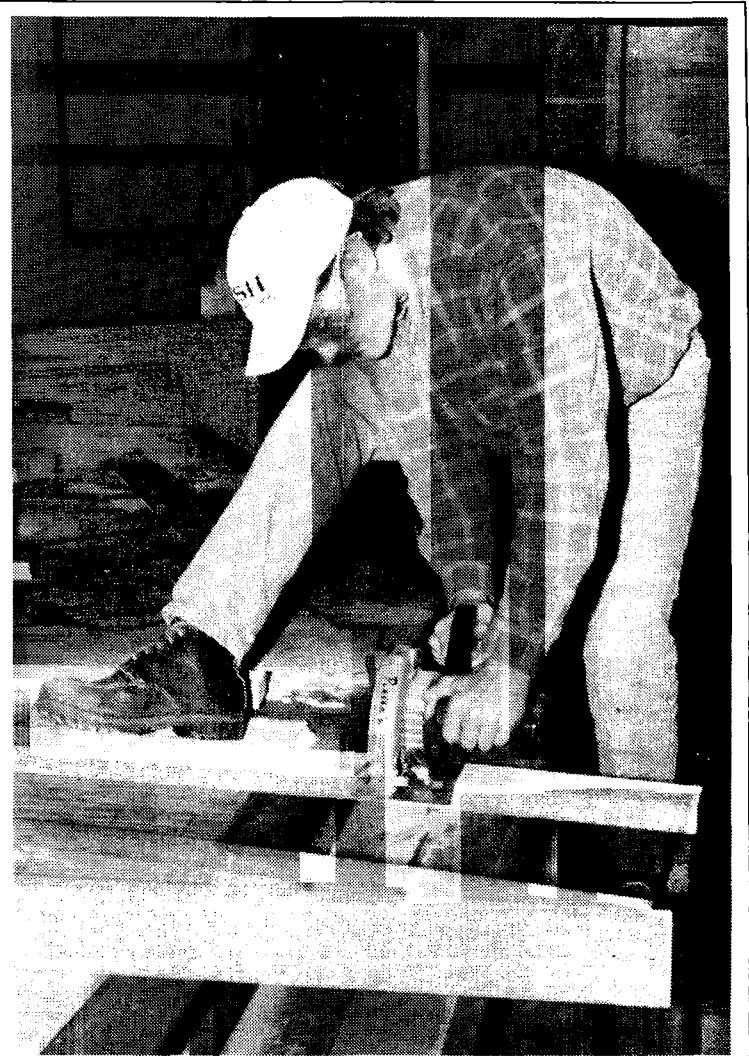
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Timber for the theater

Sophomore Jeff Cluver works on set construction for the St. Edward's Hall production of "Brighton Beach Memoirs," to be held

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Clinton, Yeltsin agree to re-target nuclear missiles

By BARRY SCHWEID
Associated Press

MOSCOW

It has been a nightmare image for generations of Americans and Russians: globe-circling nuclear missiles targeted at each other's nations, a hair-trigger away from mutual destruction.

Presidents Clinton and Boris Yeltsin will announce an accord Friday ending the targeting, a perilous relic of the Cold War.

Their action will also lift, at least symbolically, the specter of nuclear annihilation from Britain, France and others including Ukraine, which is pledging to get rid of the third-largest arsenal in the world and consequently will not be targeted by the United States or Russia.

Administration officials acknowledged Thursday that the U.S.-Russia agreement was virtually impossible to verify and that the missiles could be re-targeted within minutes.

Dunbar Lockwood, a senior researcher at the private Arms Control Association in Washington, called it a confidence-building gesture that

could be reversed quickly. He said in Washington the accord could have been strengthened if the two sides had agreed to separate the warheads from the missiles.

Still, Thomas Pickering, the U.S. ambassador to Moscow, called the agreement "an important first step."

"It has symbolic value but I think it also has real value in confidence-building between the two countries," he said.

Some of the missiles would be aimed at uninhabited ocean areas, but most would no longer be aimed at any specific target, said administration officials.

For decades thousands of U.S. and Soviet nuclear warheads have been on a ready-to-go alert, aimed at the territories not only of the United States and the former Soviet Union but of other nations, too.

The targets included military headquarters in large population centers as well as missile sites.

The long-range missiles under Russian control are spread among four former Soviet republics.

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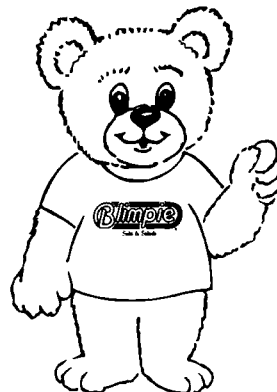
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ment according to government professor Gilbert Loescher.

The Serbian-Bosnian conflict could have been averted if the United States or other Western European democracies had attempted to prevent the conflict earlier, he said.

"We've got to learn the lessons of Bosnia," he said. "With early warning tools we won't just be reacting with an emergency policy." The threats of air strikes on Serbian positions reflect a growing concern by Western leaders, but will likely have no effect, Leatherman said.

"NATO's half-stated threats are probably only half-serious. Nobody wants to deal with the problem. It's really a passing of the buck from one organization to another."

Citing the case of Belgian peacekeeping troops who can not be rotated home because shelling around their positions is too intense, Leatherman explained that there is so much fear among Western countries of escalation, there will probably be no action in the immediate future.

In the meantime, if Clinton is truly concerned about Eastern Europe he would be wise to take steps toward economically improving those countries and their neighbors, McAdams said.

"If Clinton is sincerely interested, he'll put his money where his words are," he said. "We've heard all this general rhetoric about how liberal capitalism is so good—now it's time to finance these things."

Leatherman agreed, explaining that support for radical nationalists would be stemmed by better economic conditions.

More alarming than the lack of vision is the lack of interest by the United States in Eastern Europe, McAdams said. Years of dealing with Eastern Europe as a Soviet puppet has left the United States with no past policy to fall back on.

If the United States hopes to make an impact in that region of the world, the basic attitude must change, he said.

"The truth of the matter is that we're not interested," McAdams said. "We've never had a real policy toward these countries. We've tried to patch things up and occasionally make friends. That's the tragedy of Eastern Europe."

Concert

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After graduating from Indiana University, Plummer went on to receive her master's degree from the New England Conservatory.

Her musical interest stems from a family background. All

of her siblings are professional musicians except one brother, according to Plummer.

Cerny, former chairman of the music department, joined Notre Dame in 1972 after serving on the faculty of the Eastman School of Music. His radio show has been carried by 30 National Public Radio stations throughout the country.

Arafat angered by withdrawal delays

By SALAH NASRAWI
Associated Press

TUNIS, Tunisia
PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat accused Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on Thursday of trying to delay the withdrawal of troops from occupied territories.



Yasser Arafat

Arafat made his latest allegations of Israeli foot-dragging during meetings with the American and Russian ambassadors in Tunis, the Palestine Liberation Organization news agency Wafa reported.

In letters delivered to the envoys, Arafat complained about Israel erecting obstacles to avoid pulling back troops and "its non-commitment to any timetable," Wafa reported.

Under the Israel-PLO autonomy accord, Israel should have started withdrawing troops from the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho on Dec. 13, but balked because security arrangements have not

yet been worked out. Israel and PLO delegates negotiating details of the accord are to resume talks Monday. Delegates said they made headway on transferring civilian control of the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho, but stalled over security issues, before the talks recessed Wednesday.

Israeli leaders have warned that if the talks drag on, the sides are unlikely to meet the accord's April 13 deadline for a complete Israeli troop pullback.

NATO issues divide Germany

By ARTHUR ALLEN
Associated Press

BONN, Germany
Germany's defense minister wants NATO to train and equip

former Soviet satellites to guarantee their future membership in the alliance. The foreign minister warns that a rapid expansion eastward will alienate Russia.



Helmut Kohl

At a time when NATO is being asked to respond to violent outbreaks on its periphery, Chancellor Helmut Kohl's party wants him to take a stronger role in shaping the alliance's policies. But Kohl's hands seem tied by divisions within his coalition government over how forceful a role Germany should play in NATO.

Postwar guilt and fear of militarism have kept Germany from joining wholeheartedly in international peacekeeping operations such as the Gulf War and Bosnia.

"We have to be cautious when we give advice," Kohl said in a speech to Parliament on Thursday. "We don't have the moral right to demand more from the leaders of other countries than we are willing to give ourselves."

"Germany is not a reliable partner, and that creates a vacuum in NATO," said Stefan Schwarz, a young deputy from Kohl's party. "We need to clean our house and become real, not formal members of NATO."

At NATO's summit in Brussels, Belgium, this week, Kohl supported President Clinton's "Partnership for Peace" plan, which offers the Czechs, Poles, Slovaks and Hungarians limited ties with NATO but with the prospect of eventual membership.

The meeting was "a milestone on the road to a new security order for Europe," Kohl said.

Defense Minister Volker Ruehe said the former Warsaw Pact nations should immediately start taking part in NATO exercises and getting NATO-compatible equipment.

But Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel cautioned against any action that would isolate Russia. "As long as the Russians say 'yes' to Europe, we can't say 'no' to the Russians," he said.

Kinkel has also been hesitant to take a leading role on former Yugoslavia, where the Nazis killed hundreds of thousands of people during World War II.

NATO's inaction in Bosnia has been compared to the 1938 appeasement of Hitler by Neville Chamberlain of Britain and Edouard Daladier of France.

Experts forecast lower inflation

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON
The cost of living rose a modest 2.7 percent in 1993 as falling energy and tobacco prices gave the country the lowest inflation rate in seven years.

The Labor Department reported Thursday that even medical costs were more moderate last year, turning in their best performance in 20 years although they still rose twice as fast as the overall inflation rate.

In other economic news, the government reported that retail sales, propelled by heavy spending on big-ticket items such as cars, were up a surprisingly strong 0.8 percent in December and 6.2 percent for the year, the best showing since 1989.

Analysts said the two reports showed the economy at present is enjoying the best of possible worlds.

"We can have our cake and eat it too, strong growth and no inflation," said Robert Barr, an economist at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

It marked the third straight year of modest price increases,

the best stretch of inflation news in three decades. Prices were up 3.1 percent in 1991 and 2.9 percent in 1992. Last year's increase was the smallest since a 1.1 percent rise in 1986 that reflected a huge plunge in oil prices.

In a third report, the Labor Department said the number of Americans filing new claims for unemployment benefits edged down by 1,000 last week to 354,000. While the improvement was less than expected, analysts said it showed that employment growth was at least holding steady.

Economists said they looked for consumer prices to remain docile in 1994 as well, even with a significant pickup in economic activity in the final three

months that was sparked by the lowest interest rates in a generation.

"We are seeing a very strong economy but no signs of any imminent inflationary pressures," said David Wyss, an economist at DRI-McGraw Hill Inc.

Slack U.S. labor markets, tumbling world oil prices and a global economy still struggling with recession were all cited as reasons inflation should remain under control this year.

While the Federal Reserve was expected to nudge short-term interest rates up slightly in coming months because of the stronger economic growth, analysts said the increases should still leave such key rates as 30-year bonds and home mortgages basically unchanged.



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Whitewater S&L probe to focus on law firm

By RICHARD KEIL
Associated Press

WASHINGTON
Hillary Clinton's former law firm and several of its partners are coming under greater scrutiny than the president himself as the picture of the first family's relationship with an Arkansas real estate company and a failed S&L begins to emerge.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. is investigating whether the Rose Law Firm of Little Rock, Ark., misled regulators about its past role advising Madison Guaranty Savings, owned by James McDougal.

McDougal is the family friend who, with the Clintons, co-owned Whitewater Development Co. at the same time he owned Madison.

The Justice Department has been investigating Madison's failure and its relationship to Whitewater and to the administration of then Gov. Clinton. And now the White House has asked for a special counsel to investigate these matters.

The FDIC investigation centers on whether Webb Hubbell, now No. 3 Justice Department official, told the FDIC that Rose once had represented Madison when the Rose firm was seeking an FDIC contract to sue

Madison's accountants. Hubbell was a Rose partner at that time.

Hubbell has said that he told regulators of that conflict, plus another one involving his own father-in-law, who had loans with the S&L. The FDIC says it has no records or recollection of this information.

In addition, the late Vince Foster wrote the FDIC in 1989 that Rose was not then representing any savings institutions. His letter did not mention that Rose had represented Madison four years earlier. Foster was a Rose partner at the time.

In 1985, Mrs. Clinton helped Madison win approval from state regulators for a crucial recapitalization plan. She wrote a letter that said the S&L's plan was permissible under Arkansas law, but she did not discuss Madison's financial health.

Madison paid a \$2,000 monthly retainer to the Rose firm.

The associate working with Mrs. Clinton, Richard Massey, told state regulators that Madison's financial health was improving — a view in direct contrast with the assessment of federal banking regulators examining the S&L during that period.



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On the subject of thrift

Fisher Hall president Kevin Carroll sells books at the Student Government Book Fair.

Reno to select special counsel

By RICHARD CARELLI
Associated Press

WASHINGTON
Attorney General Janet Reno should pick a lawyer of unquestioned integrity, ability and independence to investigate the president's ties to a failed Arkansas savings and loan, legal experts said Thursday.

And picking a Republican couldn't hurt, they added.

Reno, asked by President Clinton to name a special counsel, offered no further clues Thursday as to who she might select or when she might announce her choice.

A day earlier, Reno said she was looking for someone

"ruggedly independent," and would appoint that person "as soon as possible."

Justice Department investigators have been trying to determine whether depositors' money was diverted illegally from the failed Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan to Whitewater Development Corp., a vacation-home development in Arkansas.

Madison was owned by long-time Clinton supporter James McDougal. He and his wife co-owned Whitewater with President and Mrs. Clinton.

Also being investigated is whether Madison funds were diverted to help retire Clinton's 1984 gubernatorial campaign

debt.

Justice Department spokesman Carl Stern said Reno has no formal process for her special counsel search.

"She's tossing out a few names, and other people are suggesting some names, and they're checking them out," he said. Asked who is helping Reno, Stern said, "Certain people whose judgment on this matter the attorney general values."

Not many people were willing to attach their names to speculation about who Reno might pick, but Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole gave Reno a list of prospects.



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Reagan won't halt Irangate report

By PETE YOST
Associated Press

WASHINGTON
Former President Reagan is giving up a court battle to suppress key parts of a report by Iran-Contra prosecutors which

is highly critical of his role in the scandal, Reagan's lawyers said Thursday.

Court objections by Reagan, former Attorney General Edwin Meese and ex-White House aide Oliver North have delayed the report's release for the past month.

On Jan. 7, a special panel of three federal appellate judges denied their requests for withholding much of the document — and "President Reagan will not seek Supreme Court review," said Reagan lawyer Theodore Olson.

The appellate judges have said they will release the report next week unless those who have sought to suppress it appeal to the Supreme Court.

The attempts to delete portions of the report were filed in secret, but sources familiar with the matter identified the three as the key Iran-Contra figures who filed court motions for suppression. It could not be determined if others have filed

objections. The sources spoke on condition of anonymity.

"President Reagan is confident that the American public will evaluate the report... only in the context of the full record of Iran-Contra and President Reagan's response to the report," Olson said.

"The public will be satisfied that President Reagan's conduct with respect to all Iran-Contra matters was above reproach and that he cooperated promptly and thoroughly with every investigation of Iran-Contra," Olson added.

The report by independent counsel Lawrence Walsh — the culmination of a seven-year criminal investigation — found that Reagan "set the stage" for the Iran-Contra scandal's illegal activities and that Meese concocted "a false account" of one of the arms-for-hostages deals with Iran, according to other sources who have read portions of the document.

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Many Ukrainians leery of giving up nuclear arsenal

By PAVEL POLITYUK
Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine
President Leonid Kravchuk's decision to disarm Ukraine's missiles in return for U.S. and Russian aid and security guarantees angered many Ukrainians who want the country to keep its nuclear muscle.

"I am ashamed of our president," Olga Lopata, a university student, said Thursday. "Last night he looked like Clinton's servant, not a president. He does not know how to stand up for Ukraine's interests. He is ready to give everything away in order to get America's gratitude."

After a brief airport meeting with Kravchuk, President Clinton announced Wednesday night that Ukraine had agreed

to dismantle its 1,800 nuclear warheads over the next seven years.

The agreement, however, would have to be ratified by Ukraine's parliament, which has previously balked at rubber-stamping agreements Kravchuk has signed and is particularly reluctant to give up the nuclear missiles.

"Kravchuk may sign whatever he wants to," said Sergei Golovaty, a member of parliament's foreign affairs committee. "But if the parliament does not ratify the agreement, it will remain just a piece of paper. I think the parliament should not ratify the document."

Persuading Ukraine to give up its nuclear arsenal has been one of the United States' principal foreign policy goals since the Soviet Union broke up in

December 1991.

Ukraine's 176 long-range missiles, inherited from the Soviet Union, make up the world's third-largest nuclear arsenal.

The agreement is to be signed in Moscow on Friday by Kravchuk, Clinton and Russian President Boris Yeltsin.

It offers Ukraine \$177 million from a U.S. fund to help former Soviet republics dismantle nuclear weapons, \$155 million in direct U.S. aid and up to \$1 billion over 20 years from the commercial sale of uranium extracted from the warheads.

Russia, which supplies 96 percent of Ukraine's energy needs, promised to sell oil and natural gas at bargain rates and joined with the United States in promising not to launch a nuclear attack and to

respect Ukraine's territory.

The energy pledge could help sway some lawmakers because Ukraine has been suffering economic troubles and an energy crisis because of Russia's previous insistence on world prices for its gas and oil.

But many lawmakers are likely to oppose giving up Ukraine's nuclear arsenal. They fear surrendering Ukraine's missiles would mean a loss of international prestige and leave it vulnerable to a powerful Russian military.

After centuries of Russian domination, Ukrainians are fiercely protective of the independence they won with the breakup of the Soviet Union in December 1991 and are particularly worried about a potential military threat. Ukraine enjoyed brief independence after

World War I but was reconquered by the Red Army in 1921.

Deputies so far have refused to honor Kravchuk's 1991 pledge to get rid of all of Ukraine's long-range nuclear missiles. Lawmakers also objected to an agreement Kravchuk signed with Yeltsin giving Russia the Black Sea Fleet in return for economic concessions.

But some lawmakers said they believed that this time, Kravchuk might prevail.

"It is in the interests of both Ukraine and the United States," said deputy Vladimir Grabin. "Clinton's visit considerably increases Ukraine's prestige as a state. I think that the parliament of Ukraine has become wiser. It is time to reconsider our decision."

Clinton involvement key to outcome of Syrian pact

By NICOLAS TATRO
Associated Press

JERUSALEM
Israel is waiting for Syria to say the magic word: normalization.

Hopes are high here that President Clinton will wring a pledge from Syrian President Hafez Assad at a Sunday summit in Geneva to set up embassies and open the Israeli-Syrian borders to tourism and trade.

"I do have high expectations," said Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin, one of the main architects of the Israel-PLO agreement last Sept. 13.

"I believe something like normalization or diplomatic relations should be mentioned during this meeting," Beilin said in an interview Wednesday with The Associated Press.

After plans for the Clinton-Assad meeting were announced last month, White House Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers said the session would "provide the two leaders an opportunity to discuss the requirements for peace with security between Israel and Syria."

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was more guarded about the summit.

"I don't expect flexibility in the Syrian demand on the price for peace with Israel," he told Israeli army radio Thursday, in an apparent reference to Syrian demands for a total withdrawal from the disputed Golan Heights.

Rabin's government has been waiting for Syria to define what peace will mean before Israel spells out how much of the Golan Heights, captured by Israel in the 1967 Middle East war, it is willing to return to Syrian control.

"After Assad says what is the meaning of peace, we will say what is the meaning of withdrawal," said Ori Orr, head of Parliament's defense and foreign affairs committee.

Israeli already has seen some improvement in relations with Syria.

Syrian statements on the peace process are less hostile. It allowed a U.S. team to investigate the fate of Israeli MIAs, and Assad is once again committed to granting travel permits to Syrian Jews.

In one sign of the new, upbeat tone, the Syrian government daily Tishrin said Thursday that Syria would "spare no effort to put the peace process on the right track and to eliminate all mines planted before it."

Later this month, Israel and Syria are to resume formal talks in Washington. They were suspended last September, when Israel signed agreements with the PLO and Jordan.

What Israeli officials really want is a high-level meeting with Syria and a secret, third-party mediator like the late Johan Jorgen Holst, the Norwegian foreign minister who led secret talks that forged the Israel-PLO peace accord.

One possible conduit for secret talks could be Edward Djerejian, the new U.S. ambassador to Israel who previously served in Damascus and speaks Arabic.

Israel reportedly has proposed a phased pullback from the Golan and a long-term lease agreement that would leave Israeli settlements in place.

"We need to find some kind of compromise between (keeping) all of the Golan and seeing Syria on the Sea of Galilee," said Orr, referring to the lake just below the Heights.

Returning the Golan poses less of a problem for Israel than the West Bank and Gaza Strip because Israel has no historical claim to the 440 square-mile plateau and there are only about 12,000 Jews living in 32 settlements.

South African party rips ANC Ruling Nationalists warn of 'economic ruin'

By TINA SUSMAN
Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG
The governing National Party warned of economic ruin under socialism Thursday, after the ANC called for an end to private ownership of mineral wealth.

In a draft policy document released Wednesday, the African National Congress asked that the mining industry be revamped to ensure assets are shared by all.

Paul Jourdan, the ANC's mineral and energy policy coordinator, said the group had not decided how to do this. He denied it planned to nationalize the industry. But Jourdan slammed private ownership of South Africa's mines, calling it "the global exception."

In response, President F.W. de Klerk's National Party cautioned in a statement that for-

eign investors would be driven away and the economy crippled if the ANC, the nation's largest black nationalist group, was allowed to institute its plan.

It called the document "clear proof" that the ANC is still clinging to outdated socialist policies that would "destroy the economy of this country and bring it to its knees, as . . . in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe."

Economic restructuring is a sensitive issue for the ANC, which must balance the demands of the impoverished black majority with the concerns of white-run industries. With elections due in April, the ANC has sought to reassure business leaders by moving away from past calls for widespread nationalization.

Instead, it says it supports a "mixed economy" that would combine some nationalization with tax reforms, anti-monop-

oly legislation and free-market policies aimed at encouraging new businesses and creating jobs.

ANC leaders will discuss the document this month and possibly incorporate it into an overall economic policy. Among other things, it suggests moving away from private mine ownership by instituting a tax on mineral rights and expropriating mines whose owners are willing.

Mining, long South Africa's No. 1 industry, has fallen to No. 2 behind manufacturing because of stagnant gold prices and increased production costs. More than 500,000 people are employed in the mining of gold, diamond, platinum, coal and other minerals.

ANC President Nelson Mandela again asked opponents Thursday to end their boycott of the reform process and take part in the April vote.

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Italians to begin new elections

By DANIEL WAKIN
Associated Press

ROME
Premier Carlo Ciampi resigned Thursday, opening the way for parliamentary elections that are expected to oust the scandal-scarred parties that have dominated Italy for five decades.

Ciampi, 73, a former governor of Italy's central bank and the country's first premier not aligned with a political party, saw himself as a transitional figure. In his eight months in office, he pushed through electoral reforms and started selling off state-owned industries at the heart of the nation's patronage system.

President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro planned to meet Friday with the leaders of the Senate and Chamber of Deputies, a necessary step before dissolving Parliament.

That would bring on the elections foreseen as the culmination of a year of reform.

The period was marked by a change to direct election of individual lawmakers and the widening of investigations in a corruption scandal that has implicated most of Italy's political and business elite.

In local elections last month, voters handed humiliating defeats to the Christian Democrats, Socialists and smaller allies that have governed since World War II but have been entangled in corruption investigations.

The former Communists and other leftist parties and pro-reform groups like the separatist Northern League are poised to be the new power brokers.

Ciampi's departure was widely expected. On taking office last April as head of Italy's 52nd government since World

War II, he set his main tasks as fiscal and electoral reform.

With the budget in place, he began moves toward privatization of state enterprises and took the final steps in switching to district elections from the allocation of Parliament seats according to parties' proportion of the vote. "The course has been laid," Ciampi said late last month.

Scalfaro must formally accept Ciampi's resignation. If he does, he can ask Ciampi to stay on as a caretaker until the election, which could come as early as March.

The powerful and influential industrialists association, Confindustria, said it favored his return.

Ciampi had general support from most parties in Parliament. But many of his supporters had endorsed a no-confidence motion as a way to force elections sooner.

Iraq refuses U.N. oil sale plan

By VICTORIA GRAHAM
Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS
Iraq reiterated its refusal of a U.N. plan to allow a one-time, \$1.6 billion oil sale to raise money for badly needed aid, saying Thursday that the deal would violate Iraq's sovereignty.

Iraqi diplomats also accused the United States of blocking any U.N. move to lift a U.N. oil embargo on Iraq. They said Iraq has made progress in meeting U.N. conditions for lift-

ing the embargo. In a statement Thursday, Iraq repeated its claim that 400,000 people have died since the imposition of oil and other trade sanctions in August 1990.

The claim could not be confirmed, but humanitarian organizations say that lack of food, medicine and supplies has caused widespread suffering, malnutrition and many deaths.

The Security Council is to review the total trade embargo against Iraq next week. But U.N. diplomats privately predict the embargo will remain in place for at least another six months.

The Iraqi diplomats, speaking on condition of anonymity, repeated Baghdad's refusal to discuss a small, one-time oil sale.


They told The Associated Press that strict U.N. supervision of the oil sale and distribution of food and supplies would be an unacceptable violation of Iraq's sovereignty. Iraq has made similar arguments in the past.

The diplomats also said Iraq's deputy prime minister, Tariq Aziz, would not visit New York this month, as had been expected. Instead, Iraq seeks a meeting in Baghdad in late January or February with U.N. weapons experts to discuss terms for lifting the oil embargo, they said.

The diplomats said Iraq still does not know exactly what U.N. weapons officials want before they will certify to the Security Council that Iraq has satisfied terms of the cease-fire.

The council imposed a total trade embargo, including oil, after Iraq invaded Kuwait in August 1990. But the council's cease-fire resolution says the oil embargo may be lifted after Iraq satisfies certain weapons-related conditions.

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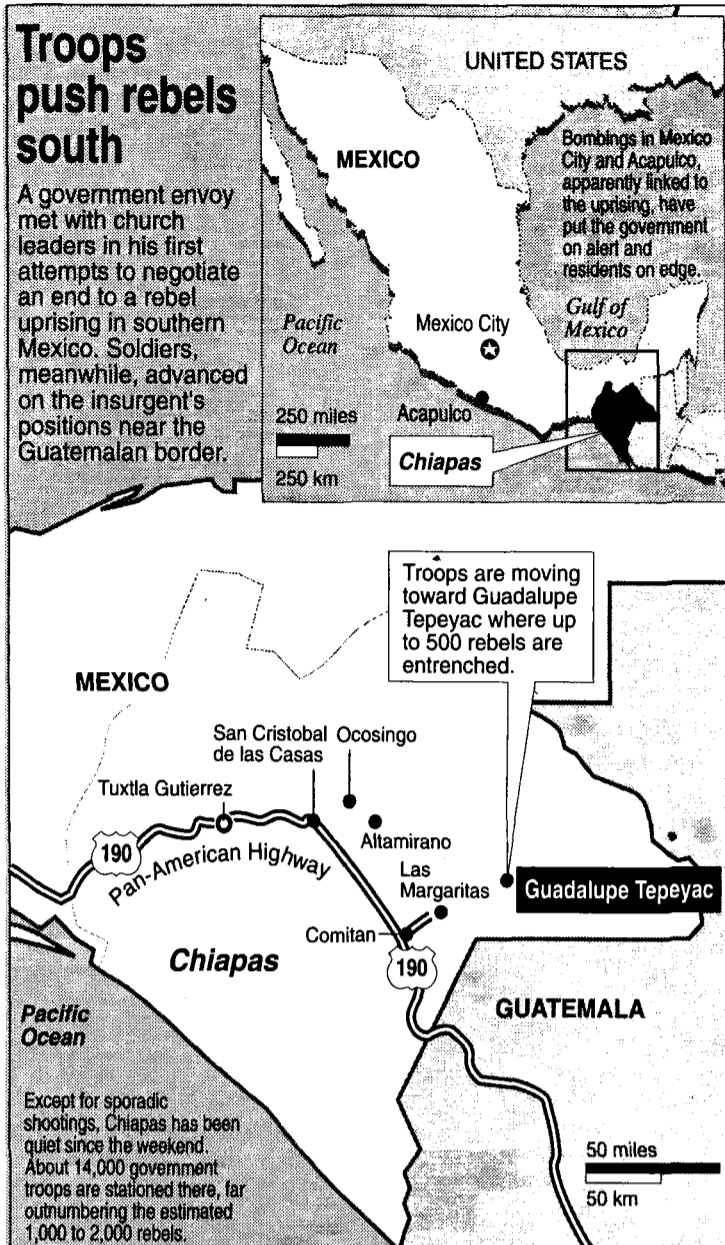
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Troops push rebels south

A government envoy met with church leaders in his first attempts to negotiate an end to a rebel uprising in southern Mexico. Soldiers, meanwhile, advanced on the insurgent's positions near the Guatemalan border.



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Troops are moving toward Guadalupe Tepeyac where up to 500 rebels are entrenched.

Except for sporadic shootings, Chiapas has been quiet since the weekend. About 14,000 government troops are stationed there, far outnumbering the estimated 1,000 to 2,000 rebels.

Mexican government moves toward rebel talks

By ANITA SNOW
Associated Press

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, Mexico
The government's peace envoy openly accepted an Indian guerrilla movement as a political and military force Thursday, taking a second step toward meeting rebel demands for talks.



Carlos Salinas de Gortari

He also said he had received messages that might be an opening to negotiations, but it was not clear if he had heard directly from rebel leaders.

President Carlos Salinas de Gortari made the first overture Wednesday when he announced a unilateral cease-fire in the southern state of Chiapas and said troops would fire on rebels and their strongholds only if attacked first. He also offered to pardon the guerrillas if they laid down their weapons.

But there was no sign of the government meeting the rebels' demand that the 14,000 soldiers in Chiapas be withdrawn. Infantrymen and tanks continued to advance slowly toward Guadalupe Tepeyac, a town near the Guatemalan border believed to be a rebel stronghold.

The Zapatista National Liberation Army, which shocked the nation with a New Year's Day uprising, had demanded the government stop military offensives, recognize their movement and withdraw troops. The rebels say they want to improve the lot of Indians, most of whom lack

decent housing, education or jobs.

Estimated to number from 1,000 to 2,000, the rebels have not publicly responded to the government overtures so far. News of the cease-fire took time reaching Chiapas, a remote expanse of mountains and jungle that is Mexico's poorest state. A majority of the population of 3.2 million are Indians.

Manuel Camacho Solis, appointed by Salinas to mediate the rebellion, told reporters he had received responses to a request for talks with the guerrillas.

"I have received messages from various parts of the country that appear to be the first signs of negotiations," Camacho said, but offered no elaboration. It was not known if he made contact with the rebels or their sympathizers.

Speaking in San Cristobal de las Casas, a colonial-era town 460 miles southeast of Mexico City, Camacho said he recognized the rebels as a "political and military organization."

Salinas appointed the former foreign minister as special commissioner to Chiapas on Monday after a series of Cabinet shuffles intended to send peace signals to the rebels. A 47-year-old graduate of Princeton University, Camacho gained a reputation as an able conciliator while he was mayor of Mexico City.

He met with Roman Catholic Church leaders and advocates for Indians.

He has been accompanied by Bishop Samuel Ruiz and other church officials since he arrived Wednesday. Ruiz, an Indian rights crusader, had been accused by the government of inflaming Indian peasants with sermons on social justice.

"I will be working with the Bishop who knows the different

Jurors reach third deadlock in Menendez murder case

By LINDA DEUTSCH
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

The judge in Erik Menendez's murder case declared a mistrial on Thursday after jurors reported a third time that they could not reach a verdict. His brother's jury kept deliberating.

Jurors considering charges against Erik first reported an impasse Monday and were told by Superior Court Judge Stanley Weisberg to keep trying. They reported Thursday that jurors' strong opinions had become even "more entrenched."

"The jury feels there is no possibility of reaching a verdict or verdicts without violence to our individual judgments," a note from the jury foreman said.

Erik, 23, and his brother, Lyle, 26, admit fatally shooting their wealthy parents, Jose and Kitty Menendez, in their Beverly Hills mansion Aug. 20, 1989, but claim it was self-defense after years of abuse.

The prosecution alleged they were coldblooded killers motivated by greed and hatred and sought the death penalty.

After receiving the note Thursday, Weisberg sent Erik's panel back to deliberate with a new set of verdict forms seeking more information on how the jury stood on the various counts. The panel returned again with no verdicts.

Erik was grim-faced and appeared to look straight ahead as the mistrial was announced. His lawyer, Leslie Abramson, said moments earlier outside the courtroom that he was "very upset" and would prefer a verdict to a mistrial.

The mistrial was declared in the 19th day of deliberations by

Erik's jury.

District Attorney Gil Garcetti had already said that the case would be retried if there was a mistrial.

If the jury had acquitted Erik of first-degree murder but were unable to agree on reducing charges, the prosecution would have been precluded from filing the heaviest charge again.

The defendants, who each testified for 10 days, said they were sexually tortured and mentally and physically abused by their parents from earliest childhood. They said they became convinced they were about to be killed and acted in self-defense.

The trial lasted more than five months. Before dismissing Erik's panel, Weisberg thanked them for their service.

"You've made great sacrifices to be here," he said.

Weisberg ordered Erik's jurors not to talk to reporters until after Lyle's panel was discharged.

"We still have the other jury deliberating and I'm trying to insulate them from whatever views you may have in this case," he said.

He took the unusual step of having the foreman write down the numerical split of the jury on its decisions rather than announcing it in court so as to not affect the outcome of Lyle's case.

Lyle's jury continued its 21st day of deliberations after asking the court for more help with legal instructions.

That jury indicated it was weighing a manslaughter conviction as a lesser alternative to murder.

There are two juries in the trial because certain evidence was admissible against only one brother or the other.

Radiation research condemned

By MARTIN FINUCANE
Associated Press

WALTHAM, Mass.

Two former patients at a school for the mentally retarded heard Thursday how they were guinea pigs in food studies using radioactive particles 40 years ago as members of a "science club."

"At that particular time, I could not read or write," said Austin LaRocque, a former patient at the Fernald State School. "I had no knowledge of anything, other than I did what I was told, when I was told."

His comment came during the first congressional hearing in what promises to be a lengthy investigation into government-backed atomic experiments during the first two decades of the Cold War, spurred by recent reports of plutonium tests on people after World War II.

Only small doses of radiation were administered to about 120 students at Fernald. But experts told a panel headed by Sen. Edward Kennedy and Rep. Edward Markey that the Fernald experiments were deplorable because the researchers failed to get the full consent of participants or their guardians.

The tests also were faulted

for not having any direct benefit to the participants.

"It was a typical failing of research in those days," said Dr. Kenneth Ryan, a Harvard Medical School professor who helped develop more stringent federal guidelines in the 1970s for research involving humans.

Radioactive isotopes were given in milk and cereal to students at Fernald to see if a chemical in oatmeal would interfere with the body's ability to absorb iron and calcium, said J. David Litster, head of research at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. MIT and Harvard faculty were involved in the studies.

LaRocque and Charles Dyer, another former student, said they didn't know until they were told of news reports this month that the tests they participated in as members of a "science club" involved radioactive material.

Dr. A. Bertran Brill, research director and professor of nuclear medicine at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center, was asked by LaRocque whether he would allow a child of his own to participate in a similar study.

"Knowing what I know now, I would," said Brill, who added he has taken radioactive iso-

topes himself for research purposes.

But Brill acknowledged the Fernald research would fail to meet modern guidelines for informed consent by the subjects or their parents.

Litster said the average intake of the children in the study of irradiated iron averaged about 230 millirems.

He said about "300 millirems is the natural amount of radiation we are exposed to by living in Boston."

"There is no excuse for using vulnerable populations and not protecting them," said George Annas, a Boston University medical ethicist.

Markey repeatedly called for apologies for what "was done in the name of national security."

In fact, the Fernald experiments were done as part of a wide range of civilian research on patients and materials that was different in its aim from defense research that tested the effects of radiation on humans.

Ryan said modern-day federal regulations on human experimentation provide far more protection than they did 40 or 50 years ago, though they could be tightened.

Flu epidemic continues to spread

By LEONARD PALLATS
Associated Press

ATLANTA

The severe type of flu that hit epidemic levels last month is only going to get worse.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported Thursday that Type A flu is expected to become even more widespread before the end of January.

Flu season normally begins in November and lasts until March.

So far, the strain has been reported in every state except

Mississippi, Delaware, Hew Hampshire and Rhode Island.

The flu outbreak became a national epidemic the last two weeks of December, when deaths from flu and pneumonia rose in the 121 U.S. cities monitored by the CDC, said Dr. Larry Schoenberger.

"I am confident that mortality data will continue to rise," said Schoenberger, medical officer for the CDC's influenza branch.

The elderly and other people at high risk from the flu may still benefit from a flu shot, he said.

The vaccine is effective about

70 percent of the time, making it worth taking, Schoenberger said.

"You've got a virus that is very tricky," he said. "It's able to change on a regular basis."

He estimated that 42 million people have had flu shots this winter.

In Mississippi, state epidemiologist Dr. Mary Currier said the flu may peak later.

"We are starting to hear more and more from physicians who say they are seeing patients with flu-like symptoms," she said.

Midwest braces for winter cold

By MITCHELL LANDSBERG
Associated Press

As a breathtaking blast of Arctic air descended toward the eastern third of the nation Thursday, homeless shelters stocked up on food and bedding and road workers laid in extra salt and sand.

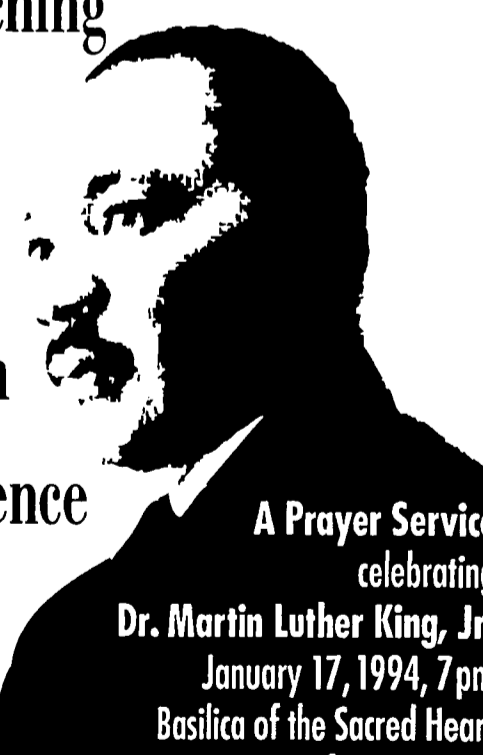
This weekend is expected to bring the coldest weather so far this winter to much of the Northeast and Midwest, with temperatures far lower than those already blamed for exposure deaths this week in Washington, D.C., and Chicago.

Against that backdrop, homeless shelters were on alert and some city workers and homeless advocates raised ominous warnings about the coming siege.

"I think there's trouble coming," said John Talbutt of New York City's Social Service Employees Union, which represents shelter workers.

The Arctic cold front is expected to shove temperatures below zero Saturday night across New England and parts of the mid-Atlantic and Midwestern states.

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IDEAS AND IDEALS

For one Baptist Convention, figuring salvation is like algebra

I'm going to hell. That's not according to the "fan mail" I've been getting. It's not even the opinion of my last blind date. This is according to the Southern Baptist Convention.

See, they've come up with that secret formula for determining which people will be joining them in the afterlife and who will burn forever.

According to an article in the Sept. 5 edition of the Birmingham News, the Baptists in Alabama have done a county-by-county survey of people who follow the Baptists' beliefs. Anyone who did not match up closely enough was counted as "lost."

The end result: Forty-six percent of the people in Alabama, a state where religion and college football reign supreme, are not "saved" and face the grave danger of going you-know-where.

Imagine what would have happened if they had surveyed this place.

Of course, you're already thinking to yourself, this had to be just a poll of how many people in Alabama actually are Baptists, right? I mean, they didn't try to determine how many people from other religions are saved, did they?

You bet your Bible Belt they did.

The most interesting part about this is the "secret" formula used to determine the percentage of "lost" souls from each religion.

The study took each county's population and subtracted the memberships of all Baptist churches. Then, using a "secret" formula (which they probably borrowed from the people who sent 70 unfortunate

freshmen to Turtle Creek at the beginning of this year), they estimated how many people from different religions and sects are "close enough" in their beliefs to get to heaven.

According to the study, all the Baptists are going to heaven (including Jim Bakker and Jimmy Swaggart, I suppose), and all members of non-Christian religions, such as Judaism and Buddhism, haven't got a prayer.

The other Christian faiths are a bit tricky. According to Martin King, spokesman for the Home Mission Board, which compiled the study, different non-Baptist creeds were judged based on how closely their teachings match those of the Southern Baptists. Thus, more Methodists are going to heaven than Catholics.

This makes me wonder: Are the Catholics actually too liberal to meet the Baptists' demand for entry into heaven?

It seems like figuring out the fate of one's soul is as simple as algebra. X times Y equals your chances of a blissful afterlife. Forget all that garbage your rector has been giving you about loving your neighbor.

I'm not a Baptist myself, and I think surveys like this do far more harm than good. Therefore, I must be going to hell. Very simple and easy, right?

Say, does this mean I can do whatever I want and not worry about my fate, since I'm going to burn anyway? Can I steal, kill, buy liquor for underage friends, cheer for Southern Cal and belch in public without a thought about the consequences?

The possibilities are scary.

Now, before you write this off as a regional quirk that has nothing to do with you in South Bend, consider this: King says he also has national figures, but

he's not telling anyone what they show.

Heaven help us.

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uate of Notre Dame and a former Observer writer. He currently works as a writer/editor for a tri-lingual newspaper in Tampa, Florida.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sisters vow to protect all human life

Dear Editor:

Over Christmas break, I had the wonderful opportunity of spending four days on retreat with the newly formed religious order, the Sisters of Life established in 1991 by John Cardinal O'Connor of New York. In addition to the traditional vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, the sisters have also devoted themselves to a fourth vow, the protection of the sacredness of all human life.

This order was not formed as a political action group — indeed, it was far from it. It is an active-cotemplative order. Their formation apostolate currently consists of care of the elderly and of terminal cancer patients. Once the order is more settled, the Cardinal hopes to open a retreat center for post-abortion mothers, mothers in problem pregnancies, and those in the pro-life movement needing hope and spiritual rejuvenation. According to the Cardinal, prayer is the foundation and bulwark of the apostolate; therefore, the more the sisters receive in prayer, the more they can give to others in their apostolate.

Wearing a white and blue habit and spending about four hours in daily prayer, these women may seem unreal at first glance. On acquaintance,

however, one finds them warm and funny and as normal as anyone. In fact, two of the sisters are recent Notre Dame graduates and recalled anecdotes from their ND days. What separates the sisters is not their habit, but simply their radical generosity to the calling of Christ. Far from making them "better" than anyone, the sisters' religious vows call them to the humble service of others, praying for those who cannot or do not pray, and uniting themselves through their spiritual poverty (obedience) to the poverty of God's weakest, especially the unborn. Like the fetus, who cannot influence her destiny, the Sister of Life, in faith, subordinates her will to obey the will of God.

At the beginning of the retreat, the Cardinal reminded us that the value of human life exists because God called it into existence — into being. In all our bustle and noise-filled lives, we forget to acknowledge the wondrous fact that we exist. All our human endeavors are for naught in the absence of this simple fact.

Even God defined Himself as, "I Am Who Am". Therefore, the Cardinal says, our first vocation is to be.

Because our parents could have contracepted us or could have aborted us, human life is

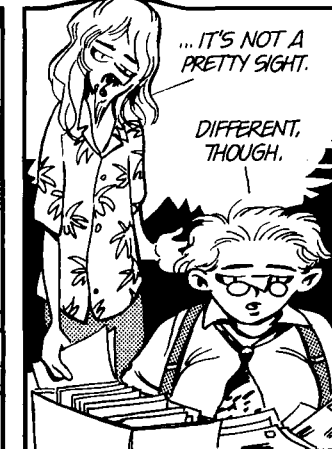
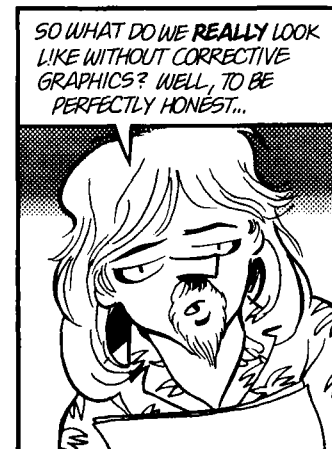
contingent on human factors as well. When we forget the intrinsic value of life, as a gift from God, we open the doors to all types of slaughter, whenever we determine life to be without worth. It is as if a man loved a woman not for her inherent self, but because of a secondary characteristic, such as intelligence or beauty.

The Sisters of Life were formed precisely because there is such a need to value life as God intended. These women have sacrificed physical maternity in order to be spiritual mothers to those many children unmothered and unloved.

The sisters are concerned about all life, but especially the unborn because it is their most basic right to be, to exist, that is denied by our "culture of death". They have as their motto a line from the poem "The Annunciation", "An nothing again would be casual or small" ("...but all would be light-invested overspilled with terror and divinity"). If Saint Francis of Assisi saw God's priceless handiwork in the smallest flower and in the birds of the air, how much more meaning is invested in a child of God, each a reflection of the Father.

KATRINA HILTON
Senior
Pasquerilla West

DOONESBURY



GARRY TRUDEAU QUOTE OF THE DAY

"A man's voice on the tape just kill her?" The response was: "We don't need to kill her. Let's just hit her in the knee."

— Conspirators in the Nancy Kerrigan case

etc.

friday events

"Orlando," Snite Auditorium, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m., \$2. Phil Kelly starring at the Funny Bone Comedy Club, 8 and 10:15 p.m., 1352 Scottsdale Mall.
Saint Mary's Faculty Exhibition, 7 to 9 p.m., Moreau Gallery, Saint Mary's College.

music

The Killing Floor, Mishawaka Midway Tavern, 9:30 p.m.
Saint Mary's Music Faculty Recital, 8 p.m., Little Theatre, free admission.
The Bull Dogs, rhythm and blues band, Madison Oyster Bar, 10 p.m.

saturday events

SMC Basketball vs. Beloit College, 3 p.m., Angela Athletic Facility (AAF).
"Orlando," Snite Auditorium, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m., \$2.

music

The Killing Floor, Mishawaka Midway Tavern, 9:30 p.m.
The Bull Dogs, rhythm and blues band, Madison Oyster Bar, 10 p.m.

sunday events

The Harlem Globetrotters, 6 p.m., Joyce Athletic and Convocation Center. call the J.A.C.C. for price information.
Carolyn Plummer, violinist and William Cerny, pianist. Annenberg Auditorium at the Snite Museum, 2 p.m., free admission and open to the public.

movies

University Park East

Shadowlands 7:15, 9:50
Adams Family Values 2:10 and 4:10
Beethoven's 2nd 6, 8, 9:50
Three Musketeers 7:20, 9:45
Grumpy Old Men 7:30, 9:40
The Piano 7, 9:20
Philadelphia 7, 9:45

University Park West

Batman: Mask of the Phantasm 5
A Perfect World 6:45, 9:30
Tombstone 7, 9:40
Heaven and Earth 7:10, 10
Iron Will 7:10, 9:30

Now W

So you've moved off campus and don't have the slightest idea how to boil water. Ok, at least not how to use any of the kitchen appliances besides the microwave. Here are a few helpful books to aid you in the kitchen, while mom and dad are nowhere to be found.

The College Cookbook: An Alternative to the Meal Plan, by Geri Herrington. Offers an array of fabulous recipes and treats that require little time and effort, often with just a wisk of a simple household appliance.

Where's Mom Now That I Need Her?, by Betty and Ray Francin.

A complete guide to surviving on your own, including cooking easy and nutritious recipes like chili, macaroni, salads and breads.

The Notre Dame Before and After the Game Cookbook, by Flo Yeandel. An Irish fan favorite especially for those tailgating foods that become so popular even in the winter months. Check this out for a fast, yummy meal.

Great American Cookies, by Lorraine Bodger.

Every kind of cookie just like Mom used to make is at your fingertips to satisfy those late night munchies and study sessions. Chocolate chip, sugar, peanut butter, plus some intriguing favorites.

Please Don't Feed the Alligators, by The Parent Teacher Association of Hilton Head Elementary School. This book filled with great Florida recipes to warm anyone's belly. Some down South favorites to chase away the winter blues.

Recipes to please your palate

Ramen Pride- Comes in a variety of mouth-watering flavors

Add 1 package of noodles to 2 cups boiling water (or to your dorm room hot pot) and cook for 3 minutes until tender. Stir in entire contents of flavor packet (or a veritable substitute). Dig in. Serve as noodle soup, casserole, or add meat and vegetables for a truly wholesome meal.

Grilled Cheese

1 skillet
1 tbl. butter
2 slices of bread
3 slices American cheese (Velveeta is a cheap substitute).

Butter one side of each slice of bread and place the butter side down in the pan, cooking until golden brown. Add the cheese and the other slice of bread and flip over browning the other side of the sandwich. Presto you have a meal. A hot iron placed on the cotton setting will do the same trick for an extra crispy, melty delight.

Eggs Richard- Here is what they eat at Boston College

6 slices of bread
6 eggs
Nutmeg

6 slices of swiss cheese
Butter
Salt and pepper

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Cut crusts from the bread and fry one side of the bread slices in butter until brown. Place the slices flat on a greased cookie sheet and lay cheese on each slice of bread. Break the eggs onto the cheese. Some white may run over but the yolk will stick. Sprinkle seasonings to taste and bake until eggs are done. Serves 3.

Beef and Pinto Beans- A recipe from University of Pittsburgh

1 1/2 cups pinto beans
2 cups hot tomato sauce with chili powder

1 onion chopped
1 lb. ground beef

Cook beans until soft and then mush them up (we suggest you use your hands). Add some of the onion and the sauce. Refry for 10 minutes. Brown meat with the rest of the onions and drain the fat. Add some more of the hot sauce. Serve the beans and hamburger with fresh tomatoes and lettuce in taco or burrito shells. A great Mexican fiesta. Good with cold beer.

Coconut Blender Pie- A Stanford University Favorite

1/3 cup honey
4 eggs
1 cup milk
1/2 tsp. salt
1 unbaked pie shell

1/2 cup butter
1/2 cup flour
1 cup shredded coconut
1 tsp. vanilla

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Blend all ingredients in the blender for 2 minutes. Pour mix into pie shell and bake for 30-40 minutes or until set. Serves 6-8.

Indian Rice- Cooking up at Northwestern University

2 cups uncooked rice
3 cups cooked shredded chicken
5 cups chicken broth
2 cups chopped peanuts
salt and pepper to taste
1 tbl. curry powder

Combine ingredients in skillet. Cover and simmer until liquid is absorbed and rice is tender, about 30 minutes. Do not lift the cover before 30 minutes is up. Delicious meal to serve 4-6.

Recipes included in *The College Cookbook*.

Ingenious methods of saving money on the weekly grocery bill.

- Clip double coupons at Kroger's (or your favorite grocery store) and watch for sales.
- Buy what you can in bulk to limit your trips to the store
- Stock up on powdered milk-it's cheaper and lasts longer
- Purchase generic brands or the store's brands that closely match your favorite brands in quality.
- Cook for a big group of friends so that everyone can chip in for the overall cost.
- Do not be duped by false advertising- bring along a calculator on your shopping trip. Get the best deal for your money.
- Hungry for lunch but you don't have a meal plan? Invest in the simple microwave budget meals by Lean Cuisine and Stouffer's to name a few for a nutritious meal and no mess. It beats fast food in cost and taste.
- Investigate thrift bakeries and deep discount stores. They too have their benefits.
- Hope that your neighbors throw lots of dinner parties.

Compiled by Bevin Kovalik

e're Cookin'

Macaroni & cheese & mold: off-campus males experience 'The Joy of Cooking'

By MATT CARBONE
Accent writer

Any male thinking about moving off-campus should get ready to fall in love with macaroni and cheese, which he will be eating at least twice a week.

At \$0.39 a package and with a preparation time of five minutes, it quickly becomes a staple in any off-campus male's diet.

This is but one of the interesting facts of off-campus eating which will soon become painfully clear to you and your digestive system upon moving into your apartment.

Another is that food seems to get moldy much quicker in your off-campus apartment than it does at home. Whereas nothing at home ever went bad off-campus men must test and examine everything before it is eaten.

If only one piece of advice were to be given to off-campus men about their food, it should be this: Always check the bread before eating it.

Scurvy and goiter are other real threats to your health. Off-campus, there is no fully-stocked salad bar, no homey country stand overflowing with fresh fruit, no "lighter fare."

The only vegetables your body is going to process in your year of off-campus living are the diced peppers inside your Bob Evans Microwaveable Sausage and Ham Burritos.

Your diet will become so poor that you will actually begin to dream of the shining faces, gloved hands and laden spoons of Barb, Mary Sue and the rest of the dining hall ladies.

Meat will become a delicacy rarely consumed (unless you count the meatballs in a can of Where's Waldo Spaghetti-Os as meat, which isn't really right).



Scott Mendenhall

Campus View men display their few yet important items in their fridge.

If it's not macaroni and cheese or Chef-Boy-Ar-Dee, it's the other given of an off-campus diet: spaghetti.

If you don't like spaghetti or don't know how to make it, and are deciding to move off-campus, be prepared to wither away and die.

By the end of your first month off-campus, you will have eaten so much spaghetti that you will be saying "Fughedaboutit" involuntarily, greasing your hair back and wearing Zubaz pants by choice.

Some off-campus men, however, have gotten creative, devising their own systems and dishes in order to raise themselves out of these culinary ruts.

Chris Caracciolo, a senior living at Lafayette Square, and his roommates have devised a system wherein one of the eight former Grace residents living in two nearby apartments each takes a day to cook for the other seven.

To hear Caracciolo tell it, this plan has gone swimmingly to date.

"I'm really glad we did it," said Caracciolo. "It puts a little variety in my diet, while simultaneously forcing us all to eat together. I was worried that once I moved off-campus, I would lose touch with my friends. But with our system, it's like we're a little family - the all-male Brady Bunch, if you will."

While Caracciolo's roommates agree with him for the most part on the success of their system, there are a few complaints.

"If Caracciolo cooks chicken and broccoli one more time, I'm going to deep-fry his face," said Sean Hyer, one of Caracciolo's roommates.

Compared to other senior guys living

off-campus, Caracciolo, Hyer and company have it good.

Doug Vincent, another senior at Lafayette Square, had to ask himself the question facing many off-campus males: "Is it bad to eat the same thing every day?"

His diet consists chiefly of ramen noodles for lunch (\$0.20 a pack bought in bulk, two minutes preparation time) and rice and potatoes for dinner (\$2.69, five minutes preparation time).

Keith Anderson, a senior resident of Turtle Creek, did not prepare one meal in the ten days up to and including finals, eating his meals at a host of different fast food restaurants around South Bend.

"I had breakfast at Taco Bell for five straight days," said Anderson. "To tell you the truth, it was really better than it sounds."

The favorite dish of this fast food connoisseur? "The hamburgers at 'Steak 'n' Shake' are out of this world," said Anderson.

Because it is a given that you will not get the recommended daily allowance of needed vitamins and minerals by eating Whoppers and Taco Bellgrandes, other off-campus males have been forced to learn how to cook, sometimes with pleasant results.

When he told his family that he had decided to move off-campus, senior Brendan Maher received *The Joy of Cooking* as a gift from his mother.

"My mom gave it to me in jest as a gift, but it has turned into a necessity," said Maher. "And you know what? I enjoy cooking. I really do."

"Whenever my roommates are complaining about what they eat, I'll flip through 'The Joy of Cooking' and whip up something for them," said Maher. "That book has been a godsend."

Off-campus women create culinary, fat-free delights

By MARA DIVIS
Accent Writer

Bagels, pasta, macaroni and cheese, salsa, tortillas...sound like the dining hall? Not with dinner at any time between 3 p.m. and midnight and double coupon days at Kroger's.

Off-campus living provides culinary freedom and a healthier, cheaper way of eating, according to several female Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students, at last completely responsible for feeding themselves.

Students living off-campus can no longer rely on the dining hall for their three squares a day, but this sudden independence can teach how to balance a budget and how to eat more healthily, according to Saint Mary's senior Megan Hurley.

"You learn how to budget your money eating-wise," she said. "You don't eat everything, like at the dining hall. You save money for other stuff that you need."

Hurley, who lives at Campus View, said that the main advantage she found to her off-campus food preparation was the opportunity to prepare what she wants individually, as opposed to having no choice in entrees at the dining hall.

"You can prepare what you really want to eat rather than eating something just because it's there," she said.

This is an advantage for students who generally do not eat the main dinners at the dining hall, said Notre Dame senior Anne LaFleur.

"(When I was on campus) I usually ate out of the deli and the salad bar anyway," she said. "(Off-campus) I make ex-

actly what I want."

What is available to eat in the pantries and refrigerators at Campus View and Lafayette Square can also be healthier than the entrees at the dining hall, said Saint Mary's junior Joanne Pavin.

"It's a lot easier to keep your weight down when you live off-campus," Pavin said.

"I find that at the dining hall you're always tempted by all the desserts or french fries. Here we don't keep any cakes or cookies in the apartment."

As far as what students do keep in the apartment, the list ranges from powdered milk, bagels, homemade spaghetti sauce, lettuce, Grey Poupon, grapefruit, and tupperware containers of leftover pasta.

Pasta and pre-packaged meals are easy to prepare and can take less than five minutes, which make them popular dinner choices, according to Saint Mary's senior Amy Bennett, who lives at Campus View.

"I don't cook," she said. "I buy things pre-packaged. I've actually made things only three or four times this year."

LaFleur and her roommates, residents of Campus View, shop individually for food and store it labelled in the pantry.

They save money by using coupons at Martin's and Kroger's, and by purchasing food in bulk when certain items are on sale, she said.

Bennett also uses coupons to save, something she said she had never done before.

"I never used to cut coupons," she said. "But Kroger has double coupons every day. When I go home, I'll steal the Sunday paper away from my mom and

look through it for the coupons."

Despite these efforts to conserve money, financial disadvantages can creep up.

Because making one's own food can take time, the temptation to go out to eat can end up costing more than eating in or even eating on campus at the dining hall, said Bennett.

"If you don't feel like cooking, you go out a lot more," Bennett said.

She said that she and her roommates rarely eat a family style meal together, due to their different schedules, but that they do try to eat out together occasionally.

LaFleur and her roommates, however, eat out once a week at Hacienda, Macri's Deli, or Bruno's, and occasionally have a "family night" together.

But by not eating out at all, and by making precious few trips to the grocery store, Pavin and her roommates have found a way to conserve cash, she said.

"We never sit down for a family meal," she said. "I go grocery shopping once every three weeks and clear out everything I have before I have to go out again."

"It's not that I can't really afford it, but I could be spending money on better things than food."



Scott Mendenhall

Anne Mercorella, a Saint Mary's senior, displays her well-stocked refrigerator.

Getting a new bed of a liberal minded Pope

I am momentarily expecting a new bed. If I'm lucky, it's the bed I will die on. The luck would be in not dying on a mattress soiled in sin some cheap one-night stand hotel; or in a nursing home where I would be taking my turn, playing follow the leader with all those other terminal cases who have popped off to eternity from the same launching pad.

A bed of my own is not apt to have cranks on it like a hospital bed that the paramedics can raise or lower when they give me an enema. A hospital bed must be a very lonely place to die.

The hired man, coming off the road to die in a barn after apple picking, would have a less lonely death. A barn with animals might make him think of the manger where the birth of Christ monitored by oxen.

Even with relatives crowding bedsides, dying in a sterile room hooked up to tubes sounds more loveless than the Christmas dinner you might eat at the diner alone with the truckers.

I decided before Christmas that I was old enough to have a bed as big as the one my parents had when they were grown-ups living together as two in one flesh. Going over to River Park furniture, I said to the manager: "Show me the bed you think priests should have if a liberal-minded Pope should take over at the Vatican."

Father Robert Griffin *Letters to a Lonely God*



Luckily for me, he knew I was joking; otherwise, he may have tried to sell me a king sized four poster that an economy minded admiral could launch navies on. Years ago, when I was a rector of Keenan, the students brought me a queen sized bed for my birthday; the playing fields at Eton could not have been as big.

Giving it up when I moved to PW, I saw that it sagged on one side I had slept on. The unused side looked unfulfilled; I should have rented it out on football weekends.

I should have bought a toaster and a coffee pot and run a bed and breakfast service. However, people would have talked; and a fellow like me has to be careful of what the neighbors would say.

The bed I'm expecting is a double. I'm tired of singles that I can't turn over in more than one twice a night without unmaking everything down to the mattress cover.

A double bed is bed enough for a single man and his dog. I don't sleep with Darby, but he likes to visit. Lately, he's been taking over the center, leaving me the edge; sleeping among

Jesuits was more comfortable. In a struggle to regain footage, I lock butts with him; as a 30-pound animal, he has the push and shove of a bulldozer, and he's not always fair. Finally I yell, "Sam, you've got a bed of your own, so kindly move ass."

Moving with the speed of the slow boat to China, he shoves off. Two hours later, he's back for another visit; in the meantime, he's been snoozing in the recently acquired La-z-boy, though he knows it's off limits to shaggy animals that aren't brushed every day.

This piece has advanced to the point where I can make it a progress report. The new bed in now in situ, looking like Dreamland. Darby may have trouble negotiating the climb up, unless I get him a ladder, which I will not do; he will have to wait to be invited. Even unmade, it is a thing of beauty which should be a joy forever, if I or it can last that long.

Once the bedspread was on, it should have been in the home of kids on a honeymoon. The headboard is oaken; I was tempted to choose brass. One night in Boston, I slept in a gor-

geous brass bed; handed down, I was told, from Mother Canisius, a Holy Cross nun who must have had it handed down to her, when she was the guardian of faith and morals as the Provincial of her Community.

Alas and alack, in these terrible times, brass beds have become politically incorrect. Only decadents have them, or so I am told by the watchdogs of fashion in Greenwich Village. With a nod of apology to the decadents in my Christmas card list, I must explain that if I became decadent, I would be judged as fatally flawed.

My church might refuse me the last rites, if they felt decadence had overtaken me in my old age.

My Christian burial could depend on my falling asleep in the Lord, on pillows supported by a headboard of oak, as plain as Pat Nixon's cloth coat, described by Tricky Dick in the Checkers speech.

This is the fourth time in my life that I've had a new bed to break in. This one is the nicest; why shouldn't it be, since it is the first one I have picked out myself? I almost feel that I deserve to have an audience to applaud the moment when I will lay me down to sleep for the first time on the new Simmons.

But, as it says in the code of the jungle: man is born alone, though not quite; he must die alone; and if he's a sworn celibate, he must sleep alone, even

if he's inaugurating a new piece of furniture.

How silly I would feel if I woke up with the audience still standing there. "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" has never been my favorite movie.

To tell you the truth, I miss the old bed already. It was picked out for me by brother Viator, CSC, the rector of Stanford when I moved here from PW. Florence, our housekeeper at Stanford, has just pointed out that the old bed was sturdier; and the headboard on it was made from a heavier piece of oak; she shouldn't have told me; I would have been happier never knowing.

But it reminded me of how lovingly brother Vi shopped for furniture that would please me, and make me feel well-provided for in Stanford. As a religious of the old school, he didn't realize that my tastes could be sybaritic.

What has all this to do with the Lonely God? Maybe He will be listening tonight, and every night, when I kneel down to say:

"Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John/The bed be blest that I lie on/Four angels to my bed/Four angels round my head/One to watch, and one to pray/And two to bear my soul away."

Now all I will need to sleep well is a good conscience. May flights of angels sing me to my rest, though not soon.

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Ewing's 42 lifts Knicks past Pistons

Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. The Detroit Pistons knew they had a problem matching up with Patrick Ewing. When starting center Olden Polynice went down with a knee injury, the problem got worse.

Ewing eventually was guarded by bench-warmers Danny O'Sullivan and Marcus Liberty, and he ended up with 42 points and 16 rebounds Thursday night as the New York Knicks beat the Pistons 94-80.

Ewing got most of the opposing front-court players into foul trouble. Sean Elliott and Cadillac Anderson fouled out, while David Wood and Terry Mills finished with five fouls each.

"They were a little over-matched once Polynice went out," Knicks coach Pat Riley said. "He's dominating right now, and we just kept going to him. It helped that Detroit's double teams were a little slow."

Ewing's fourth-straight 30-point game ensured Detroit's 11th straight loss, just three short of their March 1980 team record.

"We're a better team than this," Sean Elliott said. "We just can't put an entire game together."

New York led 49-41 at the half, and Ewing scored 10 points in the first 3:25 of the third quarter as the Knicks eventually by as many as 18 in the period.

But three straight 3-pointers by Isiah Thomas started a 13-point run that got the Pistons within 67-63. Ewing finished with 17 points in the quarter, but Lindsey Hunter's last-second jumper made the score 71-66 with entering the fourth quarter.

"We had a lot of chances to put this game away, and we just didn't do it," Riley said. "I thought we had in the third, but Isiah got one of his runs going, and he can close a game up in a hurry."

The Knicks started the fourth with a 7-0 run, but still couldn't shake the Pistons. With four minutes to play, Detroit was within six, 83-77, but Ewing

scored the next four points as the Knicks finally pulled away. "We weren't making any particular effort to get me the ball, it just happened," Ewing said. "A lot of the points were coming off offensive rebounds."

Ewing, whose season-high was 44 points against Cleveland in the second game of the season, came up just four points short of Shaquille O'Neal's Palace of Auburn Hills scoring record set last season.

"With O.P. out, it really hurt us when everyone got into foul trouble," Mills said. "There were a lot of things we could have tried against Ewing that the foul trouble wiped out."

Charles Oakley added 16 points and 16 rebounds for New York, while Thomas led the the Pistons with 21 points.

Polynice left the game early in the first quarter with a sprained medial collateral ligament in his left knee. He is listed as doubtful for Saturday's rematch at New York.

"Patrick really hurt us," Pistons coach Don Chaney said. "We had our defense structured to have O.P. on him, so when he went out, everything changed."

"We played them tough tonight, and now we know what we can and cannot do against them," Mills said. "That gives us a big advantage going into New York."

Spurs 107
Suns 88

SAN ANTONIO

David Robinson had 27 points and 16 rebounds as the San Antonio Spurs beat Phoenix 107-88 Thursday night for their ninth victory in 10 games, giving the Suns their first two-game losing streak of the season.

The Spurs outscored the Suns 23-4 in the final 4:49. Robinson, who hit only 9 of 25 shots from the field, scored 12 points in the fourth period to help San Antonio record its first victory against any of the four front-running Western Conference teams.

The Spurs were 0-5 against Houston, Seattle, Phoenix and

Utah. The Suns, playing without injured All-Stars Charles Barkley (torn knee tendon) and Kevin Johnson (ankle sprain), were led by A.C. Green and Oliver Miller with 20 points each. But Phoenix was 0-for-12 on 3-point attempts.

San Antonio took control after Danny Ainge tied the game 84-84 on a driving, one-handed bank shot with 4:49 left.

Dennis Rodman, who had 14 rebounds and nine points, slapped the ball away from Frank Johnson near midcourt and into the hands of Dale Ellis, who passed back to Rodman for a dunk that gave the Spurs an 86-84 advantage.

Miller cut Phoenix's deficit to 91-86 on a lane jumper with 2:23 remaining, but San Antonio outscored Phoenix 16-1 the rest of the way.

Phoenix, now 9-5 on the road, was coming off a 95-83 home loss Wednesday night to a Charlotte team playing without injured stars Larry Johnson and Alonzo Mourning.

The game drew a crowd of 34,027 to the Alamodome, the second-largest in the NBA this season. San Antonio's season-opener against Golden State drew 36,523.

Bullets 120
Rockets 102

LANDOVER, Md.

Don MacLean knows the Washington Bullets' reputation — that they live or die from the perimeter and that good teams play down to the level of the Atlantic Division's worst team.

Thursday night, MacLean showed he's tired of hearing it.

MacLean not only displayed a nice outside touch, but he also muscled inside to finish with 30 points. Rex Chapman scored 27 for Washington, offsetting Hakeem Olajuwon's 45 for Houston, as the Bullets surprised the Rockets 120-102.

"We know we're better than what our record shows right now," MacLean said. "If we can knock off some of the better teams, and get some wins while we're at home, we can finish up the season strong."

Search for Rose Bowl tickets akin to making a drug deal

By RICHARD EGGLESTON
Associated Press

MADISON, Wis.

At least one Wisconsin travel agent made a midnight connection carrying a suitcase full of cash to get customers into the Rose Bowl, Attorney General James Doyle said Thursday.

"Trying to get tickets was much like trying to make a drug deal," Doyle said by telephone to two California Assembly committees investigating the Rose Bowl ticket distribution system.

Many fans paid \$500 or more for a ticket or got stuck without tickets they ordered. Some who went to see the University of Wisconsin play UCLA watched the game on televisions outside the stadium in Pasadena, Calif.

Doyle said one travel agent told Wisconsin investigators about meeting a ticket broker with "well over \$100,000 in cash in a suitcase" to try to make good on a promise to provide tickets to fans who had purchased Rose Bowl packages.

In all, Doyle estimated, about 2,000 Wisconsin fans were left without tickets or paid vastly inflated prices.

"If (ticket scalping) had happened in Wisconsin, it would have been a violation of law," Doyle said.

He testified to the California Assembly's Utility and Com-

merce Committee and its Tourism Subcommittee.

In Sacramento, Assemblyman Bill Hogue, R-Pasadena, who is a member of the Tournament of Roses' board, told the committees the problems weren't the Rose Bowl's fault.

"The problem arose on the outside and not on the inside," he said.

The Rose Bowl sold 13,000 tickets to parade participants and 41,000 tickets to UCLA, Hogue said. The University of Wisconsin got about 18,000.

Doyle said there has been no evidence that the University of Wisconsin's tickets were diverted to price gougers, but that other tickets went through speculators as far away as Atlanta and Canada before finding their way back to Pasadena at a vastly inflated price.

"We're going to follow this wherever it goes," Doyle said after concluding his testimony. "We're going to push."

Doyle said he didn't expect any problems with tickets at future Rose Bowls as long as the experiences of Wisconsin fans were fresh in people's minds. However, he said legislation may be needed to protect fans in Wisconsin and other states.

Assemblywoman Gwen Moore, D-Los Angeles, said after the hearing that California lawmakers will name a task force to recommend ways to prevent a repeat of the ticket fiasco.

Michael Adams had 17 points and 12 assists, and Tom Gugliotta added 16 points, as Washington won its second straight game, the first time since Nov. 20 and 23 the Bullets have posted back-to-back victories. Washington won for just the seventh time in 16 start.

Olajuwon also pulled down 10 rebounds for the Midwest Division-leading Rockets, who are 6-5 since a 22-1 start. Teammate Otis Thorpe had 16 points and 11 rebounds.

Bullets coach Wes Unseld was happy with MacLean's output,

but more impressed by his defensive effort.

"MacLean's scoring was never anything we've had problems with," Unseld said. "But we asked him to do a lot defensively. He was the rotating guy on the defense (who had) to run, jump and then get back to his man."

"It was his defense that surprised me," Thorpe said. "He's a better defensive player than most people give him credit for. He's getting the minutes this year and showing what he can do."

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Another ACC upset: Childress' late 3-pointer topples No. 2 Duke

Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C.

Randolph Childress' 3-pointer with 11 seconds left gave Wake Forest a 69-68 victory over No. 2 Duke on Thursday night.

The shot by Childress, who finished with 24 points, was clearly a 3-pointer, but the Cameron Indoor Stadium scoreboard didn't record it that way and the closest official did not signal it was a 3-pointer.

Grant Hill, Duke's star down the stretch with 23 points, drove the length of the floor and put up a 15-foot jumper in the closing seconds, but the ball bounced off the rim, off the hands of teammate Chris Collins and out of bounds as the clock ran out.

The Wake Forest players stormed the court in jubilation as the Duke players seemed confused about the ending and coach Mike Krzyzewski went to the scorer's table looking for an explanation.

It was the second straight season the Demon Deacons (11-3, 2-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) upset the Blue Devils (10-1, 2-1) at home.

The 6-foot Childress, who leads the ACC in scoring, missed a layup and 3-pointer that could have given Wake Forest the lead in the closing moments. He made the winning shot over Hill, who is six inches taller.

Duke, which blew a 12-point first-half lead, was in line to become the nation's top-ranked team after No. 1 North Carolina lost by 20 points Wednesday night to No. 17 Georgia Tech. But the Blue Devils turned the ball over two times in the final 2:22 in losing for the first time this season.

Charlie Harrison tied his season high with 16 points for Wake Forest.

After trailing by seven points at halftime, Wake Forest started the second period with a 13-4 run to take the lead at 43-41 with 14:38 left.

From that point, neither team led by more than five points.

The lead changed hands nine times in the opening six minutes before the Blue Devils gradually began to pull away.

A key play in the first half occurred with 6:28 left when Wake Forest's Trelonnie Owens was called for a foul as he fought for a loose ball. The senior forward, who scored seven of his team's first nine points, also was hit with a technical foul after the play when he threw the ball into the floor and it bounced 25 feet in the air.

Four minutes later, Owens, Wake Forest's best inside player, picked up his third foul and headed to the bench as Duke pushed its lead to 37-25.

Wake Forest closed to 37-30 at halftime on a 3-pointer and twisting layup by Harrison in the final 1:07.

No. 7 MASSACHUSETTS 70
No. 23 WEST VIRGINIA 56

MORGANTOWN, W.Va.

Life on the road is getting pretty comfortable for Massachusetts coach John Calipari and his seventh-ranked Minutemen.

A 70-56 victory over No. 23 West Virginia on Thursday night gave Massachusetts its ninth road win in 10 games and sole possession of first place in the Atlantic 10.

"We seem over the last couple of years to play better on the

road than we do in our home gym," Calipari said. "We've shot a higher percentage on the road than we do at home. We've been on the road so much, (home is) like a foreign court to us."

The crowd of 11,148 stayed unusually quiet throughout the game except for a couple of short runs by West Virginia and perhaps cheered loudest when "Gilligan's Island" star Bob Denver made a halftime appearance.

"We made a statment tonight," said Massachusetts guard Derek Kellogg, who scored 13 points. "When they scored a couple of baskets in a row, we went to our money guys. This was the type of game that took the crowd out."

Massachusetts (12-1, 4-0) led the entire game after a 6-6 tie and never saw its lead fall below 10 in the second half after holding a 35-22 halftime lead.

It was the Minutemen's ninth straight victory and ended a nine-game winning streak for the Mountaineers. It was West Virginia's worst home loss since 1979-80 when Ohio State beat the Mountaineers 72-55.

West Virginia (9-2, 3-1) played poorly in the first half, shooting just 27 percent from the field and turning the ball over nine times. The Mountaineers could do little more than exchange baskets with the Minutemen in the second half.



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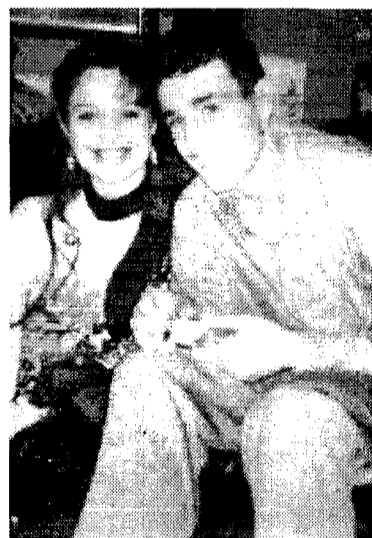
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Ward's hoops debut set for Sunday against N.C. State

By BRENT KALLESTAD
Associated Press Writer

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. Heisman Trophy winner Charlie Ward, who led Florida State's football team to the national championship, now hopes to help turn the Seminoles' basketball team around. Ward will make his 1994 basketball debut Sunday at North Carolina State. "I can't turn a complete team around like a Michael Jordan," Ward said Thursday in a telephone conference call. "I can only do my job to help my team win. We'll try to do it together."

The Seminoles have gotten off to a disastrous start in Atlantic Coast Conference play, losing three straight games by an average of 17 points while shooting only 40 percent and committing 61 turnovers.

"We have room to improve and I think we're going to do that," Ward said.

Ward provides most of what coach Pat Kennedy needs on leadership, dependable ball handling and defensive pressure.

"Charlie solves all three of those problems for us," said Kennedy, who a year ago played Ward for 43 minutes in an overtime win at Wake Forest in just his second game

back. Ward can expect plenty of action Sunday.

"He'll play as many minutes as it is possible for him to play," said Kennedy.

Football and a shoulder injury, which first occurred in the NCAA tournament in Ward's sophomore season, have limited the soft-spoken senior to just 17 basketball games since the end of the 1991-92 season.

Ward isn't worried about his skills being rusty despite the layoff.

"It's like riding a bicycle," he said. "It's a matter of getting my wind back. Everything else comes natural."

While Ward hasn't been available for a complete season since his freshman year, the Seminoles are 40-15 in games he has started and 35-20 — mostly in early-season nonconference games — without the 6-foot-1, two-sport star.

Ward set virtually all of Florida State's passing and total offense records in just two seasons on the football field, where he led the Seminoles to 22 wins in 24 games and their first national title. But he is also closing in on some individual basketball marks.

Jordan: Spring training plans 'no fantasy'

Associated Press

CHICAGO

Michael Jordan isn't kidding. He's been working out at Comiskey Park this winter — and not just to stay in shape or fight boredom.

Jordan, craving a new challenge just months after retiring from the Chicago Bulls, thinks he's found one. He wants to play baseball with the Chicago White Sox.

He insists this is no mid-life crisis or fantasy yearning. He certainly doesn't need the money, and offered to pay his own way to spring training.

"I want to go to spring training for one reason and that's to make the team," Jordan was quoted as saying in Thursday's editions of the Chicago Tribune. "This is no fantasy. I plan to be in Sarasota by mid-February. If the White Sox were to tell me that they didn't think I was good enough to make the team, and that they don't want me at spring training, then I would accept their wishes and not go."

Jordan said if he keeps improving during his three-hour, five-day-a-week workouts, he thinks he can make the team even though he hasn't played baseball regularly since he was a teen-ager in Wilmington, N.C.

White Sox general manager Ron Schueler said Thursday

that the likelihood of Jordan making the team this season "is at best a long shot."

He said a decision will be made next month on whether to offer him the invitation to spring training. White Sox pitchers and catchers report Feb. 16 and the position players five days later.

Schueler said it would have to be a situation where Jordan could help the White Sox or "it wouldn't be fair to both sides..."

Schueler wonders whether Jordan will made the adjustment to live pitching, not the kind you get in a batting cage or from a batting practice pitcher.

"There's a lot of difference between 70 mph and 90 mph," said Schueler, 40-48 in eight major league seasons.

Schueler finally learned Wednesday that Jordan was serious about coming to spring training.

"I heard some of the comments from some of the other players that he has good bat speed and obviously good hand and eye coordination. I think that pumped Michael up. We have to wait and see, it's way too early," Schueler said.

Jordan has been joined recently at the workouts by several White Sox players. The White Sox have a vacancy in right field after Ellis Burks

signed with the Colorado Rockies. Schueler said he has no problems with Jordan's arm.

"He does have a good loose arm but I haven't seen it from the outfield," he said.

The appearance of Jordan would create a circus atmosphere much larger than the one last spring, when Bo Jackson was making a comeback from hip replacement surgery.


"I talked to Frank Thomas and Jack McDowell and Robin Ventura and gave them my stand," Schueler said. "I don't want to take anything away from them. Everything they earned, they deserved. I think the first day there would be tremendous media but then we would put an end to it and settle it down to play baseball."

Jordan retired from the Bulls on Oct. 6, upstaging the White Sox as they played the Toronto Blue Jays in Game 1 of the AL playoffs.

"I'm serious. My father thought I could be a major-league baseball player, and I'm sure that right now he can see me trying," Jordan said. "He's watching every move that I make."

Jordan's father, James, was slain last August.

When he retired, Jordan said he wanted more time with his family and less in the limelight. But he noted Wednesday that baseball teams often spend four or five days in one city.



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Davie

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line) and Tony Yelovich (recruiting coordinator).

Davie worked with Moore at Pittsburgh in 1977 and again from 1980-82. Yelovich was on the staff with Davie at Arizona and at Tulane in 1983.

"They are two guys I had worked with before. When I talked with people about the move those are two I certainly spoke with," said Davie. "Their advice made me very comfortable coming to Notre Dame."

Davie said his decision to leave A&M had nothing to do with the NCAA's ruling last week which put the Aggies on five years probation for viola-

tions in a summer job program for athletes.

"Actually it had the opposite effect," he said. "I didn't want it to look like I was leaving because of that. I have some loyalty to Texas A&M, and I didn't want it to appear as if I didn't appreciate my time there."

The opportunity to work with Holtz was the most enticing aspect of the job for Davie, even though the Irish coach can be a difficult boss.

"Lou Holtz has a reputation of being a demanding coach. Anyone you talk to will tell you he demands a lot of his players and coaches," he said. "But I know exactly what I'm getting into. Both he and I want a great defense and most importantly to win."

Davie's defenses at A&M had a reputation for being gambling, stunting units. While with the Aggies he coached All-Americans William Thomas, Aaron Wallace, Jerry Robinson, Marcus Buckley and Quentin Coryatt.

"Sometimes people put too much emphasis on schemes," said Davie. "I can promise that people will see an aggressive defense that plays hard."

Davie will begin visiting high school recruits on Monday, and he feels that he has quite a product to sell in Notre Dame.

"Recruits can come to Notre Dame and into a new scheme and a new focus. Young players want a chance to play. I'm not coming in with any perceptions about the returning players."

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Money may have been the motive in Kerrigan attack

By JIM LITKE
Associated Press

No romance novel, no made-for-TV movie ever told a more salacious tale:

Hard hearts, hit men. The most glamorous of backdrops, the very highest levels of competition. A plot so bold, so raw, it staggers the imagination.

While the real story behind the attack on Olympic figure skater Nancy Kerrigan unfolds, think about this: No matter how many of the bizarre details reaching deep into the camp of rival Tonya Harding turn out to be true, the motive will almost certainly be a dreary and all-too-familiar one: Money.

With an Olympic gold medal worth as much as \$30 million, perhaps it was only a matter of time before the figures that skaters and their ever-larger retinues began focusing on were not simply those carved in ice.

The irony in the current alleged plot — assuming authorities can put all the pieces together — is that the people who may have thought they were guaranteeing Harding's success may have only guaranteed her failure.

"She isn't under the cloud yet, but if the scenario making the rounds is true, or even close, it's doubtful any advertiser would touch her," said Brian Dubin, a vice president with the William Morris talent agency who represents, among other clients, Olympic champion Peggy Fleming.

"Of course, there are some advertisers out there who are clever or bold enough to play

off the notoriety."

Asked to name one, Dubin does not hesitate.

"How about 'No Excuse' jeans?"

But this is not a laughing matter, especially to Dubin, whose livelihood depends on selling athletes to America.

"Of all the skaters I've known, I've never met one that I could truthfully say got into it for the rewards.

"All of them started at an age where they went into it because they loved it — the sport, the art, the thrill — or because they were too good at it to ignore it," he said.

But when asked whether that drive could change at some point in a flourishing career, whether that fierce eyes-on-the-prize visage flashed in competition could be a glimpse of something darker and more desperate, Dubin paused. He is careful not to be too specific.

"The skating world is rather small," he said, "and between the coaches and former Olympians that people come in contact with, they probably get a very good idea very early on what they could be worth. For the right person, there's not only commercial endorsements, there's licensing fees, infomercials, book publishing, TV specials, ice skating shows. I could go on.

"But how much that becomes their motivation, after a certain age, depends on the person and their character. It depends on their upbringing and family life.

"And," Dubin said, "it may depend more than anything else on what is driving the parents or whoever it is behind the skater themselves."

Hoops

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in December, the best since Muffet McGraw began as head coach of the Irish.

The team's success has been due to the consistent play of the five starters and the incredible bench support that they have received.

Freshman Beth Morgan has been a leader for Notre Dame all season.

The forward has been the Irish high scorer five times, including her 22-point performance against DePaul Tuesday night.

To secure a victory, however, the Irish will need to rely on the inside play of Letitia Bowen and Tootie Jones, who accounted for nearly half of the team's total rebounds Tuesday night.

They will have to deal with the play of LaSalle forward Mary Heller, a returning starter who ranked third last year in the Midwestern Collegiate Conference in rebounds and blocked shots.

The Explorers will be a team featuring five first year players, three from the same high school.

Led by Chrissie Donahue, Marnie McBreen, and Ann Gallagher, this crew has grown in experience over the first two months of this season and could prove to be the main factor if LaSalle hopes to win Saturday.

Five freshman, however, may not be the remedy for LaSalle when they face a red-hot, determined, and hungry Irish team tomorrow.

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Following the conclusion of the highly-touted but disappointing Orange Bowl, the voters in the Associated Press media poll had to select a national champion from among Notre Dame (which lost its regular season finale at home to Boston College, 41-39), Auburn (which was on probation for recruiting violations and ineligible to participate in any bowl), and Florida State (which lost head-to-head against Notre Dame, 31-24, and eked out a dubious two-point Orange Bowl victory over Nebraska, a 17 1/2-point underdog). How the individual members of the media voted:

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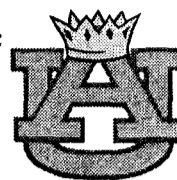


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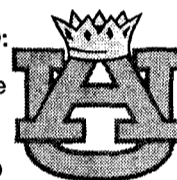
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Saint Mary's athletes hope to shake winter break blues

Hoops hoping for a better second half

By ANNE NAPIERKOWSKI
Sports Writer

While Christmas break may have taken its toll on the Saint Mary's basketball team, the Belles' have been practicing hard since their return and are hopeful for a victory against Beloit College tomorrow at 3 p.m. at Angela.

"Not being here has hurt the team," said forward, Lori Gaddis, "but we've been working hard in practice to get back in shape. We're in sync now."

The Belles' were off to a rocky start after the break when they lost to the University of Chicago Tuesday night. Despite shoot-

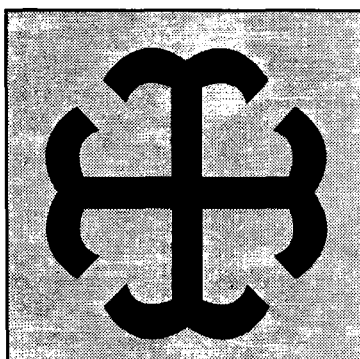
ing 48 percent, the Saint Mary's defense could not stop Chicago from a win.

In preparation for Beloit's tough front line, the Belles have been working on their defense.

"We've been working on the man to man coverage," said Gladdis. "With the experience from last game we are looking to get a win."

Although Saint Mary's basketball team has been dominated this season in size and experience, coach Marv Wood remains hopeful.

"Our team has played hard and extremely well recently," explained Wood. "We're going to be good."



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Belles' swimmers remain spirited despite injuries and rigorous training sessions

By MARY GOOD
Saint Mary's Sports Editor

After more than a week of rigorous training, the Saint Mary's swim team is feeling sore but solid, spirited and psyched for their first home meet of the season Saturday against Calvin College.

The Belles returned from semester break a week early and traveled to Indianapolis where they underwent intense training sessions to prepare themselves for the six remaining meets of their regular season.

"Break gives the swimmers a chance to get a couple of weeks of rest, but it also gets them out of swimming mode," Janson said. "Since swimming is not a gravity based sport, after being out of the water for a while, it takes a few days to get back into it."

Coming off of last week's training camp, the team is tired, sore, tight, and slightly injured, Janson commented. He is expecting it to take another week or week and a half

before the team is feeling great.

"Our injuries are not a complete setback," junior Tara Krull said. "We should all do a good job and it will be nice to swim in our own pool."

"After the winter train in Indy where we worked hard and pushed our limits, we are excited to see our times," senior captain Ellen Kramer said.

Despite these minor setbacks in technique, the team is getting back into form mentally and coming together as a team.

"We want to do well for the team as well as ourselves," Kramer commented.

"The team is excited about swimming in their own pool," Janson said. "I am confident we will swim well and swimming even better is not out of the question."

The Belles are hoping to improve their 1-1 dual meet record this weekend. A win for Saint Mary's would also continue a four year winning streak against Calvin.

Janson is looking to four team members who have looked especially good in practice to lead the team to victory. Expected to shine are breaststroker, Jen Mitchell, sprint free-styler, Kramer, butterfly specialist, Krull and backstroker, Katie Rose.

Kramer will also make her debut Saturday in the 200 meter breaststroke.

"This meet is the first step to the rest of our season," Janson said.

"We are sore because we have been swimming so much and so hard, but I think we'll swim through it," Kramer added.

"Saturday's results will give us a good picture of where we are in the season and what we need to do," Janson said.

Hockey

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up the level of play.

"We're ready to play old-fashioned hockey," Osiecki succinctly noted.

Although it won't be easy, Notre Dame needs to add a few points this weekend to climb back into the conference race.

Since it is a weekend and early in the semester, the team is expecting a large turnout of students for the 7 p.m. faceoffs.

"We need to turn our game around, so we may as well start against two great teams," said Ling.

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Hurley vows to return to court next season

By KATHLEEN GRUBB
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. Bobby Hurley, gaunt and weak but vowing to play basketball next season, Thursday returned to Arco Arena for the first time since his nearly fatal car crash a month ago.

"I think it will take maybe two or three months before I'll be able to shoot a basketball," he said. "After that, maybe four months before I actually start playing."

Hurley walked unassisted from the parking lot to the arena, stopping to autograph a basketball for a fan.

"He's a thinner, skinnier version, but he's up and around," said Kings interim general manager Jerry Reynolds. "That's tremendous and exciting to see this and to know in a six-month period we'll see Bobby Hurley playing basketball at some level."

Hurley, 22, was appearing at his first news conference since the Dec. 12 accident near the arena. He said he gets winded easily but has begun using a stationary bicycle to strengthen a torn ligament in his knee and is also exercising an injured shoulder.

One of his exercises is rolling a basketball across his bed. It's a different level of play for the NCAA's all-time career assist leader.

Hurley said he is learning to appreciate doing things that were once instinctive.

"I'm seeing progress everyday," he said. "I'm able to do more things like dress myself... take unassisted walks without people worrying about me falling down or not."

"Little things I guess everyone takes for granted. Tying your own shoes, I'm able to do that now."

Hurley said getting out of bed is difficult because of pain in his ribs and shoulder.

"Once I'm actually walking, there's not a lot of pain because my legs are getting a lot better."

He suffered a detached trachea, two collapsed lungs and numerous other injuries when another car struck his following a home game. Hurley was not wearing a seatbelt and was ejected from his car.

The other car was driven by Daniel Wieland, 37, a house painter.

"I really don't feel any anger toward the person driving the car," Hurley said. "It's really an unfortunate thing for both parties. I think things happen for a certain reason. I think I was meant to be there. You get certain tests in life that you have to overcome."

Hurley rode past the accident site Thursday, rejecting an offer to take another route to Arco Arena.

He said going past the scene sent a "bad feeling through my body," but added, "You just have to face everything... I still think the freeway right now is more dangerous."



The Observer/John Bingham
John MacLeod hopes to watch his team win again Saturday.

Key stretch begins against Duquesne

By JASON KELLY
Associate Sports Editor

It's a team without an identity, at least not a positive one.

"If we have a label, it's that we're mistake prone," Notre Dame men's basketball coach John MacLeod said after Wednesday's win over No. 25 Missouri. "That's not how we want to be known."

That's not a stamp that is easily removed, but the Irish took a major step in the right direction against Missouri.

As the midway point of the 1993-94 season approaches the Irish are a respectable 5-7 against what the NCAA Division I computer rankings list as the second toughest schedule in the nation.

A four-game stretch lies ahead that may be the easiest of the season.

And maybe the most important.

It begins Saturday at Duquesne, a team that defeated Notre Dame in a triple overtime affair a year ago.

The stretch continues on the road against St. Bonaventure Wednesday before the Irish return home next weekend to face Manhattan and Loyola.

Those are four games the Irish are very capable of winning. If they hope to reach their goal of an NCAA Tournament appearance, they are must wins.

"We realized that if we were going to make the NCAA Tournament, (Missouri) was a must win," sophomore guard Ryan

Hoover said.

What the Irish did in winning that game was make every game a must win. A loss and they could have thrown the season away.

The win changed the complexion.

"It has taken a while to get together as a team," MacLeod said. "We have been struggling, but they haven't given up and that's encouraging."

Wednesday's win was probably the best total team effort of the season. Production from the backcourt, including a 25-point performance from Hoover took much of the burden off of Williams, who finished with 19. With Boyer and freshman Admore White splitting time at point guard, and Hoover and sophomore Keith Kurowski filling in at shooting guard, the Irish offense clicked as well as it has all season.

"We had 23 turnovers and that's a heck of a lot better than 30 or 35," MacLeod said, referring to Notre Dame's recent turnover troubles.

If the Irish revert back to their old ways, Saturday's game may turn out to be as disappointing as last year's 80-76 loss to the Dukes.

But if the Irish continue to play as well as they played against Missouri, it could be the start of a very important swing for the Irish.

"The greatest thing about this is that everybody contributed, it was truly a team effort," Williams said after the Missouri game.

Fencers start tough slate at Northwestern

By JOE VILLINSKI
Sports Writer

After going undefeated in their first two warm-up meets last November, the Notre Dame men's and women's fencing teams swing back into action this weekend as the regular season opens at Northwestern.

When the No. 7 Irish travel to Evanston this Saturday they will be facing such teams as Cal State-Long Beach, UC-San Diego, and James Madison.

These teams only begin to compromise what looks to be the fencing team's toughest schedule in ten years. With teams such as the last two NCAA champions, Columbia and Penn State, and perennial powerhouses Princeton, Ohio State, and Wayne State on tap, the Irish will have its hands full this season.

But head coach Mike DeCicco feels confident heading into the Northwestern meet and says the team has moved toward a

goal for the 1994 campaign.

"Our first goal is to try to attain an undefeated season against this competition," said DeCicco. "We have had some very nice practices and everyone is ready to make their push towards the March run."

The run coach DeCicco speaks of includes fencing every weekend up until the NCAA championships in mid-March. During this run DeCicco looks for certain leadership from some of the fencers in order to attain the team goal of an undefeated season.

At men's foil juniors Stan Brunner and Conor Power can make a difference at the NCAA level. Freshman Bill Lester will provide leadership at sabre while seniors Greg Wozniak and Rian Girard will give DeCicco an idea of where the epee team is headed.

On the woman's side, DeCicco looks to sophomore Maria Panyi who could lift women's foil to a national level.

As for the two November meets, the Irish dominated their own Fall Fencing Festival by sweeping to a 5-0 victory in men's competition and women's foil and a 2-1 decision in women's epee in their first meet ever.

The team then traveled to Chicago for an invitational

which saw a new format and a victory by the A-team 25-24 over Northwestern as Bill Lester won at sabre on the last touch of the competition.

"Those early meets gave us a benchmark of where we are and where we need to go to have a successful year," added DeCicco.

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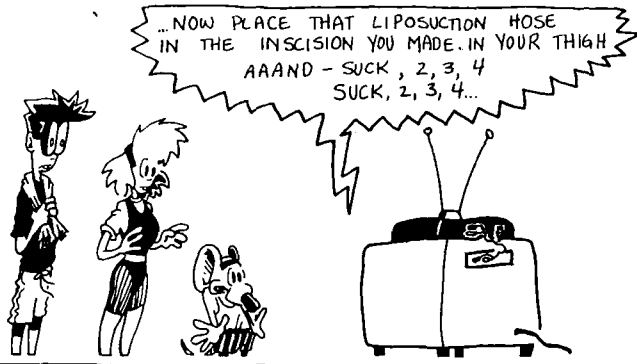
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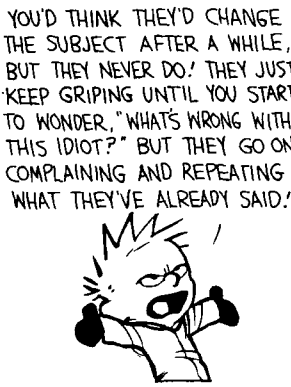
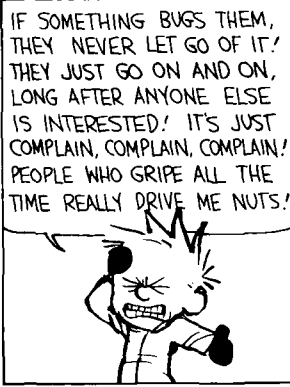


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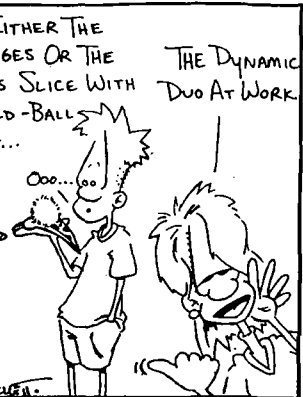
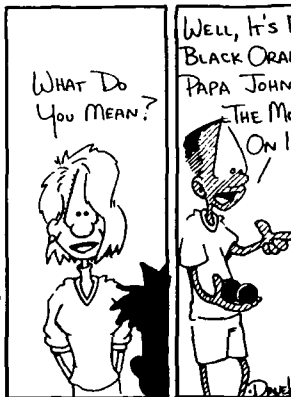
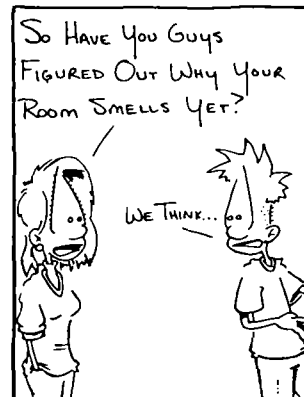


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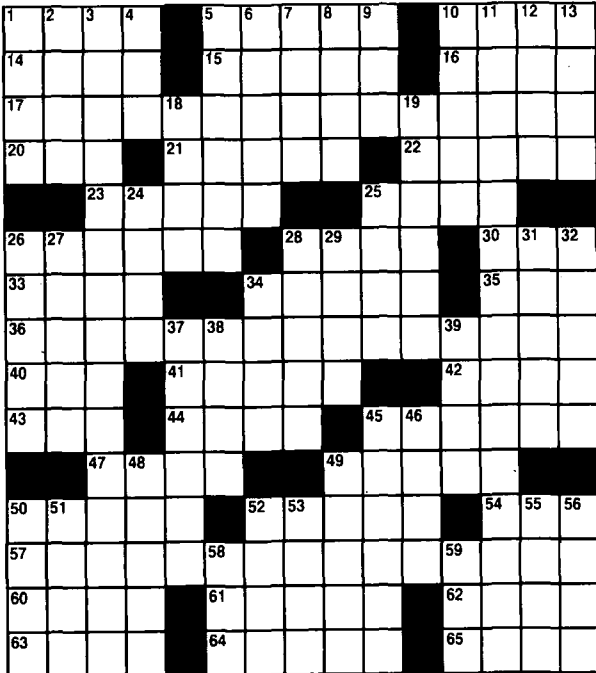
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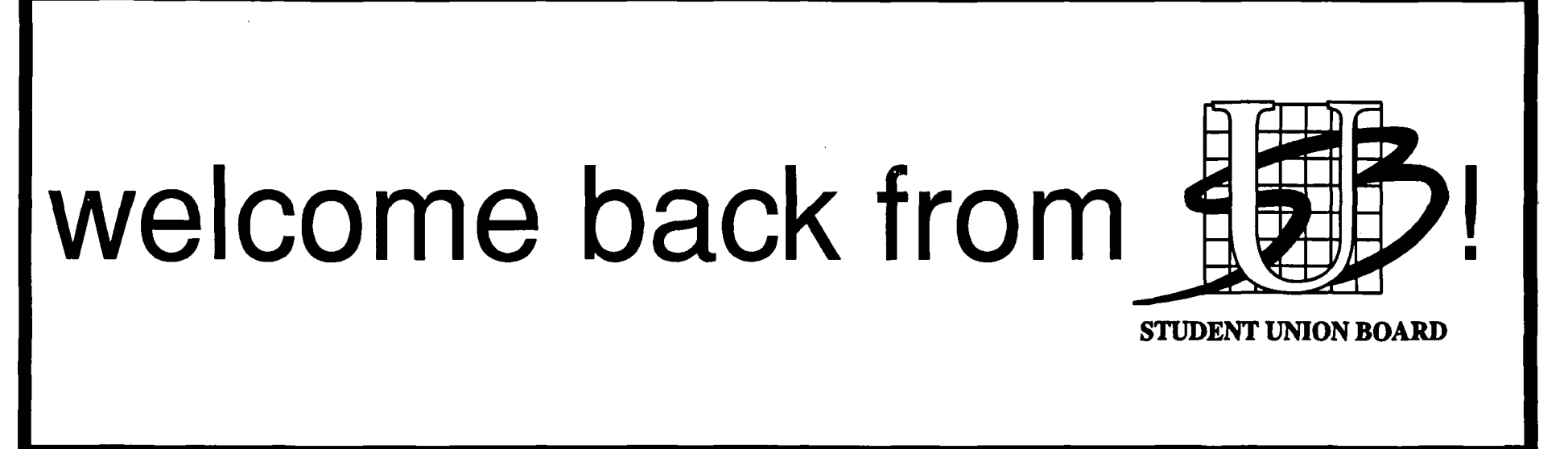




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Bob Davie will replace Rick Minter as the Irish's defensive coordinator.

Texas A&M's Davie accepts defensive coordinator post

By GEORGE DOHRMANN
Sports Editor

Two weeks after trying to stop Notre Dame in the Cotton Bowl, Texas A&M defensive coordinator Bob Davie was named the newest assistant coach for the Irish.

Davie replaces Rick Minter who left after two seasons to assume the head coaching spot at the University of Cincinnati.

"I've had opportunities to leave before and turned them down," said Davie, "but this is a once in a lifetime opportunity to coach at Notre Dame and for Lou Holtz."

Davie is the second addition to the Irish staff since the Cotton Bowl. Northeast Louisiana head coach Dave Roberts replaced offensive coordinator Skip Holtz

who took the head coaching job at Connecticut.

Holtz received permission from Texas A&M head coach R.C. Slocum to talk to Davie two days after the Cotton Bowl. Holtz called him at home on Monday and invited him to visit the campus.

After a meeting with the coaching staff and a tour of the campus Davie decided to join the Irish.

The 39 year-old Sewickley, Pa. native has been involved with a long series of top-flight defenses, including an A&M "Wrecking Crew" unit that led the nation in total defense in 1991 and ranked third in 1993.

He started there in 1985 as outside linebackers coach and moved up to defensive coordi-

nator four years later. He added the role of assistant head coach in 1993.

"I'm proud of what we accomplished with the 'Wrecking Crew' but it's time for me to see if I can accomplish something like that at another place," said Davie.

Davie previously spent two years as assistant head coach and defensive coordinator at Tulane in 1983 and 1984 and served as linebacker coach at Pittsburgh for three years beginning in 1980. He coached linebackers at Arizona in 1978 and 1979.

Davie's decision to come to Notre Dame was aided by his relationship with current staff members Joe Moore (offensive

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Women's MCC season kicks off against LaSalle

By MIKE NORBUT
Sports Writer

Forget about the Notre Dame women's basketball team's 77-63 thumping of DePaul Tuesday night, or their 9-4 record thus far.

The real season, in the form of the Midwestern Collegiate Conference, begins Saturday for the Irish when they travel to LaSalle.

Notre Dame finished with a respectable 11-5 conference record last year, but lost to Dayton in the first round of the post-season tournament.

Despite the fine basketball that the Irish have been playing, the team is focused and determined not to suffer the same fate as last year's squad.

"We all think that there should be no reason for us not to dominate the MCCs this year," said freshman guard Jeannine Augustin, who has stepped in to make an immediate impact this year for the Irish.

This goal may not be that easy to achieve, as past Notre Dame teams have discovered. The Explorers, who finished with a 16-11 record in 1993, handed Notre Dame a 69-63 loss in last year's conference opener, a game that the upperclassmen have not forgotten and the freshmen are well aware of.

"When you lose to a team you always have that in mind," continued Augustin. "It will give us a little incentive."

The Irish posted a 6-2 record in December, the best since Muffet McGraw began as head coach of the Irish.

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Wicked weekend awaits slumping hockey team

By TIM SHERMAN
Sports Writer

It does not get any easier. After dropping their sixth consecutive game Tuesday to Ferris St., the Notre Dame hockey team must find a way to regroup as they face two of the nation's top 20 teams this weekend at the Joyce ACC.

The 20th-ranked Falcons of Bowling Green visit on Friday night, while the consensus No. 1 Michigan Wolverines invade the JACC ice on Saturday night. The surprising Falcons were only projected as the CCHA's seventh best team before the season started but they have played well enough for a current third place standing.

Senior Jeff Wells, the CCHA scoring leader among defensemen, leads a solid corps of blueliners who have allowed less than three goals a game in conference play.

Much of this can also be partly attributed to the play of freshman goaltender Bob Petrie. He boasts an impressive .906 save percentage and has been beat for an average of just 2.27 goals per game.

Junior Brian Holzinger is the man to watch. The center leads BG with 11 goals.

As if facing a top 20 team was not enough for one weekend, the Irish face off against Michigan the next night. Thus far this season, the Wolverines have been nothing short of spectacular on their way to a 20-1-1 record. They lead the CCHA in nearly every statistical category, including scoring, goals against, power play efficiency and penalty killing.

Not only do they score a lot, they receive goals from a number of different skaters. Michigan is home to four of the top five scoring leaders in the



The Observer/Brian McDonough

Irish goalie Brent Lothrop hopes to fare better this weekend than he did on this play.

CCHA.

Right winger Mike Knumble, the league's leading goal scorer with 18, benefits from the playmaking of center Brian Wiseman, who leads the league in assists.

In addition, top overall scorer David Oliver, last week's player of the week, and freshman sensation Brendan Morrison will keep Irish defenders busy throughout.

Defensively, the Wolverines appear to be just as strong. Senior netminder Mike Shields, who owns 15 victories, plays in front of a defense that has allowed a mere 2.5 goals a game.

Although the Irish have dropped both games against the Wolverines this season, they did enjoy some success the last

time out against the Big Blue.

Notre Dame took a 3-2 lead in the first period and were trailing by just one goal after the second intermission. In addition, the Irish should be emotionally up to face Michigan.

"They are a great team and the only way to beat them is to play sixty minutes of solid hockey," said leading Irish scorer Jamie Ling. "We have had a good week of practice and will be up for a team like them."

Before the Irish face the Wolverines, they have the opportunity turn it around against Bowling Green. Although they have not beaten the Falcons since 1983, Notre Dame has the talent to win.

"We've shown we can play with the best. Now that we're

back here (JACC), we're ready to get back on track," said Ling. Ling is due to break out of his four-game scoreless streak.

The Irish also have the advantage of more balanced scoring. In the past two games, eight different skaters tallied for Notre Dame.

While the offense has been good enough to win many of the past six games, the play of the defense and goalie have been problems. Against the Falcons, the Matt Osiecki-led defense will be facing new skaters, as this is the first meeting between the two this season. The Irish should know what to expect Saturday, having faced Michigan twice.

It will be a matter of stepping

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