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Billy Joel to go to an extreme in upcoming show

By DAVE TYLER
News Editor

The Piano Man will put Notre Dame in the mood for a melody for the first time in over a decade on Jan. 30. He will also take questions from the audience.

Billy Joel (yes, the one who was married to Christie Brinkley) will appear at Stepan Center at 7 p.m. in an unique solo performance set in a surprisingly intimate setting for a rock superstar.

The event is not a concert in the traditional sense of the word. Joel will take the stage in order to field student questions and play a variety of songs, although not necessarily all of his composing. Joel has moved recently from playing large outdoor stadium show to smaller more interactive appearances. In recent years he has played such shows at Princeton, Harvard and Long Island University at South Hampton.

"Things are going to be extremely laid back," said the Student Union Board's Julie Wallman who is helping to coordinate Joel's appearance. "I think it will be almost like sitting around your living room with Billy Joel."

Joel will have a guitar, piano and synthesizer at his disposal and will play whatever stirs him, said Wallman. If his recent shows are any guide, audience members are just as likely to hear Beethoven's "Ode To Joy" as they are Joel classics like "Goodnight Saigon."

"We don't really have a set format yet, but from what I've heard he really likes to wing it," said Wallman.

Joel's very appearance at Notre Dame came together in a rather hasty manner, Wallman said. Joel's agent sprang the idea on Notre Dame student organizers just before final exams last semester.

The pervasive campus rumor that Joel had been banned from Notre Dame by school officials for



Billy Joel

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The Observer/ Mike Ruma

Sorin Hall junior Jason Pope waits for the results after blowing into one of the South Bend Police Department's new portable Breathalyzer units. The department has 57 of these in use in order to test for possible intoxication.

Every breath you take

South Bend Police to implement use of new Breathalyzers

By LIZ FORAN
Associate News Editor

In an effort to continue effective enforcement of drunk driving laws in the South Bend area, the South

Bend Police Department has purchased 30 new portable breathalyzers for their police cars, according to Mitch Kajzer, a corporal in the South Bend Police traffic division.

"We now have 57 of them on the street," Kajzer said. "Almost every car is equipped with one now."

The portable unit, called Alco-

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The Alco-sensor III Portable Breathalyzer



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Exhibits display 'domestic' art

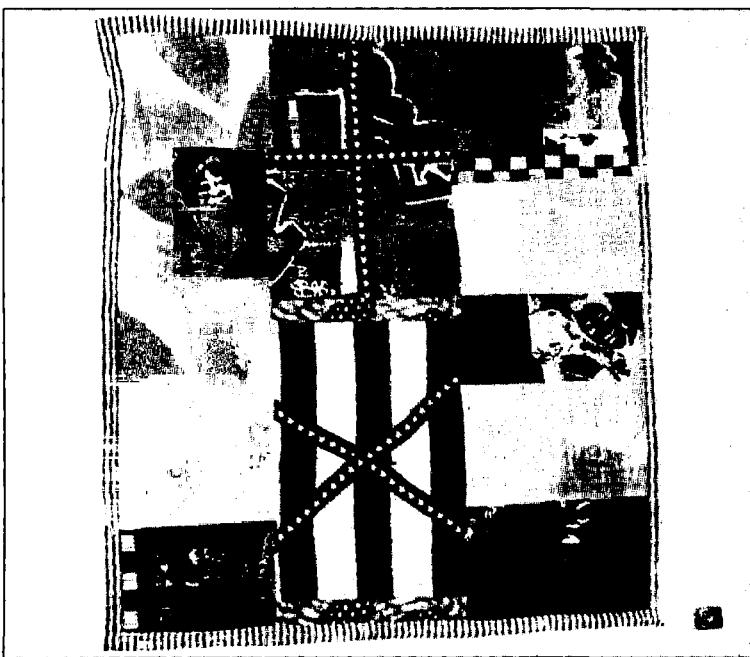
By PATTI CARSON
Saint Mary's Editor

If a picture is worth a thousand words, then just take a listen this evening. Two artistic photography exhibits will open tonight at the Moreau Galleries on the Saint Mary's campus.

The Hammes Gallery of Moreau will feature Lorie Novak's "Out of Darkness." And "Notions and Nostalgia: Photographs on Fabric," Amalia Amaki's and Suzanne Williamson's exhibit, will also be featured in the Little Theatre Gallery of Moreau. Opening receptions for both exhibits start tonight at 7 p.m. and run until 9 p.m.

Novak is a nationally-recognized artist who is currently teaching as an assistant professor of photography at New York University. Her ethereal color photographs of family album-type portraits are projected large scale onto night scenes of landscapes which are intended to evoke memories, dreams, and emotions.

K. Johnson Bowles, director of Moreau Galleries, says that a trend in "domestic" art is noticeable lately. "I think that artists are using domestic forms for symbolic purposes,"



Bowles said. "They are finding familiar forms and trying to evoke feelings about life in general," she added.

Novak, a graduate of the Art Institute of Chicago, has received numerous awards and grants including the National Endowment for the Arts Individual Artist's Fellowship in Photography in 1990. Unfortunately, the artist will not be present at the opening tonight due to obligations in relation to

the 1996 Olympic games, according to Bowles.

The other exhibit featured at the opening is that of Amaki and Williamson. It is dualistic in nature as these artists collaborated to complete the exhibit. Amaki constructs patchwork quilt-like pieces from photographs of people transferred onto fabric as well as domestic symbols to comment

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Orange Bowl proceeds to fund scholarships

By KELLY BROOKS
News Writer

Notre Dame is projected to receive close to \$8 million for its Orange Bowl appearance. Many may wonder where the money goes. Some may assume it goes back to the athletic department, but it goes directly to help the students.

Notre Dame has decided to use \$5 million of the proceeds from the Orange Bowl to make more scholarships, available to students starting in the fall of 1996. This is a change from the University's past policy which relied on a financial endowment to fund undergraduate scholarships.

"In recent years bowl money has gone to supporting the endowment for undergraduates," said Joe Russo, director of financial aid. "Bowl proceeds will still support undergraduate scholarships but rather than putting all the money in the endowment it [the new policy] provides more money to students sooner."

An endowment is a permanent source of income for scholarships, but the revenue stream takes a long time to flow at the level that would help all students. By withholding some of the Orange bowl earnings, more money is made available to students as soon as possible.

The University will continue to improve the endowment.

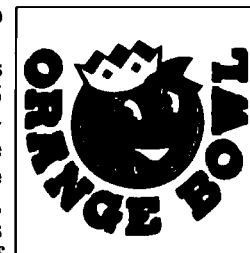
"An endowment is a long term goal but until we get there we will spend the revenue stream. It puts us in a position to help more

students," Russo said.

The University is committed to making available another \$5 million in yearly scholarships for the next four years. The money will come from sources such as bowl proceeds, licensing income, and the NBC contract, which have already increased the financial aid endowment by more than \$30 million just in the past three years.

"The money is great news for

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INSIDE COLUMN

A Needed Return to the Center

The budget battle in Washington has claimed another victim. On Tuesday William Cohen announced that he would not seek reelection. The senator from Maine marks the thirteenth to make the same decision. This breaks an old record of twelve set back in 1896.



Michael O'Hara
Viewpoint Editor

In these days of disenchantment with politics and their players the loss of Cohen perhaps would seem no big deal, and admittedly perhaps Cohen's decision will not cause a major ripple in the Senate pool. But Cohen's decision could perhaps portend a more serious situation in politics.

The loss of this fairly obscure senator from Maine, whom most have probably never heard of, will mark a milestone in Senate history. More senators have called it quits now than at any other time in American history. But why the mass exodus? Why would so many want to leave a job that arguably has some of the best fringe benefits than any other? The answer to this looms large and could point to a disturbing trend affecting politics nationwide.

First lets look at the recent record of the Senate. The recent government shutdowns and budget debacle have brought considerable negative press to Washington, and particularly Congress. While the Whitewater investigation appears more problematic for Clinton than Congress, several actions taken by the Senate have been labeled as nit-picking, petty politicking producing no serious or important developments. All this bad publicity surrounding Congress for apparent "politics-as-usual" business has disenchanted many freshmen senators.

Second is the disturbing trend to which the quitting of the thirteen senators points. Cohen was a moderate. Many of the others who have decided against reelection were also in the moderate camp. It appears that politics is taking a turn to the extreme much to the detriment of the country and the public at large.

With the increasing move toward the extreme the middle suffers. A dearth of moderates will provide no area for compromise. Politicians pursuing ultra-conservative agendas will butt heads with "bleeding heart" liberals with nothing productive occurring. Constant bickering will cause nothing but a mess. With the moderates leaving in record numbers the Senate is definitely heading in this direction unless some action can be taken to prevent this outcome.

But what can be done to reverse this trend and return to the center? Is the center where we need or want to be?

To answer these questions in reverse order I will first say yes, the center is where we need to be. Only through compromise, collaboration and mutual understanding can anything be done in politics on any productive scale in this country. Only through maintaining the middle will policies get passed that the majority of the country can live with.

But the answer to the first question is a bit more difficult. The answer is not simple but one thing is certain; we must convince the moderates to stay in office. Some politicians are worth keeping.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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WORLD AT A GLANCE

National Hockey League's super puck lights up TV screens

BOSTON
The big problem with watching hockey on TV — trying to see that little puck — is about to be solved by James Bond-style technology: a computer chip embedded in the disc to help it stand out on the screen like a neon light.

The National Hockey League and the Fox network unveiled the high-tech puck Thursday.

"There are a whole lot of people that haven't been brought into the hockey experience. This is an opportunity to entice new fans into the television set," said NHL vice president Steve Solomon.

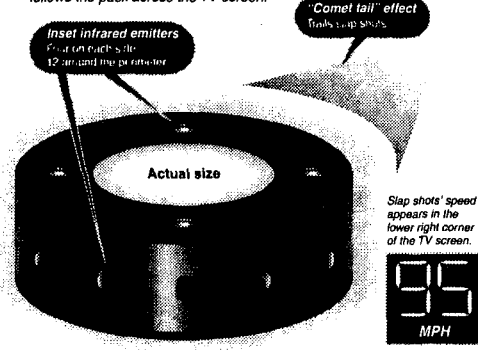
FoxTrax, as the puck-tracking system is known, will make its debut in Saturday's All-Star Game at Boston's FleetCenter.

On the ice, the new puck is indistinguishable from a regular one — the same size and within one one-hundredth of a gram of an official 6-ounce puck. Held in your hand, the only clue is the 12 dots around the edges and four on each side — infrared emitters.

On television, the SuperPuck appears with a fidgety, animated halo that follows it around like a little brother.

Now you see it

Fox Sports' SuperPuck is an electronically modified puck equipped with infrared emitters that make the puck easier to follow for television viewers. Special cameras create a "halo" effect that follows the puck across the TV screen.



Source: NHL, Fox Sports

When a player lets loose with a slapshot, the puck is trailed by an electronic comet tail that streaks red across the screen.

Fox can give it any shape or color with the click of a mouse.

"With computer graphics, it can look like anything from Roger Rabbit to Gumby," Fox vice president Jerry Gepner said.

And so, while video games are looking more and more like the real thing, the NHL and Fox have turned hockey into something out of Sega.

It's unclear how hockey purists will react.

"We're obviously very concerned about our core fans. We don't want to do anything that turns off this

audience," Solomon said. "I think there are many hard-core fans of the game that do not need the puck enhancement."

At the very least, SuperPuck backers want to make sure it doesn't interfere with the game. To that end, the pucks were tested, autopsied and fired out of a cannon at more than 110 mph to make sure they will hold up.

It seems Michael no longer thrills Lisa

LOS ANGELES
They said it wouldn't last, and they were right: Lisa Marie Presley has filed for divorce from Michael Jackson. Presley cited irreconcilable differences, her publicist, Paul Bloch, said today. The action was filed in Los Angeles, he said; court personnel could not immediately confirm that. Said Jackson's publicist, Lee Solters: "I know nothing about it."



The pop superstar and the only child of the late Elvis Presley were married in the Dominican Republic on May 26, 1994. It was the second marriage for Ms. Presley, 27, and the first for the 37-year-old Jackson. Last year, the couple gave a much-hyped primetime joint interview to ABC's Diane Sawyer, in which they claimed to be deeply in love and trying to have a child. Presley and Jackson were married in a secret ceremony in Santa Domingo, Dominican Republic. News reports from the judge who performed the ceremony were initially met with skepticism but later confirmed by the couple.

Angry driver throws a fatal punch

SAN FRANCISCO
A bicyclist accidentally sideswipes a car, tearing off the sideview mirror. An argument breaks out. With one punch, the car's driver knocks down the cyclist, who cracks his head on the sidewalk and dies. Murder? Manslaughter? Self-defense? The answer from prosecutors in the case of Louis Waldron, a 22-year-old black college student with a spotless record, was first-degree murder in the death of Patrick Hourican, a 33-year-old Irish-American plasterer. The decision to pursue the most serious charge possible has stirred allegations of racism and political pandering. "My client found himself pinned between national outrage over the Simpson verdict, a hotly contested mayor's race, and the first contested district attorney's race in 16 years," said Waldron's attorney, John Runfola. "This should have been no more than manslaughter." Hourican died Aug. 23, and the case was publicized when San Francisco's powerful Irish-American community demanded harsh justice. Then-Mayor Frank Jordan, of Irish descent and campaigning against black challenger Willie Brown, pleaded for witnesses against Waldron to step forward.

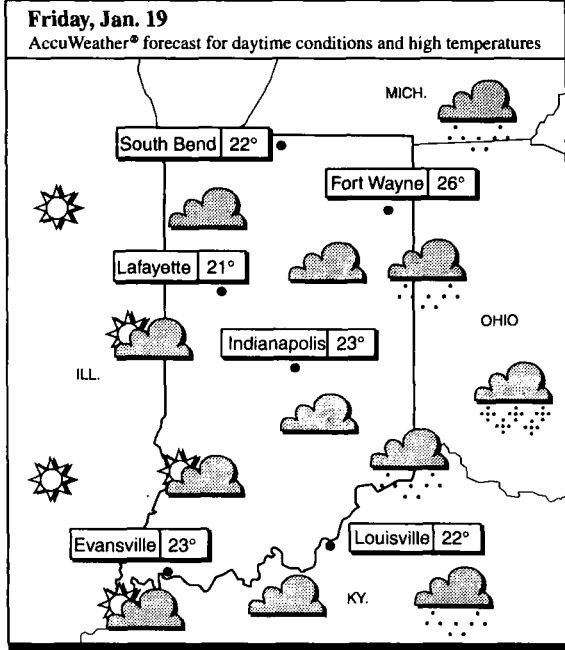
Judge overturns memory conviction

REDWOOD CITY, Calif.
The nation's first conviction based on repressed-memory testimony — a daughter's sudden recollection of seeing her father kill her playmate 20 years earlier — will be retried, prosecutors said Thursday. George Franklin's conviction and life sentence were overturned last year by a federal judge who said the trial judge made two major errors: allowing jurors to find a confession in Franklin's silent response to a jailhouse accusation, and barring defense evidence of news reports she might have read. Franklin, 56, a retired firefighter, was convicted of the September 1969 murder of 8-year-old Susan Nason in a trial that became the focus of a debate on repressed or recovered memory, the belief that a traumatic event can be stored in the unconscious mind for many years and then recalled. The chief prosecution witness was his daughter, Eileen Franklin-Lipsker, who said she was looking at her own young daughter in early 1989 and abruptly remembered seeing her father standing over Susan with a rock.

United Nations to exhume graves

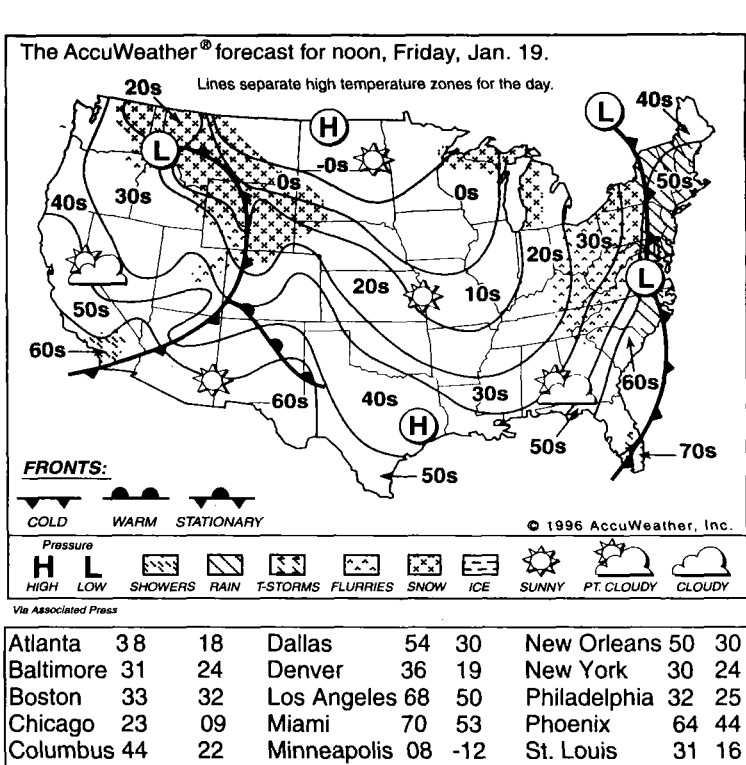
ARUSHA, Tanzania
A court set up by the United Nations to try people accused in Rwanda's 1994 genocide plans to start exhuming mass graves of some victims next month. The International Tribunal for Rwanda has a list of 400 suspects, but has only indicted eight people, none of whom have been tried yet. The court's chief prosecutor, Richard Goldstone, said today the exhumations are related to those cases. He said he expects more indictments March 10. The Tanzania-based tribunal is focusing on people who ordered, organized or led the massacres. Thousands of other suspected participants will be tried in Rwanda, where many are already jailed. The killings began in April 1994 after Rwanda's president died when his plane was shot down while landing in Kigali, Rwanda's capital. The death of President Juvenal Habyarimana, a moderate Hutu, allowed Hutu extremists to unleash a campaign of genocide against minority Tutsis. During the next three months, more than 500,000 people were killed. The slaughter ended when a Tutsi-led rebel army chased the Hutu-dominated government and military to exile. Goldstone did not say where the mass graves are.

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NATIONAL WEATHER



O'Connell earns award for Catholic literature

Special to The Observer

Father Marvyn O'Connell, professor emeritus of history, received the American Catholic Historical Association's John Gilmary Shea Prize during the association's 76th annual meeting in Atlanta on January 6.

The Shea prize is given annually to an American or Canadian author for a distinguished work of Catholic historical scholarship. O'Connell's recent book, "Critics on Trial: An Introduction to the Catholic Modernist Crisis," was selected by a committee of church historians from a field of 26 books on Catholic history.

The citation praises O'Connell for his presentation of a complicated Catholic controversy which "in its intricacy winds through late 19th and early 20th century secular and ecclesial culture" and for his success in offering a "cohesive narra-

tive despite the fact that the modernist movement was never as neatly circumscribed as past church crises."

"Critics on Trial" was published by Catholic University of America Press.

A native of St. Paul, Minn., O'Connell studied philosophy and history at Saint Paul Seminary and was ordained a priest for the archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis before receiving a doctoral degree from Notre Dame in 1959.

He taught history at the University of Saint Thomas from 1958 until 1972, when he joined the Notre Dame faculty.

At Notre Dame he served as chairman of the history department from 1974-80, and from 1993-95 he directed the University's undergraduate program in London.

He is at work on a biography of Notre Dame's founder, Fr. Edward Sorin.



In the course of things

A student picks up his course packet at the newly relocated Copy Shop in the Corby Room of the LaFortune Student Center. Copying is still a service offered at the original Copy Shop in the basement.

The Observer/ Brandon Candura

Essay of ND magazine editor wins recognition

Special to the Observer

An article by Kerry Temple, editor of Notre Dame Magazine, has been selected as one of the outstanding essays of 1995.

"Last Call of the Wild" — in which Temple tells of his trek into the wilderness of New Mexico to pay homage to the late naturalist Aldo Leopold — was cited as one of the "notable essays of 1995" in the 10th edi-

tion of "The Best American Essays," published by Houghton Mifflin Company. Notre Dame Magazine is the only university periodical represented among the selections, which includes articles from Atlantic Monthly, Esquire and Smithsonian.

A 1974 Notre Dame graduate, Temple was appointed editor of the magazine in July. He joined the staff as an associate editor in 1981 and was managing editor from 1985-95.

Judge slaps wrist in abuse case

By ED WHITE
Associated Press

STANTON, Mich.

Phone messages — most of them positive — piled up for a judge who literally slapped a man on the wrist for spousal abuse, a court administrator said Thursday.

At a trial earlier this month, District Court Judge Joel Gehrke suspended all fines and a maximum 90-day jail sentence against Stewart Marshall, then slapped Marshall's wrist with three fingers, saying,

"Don't do that."

Marshall, 38, was convicted Jan. 4 of misdemeanor abuse for shoving his wife, Crystal, against the wall Oct. 31. Marshall acknowledged grabbing his wife by the shirt and pushing her against the wall. She fell to the floor.

"Any man in this county who deals violently with a woman should not expect a slap on the wrist. That is not what happened here," Gehrke said Thursday. "The whole thing was staged. ... Sometimes women lie. Sometimes women

manipulate."

Gehrke played a tape of the trial at a news conference in his courtroom, 50 miles northeast of Grand Rapids, and also was interviewed on Rush Limbaugh's syndicated radio talk show.

The altercation between the Marshalls stemmed from an affair that Mrs. Marshall had with her husband's brother that resulted in a pregnancy. Eventually, the couple reconciled, and Marshall said they agreed they would put the baby up for adoption.

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Breath

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sensor III, is used as a method to determine the blood alcohol level in a motorist suspected of driving under the influence. This model has a three digit readout instead of the traditional two digit, Kajzer said.

Notre Dame Security also uses the Alco-sensor, according to Assistant Director of Notre Dame Security Chuck Hurley. At least two of the units on campus are equipped with the portable breathalyzers, and the Security Building contains a stationary breathalyzer machine which officers must be certified to operate and from which results are admissible in court.

When a driver is suspected of driving under the influence, an officer has probable cause to stop the car and administer tests to determine whether or not the individual is sober. Once the car has been stopped, Kajzer said that additional probable cause can include smell of alcohol on the driver and bloodshot eyes.

Once the officer has probable cause to believe that a motorist may be intoxicated, he may

then administer field sobriety tests. These tests may include having the individual walk in a straight line, stand on one leg or tip his head back and touch his nose.

If the officer still suspects that the driver is intoxicated, he may then administer the portable Alco-sensor test. The results of this test are not admissible in court, "but they are very accurate when compared with the breathalyzer in the station."

The readings on blood alcohol level cannot be used as evidence because the units are portable and calibrated only twice a year, so their accuracy levels are not as high as the stationary units, which are highly accurate and able to be used as evidence in a courtroom.

Only officers certified by the Indiana University School of Toxicology may operate the stationary breathalyzers in the State of Indiana.

If a suspected motorist does register on the portable unit, he is then handcuffed and transported to the police station or the Security Building to be tested again, the officers said. If the reading on the stationary breathalyzer is .10 or higher, the individual may be placed

under arrest, according to Kajzer.

However, he added, if the individual shows impairment, even if he is not above .10, he may still be arrested for operating while intoxicated. A driver cannot be forced to take a breath test, Kajzer said, but refusal to do so will result in an immediate arrest for driving while intoxicated.

South Bend police run patrols aimed specifically at drunk drivers, usually around holidays and on weekends, according to Kajzer. The patrols consist of around eight extra patrol cars whose only purpose is to look for drivers suspected of driving under the influence.

Notre Dame Security has no such patrols, but Hurley said that officers are always on the lookout for drunk drivers on Notre Dame property and especially in the area surrounding campus.

"By no means do we target students for drunk driving arrests," Hurley emphasized. "Very few students have ever been arrested for drunk driving by Notre Dame Security."

Hurley attributed this to the students' heightened awareness due to recent tragedies suffered around campus due to the involvement of alcohol.

Joel

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once performing his late 1970's hit "Only the Good Die Young" at a Joyce Center appearance is just that—a rumor, said Wallman. That song contains the oft-quoted line "Come out Virginia, don't make me wait—You Catholic girls start much too late."

Joel's Notre Dame show is being sponsored by Student Government, The Student Union Board and Student Activities. Wallman said a limited number of tickets for the performance would still be available Friday. The cost is

Money

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our office because it means we will be able to help more students," commented Russo. "We need more scholarship money. We want more money to make a Notre Dame education more feasible."

By using the money next academic year, the University is accelerating its goal to have more scholarships available for students admitted to Notre Dame. "Right now students get admitted but can't come because of financial reasons," explains Russo. "That shouldn't happen. The University loses

something."

"The money will help more students, and therefore we're confident that the quality and diversity of the student body will be enhanced. We want to make possible a Notre Dame education to any student admitted."

Notre Dame estimates that the policy change will effect 425 undergraduates over the four year period. "I call it a quantum leap forward," states Russo. "Over 400 additional students will ultimately benefit from this commitment." All scholarships awarded during this period will be honored for the duration of the student's career.

Art

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on the individuality and normalcy of African Americans.

"The quilted image provides a more direct way of addressing the notion of building from diverse remnants, constructing and reconstructing statements based upon my own interpretations and understanding," Amaki said. Currently a lecturer in art history at Spelman College in Atlanta, Amaki was awarded the Southern Arts Federation/National Endowment for the Arts Regional Photography Fellowship in 1995.

The other portion of the "Nostalgia" exhibit features Williamson, who transfers images of farm animals onto recycled domestic fabrics such as sheets, pillow cases, handkerchiefs, and curtains.

"Many so-called proper words for female farm animals are used in the pejorative to describe women," Williamson said. "My work addresses (these) issues of our cultural relationship to farm animals, and the connection between the domestic lives of animals and women," she added.

Williamson's work has also been exhibited across the coun-

try and is part of permanent collections in places such as the Bibliotheque Nationale in Paris. Gallery director Bowles described the way in which the work of these artists is brought to Saint Mary's. "Artists from across the country send proposals, slides, resumes, and reviews from various publications to us here at Saint Mary's," Bowles said. "Faculty and members of the community and beyond review the artistic materials and rate them. I tally up the votes and then invite those artists rated highest who fit into Moreau's schedule."

According to Bowles, the artists are normally present during opening night of their respective exhibits. This time, however, the artists will not be present. Both exhibits will run through Feb. 9.

The next exhibit featured at the galleries will be that of Crit Streed. Streed's "Nature and Relationship: Paintings and Drawings" will be on display in the Little Theatre of the Moreau Galleries. Streed will be present on opening night, according to Bowles.

The galleries are open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to noon; and Sunday, 1 to 3 p.m. The exhibits are free and open to the public.

Collision kills jet pilot

Associated Press

FALLON, Nev. Two Navy fighter jets collided over the northern Nevada desert, killing one pilot. The other pilot bailed out and survived with minor injuries, the Navy said today.

The FA-18 Hornet jets col-

lided Wednesday evening during a training mission, Navy said. Lt. Kevin Duggan was found alive a few hours after the crash, Petty Officer Michael Frazer said.

The body of Lt. Comdr. William Braker was found by searchers shortly before midnight, Frazer said.



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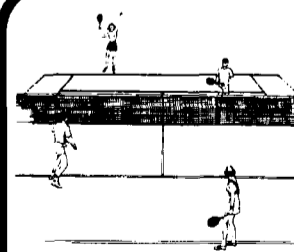
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Public colleges see tuitions fall

By JON MARCUS
Associated Press

BOSTON Knowledge may be getting cheaper. After increasing at more than double the rate of inflation for a decade, tuition at some universities and colleges is coming down.

Massachusetts public colleges cut tuition 5 percent to 10 percent on Wednesday, one day after North Country Community College, part of the State University of New York, lowered part-time tuition 12 percent.

Last week, North Carolina Wesleyan College said it would cut tuition 23 percent. And in November, Muskingum College in Ohio decided to reduce the

cost of an education 29 percent. The schools say they have dropped their prices in response to public anger over escalating costs, and to attract more students. Muskingum already is seeing what it described as a significant increase in applications.

"Education is becoming regarded more and more as a commodity," said the college's president, Samuel W. Speck Jr. "Colleges and universities have been increasing tuition and fees faster than inflation and family income, and each time you do that you're pricing more people out of the market."

For years, colleges have blamed tuition increases on the cost of giving scholarships to

students who cannot afford an education.

But whenever tuition went up, more students found themselves in need, and the additional revenue would go toward financial aid.

Colleges were like dogs chasing their tails.

Tuition has climbed at double the rate of inflation for 10 years — including last fall, when prices rose an average of 6 percent. Tuition and fees — not including room and board — now average \$2,860 at four-year public universities and \$12,432 at four-year private colleges and universities, according to the College Board.

Other schools are now planning their tuition for the fall.

Clinton prepares to deliver State of Union

Address will focus in part on budget battle

By TERENCE HUNT
Associated Press

WASHINGTON Deadlocked with Republicans over a balanced budget, President Clinton will confront a hostile Congress when he delivers his State of the Union address Tuesday. His election-year message: All sides must face up to America's real problems of crime, education and the economy.

The speech will open Clinton's 1996 campaign and preview the themes he will throw against his Republican rival.

The budget battle will loom over Clinton's address, which comes just three days before the expiration of a temporary measure keeping much of the government open. However, presidential spokesman Mike McCurry said the budget won't be Clinton's primary focus.

"In a sense, he will make the budget fight seem puny by talking about the things that have a much more direct impact on the lives of Americans," McCurry said.

Everyone agrees it would be an exercise in futility for Clinton to ask the Republican Congress to approve a lengthy list of initiatives.

Still, he is expected to offer ideas dealing with the economy, education, crime and the environment.

He also is expected to renew his call for a campaign against teen pregnancy — a crusade he promised in last year's address, only to let fade away with his failed nomination of Dr. Henry

Foster as surgeon general.

Last year, soon after taking control of Congress, the Republicans booed Clinton's speech. The mood is sure to be worse this year after a year of hot tempers, angry battles and veto struggles.

One thing seems certain: Clinton's address won't be as long as last year's 81-minute marathon.

Republicans happily ridiculed it as too long, and the White House doesn't want to give them another easy shot.

On the budget, the president will argue that Congress and the White House should put aside their disputes and lock in a deal with what the administration claims are \$740 billion in agreed-upon savings.

"It is wrong for us to defer this because of disagreements that are not necessary to resolve in order to have a balanced budget or a modest tax cut," Clinton said Thursday, a day after Republicans called off budget talks with the White House.

Republicans portray Clinton as the barrier to a budget deal and hope to make that the focus of the November election. "We'll take it to the voters rather than make a bad budget deal," said Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, the front-runner for the GOP presidential nomination.

Clinton solicited speech ideas from political scientists at White House dinners. Other suggestions were invited from a cross section of Americans — from radio humorist Garrison Keillor to Boston University president John Silber — and their ideas were compiled in a green book for Clinton.

"The principal theme is, 'Look, setting aside all this bickering, we've got some big challenges facing us as America goes into the 21st century,'" McCurry said.

Clinton's focus away from the titanic budget struggle is, of course, dictated by political reality.



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States take part in crack down

By LAURAN NEERGAARD
Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The government is giving states seven months to figure out how to catch stores that sell cigarettes to teen-agers, beginning a national crack-down on illegal tobacco sales.

Congress in 1992 passed a law forbidding any store from selling tobacco to anyone under 18. The so-called Synar amendment, named for the late Oklahoma Rep. Mike Synar, requires states to enforce the sales ban.

But the Department of Health and Human Services never told states how to do the job — and studies have estimated that teen-agers buy hundreds of millions of packs of cigarettes a year.

On Friday, HHS will publish regulations in the Federal Register spelling out how states must catch stores that break the law and punish them until they comply with enforcing the ban.

Enforcing the ban will help "stop illegal tobacco sales and discourage thousands of young people from striking the first match of a lifelong, life-threatening addiction," President

Clinton wrote Synar's family in informing them of the new rules.

Synar died of brain cancer Jan. 9.

The Tobacco Institute called the regulations a "reasonable" way to fight teen smoking, something the industry contends it helps to do already by educating store clerks not to sell minors tobacco.

Under the new regulations, states must:

—By Sept. 1, provide the government a list of all stores that sell tobacco and develop an HHS-approved plan to do surprise inspections to catch illegal sales to minors. Failure can mean losing 20 percent of the state's federal substance abuse grants.

—In fiscal year 1997, do enough surprise inspections to report scientifically how well states comply with the Synar amendment. Also, they must develop a government-approved time frame to meet the law's sales goal. Each state can decide on its own how to deal with stores that break the law, and each will have a different deadline for final compliance, to reflect that some states already enforce the law better than others. Failure to

comply will mean losing 30 percent of anti-substance-abuse grants.

—By fiscal 1998, the states must be on track to meet their compliance deadlines or risk losing 40 percent of federal health funding.

Minnesota Attorney General Hubert Humphrey III said the regulations will help states crack down on illegal sellers. But he said states still need the Food and Drug Administration to cut teen-agers' demand for cigarettes.

"While the Synar amendment makes major strides, ... it will do nothing about the Joe Camel billboard that today sits in plain view of a playground adjacent to a school in St. Paul," Humphrey said.

The FDA has proposed strict limits on tobacco marketing, including bans on ads attractive to teens or displayed where children gather, in an effort to cut underage smoking. An estimated 3 million teen-agers smoke.

The Tobacco Institute, however, said the Synar rules "would reduce youth access to tobacco more dramatically than the FDA proposal, in a shorter period of time and at less than half the cost."

Neo-Nazi hate crime kills nine, injures 55

By CLAUSS-PETER TIEMANN
Associated Press

LUEBECK, Germany

A suspected arson fire raced through an immigrant home before dawn today, killing at least nine people and injuring 55. Police blamed neo-Nazis for what would be Germany's deadliest anti-foreigner attack since World War II.

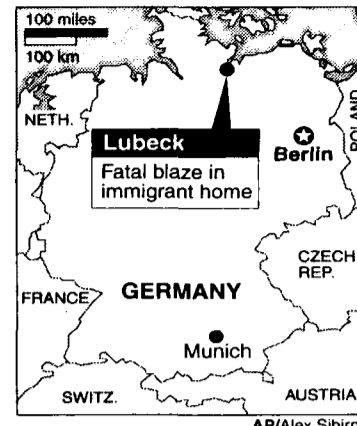
Three children were among those killed by the fire that broke out at 3:40 a.m. in a four-story apartment building that houses Africans, Lebanese, Syrians and Poles in the center of Luebeck, a North German port.

Police detained three men on suspicion of murder and arson. Police sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the three suspects were right-wing extremists, one of them a skinhead — a neo-Nazi with a trademark shaved head.

The turn-of-the-century building was reduced to a smoking shell, its whitewashed walls blackened around holes where windows were. Many African immigrants flocked to the building near Luebeck's port during the day to inquire about friends and relatives.

Authorities did not immediately release the identity of the victims, but police said one of the dead was woman who died after jumping from a window cradling a baby in her arms. The baby survived and was hospitalized with serious injuries, they said.

Luebeck Mayor Michael Bouteiller called on townspeople to gather at the scene for



an evening demonstration.

A shelter for refugees from the former Yugoslavia was also set afire early today in Burgwedel, a town 110 miles southwest, but residents put out the blaze before it hurt anyone or caused major damage. Unidentified assailants poured flammable liquid inside the building and set it alight; no one was arrested.

Until now, the worst attack on foreigners in postwar Germany occurred in 1993 in the western city of Solingen, where five Turkish women and children were killed in a fire-bombing. Four right-wing extremists were convicted in that attack.

Luebeck prosecutor Michael Boeckenhauer said today's fire started simultaneously in several places, indicating arson. He said the two arrested men were from Grevesmuehlen in neighboring Mecklenburg Western Pomerania state, across what used to be the border with communist East Germany.

Cal students arrested in protest

By MICHELLE LOCKE
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO

A parade of students assailed University of California regents today over their decision against affirmative action, and each student was arrested for speaking longer than allowed — one minute.

Students warned board members they would have no respite unless they rescinded their July vote eliminating race and gender consideration from hiring, contracting and admissions decisions.

"You will find only stormy days ahead," student Joel Tena said.

About 100 people attended

the early-morning public comment session. Some students sat quietly with arms raised in a clenched-fist salute.

Ten students were arrested, cited and released when they spoke over their allotted time limit. A campus police officer approached each student after the student refused to yield the floor when warned the minute was up.

As students were led away, each slapped an orange-and-black sticker over their mouths.

Two proposals were up for consideration by a committee of regents.

One, offered by a student, would rescind the vote that eliminated race and gender preferences from hiring, con-

tracting and admissions; the other, offered by one of the regents, would impose a one-year moratorium on the new policies.

The committee could vote them down, refer them to the full board for consideration or simply table them.

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States sees strong, damaging winds

By RICK CALLAHAN
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS

Highs winds gusting up to 60 mph raked the state Thursday, bringing an abrupt end to spring-like warmth, knocking down trees and tearing off shingles as melted snow pushed rivers and streams to flood stage.

Showers and thunderstorms developed ahead of a strong cold front that clashed with readings in the 60s that arrived at what's normally the coldest time of the year. The balmy readings were short-lived, however, with a blast of polar air expected to cause a 50-degree plunge in temperatures by daybreak Friday.

"You have to have a really strong system in order to have this warm of air this far north at this time of the year," said Michael Sabones, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Indianapolis. "It happens from time to time but not very often."

At least one death was blamed on the winds, an Indianapolis man killed when he was struck by a falling tree about 3:45 p.m. Thursday on the city's north side. The man's identity was being withheld pending notification of relatives.

Thursday's storms brought 40 mph winds to most of the state, including a 62 mph gust that knocked down trees in the Columbus area. A gust

in excess of 50 mph that blew the roof off a barn southwest of Alexandria was typical of damage reports scattered across a wide swath of the state.

Indianapolis' high rose to 61 Thursday, the warmest since a 63-degree reading on Dec. 14, said Sabones. In Fort Wayne, the high was 60, tying the record high originally set in 1973, while South Bend rose to 59, breaking the previous record of 58 set the same year.

By Friday morning, the unseasonable warmth will be nothing but a memory. With readings in the teens, about 2 inches of snow are forecast to be on the ground in the north and less than an inch over the south. Winds will remain gusty Friday, producing dangerously low wind chills and blowing and drifting snow, the weather service said.

Thursday's midwinter warmth melted most of the state's snowpack, leaving only grayish mounds of snow piled along roads and in parking lots. The runoff from the sudden melt fueled lowland flooding that the weather service said would linger along the Wabash River, East Fork of the White River and the White River through early next week.

"There is flooding, but the areas that are flooded are the low-lying areas that always flood," said Alden Taylor, a spokesman for the State Emergency Management Agency.

Sudden blizzard strikes Plains

Thousands left stranded in cars and buildings

By LARRY RYCKMAN
Associated Press

A blizzard that seemed to come out of nowhere fast blasted the Plains, stranding drivers overnight in their cars and forcing hundreds of students to sleep on carpets and gym mats at school. They awoke Thursday to eggs and juice served by their teachers.

In Minnesota, authorities ordered even snowplows off the roads and threatened to arrest any driver making a non-emergency trip. Hundreds of accidents were reported.

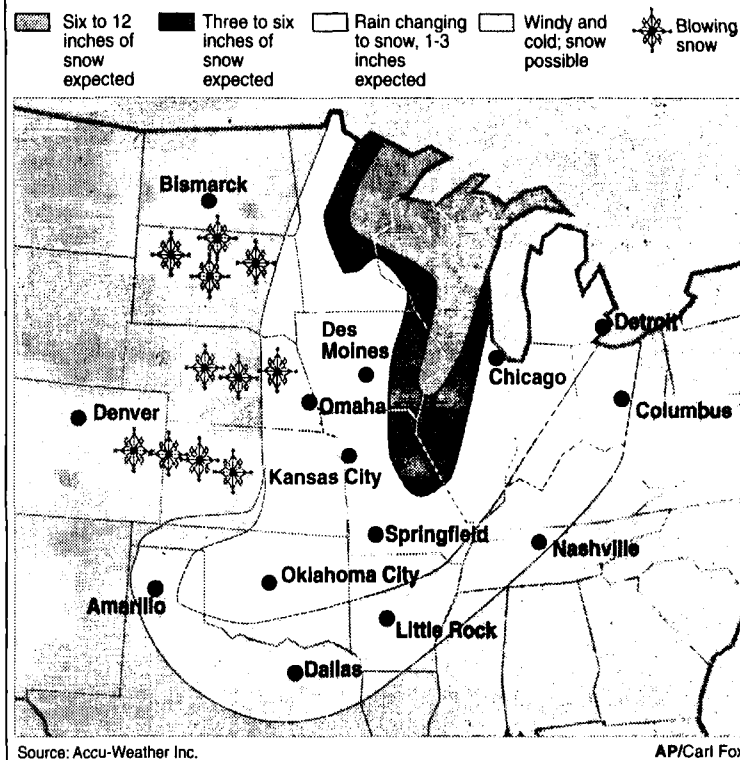
The storm dumped more than a foot of snow in parts of Minnesota, Nebraska, Wisconsin and the Dakotas and sent temperatures plunging. It knocked out power to thousands of homes in several states and forced schools and offices to close.

Tornadoes tore off roofs in Arkansas and Texas, where winds gusted to 110 mph. A man and a woman were killed when the roof of a store collapsed in Anthony, Texas.

Ahead of the storm to the east, record high temperatures brought the threat of flooding, particularly in New York and Ohio. Chicago reached 58 degrees, Cleveland hit 60 and Jackson, Ky., 69.

The storm caught many by surprise because it moved in so quickly after a spell of mild weather. In Oklahoma, the tem-

Blizzard in the Midwest



Source: Accu-Weather Inc.

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perature dropped 40 degrees in two hours on Wednesday. Waterloo, Iowa, was a balmy 54 on Wednesday; on Thursday, the wind chill hit 50 below zero.

"We had a little Florida, then a little Minnesota," said Megan Terry at the National Weather Service in Norman, Okla.

Minnesota had a little Arctic. Wind gusting to 60 mph pushed the wind chill down to 90 degrees below zero at Crookston. The wind chill hit minus 72 in Grand Forks, N.D., and more than 60 below in parts of Nebraska.

"We went out yesterday just once and that was for food," said Irma Abel in Hallock,

Minn., where the wind chill was minus-86. "We'll be staying out of this stuff today. The only time I'm going out is to walk the dog, and it will be a short walk."

National Guardsmen used armored vehicles to help rescue stranded motorists in Polk County, Minn. But elsewhere, even rescuers had to stay indoors.

"We're not sure whether there are people stranded out there or not," Minnesota State Patrol dispatcher Roxanne Engum said. "Because of the zero visibility, we can't get out there." At one point, more than 200 cars were stranded in Nebraska.

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Palestinian election will legitimize peace

By NICOLAS TATRO
Associated Press

JERUSALEM
The outcome is not in doubt, nor are the implications.

The Palestinians' legislative election on Saturday will give legitimacy to peacemaking with Israel, establish a line of succession for Yasser Arafat and create a new voice for the Palestinian cause.

Arafat, the PLO chairman, will take the lion's share of the vote from his token challenger, Samiha Khalil, a 72-year-old social worker.

His supporters will also dominate the 88-seat National Council, which will act as a legislature for the 2 million Palestinians living in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The major uncertainty is the turnout. The boycotting leftist and Islamic militant opposition groups will claim success if less than 50 percent of the 1 million registered voters show up. That seems unlikely, however.

There is also the threat of violence, especially in Israeli-ruled east Jerusalem and the still-occupied West Bank city of Hebron. In both places, Jewish militants have threatened protests that could turn violent.

Despite the question marks, Arafat is expected to get more than 80 percent of the vote for president of the Palestinian Authority.

Such an endorsement will:
—Transform the peace process from the policy of one man, Arafat, into a publicly endorsed course. That could help insure the survival of the peace policy after Arafat is gone.

—Consolidate Arafat's local power base and complete the shift of the center of Palestinian political power from the Tunis-based PLO bureaucracy toward the Palestinian Authority, which rules the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

—Establish a line of succession for Arafat. In the event that Arafat would be unable to serve, the speaker of the National Council would take over as interim president for 60 days while new elections are arranged.

Palestinians see the election primarily as another step toward their goal of creating an

independent state of Palestine, with east Jerusalem as its capital.

"Most Palestinians look at the election not in terms of the peace process and democracy," said Khalil Shikaki, director of the independent Center for Palestinian Research and Studies, which conducts monthly opinion polls.

"The man in the street sees the process as a national duty, as part of the process towards building an independent state."

Arafat, he said, was using the election to create "more facts on the ground" to bolster Palestinian claims to sovereignty and lessen the political influence of the Tunis bureaucracy.

"He wants Palestinians to make the mental and physical jump to the inside. He wants to keep the empty shell of the PLO on the outside," said Shikaki.

Candidates have avoided divisive questions and stressed their personal competence or emphasized their mainstream views. Local interests, not national controversies, are getting the attention.

"Nobody is taking a clear, black-and-white position on anything," said Mahdi Abdel-Hadi, director of the Passia think tank in Jerusalem. "There has been no time to crystallize political programs."

Abdel-Hadi noted that even though nearly half the 500 independent candidates are supporters of Arafat's Fatah faction of the PLO, the election will introduce new faces.

Israel, Syria approach treaty

Assad willing to give recognition to Israeli state

By BARRY SCHWEID
Associated Press

WASHINGTON

In what would be a revolutionary shift, President Hafez Assad of Syria is willing to sign a peace treaty with Israel that includes an element of recognition of the Jewish state, Israel's ambassador to Washington said Thursday.

"What element, we don't know yet," Ambassador Itamar Rabinovich, who doubles as a negotiator in talks with Syria, said at a news conference.

Israel will pursue the offer at a new round of negotiations opening next Wednesday at the Wye Conference Center in eastern Maryland. The talks also will focus on distribution of scarce water resources and on making the Israel-Syria border secure, Rabinovich said.

Rabinovich, a professor and specialist on Syrian history before becoming an Israeli diplomat, described Assad as well-entrenched in Damascus, confidently able to offer comprehensive peace.

Such a peace, Rabinovich said, could include Lebanon and lead eventually to recognition of Israel by most Arab countries.

In another positive step, Rabinovich said, Syria no longer insists on a public commitment from Israel to give up all of the strategic Golan Heights before dealing with Israel peace demands.

"The decision to make peace with Israel has been a very revolutionary and very difficult decision" for Assad, the Israeli diplomat said.

Only two years ago, he said, Syrian negotiators were unwilling even to discuss establishing diplomatic relations with Israel. At most, he said, the Syrians had in mind a type of "glorified nonbelligerency" — an end to conflict.

By contrast, "the Syrian regime is now willing to sign a full-fledged peace treaty with Israel that will include an element" of normalization, Rabinovich said.

Secretary of State Warren Christopher also gave an upbeat account of Middle East peace talks Thursday in a speech at Harvard University.

"Today, for the first time in half a century, we stand on the threshold of ending the Arab-Israeli conflict," he said. "A comprehensive peace between

Israel and its immediate neighbors, and indeed with the entire Arab world, is no longer a dream but a realistic possibility."

With reports circulating in Israel that Prime Minister Shimon Peres may advance national elections from October to May, Rabinovich said timing is a big factor in whether the Syria negotiations succeed.

He refused to say whether the reports are accurate. But he said talks will continue "as if there is no early election," at least through the next round at Wye — due to last two weeks — and a trip by Christopher to Damascus and Jerusalem early next month.

Rabinovich indirectly acknowledged that moving up the elections could limit the negotiations.

He said late October elections would allow effective negotiations as late as the summer.

That would seem to mean voting months earlier would cut negotiating time to a matter of weeks.

At Harvard with Christopher, State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said: "We're not going to intervene in the domestic political life of Israel. Shimon Peres has to make a decision about elections. We can't do that for him."

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Yeltsin weathers hostage crisis

By CHRIS BIRD
Associated Press

KEMSI-YURT, Russia
Boris Yeltsin declared a bitter victory Thursday over Chechen rebels: They were wiped out by Russian troops and most of their hostages survived an assault that turned a tiny village into a wasteland of cinders and corpses sprawled in snowy ditches.



Yeltsin

His account, which attempted to put a humiliating and politically costly episode in the best possible light, could not be independently confirmed. Other government and military officials said fewer hostages lived through the barrage and some rebels survived.

Photographers allowed into

Pervomayskaya after the four-day assault found bloodied bodies lying in makeshift bunkers alongside rows of rifles and stacks of ammunition boxes. Those images may bolster Yeltsin's image for taking a tough line against well-armed rebels — or may increase the perception that the country is on the brink of chaos and that Chechen war is a mistake.

There was no immediate reaction from rebel forces to Yeltsin's remarks and it was not clear if they had reached rebel sympathizers who were holding a Turkish ferry hostage and threatening to kill the Russians aboard.

Trying to explain why a huge Russian force took so long to defeat a band of no more than 250 rebels, Yeltsin claimed the village masked a giant underground rebel base with concrete gun emplacements.

The claim about Pervomayskaya, a remote hamlet of simple brick houses,

seemed highly unlikely.

Chechen separatists humiliated Russia last week when they slipped past the border into the neighboring Russian republic of Dagestan, seizing hostages to press their demand that Moscow pull its troops out of Chechnya.

After a five-day standoff in Pervomayskaya near Chechnya's border, Russian troops stormed the village on Monday, unleashing their tanks, artillery and helicopter gunships on the gunmen surrounded there.

On Thursday, Yeltsin said his forces had killed the gunmen and would now go after rebel leaders who have resorted to taking hostages and attacking Russian towns in their fight for independence from Russia.

"We have taught (rebel leader Dzhokhar) Dudayev a sound lesson, and now it is necessary to deliver strikes on Dudayev's strongholds ... to put an end to terrorism on Russian soil," Yeltsin said.

Defense cuts fund U.S. mission

By JOHN DIAMOND
Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The White House is preparing a list of \$1.6 billion in defense spending cuts to partially pay for the Bosnia troop deployment, according to documents obtained Thursday by The Associated Press.

The draft list proposes cutting money for an expanded fleet of B-2 bombers, Army and Marine Corps Reserve helicopters, machine guns, fighter planes and research projects.

A Pentagon official cautioned that the list, titled "Program Budget Decision No. 719," is under review by the Office of Management and Budget and could be changed.

If approved by Congress, the

cuts would provide most of the \$2 billion the Pentagon estimates it will spend on the year-long deployment of 20,000 ground troops to Bosnia.

The Clinton administration also spoke Thursday of its plans to provide artillery, helicopters and communications equipment to help Bosnia's Muslim-Croat federation hold its own against better-armed Serbs if new fighting erupts after the peacekeepers leave.

"It's a kind of insurance policy" for the federation, an administration official said. "It will create a military balance. But if deterrence fails, they will be able to defend themselves."

The administration is portraying the proposed \$1.6 billion in cuts as a modest bite from the \$7 billion that the

Republican-controlled Congress added to the President Clinton's defense budget request for this year.

"Based on an agreement between the administration and the congressional leadership, some programs added by the Congress would be proposed for rescission in order to finance the Bosnia (deployment)," according to an administration memo accompanying the list of cuts.

Republicans would be likely to balk at some of the proposed cuts.

"We're going to make the final decision — that speaks for itself," said Rep. Bill Young, R-Fla., chairman of the House Appropriations national security subcommittee.



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In Remembrance

Dr. Roland Smith, Jr. speaks at the forum entitled the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Celebration, 1996: Economic Justice—or Just Us?

Flat tax stance affects Forbes' voter support

By SANDRA SOBIERAJ
Associated Press

MANCHESTER, N.H.

GOP presidential candidate Steve Forbes acknowledged today that he has put his "political life on the line" by proposing to scrap a popular mortgage-interest tax deduction.

Despite some economists' worries that losing the deduction may devalue homes, Forbes held firm on his pure flat-tax plan, urging voters to consider possible broader gains as their overall tax bill is cut.

"People will have more to spend and the cost of financing a home goes down," the multimillionaire publisher told a Rotary Club breakfast here. "In the real world all of us come out ahead."

One day after a Republican commission in Washington endorsed the idea of a single-rate income tax, Forbes seemed energized. He maintained that everyone would pay lower taxes under his 17 percent flat tax plan, and that it would drive up savings rates and push interest rates lower. "I know I'm putting my political life on the line, but

please go beyond what they say you will lose," Forbes said, referring to deductions.

Pumping up his usual stump speech, Forbes called the current tax code an "anti-family, anti-growth monstrosity" that terrorizes the American people. His call for killing the tax code and creating a job re-training program for Internal Revenue Service workers drew enthusiastic applause from the breakfast crowd of about 150 business men and women.

Forbes dismissed criticism that his flat-tax will drive the deficit and suggested that, if this were the case, Washington lawmakers would have to adjust spending downward.

"If something is good for the nation, shouldn't Washington adjust to the needs of the nation rather than the nation adjust to the appetites of Washington," Forbes said.

On other issues, Forbes reiterated his call for medical savings accounts to replace Medicare; for retirement accounts to replace Social Security for younger workers; and for an act that would put tenants in control of public housing.

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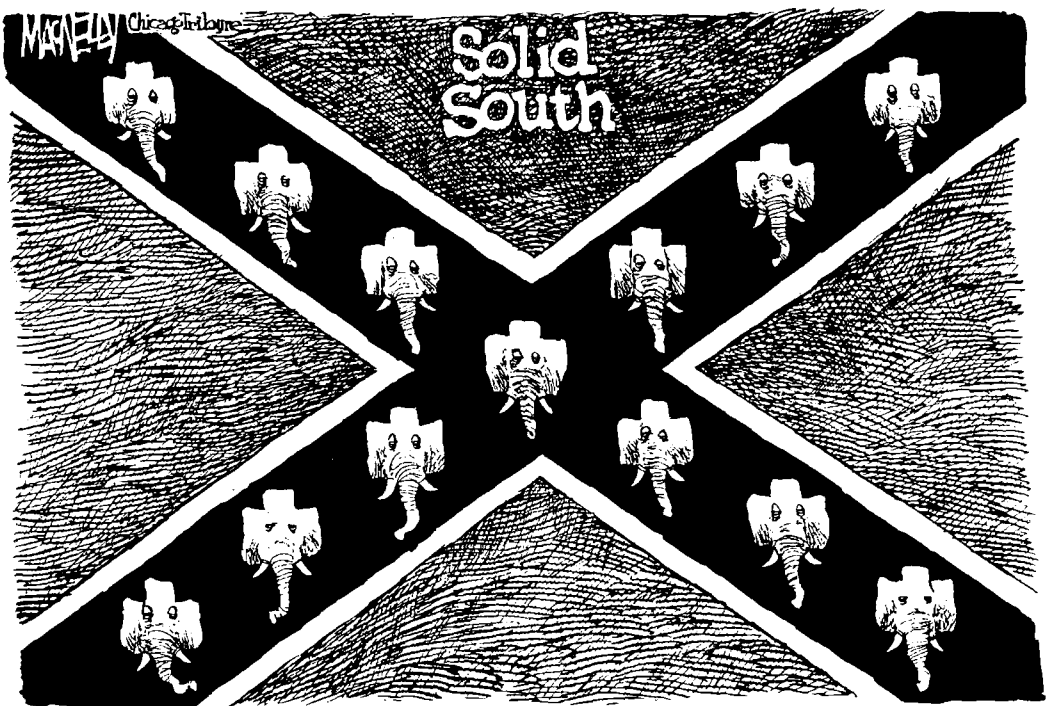
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LOCAL COLG.

BY CAROL BRADLEY

Living in a bathrobe beats 'working for a living'

No office, no boss, no worries, no money. I'm retired, I'm a free-lance writer. I'm living the life deadline journalists dream of...work in your bathrobe, meet your friends for lunch, cash checks that arrive in the mail.

The downside, at least in the early part of the free-lancer's career, is a life of constant rejection. Our early manuscripts come right back with form letters ("we're sorry, but your manuscript does not meet our needs at this time..."). This is nothing new for writers. Late 19th century Indiana writer Booth Tarkington (who won a Pulitzer Prize for *The Magnificent Ambersons*) complained that when he started writing, it seemed as though "my poor things must have been stopped and returned from Philadelphia; they didn't seem to have had time to get all the way to New York and back."

Of course worse than a rejection slip is never hearing at all. Chicago writer Harry Mark Petrakis once had a story out with an editor for more than a year, and had sent three pleading letters begging for the manuscript to be returned. Finally he got a letter back from the editor apologizing because he'd been called into service in the Navy.

I remember one magazine that, after months, sent me a postcard apologizing profusely for the delay in considering my manuscript. They were behind, and they'd let me know soon. I think it's been six or seven years now, so I'm not holding my breath.

So after many years of hard work, you suddenly become a modest success and start selling stories. The phone begins to ring. (Note: when you do achieve success, it will always come by phone. Rejections arrive by mail.)

Then you realize the joke's on you. If you do sell a manuscript, then you'll actually have to work with, and be EDITED by, editors. There's an old joke around which goes something like this: the three most important things you have to know to be a writer are never trust an editor, never trust an editor, and never trust an editor. It's all true.

Another line I find even more appropriate is this: How do writers feel about editors? That's like asking the fire hydrants how they feel about the dogs.

How do I feel about editors? Don't get me started. I've suffered with editors who compulsively re-write perfectly good copy, editing in grammatical and factual errors in the process. "Let me read you what I wrote...uh, what you wrote," I remember an editor saying to me once, as I restrained myself from putting my fingers around her neck and squeezing.

Then there's money. I pitched a story to a national magazine last week, albeit a small magazine. "Do you need to be paid for this?" the editor asked me hesitantly. Are you kidding? You too can have a successful career as a writer, as long as you're willing to work for free. And when they do pay, it's usually late.

I really, REALLY hate having to make six phone calls to some editor who hasn't paid me for a story. "I've been busy," one editor sniffed self-righteously. Well, excuse me for asking. Would you wait around for three or four months for your paycheck? I have a business, I write for money. Period. And be forewarned: it may only be a lousy twenty-five bucks, but I'll follow you to the ends of the earth for it. Thanks. I'm sure the check's in the mail.

Sometimes the writing life gets me down, and I start feeling like Disney's "Little Mermaid" ("I want to be where the people are"). I crave an office, a 401K plan, office supplies somebody else pays for. Then I realize this would actually entail working for a living, and I immediately sit down and start writing again.

I've taken as my motto a famous quotation by Winston Churchill, regarding a different sort of struggle: Never give in, never give in, never, never, never, never.

If you want to be a writer, that's the best advice you'll ever get.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY



"Life is a grindstone. Whether or not it polishes us up or grinds us down depends upon the stuff of which we're made."

—Anonymous

■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

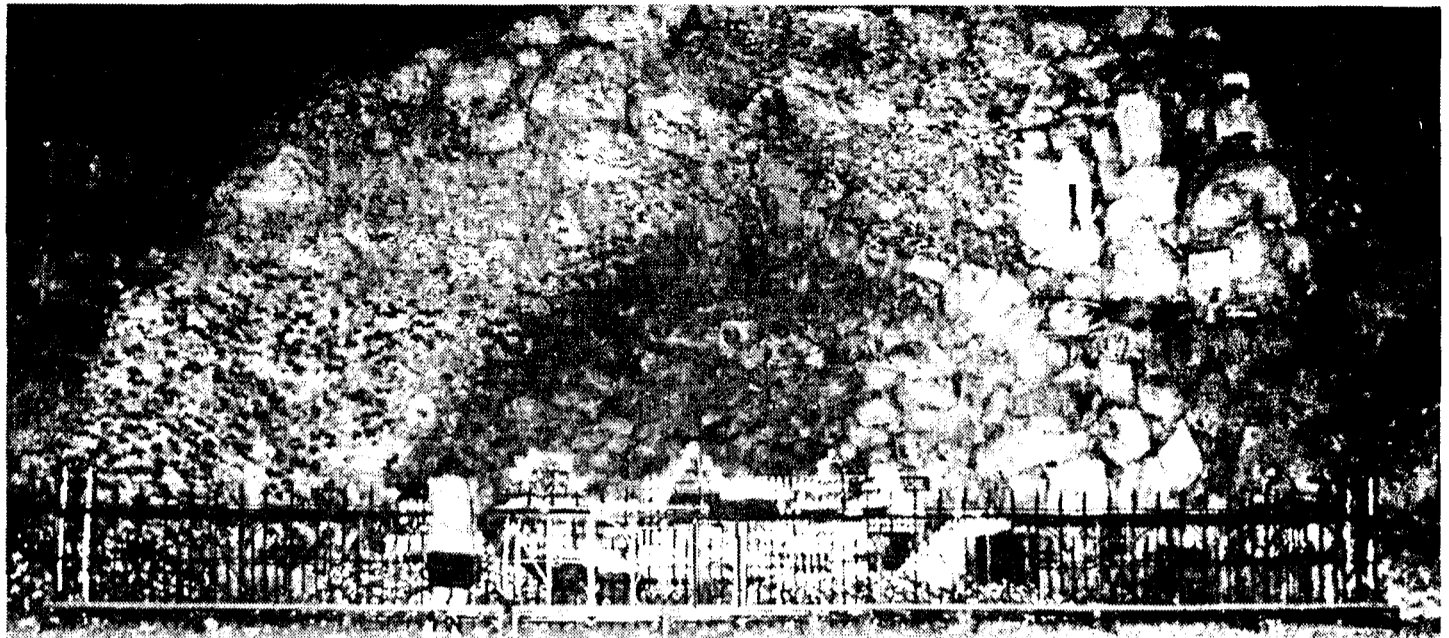
Loving Our Lady of Lourdes

The following letter was received in response to a request for Grotto stories to commemorate the Grotto's one hundredth anniversary on August 5, 1996. The author of the letter and Lucy's husband, Notre Dame Professor Mark Pilkinton, have granted permission to publish it to encourage others to share their Grotto memories.

Dear Editor:

I had a friend named Lucy Pilkinton. Lucy was also my neighbor for ten years. We shared a common outlook on life and love for the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes at the University of Notre Dame. But the only time that we visited the grotto together was late evening on January 31, 1993, the night before my surgery for cancer. My prognosis was poor and I was filled with worry, fearing that I would not live to raise my children. Lucy, however, exuded optimism. The trip to the grotto was both her invitation and her expression of a faith that could conquer the bad news of doctors.

Lucy drove us there and spoke reassuringly on the drive. The night was cold with some snow on the ground but also clear with a poignant stillness. We parked near the grotto because Lucy was a Notre Dame employee and had a



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special sticker on her car window over the dashboard. I laugh as I think of her attention to vehicular correctness because the parking lot was empty as one would expect at such a late hour on such a cold night.

We knelt at the grotto railing and gazed at the statue face of Our Lady. I prayed my desperate request for prolonged life. Then, we arose and lit candles in the grotto's cave. My special intention was for a complete recovery, a total healing. Lucy lit a candle for my family for she was aware of their mental suffering and anxiety, and most importantly their need for solace. We left in peace.

The following January in 1994, Lucy died suddenly of a brain aneurysm that burst while she was teaching a class at

Notre Dame. She was in good health and good cheer at the time. She did not know that she had a brain aneurysm. I mourned her death as I have never mourned the death of another human being.

It has been over two years since I had the surgery for cancer and my doctors, while cautious, are also expressing optimism. Lucy's faith was contagious. Through her faith and gift of friendship, I do indeed feel renewed in life. There are times when it seems to me that I even sense her presence. That this should be so does not surprise me. All in all, Jesus conquered death. The Mary who appeared to Bernadette at Lourdes was very much alive. The Lourdes grotto at Notre Dame will forever be a reminder to me of the soul's survival

because my evening visit there with Lucy made it so.

ANNE RAYMER

Whether long or short, inspirational, humorous or just sentimental, your story — or one passed along to you — can enrich the archival record. Reply anonymously, if you prefer, or include your name and address. Please send your stories (or comments) to: Grotto Stories-O, P.O. Box 454, Notre Dame, IN 46556-0454 Include your name and address if you wish, or none, if you prefer to remain anonymous. All letters will be deposited in the University of Notre Dame Archives.

Poor attitudes poison cultural atmosphere



Editor's Note: The following is the third in a six-part series on the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

Dear Editor:

Martin Luther King, Jr. led the civil rights movement of the 1960s with a vibrant energy coupled with his sincere attempt to change American society for the better. King believed segregation and Jim Crow laws in the South allowed for unprecedented amounts of human rights atrocities in violation of the United States Constitution. King used his brilliant mind, strong public speaking skills and charisma to direct his people to rise up and combat flagrant injustice directed specifically towards African-Americans. Unlike any other major fight against injustice in the country, King applied

a theory of non-violence that drew upon love and compassion for the human soul to dictate the movement. King's vision hoped for an American society which would adhere to the principles of liberty and justice for everyone.

King's passion and charismatic leadership helped the Civil Rights movement attain voting privileges previously denied to African-Americans, end segregation in the South and win other small victories contributing to the drive for equality. King and his followers in the South faced an adversary that openly contradicted the words written in the Declaration of Independence and the nation-building ideals of Republicanism and Americanism. Due to obstacles he faced, which were subject to change by lawful means, King peacefully overcame the problems in the South with the process of civil disobedience.

However, others in different parts of the nation faced a much more potent and evil enemy. The racism encountered by Malcolm X was explicit, not implicit. Through economic oppression and social stratification, African-Americans have had a unique experience of the American Dream often curtailed by the white majority.

In James Cone's *Martin, Malcolm and America*, the different leadership techniques, philosophies and backgrounds of each man were explored. Due to their drastically different life experiences, each man held varying opinions concerning race relations. Martin experienced a loving and prominent family within a strong black community while Malcolm experienced a devastating childhood filled with violence and poverty within a polarized society in which African-Americans suffered tremendously. Thus Martin

was an integrationist hoping to unite all races and forge a new common ground while Malcolm was a nationalist calling for the rise of African-Americans independent of white control or involvement.

Almost everyone at Notre Dame can recall some of the words in Martin Luther King, Jr.'s famous "I Have a Dream" speech given in Washington, D.C. over thirty years ago. Yet, over the years, King's vision has yet to be realized. His words have been used as rhetoric with little emphasis on King's sincere attempt to hold the U.S. accountable for its actions towards African-Americans. To this day, racial tension and strife still exists and threaten to tear the nation apart. The Rodney King verdict, the 1992 L.A. riots, anti-immigrant legislation in California and the rise of Neo-Nazism are just a few of the many problems in relations the nation faces.

At the local level, racial tensions at Notre Dame have come alive on the pages of *The Observer* and at local demonstrations. Letters to the Editor laced with ignorance of differing individuals and cultures sparked heated debate among various groups. King's vision of compassion and justice is marred daily by our flippant response to race relations on this campus.

For instance, the Native American Student Association at Notre Dame protested the murals in the administration building depicting Christopher Columbus as a hero while subjugating the Native Americans. This demonstration brought out into the open the much needed attention to the state of race relations at Notre Dame. Many refused to acknowledge the importance and the validity of the scorn and discomfort felt by the Native American population at Notre Dame. Another exam-

ple was the series in *The Observer's* fall 1995 Viewpoint section.

An author's philosophy in justifying his belief in the savagery of cultures not adhering to Western, Christian standards brought out furious responses of anger. All of these events carried with them an ugliness reminiscent of Bull Connor's dogs and policemen hosing down children when racism ran rampant and unchecked. Although no dogs, hoses or even blatant legislation exist which openly support racism, there exists a pervading, poisonous atmosphere conducive to those attitudes in the aforementioned Viewpoint letters.

The exploration of that oppressive atmosphere can lead to bettering relationships at Notre Dame. King believed in none-violent civil disobedience with an emphasis on love for humankind. This requires those recognizing injustice to make difficult choices. It is not easy and requires extreme patience and dedication to justice.

When individuals decide that an entire population is evil and savage based upon a superficial knowledge of a few, it is critical that everyone dedicated to justice challenge others to truly question their misconceptions and ignorance.

Individuals, however, should not only be quick to admonish the ignorant actions but, and more importantly, they should also be quick to embrace the person speaking these words of hate that merely mask his/her underlying alienation and pain. Notre Dame does have the potential to be a campus with a pervading atmosphere of love.

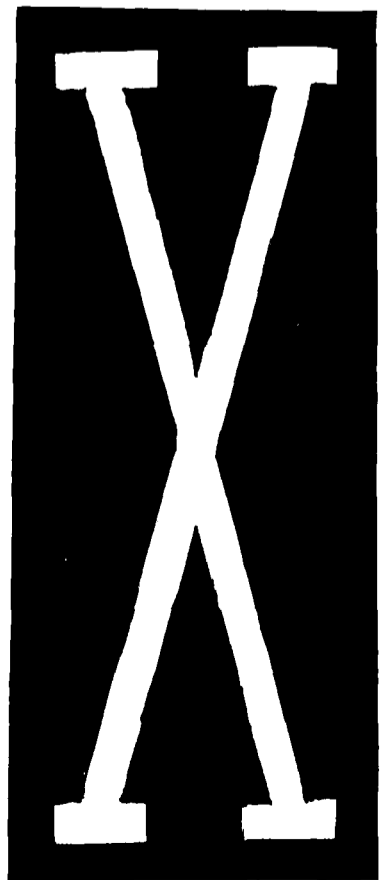
A strong commitment and dedication to bettering race relations through open and honest dialogue--minus the rhetoric all too often used to incite anger and pain--is desperately needed. A good place to start would be to insure that

all students are exposed to a curriculum that penetrates ignorance and racism.

To properly address the problems of race facing our community, a strong commitment by the administration, faculty and students must be made. Next time a letter is written that addresses an entire group, be it African-Americans, Native Americans, Latinos, Homosexuals, Democrats or Republicans, do not rely upon your own basic and limited "knowledge." Instead, take a step forward and embrace both the author and the subject and do what you can to promote justice.

DANIELLE LEDEZMA

Sophomore
Lyons Hall



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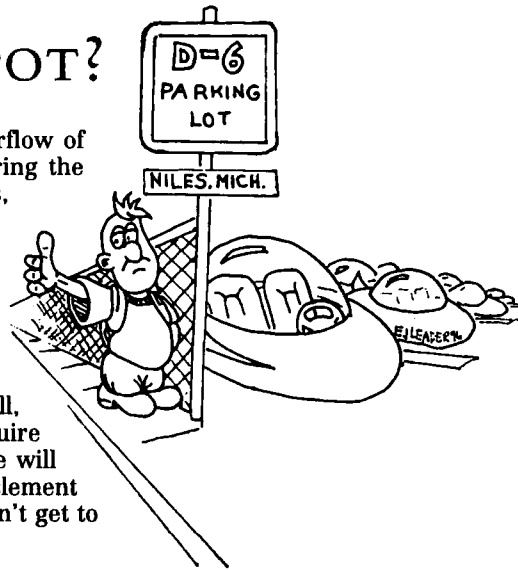
The Year? 2096. Life in the shadow of The Dome sure has changed. But then again, the more things change, the more things stay the same. The old golden part is still around, but nobody ever gets the SYRs. If you've got the cash, you could dish out \$1500 and take the elevator to the



NEW! For the summer of '96 (That's 2096, folks.), the Hammes Six Flags Bookstore presents the addition of one of its most eagerly anticipated attractions: the Basilica Bungee Jump. Scheduled to open on May 15, the Bungee Jump will be included in the regular Bookstore admission (still just \$125, family of four for just \$450!) and remain open until the end of the summer season. Most of the Hammes' traditional rides will remain open, such as the Tuition Skyrocket and the Saint Mary's Lake Wave Pool, but structural difficulties may delay the seasonal opening of Weather Roller Coaster. Oh yeah, books can be purchased from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. Monday through Friday and from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Saturdays, so that book buyers do not interfere with park traffic and alumni searching for that perfect pair of plaid pants (They now stock over 50 varieties). As always, mass transportation is suggested when coming to Six Flags on home football and table tennis weekends. Alternate side of the street parking is suspended as well during these Gridlock Alert Periods. If you're planning to spend the day at Hammes Six Flags, it is advised that you leave early to avoid park traffic and student protests.

CAN'T FIND A PARKING SPOT?

The new D-16 parking lot, built in an effort to ease the overflow of vehicles present in the Notre Dame Metropolitan Area during the school year, was opened at a ribbon-cutting ceremony in Niles, Michigan, yesterday. Parking Lot Commissioner Robert E. "Vroom-Vroom" Dalton christened the new lot "another momentous step for Notre Dame Parking" and praised its wide spaces, state-of-the-art restrooms, and safe shuttle service to the actual campus. The new lot is intended primarily for the 700 student vehicles allowed at Notre Dame each semester. D-12, built in 2001 next to West Quad, had been reserved for students but the upcoming changes transforming Keogh, O'Neill, Welch, and Philbin Halls into administration buildings will require that D-12 be used for more faculty parking. The shuttle service will run every hour on the hour, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., except during inclement weather. Then it won't run at all. Students should note "I couldn't get to campus from D-16" is NOT a valid excuse for missing class.



SAINT MARY'S MASCOT DEBATE CONTINUES

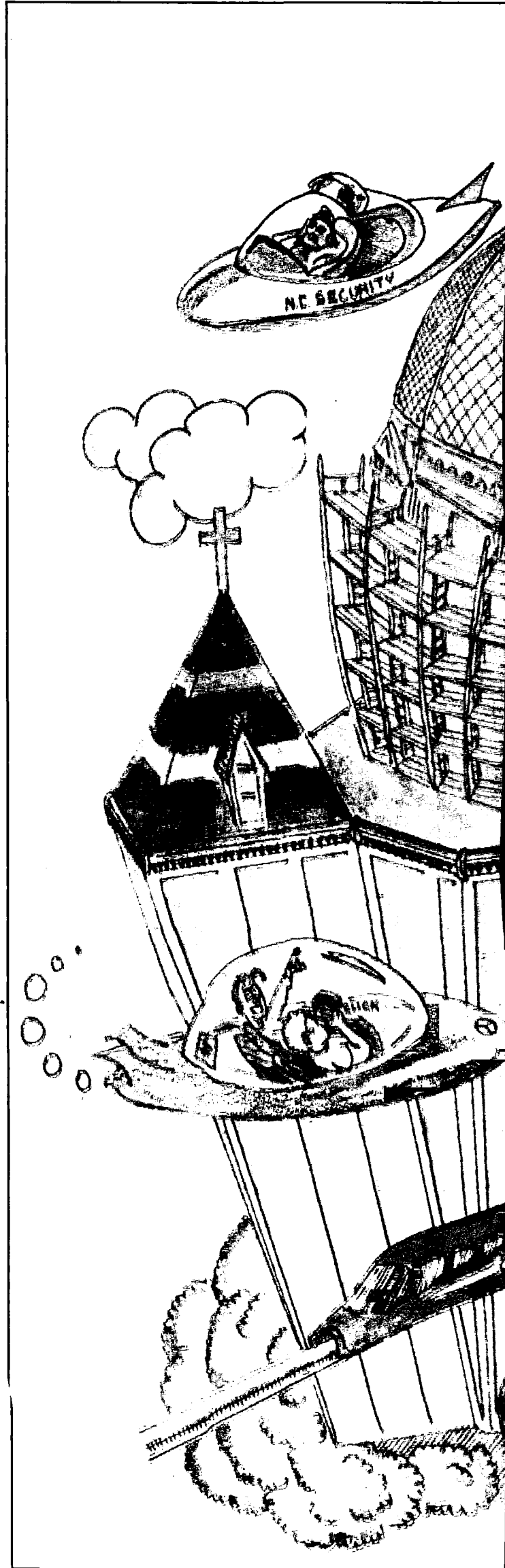
Saint Mary's deliberation of a suitable, non-offensive, and yet politically correct mascot, that everybody likes.

- 1997 Banshees
- 2010 Belles
- 2023 Chiclets
- 2032 Belles
- 2056 Horns
- 2057 Belles
- 2071 Tom Boys
- 2096 Belles

Saint Mary's College has made some major changes this year. 2096 marks the emergence of men into Saint Mary's when Louis Holtz V, the great great great grandson of the late Notre Dame football coach, Lou Holtz, was accepted into the college in the Spring. The series of changes continued today when the former Tom Boys changed their mascot name back to the Belles due to protests from the student body. It was the eighth time this century the mascot was changed by this fickle campus.

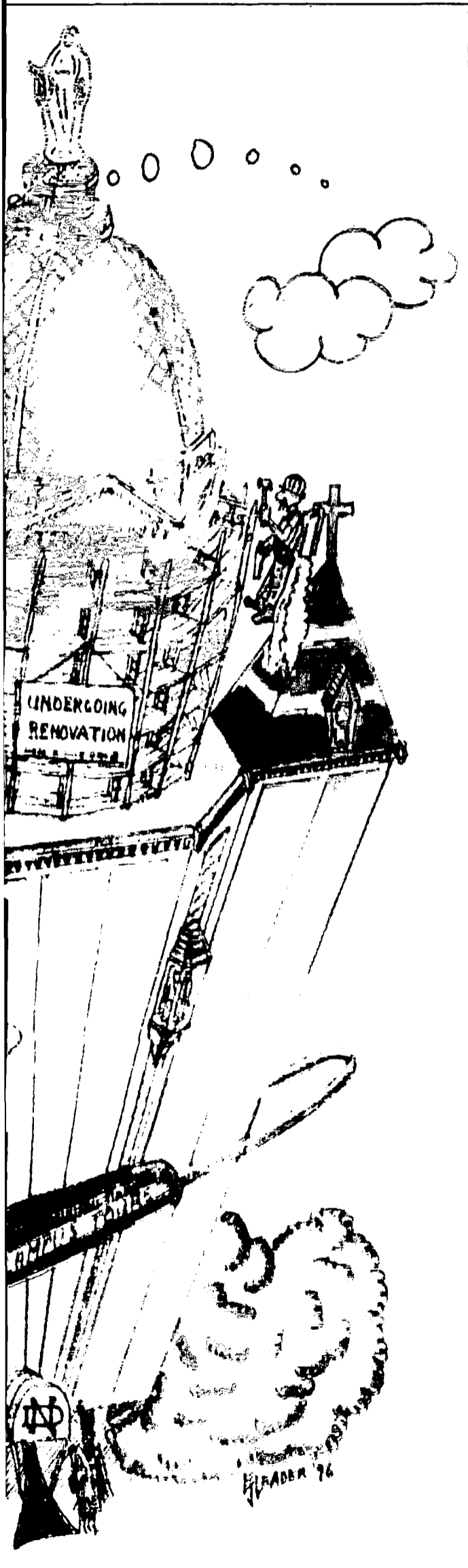
Student body president, Belle Johnson, summed up the protests by claiming, "The former mascot just made us sound too unsophisticated, untidy, and unintelligible." She further adds, "As modern women...and man, we have to keep in mind of the image we portray to the general public. I find nothing offensive about the name Belle..Plus I want something named after me." Johnson headed up this year's RHA coup, something that has become as big an institution as SMCTostal.. Johnson's motives may be questionable but a return to the roots may be what Saint Mary's needs to raise the dwindling morale--a moral lowered by the preeminence of continually poor weather.

This page brought to you by: Krista "I'm not paranoid" Nannery, Joey "I'm trouble" Crawford, Dan "Yeah, you spell my last name" Cichalski, Ryan "You owe me one" Malayer, Brian "Ad Boy" Meyer, Sean "Boy I'm tall" Galavan, Dave "Hey!" Tyler, and John "I'm no fun, no fun at all" Lucas. And Ed. He did the art.



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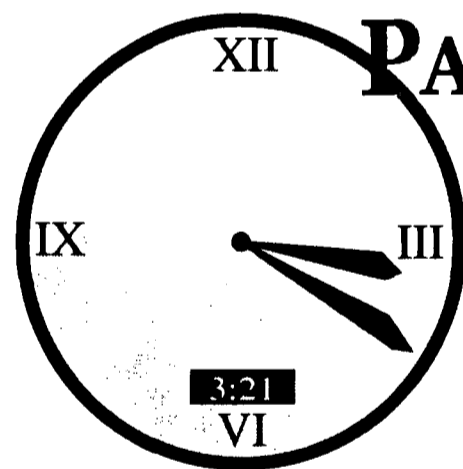
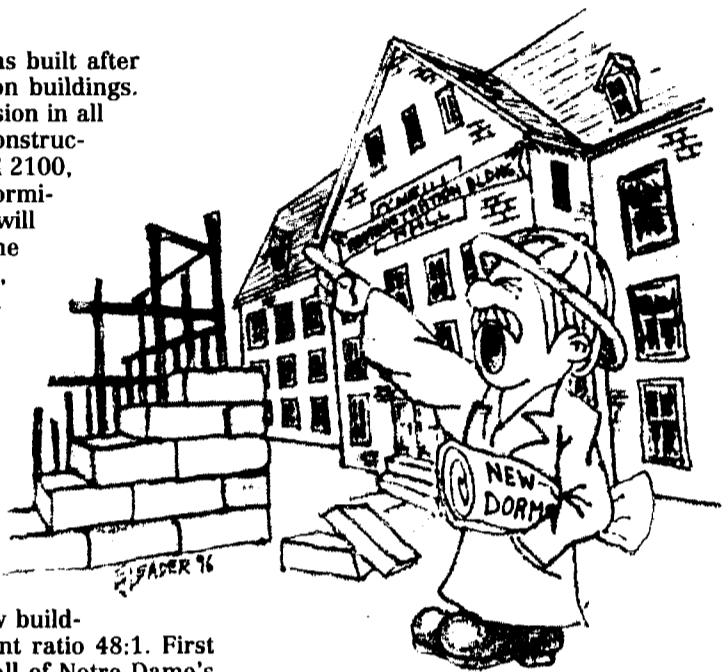
change, the more they stay the same, right? Although security ditched the bikes way back in '23, they're keeping an eye on things. The Bookstore is eight times the size it used to be. It's also about 16 times as big as it used to be. It's a chance to see it. Unless, that is, you're one of those lucky folks security takes home after the game. But who wants a bunch of pictures with scaffolding anyhow? Buy a postcard.



MORE CONSTRUCTION?

Construction ahead! As of 2098, all dorms built after 1980 will be converted to administration buildings. The renovations will include satellite television in all rooms used by faculty and staff. Because construction will temporarily shut down WNDU until 2100, NBC will not be available in the student dormitories until all work is complete. Students will still have access to CBS, PBS, QVC and The Food Channel. Reception on WVFI 640 AM, Notre Dame's student run radio station, will now only be available in the basement of Farley, the elevator in Lewis and the third stall from the right in the fourth floor bathroom in Badin.

The new administration buildings, which will be all of West Quad, Mod Quad, and the new East Quad, will be equipped with saunas, weightrooms, bowling alleys, movie theaters, meditation rooms and lap pools. There will be one student faculty conference cubicle measuring 4 x 4 in each building. The new buildings will make Notre Dame's faculty/student ratio 48:1. First year grad students will continue to teach all of Notre Dame's freshman year classes, at least the ones that are not already "taught" by DeBartolo's Media-on-call system.



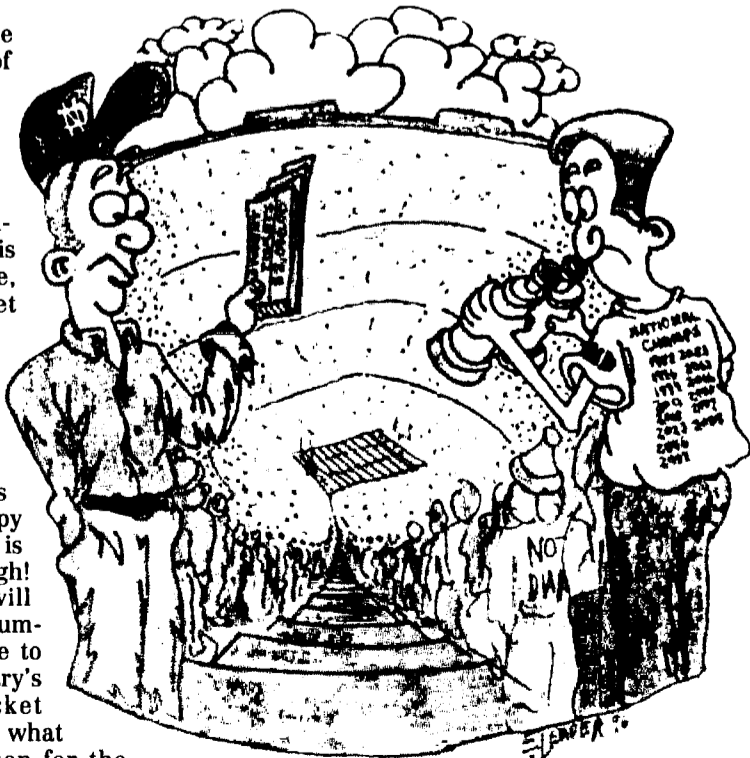
PARIETALS CHANGE!

In an unexpected joint decision released yesterday by Residence Life and Student Affairs, the University will experiment with changes in the parietals policy in the upcoming academic year. The six-minute addition, the first variation since the extension to 3:15 a.m. in 2051, now makes the magic number 3:21. But the new legislation comes with a catch. The extra six minutes will only go into effect on even single-digit Fridays during the first quarter following a new moon and on odd-numbered Saturdays of each month in which the first did not fall on a weekday. Any student caught breaking parietals will face disciplinary measures.

AND YOU THOUGHT THE VIEW FROM THE FRESHMAN SECTION WAS BAD?

Welcome fans to Notre Dame Stadium and the 209th season of Irish Football! We'd like to apologize right away for any inconvenience or light-headedness you might experience today, especially those folks up in the upper tiers. The stadium is currently undergoing its tenth expansion, slated to be completed later this year. After renovations are complete, the stadium will hold 251,307 ticket holders and everyone will have their own bathroom!

Classrooms will be added along the upper tier of the stadium and the old press boxes will be converted to dorm rooms by sometime next year. Because of increasing demands from alumni for tickets, we are happy to announce that the student section is now two seats wide and 4903 rows high! Yes that's right sports fans! You will now be a participant in the largest alumni reunion of all time! We'd also like to inform all Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students that we've increased ticket prices to \$2096 in order to celebrate what could be yet another winning season for the Irish!



MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Owners unanimously approve interleague play

By RONALD BLUM
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES
Baseball owners broke with more than a century of tradition on Thursday, unanimously approving the start of interleague play in 1997.

Each team will play 15 or 16 interleague games that year, the first that count in the records other than the All-Star game and World Series.

"We have the greatest tradition in the world, but tradition shouldn't be an albatross," acting commissioner Bud Selig said.

"This will be a tremendous success. There isn't a doubt in my mind."

Owners aren't worried that the two eventual World Series teams may play each other during the regular season.

"There's nothing in the Constitution of the United States that forbids that," Selig said. "I remember sitting at the Super Bowl last year and watching San Francisco play San Diego, and somebody said they played last November. There was no less interest."

In 1997, each team in the AL East will play a three-game series against each team in the NL East and every AL Central team will play a three-game series against every NL

Central team. AL West teams will play four games against NL West teams, but they might be split into a two-game series in each city.

"There had been some clubs who were against it in the past when we took straw votes," said Philadelphia Phillies owner Bill Giles, one of the

plan's creators. "I just think it's logical to accept it and approve it."

The Major League Baseball Players Association must approve the idea, and owners said they weren't worried about union rejection.

"The concept of interleague play in major league baseball is certainly intriguing, worthy of serious consideration," union head Donald Fehr said.

"As we look for new ways to grow the game and make it better for our fans, interleague games deserve a hard look."

Selig predicted that the designated hitter, used by the American League since 1973, wouldn't become a sticking point.

NL president Len Coleman and AL president Gene Budig said that in 1997, the DH probably will be used in AL ballparks only.

The union wants the DH expanded to both leagues, because it creates high-salaried jobs. But owners have proposed the elimination of it in the AL.

Selig said the DH "is a non-issue."

"It (the DH) might kill interleague play, but I don't expect the union to do that," said Boston Red Sox chief executive officer John Harrington, chairman of the owners' schedule-format committee.

Owners said they anticipated interleague games will rotate by division, meaning that every major league team will meet at least once every three seasons, but they didn't formulate specific plans beyond 1997.

After Phoenix and Tampa

Bay join the majors in 1998, the number of interleague games could increase to as many as 30 per team per season.

Professional baseball leagues began when the NL was formed in 1876, and interleague play first was suggested by Bill Veeck in the 1920s when he was president of the Chicago Cubs.

The NFL has had interconference games since 1970, following its merger with the AFL.

"There were a series of opportunities out there for years that we turned our back on," Selig said.

"We decided today not to turn out back on them anymore. The opportunities here are limitless."

Even before the 232-day strike that wiped out the 1994 World Series and the start of the 1995 season, owners were looking for ways to increase attendance and revenue.

In September 1993, they voted to add a extra round of playoffs and split each league into three divisions instead of two starting in 1994.

Attendance dropped 20 percent last season after the sport's eighth work stoppage in 23 years, and many teams lost millions of dollars. The criticism that followed the strike caused many owners to reevaluate their adherence to tradition.

"You're creating new excitement, new opportunities. You're creating new potential," Selig said.

Baseball interleague play?

How interleague play would work if it is adopted for the 1997 baseball season:

Who would play?

AL EAST vs. NL EAST
Baltimore Atlanta
Boston Florida
Detroit Montreal
N.Y. Yankees N.Y. Mets
Toronto Philadelphia

AL WEST vs. NL WEST
California Colorado
Oakland Los Angeles
Seattle San Diego
Texas San Francisco



AL CENTRAL vs. NL CENTRAL

Cleveland Chicago Cubs
Chicago W. Sox Cincinnati
Kansas City Houston
Milwaukee Pittsburgh
Minnesota St. Louis

The schedule:

East and Central Division teams		West Division teams	
	Games		Games
■ 12 games each against 4 divisional rivals	48	■ 12 games each against 3 divisional rivals	36
■ 11 games each against 9 other league teams	99	■ 11 games each against 10 other league teams	110
■ 3 games each against 5 interleague teams	15	■ 4 games each against 4 interleague teams	16
Total—	162	Total—	162

AP/Ed De Gasero

On the final day of their winter meetings, owners also approved the proposed purchase of 25 percent of the California Angels by the Walt Disney Co., which will take over operation of the team from Gene Autry, its founding owner in 1961.

The deal is contingent on the Anaheim City Council approving within 60 days the reconstruction of Anaheim Stadium. If that doesn't happen, Disney could either pull out or attempt to move the team.

"There are obviously other alternatives," Disney chairman Michael Eisner said.

"They are not pretty alternatives and they are not ones we endorse. We want to stay in Anaheim, but we cannot lose hundreds of millions of dollars for that privilege."

Owners also unanimously approved their \$1.7 million, five-year television contracts with Fox, NBC, ESPN and Liberty and their licensing agreement with Major League Baseball Properties.

They said they would discuss at their March meeting a plan to partially implement a new revenue sharing formula for the 1996 season.

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■ SUPERBOWL

Sun Devil Stadium fails to meet Super Bowl standards

By MEL REISNER
Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. Imagine a Fortune 500 executive who arrives in Phoenix via Learjet, stays at the plush Phoenician resort and pays seven times face value for tickets to the Super Bowl.

Then he and his guests ride a shuttle to Sun Devil Stadium because of inadequate parking, sit on bench seating, find gridlock in the concourses and at concession stands, and visit the bathroom in a portable toilet.

It's a scenario that may turn out to be all too real.

Arizona State's 37-year-old stadium, seen by the university as a jewel between scenic, cactus-topped buttes, is a lump of coal to some Super Bowl movers and shakers.

Arizona Cardinals owner Bill Bidwill is seeking public-private backing for a \$200 million dome that would allow him to leave the stadium and still keep the Cardinals in Arizona.

He's not alone in pointing out shortcomings.

"Face it, Phoenix," the student newspaper State Press editorialized last September. "If you want to host a world-class event like the Super Bowl, you have to have a world-class facility. Sun Devil Stadium just isn't in that field."

Bidwill began his quest in a hostile atmosphere, not long after a battle over the use of \$238 million in tax money to build a baseball dome for the

expansion Arizona Diamondbacks.

The Cardinals haven't helped by playing eight years in Tempe without a winning season.

But few who have been in the stands in the autumn heat question Bidwill's claim that a state-of-the-art dome would help the Cardinals fill more seats and attract lucrative events like the Super Bowl, which is worth an estimated \$187 million to the local economy.

"Major events like Super Bowls and Final Fours may have a greater likelihood of coming because of a new facility, new hotel capacity, more tourism infrastructure and the like. A new facility is one component," said Rick Horrow, the NFL's facility development consultant.

Last month, NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue was cautious about promising a return to Arizona.

"What happens down the road will depend in part on what happens with a stadium here and with stadiums in other communities," Tagliabue said.

"The top level? You're talking Joe Robbie and the Georgia Dome, and probably San Diego."

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Steelers confident in victory

By ALAN ROBINSON
Associated Sports

PITTSBURGH

It is as inescapable as a Charles Haley pass rush, as inevitable as an outrageous Jerry Jones quote. No matter where they turn, the Pittsburgh Steelers keep hearing they can't possibly beat Dallas.

Not these Cowboys, not this year, not this team. The Steelers of the 1970s were 2-0 in the Super Bowl against the Cowboys, but nobody has spotted Terry Bradshaw taking any snaps from center recently.

But if the public's general apathy toward the Steelers' chances is upsetting the mood or mentality of their locker room, it isn't apparent. Each new prediction causes only another shrug, and each new controversial statement from the Cowboys' Valley Ranch complex barely elicits a response.

Neil O'Donnell's reaction Thursday was typical of his teammates: So what?

"A lot of people have written us off all season, they wrote us off when we were 3-4,"

O'Donnell said. "There's no more added pressure, because we're just trying to go out and win one more game. You just don't get caught up in it. You never know what's going to happen in a game, so you just don't get caught up in it."

Just as Rod Woodson didn't when his full-throttle comeback attempt from September reconstructive knee surgery was laughed off by Cowboys receiver Michael Irvin.

Irvin suggested it would be "scary" for Woodson to try to play so soon after surgery, in so big a game.

"I don't know what he said, and I don't care what he said," Woodson explained. "Michael Irvin doesn't wear black and gold. He's not Dan Rooney. He doesn't sign my paychecks."

Chad Brown and Brentson Buckner are among several Steelers who have grown slightly agitated at the Cowboys' can't-lose mentality, and they question why the game will be played if the winner is so certain. Still, no Steelers have issued any outrageous predictions in response.

As coach Bill Cowher said, "Nobody's making any Joe Namath predictions."

"The Washington Redskins beat them twice, so they're not unbeatable," Brown said. "It's a little frustrating, and I don't feel as though we get very much respect. But we're not going to earn respect by saying we don't get it. The only chance to earn respect is go out there and win next Sunday."

The Steelers' best chance for that to happen, O'Donnell said, is to keep playing the style that's been so successful as they've won 10 of their last 11 games: Run whenever possible, keep throwing the ball, avoid mistakes, create turnovers on defense.

"You have to stay in the game with them," O'Donnell said. "We can't let them jump on us early, because they can really bury you if they do."

Still, as if playing the Cowboys weren't pressure enough, these Steelers must live with the legacy of their 1970s predecessors: a 4-0 record in the Super Bowl, 2-0 against the Cowboys.

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Cowboys overcome turmoil to reach Super Bowl

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
Associated Press

IRVING, Texas

With all the distractions and adversity, it's a wonder the Dallas Cowboys ever made it to the Super Bowl.

Quarterback Troy Aikman put it this way: "This 1995 team overcame more than any Super Bowl team I've been on."

Did it ever, starting with a bad break and bad manners in the opener against the New York Giants.

Week 1

Cornerback Kevin Smith, who had been given a \$11 million deal just the day before, was lost for the season with an achille's tendon tear in the second quarter of the 35-0 rout as Emmitt Smith rushed for 163 yards and four touchdowns.

Dallas owner Jerry Jones, who had already irritated the NFL with a Pepsi Cola deal earlier in the summer that shot a hole in Coca Cola's exclusive league franchise, slapped commissioner Paul Tuliabue and the Giants ownership in the face at halftime.

While the Giants were trying to retire Phil Simms' number, Jones paraded Nike chief Phil

Knight and tennis star Monica Seles around the stadium in full view of the fans and the national television cameras.

The NFL later sued Jones over the Nike deal, saying it infringed on property rights agreements.

Week 2

Jones announced he had signed Deion Sanders to a \$35 million contract including a \$13 million bonus, beating out the San Francisco 49ers, whose club president, Carmen Policy, called the offer "irresponsible."

On the field, the Cowboys beat Denver 31-21.

Week 3

Deion arrives at Valley Ranch, buys a new home and meets his new teammates, who claim they are not bothered by his outlandish salary.

On the field, the Cowboys beat Minnesota 23-17 in overtime on Smith's 31-yard touchdown run.

Week 4

A \$300 million suit by the NFL over the Nike and Pepsi deals jars Valley Ranch.

On the field, the Cowboys act like nothing has happened with a 34-20 win over Arizona on Smith's two touchdowns.

Week 5

Sanders has surgery on his left ankle and doctors say it will be several weeks before he can play.

On the field, former Dallas offensive coordinator Norv Turner picks apart the team he knows so well and the Washington Redskins win 27-23.



The game triggers a tempest of finger pointing. Barry Switzer rips Leon Lett, Tony Tolbert and Charles Haley for their play. Later in the week Switzer apologizes for going public with his comments.

Week 6

On the field, Dallas beats Green Bay 34-24 but a still-irritated Haley threatens to quit.

It's the sixth consecutive loss by the Packers to the Cowboys and the two teams are destined to meet again in the NFC championship game.

Week 7

Haley sheepishly admits he was wrong for his outburst and begs the team's forgiveness. He says he will play out the rest of the year.

On the field, Dallas rolls over San Diego 23-9 as the enraged defense produces six sacks.

Week 8

In a bye week, holdout linebacker Darrin Smith finally signs a contract for \$400,000 and joins the team for conditioning work.

Week 9

Sanders bounces back quicker than expected and says he will make his Dallas debut against his former team, the

Atlanta Falcons.

On the field, Sanders makes no big impact in a 28-13 victory. He is used on offense and drops a 48-yard pass from Aikman that skips off his fingers in the end zone.

Week 10

The NFL substance-abuse policy hits home as Lett and Clayton Holmes are both suspended. Lett gets a four-game suspension but Holmes must sit out the year.

Jones countersues the NFL, asking for \$700 million in the battle over sponsorships.

On the field, Dallas cruises to a 34-12 win over Philadelphia on Monday Night Football. Michael Irvin ties an NFL record with his seventh consecutive 100-yard receiving game.

Week 11

Hype galore over the meeting between the 49ers and the Cowboys, who are seeking revenge for a 38-28 loss in the NFC championship game the year before. Sanders and Jerry Rice exchange verbal shots.

On the field, San Francisco whips Dallas 38-20 as Rice catches an 81-yard touchdown pass on the second play.

Aikman is knocked out with a bruised tendon in his left knee in the first quarter.

Week 12

Some Cowboys players privately question why Aikman didn't at least return to the sidelines in the second half of the 49ers game.

Most players are in a snit with the media and hide out.

Cornerback Larry Brown's son dies three days before the game.

On the field, Dallas beats Oakland 34-21 as Smith scores three touchdowns and Sanders intercepts his first pass.

Week 13

Haley goes to Los Angeles to have his back checked. Middle linebacker Robert Jones is hospitalized with an ear infection.

On the field, center Ray Donaldson breaks a leg and Emmitt Smith sprains a knee but the Cowboys win a Thanksgiving Day match with Kansas City 24-12.

Week 14

Lett returns from his suspension. Smith recovers from knee sprain and Jones says something like that won't happen in 1996 because he's going to plant grass in Texas Stadium.

On the field, Smith rushes for 91 yards but Washington shocks the Cowboys again 24-17.

Week 15

Haley, who has a herniated disk, announces his retirement from football for the second time in a year. The next day he changes his mind and says he will return to the Cowboys as soon as possible.

On the field, Switzer's fourth-down gamble on his own 29 late in the fourth period makes him the subject of national ridicule. The Cowboys fail twice to make a yard and Philadelphia wins on a field goal 20-17.

The Dallas Morning News headlines it "Fiasco in Philly."

An eastern newspaper calls Switzer "Bozo the Coach."

Switzer says: "We're shattered right now."

Week 16

Jones backs Switzer, saying he will return as coach. Jones backs his earlier statement that Switzer will be back unless "he is shot or hit by a truck."

Sanders goes on a tirade in the Dallas locker room, saying "Switzer is doing a good job. Get off his back."

On the field, the struggling Cowboys get lucky as Chris Boniol makes five field goals, including a 35-yarder with 0:00 on the clock, in a 21-20 win over the Giants.

Week 17

Defensive line coach John Blake takes the Oklahoma job and Switzer gives him permission to leave the team.

On the field, the Cowboys beat Arizona Christmas night to earn the NFC East title, and home-field advantage throughout the playoffs.

The Playoffs

The finally together Cowboys get a week's rest to heal physical and mental wounds and roll into Tempe with a 30-11 win over Philadelphia and a 38-27 win over Green Bay.

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■ NFL

Pearl Irvin upset over son's use of profanity

By JIM LITKE
Associated Press

Michael Irvin insists he will say what he wants whenever he wants. His mom says not so fast.

"I will be talking with my boy," Pearl Irvin said from her home in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. "I don't need to tell you he didn't learn to speak that way in this house."

Pearl Irvin chuckled softly through much of the Thursday morning conversation.

That means her son, better known as the Dallas Cowboys' 29-year-old perennial Pro Bowl receiver, probably will avoid a spanking.

But she said grown man or not, he won't get off without a scolding, at the very least, for his choice of words on several occasions in recent days.

Irvin first created an uproar last weekend while addressing a Texas Stadium crowd and a live national television audience during presentation of the NFC championship trophy. In defending beleaguered coach Barry Switzer, he let slip a four-letter word.

Given a chance to apologize Wednesday, Irvin instead faced the battery of TV cameras at the Cowboys Valley Ranch training facility and repeated the same word five times.

He then defied anyone to stop him from expressing himself in any manner he chooses. His mom planned to take up the gauntlet.

"I almost fell through the floor the first time he said it," Pearl Irvin recalled. "I have never in my life heard Michael talk that way."

"He told me, 'Mama, I'm sorry.' And I said, 'Michael, you know that's no way to talk, especially not when you're speaking in public. And especially when you've got a little brother coming up who listens to everything you say. You wouldn't want him speaking like that.'"

"Now," she added, "I've got to remind him one more time."

"My sister called me up the first time he said that on TV, and she said she was going to write him a letter," Pearl Irvin said. "I'll bet if he got that in the mail, he's being careful about what he says already."

Heart failure claims Fats

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn.

Minnesota Fats, the sharp shooting, boastful billiard wizard portrayed in the movie "The Hustler," died today, a day before his birthday.

Fats died of congestive heart failure, his wife, Theresa, said.

His age was a matter of dispute. Associates said he was born Jan. 19, 1900, but a 1966 biography, "Bank Shot," listed his date of birth as Jan. 19, 1913.

"He always said, 'St. Peter, rack 'em up,'" his wife recalled in announcing his death.

Fats, whose real name was Rudolf Wanderone Jr., was portrayed by Jackie Gleason in the 1961 movie that starred Paul Newman.

He was born in New York City and played pool all his life in various parts of the country.

He was known earlier in his pool days as New York Fats, but became known as Minnesota Fats because of Gleason's character in the movie.

He wrote in his autobiography that technical advisers to the movie based the character of Minnesota Fats on him, and he became known by that name because of the popularity of the film.

"Right after the movie hit the theaters all over the country, every living human started calling me Minnesota Fats," he wrote.

In the movie, the character Minnesota Fats was a dapper, deadeye pool player challenged by a younger player (Newman) out to win his respect.

Wanderone said in the 1988 interview that the movie "didn't mean nothin' to me. I'm known clean around the

earth. It meant something to Gleason and them people. Gleason used to rack balls for me when he was a kid in Brooklyn and in Long Island."

"Paul Newman is not a very good pool player. But he can make it look good. Now Gleason can play. Gleason can hustle. He could play pool for a living and make a living because he's plenty smart."

Wanderone could shoot pool with either hand and was known for wearing \$100 bills in the handkerchief pocket of his suits.

Wanderone suffered a heart attack in 1992.

The same year, he married Theresa Ward Bell. A previous marriage ended in divorce.

In September 1993, he became disoriented and was involuntarily committed to a psychiatric ward at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

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Hockey

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Notre Dame will begin their push for the playoffs this weekend when they host Illinois-Chicago tonight at the Joyce Center before traveling to Ann Arbor to face Michigan on Saturday night.

Like the Irish, Illinois-Chicago has suffered through their share of problems this season.

The 7-13-3 Flames have struggled at the offensive end, averaging an abysmal 2.87 goals per contest.

Forwards Tony Kolozsy (21 points), Mike Peron (20), and Chuck Mindel (20) have been solid, but few others have contributed for the Flames.

With that in mind, one would think that the Irish defense would have little trouble containing the floundering Flame offense.

However, UIC was able to escape with a 3-2 victory at the Joyce Center back on November 10.

Freshman Benoit Cotnoir, senior Jeremy Coe, junior Ben Nelsen, senior Garry Gruber, junior Brian McCarthy, and the rest of the defense have elevated their level of play after a tough beginning.

Cotnoir and McCarthy have even contributed 12 points apiece at the offensive end.

"We have shown flashes all season, but we've had problems being consistent for three periods," said Poulin. "At this stage of the season, you have to be consistent to win in this league."

Senior goaltender Wade Salzman (2.74 Goals Against Average) has emerged in his

last three games after spending much of the season on the bench, but fans should expect to see sophomore Matt Eisler (4.27 GAA) in goal for at least part of the weekend.

Michigan has been a mainstay at the top of the CCHA standings for the past several years, and this season is no exception.

The 18-4 Wolverines boast the league's highest scoring offense (5.86 goals per game) and the CCHA's stingiest defense (2.18).

Michigan forwards Brendan Morrison (40 points) and Kevin Hilton (39) rank 1-2 in the league in scoring, while sophomore Marty Turco is the conference's top goaltender with a 2.28 GAA.

"They are a strong team at both ends of the ice," said team captain Brett Bruininks. "They will be tough to beat since they don't really have any weaknesses on either offense or defense."

The Irish offense will have their hands full keeping pace with their Michigan counterparts.

Senior center Jaimie Ling (21 points), freshman right wing Brian Urick (16), junior right wing Tim Harberts (13), and freshman left wing Aniket Dhadphale (14) will need to come up big for the Irish to have any chance of knocking off the heavily favored Wolverines.

"We've struggled some offensively, and it has shown," said Urick.

"We know that we are running out of time, and that we need to become more consistent and start converting more of our opportunities."

Indeed, time is a commodity the Irish do not have.

The Shark's back at it again

By ROB GLOSTER
Associated Press

FRESNO, Calif.

Success on the court. Trouble off it.

Those elements have been constants in the coaching career of Jerry Tarkanian, and his first year at Fresno State has been no exception.

The coach with the best winning percentage in college basketball history, Tarkanian has turned around a team that has had just two winning seasons in

the past decade.

Now, the Bulldogs are battling for the Western Athletic Conference lead after knocking off ranked teams New Mexico and Utah. They're threatening to reach the NCAA tournament for the first time since 1984.

And this city has gone wild over Tarkanian, who graduated from Fresno State in 1955 after playing for the Bulldogs for two seasons.

The players' biggest problems have come off the court — including the trashing of a local

hotel room rented by point guard Dominick Young for a New Year's Eve party.

There were six basketball players at the party and about two dozen other people. Young, who said he left the party before the room was vandalized and stripped of furnishings, has agreed to pay the hotel \$1,500.

A hotel security guard also has accused forward Darnell McCulloch of punching him that night. No criminal charges have been filed against Young or McCulloch.

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of the half, they failed to trim the lead to less than five points. With 8:28 remaining in the half, Jeannine Augustin hit a key three-point basket to pull the Irish to within six. After a television timeout and a three pointer by Connecticut guard Jennifer Rizzotti, Notre Dame trimmed the lead to five points on a steal and breakaway layup from Mollie Peirick.

After going into the locker room at halftime with an eleven point deficit, the Irish attempted

to close the gap early in the second half. Connecticut, however, increased its lead to 18 points. Notre Dame's last serious threat to the Huskies occurred when Beth Morgan hit a turnaround jumper to cut the deficit to eight. Connecticut dominated for the remainder of the second half to win the contest by 23 points.

Despite Connecticut's impressive win, Connecticut head coach Geno Auriemma commented on his great concern heading into last night's contest.

"I would not have been surprised if we had lost tonight. It has been tough keeping the team fresh during this stretch. We had some players really step up," stated Auriemma.

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travel to Storrs to face these same Huskies on their home court on February 24. The Irish are still 6-1 in the Big East, a mark which remains, for the time being at least, better than UConn's 4-1 record. An 11-4 overall mark is nothing to grumble about either.

It's not often either that the Irish will face such a defense. How impressive was the Huskie

defense? "That's the best defensive team we've played all year," said a somber Muffett McGraw following a game in which the Irish pulled down a respectable 39 rebounds to UConn's 46. Wolters had 14 of those 46 boards, and sophomore guard Nykesha Sales, who normally pulls down 4 rebounds a game, had 10, to go along with a season-high 24 points.

It's also not often that Morgan, who UConn head coach Geno Auriemma called "a great player, one who I would love to have" will have such an off night. Morgan is a true leader on this team, a player the Irish simply wouldn't be as dangerous without. Auriemma and his troops knew this coming into the game, and they adjusted their game plan to neutralize the high-scoring junior.

The plan worked, and the Huskies walked away with their fifteenth victory in 18 games so

far this year. They won because they have more talent and depth, but they also won because they wanted it bad enough.

"Our kids are pretty determined," said Auriemma, a man accustomed to winning. "When I tell them they're playing against a great player, they respond. They usually rise to the occasion when they face a challenge, and they did tonight."

"You can't let fatigue be a factor," said the warrior Wolters. "You can't make any excuses."

The Irish didn't have many excuses in the aftermath, just tears. Their spirits had been broken, crushed under the wheels of Wolters and the mighty Huskie machine.

"She's an outstanding player," said McGraw of Wolters. "She'll probably join the Olympic team based on tonight's highlight film alone."

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■ COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Doctors confused, but Camby cleared to play

By HOWARD ULMAN
Associated Press

WORCESTER, Mass. — Marcus Camby was cleared Thursday to play again for top-ranked Massachusetts after tests turned up no problems. However, doctors are still trying to find out why he collapsed.

Camby, who passed out for 10 minutes before Sunday's game at St. Bonaventure, left University of Massachusetts Medical Center, where he underwent four days of extensive tests.

The junior center won't play Saturday at Duquesne, but coach John Calipari didn't rule out a return Tuesday at Pittsburgh. Camby, one of the nation's best players, did not accompany the team Thursday to Duquesne.

"When he'll play will be up to Marcus," Calipari said at a news conference at the medical center. "He's not going to play for a game or two or three."

Dr. Gerald Steinberg, chief medical officer of the hospital, said Camby, who did not attend the news conference, was feeling well but was tired from the tests.

Calipari said Camby might start shooting Friday but wouldn't participate immediately in a full-scale practice.

"For the next week or so we'll see how he feels and then we'll move on," Calipari said.

Earlier in the week, team doctors had said Camby would be out at least 10 days to two weeks.

Massachusetts improved its record to 15-0 with a 77-71 win over Rhode Island on Wednesday night, its second straight game without the 6-foot-11 Camby.

After the two-game road trip, the Minutemen return home to play St. Bonaventure on Jan. 27.

Calipari said he would be comfortable using Camby since any health problems that would endanger the player have been ruled out. The coach said doctors told him Camby is a "very healthy individual."

They said results of heart and neurological tests were normal and they didn't seem seriously

concerned about not finding out why Camby collapsed. No cause is found in about half the cases of fainting, said Dr. David Drachman, chair of neurology at the medical center.

"We frequently just don't identify why someone may black out," he said. "We do see people who black out even longer than (10 minutes). Keep in mind we're talking about 10 minutes in 21 years."

Drachman asked how many people at the news conference had ever passed out. Calipari raised his hand and said, "last night at halftime." The Minutemen were tied 36-36 before pulling away in the second half.

Drachman said doctors are awaiting results of some tests but didn't know the likelihood of eventually finding a cause.

By exerting himself in a game, Camby, who is averaging 20.9 points, 7.5 rebounds and 3.2 blocks, is no more likely than a non-athlete to suffer a health problem, he added.

"There are no guarantees in life," Drachman said. "This (collapse) occurred when he was standing still."

Camby passed out after warming up and was taken to Olean (N.Y.) General Hospital. Tests were done there before his transfer Monday to Worcester.

A screening for drugs and toxic substances done at the medical center were negative, Steinberg said.

Before leaving the hospital around noon Sunday, Camby met with youngsters in the pediatrics unit, where he signed autographs. But he was eager to go home.

"When I walked into his room today (he said) where were you?" Calipari said. "I was 12 minutes late."

Before being discharged at about noon, Camby was attached to an ambulatory EEG, which monitors brain waves. Doctors planned to remove it after 48 hours.

"My best guess is that it will be all normal," Drachman said.

Dr. Joel Gore, director of cardiology at the medical center, said tests that included an MRI and echocardiogram ruled out heart problems.

Meyer braces for losing season

By RICK GANO
Associated Press

CHICAGO

Joey Meyer was still dripping with sweat nearly 30 minutes after his DePaul Blue Demons had lost yet another basketball game in a season that is quickly slipping out of control.

"Did anyone else think it was hot in there?" Meyer asked, wiping his face and knowing the heat will truly be on the next seven weeks as DePaul tries to regroup and avoid its first losing season in 25 years.

Once a national power with names like Mark Aguirre and Terry Cummings, the Blue Demons are foundering. They've lost five straight, started 0-4 in the new Conference USA, fallen to 7-8 overall and been depleted by academic problems and injuries.

So Meyer will have to be more than just a coach. He'll also have to be a motivator, a counselor and a critic to his shorthanded and crestfallen team.

He doesn't want his players "to start fixing blame instead of solving problems."

"I've got to keep the guys together. I think we can do better than we are doing. We are in a situation where we can't afford a whole lot of slippage. There's not a lot of margin for error," Meyer said after a 73-60 loss to Marquette on Wednesday.

DePaul, which hasn't made the NCAA tournament since the 1991-92 season, has not had a losing record since coach Ray Meyer's 1970-71 team went 8-17, one of only five losing seasons he had in 42 years.

The Blue Demons have been first-round losers in the NIT the

last two seasons, finishing with 17-11 and 16-12 records. They were 16-15 in 1992-93 and stayed home during the post-season.


Joey Meyer's best season came in 1986-87 when the Blue Demons finished 28-3 with two wins in the NCAA tournament. He's taken DePaul to seven NCAA and three NIT's in his previous 11 seasons.

Meyer, who signed a new four-year contract before this season, has heard from his critics the last several years. Now his task is even more difficult.

"I'm not going to avoid people and not worry about what's said or printed. I'm going to do the best I can to get my team to compete," he said. "I'm not going to walk around and cry. I'm going to try to be upbeat."

DePaul dressed 11 Wednesday night; only eight were scholarship players.

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Knight, Pitino star in Taco Bell commercial

Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Though Bob Knight hates to lose — especially to rival Kentucky — the Indiana University basketball coach plays second-fiddle to Kentucky coach Rick Pitino in a new Taco Bell commercial.

In the commercial filmed this week in Bloomington, Pitino, Knight and Georgetown coach John Thompson are vying for a lanky, 7-foot high school basketball recruit.

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Laurie Gannon, a spokeswoman for Taco Bell Corp., said the ad will promote the chain's new Sizzlin' Bacon menu of double-decker tacos.

The 30-second commercial will begin its nationwide run Jan. 29.

Though parts of the commercial were filmed at the Indiana Memorial Union, Assembly Hall and the IU Main Library, most of the shooting took place in the home of Kathryn Propst and Ed Furia.

■ FENCING

Fencers rely on youth in opener

By WILLIAM BAUER
Sports Writer

A young fencing team will try to duplicate last year's impressive third place in the NCAA championships and Midwest Collegiate championship.

Both men's and women's squads might have to rely on a few freshmen if they want to equal the 1995 season and extend the women's 60 match win streak.

"This weekend's tournament is our first but we should be okay," said coach Yves Auriol who takes over coaching both men and women teams. "Overall we are a young team

and we might need a few meets to see where we are."

The men's team strength is the sabre squad. Auriol is expecting a lot from the team that returns senior All-American captain Bill Lester who came in second last year at the NCAA's and had a 55-7 record and must step up his play.

Along with Lester is senior Chris McQuade and freshman Luke LaValle. LaValle won the under-17 Junior Olympics last year and has chance to make the Junior Olympic team.

The women's team strength is the epee team that boasts senior captain Claudette de Bruin. de Bruin came in third at the NCAA's last year and won 95% of her matches.

Junior Colleen Smerek, 89 wins, and sophomore Anne Hoos, 90 wins, complement their captain really well. Hoos owns Notre Dames single season win record.

Auriol, though, does have a few question marks on the other squads, mainly due to the younger fencers he will be forced to use.

"We have great individuals but it depends if our older team members can perform."

One of his concerns is the men's foil team. Senior All-American Jeremy Siek captains this squad that has little experience in play.

Auriol feels that the duo of senior Paul Capobianco and sophomore John Tejada must step up for the team to excel in the 1996 season.

Inexperience might not be a problem for the women's foil team even with the loss of

Maria Panyi and her 105-2 record.

Freshmen Sara Walsh and Myriah Brown will complement Notre Dame's all-time winningest women's fencer senior captain Mindi Kalogera.

Walsh is in contention for the U.S. Olympic team and Brown won at the Junior Olympics last year.

Young players is not all Auriol has to deal with in his first official year of coaching the men's team talking over for Michael DiCicco who was head coach since 1962.

All-American sophomore Carl Jackson was sick and may miss at least a month which may hurt the epee team.

The other members of the team have fenced before but not to a large extent.

The most seasoned member is sophomore Brian Stone who posted a 57-19 record last year but others have not had that much action.

"There are lot of questions this year with our injuries and the new people coming in. It is hard to see how the season will go. We will be ready when we go to Boston, February 2, where we will face defending National Champion Penn State," responded Auriol to the teams short comings.

This weekend the fencing team are in the Northwestern Open in Evanston, Illinois.

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Notre Dame is also an improved team from its previous meeting with the Scarlet Knights, something that relates directly to having been through the Big East wars a few times.

"Our younger players have gotten a lot of Big East experience that we didn't have the first time," explained MacLeod. "We're also a healthier team."

Perhaps the greatest beneficiary of that experience is freshman point guard Doug Gottlieb, who has emerged as the team's floor general in recent weeks. Gottlieb played a season-high 37 minutes against the Hoyas, and has dished out a team-high 70 assists so far this season.

More importantly, the rest of the team seems to have adjusted to Gottlieb's up-tempo style, which led to easier looks at the basket against Georgetown than the team was getting earlier in the year.

The progress that was evident against the Hoyas will be equally necessary on Saturday, as the Irish are the only Big East squad without a conference victory. If Notre Dame is to avoid the last seed in the conference tournament, a win against the Scarlet Knights seems essential.

"Every one of these games is a key game," said MacLeod. "There's an urgency and importance attached to conference games that reflects in the way that all the conference teams battle."

■ SMC BASKETBALL

Break, Chicago halt Belles' streak

By CAROLINE BLUM
Saint Mary's Sports Editor

When the Belles journeyed home for Christmas break, they were at their best. Wednesday night, however, they received a startling wake-up call as they fell to the University of Chicago 73-59.

Only a month earlier the Belles had celebrated their victories over Concordia and Goshen College. They also remembered the battle they gave the nationally ranked Wheaton squad. A team they dominated up until the last three minutes of the game.

Yet Wednesday, the Belles were faced with the realization that they could not pick up where they left off.

"We looked like a team playing our first game on Wednesday," Head Coach Marvin Wood said. "We shot only 37%, while Chicago shot 50%. We turned over the ball

20 times, and Chicago turned it over 24 times. All in all it was a sloppy game."

Because the Belles receive no scholarship money, last Tuesday's practice was the first workout the team had seen since the last week of classes.

"The longer the break, the more difficult it is to get into shape," junior Marianne Banko explained. "Chicago was our first game since the weekend before finals, while the game was Chicago's fourth since the break."

Another factor affecting the Belles was the absence of the team's leading scorer senior Jennie Taubenheim, who was caught in the blizzard in the east and unable to return in time for the game.

"We knew Chicago would be tough," sophomore forward Julie McGill said. "We had to reconstruct our whole formation because Jennie was snowed in. Franklin

was bigger and quicker, and therefore our offensive transitions suffered. We were slow defensively and therefore had difficulties setting up our offense quickly."

McGill led the team with eleven points and four assists. She also impressed the crowd when she tossed a few three-point goals through the net in the first half.

Coach Wood will continue to work on shooting with his players, but also hopes to get the team in better condition for their big match against Franklin on Saturday.

"I want us to play more team-oriented offensively and defensively, against Franklin," Wood said. "Franklin has a tall center who is a pre-season All-American in Division III. We need to work together if we want to win."

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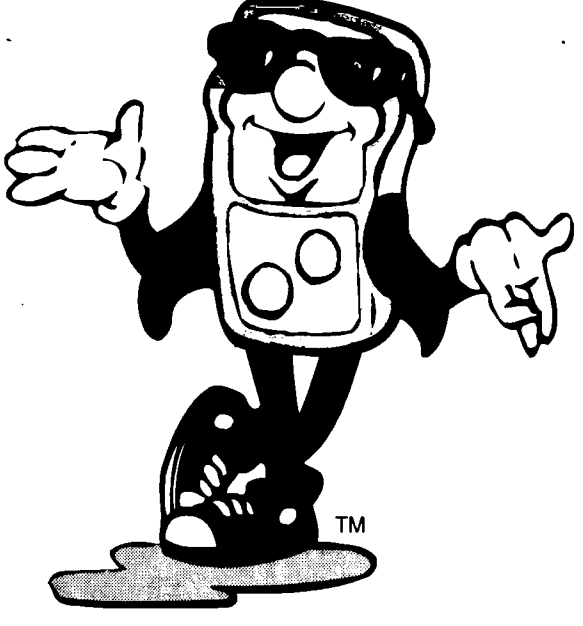
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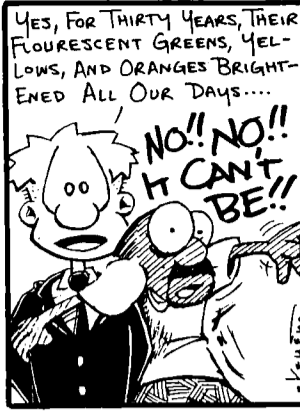
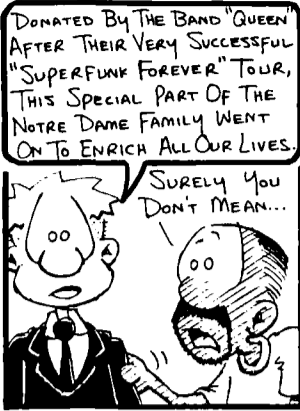
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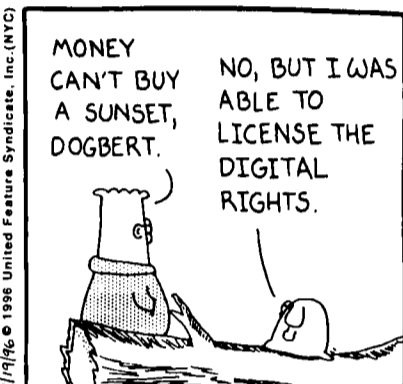
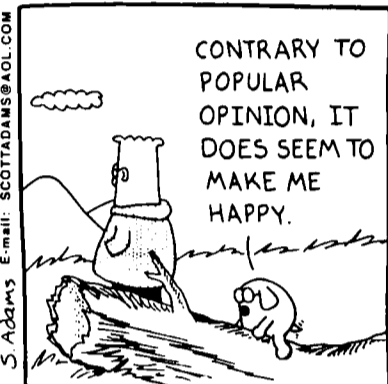
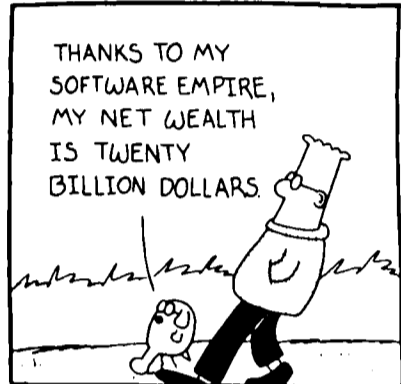


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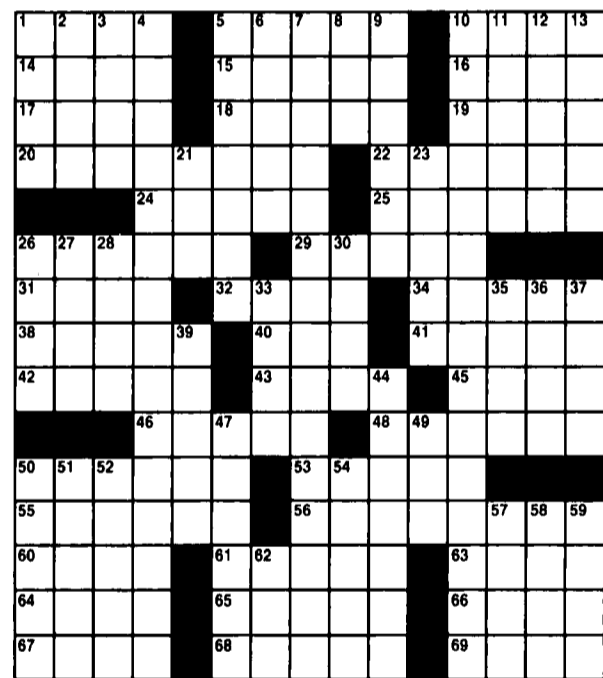
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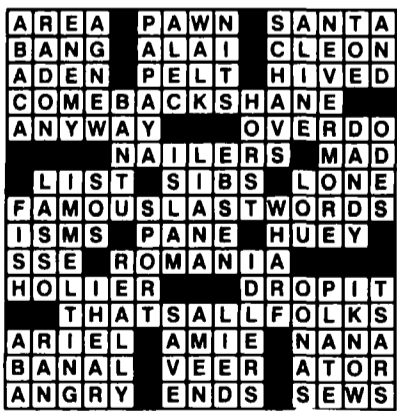
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CANCER (June 21-July 22): A secret assignment or business merger could bring new financial gains. Take steps to provide for your future by accumulating savings. Follow both intuitive promptings and friends' suggestions when seeking a solution to domestic worries.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Go slow on expressing an opinion until certain facts and figures have been verified. The future holds wonderful surprises. Your chances for gaining public recognition, while boosting profits, increase.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Make the best possible use of your resourcefulness and creativity. It is much too soon to make a financial commitment. Seek additional data. You need to be selective when joining social clubs and making friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Do not give in to a dissatisfied mood if duty keeps you pinned to your desk. Afternoon hours bring unexpected perks. Send out resumes if seeking a new job.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A confusing situation requires further investigation. Your work will be rewarded in tangible ways. Sharing your private thoughts will help you build stronger rapport with mate or offspring.

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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Use common sense and good humor to neutralize conflicts. Investment proposals merit careful scrutiny. Postpone making a firm commitment. A candid chat helps banish secret worries.

Of Interest

Wrestling Club Practices will be held Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at the JACC Wrestling Room in preparation for the Edinburgh Open on Feb. 20.

There is a **MANDATORY** meeting for all students who participated in the Urban Plunge over Christmas Break: Sun., January 21 beginning at 6:30 p.m. - meet at the Hesburgh Library Auditorium. Students will then be taken to faculty homes for follow-up discussions. You will be returned to campus by 10:00 p.m.

Roller Skating with Flip Side: The group that provides something other than the usual social scene, will get the semester rolling with a trip to United Skates in Mishawaka for roller skating from 7:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Transportation will be provided from the Library Circle at 7:05 p.m. The cost is \$4 for members and \$5 for non-members. Skate rental is an additional \$1.50.

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- Notre Dame**
- South Polish Sausage Sandwich
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Huskies manhandle Irish 87-64

Multiple weapons, suffocating defense too much for underdog Irish

By TODD FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame women's basketball team stepped onto the Joyce Center basketball floor with visions of an upset. Connecticut, however, thwarted the high hopes of the Irish and emerged victorious.

The Irish were greeted by an attendance of 6501 energetic spectators, but the fan support was not enough to lift the Irish past the Huskies. Connecticut defeated Notre Dame 87-64 in a game that the Huskies never trailed.

"I think the only thing I was happy with tonight was the crowd," commented Irish head coach Muffet McGraw.

The Huskies' suffocating defense and arsenal of individual weapons was too much for the Irish to

handle.

Kara Wolters, Connecticut's 6'7" center, led all scorers with 28 points and an impressive 13 out of 18 from the field. Irish center Katryna Gaither tried valiantly to defend Wolters, but the four inch height differential proved to be too great.

"She's probably one of the toughest players we have played against in the Big East," stated Gaither.

"She will probably join the Olympic team based on that highlight film alone," added McGraw when asked to analyze Wolters' performance.

Connecticut's defensive pressure frustrated co-captain Beth Morgan from the opening tip-off until the last buzzer. The star guard hit only 5 of her 17 field goal attempts, including only 1 of her first 10.

"Anywhere I went, someone was there. They got up in your face, and didn't give you any room," explained Morgan.

"They had the best defensive team all year. We just didn't execute," said McGraw.

Connecticut opened the game with a flurry of baskets to take an 11-2 lead. Although the Irish kept the point differential in single digits for most



The Observer/Brent Tadsen
Connecticut's 'hands in the face' defense held the Irish offense in check.

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The 6'7" Kara Wolters proved to be too strong inside for the Irish defense. She finished with 28 points.

Wolters, Connecticut win first round

By DYLAN BARMER
Sports Writer

Beth Morgan sat at the table in the Joyce Center's media interview room, face flushed and eyes downcast. Her deflated spirits were in stark contrast to the jubilant condition of the two leprechauns which flanked her on either side of the wall. She sat, head slumped, underneath an "ND" banner, which on this fateful evening could very easily have stood for "Nightmare Defense."

"It seemed like anywhere I

went, someone was there," offered a punch-drunk Morgan, who was hounded by Huskies all night in an 87-64 loss to the third ranked women's basketball team in the nation.

Morgan's highly uncharacteristic 5-17 performance from the field was just one glaring statistic in a game in which the Irish never led, and never really threatened to do so. The reigning national champions of women's basketball simply walked into the Joyce Center last night and took the game out of the Irish's collective

hands, crushing any hopes the Irish had fostered of remaining unbeaten in the Big East this season.

The Irish can console themselves in the fact that the season is far from over. It is not often that they will face a player the likes of 6'7" Kara Wolters, a redwood among oak trees who scorched the overmatched Irish defense for 28 points on 13 of 18 shooting. In fact, they probably won't see such a player until they

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HOCKEY

Icers begin final CCHA stretch

By MIKE DAY
Sports Writer

Time is precious.

As the Notre Dame hockey team heads for the home stretch of the CCHA schedule, they find themselves in a position where they can ill afford to waste any more time.

Indeed, if the 5-13-3 Irish plan on making a final push in the conference standings, then now is not the time to dilly dally.

"We've come to the realization that with just 13 league games left, we have to play our best hockey of the season," said Irish head coach Dave Poulin.

"It's a matter of executing and playing consistently Friday and Saturday night."

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

MacLeod, Irish focused on key Rutgers rematch

By TIM SEYMOUR
Associate Sports Editor

Rutgers senior forward Andrew Kolbasovsky has been on John MacLeod's mind in recent days. Phoenix Suns forward Charles Barkley has not, according to the fifth-year Notre Dame head coach.

"I have no comment," stated MacLeod when asked about the vacant Suns coaching job, which became available when Paul Westphal was fired on Tuesday. MacLeod coached the Suns from 1973-87, and his name has been mentioned as a possible successor to interim coach Cotton Fitzsimmons after the season.

"My concern is with the Notre Dame basketball team," continued MacLeod, who gave no other indication that his eyes have wandered back toward the pro ranks recently.

Specifically, MacLeod's concern has centered on guiding the Irish to their first conference victory.

No greater opportunity seems to

present itself to 5-8 Notre Dame (0-6 Big East) than the visit of the Scarlet Knights to the Joyce Center on Saturday at 2:00.

The Irish played Rutgers tough the last time, dropping an 86-80 overtime decision in December despite 20 points from senior guard Ryan Hoover.

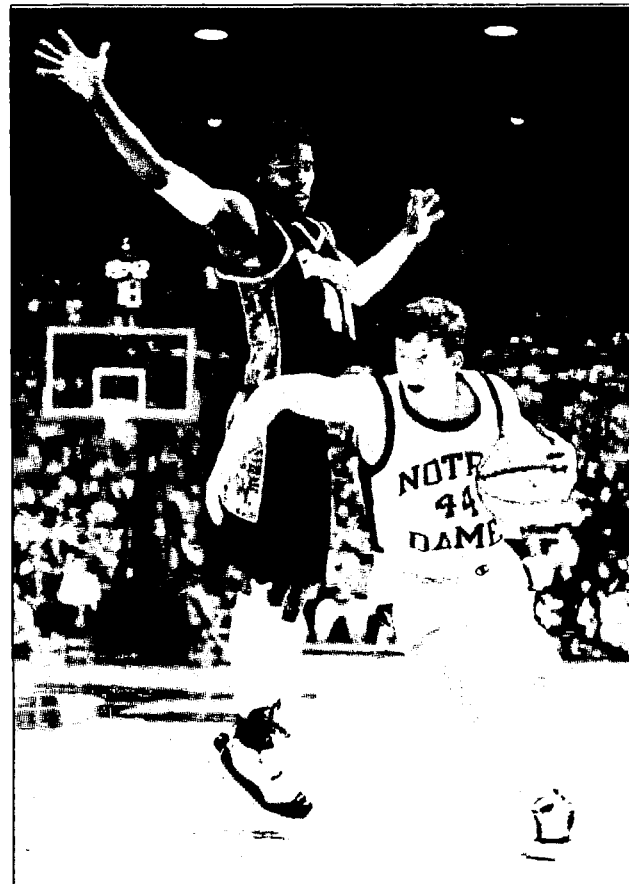
Rutgers has been an improved team of late, however, almost upsetting Syracuse before succumbing 81-80.

"If you score 80 points against Syracuse, that's lighting it up," said MacLeod.

"They've improved since when we've played them, but that's what conference play is all about. Just because you stumble early, that doesn't mean that you have to stumble the rest of the way."

MacLeod can only hope that those words are prophetic for his own team, which can take some satisfaction from taking No. 5 Georgetown to the limit earlier this week.

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The Observer/Rob Finch

Freshman point guard Doug Gottlieb will lead the Irish charge against the Scarlet Knights this weekend.

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