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Creating a virtual reality

Software designed by ND engineers will increase freedom of the disabled

By JOHN GALVIN
News Writer

Would you like to fly across campus with a blink of your eye? Or how about dial a phone number with a twitch of your nose?

It may seem a little far-fetched, but the College of Engineering at Notre Dame, in conjunction with the department of Computer Science and Engineering, are researching and developing a Virtual Reality-Human Interface to allow just about anyone to maneuver in the virtual world.

Beyond the video games and fancy software, virtual reality has the potential to free millions of people from the limitation of handicaps.

Whether they suffer from a broken ankle or a severe neurological disorder, the computer will allow anyone to live independently. Recent technology has made available sensors which, when applied to the body can act as a hand or foot in the virtual world.

"The idea", explains Notre Dame professor Dr. Beery, "is to create a 3-D virtual environment that the handicapped person can maneuver around in with similar freedom that a natural person would have walking around in a real environment."

The research team is led by Drs. Beery and Uhan, who overlook about eighteen graduate and undergraduate students involved in the virtual reality development. A Notre Dame graduate, Dawn Parkot, is doing her thesis work on this project.

She has severe cerebral palsy and is substantially disabled. Having extremely limited muscle control and acute vision and speech impairments, she acts as both a researcher and a tester for the human-interface device.

Parkot's motivation and ability intrigued not only Notre Dame faculty but also IBM to provide funds for computers and software that could make her achievements more attainable for others with similar obstacles.

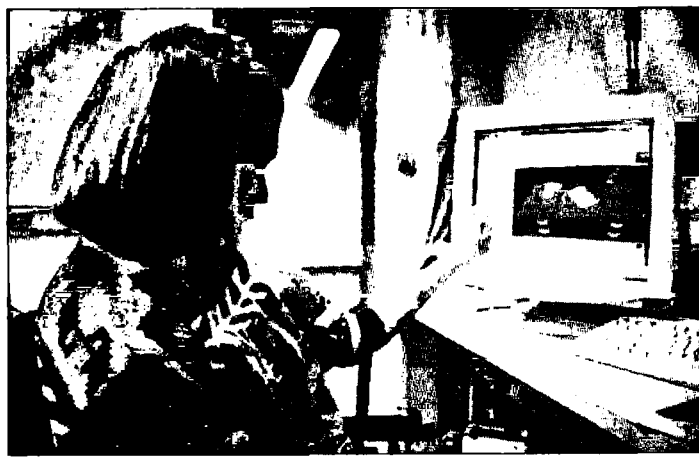
"What makes Dawn special," explained Dr. Beery, "is that she managed to get through the system and get an education, most people in her circumstance get frustrated and

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The College of Engineering is in the process of developing a computer program which will enable people with disabilities, such as Notre Dame graduate Dawn Parkot, to maneuver freely. Parkot acts as both a researcher and tester for the program.



Montoya receives honor of passing the Olympic torch

By KRISTI KOLSKI
Assistant News Editor

Traditionally, Alex Montoya would not be considered an all-American guy. He is originally from Colombia, and he has a physical disability that forces him to use prosthetics on both arms and one leg.

But the Notre Dame senior embodies the American spirit so much that he has been selected to carry the Olympic torch for one stretch of the cross-country tour.

The St. Edward's Hall resident is one of 5,500 people



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SMC hosts annual parents weekend

By RACHEL TORRES
Accent Copy Editor

Today marks the start of another Sophomore Parents Weekend at Saint Mary's College. The weekend officially kicks off at registration which will take place from 3-6 p.m. in the Haggar College Center.

"Merry Times, Magical Memories," this year's theme for the weekend, will include tours, performances, and other social events for the sophomores and their parents.

The student performance of 'Agnes of God' is one of the main attractions of the weekend and will take place at 8 p.m. in

Saint Mary's College Sophomore Parent's Weekend

Schedule of Events

Friday, February 23
3-6 p.m. Registration—
Haggar College Center
8 p.m. 'Agnes of God'— Little Theatre

Saturday, February 24
10 a.m.-12 p.m. Academic open house—
LeMans lobby
1 p.m. Group tour— College Football
Hall of Fame
4:30 p.m. Mass— Church of the Loretto
6 p.m. Social Hour— Century Center
7 p.m. Dinner— Century Center
9:30 p.m.-1 a.m. Dance—
Century Center

Sunday, February 25
8-11 a.m. Continental Breakfast—
Stapleton Lounge

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SMC policies acknowledge rights of smokers

Editor's Note: This is the first in a three part series exploring the use of tobacco at Saint Mary's College. Today's article examines the results of a survey given to 200 SMC students which questioned their smoking preferences.

By PATTI CARSON
Saint Mary's Editor

"Because it relaxes me when I'm stressed out."

That was the most common answer given by 200 Saint Mary's women in an anonymous smoking questionnaire yesterday when they were asked, "Why do you smoke?"

Sixty-seven percent of the women polled have smoked a tobacco product and 33 percent have never smoked a cigarette, according to the poll.

Interestingly enough, however, only 38 percent of those polled consider themselves "smokers" and will smoke alone.

And when asked, "How many

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cigarettes do you smoke per day," the answers of smokers varied from two to eighteen cigarettes per day. The remaining 62 percent stated that they either "do not smoke" or consider themselves only "social smokers."

But the Saint Mary's Dining Hall considers this 38 percent in its planning. A smoking section currently exists to accommodate this minority.

"Nearly every year, a student will fill out a comment card or take some kind of action to remove the smoking section from the dining hall, or at least to move it to an enclosed area," said Residence Hall

Association (RHIA) Dining Hall Chairwoman Karen Murphy. "But so far no action has been taken to carry out any of their

plans," Murphy added.

And the dining hall is not the only place to take smokers' rights into consideration. According to the college handbook, "Smoking is permitted in individual student rooms (with transom closed) if it is agreed upon by all roommates. Smoking is also permitted in the vending areas of each residence hall. Smoking is prohibited in all other public areas of the residence halls."

Only three floors of the four campus dormitories are designated as non-smoking floors. They are the second floors of Regina North and Regina South, as well as the first floor of Holy Cross Hall.

But those who do not smoke also have rights, as many made clear on the survey. One woman stated, "I find smokers inconsiderate and selfish, including my own mother."

Another student wrote, "Our parents may not have known

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A student takes advantage of the Saint Mary's policy allowing student's to smoke in a designated, non-enclosed section of the dining hall.

INSIDE COLUMN

A sacrifice: Not a theme night

When it comes time to check the box under the category 'Religion,' 85 percent of Notre Dame students choose 'Catholic.' A good chunk of that 85 percent practice their faith.

Out of those who describe themselves as Catholic, many attend mass regularly. Others have more time and energy to devote to volunteer work. It's only natural; no two people are exactly the same. Different people have different needs and different ideas about what their religion means to them. And different people celebrate different holidays—religious or otherwise—in different ways.

For example, Wednesday was Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Lenten season. And as will quickly become apparent when students attempt to eat lunch today, today is the first Friday in Lent. The dining halls will celebrate this occasion with students by eliminating any and all forms of meat from the menus. It's part two in a continuing series known to some as "Forty Days During Which Notre Dame Food Services Has Lots Of Excuses To Have Fun With Fish and Cheese" and to others "You Will Not Eat Meat Today. You Have No Choice."

During Lent, most Catholics make a conscious effort to sacrifice something that they really enjoy or have a bad habit of doing. In addition, Catholics are collectively asked to make a conscious decision to eliminate meat from their diets on Lenten Fridays.

But if it's not a conscious decision—if it's not a choice voluntarily made in the spirit of the season—is it a sacrifice? Or is it Notre Dame Food Services (possibly at the direction of other departments) deciding that on-campus students will not eat meat today? The simple fact is, if the meat's not there, students can't eat it and everyone is forced to observe Lent, practicing Catholic or not.

It's quite obvious and understandable that a Catholic university such as The University of Notre Dame would want to promote faith and belief. But promotion and force-feeding are two very different things. Allowing students the option of ham and turkey in the deli lines on Lenten Fridays should not infringe on one's practicing of faith. During such Fridays, most would understand if the dining halls offered a limited amount of meat-oriented menu selections. Eating meat on Fridays does not make you a bad person.

The numbers show that 15 percent of the student body does not describe themselves as Catholic. It would not be a surprise to learn that a good percentage of self-described Catholics on this campus do not practice their faith actively. Why then must meat be completely eliminated from the dining hall menus during Lent? Ash Wednesday is not a theme night. Unfortunately, by creating menus specific to an occasion that virtually deny a student the ability to decide for or against meat in their diet, the dining halls have created just such an atmosphere.

Students should be allowed meat as an option when choosing their meals. Simply put, if it's not a choice it's not a sacrifice.

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

Gambling goes after states' approval with big money

ST. LOUIS

After failing in its first attempt to legalize slot machines on Missouri riverboats, the gambling industry took no chances and spared no expense.

Following a pattern that has been repeated across the country, it hired the chief strategist for the state's most visible politician, then-House Majority Leader Dick Gephardt, paying her company \$218,750 to help win passage of the 1994 referendum. Gephardt himself got a \$50,000 donation for his state political action committee.

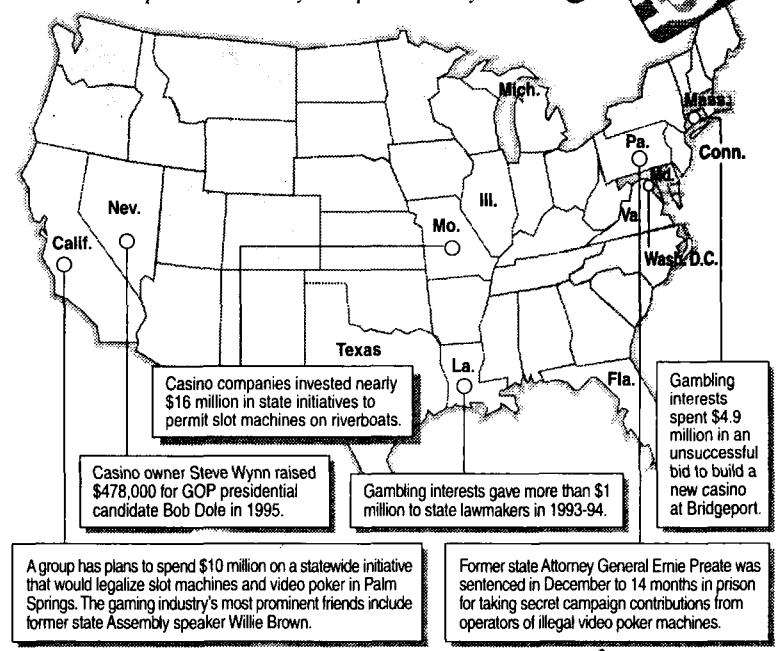
An additional \$10,000 hired private investigators to probe the background of a conservative St. Louis businessman leading the opposition, and to plant leaks tying him to right-wing extremist David Duke.

And more than \$50,000 was routed to Freedom Inc., a black inner-city political machine in Kansas City, to register voters and head off potential opposition from churches. Even campaign insiders had misgivings. "This is dirty," was scrawled on an internal campaign memo outlining the payments to Freedom Inc.

After pouring \$11.5 million into the effort, the coalition including some of the nation's most recognizable gambling interests — Hilton, Players and Promus — had the majority it needed.

The gambling lobby

The gambling industry boomed in the early 1990s as many states lifted bans on casinos, riverboat gambling and slot machines. How politics and money have paved the way:



Farrakhan faces scrutiny upon return

WASHINGTON

Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan's passport will be examined for entry and exit stamps from Iraq and Libya when he returns to the United States, a State Department official said Thursday. Farrakhan and his delegation are due to return to Chicago on Saturday. He plans to deliver a major address Sunday at the University of Illinois. State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said: "if they do find those stamps, they will turn those passports over to the proper authorities; in this case, the Justice Department for a review of whether or not U.S. laws were violated." It is not clear whether any punitive action could be taken against him. The Justice Department's criminal division already has sent Farrakhan a letter advising him he may have to register with the U.S. government as a Libyan agent, department officials have said.



Killer says he's at peace prior to death

SAN FRANCISCO

The man scheduled to be put to death early Friday for killing 14 young men says he's "made peace with it" and is even able to joke with the warden as the execution approaches. But "Freeway Killer" William Bonin figures he might be nervous as 12:01 a.m. draws nearer. "I think I've accepted the fact that this may come about and I've made my peace with it and if it happens, it happens," he said in an interview with KQED-FM. "As far as how I'm going to feel at that very moment, I can't answer that question. I don't know. I don't think any of us would know until we're there." Bonin, convicted of murdering 14 young men and boys in 1979 and 1980, conceded, "I might be nervous tomorrow (Thursday) night." He said there was nothing he could say to victims' families. "I don't think anybody in a situation such as I'm in no matter what they said would help, in any way. I really don't." But he did have some words for those who want to see him die. "They feel that my death will bring closure," he said. "But that's not the case. They're going to find out."

Alexander attacks GOP front-runners

TAMPA, Fla.

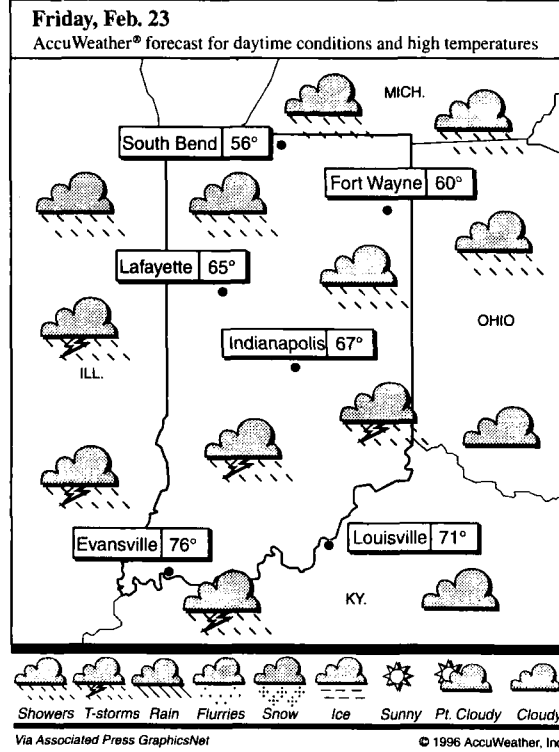
Lamar Alexander today accused Bob Dole of "ducking the contest of ideas" by avoiding a Republican presidential candidates' forum in Arizona as the race heats up with a flurry of primaries. "This is going to be a roller coaster ride for the next few weeks until we get to Florida on March 12," Alexander said as he made a quick stop in Tampa before heading west. The former Tennessee governor was set to appear tonight with publisher Steve Forbes and Pat Buchanan in the Arizona candidates forum ahead of the state's Tuesday primary. Sen. Bob Dole, who finished behind Buchanan and ahead of Alexander in New Hampshire's primary, didn't plan to be there. "I'm going to Arizona for a contest of ideas," Alexander said. "Senator Dole is ducking the contest of ideas." As for Buchanan, Alexander said he planned to hit the commentator hard on his protectionist trade views, which Alexander dubbed "Buchananism."

Cardinal hospitalized with blood clot

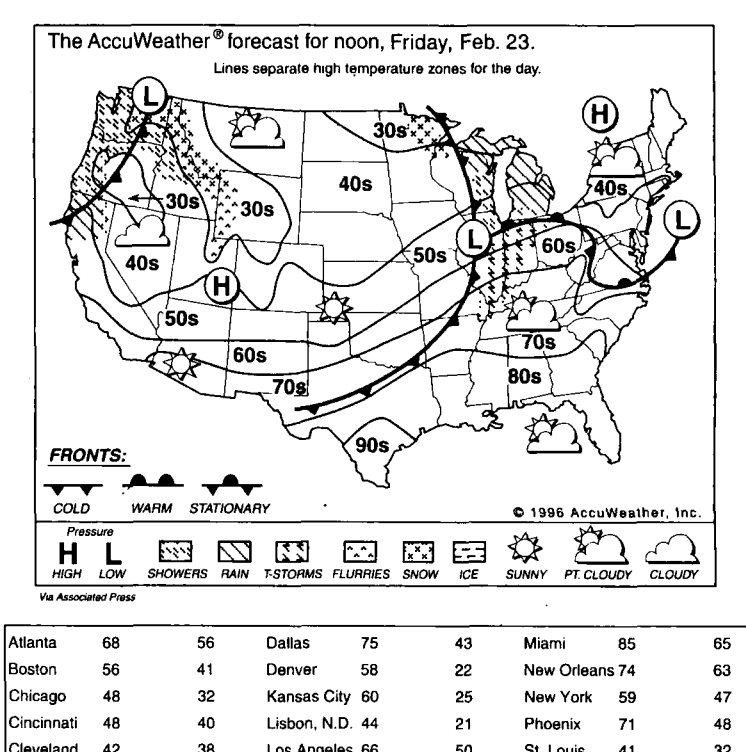
PHILADELPHIA

Cardinal John Krol, retired archbishop of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, has a blood clot in his left lung and is hospitalized in intensive care. Krol, 85, was in serious but stable condition today at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital. Doctors planned to lower the oxygen level in his respirator today to start weaning him from the device. "His spirits are a little bit subdued," said cardiologist Joseph F. Majdan. "He's a very stoic, very accepting man." Majdan expressed "guarded optimism" about Krol's outlook. Admitted after experiencing shortness of breath, Krol's blood clot was discovered Tuesday, but wasn't related to the shortness of breath, Majdan said. "It's a setback for somebody with multiple medical problems," Majdan said. Krol has diabetes and congestive heart failure. Krol, named a cardinal in June 1967, retired as archbishop of Philadelphia in 1988 after 27 years leading the nation's sixth-largest archdiocese.

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Carter praises ND for human rights action

By BILL CONNOLLY
News Writer

Former President Jimmy Carter has praised the efforts of the Notre Dame Law School and its Center for Civil and Human Rights (CCHR) in advancing the cause of human rights around the world.

In a January 19 letter to Notre Dame's president, Father Edward Malloy, Carter wrote: "I am writing to commend...the work of your Law School and Center for Civil and Human Rights in involving lawyers around the world in the development of a global human rights culture."



Carter

Carter offered particular praise for the center's graduate programs in international human rights law and its new internship programs at the United Nations Centre for Human Rights and at the International Criminal Tribunals for Rwanda and the former Yugoslavia.

The University's commitment to a combination of teaching, research and service plays an "important role in increasing both the numbers and the skills of human rights legal advocates

worldwide, especially in developing countries," wrote Carter, who made human rights issues a central theme of his presidency.

The former president also extended his appreciation to the CCHR for working together with the International Human Rights Council of the Carter Center in Atlanta.

"I look forward to a long association between our Human Rights Program and your Center," he wrote.

Founded in 1973 by Father Theodore Hesburgh, the CCHR initially concentrated on civil rights issues in the United States.

The CCHR gradually began to focus on human rights law. Since 1986, it has offered an International Human Rights degree (L.L.M. — Master of Law degree) through the University Law school. Candidates for the L.L.M. degree need to already have their law degree.

According to Mr. Garth Meintjes, associate director of the CCHR, this graduate program selects eight to 10 lawyers a year from those who apply for admission from developing countries.

"The idea," Meintjes said, "is to give lawyers from developing countries the chance to study international human rights law since such a course is often not offered in their native countries. This is unfortunate, since

these countries are where such a degree is usually needed the most."

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Jimmy Carter

Most recently, under the direction of Father William Lewers, the CCHR joined with the Carter Center to create the internship in the United Nations Center for Human Rights in Geneva, and with the MacArthur Foundation to establish internship programs in the prosecutor's office of the International Criminal Tribunals for Rwanda and the former Yugoslavia.

Graduates from the program on international human rights fill these internships. According to Meintjes, this gives the lawyers the practical training they need, giving them a head

start in their field.

Currently, six graduates of the L.L.M. degree program are serving on either the Tribunal for Rwanda or the former Yugoslavia.

Two graduates sent to the Hague in the Netherlands, where the former Yugoslavia's Tribunal is held, have been employed as staff members.

Those interns in the Tribunals work in the legal services section of the prosecutor's office.

In this office, they research and investigate evidence in the trials of international criminals.

Since these interns come from various nations, they are neutral to the countries and the cases they are investigating.

This is an unprecedented event since not only are the interns neutral, but the judges hearing the cases are as well. Past international bodies have been controlled both in the judge's chair and the prosecutor's office by the party which won in the conflict under question.

Meintjes urged all who are interested in the CCHR and its work to attend a March 23 conference which will discuss the work of both Tribunals.

The conference, which will be open to the public, will be attended by Justice Richard Goldstone, the chief prosecutor of both Tribunals, and various Tribunal staff members.

Auction to raise funds for Center

By DEREK BETCHER
News Writer

South Bend's Center for the Homeless has set a fundraising goal of \$100,000 for its fifth annual auction which will take place Saturday at 6 p.m. at the Century Center downtown.

The auction will feature a wide assortment of novel items including travel packages and sports, television, and music memorabilia, many of which were donated by the University of Notre Dame. In addition, alumni such as Chris Zorich, LaPhonso Ellis, and Rick Mirer made notable contributions.

"There's been substantial Notre Dame involvement. They've donated quite a bit," noted Tammy Oehm, the event's coordinator. "We've also had a lot of Notre Dame staff on the planning committee."

"There are 350 items in a silent auction and 47 in the oral one. We've got some really exciting things," Oehm said.

Among the items available are numerous Notre Dame football ticket packages, including one package that lets its purchaser shadow the team all Saturday, from morning Mass to the post-game locker room. The auction will also feature memorabilia autographed by celebrities including Michael Jordan, Mickey Mantle, Cal Ripken Jr., David Letterman, and Michael Jackson.

"Our first year we raised \$7,000," Oehm said. "Last year we raised \$50,000."

All proceeds are entered straight into the Center's regular operating budget. "That money will be used to buy food and pay for other daily expenses," Oehm said.

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give-up. She is the only one she knows, in her position who has gone for an advanced degree."

The development of virtual-reality technology will facilitate in her current aspiration, as well as, her plans for a Ph.D. in Computer Science and a Ph.D. in her favorite subject, Physics.

The research team is divided into three groups:

The first group is working with Parkot and the human-interface device, learning how to run the software and receive signals.

They are able to use signals from muscle contractions, eyelid movement and brain waves to create musical sounds, and to eventually control movement in a virtual environment.

The second group is dedicated to designing virtual-reality settings.

A virtual office with a telephone, notepad and desk lamp. A virtual representation of Parkot's apartment, along with a complete virtual campus.

The third group works to integrate the efforts of the first two groups. They take information from the virtual world and turn it into real information and signals that can be used to create a voice, text or movement.

This semester, the team hopes to create a simple virtual office space with a 3-D keyboard, mouse and screens, and to associate them with their real world counterparts. They plan on Parkot actually being integrated into the system by as early as this summer.

The system would allow Parkot to turn on and off lights, control television channels, and possibly audibly communicate words.

Once the software has reached a useful level, her home will be set up, so that she can have full access to the technology through her computer system.

This will enhance her ability to pursue her degree and will provide her a chance to evaluate the system for long term design flaws.

Eventually, they look towards generating a package that can calibrate itself to individual users.

The "package," when developed, seems unlimited in its potential uses. In about ten years, Dr. Beery claims, the system could allow people, with disabilities like Parkot, to live independently, and to even drive a car.

Furthermore, Dr. Beery projects that severe spinal injury victims who have lost control over anything except their eyelids could potentially move a wheelchair, audibly communicate, write letters and control their real life through a virtual world.

Future development will undoubtedly link this hardware with robotics, which would allow anyone to order a robot to water the flowers or cut the lawn.


Notre Dame is researching and developing this system to benefit not only future disabled students, but to advance the human-computer relationship.

Students with various disabilities will gain freedom through a more maneuverable and personal environment.

Once the system is developed the Computer Science Engineers plan on using some of the systems in local schools to aid in all levels of communication and education.

"It is very expensive to educate a handicap person," reminds Dr. Berry, "this kind of technology will bring the cost of education closer to the level of a normal student" and, therefore, facilitate in the education of the several ingenious yet physically challenged people, like Parkot.

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the health risks of smoking, but people our age do. So I don't know why they do it."

Several smokers expressed disinterest with health repercussions. One smoker stated, "I choose to smoke and I don't think it's going to kill me if I do it in moderation." Another anonymous smoker agreed, "Let me smoke if I want to. I feel like I'm in the minority and looked down upon by non-smokers. It's my choice and I'll take the consequences."

Some smokers took an opposite stance. One smoker in the poll wrote, "I don't smoke because I'm beckoning for lung cancer. I know what it can do to me, and I'm going to quit."

Actually, 46 percent of the smokers polled stated that it was in their plans for the

Smoking:

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Do your close friends smoke?	48%	52%
Do you smoke alone?	38%	62%
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Have you tried to quit?	72%	28%
Do you plan to quit?	46%	54%
If you don't consider yourself a smoker, do you ever smoke at social gatherings or bars?	44%	56%

future to stop smoking. Many expressed their intentions to quit smoking "after college," specifically for health reasons.

Part two of the series will explore the health issues related to smoking.

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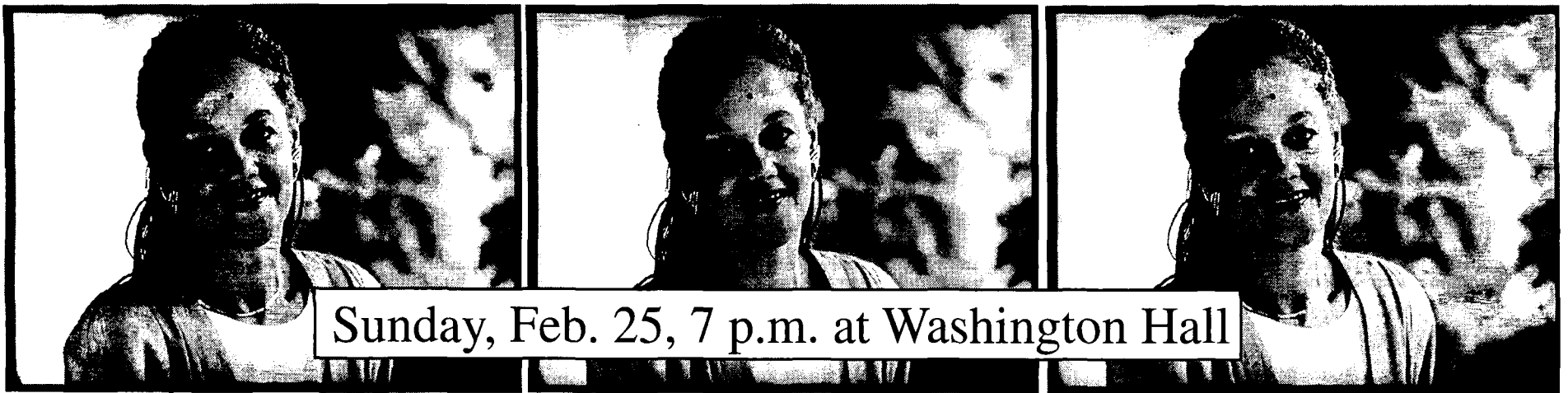
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Conference addresses role of gender studies

By BRENDAN BOYLE
News Writer

This Friday and Saturday, Notre Dame's Hesburgh Library will offer a unique opportunity for graduate and undergraduate students to learn about the important issue of gender studies.

The conference, entitled, "Gender Across the Disciplines: Graduate Research in Gender Studies at Notre Dame" was organized by Deborah Coombs, GSU Women's Resource Committee Chair.

"The conference is a great experience for the Notre Dame graduate students who will be presenting their papers. For many, this is their first opportunity speaking to an audience about their work," said Coombs.

None of the speakers, however, are studying gender stud-

ies on the graduate level because there is no gender studies program on the graduate level at Notre Dame. For Coombs, this is just further evidence of the importance of gender studies.

"Gender studies is applicable in more areas than just history and English," observed Coombs. In fact, the speakers range from the Department of Economics to the Medieval Institute.

Not just the graduate students will benefit from the conference.

"This is also a great opportunity for students interested in gender issues," believes Coombs. "They can hear people speak from a wide variety of perspectives about gender issues."

The conference lasts from 2-5 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Saturday.

Third F-14 crashes in Gulf

By ROBERT BURNS
Associated Press

WASHINGTON
The Navy ordered its F-14 fighter jets worldwide to stop flying for three days after a crash Thursday in the Persian Gulf, the third catastrophic loss for the Navy's front-line fighter in less than a month.

The pilot and radar intercept officer ejected safely before the early morning crash. They were rescued in the northern gulf by a helicopter from the carrier USS Nimitz from which the F-14 was flying, officials said.

There was no hostile action involved, Navy spokesman Lt. Cmdr. Kenneth Ross said, adding that there was no immediate explanation of what went wrong.

An F-14 crashed last Sunday in the Pacific Ocean; another crashed Jan. 29 in Nashville, Tenn. Ten have gone down in the past two years and 32 since 1991, a record at least a little worse than for other planes.

"This is a mystery," said Kenneth Bacon, chief spokesman for Defense Secretary William Perry.

Just two days earlier Bacon had said in response to questions about Sunday's crash, in which the two crewmen were killed, that the Navy saw no pattern in recent F-14 crashes that would call for special safety precautions.

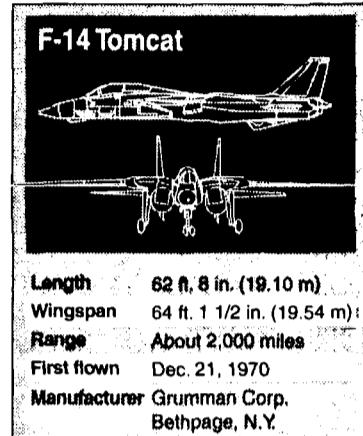
Each of the last three planes to crash was based at Miramar Naval Air Station near San Diego, although they were from different squadrons. Six of the Navy's 13 F-14 squadrons are at Miramar. The others are at Oceana Naval Air Station in Virginia.

Immediately after Thursday's accident, Adm. Mike Boorda, the chief of naval operations, ordered a 72-hour "stand down" of the full F-14 fleet of 337 planes.

In that period a team of Navy safety and engineering experts will review the latest crashes in search of common threads, officials said.

The planes cost \$32 million apiece.

Bacon said the F-14s were not being grounded for a specific mechanical problem but to allow experts to "wreck their brains for any explanation, no matter how farfetched."



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Record heat wave ignites grass fires across Texas

By MARK BABINECK
Associated Press

POOLVILLE, Texas
Hampered by whipping wind and temperatures rising toward the 90s, firefighters today battled a grass fire that burned

more than 40 square miles, destroying dozens of homes and injuring at least 18 people.

Unseasonably hot, windy and tinder-dry weather has been feeding fires across Texas. Before the Poolville fire, flames had raced across nearly an

additional 40 square miles earlier this month.

Gov. George W. Bush today asked for a federal disaster declaration for the entire state. He planned to tour the fire area today.

The fire near Poolville, 35

miles northwest of Fort Worth, was 40 percent contained by early today, Department of Public Safety Cpl. Bobby Hart said from an emergency command post.

At least 16 firefighters and two residents had been injured. "We're not talking acres, we're talking miles," Parker County Sheriff Ben Whiteman said.

"We've lost houses. We've lost trailers. We've lost barns. We've lost deer camps."

The Poolville blaze, the state's largest, destroyed at least 57 homes, officials said. As of daybreak it covered more than 40 square miles, or more than 25,000 acres.

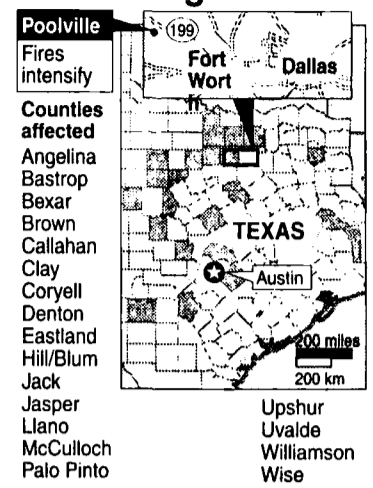
Bush made state workers, National Guard helicopters and heavy equipment available to fight the blaze.

Wayne Richardson soaked his yard with buckets of water as the fire approached his home north of Poolville. Firefighters sprayed homes in the neighborhood with water, but his was one of only a couple that were spared.

"I don't know why I was so lucky," Richardson said. "I guess I just got picked."

Neighbor Sandra McCamon, a

Texas range fires



AP

retired insurance adjuster who had just moved to Poolville, lost everything. She was gone when the fire started.

"I guess I won't be putting my mailbox out anytime soon," McCamon said.

Highs Wednesday soared to 103 degrees at Laughlin Air Force Base, the nation's highest.

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■ BOSNIA-HERCEGOVINA

Thousands of Serbians flee Sarajevo in panic

By DUSAN STOJANOVIC
Associated Press

VOGOSCA

"I don't know where I'm going," Nebojsa Acimovic said from the window of his old truck packed with furniture, trunks and relatives, joining the stream of embittered Serb refugees fleeing Sarajevo's suburbs Thursday.

"Where this sad column stops is my next home."

Thursday was the last day before the Muslim-led government begins to take control of five Sarajevo suburbs — and, in the minds of many Serbs, the last day before the enemy would come to inflict revenge for four years of war.

The grim flight was another mournful chapter in Bosnia's tragedy — a war whose sole aim was to take a country

where Serbs, Muslims and Croats coexisted for centuries and carve out ethnically homogeneous regions.

This time, it was the Serbs on the move, forced out because of the policies of their leaders, who oversaw the brutal purge of Muslims and Croats from much of eastern and northern Bosnia, only to lose five Serb-held districts around Sarajevo at the negotiating table.

Thousands of Serbs headed out of those suburbs Thursday, abandoning their homes in chaos and panic.

Some slogged on foot along mud-and-snow covered roads in freezing temperatures, their belongings on their backs. Others jammed onto anything that would move — trucks, buses, tractors, horse-drawn carts — splashing and sliding in long columns that fanned out from

Vogosca, the first district the Serbs will lose Friday, and from four other areas.

A German shepherd, led by a young boy, began to stumble on a snow-covered road. "Make it for just a bit longer," the boy pleaded, running his hand over the dog's head.

A Bosnian Serb official overseeing the exodus estimated that 20,000 people were leaving, with more to follow as all Serb neighborhoods are handed over to the Muslim-led government and its Bosnian Croat partners by March 19.

"This is a human disaster," Acimovic said.

His truck stalled on a frozen track linking Vogosca to another Serb suburb, Ilidza.

"What did I do to deserve this exodus?" he asked, banging his fists against the steering wheel and swearing at his fortune.

■ CZECHNYA

Guerrilla activity results in increased precaution

Associated Press

GROZNY, Russia

Guerrillas blew up a gas pipeline in southern Chechnya on Thursday, igniting a fierce fire, and Russia strengthened its forces on the eve of a grim Chechen anniversary.

Leaders of Chechnya's Russian-backed government blamed the blast, and a similar attack in the neighboring republic of Dagestan, on separatist Chechen fighters.

No casualties were reported. But amid reports of a new clash between rebels and Russian troops, Moscow boosted its forces around Chechnya as a precaution against what offi-

cials called further provocations by the rebels.

Friday is the 52nd anniversary of the mass deportation of Chechens by Soviet dictator Josef Stalin, who accused them of collaborating with the Nazi army.

More than half the population of 425,000 Chechens and Ingush, another Caucasus Mountains people, died on the journey to the steppes of Central Asia. The Chechens were allowed to return to their home territory in the 1950s.

Last year, separatist leaders threatened to unleash a "blood-bath" against Russian invaders on the anniversary, although they did not follow through.

■ ROMANIA

Snowstorm causes plane crash

Associated Press

BAIA MARE

A plane crashed into a stone quarry in a snowstorm in northwest Romania on Thursday, killing all six people on board and two people on the ground.

The plane, a Soviet-made Antonov-24, crashed about 9 miles from the northwestern town of Baia Mare after attempting two emergency landings, said the commander of Baia Mare's airport, Col. Vasile Dalea.

Firefighters in the area said eight people were killed — the six people on board and two quarry workers.

The cause of the crash was not known.

Bosnian president remains in hospital

By JASMINA KUZMANOVIC
Associated Press

accord signed last December ended more than 3 1/2 years of war.

SARAJEVO

Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic was rushed to a hospital Thursday with heart problems, raising fears of another strain on Bosnia's fragile peace.

Izetbegovic, 70, is the unquestioned leader of Bosnia's Muslims.

Any weakness in the government could be exploited by other factions, undermining the tenuous peace that has settled on Bosnia since an

A terse government statement said Izetbegovic suffered sudden cardiac problems and was hospitalized.

Edhem Bicakcic, vice president of the ruling Party for Democratic Action, said that Izetbegovic was "out of critical condition. He will be all right."

Ismet Grbo, a spokesman for the party, said earlier the president would have to remain hospitalized for an unspecified time.

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Shuttle reaches orbit despite engine scare

By MARCIA DUNN
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. Seven shuttle astronauts blasted into orbit Thursday to attempt a Space Age version of Benjamin Franklin's kite experiment — unreeling a satellite on the end of a 12.8-mile cord.

Columbia, carrying an international crew, rose from its seaside pad at 3:18 p.m. As the shuttle sliced through a hazy sky, Mission Control got a scare when a cockpit light came on, indicating engine trouble that could force the crew to abort the flight. But it proved to be a false alarm.

"Arrivederci, au revoir, auf Wiedersehen and adios," shuttle commander Andrew Allen said before liftoff. "We'll see you in a couple of weeks."

On Saturday, in a risky maneuver, the crew will reel out the satellite and try to generate electricity from the half-ton metal ball and its slender cord as they sweep through Earth's magnetic field at 5 miles per second.

The same U.S.-Italian experiment flopped four years ago; the tether jammed on the reel and the satellite got no farther than 840 feet from the shuttle, producing hardly any electricity.

All known problems — most notably a protruding bolt on the reel — have been fixed this time.

The engine scare Thursday

came a few seconds into the flight. The caution light as well as a gauge indicated one of the three main engines wasn't providing enough thrust.

It turned out to be a faulty reading, and Mission Control assured the crew everything was fine after maybe a half-minute of worry.

Later, Mission Control told the crew that the flight controller watching the main engines was "trying to get his heart collected again."

"Tell him to join the club," replied Columbia's pilot, Scott Horowitz.

If the engine had malfunctioned, the crew probably would have had to attempt a dangerous return to the launch site, something that has never been done.

About 600 European guests were on hand for the launch, including Ferdinando Salleo, the Italian ambassador to the United States.

The four Americans, two Italians and one Swiss on board will unreel the satellite nearly 200 miles above Earth. For two days, the ball is supposed to soar above Columbia on the end of the tether, which looks like a white boot lace and is made of copper, nylon and Teflon.

Scientists hope to generate 5,000 volts of electricity with the tethered satellite and produce some 1,000 watts of power as current flows down the tether to Columbia.

WALES

Human error at fault for spill

By SUE LEEMAN
Associated Press

ANGLE Human error probably caused last week's tanker grounding, which opened the way to one of the 10 largest oil spills in history, the vessel's manager said Thursday.

The environmental devastation the spill has generated in one of Britain's prime wildlife refuges was becoming apparent Thursday.

More than a dozen dead sea birds have washed up, and hundreds more — mottled with oil — have reportedly been sighted.

"It is not just the things you can see, like birds, seals and porpoises, that will be affected, but sponges, mollusks and other forms of life," said Phil Rothwell, head of policy operations for the Royal Society for Protection of Birds.

"This must be a disaster in anyone's terms."

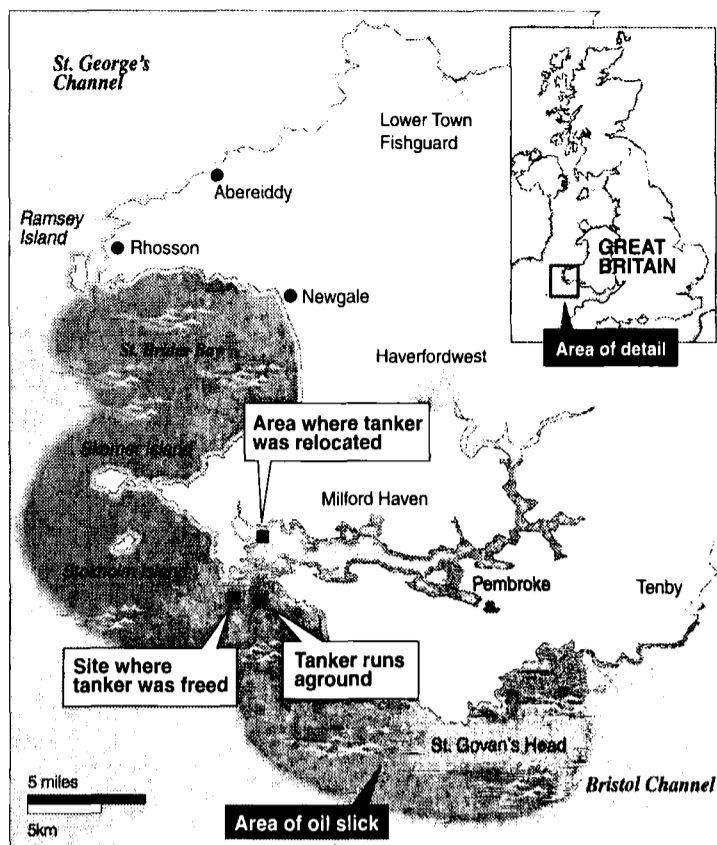
Capt. Peter Cooney, managing director of Acomarit Ltd., the company that manages the Sea Empress, said there was "a high probability" that human error was to blame for the Feb. 15 grounding off St. Ann's head, the western headland of the Milford Haven estuary.

An estimated 20 million gallons of oil leaked into the sea.

"The early information we have is that there was nothing wrong technically with the ship whatsoever," Cooney said in an interview with BBC radio.

"This can be borne out because she steamed in her own power finally to the berth where she now resides."

John Fredriksen, a Norwegian who owns the vessel through companies in Cyprus, said Wednesday that the ship's



Some major marine oil spills * as of 3 p.m. EST Wednesday

Tanker	Gallons	Date	Location
Amoco Cadiz	68 million	March 16, 1978	Off Brittany, France
Torrey Canyon	36 million	March 18, 1967	Isles of Scilly, U.K.
Braer	25 million	Jan. 5, 1993	Off Garths Ness, near Scotland
Nova	21 million	Dec. 6, 1985	Arabian Gulf
Sea Empress	19 million*	Feb. 15, 1996	Milford Haven, Wales
Exxon Valdez	11 million	March 24, 1989	Prince William Sound, Alaska

Source: Golob's Oil Pollution Bulletin

AP/Carl Fox

crew and officers had passed tests for drugs and alcohol that were administered immediately.

The government was also defending itself against claims by environmental groups and St. Ann's residents that it was

slow to respond to the grounding.

It took six days to tow the tanker clear of the rocks.

Transport Secretary Sir George Young told critics the rescue operation would be investigated.



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Clinton selects Fed nominees

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON, D.C. President Clinton said today he will renominate Alan Greenspan for a third four-year term as chairman of the Federal Reserve and name White House budget director Alice Rivlin to the Fed's No. 2 post.



Clinton

The president also chose St. Louis economist Laurence Meyer to fill a Fed vacancy.

Clinton praised Greenspan effusively, saying "he has inspired confidence and with good reason."

"His decisions have helped us to work toward a period of sustained economic growth," the president said during an announcement ceremony in the Oval Office.

He said that Rivlin, nominated as vice chairman, was one of the nation's foremost experts on how to keep the economy growing. "She always calls it as

she sees it." Rivlin had indicated recently that she was not interested in joining the Fed.

"I haven't lost all my powers of persuasion," the president said with a laugh. "Battered and bloodied though I may be, I can still once in a while make a good argument."

The two Democrats are to be sent to the Senate together with the renomination of Greenspan, a Republican. Economists predicted a favorable response in financial markets to the selections. They said Wall Street had hoped Greenspan would be reappointed and would view the other candidates as highly qualified, mainstream economists.

"Both of these nominees are solid, and the markets will take them in stride," said David Jones, chief economist at Aubrey G. Lanston & Co. in New York and the author of two books on the Greenspan Fed.

Rivlin, who took over as director of the president's Office of Management and Budget when Leon Panetta was named chief of staff in 1994, was something of a surprise

choice for the Fed.

Her name surfaced several weeks ago, but at the time she firmly rejected the possibility. She said she thought it was important to stay in her post as budget director because of negotiations with Congress over balancing the federal budget.

In addition to teaching economics, Meyer heads his own economic forecasting firm, Laurence H. Meyer & Associates.

The administration has signaled for months that it was considering no other candidates than the 69-year-old Greenspan for the Fed chairmanship.

But it had hoped to package the conservative Republican with a more liberal Democrat for the No. 2 post.

However, New York investment banker Felix Rohatyn, Clinton's first choice for the vice chairmanship, withdrew from consideration last week after Republicans on the Senate Banking Committee let it be known that he was unacceptable.

Clinton denounced the "outrageous political treatment" accorded Rohatyn.

Ameritech faces fines for poor service record

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE

Inadequate customer service could cost Ameritech more than \$225 million in fines under a suit by the Wisconsin Public Service Commission.

The suit, filed in Circuit Court in Madison, said records show instances last year in which customers were without services for periods longer than tolerated by state law.

The suit does not specify how big a fine should be. State law specifies \$25 to \$5,000 per violation.

If the maximum fines were required, the total could be \$225 million, PSC attorney Glenn Kelley said Wednesday.

The penalty is likely to be less than that because the commission is more interested in compensating customers and avoiding problems in the future, Kelley said.

Ameritech never denied its service problems last year, spokeswoman Pam Bednarczak said.

"Our goal is to reach a settlement that benefits customers

who were directly affected by last year's service problems," Bednarczak said.

The PSC cited layoffs and retirement incentives with which Ameritech reduced payroll, and a transfer of maintenance workers to Ohio just before stormy weather struck Wisconsin last summer.

The company "substantially and unreasonably" reduced its service ability in Wisconsin, beginning in late 1994, the commission said.

Ameritech, based in Chicago, serves five states, including Indiana. It said 11,000 employees volunteered for retirement in 1995.

Company records show 43,400 Wisconsin customers were without dial tone for more than 24 hours between March 1 and Oct. 31, violating a state acceptable-service standard, the suit says.

Some customers were without service for eight days, it said.

Ameritech will respond to the PSC suit in court documents, Bednarczak said.

Federal order slows South Shore

Associated Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind.

An emergency federal order reducing train speeds could make some South Shore Railroad commuters late for work, a spokesman for the line said.

The order issued Wednesday by Transportation Secretary Federico Pena could slow some trains enough to fall behind schedule, John Parsons said.

The South Shore, which operates between South Bend and Chicago, is used by about 7,000 commuters each weekday.

Pena issued the order after the fiery train collision Friday in Silver Spring, Md. Eleven people died in the crash involving Maryland Rail Commuter and Amtrak pas-

senger trains.

The order went into effect at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday and requires commuter railroads to comply within 10 days.

It says trains that stop at a station or slow to speeds below 10 mph can go no faster than 30 mph until reaching an all-clear signal.

Parsons said there are numerous places along the South Shore line, including the eastern end between Michigan City and South Bend, where trains are allowed to travel as fast as 79 mph.

South Shore officials are concerned that trains won't meet the precise schedule required in the busy Chicago area.

The South Shore travels on its own rails for 75 miles of its 90-mile route but uses other railroads' tracks for 15 miles in the Chicago area.

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The NICTD board was to discuss the federal order at a meeting Friday.

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EDITORIALS

Coresidentiality ideas too important to trash

Monday's Campus Life Council meeting produced good news and bad news. The good news is that the council, having tackled the thorny issue of coresidentiality, sent a pair of resolutions to Vice-President of Student Affairs Patricia O'Hara for her consideration. Unfortunately, that's also the bad news.

While the CLC has done an admirable job in both thoroughly exploring the issue and proposing that the University examine the idea of coed living on campus, members cannot be sure their report will ever go anywhere but into O'Hara's circular file. That seems to be the main destination for many promising ideas on controversial issues, particularly when O'Hara and University officers don't agree with CLC recommendations. As well-researched ideas and proposals are discarded, so goes the body's supposed power as the chief advisory board for O'Hara.

One year ago this February, O'Hara set a dangerous precedent by ignoring the recommendations of the CLC after it passed a resolution calling for official recognition for GLND/SMC. O'Hara responded by sidestepping the CLC and creating a committee to advise her on homosexual student needs. That committee has been meeting for almost a year with yet unreleased results, but there is no doubt as to whose opinions will prevail. The CLC's resolution has faded like the paper it was printed on.

By dismissing the CLC's resolution, O'Hara established herself as supreme authority on all issues concerning campus life. Tossed aside were the opinions of not only students, but professors, administrators, rectors and clergy. More importantly, O'Hara obstructed the most important conduit of community sentiment that ever reached the Golden Dome.

And now, the CLC presents O'Hara with one more opportunity to cast popular will to the trash heap. The CLC has positioned itself as a powerful voice on campus opinion, including faculty and staff as well as students. Their aggressive, but informed stance on coresidentiality is a shining example of their willingness to help Notre Dame heal wounds that have festered for too long. Hopefully, she'll take this opportunity to do the right thing.

Mary Ann Who?

For the second year in a row, the University has disappointed the senior class with the announcement of a fairly obscure commencement speaker. Mary Ann Glendon is a speaker who belongs lecturing in Debartolo 101 on a Wednesday afternoon, instead of delivering a commencement address to a packed JACC. Although she's not without credentials, her selection will certainly disappoint students and parents hoping to hear a more prestigious speaker. It also breaks a long-standing tradition of inviting a sitting president in an election year. No one but administrators know if there was an honest attempt to draw President Clinton to campus, or where the breakdown occurred. Students can only hope the Class of '97 has better luck.

I AM NOT A POTTED PLANT

Ordaining an all-male priesthood

I, like many of you no doubt, have been struggling for a while with the concept of female priests. As a Catholic wannabe intellectual, I am not entirely satisfied with the rational support underlying our belief. I don't demand that my faith be strictly rational; there are things that can be seen only with the eyes of faith. Still, a faith that is from God ought to make sense on some level or other.

Then again, God help me, I believe. I believe that the Church was established by God, and that it contains the "fullness of truth." Which brings us to the dilemma; I want to trust the Church but my reason leads me elsewhere.

Of course, in the Bible, Jesus chose 12 men to be Apostles, and Jewish priests were only men. Women played significant roles in Jewish history (Ester, Judith) and in New Testament times. Women may have been present at the Last Supper; they certainly were with Jesus on Golgotha. But they were not priests. This tradition has continued for 2000 years, and it is not to be taken lightly.

Still, assuming that the Church has not sinned by ordaining only men, the issue remains as to whether that tradition should continue. We used to have Mass in Latin, eat fish on Fridays, and require that women entering the Church cover their heads. Clearly, the mere existence of a tradition doesn't end the discussion.

Now, if the Pope speaks infallibly, that would end the discussion (for me). My childhood education wasn't stellar, but we knew that when the Pope spoke infallibly (ex cathedra), we were obliged to believe. The other option was to stop believing in the Church, and to become a Protestant.

But as every good Catholic knows, the Pope has only spoken infallibly on two subjects: the Assumption of Mary and the Immaculate Conception. As a child, I remember thinking that these two were pretty easy; not obvious, perhaps, but at least they didn't seem to affect my life very much. A declaration on women's ordination would be very different. The Pope has still, you can quote me on this, made no ex cathedra infallible statement against ordaining women.

Nevertheless, a few months ago, a part of the Vatican bureaucracy declared, with the Pope's consent, that the Church has spoken infallibly against ordaining women priests. I must be missing something, I thought. If the Pope didn't speak ex cathedra, how could the Church speak infallibly?

Discussing infallibility in an RCIA class, it suddenly became clear to me. The Church teaches

that there are two kinds of infallibility. One is the kind I learned about as a kid, where the Pope speaks ex cathedra. The other kind is exercised by the bishops, together with the Pope, usually in a Church council, but not necessarily.

If the Church can speak infallibly, it can't be just that we elected a good Pope. It could only be because the

Holy Spirit was leading the Church. It is pleasing to think that the Church is being guided down the right paths by God, but even more so to think that this guidance isn't something being handed down more than twice in human history. I envision the Church being constantly guided by the Holy Spirit; maybe not 100% right every time, but always protected from being completely wrong.

With regard to women priests, I don't believe that the Holy Spirit would allow the Church to have gone so long in error, even if that error was common to society. A community so holy as the Church would never allow itself to be so misled by something that can only be described as sexism. The bishops, together with the Pope, have made it clear through their actions these last 2000 years that they feel no authority to ordain women.

I do not yet comprehend why God should want only male priests. But it would not be the only time God has been guilty of particularism. As Dorothy Parker put it:

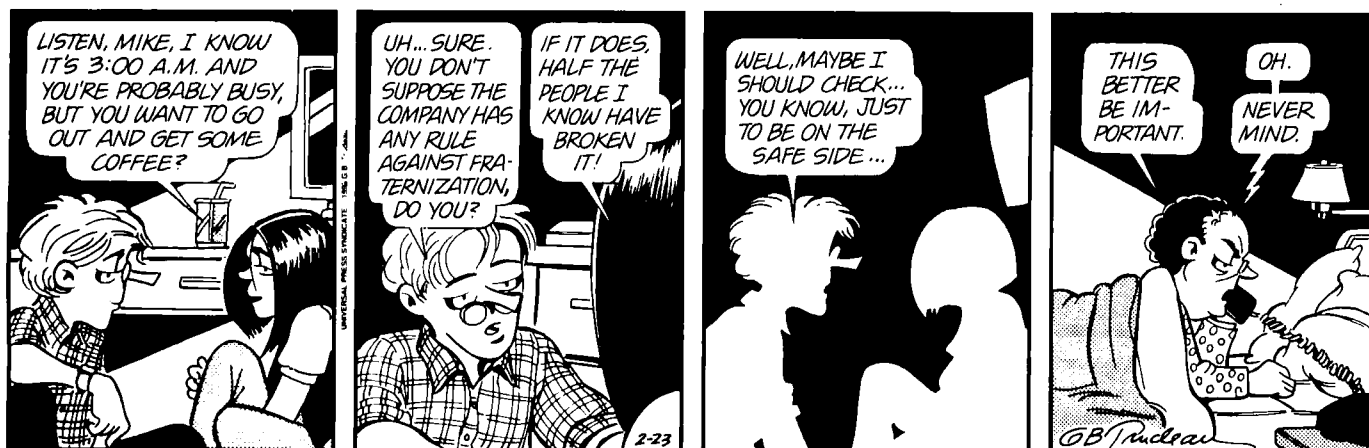
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 The Jews.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY



"I can't understand why people are frightened of new ideas. I'm frightened of the old ones."

—John Cage



The Staff of Accent proudly presents,

Notre Dame Dance

An Undercover Report on the Fabulous,

By DAN CICHALSKI
Accent Copy Editor
and JOEY CRAWFORD
Assistant Accent Editor

Dancing, funky ties, long dhol, Van Morrison's "Brownie" gifts: these all are part of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's formals represent a staple of Saint Mary's weekend life. Scribble (the preferred, more polished hall week's) and formals offer a charming the week's sorrows away with life's friends, they are times of great celebration are a tremendous burden; to still others, just another social event in a long series of.

An average student may attend a couple of a semester, but an elite group may frequent in a single academic year, or upward year career.

Freshmen come to the South Bend area SYR night entails, but they learn fast. L. Bauer, who hails from Malvern, Pennsylvania of a Freshman Dancing Queen. So far she and SYR's, with three more lined up in the friends bet me that I wouldn't make it to year," Bauer says. "I'm not going to make dance is this weekend and I'm going to St.

With so many dances to go to, what to tough decisions. Bauer says she tries much, especially with the same guy." Whent, a friend or neighbor across the hall in gown.

Out of the eleven dances she's attended several for certain unique events. Over was the best. "Everyone had polyester a recalls. The worst? "Our formal with Ke too crowded."

With so many dances on the resume, the wacky and wild experiences. "When I car at St. Ed's, my friends told me my date around the building," Bauer laughs. A occurred at the Air Force Ball. "It was li Bauer says. "We were walking to the Pas gowns and there were lakes everywhere. and by the time we got there we looked lik better after that."

Of course, what would an SYR or formal best one I ever got," Bauer laments, "was actually flushed." And who says gifts just a

Kimberly Saurer also learned about those twenty at the University of Notre Dame. she attends has decreased each year beca resident of Turtle Creek, Saurer recalls s her first year, "I went to the Flanner Hal the best time. My date lived on one of the mate and I had been doing shots. When i of the floors (a tradition in Flanner), we w the fifth floor I have no recollection."

When asked about her w recalls jokingly her nig Observer Editor-in-Chief calls Fort Collins, Colora of the interesting gifts received a bunch of s those though. I al times...one time my doms from some guy "Yeah, one time groped on the dance Afterwards, he left floor," she laughs as she refle her anonymous roommate. ed for dances. Sometimes it meet someone new," she admit, the typical SYR and tiresome.

Farley Hall sophomor similarly about the us events. "I had a grea has frequented the Dance. It was less formal because the the typical dance," sh The New York native



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Dancing Fiends

Mysterious Realm of SYR's and Formals



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orst dance experience, she htmare date with current John Lucas. Saurer--who do, home--reflects on some she has received: "I guess I quirt guns. . . everybody gets o got bubbles a couple of roommate got a box of con- she didn't even know.

ny roommate was severely floor for a couple of hours. her standing on the dance cts on the misadventures of Most of the time I was excit- gave me the opportunity to adds. Although, she must d dance "uniform" can grow

e Michelle Annunziata feels usual attire needed for these t time at Zahm's (where she most—three times) Decade monotonous than the usual dress was not as stifling as e maintains with fervor. e has had her share of dance

experiences, tallying eighteen dances in just two short years. "I've had great experiences at dances," Annunziata comments, "but there have been occasions when I come home in tears."

Dances are a time of giving and receiving also, Annunziata ponders: "One time I got this great milk spout in the shape of a cow that actually moos!" She never has a problem finding a dress, yet has never worn the same dress to the same dorm.

Though only scratching the surface of double figures, freshman Nicole Murphy of Cavanaugh still has a few months left to add to her current total of ten dances. Not surprisingly, Murphy notes that last semester's Cavanaugh SYR was the best one: "All my friends were there and I knew lots of people." As far as the dresses are concerned, the Pittsburgh native confesses, "I've gotten a couple of new ones since I've been here but I repeat a lot."

Murphy has perhaps received the most unique gift of all those interviewed for this article: an autographed copy of "O Sole Mio." But even with the most interesting of gifts, one must be enthusiastic about the dance itself to continue attending them week after week. When talking about this weekend's Cavanaugh formal, Murphy says, "I'm not as excited as I was for the first one. Actually, I was nervous for the first dance. I'm a lot more relaxed now."

Dances no longer make Megan Pater of Pasquerilla East nervous either. They are just another walk in the park for this junior who has managed to accumulate twenty-three dances during her college career. The most memorable of these dances are those closest to home. "The dances in PE are my favorite because all of my friends are there."

She has had her share of bad experiences at dances though. On the way to the Carroll formal, she got sick on the bus due to a mysterious "illness." Intoxication? Most of Pater's dancing experience came during her first year at Notre Dame. "I was flattered o be asked to go to a dance," she explains, "It gave me a chance to meet new people that I would not normally meet." Her friends give this veteran of SYR's and formals an occasional hard time. They argue that she possesses "way too many black dresses." But she has her favorite dress: "You know, a typical Notre Dame dress."

But women are not the only students who can enjoy the dancing revelries. Guys like Mark Fennell take particular interest in these events. This Keenan sophomore boasts twenty-two dances in just two years. He enjoys these social gatherings because he claims he only experienced a bad dance once. During this ill-fated night, he borrowed a shirt from a friend. While leaning against a wall, he ripped the shirt on a nail, leaving him with a "big, gaping hole" in the back of his shirt. This event ruined his night. "I wasn't sure if the guy was going to kill me or something," Fennell claims.

Despite being set up for a number of dates, he still manages to have a good time; although, he must admit, he would rather be asked by people he knows.

Then there is the dancing king himself: Aaron Villaruz. Villaruz, during his four years at Notre Dame, has managed to attend a dance at every women's dorm on Notre Dame's campus, as well as most of the dorms at Saint Mary's. He completed the cycle on February 9, when he attended Breen-Phillips' SYR. Villaruz has attended (what unofficial research has confirmed to be) a record number of dances: forty three. During this incredible streak, he has managed to accumulate some crazy gifts as well. "One time I got this big, blue, fuzzy marionette monster called Loopy Louie. That was definitely the coolest!" Villaruz explains. "I get a lot of toys. Toys get boring after awhile."

His most memorable dance experience came during his sophomore year when he attended the PE formal. During that excursion, his date "got really sick." This expert of dances claims that Pop Farley is easily the best dance on campus. But the time his date fixed him and his friends dinner at the Lewis formal during his freshman

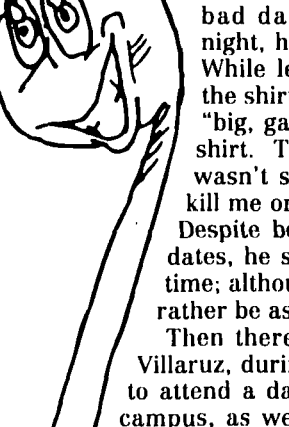
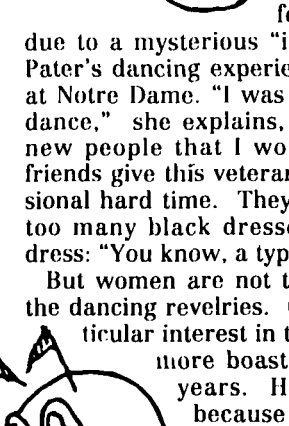
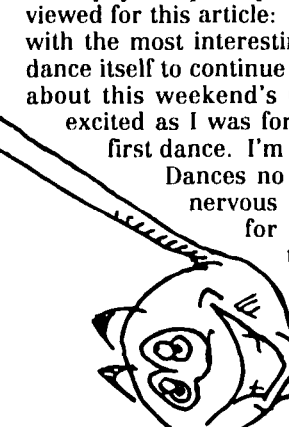
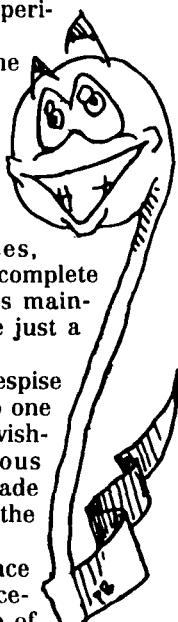
year definitely ranks as one of his top dancing experiences.

After attending the vast number of dances that he has, the dancing king tends to become a little apathetic about the events. "Towards the end of the streak, they become a bit of a burden," Villaruz maintains. Regardless, he loves going to SYR's and formals because they give him the opportunity to hang out with friends and "just chill."

Not everyone is so enthusiastic about dances, though. Some people view these social events with complete disdain. Flanner Hall sophomore John Polhemus maintains, "I hate dances; dances are stupid. They're just a reason to get dressed up and drink."

Regardless, if you are a fan of dances, or if you despise the concept, they pose to be interesting nights. No one ever knows what quite to expect. One junior who wishes to remain anonymous explains an outrageous dance: "My date kept me alone in a room and made me listen to Lionel Richie all night." By the end of the night, she was dancing on the ceiling with anger.

Dances can be a great time or the worst experience of your life. From the advice of one of the "dance-aholics" polled: "It all depends on what you make of it." And that is one to grow on.



Dancing King

An impressive list of dances that Aaron has attended during his stay at Notre Dame.

Freshman

1. Farley SYR-Kathleen D.
2. Morrissey Formal-Kristin R.
3. PE SYR-Katie H.
4. Howard Formal-Emily P.
5. Morrissey SYR-Amy A.
6. Regina SYR-Gwynne D.
7. Morrissey Formal-Gwynne D.
8. SMC Freshman Formal-Beth U.

Sophomore

9. Farley SYR-Amy A.
10. Knott SYR-Caroline R.
11. LeMans Hall Dance-Sarah K.
12. Morrissey Formal-Caroline R.
13. PE SYR-Amy S.
14. SMC Sophomore Formal-Jen O.
15. Morrissey SYR-Amy S.
16. Lyons SYR-Janet R.
17. Pop Farley-Kristi K.
18. Siegfried SYR-Beth T.

Junior

19. Farley SYR-Aileen F.
20. Walsh SYR-Titea L.
21. Morrissey Formal-Stephanie B.
22. Howard SYR-Beth
23. Morrissey SYR-Stephanie B.
24. Lewis SYR-Sharon B.
25. Lewis Formal-Tara C.
26. PE Formal-Michelle F.
27. Cavanaugh Formal-Lisa D.
28. Morrissey Formal-Jen G.
29. Folk Choir SYR-Mary S.
30. Morrissey Formal-Renee F.
31. SMC Junior Formal-Meghan M.
32. Farley Formal-Tracey

Senior

33. Knott SYR-Trang B.
34. Lewis SYR-Jill R.
35. Morrissey Formal-Amy G.
36. Howard SYR-Sarah M.
37. Badin SYR-Monica E.
38. PE Formal-Jen G.
39. Pangborn SYR-Nancy F.
40. Lewis Formal-Jen R.
41. Pop Farley-Liz F.
42. BP SYR-Liz S.

If you can beat the incredible record set by Aaron Villaruz, you could win a dinner for two at Don Pablo's fine eating establishment. Please call the Accent desk by 5 p.m. on March 5 at 631-4540 to enter. Documented proof needed. We look forward to your calls.

The Tragedy of Macbeth Arrives at Washington Hall



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Tragedy strikes Washington Hall.

By RACHEL TORRES
Accent Writer

Imagine an open black stage outlined with a thin white line. No scenery. Limited props. Five actors, and a timeless text by William Shakespeare. This is "Macbeth."

This unconventional approach to theatrics comes from ACTER, A Center for Theatre, Education, and Research, and based at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Starting as an offshoot from the Royal Shakespeare Company in England, ACTER sponsors groups of London actors to go on six to nine week tours to campuses across America. The performers not only stage a play, but they also teach students and faculty about many of the aspects of theatre.

Philip Joseph, Gareth Armstrong, Sam Dale, Sarah

Berger, and Joanna Foster bring the magic from the London stage to campus this week. Supported in part by a grant from the Paul M. and Barbara Henkel's Visiting Scholar Series, and the Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, the actors present five performances, as well as work with students and faculty to discuss the literature and art of theatre.

Working with the students in the classrooms is one of the most enjoyable aspects of this program for the players. Dale states, "The enthusiasm is very high; American students are much less inhibited than European students, and they tend to be much more energized."

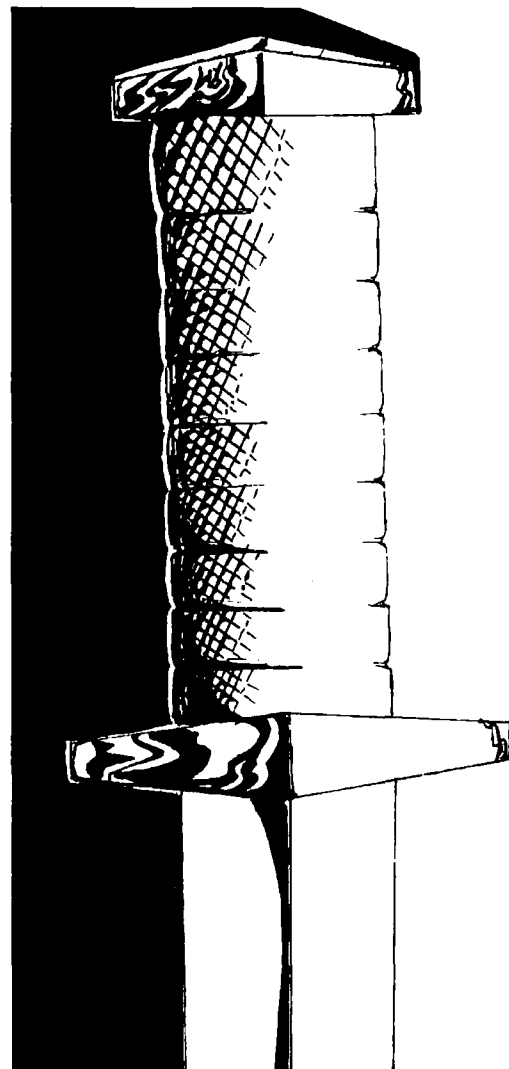
Indeed, the enthusiasm for this program can be felt around campus; the tickets sold out two weeks ago. The lucky ones who scored tickets for the actual performances are in for a real treat.

The actors are presented with a challenge from the start since the five of them must represent thirty-two characters. An interesting catch to this number is that because two of the players are women, they must play male parts.

"In Shakespeare's day," states Berger, "women didn't act, so men had to play the women's roles. This performance represents an interesting switch."

Using vocal variations and subtle costume changes, the actors convince the audience that they really are different characters. The audience is called upon to use its imagination since the actors are constantly changing roles and have little but their sheer theatrical talent to enhance their images. The stage has no scenery, but somehow the audience knows when they are in Macbeth's castle or when they are on the battle field. This experience is powerful because of the overwhelming performances by the players.

The ACTER performers bring unique and educationally entertaining incites into theater this week. Not only is "Macbeth" a well received performance, the intimate classroom experiences conducted by the performers are unparalleled.



The Mystery of Agnes Haunts Saint Mary's College

By MARY BETH ELLIS
Saint Mary's Accent Editor

The opening words of "Agnes of God" float from offstage, a portion of the Mass hauntingly sung by Agnes herself: "Kyrie elison, Christison..." Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy. It is a fitting first line for this two-hour exploration of issues of innocence and deception, anger and forgiveness.

"Agnes" is deftly brought to the stage by Katie Sullivan, Saint Mary's Assistant Professor of Communication, Dance and Theatre. Part psychological mystery novel, part deeply probing character sketch, "Agnes" is a Church-soaked study of turbulent minds. This is not "Sister Act": The plot, which carries the audience from a assuming ramrod straight "whodunit" posture on the edge of thier seats to a power-over-the-mouth sympathy with the characters, is powerfully carried by a three-actress cast. The dominant themes of "Agnes" are reflected in its setting; the actresses pace and cower on a stark, colorless stage, the monotony of which is broken only by abstract, somewhat tortured figures that tower before a mood-lit backdrop.

"Agnes" opens with court psychologist Dr. Livingstone, who narrates the action of the plot, offering the audience an encapsulation of the off-stage action that brings the play to its in medias res starting

point. Ever-present cigarette in hand, Livingstone delivers her "the facts of the case are these" monologue: She has been appointed to the case of a young nun named Agnes, accused of murdering her own infant child minutes after trial. Livingstone must determine her ability to stand trial.

Before we meet Agnes, however, we are introduced to her Mother Superior, Sister Miriam, whose early good humor is soon punctured by Livingstone's inquiries to reveal a wary and secretive nature. From Mother Miriam, we learn that Agnes is no ordinary nun. Completely sheltered by her abusive mother from the outside world, Agnes came to the convent at age seventeen without having seen a movie or read a book. Her apparently pure love of God, however, seems to have sustained her in lieu of contact with society.

As the play progresses, the audience is granted glimpses of increasing depth into Agnes' convoluted mind—a mind suffering from paranoia, imprinted guilt, and schizophrenia. These mental tribulations, tempered by a celestial singing voice, a brief appearance of the stigmata on the young nun's palms, and flashes of extra sensory preciptaion, have Livingston unravling Agnes' mind for months on end.

Livingston herself functions as much more than a supposedly sane, secular first-person vehicle for the plot. Hardened against the Church from the day her sister died in a convent when her superior flatly refused to supply her with adequate medical attention

("I ran away from my faith as fast as my mind could go," she tells us), Livingston sums up her acridly cynical view of Catholicism when she announces to Mother Superior, "The Virgin Birth was a lie told to a cuckolded husband by a frightened wife... Poverty, chastity, and ignorance—that's what you live by." Livingston, who finds God only in an individual's mind, struggles for objectivity while dealing with this saintly but disturbed religious. As she works to pry open the blinds bocking Agnes' recollection of the night of her child's death, Livingston is forced to confront personal religious and ethical issues. Her voyage, in a way, mirrors that of her patient's.

Mother Miraim emerges as



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The Saint Mary's Production of 'Agnes of God' shows this weekend.

the play's most surprising character. Her inaugural jaunt on stage, complete with a corny one-liner, slowly degenerates into a picture of a somewhat shady individual, seeming to be overly protective of Agnes and her activities surrounding the night her infant child was found dead in a waste basket with its umbilical cord wrapped around its neck. She originally appears to possess a healthy view of both science and religion, but her fear of Livingston's probing questions of Agnes—"(Don't look at her as) the sum of her psychological parts... You're a surgeon. I don't want her mind cut open," she says upon their first meeting— reveals itself to be a protection of herself.

"Agnes of God" does not resolve so much as it concludes. Plot questions raised by the storyline are answered; ethical and religious questions raised by the characters, of course, are not. "Why was a child molested and a baby killed and a mind destroyed?" an anguished Dr. Livingston demands in the final scene. Her only answer is a non-answer, as voiced by Mother Miriam: "We'll never find the answers to everything."

"Agnes of God" runs Thursday, February 22, through Sunday, February 25. Student tickets are available for \$3, senior citizens for \$6, Saint Mary's -Notre Dame community members for \$6, and adults for \$8. Tickets are on sale at Saint Mary's box office in O'Laughlin Auditorium, 9 A.M. through 5 P.M., Monday through Friday. Orders are accepted at (219) 284-46626.



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Saint Mary's students perform in this weekend's production of 'Agnes of God'.

■ COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Freethrows key in upset of Bearcats

By JOE KAY
Associated Press

CINCINNATI

No. 21 Louisville did all kinds of things wrong Thursday night: missed layups, threw the ball away and had three players foul out.

They did one thing exactly right: hit free throws. The Cardinals sank 28 of 36 in all, including five by Tick Rogers in the final minute, to beat No. 6 Cincinnati 72-66.

That one statistic made up for a whole lot of bad ones that usually would mean disaster. The Cardinals (19-7, 10-2 Conference USA) had 26 turnovers, had leading scorer DeJuan Wheat go 0-for-9 from the field, and played the last 18 minutes without an experienced center.

"I don't know how to explain it," coach Denny Crum said. "Twenty-six turnovers is too many. And DeJuan going 0-for-9 ... If you'd have given me that stat before the game, I would have said we have no chance."

Cincinnati (20-3, 9-2) lost on its home court for the first time in 13 games this season because it couldn't take advantage of all those openings. Instead, the Bearcats wound up with their most lopsided loss.

"They beat us to the ball, they outplayed us, they outcoached us, they outmanaged us. We didn't get it done," coach Bob Huggins said.

Louisville led most of the game and finally pulled away late in the second half. Alvin Sims' steal and dunk capped a 7-2 spurt that pushed the lead to 65-55 with 4:54 left.

Darnell Burton's 3-pointer cut it to 65-62 with 1:02 left, but Louisville went 7-of-8 from the line to get its ninth victory in 10 games.

Fouls played a big role. The officiating crew of Dick Paparo, Ed Hightower and John Clougherty called 55 fouls, including two first-half technicals on Cincinnati. Louisville outscored Cincinnati from the foul line 28-13.

The Cardinals came in determined to be just as physical as Cincinnati, which has a reputation for pushing around opponents under the boards. Louisville ended up with a 35-28 advantage in rebounds.

"We talked all week long about how it was going to be a physical game and we've got to match fire with fire, not let them intimidate you," Crum said. "We went to war with them."

A tightly officiated game would seem to favor Cincinnati, which has a lot more depth and height. But Cincinnati couldn't take advantage as Louisville's swarming defense kept the ball away from center Art Long and power forward Danny Fortson.

"He (Fortson) never really got a chance to get into the game," Wheat said. "We played tough defense all night. We were in his face, and I think we confused him with our quickness."

Fortson scored 23 for Cincinnati and Burton added 20.

Rogers led a balanced Louisville attack with 17 points. Brian Kiser and Damion Dantzer added 12 apiece, and Wheat and Sims each had 11.

Louisville center Samaki Walker missed his ninth consecutive game over questions of how his father obtained a car, and backup center Beau Zach Smith fouled out with 9:22 left.

But Cincinnati gave up its front-line advantage by getting in foul trouble. Long, Fortson and point guard Keith LeGree were on the bench together with fouls for much of the first half.

Louisville took advantage at the foul line. The Cardinals, who average 65 percent from the line, hit 17 of 21 free throws in the first half. Cincinnati was 1-for-5.

Huggins got a technical for arguing calls during a timeout, and LeGree got a technical for arguing a charging call five minutes later. In-between, Louisville hit three free throws and went up 13-7.

Burton changed the momentum by hitting a pair of jumpers and making a couple of steals during a six-point spurt that tied it. His dunk off a drive gave Cincinnati its biggest lead, 31-25, and the Bearcats took a 34-31 lead into intermission.

Kittles suspended

VILLANOVA, Pa.

Kerry Kittles, the top scorer for fourth-ranked Villanova, has been suspended for the team's final three regular-season games because of the unauthorized use of a university telephone credit card number.

"He made a significant number of calls over a period of several months," athletic director Gene DeFilippo said in a statement. "The credit card number did not belong to any member of the basketball staff."

After learning of the card use, the school contacted the Big East Conference and the NCAA, DeFilippo said.

"The NCAA has ruled that use of the telephone credit card number is an extra benefit, and that Kerry is suspended for the next three regular-season basketball games," he said. "He will, however, rejoin the team and participate in the Big East and NCAA tournaments."

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UConn

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Connecticut is always a challenge. It will be a great experience either way," McGraw said.

The 25-3 Huskies are led by a trio of stars. Kara Wolters, a 6-7 center, averages more than 18 points and nearly 8 rebounds per game.

Her dominating presence near the basket frustrated the Irish defense in their first match-up.

"We have to pressure the ball on the perimeter. Then it's my job to make her take a tough shot," explained Gaither, who

must contend with Wolters' four inch height advantage.

"We will try to play behind her more," added McGraw.

Nykesha Sales and point Jennifer Rizzotti, who leads the team in assists, make up the second and third members of Connecticut's tremendous trio. Sales was a major factor in the last game with the Irish, so Coach McGraw hopes to apply more pressure to the talented guard.

"Nykesha Sales really hurt us in the last game. We plan to put Stacy Fields on her this time."

Beth Morgan must have a good shooting performance in Connecticut if the Irish hope to

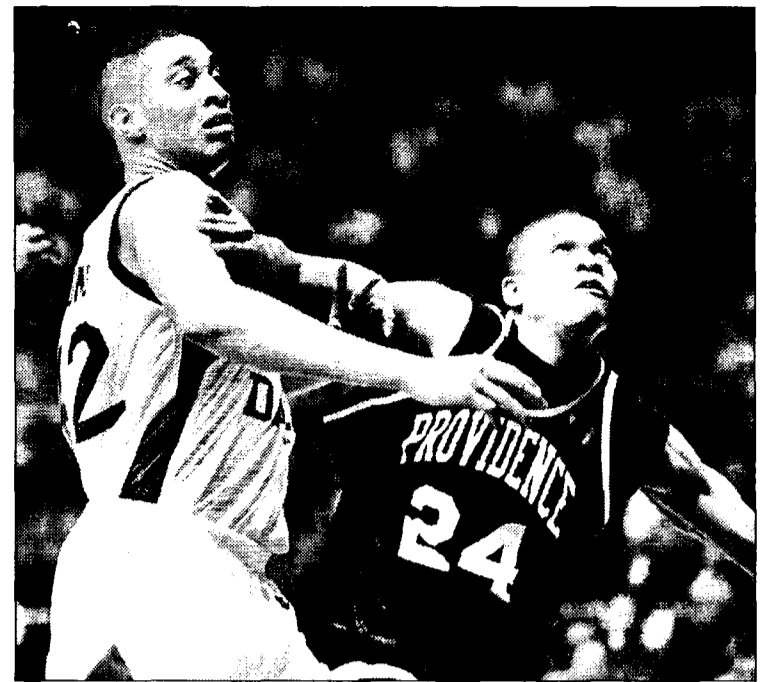
win. She was smothered by the Husky defense in their previous meeting.

"She is going to draw the best defender on the team. But if we run our offense correctly and set our screens, she should get some good looks," stated McGraw.

Preparation and a good attitude is definitely a great beginning, but execution will be the key to victory.

"We're going to try and find their weak spots and take advantage of them," said Gaither.

If the Irish want to be one of the best, they will have to beat one of the best. This weekend, the Irish will have that opportunity.



The Observer/Brandon Candura
Junior forward Marcus Young will be key under the boards if Irish hope to defeat Seton Hall on Saturday.

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The road, however, has not been kind to the Pirates this season, as The Hall has won only one of its ten contests away from home.

That bodes well for a Notre Dame squad attempting to find its identity on its home court.

"Losing at home is extremely disappointing," noted Young, "However, we're starting to feel more confident, and once we

get that, everything else will come."

One thing that is starting to come along for the Irish is balanced scoring, as Notre Dame has begun to consistently place three players in double-figures. Against Providence, Pat Garrity, Ryan Hoover, and Derek Manner all scored ten or more.

The Hall exhibits similar balance, led by Griffin's team-high 19.8 points per game. Hurley, younger brother of Duke legend Bobby, and Levell Sanders also average double-digits.

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■ FENCING

Fencers face final regular-season challenge

Irish, Joyce Center to host regional tourney

By WILLY BAUER
Sports Writer

After a month of traveling around the midwest and east coast, Notre Dame's fencing team got some well deserved time off to prepare for this weekend's Midwestern Team Champions at the Joyce Center.

Both squads had successful regular seasons as the men's team went 22-2 while the women finished 23-1.

This weekend the team will attempt to defend its Midwestern title.

Freshmen played a major role on both teams during the regular season and will look to continue the effort this weekend.

Sara Walsh and Myriah Brown were strong all year long for the women's foil team

and Luke LaValle was an excellent complement to men's sabre captain Bill Lester.

The Irish have previously faced each of the teams in this weekend's tournament and beat them all handily.

"This is the last tune-up before the NCAA qualifiers," said coach Yves Auriol. "The main concern is to fence better. We have beat all the Midwestern teams before, now we need to beat them with consistency."

This weekend will decide the final spots for the team that will go to the qualifiers. People are very close to each other."

For the women's team, competition will come from Wayne State, Ohio State, and Northwestern.

Wayne State has a women's foilist who was on the Polish national team, and might give the Walsh-Brown combination some trouble. Ohio State boasts a women's foilist who placed at last year's NCAA championships, who also has the potential to give the Irish women fits.

For the men, solid competi-

tion will come from Lawrence University which has the NCAA champion with the epee.

The Irish men's epee team has been a question mark all season. Captain Carl Jackson has not fenced all season but Brice Dille has filled in admirably.

"The men's epee team has shown some improvement," critiqued Auriol.

"Confidence is the main thing. The team has to fence well as a team. They have a lot of talent but are very inex-

perienced."

Wayne State also has a strong men's foil squad which could test Jeremy Siek and the rest of the Irish foil team. Siek has fenced well this year.

He has been complemented all season long by Auriol for his leadership qualities and his ability bring along the younger members of the team.

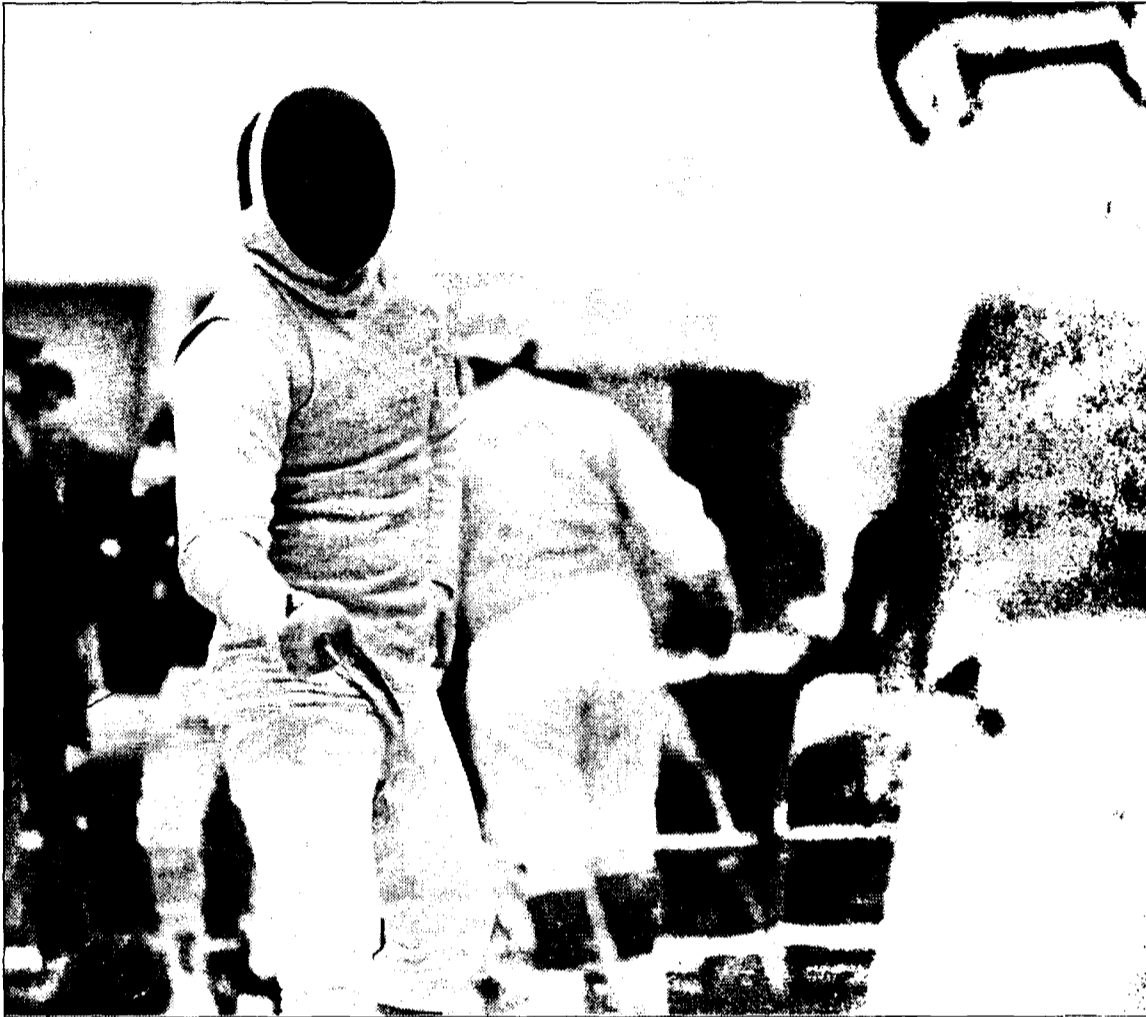
"Each team we face will have good individuals," praised Auriol.

"Some teams have people that could be in the top five at the NCAA's. As a team, we

have the strongest in the Midwest. Because of the individuals, this should be good competition before the qualifiers."

Not everyone on the team took the weekend off. LaValle, Brown and Nicole Mustilli participated in the Junior Olympics in Nashville.

Mustilli and Brown tied for third place in the women's foil. Mustilli also placed third with the women's sabre, not a NCAA event, and ninth with the epee. LaValle placed ninth in men's sabre.



Senior foilist Jeremy Siek approaches the end of his collegiate career as he and his fellow fencers prepare for the NCAA Championships.

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Bouts

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finals, where he lost to Rob Naticchia.

Some of the other top seeds include junior Butch Cabrerros at 150, Mike Debiassi at 185 and Mike Mantey at 190.

The 170-pound division looks to be one of the tightest divisions from top to bottom, with seniors Bob Lalor and Todd Murphy taking the top two seeds.

Lalor, a captain this year, fell to Farrell in the 1995 semifinals at 175, while Murphy lost to Goddard in the finals at 170.

One of the tougher decisions placed on the shoulders of the coaches was the layout of the heavyweight card, which looked as recently as a week ago to have a near full bracket.

Because of some major disparities in weight, however, some changes had to be made.

Six boxers are now in the 200 pound division, with only three going to heavyweights, which had a weight limit of 250 pounds.

Sean Rogers, a walk-on on the football team, weighed in at 298, which made him ineligible to compete.

A precedent was set a year ago, when former football player Greg Stec was forced to drop over 30 pounds to get under the ceiling.

Even that seemed to be almost unfair, though, as he knocked out Jason Svadeba ten seconds into the first round to take the title.

Whatever the weight class, though, every bracket will be looking for some good bouts, though some of the boxers may not be showing the best form.

"The time period is so short to train," Suddes said. "It actually takes a few years to get it going."

"But boxing is a strange mix of the individual and the team sport. The veterans have offered a lot of support to the younger boxers the whole time. I'm really looking forward to the Bouts to begin."

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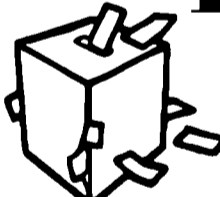
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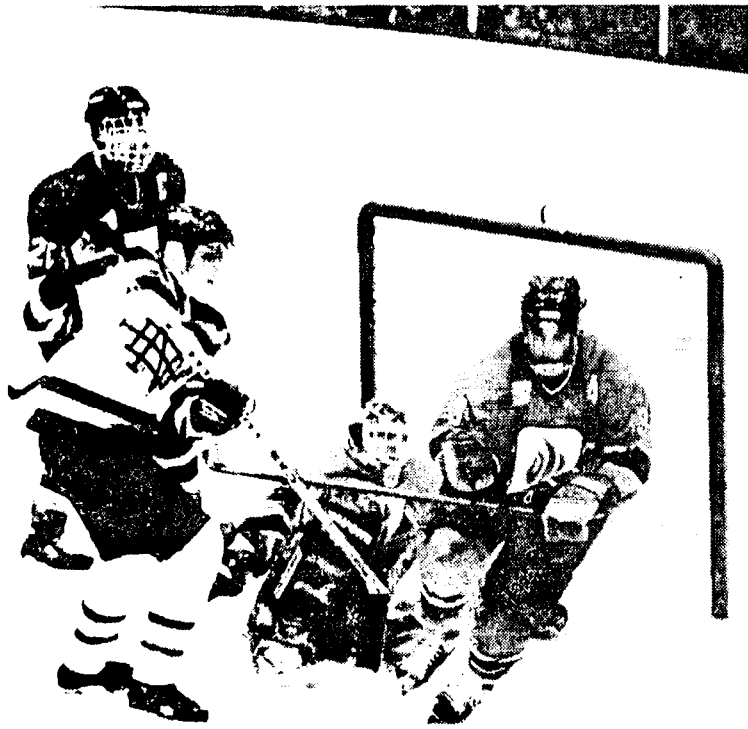
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■ HOCKEY

Playoff hopes rest on thin ice

By MIKE DAY
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame hockey team is short on a lot of things.

They are short on the number of points they need to get into the playoffs. Thus, with just three games remaining in the regular season, they are short on time. And with leading scorer Jamie Ling out for the remainder of the season, they are short on offensive production.

However, there is one thing they are not short on. Fortunately for Irish fans, that one thing happens to be confidence.

"I feel very good about the way we are playing," said Irish head coach Dave Poulin. "We have been playing well now for the last four weeks but haven't had anything to show for it. I'm confident that the results will come in these last three games."

Trailing Ohio State by three points for the eighth and final seed in the CCHA playoffs, Notre Dame needs to win at least two of their last three games to have any chance of qualifying for

post-season.

Fortunately for the Irish, there has never been greater reason to be confident. They travel to Ohio to take on sixth place Miami tonight before visiting fifth place Bowling Green on Saturday.

"These two games are against teams that we feel we can beat," said junior center Terry Lorenz. "We had our opportunities to beat both of them earlier in the year, so we're confident that we'll get the job done this time around."

With 20 points in the standings, Miami has all but locked up the sixth seed in the CCHA playoff race. Despite struggling at the defensive end, allowing over 4.50 goals per contest, the Redskins (9-17-4) have used one of the league's top offenses to make their move in the standings.

Freshman Randy Robitaille has been arguably the CCHA's top newcomer, ranking fifth in the conference with 43 points. With 13 goals and 26 assists, center Kevin Adams has also enjoyed a productive season.

"They are a team that has im-

proved a lot since the beginning of the season," said freshman right wing Brian Urick. "Still, we know that we are every bit as good as them, and if we play our game, we should come out on top."

Urick (11 goals), fellow frosh Aniket Dhadphale (12), and junior center Tim Harberts (22 points) will be counted on to provide offensive punch as the Irish continue to adjust to the loss of Ling.

"Certainly, that is a huge loss for us, both at the offensive and defensive end," said Poulin. "But we have some guys who are starting to come into their own offensively, so we should be all right in terms of scoring."

The Irish dropped both of their earlier meetings with Bowling Green by one goal, so they know that upsetting the Falcons (22-11-1) is not out of the realm of possibility.

Center Curtis Fry (42 points), left wing Brett Punched (39), and center Mike Hall (39) lead the Falcons offensively, while Mike Savard and Bob Petrie have both seen action at goaltender for Bowling Green.

As for the Irish, senior Wade Salzman and sophomore Matt Eisler continue to alternate in goal with Salzman drawing the starting assignment Tuesday night against the Spartans. After stifling Michigan State early on, the veteran was part of a defensive collapse, giving up three goals in the final 3:33.

"He (Salzman) did a good job for us but struggled with the rest of the guys at the end," said Poulin. "Both him and Matt Eisler have been playing well for us, so I'll decide at game time who will start. I'm confident that both of them will get the job done this weekend."

Indeed, the Irish are short on a lot of things but remain long on confidence.

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■ TRACK & FIELD

Wilson Invite offers final stretch to NCAAs

By JAMES BELDEN
Sports Writer

The Irish track and field teams are making the final turn on their 1996 outdoor season this weekend as they host the Alex Wilson Invitational.

The Men are looking for their success to continue after last weeks third place finish in the Big East Championships, while the women are hoping to bounce back from their disappointing eleventh place finish.

Loftus will be hosting a number of the nation's top individuals who will be attempting to qualify for the indoor NCAA's during the final week of the indoor season.

"About fifteen schools will be represented this weekend, with all of them hoping to qualify," coach Piane said.

Notre Dame already has four individuals who are provisionally qualified for the indoor championships and this week-

end will give them an opportunity to send more. Jason Rexing has qualified in the 3000 and 500, and he will be joined by Lamarr Justice and Mike Fleisch in the triple jump and shot put respectively.

Berit Junker is the fourth qualifier and is currently the lone qualifier on the women's side.

Both squads are counting on making more than four reservations for the NCAA's in Indianapolis.

"Errol Williams has a really good shot at qualifying in the 55 meter hurdles," stated Piane.

The Irish will be running in the Silverton Invitational on March second and then they will be concentrating on the championships.

Last week the Irish were looking to score points for the team, but the focus has now turned towards the individuals. "The focus turns towards the NCAA's this time of the season," coach Piane stated.

SMC's Davis chases NCAA berth

By CAROLINE BLUM
Saint Mary's Sports Editor

One of the most important lessons in life is realizing there are some events that you just can't change.

Freshman Stacy Davis was lucky enough to learn this lesson early on.

When asked about her hopes to qualify for the indoor track NCAA Division III finals Saturday at the Alex Invitational at Notre Dame, all she could say was, "I'm going to go out there and do the best that I can do. I'm going to enjoy it and try to have fun."

Two weeks ago at the Huntington Invitational, Davis ran a 7.3 in the 55 meter dash for first place.

If the meet had not been an exhibition, the time would have automatically qualified her for indoor nationals.

Last Saturday in the first competition of the actual season, Davis again went home with a blue ribbon, but with a 7.43 time.

So instead of traveling with

her team to another invitational at Huntington College this weekend, Davis will compete with the Notre Dame track team at the Alex Invitational.

"I hope competing with Notre Dame will push me to go faster," she explained.

"Hopefully it will allow me to see what I can do. I realize it's still early in the season so I won't be disappointed. I'm confident that I will improve through working hard this season."

Davis, a native to South Bend, attended LaSalle high school before coming to Saint Mary's this fall. Davis competed in the state finals each year except during her sophomore season due to an injury.

In her senior year, she placed first in each competition but state, where she finished fifth in the 100 meter

dash and second in the 200.

When the outdoor track season begins after spring break, Davis will return to her favorite events, the 100 and 200 meter dash.

"I'm excited for the outdoor season to begin," Davis said. "I see the indoor season as more of a workout than serious competition."

As for the rest of the team, they will travel to Huntington Saturday for the meet.

At the University of Chicago last week, junior Paula Kivinen finished third in the high jump, 4'11", and freshman Carrie Ferkenhoff earned fourth in the 3000 meter.

"I think we'll do really well at Huntington this weekend because we've been there before," Kivinen said.

"When you've run a track before you feel more comfortable the second time around."

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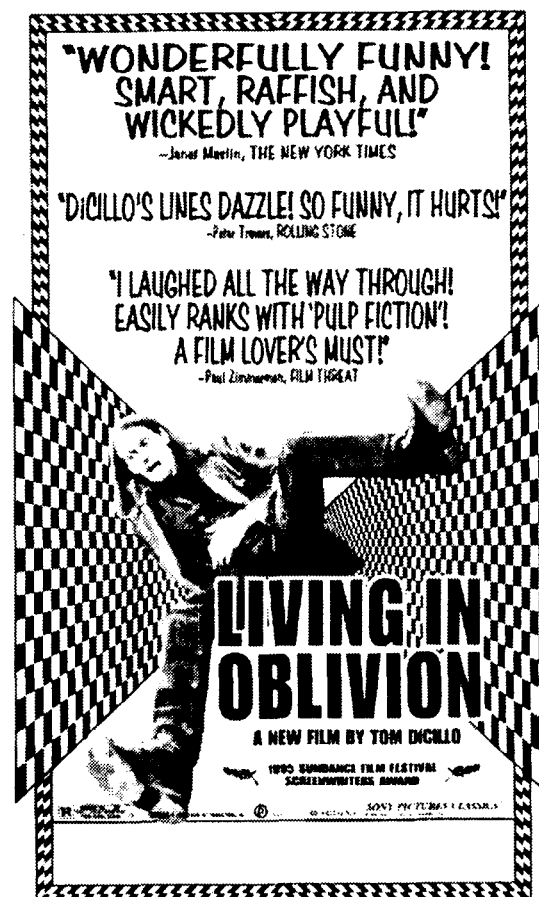
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■ BASEBALL

Irish look for offense against Uncle Sam

Fightin' Irish invade Memphis to take on Academies in search of first victory

By DYLAN BARMER
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame baseball team hopes to leave the competition "All Shook Up" this weekend, as they travel to Memphis to compete in the five-team Service Academies Classic.

The Irish will look to bounce back from a somewhat disappointing 0-2 start, as they take the field for four seven-inning games over a three day span.

"The team is a little upset over how this past weekend went," stated catcher and team captain Bob Lisanti. "It's not a

situation where we feel really down, though. The guys are still excited to play - we're sort of chomping at the bit to get out there."

The Irish will go to war against Army and Navy on Friday, both of whom have yet to face regular season competition. On Saturday the Irish will meet 4-4 Air Force, and on Sunday they will take on Memphis, who will be playing in front of a supportive hometown crowd.

While neither of these four opponents is seen as a national powerhouse, Mainieri and his Irish squad know better than to look past their opposition.

"Sometimes the service academies don't have the best talent level, but they'll battle you for the entire game," said Mainieri, who coached the Air Force Academy for six seasons and was instrumental in the Classic's creation. "You saw it during this past football season, when Notre Dame got the fight of their life from both Army and Navy. I'm not taking any of these teams for granted."

If the Irish are to get on the winning track this weekend, they will have to settle into a better groove, both offensively and on the mound.

"We have to get our pitching going in the right direction,"

commented Mainieri.

Sophomore Christian Parker is expected to take the hill for Friday's game against Army, with Darin Schmalz, Dan Stavisky, and Craig Allen also slated to start this weekend for the Irish.

"We're going to have a good pitching staff this season," assured Allen. "I think our problems last weekend were just a combination of first game jitters and getting used to being outside, throwing off a real mound in a real stadium. We all got a few innings under our belt, and are ready to get back out there."

Saturday's game against the Falcons is particularly meaningful for Mainieri, who is in only his second season at Notre Dame after a six year stint at the Academy.

"It's going to be a very interesting experience for me personally," commented Mainieri. "I'm going to be up against a lot of players I recruited while at the Air Force Academy, and I'm also good friends with the coaching staff. I have nothing but the utmost respect for the Air Force Academy, but I will approach this game just like I do any other game against any other team - we'll be looking to go out there and spank them."

As the only team in the tour-

nament with more than two games under their belt, the Falcons may pose a threat to the Irish. Although they boast a bloated 9.55 ERA over their first eight games, the Falcons' offense is more than capable.

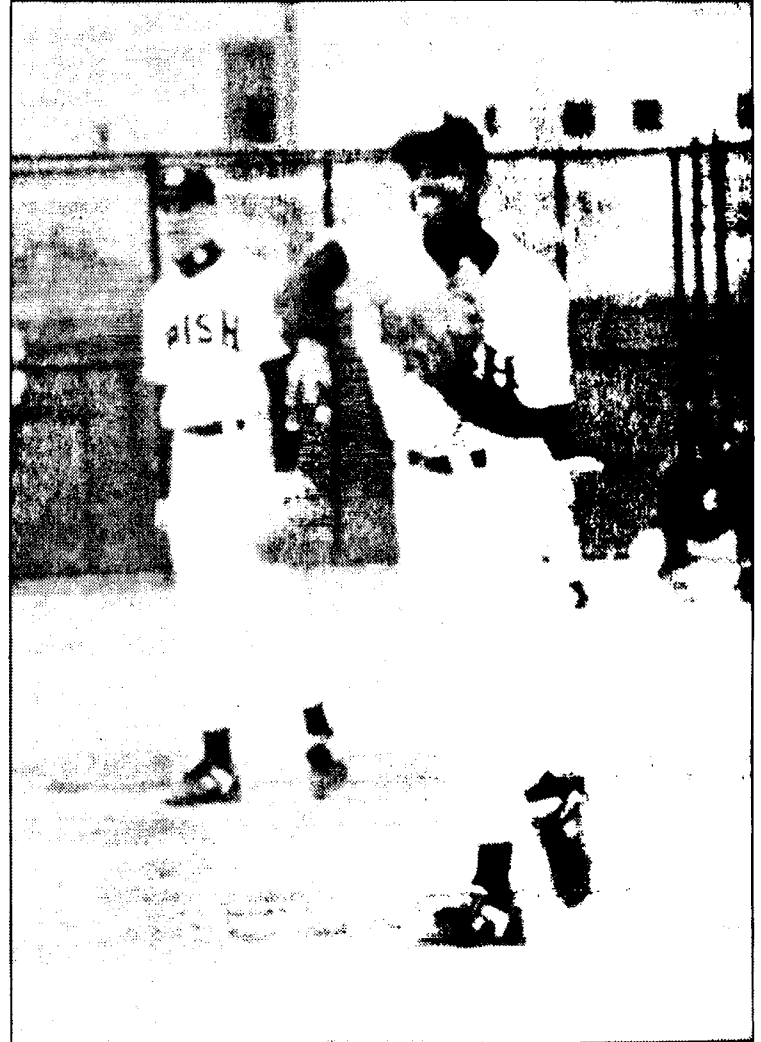
Junior outfielder Derek Sawser has been the main threat for Air Force at the plate, compiling a .474 average to go along with a team-high three home runs and 15 runs batted in. Senior infielder Mike Sharp boasts a .500 average with nine RBI, while junior catcher Andy Watson is batting .333 with a home run and 11 RBI - not bad for the first four

games of the season.

Mainieri expects the Irish to continue to play solid defense, while at the same time becoming more effective on the mound and more aggressive at the plate.

"I was very pleased with our defensive play last weekend," commented Mainieri. "We need to learn to be more aggressive at the plate however - really attack the ball and cut down on our strikeouts."

The Irish struck out 22 times in their two losses to #17 Georgia Tech last weekend, including an embarrassing 15 punch-outs in the second game.



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Notre Dame will look to junior second baseman Randall Brooks to provide solid defense up the middle of this season.

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■ SOFTBALL

Irish sojourn to desert for season-opening test

By TIM MCCONN
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame softball team set out for the warmth of sunny Arizona yesterday as they prepare to begin their 1996 campaign today at the Arizona State Classic in Tempe, AZ.

Behind the guidance of fourth year coach Liz Miller, whose record at Notre Dame is a stellar 117-52, the 1995 squad had the most successful season ever last year.

They finished 19th in the nation after reaching the finals of the Mideast regional, where they eventually fell to Michigan 15-6. Based on this success, the Irish feel they have plenty

of high expectations to live up to in the upcoming year.

However, both players and coaches feel this success won't lead to any added pressure. The only pressure, they feel, will come from within the team, not from the so-called experts on the outside.

"We've set goals," said Miller. "We have created our own pressure. Expectations are not a factor right now. We're just ready to go out and play."

Added All-American senior pitcher Terri Kobata, "It's still hard to tell hard right now (about pressure) since we haven't even played a game yet."

Speaking of Kobata, she leads

one area of the team that will have to perform quite well for this team to be successful. In her career at Notre Dame, she has 14 no-hitters, eight of which were perfect games. For these reasons, she has been the Irish's only two-time All-American.

Along with Kobata, the other two starters will be junior Joy Battersby and freshman Angela Bessolo. The relief work will come from sophomore Kelly Nichols, who led the nation with eight saves last year.

One problem heading into this weekend, though, is the fact that the pitching staff is experiencing the injury bug. According to Miller, Battersby "is not back to 100% after breaking her hand in fall ball, and (Kobata) is questionable with a back injury."

"A lot of responsibilities are going to the freshman and

sophomore pitchers," commented Miller. "We have a lot of depth on this team, though."

One concern as the Irish open up the season is that they play on the road an eye-popping 7 weekends in a row. This might pose as dangerous for many teams, but not for this one.

"It could go either way," said Kobata. "We could get closer, or we could get sick of one another. But with the chemistry we have on this team, I can only see us getting closer."

Coach Miller was overjoyed to hear this.

"The chemistry is going the way we want it to go. Plus, we know that once we get through this stretch of road games, we have a long home stretch in April."

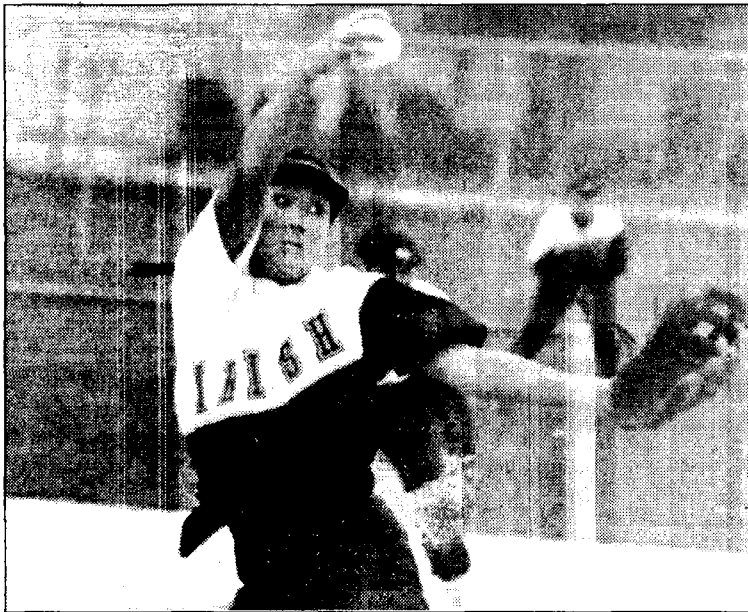
The first test of this chemistry comes this weekend, beginning today against first Northwestern, then against

host Arizona State. Then, on Saturday, they face a Big Ten doubleheader, Wisconsin and Indiana.

The Irish have not had much success against three of these teams in the recent past. They lost doubleheaders to both Northwestern and Indiana last year, and they dropped a 4-1 decision to the Sun Devils at this tournament last year. Because this is the first year of varsity softball for Wisconsin, this will be the first ever meeting between the two schools.

Expectations and past performances aside, the season is about to begin. The Irish know this, and are ready to build on next year's performance.

By doing well this weekend against quality competition, Notre Dame would be taking a key step in this direction. In the words of coach Miller, they are "ready to go out and play."



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Senior pitcher Terri Kobata looks to add to her team high 14 no-hitters, as she leads the Irish into the new season.

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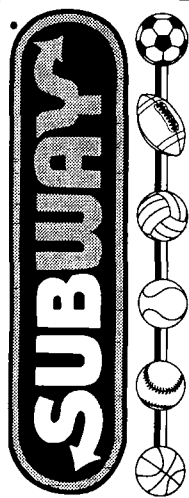
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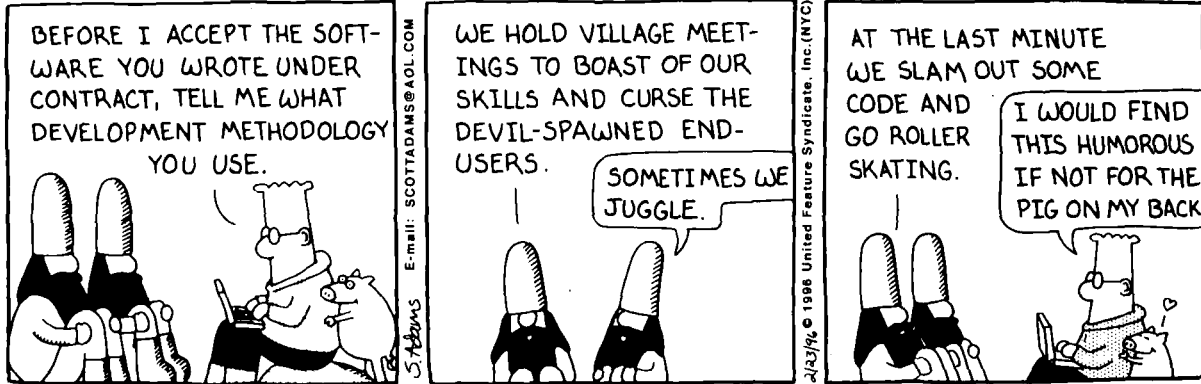
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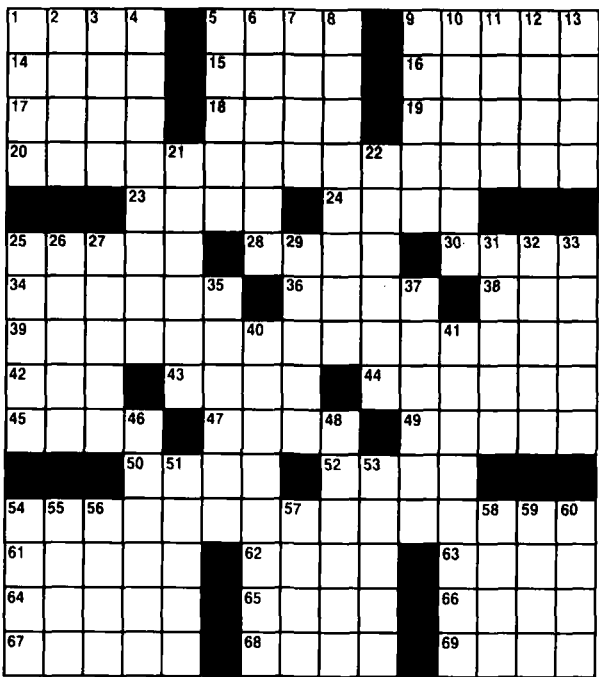
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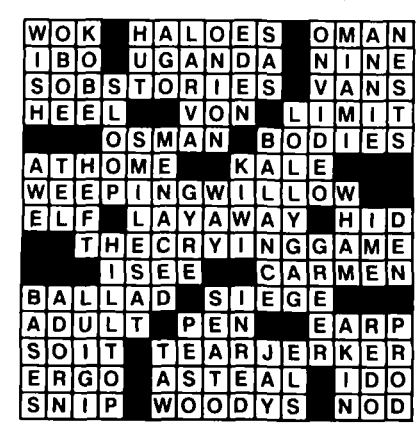
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Bouts' quarterfinals begin on Sunday

By MIKE NORBUT
Sports Editor

It's been six weeks of running, eating healthy, swinging at a mirror and occasionally punching another person. But when the 66th annual Bengal Bouts commence with the quarterfinals Sunday, it'll be a whole different story.

"The first live one is so much different than sparring," said Bengal Bouts President Toby Biolchini, who earned the top seed in the 135-pound weight class.

Indeed it will be different for the majority of the field, which is inexperienced in comparison to previous years. Only ten finalists, including three champions, have returned this year to make another run at a title.

"I think this is one of the better years because of the even-

ness of the field," coach Tom Suddes said. "We don't have quite the dominance this year, which opens it up for a bunch of new kids."

Gone is three-year champion Jeff Goddard and long gone is four-year title holder Jeff Gerber. Taking their place as top names in this year's campus boxing championships are defending champions Andy Dicello (145 pounds), John Christoforetti (165) and Troy Phillips (200).

But with only ten out of 102 total boxers with championship experience, all 15 weight classes are pretty much up for grabs.

"This year, the talent is there," Biolchini said. "It's just a question of how they'll do in the ring."

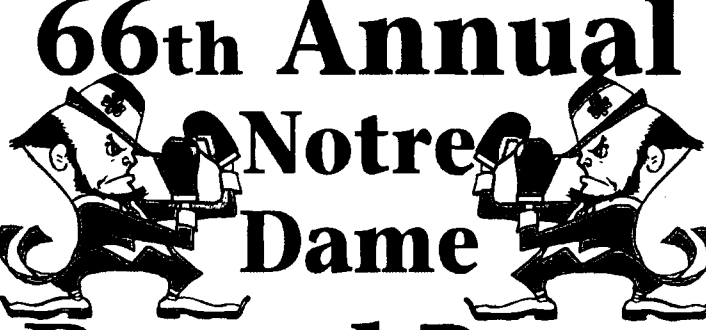
The fate of some of the first-year boxers has already been decided, as there is always one

or two in every weight class paired with the top seeds, which almost always equals a quick exit. Some of the veterans, however, received first round byes. But in a tournament as condensed as this, getting a bye is a lot like kissing your sister.

"It can almost be a disadvantage if you're the top seed," Biolchini said. "It's good to get in and get warmed up in the quarterfinals. But on the other hand, you do run less of a risk of getting a serious injury."

Chip Farrell, the top seed in the 160-pound division, might enjoy his first round bye this year. The sophomore received a deep cut over the bridge of his nose in the 175-pound division a year ago, nearly forcing him out of the competition. He fought through the blood to the

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Quarter-Finals

Sunday, February 25
1:30 p.m. Joyce Arena

Semi-Finals

Tuesday, February 27
7:30 p.m. Joyce Fieldhouse

Finals

Friday, March 1
8:00 p.m. Joyce Arena

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Hall hopes to solidify NIT bid against Irish

By TIM SEYMOUR
Associate Sports Editor

When Seton Hall comes to the Joyce Center for tomorrow's 4:00 p.m. tip, Irish fans could be forgiven for believing that Providence, Wednesday night's opponent, had returned in slightly lighter uniforms.

Indeed, the parallels between the Pirates and the Friars are too difficult to ignore.

Both are growing more comfortable with their young, enthusiastic second year head coaches - Seton Hall's George Blaney and Providence's Pete Gillen.

Both are led by solid if unheralded performers - Adrian Griffin and Danny Hurley from the Pirates, Austin Croshere and Michael Brown from the Friars.

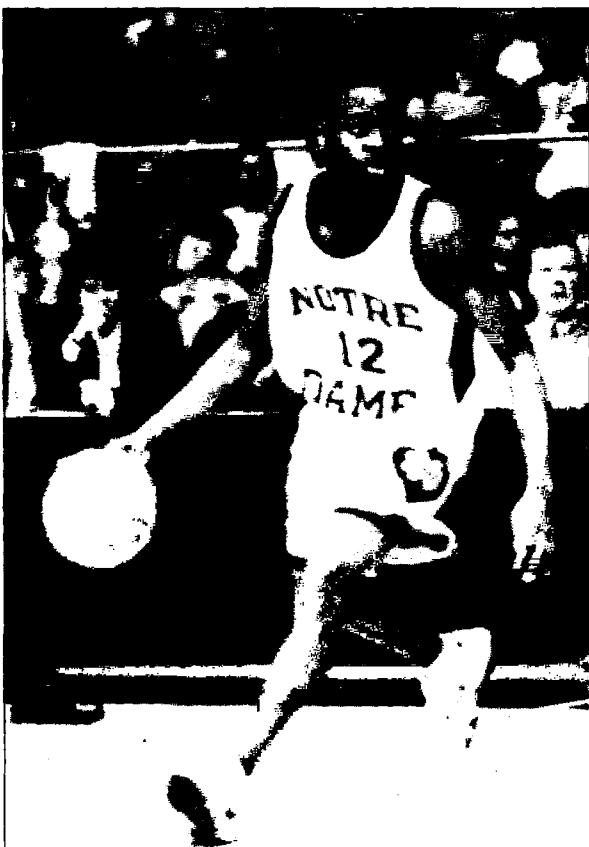
And both are fighting for their post-season lives.

This last similarity propelled Providence to a narrow victory over the Irish, and is what makes the Pirates more dangerous than the average Big East opponent.

Seton Hall (11-13, 7-9) has an outside shot at the NIT with a strong finish and a couple of wins in the conference tournament.

But if the Pirates mean to start the stretch run on Saturday, they will have to contend with an Irish squad that endured a painful lesson against Seton Hall's mirror image.

"We have to improve our defensive



The Observer/Mike Ruma
Junior point guard Admore White will test his skills against Seton Hall's Danny Hurley, little brother of Duke legend Bobby.

intensity," said center Marcus Young. "That's what we learned from the (Providence) game - that we have to play hard for 40 minutes."

"We have to attack whatever pressure they throw at us," agreed point guard Admore White.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Erasing the past

Irish travel to Connecticut for nationally televised rematch with Big East leaders

By TODD FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

This time things will be different.

These sentiments have been echoed by players and coaches alike on the Irish women's basketball team. When Notre Dame travels to Connecticut this weekend for a nationally televised battle with the defending national champion Huskies, they will attempt to erase the painful memories of an 87-64 defeat more than one month ago.

Now the Irish are 19-5. They are the No. 23 ranked team in the nation. They have steamrolled through the Big East Conference to earn a first-round bye in the conference tournament. An NCAA tournament bid is within their grasp. A win over Connecticut is next on their list.

"We're more prepared than the last time we played them. We've made some adjustments. We're going into the game with an aggressive defense and a good attitude," commented Irish center Katryna Gaither.

Ask Irish head coach Muffet McGraw if her team enters this game with a different attitude, and she will answer with a resounding "Yes." In

the last contest, the Irish were concerned with earning a national ranking. Now that Notre Dame has earned respect nationally, they can focus on the game itself.

"We don't have to win the game to get ranked. The hostile environment in

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The Observer/Brent Tadsen
Junior center Katryna Gaither will have her hands full with a resounding "Yes." In UConn center Kara Wolters and the rest of the "Huskies."

SPORTS at a GLANCE

Men's Basketball
vs. Seton Hall, February 24, 4 p.m.

Women's Basketball
at Connecticut, February 24, 3 p.m.

Hockey
at Miami (OH), February 23
at Bowling Green, February 24

Men's and Women's Tennis
at National Indoors, February 22-25

Track
Alex Wilson Invitational, Feb. 23-24

SMC Sports
Swimming at Liberal Arts Invitational,
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