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SMC administration feels no ties to ND report

Timm foresees no recognition for GLND/SMC

By MAUREEN HURLEY
Saint Mary's News Editor
and CAROLINE BLUM
Saint Mary's Editor

As the University of Notre Dame released the final recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs, the Saint Mary's community remained waiting for action from its own administration.

Linda Timm, vice president for student affairs, stated she could not confirm at press time whether a similar study will be pursued in committee by Saint

Mary's.

With regard to the Ad Hoc recommendations, Timm said, "The report was by Notre Dame. It doesn't have anything to do with us."

Georgeanna Rosenbush, director of student activities, concurs. "This report has no effect on Saint Mary's. We're two different institutions," she said.

However, some Saint Mary's community members disagree.

Max Westler, associate professor of English and member of People in Support (PinS), a support group for lesbians at Saint Mary's, said, "We need to address the question: for the College as a whole, what does [the Ad Hoc] report suggest about what needs to be done at Saint Mary's?"

Furthermore, Westler criticized the administration, stat-

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at Notre Dame. This report brings about a time when Saint Mary's needs to take a position on their own."

PinS, a group of Saint Mary's faculty and students, is not affiliated with the College. However, it is highly active in the campus community.

The group will host an open forum on March 21 at 12:20 p.m. in room 306 of Hagggar College Center in order to discuss the future of GLND/SMC in light of the recent Ad Hoc recommendation.

However, both Timm and Rosenbush maintain that PinS is not an officially recognized organization, just as GLND/SMC. And, according to the Saint Mary's student handbook, only officially recognized organizations may hold meet-

ings on campus.

Then how are PinS meetings taking place?

"All [PinS related] activities are sponsored by the English Department," said Timm.

Rosenbush said, "PinS does not have a room reserved for that forum. Since we don't recognize them, they can't reserve a room."

However, last night, PinS hosted a lecture entitled "Coming Out, Coming In, Coming Out," by Jeff Molitor, chairman of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance of Cincinnati.

The key: it was co-sponsored by the English Department.

"That lecture was reserved under 'English Department,'" said Rosenbush. "I have no

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Arafat opens Palestinian Parliament

By G.G. LaBELLE
Associated Press

JERUSALEM
While his police agents showed off bomb-making gear and other confiscated terror tools, Yasser Arafat accused Islamic radicals on Thursday of trying to "kill the Palestinian dream" just as it was beginning to come true.



Arafat

Opening the historic first session of an elected Palestinian lawmaking council, Arafat lashed out at the Hamas campaign of suicide bombings that has killed 61 people since Feb. 25 and put the peace process with Israel in jeopardy.

But he also attacked Israelis for trying to halt the terror by barricading Palestinians inside their towns, saying the blockade was "like the occupation come back again."

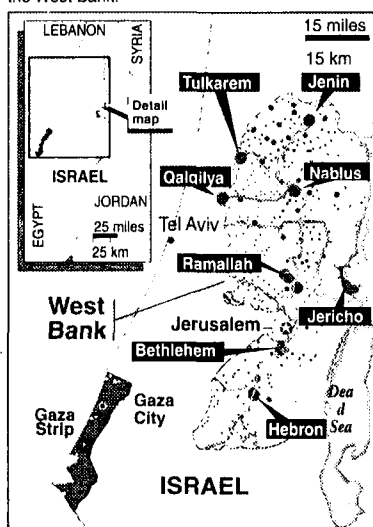
Laying out an agenda for the legislators, he said the top priority was "to keep the peace and make it stronger."

"We must fight the terrorists and radicals on both sides," he said.

The opening of the parliament — the first time an

Israeli roadblocks

Israel has encircled up to 465 Palestinian villages in the West Bank.



AP/Carl Fox

elected Palestinian legislature met on Palestinian soil — was supposed to be a step toward peace with Israel. The bombings have instead revived Israeli fears of Palestinians and produced demands for Arafat to crush the militants.

On Thursday, Palestinian police and Israeli troops worked in tandem to try to track down radicals from the Hamas group involved in four deadly explosions that killed 61 people in Jerusalem, Ashkelon and Tel Aviv.

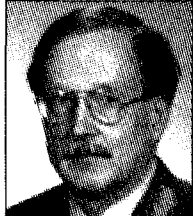
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NEWS ANALYSIS

Dowty: Palestinians are 'virtual prisoners'

By KELLY BROOKS
News Writer

In the last nine days four terrorist attacks in Israel have killed 61 people and injured hundreds. The latest attack Monday in a Tel Aviv shopping mall killed 14 and injured 100. The latest rash of suicide bombings are threatening the Labor Government and may derail the peace process between Israel and the Palestinians.



Dowty

To remain in power the Labor Party must make sure that the Israeli people feel secure. The Israeli military has closed the Palestinian territories to restrict movement of Palestinians within Israel, and are likely to remain closed by Israel until the elections in May.

"The Israeli government was in a very strong position after Rabin's assassination," said Alan Dowty, professor in the Government department. "If there are no more incidents between now and the elections and as anger subsides, the left [the Labor Party] will gain the advantage."

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Hamas-run cultural center in Jerusalem and seized files and computers, Palestinian police arrested the center's director, Sheik Jamil Hamami, and took him to their headquarters in the West Bank town of Ramallah.

In an effort to illustrate Arafat's determination to wipe out terror cells, Palestinian police in Gaza

City displayed pistols, assault rifles and material for making bombs and grenades — all seized in raids on Hamas hideouts since the bombings started Feb. 25.

Ghazi Jabali, head of the police in Gaza, said 500 men have been arrested in the West Bank and Gaza in the campaign to track down the bomb makers.

LaBianca: Palestine's past shaped present

By CAROLINE BLUM
Saint Mary's Editor

With conflicts in Israel and the Middle East continuing to appear in the news each day, Anthropology Instructor and Palestinian expert Stein LaBianca spoke Thursday at Saint Mary's about the uncertainties and change in Palestine.

"I will remain optimistic for peace in Israel," he explained. "Both the Arabs and the Jews are resilient. But it is crucial that the West continues their support of the peace agreement. The West needs to be empowered to change their quality of life. The individuals who blew themselves up were brought up on a diet of resistance and hate. The cycle will

continue as long as the two groups are kept apart."

LaBianca spoke of both Palestinian and Israeli friends, the vast majority who seek to find peace.

"Only a small group is creating the horror," he said.

Before a group of around 20 students and faculty members, LaBianca set aside the issue for 40 minutes, however, in order to share his more positive experiences in Palestine.

"Three geographical pivots make living in Palestine difficult," LaBianca said. "The dry land, the proximity to the Arabian and Syrian deserts, and its role as a corridor providing trade and communication."

"The corridor," he continued, "is constantly fought over. For four millenniums Palestine was under the domain of foreign power."

LaBianca showed slides of the impacts from each empire, with concentration on the Petra, one of the world's seven wonders. A testimony to the Greek-Roman culture, the remains of Petra are still in tact in Jordan today. Petra was formerly a rose-red city carved into the mountainside.

When LaBianca visited Petra for the first time in college while on an archeology dig in 1971, he discovered a wonder that would forever change his research.

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Lind views gender as prime factor

By KELLY FITZPATRICK
News Writer

In recent years, sweeping changes in the infrastructures of diverse nations have been taking place the world over. These changes are due in part to the continued economic development of nations, particularly Third World countries.

Experts have been forced to re-analyze the cultural and political implications of development in the Post-Modern world, said Amy Lind from the Kellogg Institute for International Studies. Gender Studies sponsored a forum yesterday in which Lind presented her lecture entitled, "Gender, Post-Modernism, and Development."

Lind drew from her research in Ecuador to form her argument that the analysis of the restructuring political and economic systems underrepresents women's roles in the reshaping of their nation's frameworks. Lind also credited articles such as "Under Western Eyes" by Chandra Mahonty saying that these kinds of Post-Marxist critiques offer insight into the politics of identity and difference.

Critics of the Post-Marxist approach reject the Post-Marxist's tendency to suggest a deterministic relationship between economic and political change. Lind suggests that these are two separate entities, and the additional question that needs to be analyzed is, "How can we understand woman's role in this process in a way that does not simply categorize or universalize gender issues?"

Lind clarified the terms Women in Development and Gender and Development in order to give a better idea of the answer to that question. Women in Development is, in essence, the integration of women into the development process. Gender and Development, however, takes a socialist-feminine approach, with the emphasis more on development as an all-encompassing framework, according to Lind. "I want to create a more complex view of economics," Lind said, asserting that the all-encompassing notion of development is overly simplistic.

More contemporary movements

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INSIDE COLUMN

ND fails to deal with problems

Three years ago, I remember this very day, I remember working as an Assistant News Editor, assigned to lay out the Observer news section. It was late at night, and I distinctly recall my feeling of terror when I was told to edit and write a headline for the outgoing editor's final Inside Column. The editor who had penned the column, Monica Yant, had long since departed off to the Commons, Rhythm & Darts or wherever seniors hung out back in those days.



John Lucas
Editor-in-Chief

So, I ended up editing her column and writing a bland headline. One of her lines summarized the gist of the piece: "Notre Dame has done a fabulous job of doing nothing about a host of spiritual and emotional problems that plague this community." I was more than a little taken aback to read what she had to say about the University of which I had just recently become a part. The next year, I was a little less surprised to read another outgoing Observer editor expressing nearly the exact same sentiments.

Today, I regret that I'm about to add my name on to the bottom of the distinguished list of those that have left not with a cheery wave, but a frustrated shrug. While I may have grown more than a bit cynical watching this school from the third floor of LaFortune, I care deeply about ND and I do recognize that this University has a large number of outstanding qualities.

I just wish ND would spend less time grooming those facets of its immaculate image and devote more honest energy into correcting its flaws. Our University refuses to take the risks necessary for its future growth. We are beginning to stagnate, even with thousands of bright students and faculty and a coveted U.S. News and World Report ranking.

Look at the real problems—the corporate mentality that seems to put the dollar above all, poor relations between races and the genders, a growing alcohol problem, a lack of diversity in both the student and faculty population, and a loss of student voice. At the very root of these seems to be a staunch denial that problems exist unless administrators are forced into dialogue by public outcry or the binding resolutions of the CLC.

It can't be argued that large scale changes don't happen overnight—it may take a decade for ND to build its population of minority students. That view is valid, but the attitudes of administrators in dealing with problems, can be gauged nearly instantly.

In my mind, one of the most telling statements from the administration came on Oct. 10, 1995 in a lecture on student life by Patty O'Hara. "For every negative article in The Observer, there are ten times as many positive comments from students," she said in response to a question about problems at ND. Indeed, The Observer can be quite grouchy, but O'Hara's delusional response is a powerful symbol of how out of touch administrators have grown.

Admittedly, every family has its problems, and the "Notre Dame family" is no exception. The difference is, some families just deal with their problems better than others.

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WORLD AT A GLANCE

Computer circuit in landing system fails on Columbia

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. NASA said it would try to bring Columbia back to Earth on Friday without delay after a computer circuit involving the space shuttle's wing flaps, rudder and brakes failed. The shuttle has three identical backup circuits, and NASA said the seven astronauts were in no danger. But under the space agency's rules, the loss of even one of the circuits dictates a return to Earth as soon as possible.

Even before Thursday's problem, Columbia was scheduled to return on Friday. But NASA had been prepared to let the shuttle stay in orbit a day or two longer if the weather at Cape Canaveral was bad.

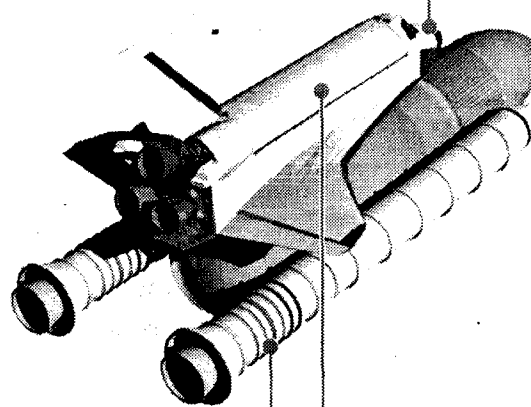
After the circuit problem came up, NASA dispatched a team of about 75 people to the shuttle's occasional backup landing site, at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., in case the weather is better there.

"What we want to do is make sure we're doing the smart things," NASA flight director Rich Jackson said. "So we keep our options open by not only scrambling the A-team out there but continuing to observe the weather on both coasts."

The 15-day mission has already had its share of disappointments for the crew, including the loss of their satellite-on-a-cord, which broke loose and floated off into space while being used to generate electricity.

Shuttle troubles

The space shuttle Columbia's 15-day mission has included several setbacks.



Orbiter
FCS Channel: Provides data from flight control systems to the main shuttle computer and controls wing flaps, rudder and speed brake. One of the four command paths failed.

Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU): A high-tech gyroscope that pinpoints the location of the shuttle. One of the three IMUs is working irregularly.

On-board gauge and caution light: Indicates whether all engines are working during liftoff. They registered a problem, but the signal proved to be a false alarm.

Solid Rocket Booster

A secondary set of O-rings which form a safety seal between the four sections of rocket boosters, were singed by hot rocket gas on Feb. 22 during liftoff.

Satellite in cargo bay

The satellite, attached to a 12.8-mile-long tether, severed Feb. 25. It is expected to burn up in the Earth's atmosphere along with the satellite.

Shuttle shown with main fuel tank and rocket boosters

AP/K. Tate

Clinton pleads for drug abstaintion

GREENBELT, Md.



In an emotional and personal appeal, President Clinton urged the nation's young people today to help end a cycle of drug abuse and violence he said is eroding the quality of American life. "Violence and drug use hurt everyone. They must stop and they must stop now," he said. The president convened the White House Leadership Conference on youth drug use and violence at Eleanor Roosevelt High School here. Clinton said that for him the drug problem is intensely personal. "People in the '60s got into this, not believing drugs were a danger until they nearly destroyed my whole generation. I am not telling you this as president," he said. "This is not a political speech, it is a personal statement. I know a lot about this. More and more young people seem to believe that drugs are not dangerous any more; that is factually wrong. We know that the toxic content of marijuana alone is many times more than it was 30 years ago."

Puppy love or a crime?

HASTINGS, Mich.

A 9-year-old boy who left a phone message for a 10-year-old girl, telling her "I want to be your lover," has been accused of violating Michigan's anti-stalking law, his lawyer said Thursday. The girl's parents told authorities that the boy has called their home 200 times over several months. The final straw apparently was the recording left a few days before Valentine's Day. "Any sexual interpretation is the problem of the listener," attorney Charles Rominger said. "He wanted her to be his valentine. ... It's a childhood crush. What else could it be?" The families once lived across the street from each other. Both children attend the same elementary school, but they are not in the same classroom, Rominger said. "Over the years both of these children called each other's homes numerous times to speak to one another and see if they could play," he said. He disputes the parents' claim that the boy called 200 times over several months.

Law schools getting fewer applicants

BOSTON

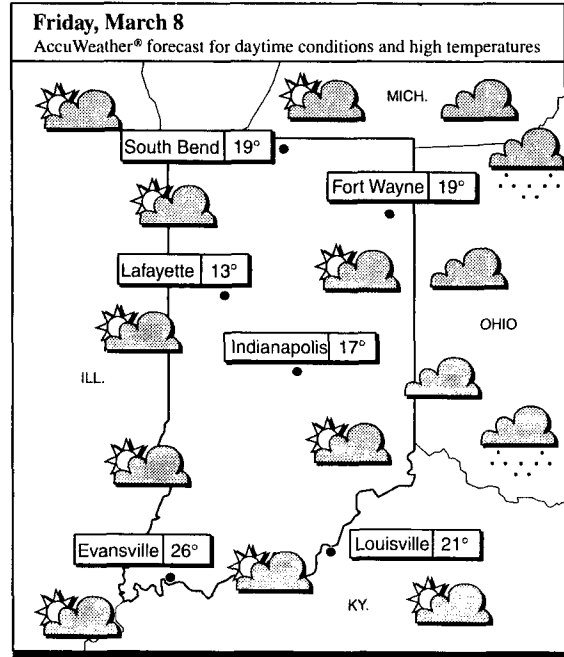
For the fifth consecutive year, fewer people have applied for admission to American law schools, and a national group says this year's drop of about 11 percent is the largest. The Law School Admission Council expects about 70,000 applications for the term beginning next fall. That would be 11.2 percent less than last year. In 1991, a record 94,000 applied for admission; there are 43,000 seats in 178 schools. Explanations for the decline vary, with some analysts citing the poor job market for three years as the main reason. It costs \$100,000 for three years at some law schools. Others say the bashing of lawyers has taken its toll. "The impact of the O.J. Simpson trial didn't help the image of lawyers," said Elizabeth Rosselot, director of admissions at Boston College Law School. "There is a negative image of lawyers," she said. "We loved the days of 'L.A. Law.' We're waiting for another lawyer show."

Female condoms offered to gays

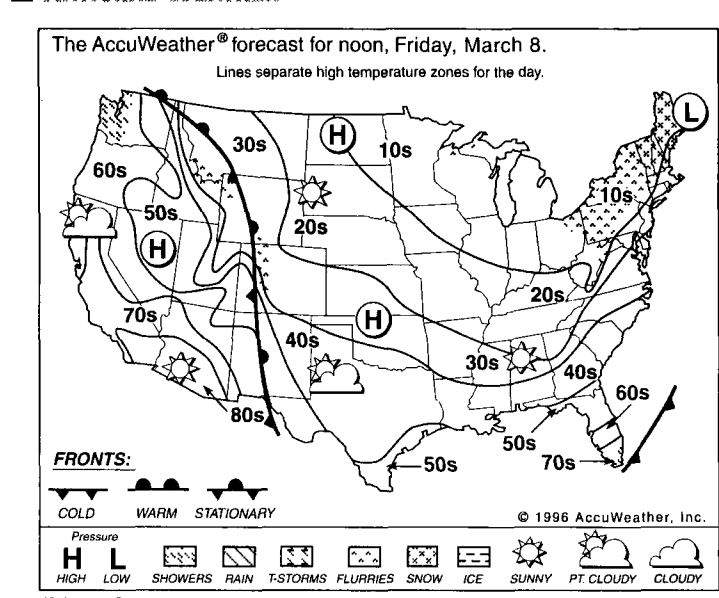
SAN FRANCISCO

Health officials here are offering female condoms to gay men to help fight AIDS. The large, lubricated latex pouches are designed for women as a barrier against pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. Some AIDS activists are worried that the condoms haven't been approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration for anal sex. "Is it responsible to be actively encouraging gay men to use a product that is untested? I would argue that no, we should push for more testing," said Ben Schatz, executive director of the Gay and Lesbian Medical Society. But authorities say the condoms could help prevent transmission of HIV. "We'll distribute them anyway — it's our tradition to make whatever we can available to keep HIV from spreading," nurse Marcy Fraser of the city Health Department's AIDS project said Thursday. "Like needle exchange, we'll do it anyway."

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Boston	34	17	Kansas City	40	12	Portland	60	47
Cincinnati	27	11	Miami	67	50	San Diego	72	55
Cleveland	22	9	New Orleans	45	28	Seattle	59	47
Denver	56	19	New York	34	19	Wash., D.C.	37	20

SMC bypasses federal financial aid delays

By LORI ALLEN
Saint Mary's News Editor

The Department of Education has been experiencing delays in processing federal aid applications for the 1996-1997 academic year, according to the Saint Mary's Financial Aid office. This delay is pertinent to Saint Mary's students, as financial aid is so important to many current and potential students.

It should be noted, however, that these federal delays will have a minimal effect on Saint Mary's students as a result of the College's use of the PROFILE analysis provided by the College Board.

PROFILE's processing has not been delayed and this has allowed for the financial aid office to prepare estimated awards based on the data received from PROFILE.

Assuming that the Department of Education is able to meet its revised timetable in processing this data and student loans, current Saint Mary's students will see only a minimal affect in their financial aid from the College.

"We have been working with the Financial Aid Office and are awaiting word from the Department of Education. We should have more information to provide students after break," said Saint Mary's Registrar Sister Francesca.

Kelly named chief-of-staff

Special to The Observer

Brendan Kelly, a sophomore government and peace studies major, has been named chief of staff for the 1996-97 Notre Dame student government administration.

Kelly, a Dillon Hall resident from Reston, Va., served as student government's commissioner for campus improvement during the 1995-96 administration.

Miller and Murray were optimistic about working with Kelly.

"Megan and I were really excited when Brendan accepted," said Miller. "He exemplifies what our administration will be all about: results."

Concert marks end of series

Special to The Observer

The University of Notre Dame Concert Band will present its annual spring concert March 18 at 8 p.m. at the Joyce Athletic and Convocation Center.

The spring concert will celebrate the Concert Band's 150 years and is free and open to the public.

The concert's program will include a variety of music, such as selections from Duke Ellington, John Phillip Sousa and Strauss, in addition to the music of Notre Dame.

It will mark the end of the band's spring concert series, a nine-city tour with performances in Mundelein, Ill.; Wellington, Ohio; Rochester, N.Y.; Voorheesville, N.Y.; Wilbraham, Mass.; Boston, Mass.; Cortland, N.Y.; Erie, Pa. and Youngstown, Ohio.

The band was founded in 1845 and has toured annually for more than 50 years, performing in 42 states and more than 500 cities.

Dr. Luther Snavely, Jr. has directed the University band for the past nine years.

He is assisted by James Phillips, assistant professor of music, and Father George Wiskirchen, assistant director of bands.

This year's band features solos by Mark Goffi, a graduate



Director Dr. Luther M. Snavely conducts the Concert Band, which will be performing Monday, March 18 at 8 p.m. at the Joyce Center.

student from Mobile, Ala. on trombone; Shelby Lewis, a graduate student from Mount Joliet, Tenn., on trumpet; David Marak, a graduate stu-

dent from Cameron, Tex., on tuba; and Cassie Manning, a graduate student from Pontiac, Mich., on French horn.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

A Mass for the feast of Saint Patrick will be celebrated at the University of Notre Dame on March 18 at 5 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

Father James Kieran Foster, associate pastor of Holy Cross Parish in South Bend, will be the presiding celebrant, and the Notre Dame Folk Choir will provide contemporary and accompanied music. "We are delighted by any opportunity to

celebrate our Irish heritage of sacred music," said Folk Choir director Steven Warner. "Mass for the feast of Saint Patrick at Notre Dame is an appropriate occasion for us to do so."

A special collection will be taken up at the Mass for the Andre Houses of Oakland, Calif., and Phoenix, Ariz.

The University of Notre Dame's Tax Assistance Program will not be in operation March 8-17 because of the Uni-

versity's spring break.

The program, in which volunteer tax preparers provide free tax preparation for Michiana residents with annual incomes below \$25,000, will reopen on March 18 and run through April 15. Last year more than 2000 tax returns were filed for Michiana residents by the program's volunteers. There is no charge for the service, which is supported by funds from Notre Dame's College of Business Administration.

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"The agenda for the dig was not oriented to the investigation of indigenous people," he said. "But I became interested in the culture's ability to survive the underlying social and economic conditions for literate civilizations."

LaBianca was amazed at the indigenous group's ability to flourish, and diverted his studies from archaeology to anthropology.

"I believe archaeology is a tool for doing anthropology," he said. "Anthropology studies the cultures of the past, and archaeology looks at the long-term view."

According to LaBianca's research, the groups were able to survive due to seven human responses to foreign political domination. These include tribalism, found among villagers and nomads, a mixed economy with both animal and crop production, flexibility on

the part of the residents, the ability to shift homeland territories, small scale water works, hospitality from insurance policies and information sources, and justice without courts or police.

LaBianca concluded with an explanation relating back to the issues presently at hand. He described a two-layered history of Jordon, the upper which is seen by the tourist, the lower which is seen by the anthropologist and archaeologist.

"The under class people are not seen as part of the town," he told. "But they succeeded through avoiding conformity to an enormous life structure and remaining transient. You may think that this is ancient history but look at the newspaper today. Ethnic conflict is still on the rise because some cultures refuse to surrender their tradition. And we still have empires with large governments that possess ethnic stereotypes."

LaBianca currently teaches anthropology at Saint Andrew's University, and is a part-time instructor at Saint Mary's.

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right to deny them the right to reserve."

Under campus policy, organizations cannot meet on campus or be funded by the College unless they are officially recognized by the College.

The concern with officially recognizing GLND/SMC and PinS rests with College policy. The student handbook states, "The Board of Governance may recognize or support any group, club, or organization that respects the Catholic

tradition, the Mission of Saint Mary's College, and the Philosophy of the Division of Student Affairs."

Therefore, administrators see no official acknowledgment of either organization in the future. Timm said that, since homosexuality "is not acceptable to Catholic teaching, we are not in a position to recognize them."

However, Timm did state that the campus offers services for lesbians through Campus Ministry and the Career Counseling and Development Center.

College President William Hickey was unavailable for comment yesterday.

Gender

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have begun to emphasize the differences among women, particularly those in non-Western society, Lind said. There has also been a growing reaction against the Marxist overemphasis on structure and tendency to regard women only in terms of class, she continued. In fact, Lind stated that women's roles have conventionally been defined largely in terms of their access to the market and economic roles.

In order to overcome these conceptual biases, Lind said, the frameworks of the development of countries must be reevaluated. She said that it is necessary

to understand the universalizing tendency of these development frameworks and remain cognizant that they do not hold up cross-culturally.

According to Lind, analysts believe that women benefit from modernization, and she agrees that "modernization is generally the way to increase equality." Yet, she said, the policies need to take into account the differing roles of men and women in the modernization process.

Lind also addressed the seeming reluctance of women to enter into the political arena historically by highlighting the bias that women have encountered on the basis of the notion of gender. Feminist theory literature has pointed from the beginning that gender is socially constructed, and "conceptual biases cloud historical accounts

of social movements." The engendering of political franchise has been very recent; therefore, there is a great disparity in the representation of women in the political arena, according to Lind.

"Post-Modernism has presented many challenges to feminism," concluded Lind. She suggests that analysts "merge cultural studies with studies of gender and development to return to more conventional questions of change."

Lind continued to say that gender mobilization can be motivation for mobilizing other aspects of the social, economic, and political structures.

Her question and focus of further research, then, will deal with when and why gender becomes the central mobilizing factor.

Analysis

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As it stands now the Labor Party, which is currently in power, is even with the right in the polls. The Labor Party has done much to further the peace process with the Palestinians.

"That's the importance of the Labor Government, it has reached out to people's aspirations and those aspirations are clearly for peace," commented Father David Burrell, theology professor.

"Everyone knows there has to be peace. Labor has to be applauded for taking steps to peace. They are the only ones [in the Israeli Government] who have reached out for peace," added Burrell. "Labor Party has the heart and mind to know that the only way for Israel to be secure is to be at peace with its neighbors."

The recent increase in violence may be due to several reasons. Dowty suggested that the recent outbreak of violence is an attempt by Hamas, a Palestinian extremist group, to influence the Israeli election and ultimately the peace process.

"This is a case of extremists on one side trying to guarantee the election of extremists on the other side," he said. "It may also be the dynamics within the group itself. There may be a splinter group within Hamas. Groups often times compete."

"The people who carry out violence want to destroy the process because if you hit people in their fears that's the worst thing you can do," explained Burrell. "The real question is to determine why a small group of people want to sabotage the peace process."

"Hamas lost any credibility they had. Maybe that's the reason that they did it," Burrell said. "Maybe they felt they had

turned a corner." "My big concern is for the Palestinian people. They have made virtual prisoners by the Israeli military. People who have power overreact," he continued. "It's a terrible collective punishment to put on a whole people when you can't distinguish the guilty ones."

Dowty asserts that "as long as the Palestinian authority acts on the information provided by the Israelis, further forces [in the territories] won't be needed."

The question is how long the Palestinians can sustain harsh restrictions upon their movement and interference by the Israeli Government. If the Labor Party loses the elections that opens the door for further sanctions against the Palestinians. It is likely that the peace process would be suspended if Lukid came to power. "The peace process is so easy to destroy and so difficult to build," reflected Burrell.

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Shannon Griesemier

Shannon is the Student Body Treasurer, and deserves a great deal of credit for her effort.

Welcome to Catholicism

Dear Editor:

Imagine if I, as a Protestant, asked for university space and funding to begin a club opposed to the infallibility of the Pope or the adoration of Mary. The proper reaction would be to ask me why on Earth I chose to go to Notre Dame! I might answer that I chose Notre Dame because of its unparalleled faculty and tradition. But I would be ignorant to give such a response, because the academic excellence and the tremendous tradition flow from a common spring of great Catholic theologians and academics. It is the very mark of Catholicism that makes Notre Dame so wonderfully unique.

To accept the advantages of any university, while castigating it for adhering to the basic tenets of its religion, is a form of religious intolerance. Notre Dame welcomes me despite my Protestantism, and I love Notre Dame despite my differences with Catholicism. This works only because I recognize that it is I who have chosen to come into Catholicism's home. Notre Dame welcomes gays the same as anyone else, for we are all sinners and no sin is worse than any other. But no group of willful sinners has the right to flaunt their particular sin and demand that Catholicism's greatest university fund and accommodate a club based on that sin. Notre Dame should continue to lovingly tell the gay activists no, lest she diminish the very qualities that drew us all, gay and straight, to her in the first place!

THOMAS STEINKE
Law School

The archetypal battle continues...

Brains versus brawn at ND

Dear Editor:

I just couldn't let this silly letter slip through the cracks; I write in response to Cynthia Dubell's Feb. 29 argument regarding student attendance at Notre Dame sporting events.

First, I would like to give some background on my beliefs about competitive sports. Recently I explained to my brother that I don't like the culture that accompanies many sporting events, because it includes the need for domination, and the crowds usually get the most excited when players engage in fights. He pointed out to me that sports challenge athletes to do their best — to push themselves to limits they didn't think they could rise to. I wondered, what is wrong with a culture in which people only do their best when in competition with others? Why can't we strive to do our personal best every day?

Next, I would like to speak as a theatre major and a member of several performing groups on campus. Performance, as opposed to sports events, is geared toward and put on solely for an audience. The very definition of theatre, in fact, includes the word audience. Where, at sports events, crowds help but do not prove essential, we perform for the enjoyment of a crowd. Granted, Notre Dame calls itself a "sports

school", and perhaps I shouldn't expect much of a crowd at theatrical or artistic events. However, I would hope that students would want to enrich all aspects of their person, which I believe, requires participation in or appreciation of the arts.

Having engaged in many similar conversations with sports lovers, I can probably predict your response: people attend events they are enthused about. If you don't produce something they want to see, don't complain if they don't come. Well, I would now like to return that answer to you. If I cannot expect students to come to my shows, you cannot expect me to attend sports events to which I have an aversion.

I do not feel that the measure of my school spirit lies in the number of times I sing the fight song. I do not want to fight. I do want to get on education, and I think the effort I display in my studies demonstrates true spirit for my school, considering Notre Dame is first and foremost an institute of higher learning.

LEANNE ROBINSON
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Ad Hoc makes progress toward official recognition

Dear Editor:

As a woman-loving woman undergraduate, I wish to respond to the Ad Hoc Committee report as published in the Observer Thursday, February 29. I first laud the dedicated effort of the Committee activists. Regardless of their own sexual-political agenda, they have placed themselves in a compromising (-ed) and threatening (-ed) position.

The Ad Hoc Committee's hearings last fall opened the discussion floor to ND lesbians, bisexuals, and gays; for the first time our voices were granted official authority.

However, the Committee's request for helpful solutions (to evade the recognition issue) was met with natural resentment and the feeling that the Committee could only offer piecemeal and consolation prizes. We felt like we were being shown a hole in a wall instead of being helped to level it.

The Committee members most certainly bit our bullets, listening compassionately as our voices quaked with pain and outrage, as our stories of isolation and self-hatred (past or present) unfold-

ed. We unleashed our fury at the Administration upon the Ad Hoc members. Thankfully, their recommendations have, at least partially, surpassed our fears of being insubstantial.

Heterosexuals, bisexuals, and homosexuals alike on this campus should realize how the Ad Hoc Committee serves as a scapegoat for the oh-so politically astute Patricia O'Hara (who was auspiciously absent from the hearings), just as last year she was a vilified political decoy for the Administration up to Father Malloy and the Board of Trustees.

Religion plays perfectly into the game. The Christian/Catholic-centric language of the report (which incessantly repeated the word "faith") seemed slightly forced and reconciliatory. While indeed the subject of religion and spirituality surfaced at the session I attended, the report stretches the matter when it says, "Many gay and lesbian students spoke about their commitment to their faith and their desire to find the way to live as adult Christians."

What in truth many expressed was a

deep-seated anger at the Catholic Church (not to mention Notre Dame), and some a total impotence in trying to reform the Old World-thinking of the Pope from within the Church. The quote above depicts us as good little Christian queers. We have found "a way to live" as adults, and are merely asking that "way" to be recognized so we can get on with living like or as Christians.

I stress the Catholic bias of this recommendation not to deconstruct the tenuous coalitions in progress or to rant at trivial language-use, but to reveal how perspectives are over-simplified and detracted from any criticism of the Church. Inherent in the focus on the "commitment to faith," in my skepticism, is an unconscious bow to upright "Catholic" alumni and their lucrative ties to Notre Dame.

So then, where does responsibility for GLND/SMC's non-recognition lie? The students and student organizations have rallied, marched, and signed declarations of protest. The Ad Hoc Committee has been cooperative and courageous, and Patty O'Hara, well, at least has set

up the Ad Hoc Committee (publicly anyway).

By peeling back layers of culpability to beyond Father Malloy and the Board of Trustees, we arrive at the alumni. Alumni, especially those who donate time and money, who remain silent on the issue of GLND/SMC recognition are indirectly responsible for cementing the Administration's disavowal of "valuable members" of its precious "family."

As concerned students and faculty we must all encourage all the alumni we know — active or not — to express disapproval of Administrative non-recognition. Until full recognition descends from the golden Domers through the Administration and Patricia O'Hara, the gay community here must, and does, deeply appreciate the ongoing progress made through the compromising recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee.

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Commencement: Reaffirming values

Dear Editor:

Late this spring the Notre Dame administration and faculty will throw a party for a very select group of some of this country's most talented young people. Their families will come, and it will be a great celebration. It always is. It's called "commencement".

Commencement is an occasion on which the Notre Dame community gathers to say a lot of farewells. We, the faculty and administration, want to say good-bye to the undergraduates whom we have been privileged to teach for four years.

Seniors are not the only ones who graduate, of course, and graduation is not only about them. We also bid farewell to professional students, and we want to give special recognition to a group who are usually forgotten when graduation is discussed — Ph.D. students, most of whom have been here far longer than four years, have sacrificed much more to be here than undergraduates have, and whose dedication to a life of scholarship we admire.

But "good-bye" is not the only or the most important thing the university wants to say to its graduation students on the eve of their departure. Graduation weekend is like a family's Thanksgiving dinner or, better, like a Passover seder.

It is an occasion when this community gathers to reaffirm the values of which it stands, to state those values clearly, and to remind its members — especially those who are leaving — of why they came together in the first place.

This is why the faculty and administration host a commencement weekend for all those to whom we grant degrees instead of sending them diplomas through the mail.

What values should we reaffirm at commencement? Notre Dame is not in the entertainment business or the football business. It is not a resort cursed with particularly bad weather. Notre Dame is a university, and

transmission dedicated to the preservation, extension and transmission of learning. And Notre Dame is a Catholic university, numbering among its academic functions the preservation, extension and transmission of Catholic thought.

As a Catholic university, Notre Dame is dedicated to religious as well as intellectual formation. This means, at minimum, that what students learn here should be designed to help them serve God and one another.

It is therefore appropriate that we use commencement to celebrate the value of Catholic learning, and that the hosts of commencement — the faculty and the administration — take one last opportunity to remind graduates of how important it is to use that learning in service.

I was glad to learn that I won't hear President Clinton when I attend commencement this spring. This is not because I disagree with his politics. Indeed I suspect that I'm far more likely to vote for Clinton in November than are many of those who now say that they want to hear him in May.

But Bill Clinton (or Newt Gingrich, if he is your preference) could be invited as a guest of the senior class for Senior Week. Mary Ann Glendon is a noted Catholic scholar who has served the Church as a part-time diplomat and who contributes intelligently to discussion of the most divisive public issue of our time.

Her career exemplifies what the University stands for and what it exists to do. Graduating Ph.D.'s, professional students, seniors — even the person who wrote the editorial "Mary Ann Who?" — are lucky to have her as their commencement speaker.

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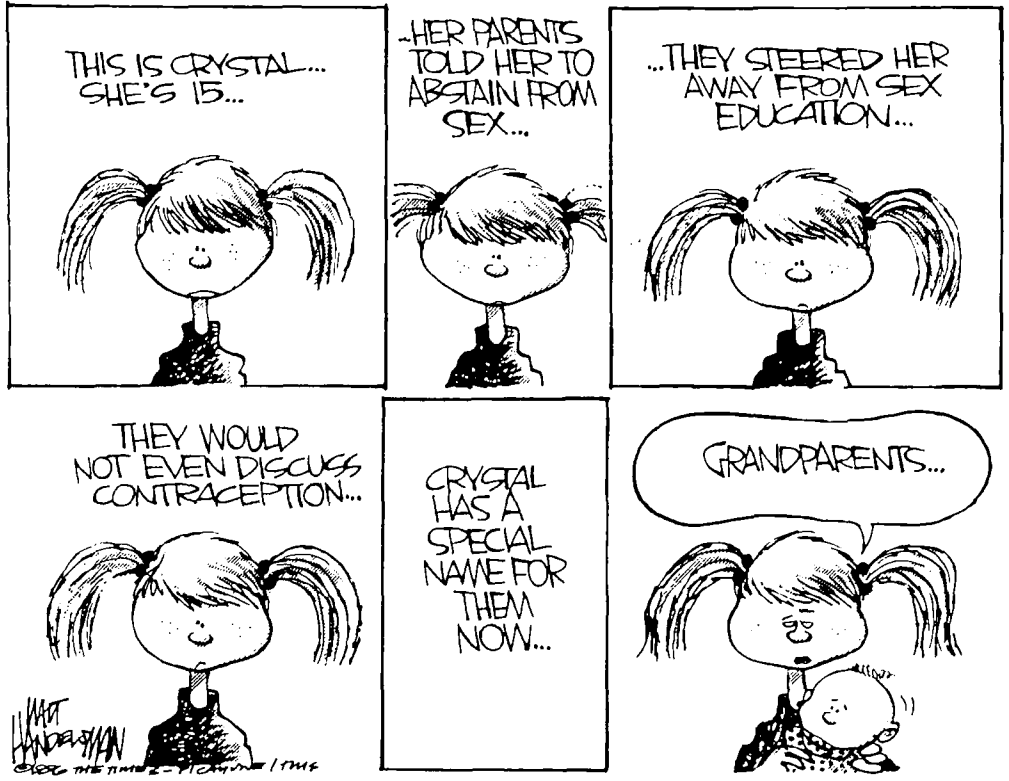
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Giving 'jailbirds' a second chance

Dear Editor:

I'm sorry this letter is so belated, but I promise I have a good excuse. I am a 1994 Georgetown graduate, a big basketball fan, and a person who is very pleased that Notre Dame has entered the Big East Conference. I am also an English teacher who resides in the Andean South American nation of Ecuador, where there are few televisions and a serious lack of ESPN. Therefore, when I received a package from my mother the other day containing the videotape of the first Big East match-up between Notre Dame and Georgetown, I was elated. However, as the game was nearing its finish, I heard a chant from the Notre Dame crowd that left me shocked, disgusted, and frankly, sick to my stomach: "jailbird, jailbird."

Everybody knows that Georgetown's superstar point-guard Allen Iverson is a convicted felon. He served six months in a Virginia prison for "aggravated melee" that occurred in a Virginia Beach bowling alley nearly three years ago. When he left prison, his future was an absolute uncertainty, but Georgetown basket-

ball coach John Thompson, despite some criticism, gave him the chance to attend Georgetown. Even though Coach Thompson is famous for his ability to educate disadvantaged young people—he graduates over 90% of his players—many in the media were surprised he was willing to assume responsibility for Allen Iverson.

As a former Georgetown baseball player, I saw the athletic program from the inside, and I have developed a certain reverence for John Thompson. Not only do his players practice hard and lift weights like bodybuilders, but they go to class, study all night long for finals, and they work as hard for their degrees as any other Georgetown student. I was good friends with many of these players, and their personalities usually reflected the special characteristics of Coach Thompson: hardworking, focused, kind-hearted, and dedicated to education. When he interviewed Allen to come to Georgetown, Coach Thompson must have seen something special in this young man, above and beyond basketball abilities, that made him confident that he could survive the academic rigors of Georgetown, a school very similar academically to Notre Dame.

As Iverson stepped to the foul-line on national televi-

sion and the jeering reached the height of its fury, the pain and shame showing in his eyes haunted me. Yet he composed himself, shot his free-throws, maintained his dignity, and showed his humanity by not responding to a group of fans who used shameful tactics. To chant "jailbird, jailbird" to this young man is a disservice to Notre Dame, to the newly formed (and hopefully long-lasting) rivalry between our two schools, and to the basic Christian principle of mercy, charity, and most importantly, forgiveness.

I have many friends at Notre Dame, and I know that it only takes a few bad (or drunken) fans to spoil the bunch, but I implore those who weren't chanting to discourage such tactics in future meetings. Notre Dame played an excellent game against Georgetown. I was impressed by the determination and courage of Coach McCloud's team, and despite the "jailbird" chant, I am looking forward to years and years of rivalry between the Hoyas and the Irish, two excellent Catholic schools that understand the true meaning of the term "student-athlete."

JOHN A. LEWIS
 Georgetown '94

'When he left prison, Allen Iverson's future was an absolute uncertainty.'

Racial preference parallels racial discrimination

Dear Editor:

Just when I thought America had seen the last of the leftist Affirmative Action zealots. The Observer digs up Matthew Apple. Luckily, he is studying creative writing — it takes quite a bit of very creative writing to make Affirmative Action look good.

Much of Apple's ranting and raving are against recent government action to end Affirmative Action programs. It's about time someone did something to end Affirmative Action. For over a decade public opinion polls have show the American people overwhelmingly against the racial preferences manifested in Affirmative Action. The recent attempt by a few elected officials to finally end racial preferences simply means that the will of the American people may actually become reality. Apple supports democracy, doesn't he?

Despite the noble attempts by the Louisiana governor and the California

Board of Regents, the most promising effort to roll back Affirmative Action is the California Civil Rights Initiative, a proposed amendment to the California state constitution which will appear on the November ballot to be approved by the California electorate. Recent polls show that when the initiative is read to prospective voters, they favor the amendment by over a 2 to 1 margin—and this support stays strong across all racial lines. I assume when Apple says he fears "a conservative trend in racial relations," he fears language like this which will most definitely become Californian law later this year:

Neither the State of California nor any of its political subdivisions or agents shall use race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin as a criterion for either discriminating against, or granting preferential treatment to, any individual or group in the operation of the state's system of public employment public educa-

tion or public contracting.

You wouldn't think such innocuous language would raise the venom of the left.

The bottom line is that the American people, whether supporters or opponents of Affirmative Action, want to help minorities; indeed they want to help all people. But there is a wrong way and a right way to help minorities. Affirmative Action seeks to help some races by punishing other races. The operating principle underlying Affirmative Action is to use race-based decision making to give less qualified members of some races opportunities that more qualified members of other races deserve. Denying people the fruit of their labor because of their skin color is as wrong today as it was forty years ago. Surely, there must be a better way to help minorities.

Apple seems to think there is nothing wrong with accepting racial preference benefits: "personal pride should not get

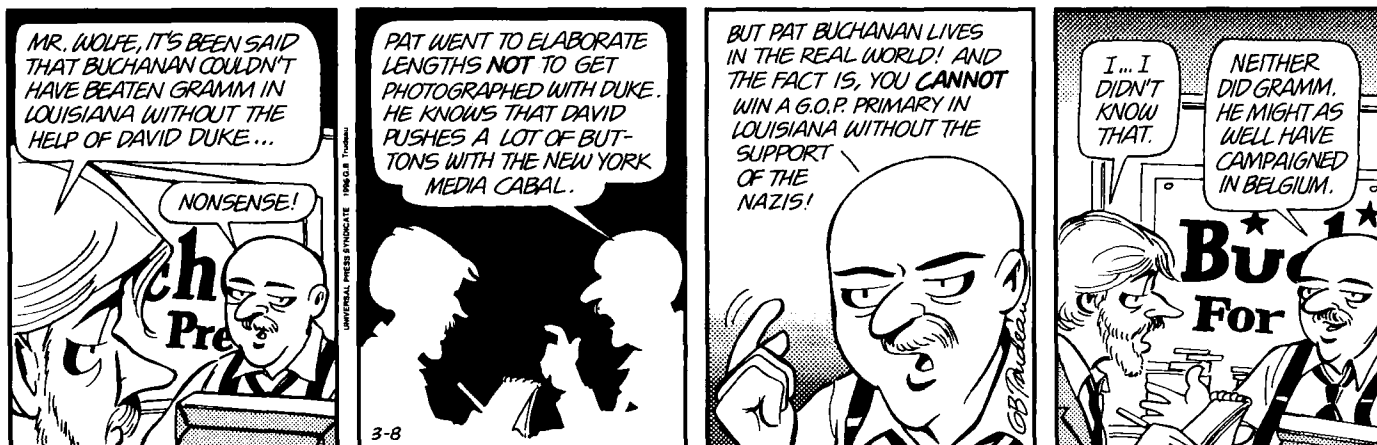
in the way of practicality." Well, I believe the principle of fairness, justice, and equal opportunity for people of all skin colors should get in the way of self-interest.

One of the primary benefits Affirmative Action bestows, according to Apple, is "a feeling of hope where previously there may have been little or none." If the only hope left is a racial preference program that hands people that which they do not deserve at the expense of those with different skin colors then America is truly in sad shape. Affirmative Action is a false hope propped up by years of effort on the behalf of the last generation of radical leftists. Thankfully Apple is at the rear-guard of those antiquated legions.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The secret of life is enjoying the passing of time."

—James Taylor

Escaping the Bend



On the road again...

Five mod-quad juniors, Bill, Norma, Jack, Jill (the one behind the map), and Dave (passed out in the trunk) attempt to escape the stifling atmosphere of South Bend in exchange for the freedom of the open road. Each member of the group is searching for their respective cultural mecca. The only member, they can't agree on where to go, except for Dave. Dave's only aspiration for spring break is to eat, drink, sleep...and drink some more.

Bill dreams of venturing to Arizona to visit the Grand Canyon. He claims it his destiny to "hawk a loogee" into the deep chasm. Norma, the driver, disagrees with Bill's plan, she yearns to return to her roots. Her mother grew up on a small farm on the plains of South Dakota. She argues it would be "lot's of fun" to go and help out on the farm. Jack protests by arguing that he is extremely allergic to all farm animals. "Especially those in South Dakota," he adds with a sneer. It has been his long time dream to visit Graceland and get "all shook up." Fortunately for the rest of the group, his desire to see the King was satisfied when he sees Elvis at a McDonald's along route eighty.

Jill claims that she is ambiguous as to where they go, just as long as everyone is happy. Little do the others realize that behind this sweet facade, there lies a selfish individual. She lunteered to read the map so that she could blindly lead her group to her home town of Florabama, roughly translated to "South Bend is a much better time." Her plan fell through though when she fell asleep two hours into the trip.

The ill-fated group have not a clue as to where they are going. Despite the fact that their destination is obvious, they plan on making the most of the new found freedom. Maybe they will venture across the great plains for the city of Las Vegas to find their fortune, no matter where they decide to go, tourist traps and souvenirs hinder their way.

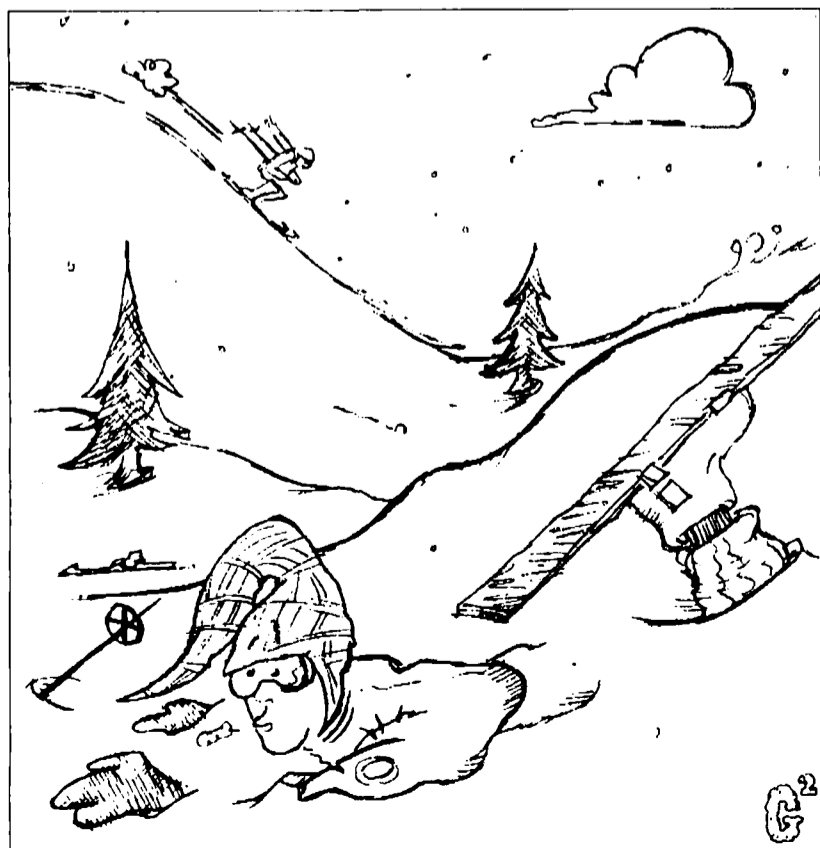
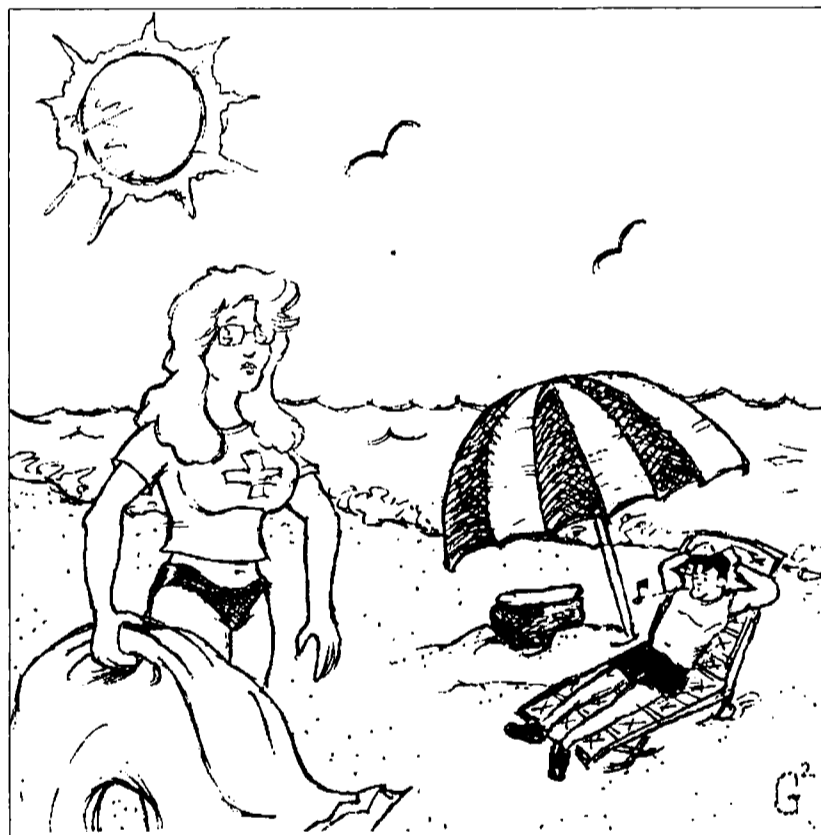
Wasting Away Again in Margaritaville

After frequenting the tan salon for the past two weeks, Heidi digs out her snazzy shorts and cut-off tops to head to the place where Mario from Tan-a-Lotta is not the only one peeping at her while she sunbathes. A place where the retro rocks and the beachfront rolls. And where a wet T-shirt, a pair of tighty-whities, or a "sexiest kiss" can award you a free drink. Ahh. Margaritaville.

Heidi hopes that in Margaritaville she will "get some rays and meet a few cool guys." What she fails to prepare herself for, however, are the pinches, perks, squeezes, hoots, freaks, fondles, feels, and other suggestive gestures she receives from guys in sleeveless tank tops and tiger-print speedos. But after thirty minutes on the beach, Heidi adjusts.

Heidi gets excited about her first night in Margaritaville. She follows the neon-lights and techno music to a bar where she is stamped, braceleted, examined under neon-lights, and thrown onto the dance floor. After waiting 30 minutes at the bar, Heidi decides to have a seat. Three "Sex on the Beaches," two beers, one dance, and four Slammers later, Heidi realizes the utter high of visiting Margaritaville. She steals a lifeguard T-shirt off of her new best friend Pedro, slips in on, and dances to the Marcarena dance with five other John Travolta-imitators.

After the bar clears out, Heidi and her new friends stumble down to the beach to watch the sunrise. As the breeze tickles her face and the tide rolls in, Heidi lays back to watch the show. In the distance she can hear the tunes of Jimmy Buffett. "Wasted away in Margaritaville... How I got here I haven't a clue..."



Trapped in Paradise

Brrr! Kimberly and Pete decide to exchange the flat terrain of Indiana for the beautiful mountains and attempt to go skiing. Pete has a great deal of difficulty standing, while Kimberly seems to have no problem whatsoever. And whoever said that freshmen gym class was worthless. At any rate, Pete finds himself in another predicament. Visions of an avalanche pummeling his small body to pieces haunt his mind. Apparently Pete spends his free time watching too much of Day of Our Lives. He was crushed when Hope was lost in an avalanche, now he fears he may suffer a similar fate. It's just a TV show, Pete.

Kimberly pretends to ignore the fact that Pete is having a horrendous time and decides to concentrate on her skiing...and her ski instructor, Dolph. Dolph on the other hand does not even realize that Kimberly exists, for he only has eyes for the snow bunny Heidi. Kimberly, who in order to attract Dolph's attention proceeds to break world records in skiing and ends up being recruited by the national team. But much to her dismay, Kimberly can not attract Dolph, who is now intimidated by her skiing ability.

Poor Pete, he is left all alone to what he believes is his snowy grave. He entertains himself with a flask that he has hidden inside his snow suit. Finally he is rescued from certain demise by a group of Huskies.

Kimberly and an angry Pete meet up later that night and decide that they forgot about the real reason why they ventured thousands of miles to ski country, the Lodge Bar. They eventually decide to warm up their thoughts with certain fermented beverages. Suddenly, Pete forgets about his nightmarish visions, and Kimberly forgets all about "what's his name."

Baseball

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batting a combined .308, the Irish are certainly not coming up short as a result of frozen bats.

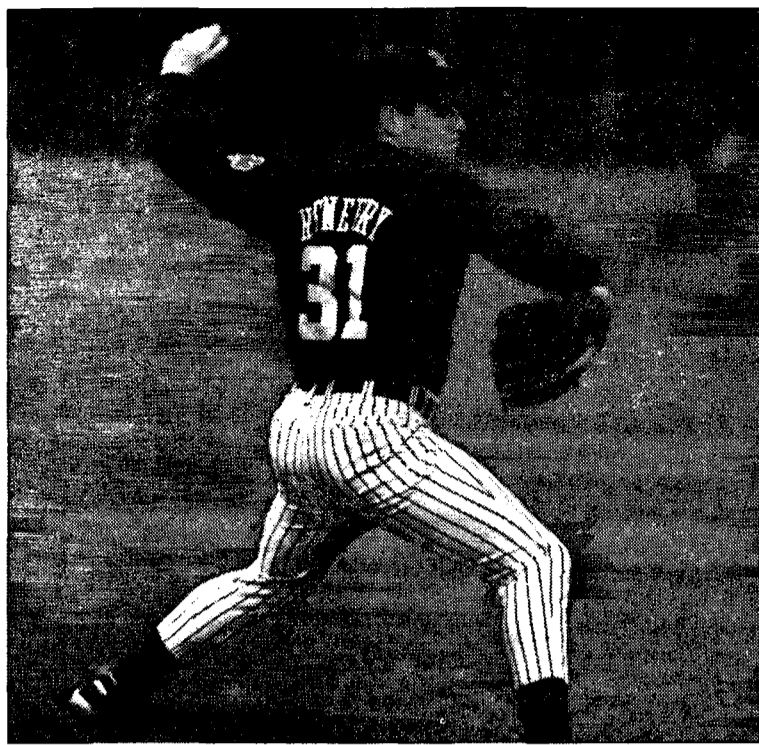
"What we need to do is get our starting pitching shored up," conceded Mainieri. "We need to get into a situation where every game we go into we know our starting pitcher is going to give us a good performance and keep us in the ballgame."

Such situations have not always materialized in this young season, as is evidenced by the staff's performance during their last two games, in which more than one offensive comeback was negated by ineffective pitching.

But Mainieri remains confident in his pitchers' ability, insisting that it is just a matter of time before they find their groove.

"I really believe that we have good pitchers, both in the starting rotation and in the bullpen," commented Mainieri. "We win as a team and we lose as a team, but the reality of baseball is that when your starting pitchers do a good job, you're going to be in the game and have a chance to win."

The problems with inconsistency in the Irish pitching staff have led Mainieri to tinker with his starting rotation, relegating struggling senior Craig Allen to the bullpen while inserting junior left-hander Gregg



Observer File Photo

Southpaw Gregg Henebry steps into Paul Mainieri's rotation this week.

Henebry into the vacated starter's slot.

"Gregg pitched fairly well when he's had the chance," said Mainieri of Henebry, who has compiled a 5.40 ERA with five strikeouts in five innings of work. "Craig Allen is going to try to work out some of his problems from the bullpen."

Mainieri would not speculate on the permanency of this change, saying only, "We're going to play the guys who will get the job done. It wouldn't be fair to the team if I didn't play the guys who are doing a good

job." The importance of these next seven games is not lost on Mainieri, who remarked, "This is basically a seven-game road swing for us, and these are our last seven games prior to our first Big East game. This is the last chance to get our team ready to go for the Big East schedule."

Mainieri and Irish fans alike can only hope that the team will be ready come March 23, when the Irish open their inaugural Big East season with a double header at Boston College.

SOFTBALL

Early games prepare tested Irish for future

Though just 4-6, a ready Notre Dame carries confidence

By MIKE DAY
Sports Writer

Sometimes you have to sacrifice something today for the benefit of tomorrow.

That's the philosophy the Notre Dame softball team is taking as they head to Florida this weekend to compete in their third tournament in three weeks.



Murray

Having already played several of the nation's elite teams, the Irish sport a 4-6 record that is no way indicative of how they've played.

While their won-loss record has suffered so far in the early going, Notre Dame is confident that the tough schedule will pay dividends in the latter stages of the season.

"It is always our goal to play the toughest schedule possible at the beginning of the season," said Irish head coach Liz Miller.

"It helps for the players to see that they can play with anybody in the country. It's good to know that were right there even at this stage of the season."

The squad has suffered tough losses to opponents like Hawaii and Arizona State who have

had the luxury of practicing outdoors for the last two months.

On the other hand, the Irish, who will be competing outside of Loftus for just the third time, have been forced to conduct workouts on astroturf and in batting cages.

"It is sometimes tough to focus in a confined area like Loftus," said second baseman Meghan Murray.

"You don't get true bounces off the turf and the atmosphere is so much different than playing outside with the wind, the sun, and the grass."

While the hitting has been solid through the first ten games (.273 as a team), the pitching staff will have to improve if the Irish plan on making a run once the Big East season begins.

All-American Terri Kobata has lived up to her billing, earning all four of Notre Dame's wins while posting an incredible 0.75 earned run average.

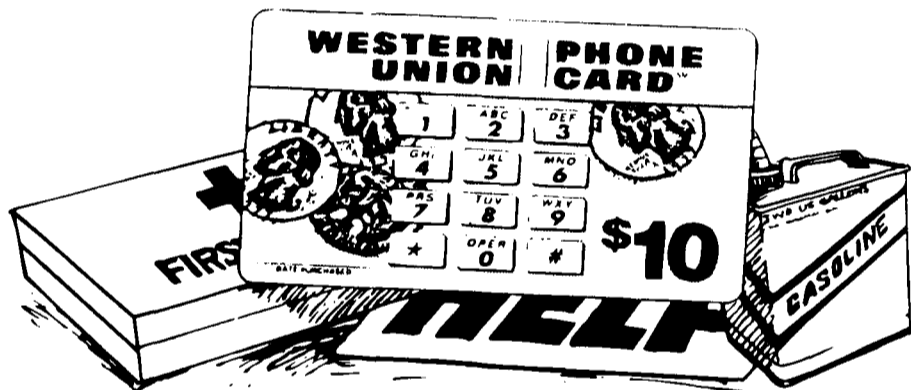
However, No. 2 starter Joy Battersby and No. 3 hurler Angela Bessolo have had their share of problems in the early going.

Each is giving up over seven runs per nine innings, and both have struggled to find the plate in the first two tournaments.

"Joy and Angela have not been as successful as we'd like, but we know that's going to change," said a confident Miller.

"They have not thrown poorly at all, so they should not be discouraged. As a whole, I feel the staff is coming along real well."

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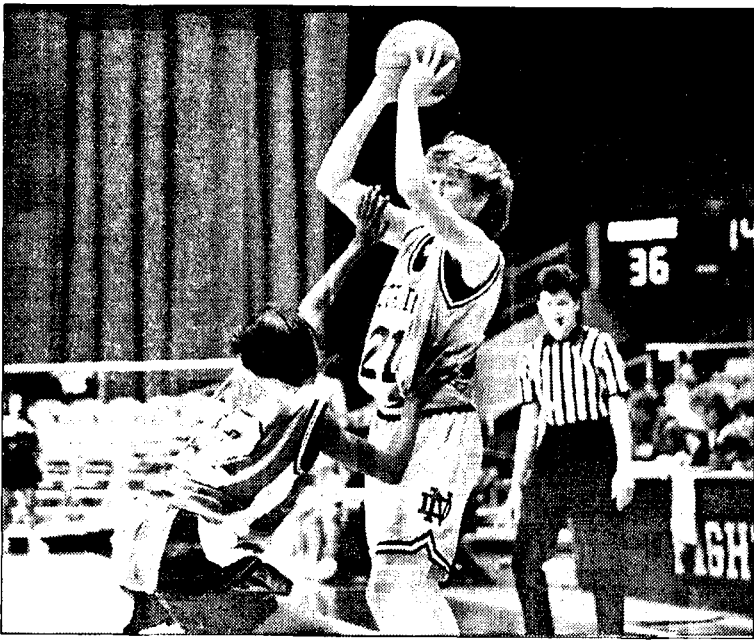
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The Observer/Brendan Candura

Beth Morgan and Co. must get set for the in-your-face type of defense that is the hallmark of NCAA tournament play.

NCAA

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anybody. We can play with any team in the nation, and we can beat anybody, too," commented sophomore sensation Mollie Peirick.

Notre Dame will probably earn a fifth or sixth seed this Sunday, but none of the Irish players will attempt to predict the outcome.

"I don't know what to expect. We really haven't had any bad losses this year," Morgan said.

Notre Dame will not be a favorite to reach this year's Final Four in Charlotte, North Carolina. But Peirick warns that the Irish should not be overlooked.

"The way we played with UConn has given us a lot of confidence. When you get into the Top 25, I think anybody can beat anybody else."

Irish players believe their early season trip to Hawaii prepared them to play in a very competitive field. The Kona Women's Basketball Classic featured several top teams that

could face the Irish in the NCAA tourney.

The Irish defeated Washington but suffered two close losses to Penn State and Texas A & M.

"I think the tournament in Hawaii was really good for us. We played some of the top teams in the country," stated Morgan.

Peirick echoed her teammate's sentiments concerning the importance of the Hawaii trip.

"I think we're prepared. We played some great teams at the beginning of the season," added Peirick.

The regular season is over. The Big East tournament is over. The NCAA tournament is all that remains.

This Notre Dame squad may be the best in our program's history. If the Irish advance to the later rounds of the NCAA Tournament, they will prove it.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish 'poll vault' into top ten

By BRIAN REINTHALER
Sports Writer

In the polls, the Notre Dame women's tennis team continues to climb toward the top.

This week, the Irish moved up from No. 16 in the country to No. 8. They will attempt to continue their winning ways this weekend as they host Kansas State and Drake in a Saturday doubleheader.

Kansas State appears to be the tougher of the two opponents traveling to South Bend this weekend.

Irish head coach Jay Louderback is particularly concerned with the first few spots in the KSU lineup.

"They are very strong at the top," explained Louderback. "They have a few international kids in those positions who can really play."

The reason for the coach's concern lies in the fact that the top of his lineup has been shaken by injury as of late. Seniors Sherri Vitale and Wendy Crabtree have each been battling specific ailments. Vitale is

suffering from tendonitis in her wrist and a heel injury is slowing Crabtree.

Coach Louderback is still a bit uncertain about the order of his lineup.

"Wendy and Jennifer Hall will be at the one and two positions," said the coach, "but which one plays where will be determined by the status of Wendy's heel."

As far as Vitale is concerned, the future is uncertain.

"Sherri will not play this weekend," said Louderback. "Her wrist is a little better, but she is definitely not ready to get back into action. In fact, we are still do not have any idea when she will be healthy enough to go."

Fortunately, the Irish have not allowed their medical problems slow them down. Due to the solid play of the rest of the Irish lineup, the team has not even missed a beat.

The freshman Hall, who will most likely find herself at the two position on Saturday, praised the team's play since the since the injuries.

"It helped to have last week-

end off, but the whole team has been stepping up for the girls who are hurting," said Hall. "If we keep playing the way we have been, we should have a good weekend."

According to Louderback, the rest of the lineup should be as follows. The three through six positions will be filled by senior Holyn Lord, freshman Marisa Velasco, junior Erin Gowan, and sophomore Molly Gavin, respectively.

The combination of Crabtree and Lord will compete in first doubles, while Gavin and Hall will take on opponents in second doubles and Velasco will pair up with freshman Kelley Olson to fill the third position.

Drake is not as strong, but Louderback is not looking past the second match of the day.

"Drake has been playing well as of late," noted Louderback. "They always play us well but we beat them 5-4 last year.

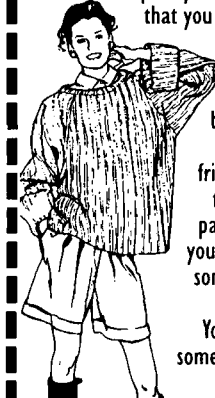
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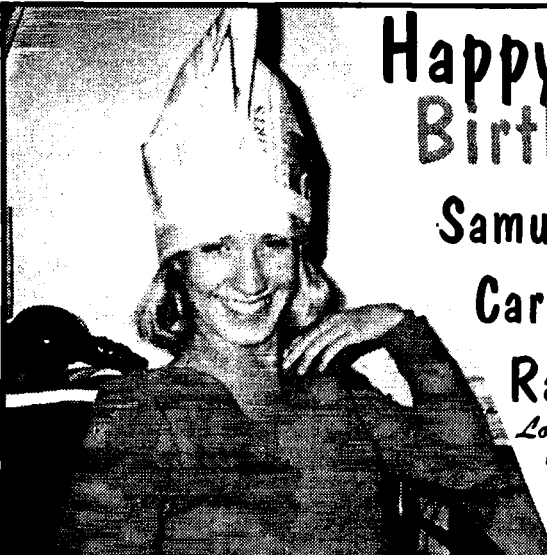
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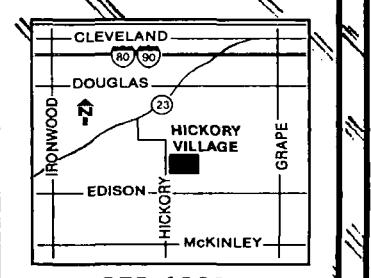
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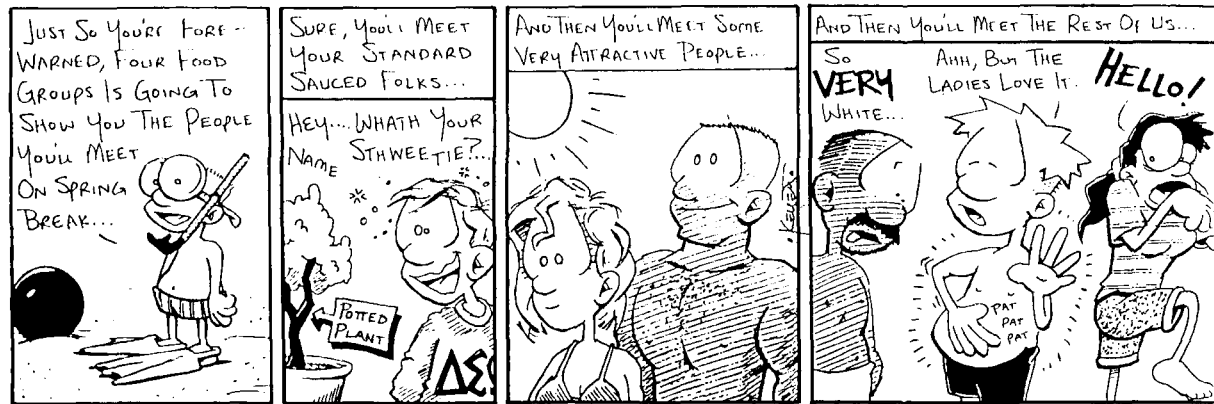
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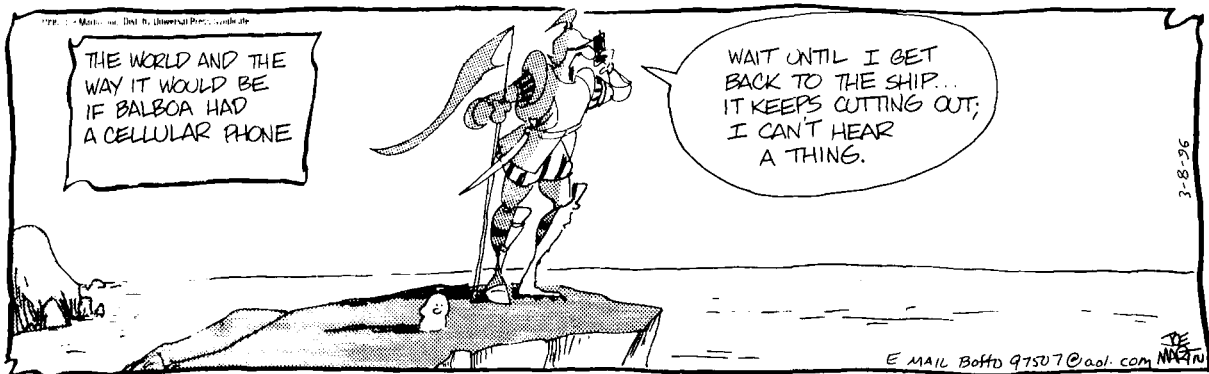
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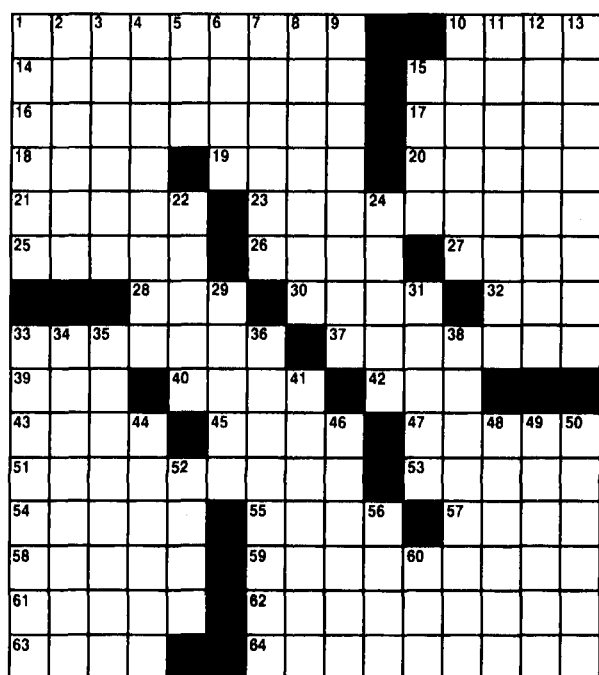
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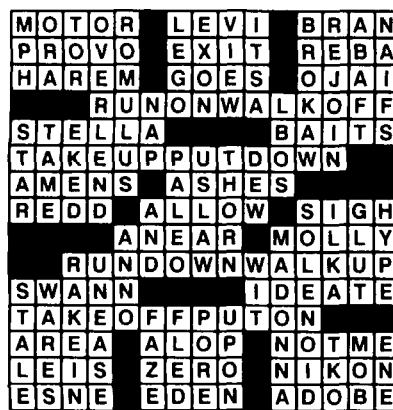
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 - 13 Blemishes
 - 15 Kind of meet
 - 22 True companion
 - 24 Gulf Coast bird
 - 29 Mind
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 - 33 Ones with "1" problems?
 - 34 Czarism, e.g.
 - 35 — personae
 - 36 Capital city once called Batavia
 - 38 Needle holders
 - 41 Lover of Héloïse
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JEANE DIXON

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Today's fortunes are linked to yesterday's events. Young or old, single or married, you seem to be on the right track where your personal life is concerned.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Your advice is a big help to someone with a less disciplined attitude. You can do a lot to relieve a friend's worry or confusion. Higher-ups are demanding.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): A longtime relationship may have lost much of its former luster. See what you can do to turn the situation around. Voice the love that you feel in your heart before it is too late!

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Alter your schedule to accommodate a loved one's special needs. Certain personal plans may have to be postponed if you have a heavy workload. A love relationship gradually intensifies.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Buying a house is a wise investment. Friends will be supportive if your goals are realistic. Your social life is on the upswing. Be careful not to neglect old pals while developing new contacts.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your opinions carry great weight with a younger work associate. Something you hear today could provide the answer to a nagging question. Recreational plans could falter if they become too complicated.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Rely on an expert's opinion if you feel that you are in uncharted waters. Double-check financial data; it could be faulty. Lunching with a friend puts you in a reflective mood.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A day when direct action and concrete proposals will win out over more vague promises. Getting together with a co-worker after work could lead to new rapport.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Career and personal demands may collide; stick to your priorities. Co-workers may be difficult; seek a quiet place where you can work alone.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Someone you count on could let you down. Rely on your intuition. Issues facing you now are best resolved without outside influence. Concentrate on restoring domestic peace. Two heads are better than one.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Join forces with someone whose talents complement your own. Together, you will find great success! A private meeting encourages you to set new career goals. Enjoy group entertainment this evening.

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■ LACROSSE

Keenan: A Man for Both Seasons

Basketball/lacrosse player Jimmy Keenan shifts gears.

By RYAN KENNEDY
Sports Writer

It was late in the third period of the Notre Dame-Loyola (Maryland) lacrosse showdown last Saturday. The Irish had cut a 10-5 Greyhound lead to 10-7, and they were poised to make a final run. Notre Dame's Jimmy Keenan collected the ball at midfield, dipped and deked for a split second, and then whipped a deep pass to a cutting Will DeRiso, who was all alone 10 feet from the goal. DeRiso was mugged from behind and the ball came loose.

A key opportunity provided by Keenan was gone.

Minutes later, 12th-ranked Notre Dame found itself the victim of a 14-7 thumping by number-six Loyola. But a bright spot remained in the brilliant play of Keenan.

Only a sophomore starting in the season opener, Keenan had lit a fire under the Irish that will someday scorch the opposition. He finished with two assists in the game, and more importantly, he played tireless lacrosse, never quelling the competitiveness flaring inside

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Notre Dame's Jimmy Keenan is a rare two-sport athlete.

The Observer/Brent Tadsen

■ JOCK STRIP

Pieces from the Big Apple

NEW YORK, NY

A handful of comments gathered while wondering whether Big East success corresponds directly to how many foreigners each team has...



Tim Seymour
Associate Sports Editor

The implications of Big East membership were made abundantly more clear when Notre Dame and its new friends were thrown together in the playpen that is Madison Square Garden.

A microcosm of New York itself, the Garden on opening night is a whirlwind of bands, fans, and motion. Since tickets are divided ten ways, most fans are not partisan towards the teams playing, so they cheer for excitement, not loyalty.

On Wednesday, that's exactly what they got. None of the games was decided until the last five minutes.

Notre Dame freshman point guard Doug Gottlieb had a solid and sometimes spectacular rookie season. But he's still only the third best freshman floor general in the league.

Providence's God Shammgod and Boston College's Scoonie Penn lack Gottlieb's flair, but their steady leadership is complemented by the ability to score with penetration and jumpers, which Gottlieb lacks.

Shammgod helped ice the Friars win over St. John's with two free throws in the final minute. Most Irish fans would be reluctant to put Gottlieb in the same situation.

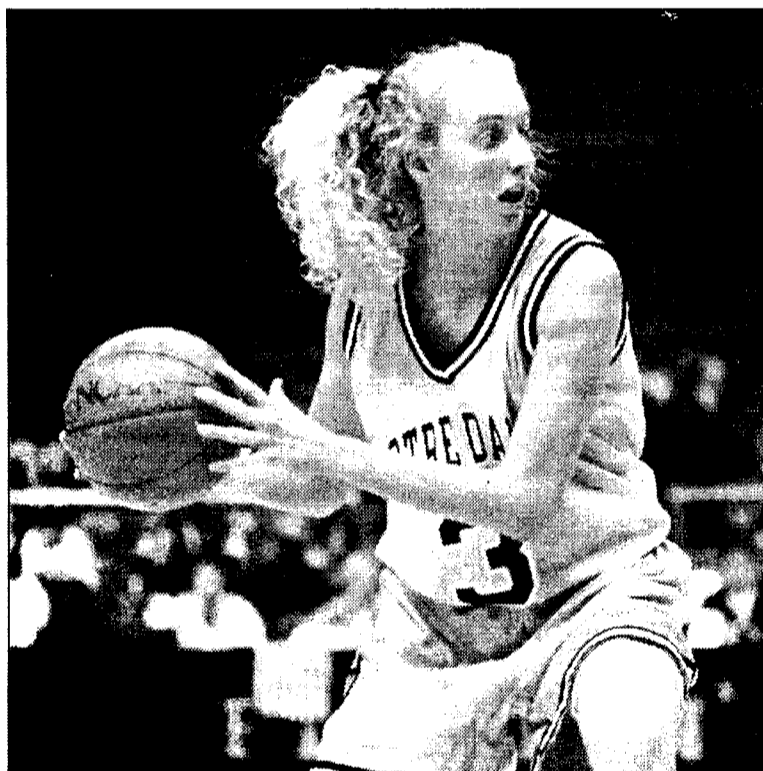
John MacLeod may be the conference's best dressed coach, but Providence fireball Pete Gillen is the most quotable. Some samples:

On a St. John's stretch that included jams by Felipe Lopez and Zendon Hamilton: "It was like Dunk-athon out there; they were like 'Can you top this?' It was degree of difficulty, like they have in those swimming contests."

On the strength of the conference: "It's the best in the country. The RPI, PRI, IRP - they're a bunch of chemists somewhere in South Dakota that don't know if the ball is stuffed with air or feathers."

On his teams chances of making the tournament: "I think we deserve it, but when you put 15 men in a room, there are a lot of deals going on. Now that I live in Rhode Island I know these things."

■ WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



The Observer/Brent Tadsen

Irish point guard Molly Peirick and teammates are looking ahead to a well-deserved break and a certain NCAA berth.

The Waiting Game

By TODD FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

In years past, members of the the Irish women's basketball team spent this weekend as a group. They crowded around a television set to nervously await the announcement of their NCAA tournament seed. The players watched patiently while a sportscaster informed them of their next opponent and game location.

This year, head coach Muffet McGraw has decided to give her players some time off. She has cancelled practice this weekend so many of her players can travel home for a short version of spring break.

"We have practice tomorrow. Then we're taking Saturday, Sunday, and Monday off. We usually watch it together, but a lot of the

players are going home," said Irish co-captain Beth Morgan.

The NCAA tournament pairings will be announced this Sunday at 7:30 on the ESPN network. The first round games of the 64-team field are scheduled for the March 15-16 weekend.

The Irish have certainly earned their break from playing basketball. Notre Dame finished second in the Big East Conference and maintained a national ranking for the last month of the season. They are currently the No. 22 team in the country with a 22-7 record.

Notre Dame hopes to improve on its last tournament showing during the 1993-94 season. They were eliminated by the University of Minnesota in the first round.

"We think we can play with

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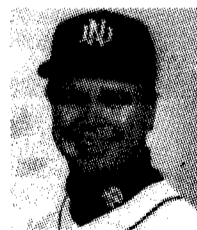
■ BASEBALL

Seattle, San Antonio on deck for Irish

By DYLAN BARMMER
Sports Writer

It's that time of the school year again. Time to put down the books and hit the beaches in search of respite from the often maddeningly brutal South Bend climate. But while many Notre Dame students will spend the next week or so combing the beaches by day and taking in the bar scene by night, the Irish baseball team will be hard at work, playing seven games in a nine-day span.

The 4-5 Irish begin their



Mainieri

spring tour with three games this weekend, as they head west to Seattle, where they will partake in the Husky Baseball Classic in the Mariners' Kingdom. The Classic will pit the

Irish up against seven-time NAIA champion Lewis & Clark State on Friday, followed by games against Long Beach State on Saturday and host Washington on Sunday.

"We have our work cut out for us this weekend," commented head coach Paul Mainieri. "Lewis & Clark State is currently

the top team in the NAIA; they're as good as any team in Division 1. Long Beach State is twentieth in the nation in one of the polls, and Washington will be tough to beat, since they're the host school. We're looking at three extremely tough ball games."

The final, and on paper, less formidable, task for the Irish will come in the Notre Dame Spring Classic in San Antonio, Texas. The tournament, which runs from Wednesday, March 13 to Saturday, March 16, will see the "host" Irish face Oral Roberts, Southern Illinois, and intrastate rival Indiana before

they partake in either the Championship or Consolation game on the tournament's final day.

"Oral Roberts and Southern Illinois both have a long, rich history in baseball, and Indiana has always been a rival," commented Mainieri.

If the Irish are going to build on their own storied history, they will need to remedy their early-season pitching woes, which have left them with a swollen 6.39 ERA after their first nine games. With an offense that is scoring an average of 6.3 runs a game while

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vs. Drake, March 9, 4 p.m.
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