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'A new era'

SMC trustees present the College's first female lay president to the community



The Observer/Rachael Sederberg

After a year-long search, the Board of Trustees presented Marilou Eldred to the Saint Mary's College community as the 10th president of the College. Eldred will assume the presidency in June.

By LORI ALLEN
Saint Mary's Editor
and SARAH CORKREAN
Saint Mary's News Editor

The Saint Mary's College community was introduced to the future on Friday afternoon, and her name is Marilou Eldred.

Coined "the best person to lead Saint Mary's into the next century," Eldred spoke for the first time at a special announcement ceremony revealing her hopes and intentions for the College, such as increasing the endowment, financial aid, diversity, academic programs and enrollment.

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Eldred, the current vice president and academic dean of the College of St. Catherine, a Catholic women's college in St. Paul, Minn., will be the first lay woman president of Saint Mary's.

In her current role, Eldred oversees all academic programs, curricula, faculty, educational policies and a budget of more than \$10 million, and was instrumental in establishing a Women's Studies Program at St. Catherine.

According to Mary Lou Gorno, chair of the Saint Mary's College Board of Trustees, Eldred's accomplishments are a tribute to her long-held goals which are in accord with those in the Saint Mary's mission statement.

"Women's colleges are critical because women need to be able to identify themselves and assume a role in society. Saint Mary's College prepares women well for that role," said Eldred.

"I have long admired and respected Saint Mary's as a leader for women's colleges in the United States," she added.

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One year later, SMC chooses Eldred



The Observer/Rachael Sederberg

'Marilou Eldred's goals are articulated in the Saint Mary's College mission statement ... she believes passionately in the value of a liberal arts education.'

Mary Lou Gorno

By ALLISON KOENIG
Saint Mary's News Editor

It ignited the anticipation of Saint Mary's College students. The memo taped to doors in the tunnels, in the residence halls, in the library, in Haggard and in Madeleva Thursday morning was short, simple and to the point.

Mary Lou Gorno, chair of the Board of Trustees, was the author of the memo. An announcement regarding the new College president would be made the following day — Friday — at noon in O'Laughlin Auditorium. The Saint Mary's community would finally greet their new leader.

"Marilou Denbo Eldred's goals are articulated in Saint Mary's own mission statement," Gorno said in Friday's letter to the entire Saint Mary's community. "[Eldred] believes passionately in the value of a liberal arts education as the critical foundation for any undergraduate major," Gorno continued.

Friday's introduction of Eldred as Saint Mary's 10th president was a long-awaited highlight of the year. The search process for a new president officially began after presidential incumbent William Hickey announced his retirement last April. An official search committee was formed which took on the responsibility of finding qualified candidates for the position.

The committee reported to the Board of Trustees, and that group alone, on their progress. The search was kept as highly confidential as possible.

"No one outside of the Board of Trustees has any idea as to what's going on," Beth Ann Miller, student body vicepresident, said Thursday for the announcement. "Although we would all like to [know]," she added, reflecting the feeling of the overall community.

Student Trustee Brandee Carlson could not be reached for comment.

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SC The making of a president

- **Education:** Bachelor's degree in history with minors in English and education, Mundelein College, Chicago, 1963; Master's degree in student personnel administration, New York University, 1969; Doctoral degree, education administration, New York University, 1974
- **1963:** History teacher, Xavier High School, St. Louis, Mo
- **1966:** Assistant dean of freshman, Mundelein College
- **1970:** Curriculum coordinator, Saint Mary's Center for Learning, Chicago
- **1971:** Graduate assistant, NYU
- **1972:** Teaching fellow, NYU
- **1974:** Personnel representative, Universal Oil Products Co., Des Plaines, Ill.
- **1975:** Research associate, University Without Walls, University of Minnesota
- **1979:** Associate academic dean, College of Saint Catherine, St. Paul, Minn.
- **1982:** Dean of students, College of Saint Catherine
- **1986:** Vice president, College of Saint Catherine
- **1989:** Vice president and academic dean, College of Saint Catherine
- **April 6, 1997:** Offered the Saint Mary's College presidency
- **April 11:** Formally presented to the Saint Mary's community as the first female lay president of the College
- **June 1:** Officially assumes office



■ INSIDE COLUMN

So what if the Cubs are 0-10?

Don't pity me because I'm a Cubs fan. In fact, don't even question it.

Betsy Baker
Associate Sports Editor

So what if we're 0-10, and we've tied the modern National League's record for the worst start in its history and by far the worst in the club's 122-year history?

So what that if we lose one more it will tie the all-time NL worst record set by the Detroit Wolverines in 1884?

So what if we haven't won a pennant since 1945 and haven't won the Series since 1908?

So what if we've let players like four-time Cy Young winner Greg Maddux slip through our hands and take on such burdens as Anthony Young, the major league record-holder for most consecutive losses?

So what if the 1984 National League MVP, major league record-holder for consecutive errorless games, and nine-time Golden Glove winner, Ryne Sandberg, is batting a buck-fifty seven, committed three errors in two games a week ago and was knocked out of yesterday's game because he was beamed by a foul ball while sitting in the dugout?

So what if we're forced to listen to Harry Carey spend 10 minutes talking about a player who isn't even on the game-day roster?

So what if the frigid temperature at Wrigley Field is as low as the number of hits tallied by its team?

So what if the Boys of Wrigley are just downright consistently bad?

There is much more to being a Cubs fan than wins and weather.

To be a Cubs fan is to know the meaning of the word adversity.

To be a Cubs fan means to exemplify the word loyalty.

To be a Cubs fan is to appreciate the first sunny, over-50 degree day at Wrigley after a long April of lake effect winds.

To be a Cubs fan is to turn down third row, behind home plate tickets for a bench in the bleachers and an Old Style (for those of age, of course).

To be a Cubs fan is to exchange domes and Astroturf for brick, ivy and the smell of fresh-cut grass on game day.

To be a Cubs fan is to embrace the elaborate history of the organization — from the shining history of Wrigley Field to the often bleak history of the team's that have occupied it.

To be a Cubs fan means not to focus on the players that got away or that bombed, but to have such heroes as Ernie Banks and Cap Anson (the first man to reach 3,000 hits and a Notre Dame alumnus).

To be a Cubs fan means that even when Ryno is off to almost as bad a start as the team itself, we can revel in his 1,000th RBI hit on Saturday against the Atlanta Braves.

To be a Cubs fan is to stand up during the seventh-inning stretch and sing with one of the best baseball announcers in the history of the game, enjoying every spray of spit that flies from his mouth.

To be a Cubs fan is to look at whose record the Cubbies tied yesterday — the 1988 Braves — and believe that we can turn around and do what the Braves have done since then.

To be a Cubs fan is to be an eternal optimist.

To be a Cubs fan is to be a baseball fan, and to be a baseball fan is to be an American.

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

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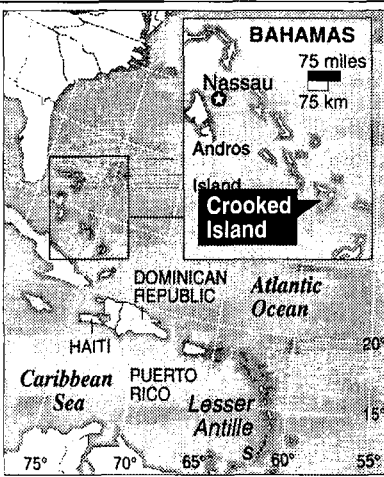
Bahamas crash kills four Americans

PITTSOWN, Bahamas
A small plane crashed into the Atlantic Ocean off a tiny island in the Bahamas, killing all four Americans on board, including three private pilots.

Their single-engine Beechcraft 36 slammed into a rocky shoal Saturday about 25 yards off Crooked Island about 250 miles southeast of Nassau. "The plane went into bits and pieces. It was completely destroyed," said Sgt. Glen Rolle, of the Crooked Island Police Department.

The U.S. State Department identified the dead as Janet Hunter of Orlando, Fla., Frank Pocher of Hopkinton, Mass., Robert Press of Natick, Mass., and Sheldon Rothstein of Framingham, Mass.

The three businessmen were pilots who had taken



turns flying the craft to an air show in Lakeland, Fla., family members said. After the show ended last week, they went to the Bahamas for a few days.

Arnold Josey, assistant superintendent of police for the Royal Bahamas Police Force, said the cause of the crash was unknown, although it was cloudy and winds were "choppy" when the plane went down.

Pocher's daughter, Laurie Rufo, said she was told the plane had engine problems and was circling back to land when it crashed.

She said Ms. Hunter had been at the same Pittstown hotel, and was catching a lift to Nassau when the plane crashed.

"My father was happiest when he was flying," she said. "It's the one consolation we have is that he went doing something he loved."

Gingrich suggests tax amnesty

WASHINGTON



House Speaker Newt Gingrich proposed Sunday that Americans with overdue taxes be given a one-year amnesty to pay up without penalties. It's an idea that could bring in billions of dollars in extra revenue as Congress and the White House struggle to balance the budget, he said. Gingrich, R-Ga., said the proposal, already tried by several states, would give people a one-time opportunity to "pay up their back taxes to clear the board, and then we would have stiffer penalties if they didn't take advantage of the amnesty." That would increase revenues by several billion dollars and "allow us to have an even deeper tax cut for the honest taxpayers in America," Gingrich said on "Fox News Sunday." In the past week Gingrich has tried to reassert leadership on the tax issue that is central to the Republican agenda, urging elimination of capital gains and estate taxes. Conservatives criticized him earlier for suggesting that tax cuts could be put off until after a budget deal is struck with the administration. Other Republicans insisted Sunday that tax cuts be a part of any budget agreement. Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., said on CNN's "Late Edition" that talks with the White House must come to fruition this week.

Air Force team searches for plane

EAGLE, Colo.

The Air Force on Sunday launched its first ground search for a missing pilot and his warplane, scouring three mountainous areas identified as possible crash sites by U-2 radar photos and a hiker with a metal detector. The five-member ground crew, equipped with metal detectors and mountaineering gear, was exploring three areas of the New York Mountain range after an expert determined avalanche danger was low in the rugged wilderness about 20 miles southwest of Vail. "I'm no more excited. I'm no more optimistic and no less optimistic," Lt. Gen. Frank Campbell said of the development in the search for Capt. Craig Button, who disappeared in his bomb-laden A-10 Thunderbolt April 2. Two of the areas being searched were targeted by U-2 radar photos as possible crash locations. A backcountry hiker with a metal detector got a reading in the third area, Campbell said. "It could be something else up there that is metal, but we'll see," Campbell said. "If they (ground crews) find metal, they will try to put their hands on that metal or get down where they can see that metal."

California strawberry pickers unite

WATSONVILLE, Calif.

Thousands of United Farm Workers union members and supporters from around the nation marched on Sunday to demand better pay and working conditions for California's 20,000 strawberry pickers. The event kicked off the second year of the union's ambitious attempt to organize the state's strawberry industry, which produces 80 percent of the nation's crop. With marchers carrying signs and flags with the red, white and black union emblem, union president Arturo Rodriguez said some longtime strawberry workers weren't being hired back this season because they demanded clean bathrooms, drinking water, pay increases and health insurance. "Decent people of good conscience cannot tolerate these injustices. The times demand action. We must all become angry and hungry for justice," he said. "Unless you take a stand, unless you become involved, these conditions will live on and on for strawberry workers. While the union claimed 30,000 marchers and said it was the biggest march for farm workers, police said up to 17,000 people marched. The Rev. Jesse Jackson, UFW co-founder Dolores Huerta and AFL-CIO president John Sweeney joined Rodriguez near the head of the 2 1/2-mile march just before noon. Workers spoke of being shortchanged and treated badly by employers. Jose Rojas said he has not had a raise in seven years and that growers "steal" employees' pay by forcing them to work off the clock.

Famous biologist dies at 90

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.

George Wald, who won the Nobel Prize in 1967 for his work on the biochemistry of vision, has died. He was 90. Wald died Saturday at his home after two years of declining health. Born in Manhattan's Lower East Side to Jewish immigrants, Wald studied zoology at Washington Square College of New York University and did graduate work at Columbia University. As a National Research Council fellow in Germany in 1932, he helped discover vitamin A in the retina and discovered retinal, a component of the visual cycle. These discoveries laid the foundation for his later scientific work on how people see. Hitler's rise to power forced him to leave Germany for the University of Chicago, where he completed his fellowship. He joined the faculty at Harvard University in 1934, teaching biology and doing research for 43 years. His 1967 Nobel Prize in Medicine or Physiology was for his work on the chemical reactions that light sets off in the receptors of the eye. These, in turn, trigger nervous impulses along the optic nerve to the brain.

■ SOUTH BEND WEATHER

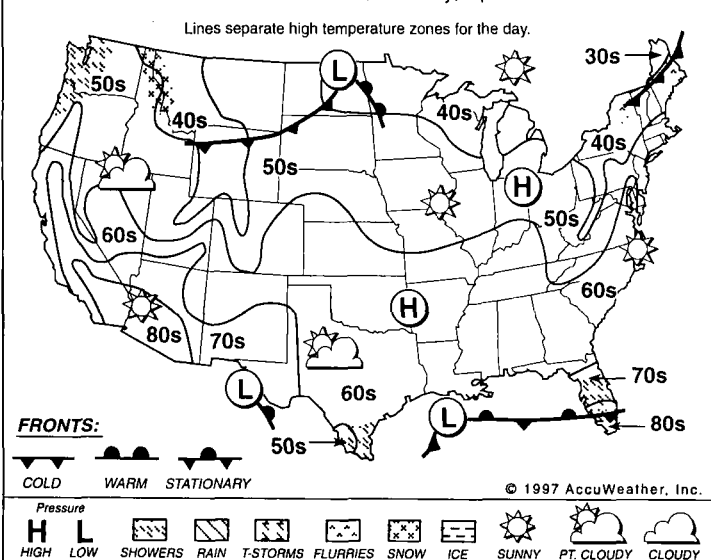
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■ NATIONAL WEATHER

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Jordan: UFOs, aliens exist in a parallel universe

By TOM MORAN
News Writer

Do UFOs really exist?

Taking into account UFO sightings, abduction stories, tales of the mysterious 'men in black', crop circles and cattle mutilations, expert Peter Jordan tackled that question last night.

Jordan, who has been examining these phenomena for 20 years, admitted early on that the vast majority of UFO sightings are either misunderstandings or hoaxes.

He noted that Project Blue Book, the official government investigation of UFOs, determined that 98 percent of UFOs sighted are actually aircraft or weather and astronomical phenomena.

Jordan also pointed out the number of UFO hoaxes that have been perpetrated in the past. "Many people simply took hubcaps, stuck cotton balls to the bottom, threw them in the air and took pictures," he stated. He said that, with modern technology, "it is very easy to create images that fool experts."

He cited specific examples and evidence of alien appearances, abductions and activities. He started with a look at "the mother lode — or the mother ship — of all UFO events:" the infamous Roswell incident, in which the government disavowed the existence of a supposed UFO that crashed in New Mexico in 1947. The government claimed that it was a downed weather balloon, Jordan said, but this failed to explain their call to a local mortician to order a number of "three- or four-foot long hermetically sealed caskets."

Jordan expressed his belief that the government has had something to do with the suppression of UFO evidence. He noted that one can tell how legitimate UFO photos are by "how badly federal agents want to get their grubby hands on your negatives."

Jordan was ambivalent about how true stories of the "Men in Black" are. According to him, these dark-suited, Cadillac-driving men, who have a habit of visiting recent UFO sighters and telling them to keep their stories to themselves, "are part of the mythology and folklore of UFOs and have some basis in truth."

Jordan detailed some of the most famous and convincing incidents of alien encounters and abductions. In the 1950's, a couple were abducted in an incident in which they could not remember the two lost hours they had spent in a supposed spacecraft, but were able to recount very convincing stories of their ordeal when placed under hypnosis. These stories included details of alien star charts, which were later successfully matched up to real stars in a way that allowed investigators to pinpoint the location of the alien "home planet."

Another possibility Jordan raised was that UFOs were responsible for the gigantic power outage that struck the northeast United States in 1978. Before the outage, according to him, there were a number of similar sightings of spaceships siphoning power out of power lines, especially near Troy, NY. One man, he stated, even believes that he was abducted by aliens who explained that their power needs require that they sometimes siphon electrical power.

Jordan next discussed the peculiar phenomena of crop circles and cattle mutilations. The former, mysterious flattenings of crops in circular patterns, were treated by Jordan as generally acceptable evidence of paranormal activity. While he admitted that a large number of the circles are likely a hoax, some of them show evidence of the crops actually being exploded by microwave radiation, rather than just

flattened. He concluded that the evidence suggests that the creation of some of these circles was "intelligently guided...whether it is alien or not, I'm not sure...but it is provocative."

The cattle mutilations, Jordan explained, were a number of "surgeon-like cuts being made" on cattle by helicopter-like UFOs. A number of eyewitness sightings, he noted, lend credence to these claims, and he pointed out that there was no rational explanation for these mutilations. They were too precise to be predators, Jordan explained.

"Why would the military or the government need to do this?" he asked, later stating that "the matter sits in the field of ambiguities."

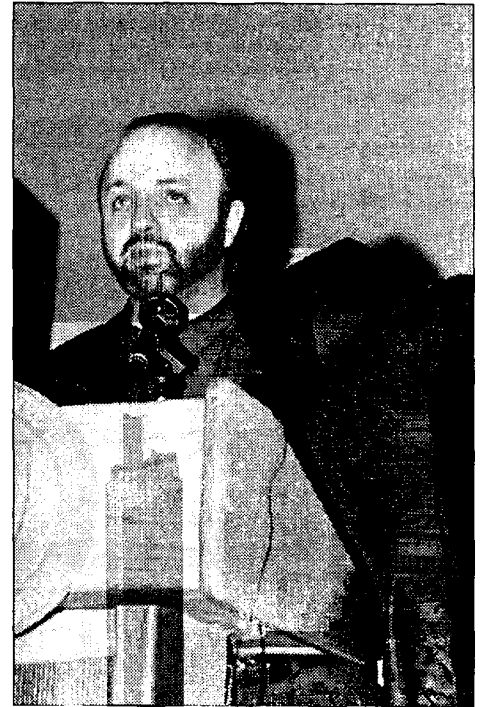
Jordan concluded the lecture by affirming that he does believe aliens visit Earth, although he still pointed out several reasons supporting the opposite conclusion.

The generally human characteristics ascribed to extraterrestrials are suggestive of the idea that they are only figments of people's imaginations, he said. Jordan also noted that these 'aliens,' supposedly possessors of far more powerful technology than ours, seem to have a habit of subjecting people to primitive medical procedures, an idea that seems rather puzzling.

Finally, the most obvious reason to reject the idea of alien visitors, he stated, is the simple fact that we have no hard evidence of them: no spaceship remains, no alien materials, objects or bodies.

Despite all of the objections he raised, however, Jordan said that he still believes that visitors to our planet do exist. "The evidence is overwhelming," he said.

In a statement that much of the audience apparently found hard to swallow, Jordan conveyed his belief that these visitors were not from other planets,



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UFO expert Peter Jordan spoke of his theory that aliens come from other dimensions, not from other planets.

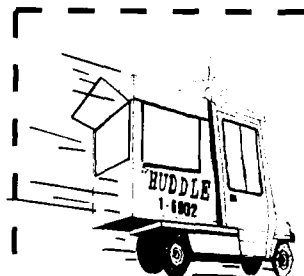
but from other dimensions, such as wormholes or parallel universes. The aforementioned reasons for not believing in aliens, he said, led him to conclude that this is a more likely explanation for people's encounters and abduction stories.

Jordan clearly expressed that his 20 years of researching UFOs has convinced him of their existence. He confessed, however, that there are still many questions concerning UFOs and other such phenomena. Thus, he asserted that he would likely continue investigating these phenomena "until I die — [or] until I figure out what the hell is going on."

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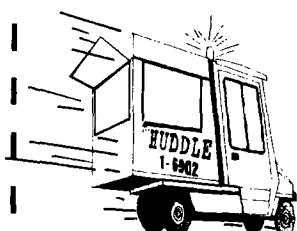


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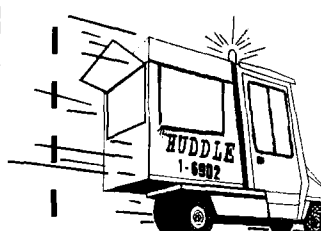


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■ SMC PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT

Eldred impresses SMC students with speech

By MELANIE GARMAN
Saint Mary's Associate News Editor

Bustling with anticipation, the students of Saint Mary's College packed into the O'Laughlin Auditorium Friday afternoon to hear the announcement of the College's 10th president.

As Mary Lou Gorno, chair of the Board of Trustees, introduced Marilou Denbo Eldred to the Saint Mary's College community, students, faculty and staff rose to their feet to greet her. Not only did she receive a standing ovation, but she also received numerous words of encouragement from the student body.

"I am very excited about the appointment of our new president," said junior Amanda Howerton. "I feel she has a credible background, having been a part of the College of St. Catherine for 18 years, and I am sure her experience will carry on here at Saint Mary's," she added.

Eldred is the first lay woman to assume the Saint Mary's presidency. Students agree with the idea of Saint Mary's appointing a female president and are eager for her to assume her duties beginning June 1, 1997.

Students are also pleased

with Eldred's enthusiasm and approachability.

"I was very impressed with Eldred's first speech to the student body," said freshman Penelope Kitska. "She seemed very professional, yet down to earth; a leader I feel I could go to with a concern."

Even though members of this year's graduating class will not get a chance to see Eldred in

action next fall, positive views were expressed by those students as well.

"I am confident in her past experiences that she is the right person for the job," senior Heather Steinmiller stated. "If I could address one issue to Eldred, I would tell her how beneficial it would be to

Penelope Kitska

incorporate a women's issues class for all freshmen," Steinmiller added.

Many issues will be addressed by Eldred throughout her presidency, including the challenge of fundraising, diversity issues and maintaining the strong academic program Saint Mary's is known for.

"I believe that Eldred has a big job ahead of her. However, with the strong interest she has in the student body, she will have no trouble being accepted into the Saint Mary's community," Kitska said.

Mother-daughter bonding



Saint Mary's junior Catherine Narbone got a new look at Women's Day during Junior Mom's Weekend. The weekend, themed "Like mother, like daughter," offered various activities for the juniors to participate in with their mothers.

Eldred

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Eldred stressed the fact that she is a lay leader, something that she believes women need to see more of in today's society.

She also stated her eagerness to meet with present students and alumnae. She plans on implementing informal receptions with groups of students and hosting alumnae reunions to acquaint students with networking opportunities available within the Saint Mary's community.

"I would love for students to initiate conversation," said Eldred. "I'm here to provide students a mentor, to lead them to a degree."

She expressed concern with the decline in the number of women attending all-female institutions.

According to Eldred, only 2-3 percent of graduating high school women consider attending women's colleges.

"Because women's colleges are only able to recruit half of the population, they will always struggle academically," said Eldred.

One way to increase enrollment at Saint Mary's would be to recruit by word of mouth through alumnae, noted Eldred. Contacting alumnae throughout the country would not only strengthen the alumnae network, but also enhance Saint Mary's reputation nationally.

"I am eager to meet with alumnae, and I want to hold a few public ceremonial [events] to be able to talk to students candidly and openly," said Eldred.

"I believe personally that a liberal arts education forms the nature of a well-rounded education," she continued.

"It is a unique relationship to have a religious order sponsor an academic institution...I hope to build on all of the wonderful things that happen here and build on the women's college aspect," Eldred added.

"I am really excited to be here," she emphasized.

Search

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Patti Valentine received the phone call last Sunday night. As director of public relations for Saint Mary's College, she was one of the few people who knew before Thursday morning that a new president had been selected.

The students, faculty and staff of the college were kept in the dark throughout the entire search process, mainly to ensure confidentiality on the candidates' behalf. However, the Board wished for the local Saint Mary's community to be made aware of the developments before the press and the outside world were informed.

"Our goals were to make certain that the Saint Mary's community would hear prior to the media. The Board of Trustees asked us to do that," Valentine said.

All Saint Mary's community members received letters from Gorno detailing Eldred's background and the reasons for her selection.

Class of 2000

Applications for *Committee Head* positions can now be picked up in the Student Government Office. Applications are due back no later than **5:00 pm Wednesday, April 16** in the Freshman Class Council Box which is also located in the Student Government Office.

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'Wake up,' Alumni...



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Wayward cart driver disrupts annual Wake procession



The Observer/John Daily

Alumni residents (pictured above) had their enthusiasm momentarily dampened when a fellow student steered a golf cart through their Wake procession (shown left).

Alumni Hall held its annual Wake this weekend, beginning with a half-naked procession around campus and culminating in an SYR.

The march across North Quad was disrupted by a Zahm Hall resident, who decided to drive a golf cart through the mob of marching men.

"I got hit when we were outside Zahm, and I just went flying," said Wake participant Jeremy Dixon. "I got cuts and bruises, but no one was seriously hurt."

RAs from Alumni assisted in stopping the cart; several witnesses recalled seeing the driver getting hit by enraged students, but Dixon was unable to confirm this.

"I didn't see any punches," he said, "but people were pretty mad. I mean, he plowed through the procession for no apparent reason."

The Alumni RAs were unwilling to comment on the situation; one source hinted that the occurrence would be pursued by the Office of Student Affairs.

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Violent crime rate declines

By CASSANDRA BURRELL
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON

Americans experienced significantly fewer violent crimes in 1995 than in 1994, with rates for such acts as rape, robbery and assault down by 12.4 percent, the Justice Department said Sunday.

The broadest decline happened in the suburbs, where crime rates dropped in all areas of personal victimization except rape and sexual assault.

The Bureau of Justice Statistics said the fall was the largest recorded since the bureau began taking its annual National Crime Victimization Survey in 1973.

"Four years ago, we made a commitment to take our streets back from crime and violence. We had a comprehensive plan," President Clinton said. "Our plan is working."

He said in a written statement that the statistics, which covered the first full year of his crime act of 1994, reflect the largest drop in violent crime in 22 years. He credited the act.


Attorney General Janet Reno said the figures continued a downward trend in violent crime that has been reflected in every year of the Clinton administration.

Republicans said crime figures remain much too high.

And some experts said the administration is reaping the benefit of a baby boomer generation mellowed with age.

Among white residents age 12 and older, the survey showed overall violent crime declined 12.8 percent. Aggravated assault among whites dropped 24.7 percent.

The decline was less dramatic for black Americans.



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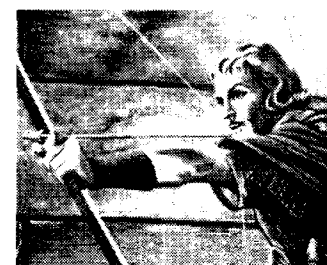
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Orkin: Science not ready for any human cloning

By JENNIFER ROTHACKER
Associated Press Writer

ARLINGTON, Va. Studying animal clones is keeping researchers busy now, but scientists warned an ethics panel Sunday that a permanent ban on research into human cloning could stall medical progress.

For now, animal cloning gives "the biggest bang for the buck," said Stuart Orkin, a developmental biologist at Harvard University's medical school. Scientists may fall behind, however, if human cloning isn't at least examined, Orkin told the National Bioethics Advisory Commission.

President Clinton formed the 18-member commission to study implications of human cloning after a Scottish scientist unveiled Dolly the sheep in February, the first-known successful clone of an adult mammal.

As the panel mulls over the ethical, scientific and policy ramifications of human cloning, Clinton has banned using federal money on such experimentation and suggested a moratorium on private studies.

Both Orkin and Janet Rossant, a professor of molecular and medical genetics at the University of Toronto, appeared to pique the committee's interest when they agreed that human cloning may be premature while so much is left to study in animals.

"Is it possible that we can do most of the basic science on animals ... without ever creating an entity which many people find offensive?" asked commission member Thomas

Murray, director of the Center for Biomedical Ethics at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland.

Orkin did not advocate widespread cloning of animals. Plenty of research is left to do that would not necessitate further cloning of any kind, he said. But researching human cloning could lead to major advancements in such fields as organ transplants.

"I'm not comfortable with the notion of banning any kind of research," Orkin said. "However, I am comfortable with moratoria on the implantation" of cloned human embryos because of the "inherent risks that I think are unacceptable."

Rossant said because not all animal research is directly applicable to humans, the board should "avoid prohibiting legitimate research into animals or humans (because) it really has big potential for benefits in the future."

Lee: Hong Kong deserves its freedom

Democratic leader calls for U.S. help in retaining liberty

By GENE KRAMER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON

The United States and all other countries that have supported Hong Kong's coming transfer to Chinese rule have "at least a moral obligation" to help the British colony's 6.5 million people remain free, Hong Kong democracy leader Martin Lee said Sunday.

That will be his message at a White House meeting expected this week, Lee said in an interview.

Both the White House and Lee said an exact time has not yet been set for his White House visit. He is president of Hong Kong's Democratic Party and landslide winner in the 1995 election of the Hong Kong legislature facing replacement by Beijing appointees after the July 1 takeover.

Speaking on condition of anonymity, a White House official said Sunday that Vice President Al Gore would receive Lee, and President Clinton would join their meeting. They are expected to discuss Hong Kong's future and "the effort to ensure a peaceful transition of power," the official said.

Lee, reached by telephone at the home of friends in the Washington suburbs, recalled that the United States has consistently supported the 1984 British-Chinese Joint Declaration.

It restores Chinese sovereignty to Hong Kong July 1 while guar-

anteeing the prosperous metropolis self-rule in all matters except foreign affairs and defense for at least 50 years under a "one country, two systems" plan.

Recent actions by China show it is time for the U.S. government to press the British and Chinese governments to take measures "to strengthen the confidence in Hong Kong of its people and of overseas investors," he said.

Beijing's plan to replace the colony's elected Legislative Council with an appointed body "is contrary to the promises of the Joint Declaration," said Lee.

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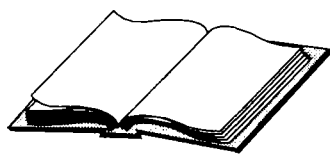
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Farrakhan: Clinton policy will hurt peace prospects

By SONYA ROSS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON

President Clinton is hurting the prospects for peace in the Middle East with a policy that too willingly "bows to the dictates of Netanyahu," Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan said Sunday.



Farrakhan

Appearing on NBC's "Meet The Press," Farrakhan said Clinton should have been able to dissuade Benjamin Netanyahu, Israel's prime minister, from building homes for Jewish settlers in east Jerusalem. The Palestinians want to establish the capital of a Palestinian state in that sector, which Israel took from Jordan in the 1967 Six-Day War.

"The world says he shouldn't do this," the Muslim minister said. "America has influence in Israel but is not using that influence in a constructive way."

Clinton's policy puts the United States in a position that "pays lip service to the Palestinians while she bows to the dictates of Netanyahu and the strong political Jewish lobby," Farrakhan said.

The White House would not comment specifically about Farrakhan's remarks but defended the president's strategy in the troubled region as successful.

"The administration's Middle East policy has helped bring about important changes

in the region," White House spokesman Barry Toiv said. "We have worked closely with all parties in the region, and we will continue to do so."

Farrakhan, leader of the Chicago-based Nation of Islam for more than 20 years, has won plaudits for his sect's work to rehabilitate black convicts and drug addicts but has been severely criticized for denunciations of Jews, Catholics, whites and others.

He also has been investigated by U.S. agencies for trips through the Middle East and North Africa during which he appeared with and praised leaders of countries on the State Department's list of terrorism exporters such as Libya, Sudan, Iraq and Iran.

Farrakhan characterized the breakdown of peace efforts in the Middle East as "a very grave problem" that could have been avoided if Netanyahu had allowed the status of East Jerusalem to be decided in peace negotiations.

He said Clinton has a responsibility, in dealing with the Israeli prime minister, to exercise "the strength of a man whose country contributes at least \$4 billion every year to the state of Israel."

"I do not think that President Clinton is handling his role in the most responsible manner," Farrakhan said.

In Sunday's wide-ranging interview, Farrakhan denied harboring anti-Semitic views, as he has repeatedly in recent years, but stopped short of repudiating his criticism of Jews. He offered to apologize if "I can be shown to be in error."

Plains flooding continues

By SHARON COHEN
Associated Press Writer

HENDRUM, Minn.

Sam Larson leans on a shovel stuck in a snowbank, watching National Guardsmen sandbag around her yard. Normally she can't see the Wild Rice River from here. Now it's snaking toward her doorstep.

Mrs. Larson, at 65 a veteran of many floods, isn't letting this one chase her off.

"I don't sweat the small stuff," she said Sunday. "As long as it's not life-threatening, I'll stay. ... I'm not a worrier. I have a lot of faith."

Hendrum, a town of 309 people, sits at the confluence of the Wild Rice and Red rivers along the North Dakota-Minnesota border. A winter of record snow and an early spring blizzard have helped push the water to near-record levels.

Mrs. Larson, who works as a clerk at a convenience store, said she'll stay put as long as she needs nothing more than her black knee-high boots to get through the water.

So far, the boots have been enough. But the Wild Rice River has grown frightfully close to the widow's little aqua-green home.

"It's never gotten this bad," said Mrs. Larson's daughter, Terry Halverson.

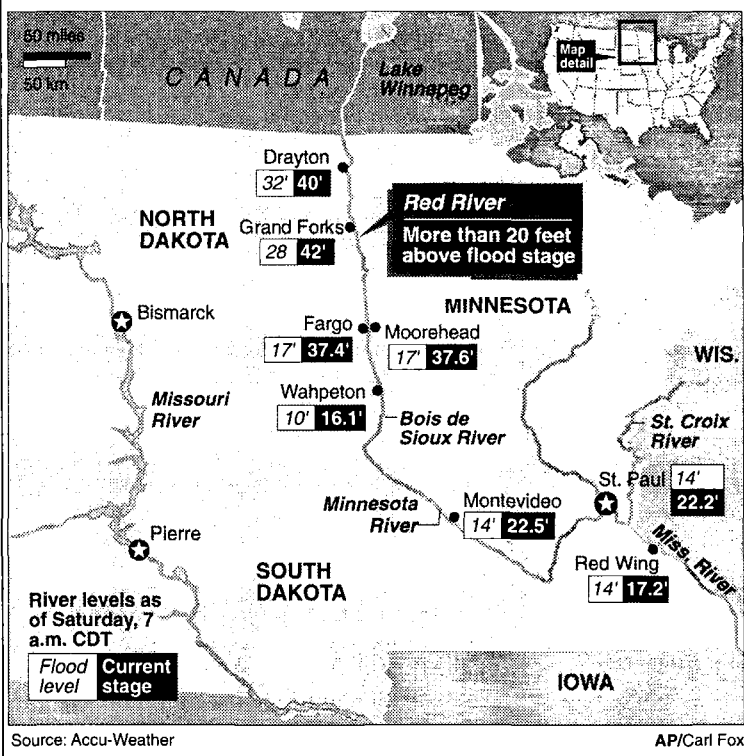
Just 150 yards from the house, the water usually is just 5 feet deep. Now it's more than 30 feet deep.

Many residents of Hendrum, about 30 miles north of Fargo, N.D., already have left because of the flooding. About 40 percent evacuated voluntarily to wait out the rising water elsewhere.

"You'll notice around town you don't see a lot of children

Flooding in the northern plains

President Clinton this week declared North Dakota, South Dakota and 21 counties in Minnesota disaster areas.



or elderly people," said Rick Spieler, Hendrum's maintenance supervisor.

Some decided to stay and put up a fight.

"We've got to save what we worked for all our lives. This is where we live," said Spieler, looking out over the mobile home park where he lives.

Donovan Kolness, Hendrum's mayor for just six months, has been helping organize sandbagging crews and volunteers to watch the city's dike.

"I think we're going to fight this thing and beat it back," he said Sunday, taking a break at the City Hall.

Leland Nepstad fears he may have lost his 600-acre sugar beet and grain farm just across the Red River in North Dakota. The bridge to get there was closed before he and volunteers could sandbag around farm buildings. His attention has turned to saving his home in Hendrum.

"Now that we lost our farm, we're sandbagging 15 to 16 hours a day trying to protect our home," he said.

Some, like Mrs. Larson, are already looking to the future: "Sooner or later," she said, "it will all be cleaned up. Everything will be green and we won't even remember it."

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Experts: The tomato may prevent cancer

By DANIEL HANEY
Associated Press Writer

SAN DIEGO

For years, cancer experts have been telling folks to eat fruits and vegetables. Now they are trying to answer the next obvious question: "Which ones?"

They are still far from having a firm answer. But studies presented at a cancer conference this week suggest tomatoes are looking good. So are oranges and several other kinds of food, including tofu and spaghetti.

Teasing out specifics about the health effects of different kinds of foods is difficult, in part because it may take many years for a particular nutrient to have even a small effect on health.

However, scientists are trying. And tomatoes appear to be the food of the moment.

Last year, Harvard researchers reported that men who get at least 10 servings a week of tomato-based foods are up to 45 percent less likely than usual to develop prostate cancer.

No one knows why, but it could be because tomatoes are the primary source in the diet of a nutrient called lycopene. Now a team from Columbia University has preliminary evidence that this may be especially important for smokers.

Dr. Jean Ford and others looked at levels of various vitamins and other nutrients in the blood of 204 people, half of whom had lung cancer. They found concentrations of lycopene were significantly lower in the lung cancer victims.

After taking smoking into

account, they found that those with low levels of lycopene have triple the cancer risk of those with high levels. The association was especially strong in people currently smoking. The lower their lycopene levels, the higher their cancer risk.

Ford cautioned that low lycopene levels might be a result, rather than a cause, of lung cancer. Nevertheless, the findings raise the possibility — still to be proven — that this nutrient might somehow help protect smokers from the cancerous effects of cigarettes.

"This is a preliminary report, but it raises questions about whether there are dietary risk factors that we need to take a closer look at for lung cancer," Ford said.

Among other reports on the effects of food released Sunday at the American Association for Cancer Research meeting:

- Animal studies suggest that orange juice protects lab animals from cancer. In an effort to find out why this might be, Dr. Najla Guthrie and others from the University of Western Ontario evaluated limonoids, the bitter stuff in limes, lemons, grapefruit and oranges. They found that a particular limonoid called nomilin was an especially powerful inhibitor of cancer in the test tube.

- Dr. Rashmi Sinha of the National Cancer Institute looked for links between meat consumption and lung cancer in 1,216 women in Missouri. Women who ate a lot of red meat were twice as likely as those who had it sparingly to get lung cancer, but fish and chicken had no apparent effect on risk.

■ BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA

Pope preaches peace in Sarajevo

Explosives, icy weather fail to postpone speech

By MARK PORUBCANSKY
Associated Press Writer

SARAJEVO

Shivering in snowy, freezing weather with tight security protecting him from the hatreds that still poison Bosnia, Pope John Paul II preached forgiveness Sunday to Catholics, Muslims and Orthodox alike.

Tanks, sharpshooters and thousands of police were deployed to protect the 76-year-old pontiff, whose long-delayed visit to a city with a special spot in his heart was marred by the discovery Saturday of explosives along his route.

Organizers installed a heater and used a large, white umbrella to shield him from driving snow flurries during Mass at a soccer stadium near the former front line.

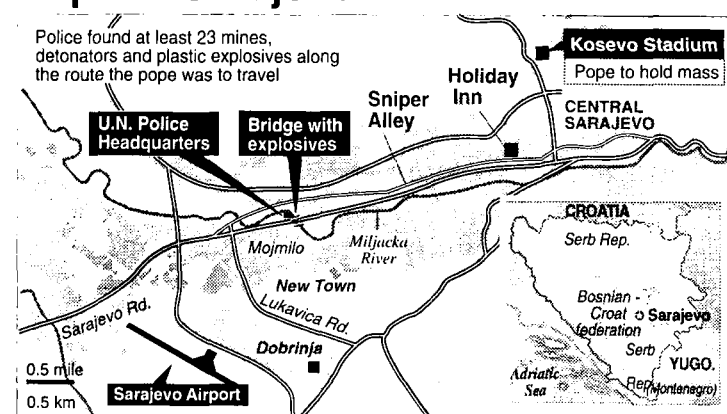
The pope was visibly shivering from winds that made temperatures around 30 degrees feel much colder. At the end of the 2 1/2-hour service an aide helped him from the altar.

John Paul left Sarajevo in the evening aboard his special Alitalia jet after a farewell ceremony ending his 25-hour visit.

The pope's message of peace drew wide praise from the people who suffered most in war, as well as the politicians who fomented it. However, Bosnia's dilemma remained: whether to find peace in unity or separation.

For the pope, there was no question that peace and unity

Pope in Sarajevo



AP/Carl Fox

go hand-in-hand.

"For the edifice of peace to be solid, against the background of so much blood and hatred, it will have to be built on the courage of forgiveness," he said. "People must know how to ask forgiveness and to forgive."

If Bosnians can establish peace, he told the Muslim, Serb and Croat members of a joint presidency, their land "can become at the end of this century an example of coexistence in diversity for many nations experiencing the same difficulty, in Europe and elsewhere in the world."

John Paul said Sarajevo is a symbol of the horrors of the 20th century including the start of World War I, the bitter fighting of World War II and the conflict marking the end of the century.

He called for respect for

human rights, efforts to ensure all Bosnians have work and the return of legions of refugees to their homes.

About 70 percent of the workforce is unemployed in Muslim-Croat territory, and probably more on the Serb side. The future of the refugees is one of the biggest political issues facing Bosnia.

Muslims and Croats are often at odds, but their men on the presidency promised to work for unity.

Bosnia's chief Muslim cleric, Mustafa Ceric, met the pope Sunday afternoon and said afterward he would use the opportunity of the pope's visit to seek "substantial dialogue" between Muslims and Catholics.

Serbs and many Croats are intent on breaking away from Bosnia rather than continuing in a diverse multiethnic land.

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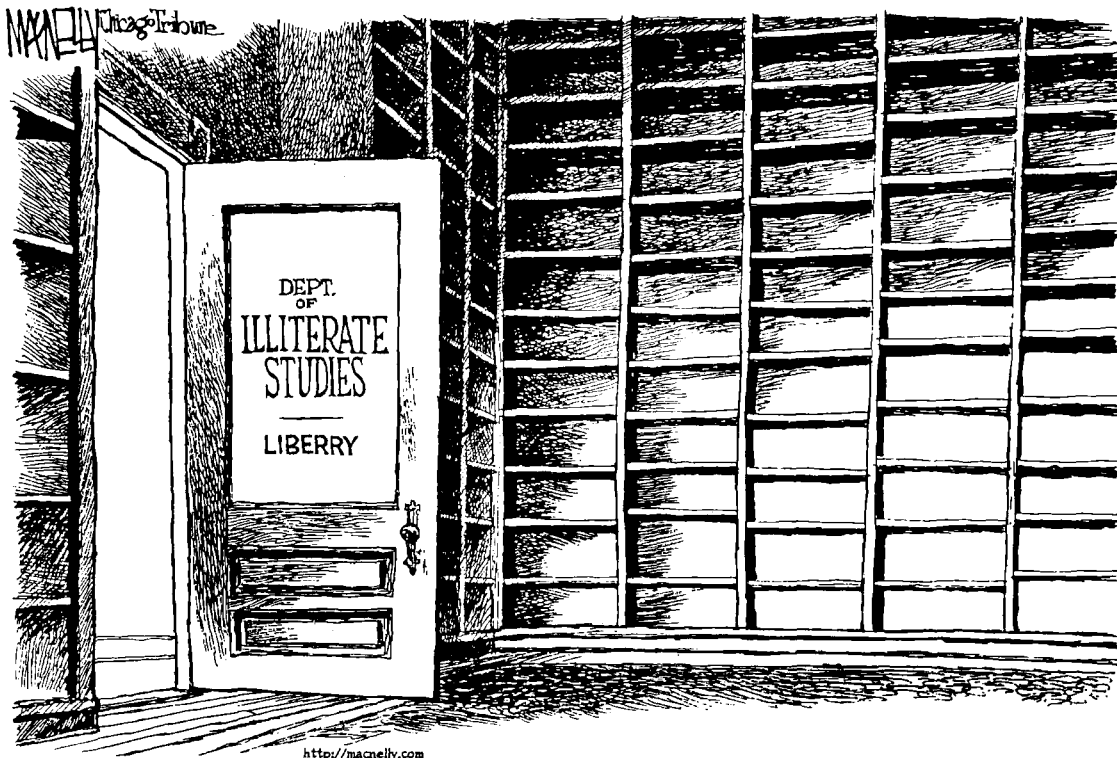
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E-mail and the lost art of good conversation

Every morning, at precisely 10 a.m., my friend Ray rouses himself from deep sleep and makes his way to a pristinely kept personal computer.

Bong Miquiabas

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"I'm a die-hard fan," he explains. "I won't forget my password this way."

Nor would he want to forget. It is a password that connects him with a world he has never seen but knows exists, and it is a world that enables him to keep in touch with his extended Chicago area family and friends, as well as with several strangers.

The desktop hums for a few searching moments. A minute later, a delightful DING! signals something divine.

"New mail! I love it!" Ray's morning has begun well. Ray is online.

He's not the only one. According to recent national studies, more Americans than ever before are going online, and in the university setting, a sizable percentage of this Internet activity involves correspondence. Whether for class assignments, interoffice bulletins or surprise greetings, the number of e-mail transmissions fired across "cyberspace" is staggering.

Ray sees nothing wrong with the massive reliance on e-mail, especially for friendly correspondence. "I've kept in touch with people I'd almost definitely not be in touch with otherwise," he claims.

One wonders, though, whether his friends should feel grateful. Ray is a

great guy, but we live in a day that values convenience over substance and facility over complexity. In our daily errands, this is a good thing. In human relationships, I am not as certain. E-mail as an expression of personal conversation has redefined the way people relate to one another.

To be sure, benefits abound. It is far easier, for instance, to enumerate one's travel itinerary in e-mail's written form than, say, to recite one's plans to a recording machine. E-mail is also faster, thanks to its incomparably instantaneous nature.

Better yet, one can look up a lost friend's address and contact him out of the blue. Countless people testify glowingly about renewing acquaintances

There is something discrete and pure about the composition of a handwritten letter. Never mind what is written, the time that it takes to decide what to write about and how to relate it makes this form of written conversation much more endearing, and I think, more meaningful.

tances with former classmates because of the limitless reach of e-mail. Some of these people leave you with the disconcerting impression that e-mail saved their dreary lives.

The flip-side to all this, however, is that conversation can be too easy, namely less thoughtful and more reflexive. After the Cubs' ninth straight defeat, Ray showed me this gem he received from a friend in Atlanta:

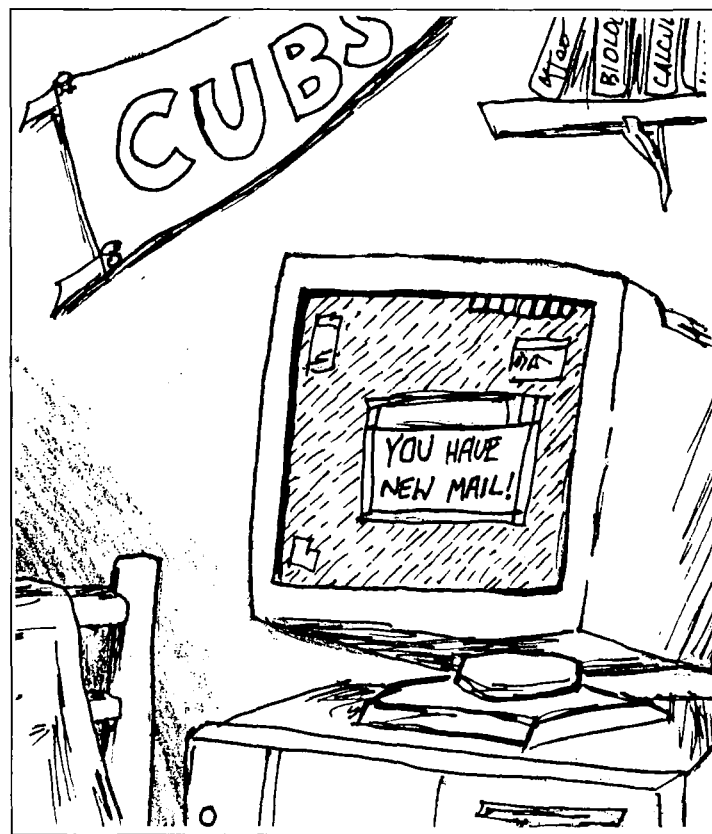
"you guys suke. bettr lock NEXT year."

Hardly eloquent, but deeply gratifying to his friend, Ray explains. One wonders if post-modern conversation, as manifest in e-mail, will be nothing more than streams of consciousness meeting an indifference to detail. James Joyce meeting e e cummings, without the insight or the artistry.

Long-distance conversations need not be so crude — and I do not mean it in the prudish sense of the word. Take handwritten letters. There is something discrete and pure about the composition of a handwritten letter. Never mind what is written, the time that it takes to decide what to write about and how to relate it makes this form of written conversation much more endearing and, I think, more meaningful.

When handwriting a letter, the mere decision to write reveals much more about one's state of mind than a hastily typed reaction to a flippantly sent remark. Furthermore, fewer of us truly connect with people in general, never mind our friends. In this bustling age of drive-thru ATMs, credit card-operated gas pumps and grab-and-go lunching, to make good conversation is, in a sense, to waste time.

In our long-distance relationships,



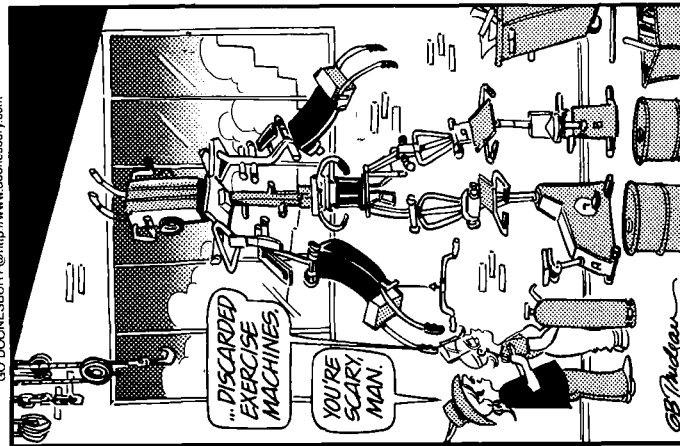
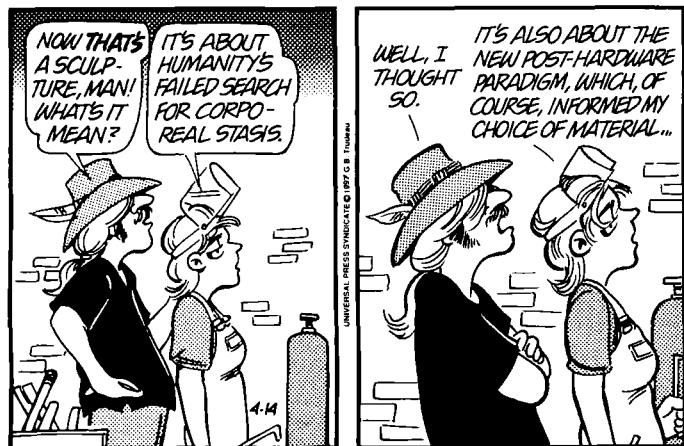
the popular thinking goes, "Why bother writing or even phoning someone if I can send e-mail?" Yet behind this simplistic justification there lingers a less savory rationale. Meaningful conversation takes concentration, effort and — most importantly — time. For too many of us, our time is too precious to divvy up for another person's sake.

I wish not to paint a cynical picture of our world today, although there is more than a touch of irony in seeing one modern convenience after another compromise the much-needed art of good conversation.

Bong Miquiabas is a third-year law student. His column appears every other Monday.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I am Tiger Woods."

—Anonymous

Stern: Boorish, But Never Boring

PRIVATE PARTS

Directed by: Betty Thomas
Starring: Howard Stern, Robin Quivers, and Fred Norris



(Three and a half out of five shamrocks)

By MIKE MCMORROW
Accent Movie Critic

Howard Stern is the American that many of us simply love to hate. He is vulgar, obscene and possesses the necessary qualities that give us a perfect justification to immediately dismiss anything he does or has to say as atrocious. No other man in



Photo courtesy of Paramount Pictures

"Private Parts" recalls the humble beginnings and rise to fame of bad-boy Howard Stern.

show business has polarized audiences as much as Stern. But audiences listen, those who love as well as those who hate.

A character in "Private Parts" asks, "What is it about him that keeps those who love him still watching?" The response, "They want to see what he'll say next." And the follow up question:

"What is about Stern that keeps those who hate him still listening?" The response: "They want to see what he'll say next."

This little tid-bit of "Private Parts" is representative of what the film successfully does: it explains and demonstrates to us Stern's universal appeal. I went into "Private Parts" wondering if it would simply be a two-hour version of his show, or a more didactic biopic of his life. The latter I got.

The setup of "Private Parts" is a clever one. Its framework centers around Stern having a conversation with an appalled listener on a flight. The film introduces this scenario, and does not return to this frame until its final moments.

The body of the film is the story of Stern's life, beginning with a brief account of his boyhood and then moving into his college years. We learn his father was a neglecting and impatient man who constantly told him to shut up. The irony just sort of lurks out at you in this last sentence, doesn't it? We learn that Stern attended Boston University to pursue a communications degree with the modest intent of simply



Photo courtesy of Paramount Pictures

Radio and TV's king of controversy, Howard Stern, makes his Silver Screen debut in "Private Parts."

week. He is terrible, but a good worker, so he is promoted to station manager for \$250 a week.

The idea of Stern being a terrible DJ — when that's the only thing he ever wanted to do — is a good indication for his reasoning behind becoming an obscene boor later.

Stern is not happy being a station manager, although he could then afford to buy an apartment for him and Allison. So he goes back to being a DJ and goes through yet another job when he finally has the awakening that he can no longer hold back. We now get a glimpse of what Stern is to become. His obscene show takes off and he is offered a job from the infamous WNBC in New York, where he has an after-

being a disc jockey.

One of the film's most humorous sequences consists of him trying to find a date — only to be turned down by a blind girl after she felt his face. But he eventually meets Allison, who he convinces to be in his student film, and later she becomes his wife. After Boston University, he gets a job as a DJ for the salary of \$96 a

noon time-slot and is to develop a cult-like following. He has a humorous rivalry with his supervisor, who is determined to tame him down (orders from the top), but has no such luck.

Stern developed a small radio team at his job before WNBC, which included Robin, who was the newswoman at the time. The development of Robin's character, as she comes to approve of Stern and eventually comes to be sort of taken away by his audacity, is one of the most interesting parts of the movie.

Perhaps the reason I have been so taken aback with my reaction to "Private Parts" is because of the discrepancy between my opinion of him before the film and now. I thought of him as a vulgar, attention-hungry boor before — and that he certainly still is — but I have discovered a more benevolent part of him. He is not a cold-hearted person, nor is he an insensitive or mean guy. This may be an easy way to describe him, but not an accurate one.

I'm not saying "Private Parts" drew me to become part of his listening audience, but it enlightens me to not jump to such conclusions. I know a lot more about Howard Stern now, and in turn I know a lot more about the disc jockey and radio business. What do you know!

This is also an immensely entertaining move, often — admittedly — in a vulgar way. Stern is clever, even while being simultaneously disgusting. He also takes no shame in portraying his geekiness during his college days, and even now. One thing you cannot accuse Stern of is being self-glorifying. Well, maybe you can...

I recommend people to see this film not only because it is funny and entertaining, but also because it is genuinely interesting. I was fascinated by the depiction of his early life. And the film has a certain edge and energy that never loses its impact. Simply put: you will never feel like this is a two-hour movie. It sails along, which shows its entertainment value and high interest level. You won't be bored.

Howard Stern may be obscene and easy to hate, but you can never accuse him of being boring.

RENTAL REVIEW

Video Pick of the Week

"THE FRENCH CONNECTION"

By JOSHUA BECK
Accent Movie Critic

With every avid movie-goer now in the throes of post-Oscar doldrums, it seems fit to review a film which is not only one of the classics of all time, but has won its share of gold statues as well. The movie is "The French Connection," which profiles a high-scale drug deal between two unlikely countries: France (of all places) and the United States. It chronicles the entire deal from conception to unexpected end with many surprises, and one of the best car-chase scenes ever in the history of film.

However, it is also the story of Jimmy "Popeye" Doyle, a rogue Brooklyn cop whose abrasive yet effective style would pave the way for all maverick cop characters in the future. Played brilliantly by a then-up-and-coming Gene Hackman, who also won an Oscar for his performance, "Popeye" Doyle is what keeps this movie going at an amazingly edgy and torrid pace, at times focusing not on the deal, but on his moral character in a tough environment.

In effect, this movie was perfect for the cynical '70s. In a decade in which the non-traditional leading men stood out, Hackman's Doyle carved out a path for unconventional actors such as DeNiro, Nicholson and Pacino. The role of the rebellious, renegade hero was emerging, and Hackman was perfect as one of the catalysts.

Beyond this newly created genre, "The French Connection" is essentially what audiences today still love most: a gritty, on-the-edge-of-your-seat police action drama involving nasty villains and determined justice givers... along with plenty of shooting and chasing. This film is exactly that and more — and the fact that it is one of the first of its kind makes the audience feel as if they are watching something wholly authentic instead of an overly used standard.

In this day and age, it seems as if drug busts are too frequent for our taste and poor material for a decent film. In a post-Vietnam era in which international drug smuggling was only just emerging, this film sets the stage for all future cop movies, yet its style is different from most today. Abrasive, while still intriguing in nature, this film makes the idea of a drug deal seem moot compared to the personalities it gives to the characters involved. There are no dapper, cigar-toting

drug lords with goons to match as is the quota these days; rather, the deal is more intricately involved in that the players involved come from all walks of life. However, the home run of the movie is "Popeye" Doyle, who through his profane and gritty nature pursues the major players ceaselessly with the help of his partner (Roy Scheider).

The filming of "The French Connection," like the movie itself, is gritty, yet artistic. Directed by Oscar-winner William Friedkin, the movie jumps admirably from Paris to Brooklyn with exciting and beautiful landscapes to match. In a way, the lead characters take after their respective cities. The lead man in the deal, Carnier (Fernando Rey), is quaint and aesthetically inclined, just like the city of Paris. On the other hand, Doyle is hard-nosed and abrasive like his hometown of Brooklyn.

While the film work is impressive, this movie will always be remembered for its six-minute car chase which set the standard for all stuntman chases to come afterwards. Taking home five statues at the 1972 Oscars including Best Picture, Best Director (Friedkin) and Best Actor (Hackman), this film is truly a gem of the movie industry and quite possibly one of the best action thrillers of all time.

Kilmer Falls From Grace

THE SAINT

Directed by: Phillip Noyce
Starring: Val Kilmer and Elizabeth Shue



(Two and a half out of five shamrocks)

By RYAN LYNCH
Accent Movie Critic

"The Saint" is like Easter and Christmas — it's exciting, and you might get to see some cool toys; but if you actually think about the story behind it all, the ridiculousness makes you laugh.

An old guy in a red suit doesn't traverse the globe with eight reindeer friends, nor does a bunny deliver the decorated embryos of another phylum; but Simon "the Magician" (Val Kilmer) steals the answer to the world's energy problems and single-handedly saves a reemerging superpower.

Modeled after the 1960s television show with Roger Moore, "The Saint" takes place on the high-stakes stage of international espionage. The story opens with Simon Templar, one of a myriad of names borrowed from Catholic sainthood, slithering into the safe of a powerful Russian billionaire. Mr. Tretiok, the Russian billionaire, then hires Simon to steal the formula for cold-fusion from Dr. Emma Russell, played by Elizabeth Shue. Escaping detection by continually taking on new identities, Simon disguises himself as an artsy nomad to gain intimacy with the genius, Dr. Russell. Simon snatches the formula from the beautiful doctor, but leaves his heart behind. She eventually traces him to Russia, where Tretiok is devising a plan to topple the new democracy and reinstate a communist government with the help of the stolen formula. The film concludes with a showdown in Red Square, complete with American journalists.

This predictable plot leaves you to discover other interesting novelties within "The Saint." Simon's little gadgets, from a laser-impervious frogsuit to a pseudo-cellular phone that flips into a portable e-mail center, hold your attention as an interesting sideshow. Val Kilmer's continual identity changes is another novelty that enhances the film. His cast of characters include a buck-toothed, balding scientist; a poetic, long-haired Romeo; a Russian officer; and a vodka-drinking indigent strolling about the Kremlin. Kilmer does a fascinating job portraying these different characters, but poor dialogue and a lack of action limit his performance.

Elizabeth Shue, who plays Dr. Russell, is an appropriate sidekick for Simon. She matches Kilmer in good looks, but too much of the actors' time is consumed dodging bullets and crawling through sewers. Kilmer and Shue simply are not given the dialogue to carry the



Photo Courtesy Paramount Pictures

Simon Templar (Kilmer) and Dr. Emma Russell (Shue) find romance in "The Saint."

film past the stage of a special-effects display. Although limited by the story and the dialogue, Shue proves she has matured professionally since the days of "Karate Kid" and "Cocktail."

Director Philip Noyce brings back an alluring character from Hollywood history, but "The Saint" simply has too many deficiencies to save it from mediocrity. The film suggests that Simon is plagued by the traumatic childhood that he spent in an orphanage. This identity crisis is then over-dramatized to the extent that Simon wishes to remain nameless to the woman he has fallen in love with. Random characters also pop-up throughout "The Saint." A Russian prostitute suddenly appears and agrees to help the pair; and Simon and Dr. Russell bump into a black-market art dealer to save them as they race through Moscow's sewer system. Questioning the storyline hurts the movie.

The film is entertaining, but a weak story and poor interaction between Kilmer and Shue force "The Saint" to beg forgiveness. Wait for this one to hit the shelf at Blockbuster.

■ SOAP OPERA UPDATE

General Hospital

By GENEVIEVE MORRILL
Accent General Hospital Correspondent

When she finds out that Brenda is out, Miranda makes a move, but is shut down hard. She goes to Katharine's to commiserate and warns her not to expect too much, but Katharine doesn't hear. She's too busy dreaming about Stefan giving her foot massages and other fun things. Miranda sees Sonny and Brenda outside his apartment and her suspicious are aroused. Stefan comes over and helps Katharine to take a step. Why was she taking her first step in stacked heels? Nikolas enters as they celebrate with a chaste kiss on the hand which is explained away.

When Sonny finds Brenda at his house, he moves to kiss her, thinking she has made her decision. She thanks him for his help in the cave, but tells him she has to be alone to find out who she is. Sonny knows she's running away for them. Why is she punishing both of them? She helped him through his claustrophobia and he will help her through this. Unfortunately, Brenda's fear is being alone; him being with her defeats the purpose. She tells him it could be a while, and he promises to wait.

Miranda finds a letter, recognizes Brenda's handwriting, sneaks into the bathroom, steams it open and reads it, because she thinks Brenda would do it. The upshot is that Miranda knows that Sonny and Brenda made love and she goes to tell Jax, only to find Brenda at the apartment instead. Sonny reads the letter as Brenda moves out of the penthouse. Brenda tells Jax that she has her new place and is pleased that they have no more secrets. She's afraid to let herself be in the same room with him for fear that she'll fall into bed with him — same here! He's upset when she leaves and goes to the bar to find comfort — Southern Comfort that is — there Dorman propositions him.

AJ and Keesha have a fight about his drinking, leaving her vulnerable to Taggart, who tells her to do whatever it takes to get info. He gets thrown out and Jason gives Keesha the lowdown. She throws herself into his arms to pour out her troubles. A contrite AJ sees her — will this send him crawling back into the bottle?

Sonny has Miranda try to remember if she saw Dorman at the airport, but she can't. Jason is interrupted in his search of the doc's apartment: he sees drunken AJ confront Dorman, who pulls a gun. Jason warns AJ to go after Dorman sober.

Luke and Keesha bond, even as Lucky tries to convince him that Bobbie will be just fine without them. They hang out at the club (which is looking pretty sad these days). Luke complains about Taggart's vendetta, and Mac promises to look into it. He gets the scoop from Sonny, leading Taggart's 900th warning.

Bobbie still doesn't think she is the type of woman that Stefan should be with; the type she describes sounds like Katharine.

Ned and Alexis hatch a plot to clear Monica's good name. She thinks they're kindred spirits, caretakers of complicated families. She gives Ned the name of a woman who accused Dorman of sexual harassment. What's good for the goose...

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Days of Our Lives

By TRACY GORMAN and LYNN WONG
Accent Days of Our Lives Correspondents

Last week in Salem, that misfit of a kid, Shawn D., got shot. At the hospital, we see Bo torn between telling Hope the truth and keeping up the charade in order to catch J.L. King, who was basically responsible for Shawn D.'s little accident. J.L. King gives Bo a ring, and while at the hospital, Hope gets her hopes up that the little box is for her, but Bo proposes to Billie instead, who accepts. Hope is devastated, and Franco is predictably there to pick up the pieces.

King says that if Bo learns that one of his men shot Shawn D., he has no choice but to kill Bo and Billie. At the end of Friday's show, Viper breaks down under all of Bo's pressure, and says that he works for King. At the same moment, Billie decides to take on King herself.

Jack is still in jail pining over Jennifer. He sees Jenn and King together on TV for the big Titan party. Jack learns from another inmate that King is a dangerous drug lord, and runs to the phone to warn Jennifer. Jack is hoping to get out soon, thanks to the best lawyer in the state, Mickey Horton. As it turns out, Jack's ruling was against him, and he has to stay in jail.

Sami is now living with Austin and unknowingly (or so we assume) ruining Carrie and Austin's life. While Sami sleeps, a hormone-driven Austin sneaks into Carrie's apartment via the fire escape. Lucas sees his brother and calls Sami. In turn, Sami gets nervous when she cannot find her man, and goes looking for Carrie to aid in the hunt. Lucas holds Will and said that he never felt so connected to a kid until Will came along. Could this be a clue??? Hopefully we all remember that fateful day when Sami and Lucas got wild in the Titan back room. Sami and Lucas make plans to have Austin work from home. Carrie, after hearing the news, gets mad and fed up.

And finally, Kristin/Susan/John plot. The tension in the DiMera Mansion tightens as Susan continues to be the baby nurse. Susan seems to be the only one in the house able to calm John Jr. down, which infuriates Kristin even more. Kristin hires Stephano's contractor to build a secret room to lock Susan in. John and Kristin consummated their marriage vows. John hears Susan say "I'm gonna take care of my baby," and he gets one of those patented confused looks. Susan runs into Celeste, the Dennis Rodman of gypsies, and can feel Susan's pain. We think that Celeste has the potential to expose Kristin for the fraud that she is. Susan also revealed last week that once little Elvis gets stronger, she has a "big fat surprise" for everyone. All last week, Marlena thought about Roman and the possibility of him coming home. Tune in this week for more drama...

■ HOME AND THEATER BLOCKBUSTERS

Top 10 at the Box Office

1. Anaconda
2. Liar, Liar
3. The Saint
4. Grosse Pointe Blank
5. The Devil's Own
6. That Old Feeling
7. Jungle 2 Jungle
8. Double Team
9. Scream
10. (tie) The Sixth Man
10. (tie) Return of the Jedi

Source: Associated Press

Top 10 Video Rentals

1. The First Wives' Club
2. Courage Under Fire
3. The Long Kiss Goodnight
4. Glimmer Man
5. Fargo
6. Space Jam
7. That Thing You Do
8. Last Man Standing
9. Maximum Risk
10. The Chamber

Source: Billboard Online

Bookstore XXVI

Scoreboard

SFR2: We Still Can't Score def. Four Jerks and a Squirt
 4 Inmates and One Loose End def. Team 32
 Captain Ahab, Bobafett... def. 5 Guys ...
 Dr. Teeth and the Electric Mayhem def. Crooked Grin II
 4 Guys who don't have Crabs def. Rim Shots
 Team 591 def. We're Even Worse this year
 Playing w/ Balls for Naugh def. Hammes ND Bookstore Bangers
 Froelke and the Blowfish def. Sweet and Merciful Crap
 4 White guys and Dave def. Chorizo con Huevos
 Fletch Lives def. 5'4" and Under
 Fake Bake def. Peanut Butter and Jelly
 Moe Lesters def. 4 Shooters and Janice
 Hoosier Daddy Now def. Stroke and Dribble
 Hot Pot Express def. Los Guapos de la Cancha
 Mardi Gras, Cancun... def. Shoot the Snake
 Medium Pacers def. We are Tiger Woods
 Libido Speedway def. Mikies Like It
 X-Men def. Romeo, Tango and Mike Bravo
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 Team 151 def. Gotsch Shammgotsch
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 Malicious Prosecution def. Dirt Road Delivery Incorporated
 Team 76 def. The Sacks
 Captain Ahab, Boba Fett, . . . def. Four Guy Who Like To Make Fun . . .

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 We Play at a Medium Pace def. Peter North's Pumping Posse
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 (Every Lady's) Dream Team def. Shirtless Wonders
 Tupac, Biggy, ... def. Sun Ultra Sparcs
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 Scooby Snacks def. Four Play w/ Matt II ...
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 Hot Carl + the Steamers def. Eleven Nipples
 We Intimidate Ourselves def. Boobla Jones ...
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HAIL TO THE CHIEF

I am a machine

What theheck does that mean?!

Whalers bid farewell to Hartford with win

By CHRISTINE HANLEY
Associated Press Writer

HARTFORD, Conn.

Glen Wesley and Kevin Dineen scored in the Hartford Whalers' 2-1 victory over Tampa Bay Sunday, giving the fans a win to remember them by in their final game at the Civic Center.

Wesley scored in the first and Dineen in the third for a 2-0 Whalers' lead before Dino Ciccarelli deflected in a pass from Chris Gratton for the final score.

The outcome of the game meant nothing to the playoff picture, as both teams were eliminated Saturday night when Ottawa clinched the final berth in the Eastern Conference.

The lack of intensity didn't bother the sellout crowd of 14,660 that turned out to bid a final farewell to the Whalers, whose owner insists he is not coming back to Hartford even though he has yet to find a new home.

The forgiving and faithful fans, who endured 18 years of mostly misery, stood and cried during a high-spirited and emotional sendoff.

Most of their wrath was reserved for team owner Peter Karmanos, the owner of

Michigan-based Compuware who engineered the club's escape from one of the NHL's smallest markets.

In the first period, the crowd let Karmanos know how they felt, bursting into a chant of "Karmanos Sucks!" Signs showed other sentiments, like, "We hope you die," and "We'll miss the team, not CompuFink."

Karmanos, likened to Art Modell and Walter O'Malley for orchestrating the relocation, was not in town to witness the malaise.

The move was set into motion weeks ago when Karmanos rejected the state's last and best offer to build a new \$147.5 million arena, and said he would leave at the end of the season.

Karmanos originally agreed to stay four years when he bought the team for \$47.5 million in 1994. He has agreed to pay the state a \$20.5 million penalty to cross the Connecticut border a year earlier than promised.

The Whalers arrived in Hartford 23 years ago, as the New England Whalers of the old World Hockey Association. They became a member of the NHL during the 1979 expansion, and have given fans little to cheer about ever since.

Chicago tunes up for Stanley

Associated Press

DALLAS

If the Chicago Blackhawks hope to challenge the Colorado Avalanche in the first round of the Western Conference playoffs, they'll need offensive production from right wing Eric Daze.

Daze tuned up for the playoffs with three goals and an assist Sunday as the Blackhawks beat the Dallas Stars 5-2.

Jeff Shantz, the center on Daze's line, added a goal and two assists to help the Blackhawks improve to 3-0-3 in their last six games in Dallas. But for Schantz, the best news was the breakout game for Daze, who registered his first career hat trick.

"We need that out of him, especially heading into the playoffs," Shantz said. "He's a big guy for us. He's had a good second half of the season and we need him to keep that up."

Big things were expected out of Daze following a 30-goal rookie campaign last season. After a slow start, he finished the season with 22 goals.

"My confidence is starting to

come back for the playoffs," Daze said. "I'm one of the guys who has to score for us to play well. The way I played early in the season was very frustrating. But it's a long season and you can come back and still have a good year even after starting slow."

Todd Harvey and Pat Verbeek scored for the Stars, who completed their most successful regular season in franchise history with 104 points despite losing the final two games.

Both teams rested their top players for their first-round playoff series that begin this week.

Chicago, the No. 8 seed in the Western Conference, draws top-seeded Colorado. Dallas, the second seed in the West, takes on Edmonton, the No. 7 seed.

Blackhawks coach Craig Hartsburg sat down scoring leader Tony Amonte, defenseman Chris Chelios and No. 1 goalie Jeff Hackett.

Stars coach Ken Hitchcock scratched his top line of Mike Modano, Jere Lehtinen and Greg Adams, veteran defensemen Craig Ludwig and Grant

Ledyard, and held out top goalie Andy Moog.

"It's a big relief that we didn't get anybody injured," defenseman Darryl Sydor said. "That's why you didn't see a lot of guys playing."

The matchup with the Oilers is a homecoming for Sydor and Hitchcock, both Edmonton natives.

"We have a lot to prove to people," Hitchcock said. "At the next level, everything is magnified."

The Stars got the game's first goal at 6:33 of the opening period when Verbeek notched his 17th from in front of the net. Daze answered with a rebound at 14:42 of the first.

Dallas took a 2-1 lead at 3:18 of the second period on Harvey's power play deflection, his ninth goal of the season.

But Chicago rallied for a pair of goals over a span of 2:22 in the second period to grab a 3-2 lead.

Daze tied it with a power play slap shot from the right circle for his 21st goal, then James Black gave Chicago the advantage at 9:47 with his 12th goal on a 25-foot slap shot from the right side.

St. Louis too much for Detroit

Blues to meet
Red Wings in first
round of playoffs

Associated Press

DETROIT

Joe Murphy had a goal and an assist to lead the St. Louis Blues to a 3-1 victory over the Detroit Red Wings, setting up a meeting between the two teams in the

first round of the playoffs.

St. Louis' leading goalscorer, Brett Hull, missed the game with a strained groin, but the Blues were still able to clinch sixth place in the Western Conference, setting up a first-round meeting with the third-seeded Wings.

The Blues took a 1-0 lead with a shorthanded goal at 6:32 of the first. Stephane Matteau stole the pass from Sergei Fedorov at the blue line, then beat Chris Osgood for his 16th of the year.

The Blues' second goal was by Pavol Demitra on a power play at 13:31.

Detroit only managed four first-period shots, but came alive in the second. Kirk Maltby put the Red Wings on the board at 11:07 with his third goal after stealing the puck from Murphy.

Brendan Shanahan nearly tied the game moments later, but his shot bounced harmlessly off the crossbar, and the period ended 2-1.

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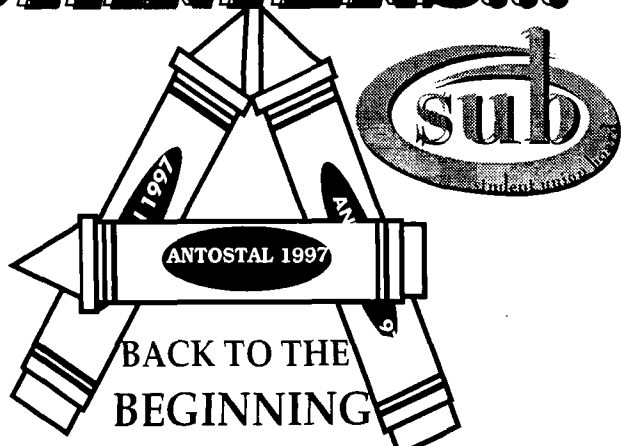
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Woods masterful in record-breaking performance

By RON SIRAK
Associated Press Writer

AUGUSTA, Ga. Ultimately, Tiger Woods' record-setting Masters victory was more about Jack Nicklaus than Jackie Robinson.

The rollicking cheers and waves of affection that carried Woods through the final few holes and onto the 18th green at Augusta National Golf Club made that clear.

His golf game seemed to make it inevitable.

When the green jacket was draped over the shoulders of the 21-year-old champion, golf greeted not just the first black to win a major professional championship, but also a player of the talent, intelligence and discipline to achieve his goal of being the best to ever play the game.

By the time Woods was jumping up and trying to see who was away after missing the 18th fairway way left, he had let himself laugh, joked with the crowd, and started to enjoy one of the most startling and easy victories in the history of golf.

After making his final putt, Woods became a kid again when he squeezed his eyes tight and fought back tears as he hugged his father, Earl, the man who taught him the game, and his mother, Tida.

"My dad said last night, 'If you play well and be yourself, it would be the most rewarding

round you've ever had.'"

It might have been more than that.

"Phenomenal performance," Nick Faldo, last year's winner, told Woods. "Welcome to the green jacket."

Closing with a 69, Woods finished at 18-under-par 270, the lowest score ever shot in the Masters and matching the most under par anyone has ever been in any of the four Grand Slam events.

His 12-stroke victory over Tom Kite was not only a Masters record by three strokes, but the greatest winning margin in any major since Tom Morris Sr. won in the 1862 British Open by 13 strokes.

And Woods was the youngest by two years ever to win the Masters.

"He's out there playing another game on a golf course he is going to own for a long time," said Nicklaus, who won the Masters at 23. "I don't think I want to go back out and be 21 and compete against him."

What Woods did this week at Augusta means that anything is possible. It was an effort recorded not on a scorecard, but in the record books and pages of history.

Nearly every sentence uttered about Woods after his victory included words like lowest, fastest and youngest.

The Grand Slam — winning the Masters, U.S. Open, British Open and PGA in the same year — is not out of the question for Woods, and breaking the record low score of 59 for a competitive round could be only a matter of time.

A scintillating 66 followed by a 65 in the middle two rounds

— when only one other player could shoot a 66 — proved that and it ended the tournament.

Coming into Sunday with a nine-stroke lead over Costantino Rocca, the final round was a mere formality which he handled perfectly, playing safely but not shyly.

Even the once seemingly impossible mark of 20 major championships by Nicklaus is now vulnerable.

His remarkable accomplishments as a golfer almost overshadowed yet another significant achievement:

Woods' victory came just two days shy of 50 years after Jackie Robinson became the first black to play major league baseball.

And surely, 50 years from now, the day Tiger Woods won the Masters will be discussed with just as much awe and perhaps with as much significance as Robinson breaking baseball's color barrier.

Woods, however, credited those who had gone before him:

"I wasn't the pioneer. Charlie Sifford, Lee Elder, Ted Rhodes, those are the guys who paved the way. All night I was thinking about them, what they've done for me and the game of golf. Coming up 18, I said a little of prayer of thanks to those guys. Those guys are the ones who did it."

With the same flair for the dramatic he has shown throughout his brief career, Woods not only won a major championship but won at Augusta National, a symbol of the dying era of golf when only the caddies were black.

"I was part of history by being the first black to play here,"

Elder said in front of the Augusta clubhouse as he waited for Woods to tee off. "I had to be part of history by watching Tiger be the first black to win here."

Elder broke the color barrier at Augusta in 1975, 14 years after the PGA got rid of its "Caucasian clause," allowing Sifford to be the first black to play on the pro tour.

"It might have more potential than Jackie Robinson breaking into baseball," Elder said. "No one will ever turn their head again when a black walks to the first tee."

Woods' walk to the first tee on Sunday was greeted not with turned heads but with craned necks as thousands tried to get a glimpse of the game's new hero.

Woods made a birdie on No. 2 — one of the par-5 holes he played a total of 13 under par for the week. And he showed his first flaw since Thursday's 40 on the front nine of the first round in the middle of that nine on Sunday.

He made bogeys on Nos. 5 and 7, both when he hit bunkers, and made a bad swing on No. 8, hitting his second shot into the pine needles left of the fairway.

But a great bump-and-run shot ended 3 feet from the hole and the birdie seemed to give him his rhythm back.

By the times Woods turned into the dangerous stretch of Augusta known as Amen Corner at No. 11 the easy smile of a very happy young man was beginning to break through the shell of concentration in which Woods surrounds himself.

"I've never played an entire

tournament with my A-game. This is pretty close — 63 holes. Excluding that (the front nine), I pretty much had my A-game the whole week," he said.

Waves of affection and admiration carried Woods along on the back nine. He beamed when he hit the dangerous 12th green and nearly laughed when he let loose a tremendously long drive on No. 14.

Fans hooted, screamed, bowed as he walked by and even one young boy ran up to him and patted him on the back after he hit from the right rough on No. 15.

The list of accomplishments for Woods is staggering. Three consecutive U.S. Junior Amateur championships, three consecutive U.S. Amateur championships and now four victories — including the Masters — in only 16 tournaments as a pro.

Woods has won major championships as an amateur and a pro in seven consecutive years, bettered only by the eight-year string Bobby Jones had in 1923-30.

He is the youngest to win a major championship since Gene Sarazen won the U.S. Open and the PGA Championship at 20 in 1922.

After a shaky start in which he shot a 40 on the front nine of the first round, Woods played the final 63 holes 22 under par. He not only overwhelmed the course with his length — he hit a 9-iron for his second shot on the 555-yard second hole on Saturday and never hit more than a 7-iron into any par-4 all week — he did it with remarkable accuracy, a deft short game and solid putting.

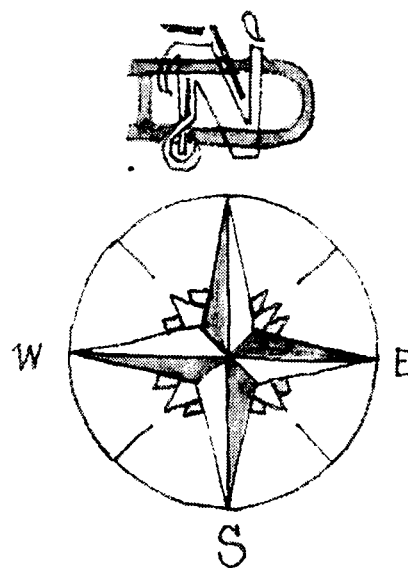
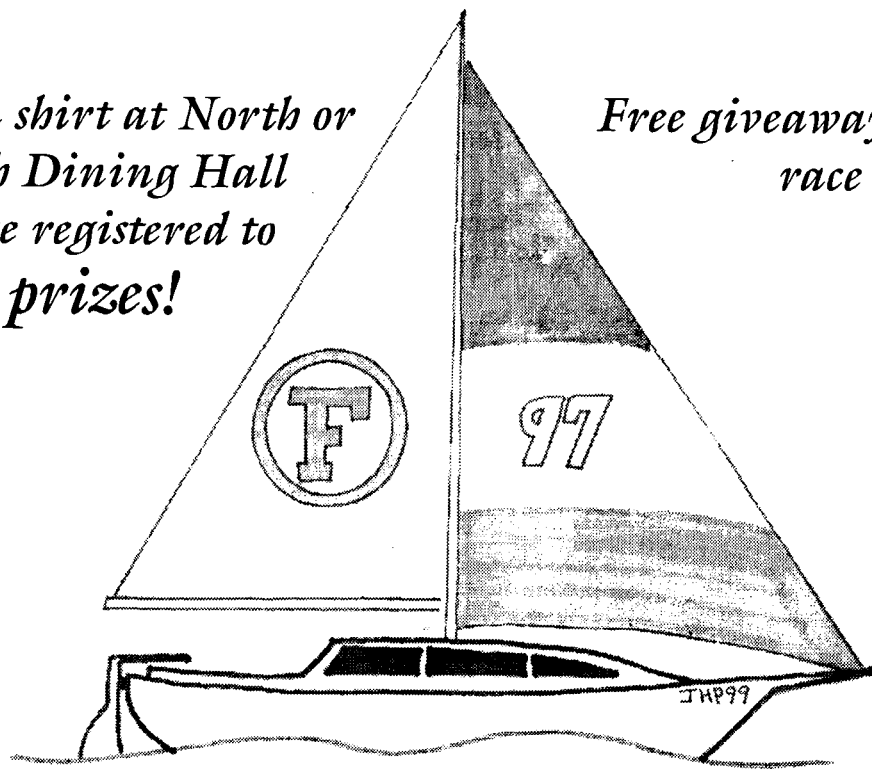
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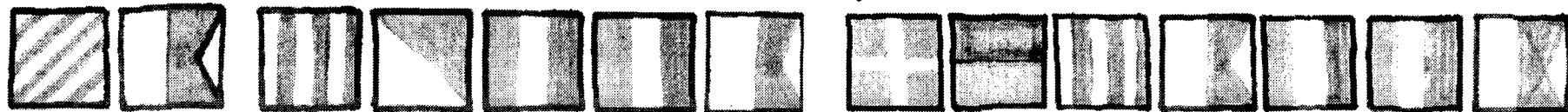
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■ MLB

Cubs tie National League losing record

By RICK GANO
Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO — The Chicago Cubs tied the modern National League record for season-opening futility, losing their 10th straight game as Michael Tucker's eighth-inning triple gave the Atlanta Braves a 6-4 victory Sunday.

The Cubs tied the mark set by Atlanta in 1988. They can match the all-time NL mark of 0-11, set by the Detroit Wolverines in 1884, when they play Colorado on Tuesday. The record for worst start in the majors is 0-21 by the 1988 Baltimore Orioles.

The hard-luck Cubs also lost

second baseman Ryne Sandberg on Sunday.

Sandberg, sitting in the dugout in the bottom of the fourth inning, suffered a cut on his right ear when he was hit by a line drive foul off the bat of teammate Brant Brown. Sandberg was examined in the dugout and then taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital for further evaluation.

Chicago committed three more errors Sunday — the Cubs have 17 in 10 games — and Atlanta scored two unearned runs in the top of the eighth.

Jeff Blauser singled and pinch-hitter Keith Lockhart hit a slow roller to first. Brown, replacing the injured Mark

Grace at first, picked up the ball and threw to second but hit Blauser in the helmet and both runners were safe. With two outs, Tucker hit a two-run triple off Turk Wendell (0-1).

Brad Clontz (2-0), who pitched a scoreless seventh, got the win. Mark Wohlers pitched the ninth for his fifth save.

The Braves scored three runs for a 4-1 lead in the sixth. Blauser had a bases-loaded sacrifice fly to finish Cubs starter Steve Trachsel.

Tom Glavine then dropped down a bunt, with Javier Lopez breaking from third and scoring easily. Cubs reliever Bob Patterson picked up the ball and threw it past first for his

first career error, allowing the runners to move up. Tucker then delivered a two-out single as Atlanta moved ahead 4-1.

The Cubs tied the game in the bottom half. Jose Hernandez, who replaced Sandberg in the lineup, hit an RBI grounder with the bases loaded.

With the bases loaded again, Brown hit a perfect double-play grounder to Blauser at short but he fumbled the ball as another run scored, and Scott Servais then hit a game-tying sacrifice fly.

Doug Glanville singled in the fourth and Sammy Sosa hit an RBI double, marking the first time this season the Cubs have scored first in a game.

Sandberg hit by foul line drive

Chicago Cubs second baseman Ryne Sandberg was hit in the right side of the head by a line drive while sitting in the dugout Sunday and had to leave the game against the Atlanta Braves.

The extent of the injury was not immediately known.

Sandberg was struck by a liner off the bat of teammate Brant Brown in the bottom of the fourth inning.

Sandberg held a towel to the side of his head while he was being examined by team physician Dr. Michael Schafer. Sandberg was then helped out of the dugout and into the clubhouse.



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By Cheick Oumar Sissoko from Mali / Prize For Best Film Fespaco / '95.94 MN

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■ NBA

Bulls' hopes dashed by Hill's performance

By HARRY ATKINS
Associated Press Writer

AUBURN HILLS — Detroit ended Chicago's hopes of matching last season's 72-10 record as Grant Hill recorded his 12th triple-double in a 108-91 victory Sunday.

The victory stopped the Pistons' 19-game losing streak against the Bulls.

The Bulls (68-11) went into the game with a five-game winning streak. But four of the Bulls' losses have come on Sunday and all four were on the road.

Terry Mills, hitting 5-of-9 from 3-point range, led the Pistons with 29 points. Hill, who has recorded five triple-doubles in his past eight games, had 27 points, 12 rebounds and 10 assists.

Scottie Pippen scored 21 for Chicago, and Michael Jordan, held to six in the first half, finished with 18.

A 3-pointer by Mills, part of a 10-0 burst, gave Detroit a

21-20 lead with 4:05 left in the first quarter and the Pistons led the rest of the way.

The Pistons built a 14-point lead with 2:21 left in the second quarter on successive baskets by Hill. Mills, who scored 16 points in the first half, hit his fourth 3-pointer, giving Detroit a 63-49 lead at halftime.

Luc Longley scored Chicago's first three baskets as the Bulls opened the third quarter with a 12-5 run. But the Pistons, after a timeout, answered with a 9-2 burst. An Otis Thorpe dunk off a fast break gave Detroit a 77-63 lead with 5:03 left in the third.

The Pistons, who had only four fouls in the first half, suddenly began getting careless. The Bulls hit 7-of-8 free throws, then Brian Williams scored on a dunk to cap an 11-2 burst that cut Detroit's lead to 79-74 with 1:15 left in the third quarter.

But the Bulls came out cold to start the fourth, scoring only six points in the first 5:55. The Pistons, getting another three from Mills, led 98-82 with 6:05 remaining.

The Pistons, playing their third game in four days, snapped a four-game losing streak for their 52nd victory.



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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish netters prove worthy of top twenty

By BILL HART
Sports Writer

To say that the Notre Dame women's tennis team had a good weekend would be an understatement. Ranked No. 19 in the country, the Irish came home after a close win against Indiana for a three-game home stand.

The Irish began their weekend on Friday with a 9-0 win over Drake. In singles, the team was highlighted by Kelly Zalinski and Darcie Sweet, who each completed a perfect match in Nos. 4 and 6 singles, respectively. The closest match came at No. 2 singles, where Marisa Velasco narrowly beat the Bulldogs' Lindsay Bell, 6-1, 7-6.

In No. 3 doubles, the team of Courtney Haskell and Kelley Olson defeated Drake's Meredith Lavelle and Aleksa Huns 8-0 in the third shutout of the day.

"A perfect match doesn't come very often," head coach Jay Louderback commented, "but we had three of them on Friday. Zalinski played as well as I've ever seen."

In other doubles action, Gates and Hall won 8-3 in No. 1 doubles, while Zalinski and freshman Sarah Scaringe won at No. 2 doubles, 8-4.

With the loss, Drake fell to 9-10 on the season.

On Sunday, Notre Dame continued their rampage against Boston College. The team performed with the same ferocity

as it did two days ago, finishing with another 9-0 shutout win.

"Overall, we played very well as a team," Louderback said. "Hall and Gates have struggled over the past few games, but they really came on strong this weekend."

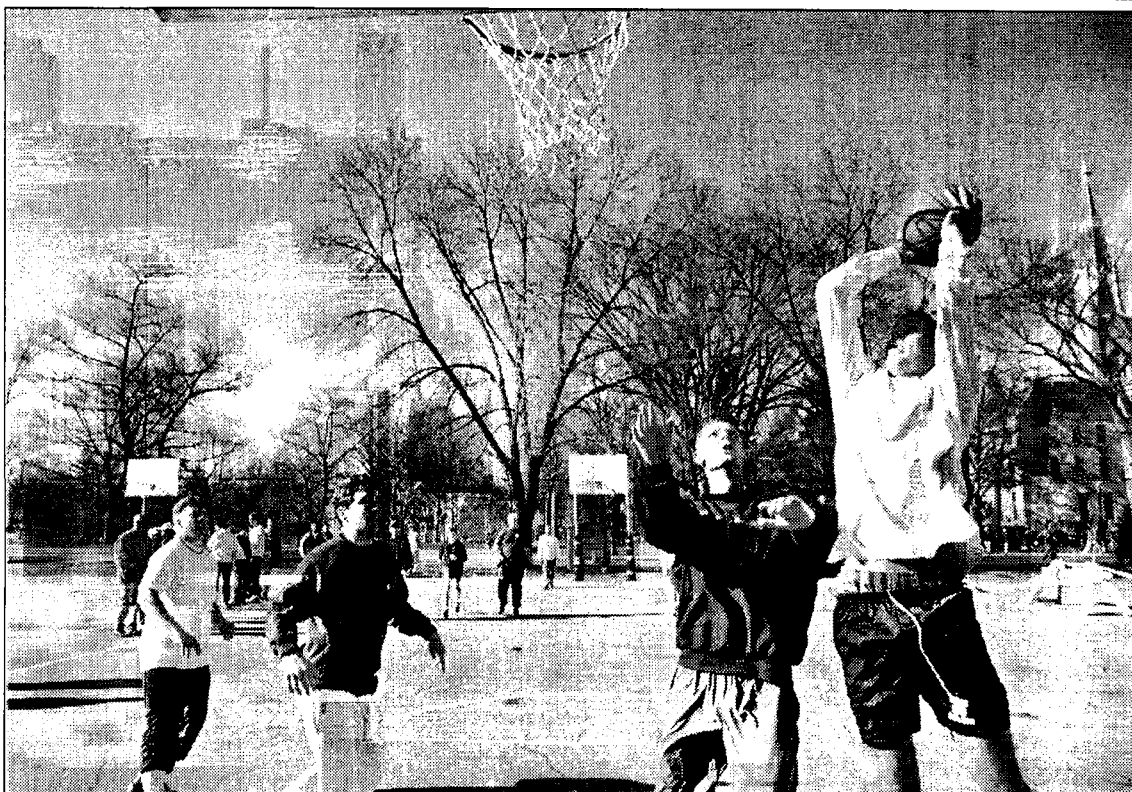
The Irish won all six singles matches in straight sets, with no individual player highlighting the meet. The match that clinched the game came at No. 6 singles, where Sweet defeated the Eagles' Judith Kiwasewitz, 6-3, 6-3.

In doubles play, Gates and Hall scored a perfect match, defeating their opponents 8-0. The closest match of the day came at No. 3 doubles where the duo of Haskell and Olson defeated Arbuckle and Deneffio 9-7.

"Our spirits were raised with our win over BC," said Scaringe, who won at No. 2 doubles during the course of the day. "Over the past few weekends, we've been really successful with our matches. Now, we can set our sights on our next match and then the Big East championships."

During the weekend, Hall, Gates, Zalinski and Olson went undefeated in four singles and doubles matches.

"Overall, I think the team played extremely well," Louderback said. "This is the kind of momentum that we needed going into the match against Hawaii and then the Big East championships."



Several of the seeded favorites advanced into the second round of Bookstore Basketball XXVI.

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py the early play may be, it remains necessary for any

team interested in advancement.

"Today's game was an important part of Bookstore because it allowed us to have a good time playing, but it was also good for us to get used to play-

ing together," said Chad Chevalier, whose sixth-seeded team Sexual Chocolate defeated L.A. Locos 21-8.

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that category.

Angela Bessolo allowed just four hits in recording her second consecutive complete game.

In game two, Kelly Nichols led the Irish on both sides of the field, hurling a complete-game two-hitter and going 3-3 at the plate. Marten added two hits, and Sarah Mathison belted a double for Notre Dame.

Game one of Sunday's doubleheader found the Irish offense on track once again. The team tagged the Villanova pitching staff for 12 hits, including another three-hit performance by Murray and Kara McMahon's 2-2 stint. Murray knocked in four runs,

McMahon scored three and drove in one, and Kelly Rowe scored three more, with one RBI.

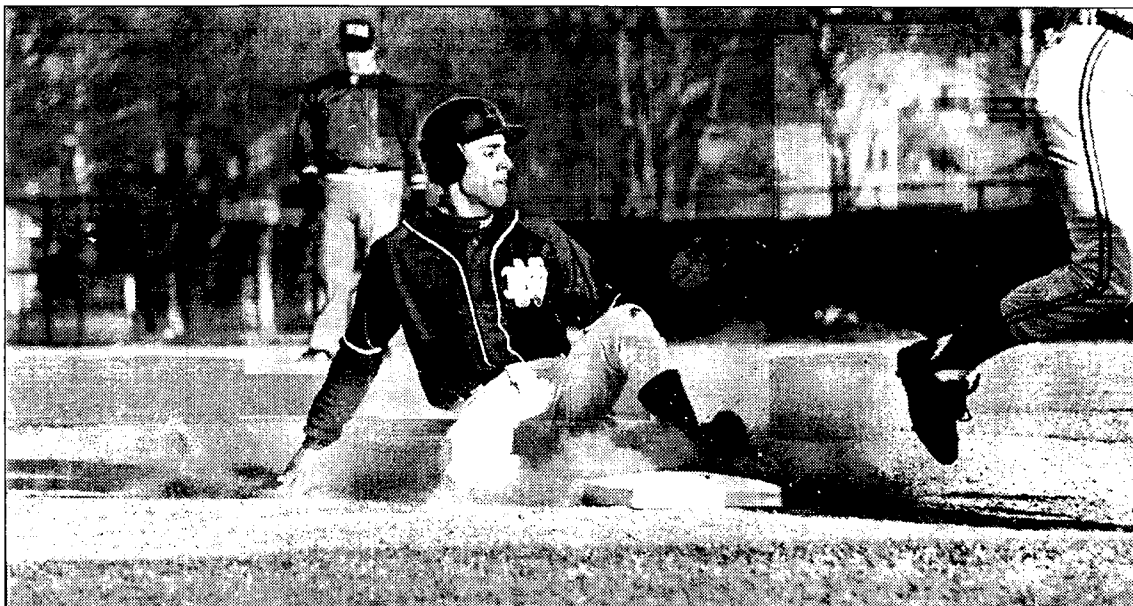
Angela Bessolo threw her second complete-game shutout of the weekend, allowing five hits to improve her record to 10-8.

Notre Dame jumped out to a 3-0 lead in game two, before Villanova plated its first run of the weekend. A Murray homer in the sixth helped put the Wildcats away, 8-1.

Joy Battersby notched the complete game victory for the Irish, improving to 5-6 on the season.

The Irish head home to host Northwestern in a doubleheader tomorrow at Ivy Field. Notre Dame defeated Northwestern 5-3 on March 8, at the Sooner Classic in Oklahoma City, Okla.

BASEBALL



The Observer/John Daily

Junior Todd Frye posted a double in the split double-header on Sunday against Rutgers.

Baseball splits against Rutgers

Wagner provides hot bat for Irish in double-header

By BRIAN REINTHALER
Assistant Sports Editor

After being rained out for what must seem to the players to be the hundredth time this season, the baseball team made up the lost game with a doubleheader yesterday at Rutgers.

The pair of games resulted in a split for the squad and moved its record to 22-13 overall and 6-4 in the Big East this season. The Irish will look to take the series and a share of first place in their division when they two face the Scarlet Knights this afternoon in Piscataway, N.J.

In the first game of the day, a seven-inning contest, Notre Dame got off to a good start with a solid pitching performance by Darin Schmalz. The senior right-hander threw 6 2/3 impressive innings, giving up just two runs on five hits and making a sixth inning two-run homer by sophomore Jeff Wagner stand up for the 3-2 victory. Schmalz struck out three and walked three on the day. He now holds a record of 5-2.

Wagner's blast was his ninth in 1997, and the first of three for the designated hitter in the doubleheader. In his last 14 contests, Wagner has 10 home runs and has recorded at least

one hit in each game. He is now batting .403, with 44 RBI and a team-leading .767 slugging percentage.

Wagner's two home runs in the nightcap were not enough to hold off a Rutgers offense, which crossed the plate at least once in every inning of the game.

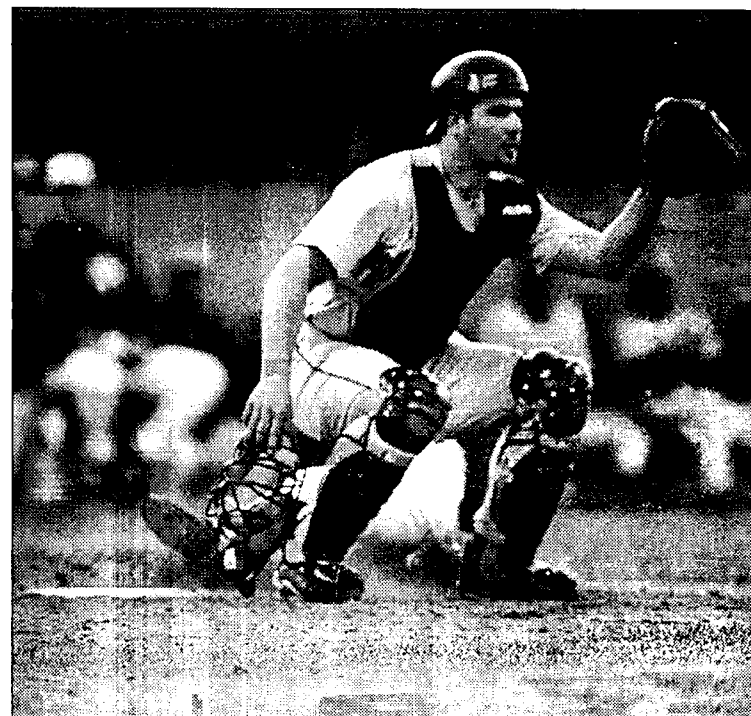
A late-inning burst by the Irish was only able to cut the Scarlet Knight lead to one, as the hosts triumphed 15-14.

Sophomore Brad Lidge lasted 4 2/3 innings but was knocked around for seven runs on nine

hits in the process. Chris McKeown, who came on in relief of his classmate, was unable to stop the bleeding, giving up six more runs in just 1 1/3 innings.

Although freshman Tom O'Hagan and senior Wally Widelski pitched relatively well to finish the game, the two runs they allowed in the bottom of the eighth sealed the Rutgers victory.

Notre Dame remains one game behind Rutgers in the Big East's National Division, just a half game ahead of Seton Hall.



The Observer/Brandon Candura

Sophomore Jeff Wagner's two run homer boosted the Irish to victory.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Climbing Wall Orientations — are available at the climbing wall in the Rockne Memorial every Sunday at 1 p.m. and Wednesday at 6 p.m. Sign-up outside the wall.

Drop-in Volleyball — RecSports will be offering Drop-In Volleyball on Tuesday's from 7-10 p.m. in the Joyce Center. No established teams or advanced sign-ups necessary.

Casting and Angling Clinic — includes three sessions which meet on April 15 and 17th from 6-7:15 p.m. Classes are held in the Joyce Center, Rolfs, and campus lakes. Equipment is provided, but participants are encouraged to bring their own. The fee is \$8 for the class and is open to students, staff, and faculty. Advance registration with the RecSports office is required.

Special Olympics — Volunteers are needed to help Special Olympic swimmers. Practices are at Rolfs Aquatic

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RecSports — will be hiring two full-time, one part-time, and numerous substitutes to lifeguard at the St. Joseph Lake Beach this summer. Please contact Greg at 1-5100 or come to RecSports office at the Joyce Center to fill out an application.

Bar Bell Club — A weightlifting club is coming soon next year for novice or serious lifters. Learn more about the art of lifting and developing a bigger and stronger physique. Call Binh at 4-4364 for sign-ups and more info.

AnTostal — is holding a run around the lakes called HostileTostal on Sunday, April 20. All participants will get a free t-shirt and there is no sign up fee, they just need to sign up at the run itself. It starts at 2 p.m. Any questions please call 4-2272 or 1-7757.

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Football

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be looked to as a leader of the running back unit because those behind him on the depth chart lack experience.

"I don't see it as anything different from the past," Denson said. "This may be the spot that's a little thin as the defensive backs and wide receivers

were last season. We feel like we can go out and do the job. The people that we have are capable; we just have to stay healthy and stick together."

One of the pleasant surprises so far in the spring has been the return of Clement Stokes, who will be a senior. Stokes' talent has been impressive so far, and he is currently right behind Denson at the tailback slot.

"Clement has shown some good things, and that has been

a big plus this spring," Colletto said.

Jay Vickers missed his rookie campaign due to a shoulder injury, but he is healthy now and is third on the depth chart.

Come fall, one of the most anticipated blue-chippers will arrive on campus—Tony Driver. Driver garnered numerous awards in his high school career, including Kentucky Player of the Year and a first team All-American. Driver is considered the prize of the Class of 2001; his size and speed is the kind of stuff recruiters and coaches drool over.

Driver brings the versatility to line up at the wide receiver slot or in the backfield, but he will come in at his natural tailback slot.

"He'll be a tailback with Cooper Rego and some other guys that will get a look at the tailback position," Colletto said.

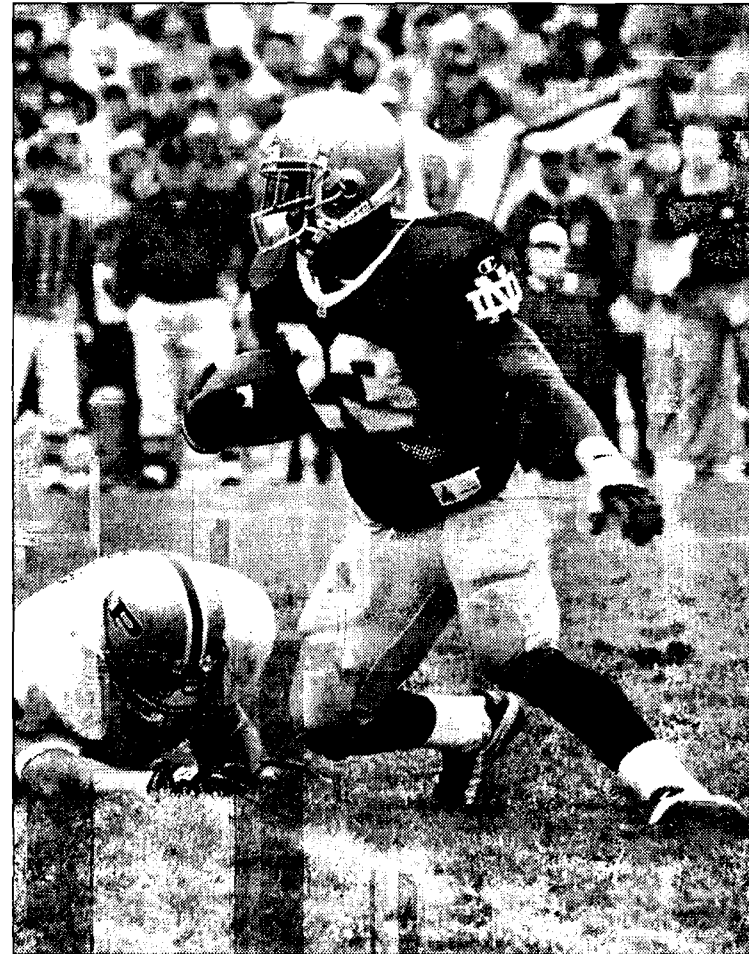
Rego, out of Motivate, N.J., was named to the Parade All-American team and the USA Today second team All-American. The 5-foot-6-inch, 190-pound tailback brings speed which has been clocked as fast as a Rocketesque 4.38 in the 40.

Lined up in front of Denson at the fullback position will be Jaimie Spencer, who started the last three games in 1996 after Edwards' knee injury. Joey Goodspeed saw some action in his freshman year upon moving up in the ranks after Edwards' injury and the competition at fullback has been stellar.

"Spencer and Goodspeed are really competing, and I think we'll be in really good shape there," Colletto said. "Kenny Barry is also coming real well."

Barry will return for his senior year at fullback position, bringing experience and creating depth for the backfield. With the new coaches and offense implemented, the team is taking advantage of the team to learn the system.

"The biggest thing right now



The Observer/Rob Finch

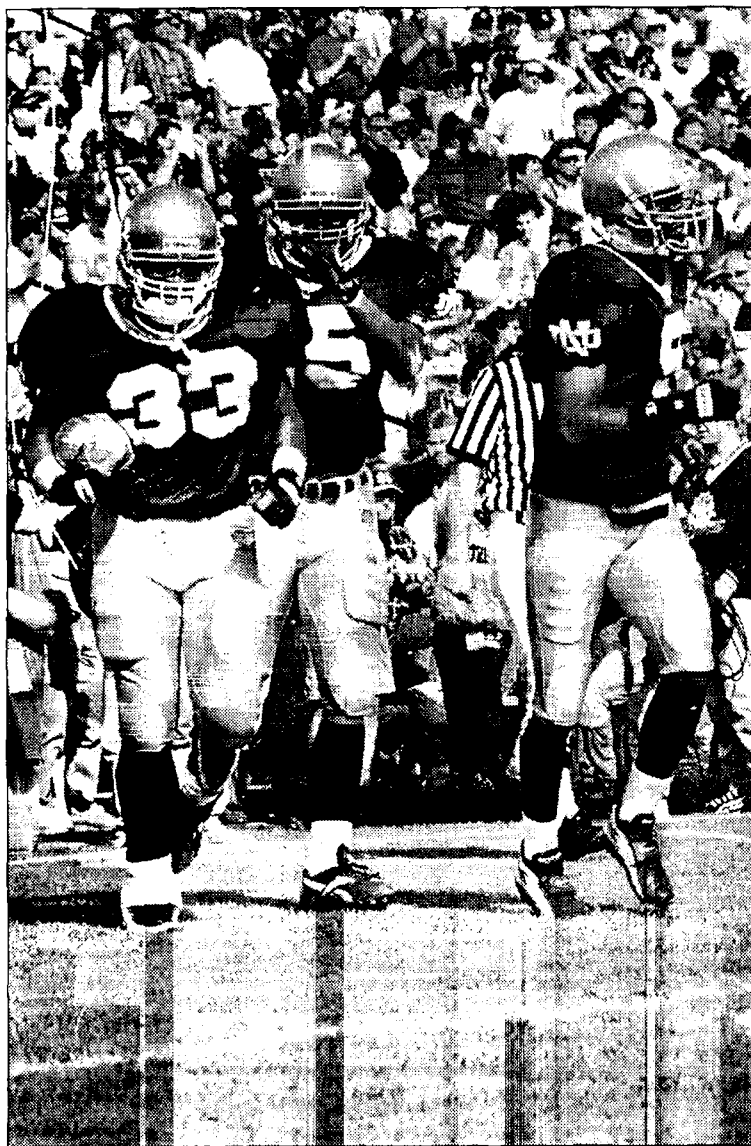
Sophomore Autry Denson looks to fill the gaps left by the graduation of Randy Kinder and Robert Farmer.

is to make sure they are comfortable and learn the stuff so they can do it without having to think about it," Colletto said.

"The philosophy and thinking is different," Denson said. "Some of the things remain the same, but I don't think there have been any problems with

transition."

"They all seem to be adjusting fine," Colletto agreed. "They work hard in practice and are trying to learn. I think it's just a matter of repetition time, and we will have most everything we want them to learn in after next week."



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Jaimie Spencer looks to compete with Joey Goodspeed at fullback.

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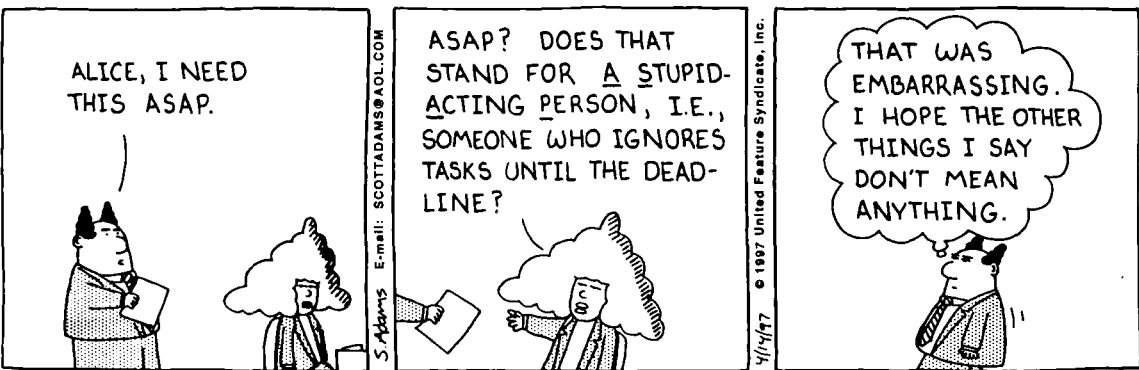
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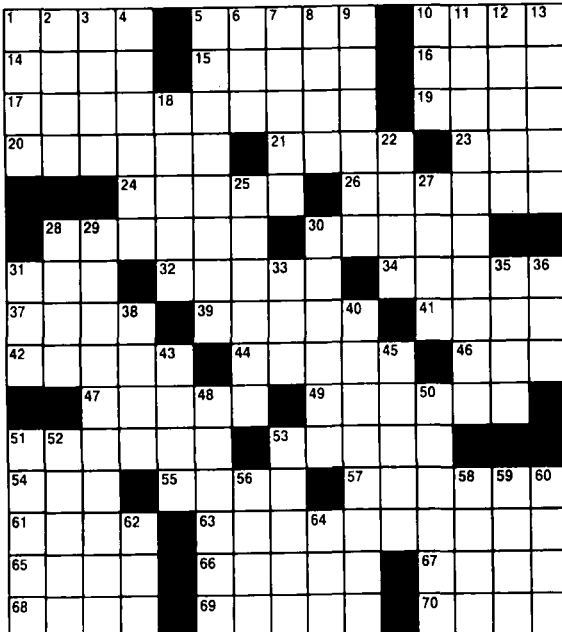
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CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1 Poet Sandburg
 - 5 Sand bar
 - 10 Jemima, e.g.
 - 14 Guy with an Irish Rose
 - 15 "College Bowl" host Robert
 - 16 Chew (on)
 - 17 Off-color
 - 19 New York theater award
 - 20 Escalator alternative
 - 21 Boat propellers
 - 23 "— Maria"
 - 24 Tear-jerker in the kitchen
 - 26 "Bald" baby bird
 - 28 Big toe woe
 - 30 Patsy's pal on TV's "Absolutely Fabulous"
- DOWN**
- 31 Dapper fellow
 - 32 Foe
 - 34 Numbskull
 - 37 Catch sight of
 - 39 Saccharine
 - 41 Garbage boat
 - 42 Chartres chapeau
 - 44 "Deutschland über —"
 - 46 High season, on the Riviera
 - 47 Before the due date
 - 49 African antelopes
 - 51 Actress Loren
 - 53 Four-time Gold Glove winner Garvey
 - 54 Chicken — king
 - 55 — platter (Polynesian menu choice)
- DOWN**
- 1 Elliot of the Mamas and the Papas
 - 2 Be next to
 - 3 Latvia's capital
 - 4 French Foreign
 - 5 Rap or jam periods
 - 6 Stetson, e.g.
 - 7 Betelgeuse's constellation
 - 8 Thomas Edison's middle name
 - 9 Looked lecherously
 - 10 In the past
 - 11 Off-center
 - 12 Innocent
 - 13 Sound from an aviary
 - 18 Sgt. Bilko
 - 22 Stated
 - 25 Street sign with an arrow
 - 27 Wildebeests
 - 28 Pedestal

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



Puzzle by Stephanie Spadaccini

- ACROSS**
- 15 Off-guard
 - 16 Embroidered hole
 - 18 Cotillion V.I.P.
 - 19 Director Brooks
 - 21 Bunkhouse beds
 - 22 Female sheep
 - 23 "You bet!"
 - 24 It's used for a call in Madrid
 - 25 Excursion
 - 26 Lifeguard, sometimes
 - 27 Giver of compliments
- DOWN**
- 58 Reclined
 - 59 Inner: Prefix
 - 60 1 and 66, e.g.: Abbr.
 - 62 Finis
 - 64 Campbell's container

Answers to any three clues in this puzzle are available by touch-tone phone: 1-900-420-5656 (75¢ per minute). Annual subscriptions are available for the best of Sunday crosswords from the last 50 years: 1-888-7-ACROSS.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Julie Christie, John Gielgud, Pete Rose, Loretta Lynn

DEAR EUGENIA: My daughter, who was born on May 3, 1976 at 9:47 p.m., started dating a boy who just got out of prison. He was born on April 14, 1976. Right off, he wanted to get her pregnant and threw away her birth-control pills. He moved in on my family as soon as she was pregnant. I believe he is bad for her.

The baby was born Dec. 6, 1996. The father has only worked for three months since he left prison. He sponges off us for everything. I have been trying to get rid of him with no success. Now he says his mother is sending them money to visit her in California. I am very scared that I will never see my daughter and grandson again.

Crying a Mother's Tears

DEAR CRYING A MOTHER'S TEARS: Your daughter's partner is capable of being physically abusive. Their comparison was not great, but it was magnetic in the sense that she doesn't appear to be able to help herself. I suggest you ask them to go to California and set themselves up with work and an apartment and then send for their son. Then you can decide your course of action. You may want to consider legal advice. I can't help feeling that your daughter just can't change the course of her life. She is prone to picking the wrong men and will continue to do so.

ARIES (March 21-April 20): This will be an upsetting day if you jump to conclusions. Don't let business and emotional problems interfere with one another.

Born Today: You will be stubborn this year. You need to learn to compromise and share with others if you want to make gains. You will hold yourself back if you refuse to listen to good advice.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21): Others may want to steal your thunder when they realize you have a good thing going. Avoid serious discussions.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21): Put all thoughts of work out of your head. It is time for you to get serious about relaxation and meeting new friends.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): You may overreact to emotional situations today. Don't jump to conclusions without having all the pertinent facts.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 23): Secret love affairs must be avoided. Your reputation is at stake and the person in question is just playing with your emotions.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22): Today will be progressive; you will get involved in worthwhile organizations. Be cautious not to be too demanding.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): You will be frazzled if you don't take time to relax and enjoy yourself. If you plan carefully there will be no problems.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22): You will have the energy to accomplish your goals. Don't hesitate to present your ideas and put them into action.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21): You may feel like there is less pressure on you today. However, the stress you have encountered has taken its toll.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20): Don't trust a deal that looks too good. Your personal partner may be a little fed-up with your preoccupation with business.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 18): You will want to take a break, but too many opportunities are taking place in your work area.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You can make amends with children. However, you will have to work hard to get their understanding and trust back.

■ OF INTEREST

Professor Gary Freeman of University of Texas and The Nanovic Center for European Studies will be presenting a lecture entitled "Immigration Politics in Europe and the Settler Societies". The talk will take place Monday, April 14, at 4:30 p.m. in room 119 of DeBartolo Hall.

Professor Fred Dallmayr of the Government department will be giving a lecture called "African Identity (After Cabral)". The talk, sponsored by the African Students' Association, will be held Monday, April 14 at 7 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

The Teacher Volunteer Program of New York is looking for teachers for Manhattan and the Bronx. Sister Deanna Sabetta will be at the Center for Social Concerns this afternoon and tomorrow to meet with interested seniors.

The USA has been posted to help students search for apartment/ house-mates. The list is posted in the Career and Placement office, located in G189 Hesburgh Library.

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■ BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL

Weekend plagued by predictability

Seeds advance easily in first round of tourney

By BETSY BAKER
Associate Sports Editor

Last weekend's Bookstore Basketball action was as cold and predictable as April weather in South Bend.

Mother Nature didn't surprise anyone with cold and rainy conditions and neither did the top-seeded teams that played.

While about half of the top 32 played this weekend, none of the teams had a chance to exhibit their worthiness for a seed as all won fairly uncontested.

Although all of the seeded teams are quick to credit their opponents' efforts, the early rounds serve as little more than practice for those who have their eye on a bigger prize.

"In the earlier rounds, we know we are not going to play any seeded teams, so we just try to keep the same mindset we'd have if we were playing a ranked team," Chris Dotson of fifth-seeded SFR2: We Still Can't Score commented. In SFR2's 21-4 defeat of Four Jerks and a Squirt, the biggest obstacle was the large puddle that lay in the middle of the court behind Lyons' Hall.

"The weather definitely slowed us down," Dotson continued. "It was cold so it hurt our shooting and the lake in

the middle of the court didn't help."

Dotson did add, though, that the weather provided some much-needed motivation.

"We just wanted to get the game over with so we could go inside," he said.

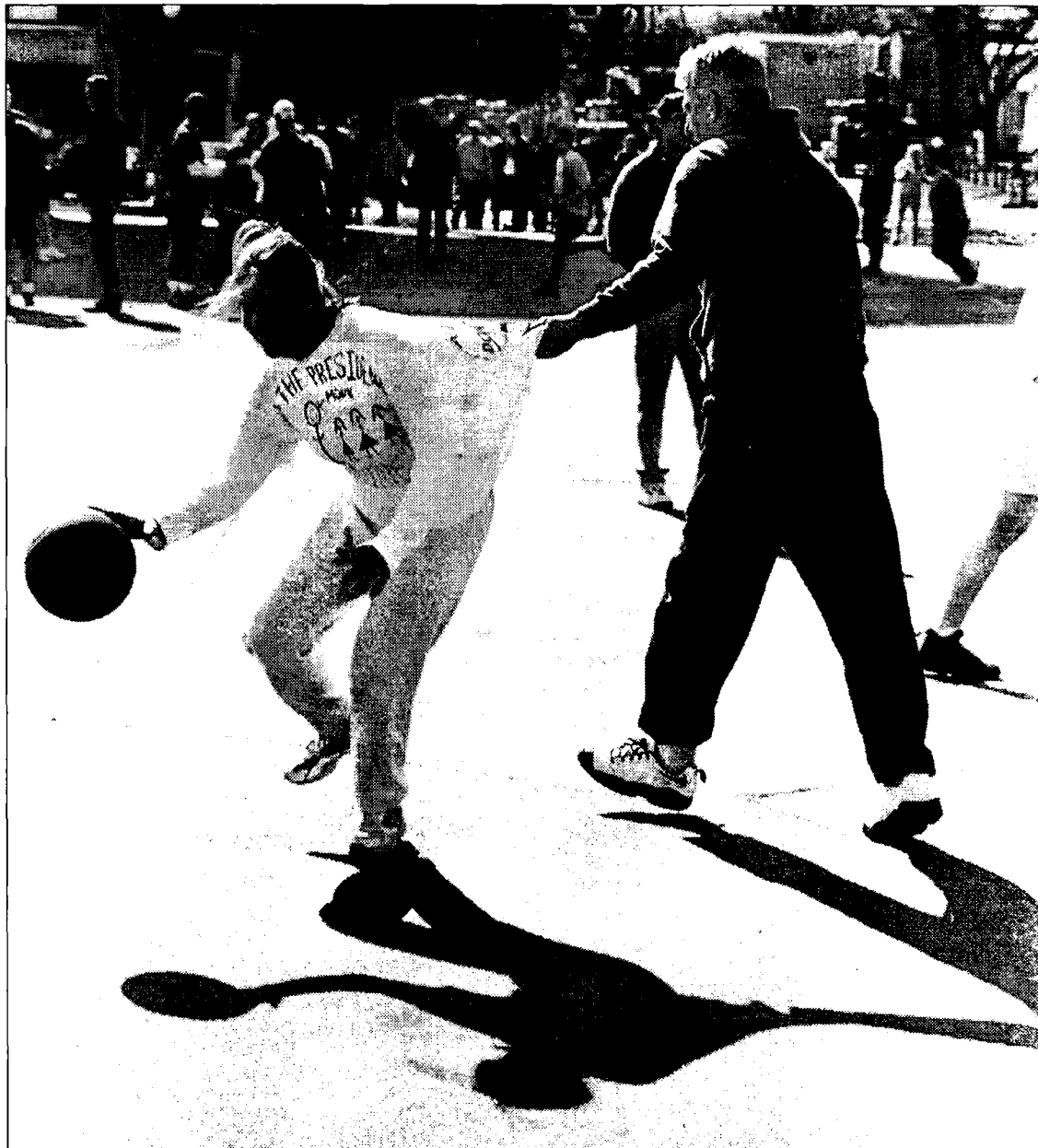
Although an easy victory might appear on the surface to be a blessing, it can sometimes be a curse. The fact that a team can't play to its full potential can often later prove to hurt its performance, especially as the competition heightens.

"We're really worried about our next opponent," Dotson's SFR2 teammate Steve Starck said. "Today's game didn't give us much of a chance to get better, and we're afraid our next opponent might take advantage of that."

In addition to hindering the overall play of the game, Mother Nature also put a damper on the efforts of those teams who just wanted to have a good time. Forty degrees, rain, and strong winds stifle the potential to have a good time shooting hoops.

Still, the early rounds, regardless of weather conditions, provide a necessary barometer for a team's ability to make a run at the coveted Bookstore title. With the Bookstore Basketball tournament set at a busy time of year academically, many teams have not had much of a chance to get together and develop a team rhythm. Therefore, regardless of how cold or slop-

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The Observer/Joe Stark
Father Malloy hoans his defensive skills against an unsuspecting fellow Bookstore competitor.

■ SOFTBALL

Irish post three straight shutouts

By ALLISON KRILLA
Sports Writer

Coming off a tough two game series against Big Ten powerhouse Michigan, the Irish headed east to face Big East rival Villanova in a crucial four-game weekend series.

Hanging in the balance was Notre Dame's slim lead over Rutgers in the Big East South division.

The squad responded with a bang, scoring 32 runs in four games, while allowing only one Wildcat to cross the plate. Stable defense and strong pitching performances resulted in three straight shutouts



Murray

for the Fighting Irish, 7-0, 5-0 and 12-0 victories.

With the four-game sweep, Notre Dame improved to 22-18 overall, and 10-2 in the Big East, while Villanova fell to 4-8 in the conference. The road warriors remained a perfect 10-0 in Big East road games.

In game one on Saturday, senior Liz Perkins continued her hot hitting, pacing the Irish offense with a three-run homer, her first dinger of the season and the fourth of her career.

This week's Big East player of the week, Meghan Murray, went 3-4 with a double and fellow captain Katie Marten smacked her seventh triple of the season, setting a new Notre Dame single-season record. Marten's triple was the 12th of her career, a new Notre Dame career mark in

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■ FOOTBALL

Gaps left by graduating backs

Denson could become best in school's history

By JOE CAVATO
Assistant Sports Editor

The workhorses in the stable of Irish running backs are thoroughbreds whose names, faces, numbers, and times in the 40-yard dash are known to Notre Dame fans.

However, this May, three of those thoroughbreds will graduate, and Irish eyes will become familiar with the next

group that will lead the ground assault.

Graduating seniors Marc Edwards, Randy Kinder and Robert Farmer have combined with rising juniors Autry Denson and Jaimie Spencer to create one of the deepest and most talented backfields in recent years.

Kinder finished his career eighth on the career rushing list with 2,048 yards while Edwards had 1,591 yards and Farmer had 1,153 yards.

The Irish faithful already know plenty about Autry Denson, who earned a starting role last year and has the opportunity to be one of the

finest backs in the school's history. After his first two seasons, Denson already ranks 16th on the career rushing list, and he needs to average just over 98 yards per game for his remaining 23 regular season games to finish at the top of the record book.

"Autry's done a lot of nice things this spring and can be a very exciting player," new offensive coordinator Jim Colletto said. "We're trying to figure out more ways to get him the ball."

Besides carrying the load for the running attack, Denson will

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Spring Football 1997

The Observer will be profiling a different position on the Notre Dame football team each day this week.

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☐ Wednesday
☐ Thursday
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☒ Quarterbacks
☒ Coaches
☒ Ron Powlus

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Tomorrow, 3:45 p.m.vs. Hawaii,
Tomorrow, 3:30 p.m.at Purdue,
Tomorrow, 4 p.m.vs. Northwestern,
April 16, 3:30 p.m.Men's vs. Air Force
April 17, 3 p.m.Softball
at Goshen College
April 16, 3 p.m.

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