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Cracking into the computer boys' club

Women entering computer science careers in growing numbers

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
News Writer

When senior Faye Lenahan walked into Technology Service Group, she was one of nine candidates applying for a computer programming position at the consulting firm.

The other eight were men.

Lenahan is one of 14 computer science minors at Saint Mary's this year who are looking at entering a field that has been traditionally dominated by men. Saint Mary's women have found a competitive edge in the field, however, according to associate professor of mathematics Mary Connolly.

"We have been very successful placing women in this field," she said.

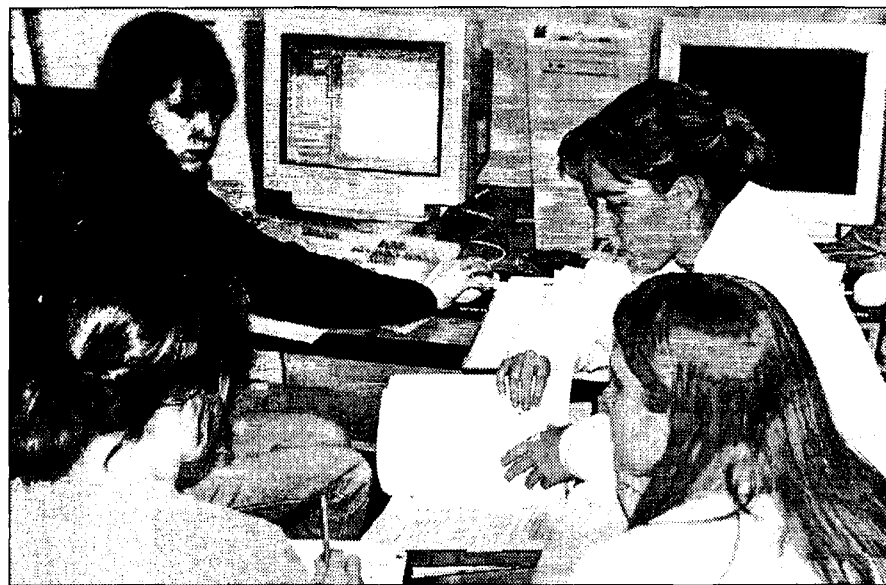
According to a recent study by MIT, men typically outnumber women in the computer science field even though the women are equally qualified.

Which is exactly what Lenahan found out in her job search.

"Women handle things differently than men," Lenahan said. "Generally, they have better interpersonal skills,

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MARY CONNOLLY
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF MATH



The Saint Mary's computer science minor has enjoyed increasingly strong results placing its graduates into traditionally male-dominated technical careers.

which is something that employers look for."

Lenahan recently signed with Technology Service Group for a following her graduation. Edging competitors for the job - most of them male - is something that she attributes to her undergraduate education at Saint Mary's.

"Studying computer science at Saint Mary's has definitely been an advantage," she said. "Studying

with women, we didn't notice that there are fewer women in the field. It's not glaring at you in the face. It wasn't

something that we had to worry about."

Studies completed by MIT and the Association for Computing Machinery revealed that out of all undergraduate computer science degrees awarded nationally, only one-third are earned by women. That number is lower for women who pursue the field in graduate school, and even lower for those continuing on to receive doctoral degrees.

Connolly said that the all-women environment at Saint Mary's reduces or eliminates many of the factors that contribute to keeping women out of the computer science field.

"[Gender] problems simply don't exist here," Connolly said. "Male dominance in the classroom isn't a problem. Women don't have to fight men in the

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ICTC offering mixes teaching, volunteerism

By MAGGY TINUCCI
News Writer

When considering options for life after Notre Dame, service often emerges as a plausible option, and the Inner-City Teaching Corps (ICTC) provides graduates with the opportunity to work towards a teaching certificate or Masters in Education by dedicating two years of service towards educating underprivileged children.

Similar to the ACE program, the Inner-City Teaching Corps is a volunteer service program that places recent college graduates in positions as full-time classroom teachers in the inner-city parochial schools of Chicago.

"We look for those graduates who demonstrate a commitment to service and the values of service," said Greg Mooney of ICTC. "Our teachers are people who want to reflect upon that service and place it in the broader context of their lives."

Pat Ryan, a graduate of Georgetown University, established ICTC seven years ago in response to a need for service-based teaching in Chicago. He began teaching in the urban-most areas of the Windy City and knew that there were other graduates who desired to do the same, but did not know how to go about it. He subsequently established the ICTC, which would enable graduates to provide an invaluable service to those who needed it the most - underprivileged children.

"We focus only on Chicago because there is a tremendous need specifically here. In concentrating here and not expanding to other cities, we are able to

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■ STUDENT SENATE

Senate learns moribund finances improving

By TIM LOGAN
Assistant News Editor

The Student Senate received an update on Student Union finances through the first third of the fiscal year from treasurer T.J. Wolfe on Wednesday.

The Union, which is still recovering from last year's \$66,000 debt, is in good shape financially this term, according to Wolfe. Many of the organizations within the Student Union, including the Office of the President and Student Union Board, are working with reduced funds in an effort to pay off last year's debts.

"We're pleased with what's going on," Wolfe said, noting that the major offices are thus far on track to stay within budget. "There's been a lot of improvement over last year."

There are several organizations that are over budget for this time in the year - currently

at the one-third point, SUB spent more than half its allotted concerts budget, an amount expected to increase when bills for last month's Third Eye Blind show come in. The class of 2001 also spent more than half of its budget in the first four months of the fiscal year, which ran from July 1 to Oct. 31.

Wolfe, however, expected these numbers to even out as the fiscal year progresses, noting that costs for many of these groups are higher when school is in session. He also pointed out that some organizations, such as Off-Campus Council and four groups within the Office of the President, spent none of their allotted funds in the first third of the year.

Ultimately, the treasurer was optimistic about the state of Student Union finances.

"If we can stick with this ... we can come out where we want to



Treasurer T.J. Wolfe updated the senate on the improving status of Student Union finances.

be," Wolfe said. "We need to keep an eye on it, that is what's crucial."

The Senate also received an update on the financial performance of The Shirt and the

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■ INSIDE COLUMN

The Great Swer

To dance or not to dance, that is the question.

Actually, this isn't really a question during the time that approaches, otherwise known as The Weekend of the Endless SYR (phonetically pronounced, as my friend Heather pointed out, "Swer." Incidentally, this friend still needs a date this weekend, and she's cute).



Heather MacKenzie
Assistant Managing Editor

It happens at the end of every fall semester, when the football season has ended and every dorm scrambles to cram one last University-sanctioned drunken orgy into the one pigskin-free 2 a.m. parietal time period that remains. It's time to dust off your little black dresses ladies, because this weekend is the dream of the dateless. Out of the 28 dorms on campus, a whopping 13 are having dances this weekend. That means that just about everyone, save a few hundred people, could potentially have a date. No fair going to two dances ... leave some dates for the rest of campus. God knows there is a shortage.

Now, I like to get a little happy and dance around a dorm room at a freshman-party-but-dressier as much as anyone, but I think the problem with dating on this campus lies inherent in the idea of the Swer. Here's the theoretical concept: Dorm hosts great big party so everyone can have a good time with all their friends. Now here's the Theoretical Concept translated into a real-life situation: Dorm hosts great big party centered around the consumption of alcoholic beverages, where you have a good time with your friends and also your date, whom may be acquainted with your good friends but has never laid eyes on you before tonight.

The theoretical outcome of this night is quite obvious, as it is the general belief of all rectors and administrators and anyone else who is generally considered important (theoretically, of course) on this campus. That belief is that everyone has a good time, goes home happy and wakes up bright-eyed and bushy-tailed in the morning.

If you have ever actually attended a Swer, as most of these so-called important figures have not, you probably know the more common outcome: Random hook-up with the date you'd never met before last night, puke all over that cute little black dress and eyes that are anything but bright the morning after. Basically, the Swer is a disaster waiting to happen, because the University thinks it is a good idea to mix a largely dating-inexperienced student body with large quantities of alcohol and lots of beds.

I count myself among the lucky few who are attending a dance this weekend with a significant other. So maybe there was none of the excitement that comes with waiting by the phone in the hope that cute-backwards-baseball-cap-in-the-dining-hall-at-6:13-p.m.-boy might call and ask you to his dance after some small talk about exactly how much corn pudding you ate over break, but at least I know that I won't have to avoid eye contact with my random drunken hookup for the rest of my days as a Domer.

Swers can be a lot of fun, but if you really like your random date, thank him by taking him to a movie next weekend instead of getting on top of him at the dance. You'll like yourself a lot more in the morning.

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Outside the Dome

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Yale's tobacco stock shoots up as a result of settlement

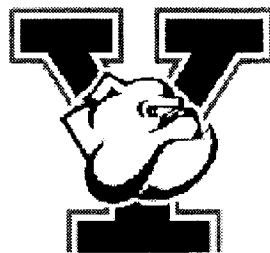
NEW HAVEN, Conn.

It's time to light a cigar and celebrate. Two weeks after 46 states dropped their lawsuits against the tobacco industry in exchange for fat settlement checks, tobacco stocks are soaring to their highest prices in years. And good news for Big Tobacco means more money for Yale. Yale's tobacco investments totaled \$16.9 million in June 1997, the last time the University announced its holdings. Heavy investment in Philip Morris made the tobacco company one of the 20 largest holdings in Yale's domestic equity portfolio.

Despite the ethical objections of members of the Yale community, last spring the Yale Corporation decided against divesting its tobacco holdings.

And the recent deal should make Yale's tobacco addiction even more irresistible.

While the states' attorneys general



claim victory for negotiating the \$206 billion settlement the largest in U.S. history, market analysts agree that the real winners in the settlement are tobacco companies and their stockholders.

"Clearly there is a realization that the overwhelming risk has been removed," said David Adelman, a Morgan Stanley tobacco analyst.

Until recently, political and legal uncertainties darkened the industry's fiscal future. Then, this summer, the national tobacco bill fell apart in

Congress, and a federal appeals court denied the Food and Drug Administration the right to regulate tobacco as an addictive product.

The political threat vanished in a puff of smoke.

The recent settlement eliminated the bulk of the industry's legal risk. In exchange for the \$206 billion payoff to the states and a promise to curb advertising, the tobacco companies snuffed out a legal liability that had threatened to bankrupt the industry.

"They were always worried about the two green slots on the roulette wheel," said Charles Gabriel, a senior political analyst who studies the tobacco industry for Prudential Securities.

The advertising curb further stacks the chips in favor of big tobacco companies like Philip Morris, which dominates 50 percent of the industry's market share.

■ BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Stolen Monet on display in art exhibit

BOSTON, Mass.

Boston University Rabbi Joseph Pollack yesterday criticized the Museum of Fine Art for failing to identify one of the paintings in its popular Claude Monet exhibition as being among hundreds of works stolen by the Nazis during World War II. "To display that Monet without saying that it was a piece confiscated by the Nazis is to airbrush history," said Pollack, of BU's Hillel House. "The museum is not regretful." The Boston Globe reported Saturday that Monet's "Water Lilies 1904," on loan to the MFA from the Musees Nationaux de France, is one of nearly 2,000 pieces stolen by the Nazi army during World War II and now in the hands of the French government. The Globe reported yesterday that the painting had been positively identified by Jonathan Petropoulos, an expert in Nazi art thefts who claims the work was taken from French-Jewish art collector Paul Rosenberg in 1941.

■ LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Students raise money for legal fees

BATON ROUGE, La.

As the deadline for Salvador Cupe-Becha's legal fees draws near, students are still working to raise money to help him stay in the United States. Cupe-Becha is trying to avoid being deported to his home country of Equatorial Guinea so he will not be persecuted by a regime that has come to power in that country. Students have raised \$764.35 of the estimated \$2,500 they need to help Cupe-Becha, according to Nadia Torregano, one of the helpers. Right now, Cupe-Becha's attorney, Jeri Flynn of Baton Rouge, has decided to file for political asylum on his behalf. "Hopefully, I might have an interview with the immigration people before school starts [in January]," he said. If officials decide at the hearing not to grant him political asylum, the case goes to a judge for an appeal, he said. "As long as a decision is pending, I will still be able to go to school," said Cupe-Becha, who is one semester away from a degree in agronomy.

■ UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Student strike resonates to other areas

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.

Members of Graduate Students Organizing Congress at the University of Minnesota are currently holding a signature drive to obtain a union vote for graduate assistants. In order to obtain one, they need signatures from 35 percent of eligible graduate assistants, graduate teaching assistants or graduate research assistants. GradSOC members say already more than 35 percent of graduate assistants have signed union cards. They will vote today on whether to submit the signatures to the state Bureau of Mediation Services, which will check the signatures to ensure their validity. Britt Abel, a member of GradSOC's steering committee, said she supports the graduate students at the University of California. She said the situation at the University is different from California's, so the chances of a graduate assistant strike at the University are very low.

■ STANFORD UNIVERSITY

Researchers propose HIV treatment

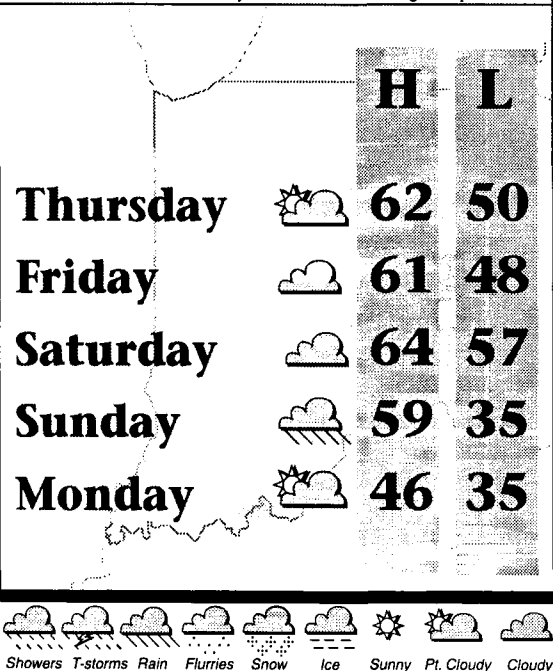
STANFORD, Calif.

The best strategy for treating HIV infection may not involve attacking the virus itself. A recent study by Stanford researchers suggests that a more effective strategy may be to interfere with the virus' ability to utilize the cellular resources of its host. "Traditional therapies all attack the virus itself," said Gary Nolan, assistant professor of molecular pharmacology and senior author of the study. Currently available treatments for HIV infection rely on anti-viral drugs that attack molecular targets unique to the virus. The problem with this approach, Nolan said, is that it does not take long for the virus to change itself. Like many viruses, HIV can mutate rapidly. As a result of its genetic malleability, the virus is able to evolve resistance to anti-viral drugs in a short period of time. Thus, many treatment strategies that rely on these drugs are only temporarily effective in combating HIV.

■ SOUTH BEND WEATHER

5 Day South Bend Forecast

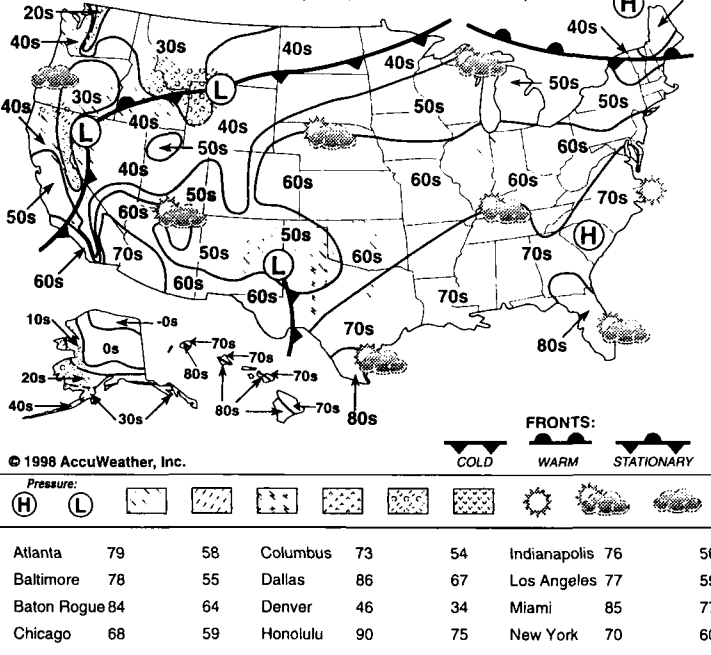
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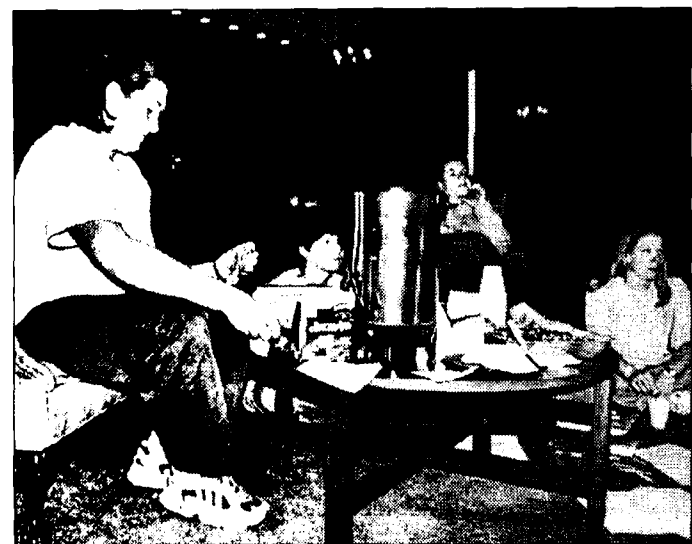
■ NATIONAL WEATHER

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Thursday, Dec. 3.

Lines separate high temperature zones for the day.



LeMans Hall Spirit Week readies students for Christmas



By SARAH MAGNESS
News Writer

Holiday scents of pine trees and cookies permeate LeMans Hall not just as preparation for Christmas, but also as part of the celebration of Le Mans Hall Spirit Week.

"We are trying to bring residents together to create unity and excitement before our dance," said Le Mans Hall Council president Johanna Tario.

All dorms at Saint Mary's have a spirit week, which coincides with their hall dances, except for Regina Hall, which will have its spirit week second semester because of a delayed hall elections.

Committees within the LeMans Hall Council have been meeting for several weeks to plan the

week-long event, according to hall director Jill Aitchison. The group hopes to bring the hall residents together as a community and to

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JOHANNA TARIO
LEMANS HALL COUNCIL PRESIDENT

give students a good opportunity for a break from studying in part by sponsoring activities every day this week in the Le Mans Hall lobby.

Tree decorating on Thursday will highlight the week's mood.

"This is the first tree in Le Mans that the residents have put up. There has been a tree put up every year by the administration, but this is the residents' tree," said Amy Johns, a member of the spirit week committee.

Tario expects a good turnout for this functions and notes there has been good attendance in the past.

"Unfortunately, this week is a bad week for people because of finals coming up, but we want the residents to know we have planned fun activities," she added.

Mask decorating took place Wednesday afternoon in preparation for Friday's Masquerade dance. Tickets remain on sale until Thursday.

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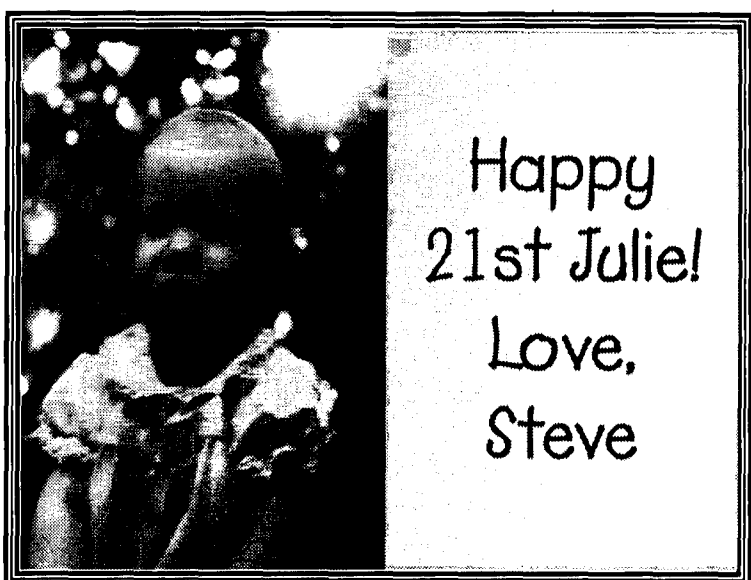


The Observer/Kevin Dalum

Little pig, little pig, let me in ...

Contractors work to install and seal doors and windows on the new Eck Center and bookstore before winter weather forces finishing work on the project indoors for the season.

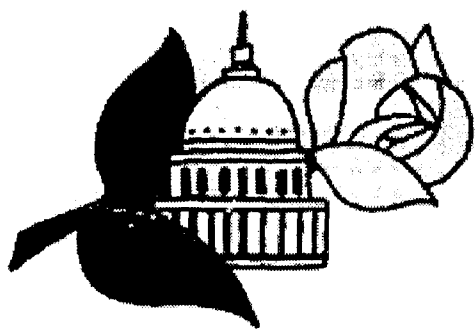
Read about Notre Dame's off-limits tunnel system in tomorrow's issue of The Observer.



Happy
21st Julie!
Love,
Steve

MARCH FOR LIFE

Each January 22nd and 23rd, Notre Dame Right to Life sponsors a trip to Washington DC for the National March For Life on the anniversary of Roe vs Wade. We encourage you to join us this year as we work to protect the unborn.



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WASHINGTON

Register for the trip in the Dining Halls and LaFortune Tuesday Dec. 1st, Wednesday Dec. 2nd, and Thursday Dec. 3rd. Look for sign-up tables during lunch and dinner. For more information call 1-9006

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Gender

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labs for time on the machines. Security in the labs isn't a problem for women working late at night."

Co-ed classrooms typically produce stereotypes that continue in the professional arena. According to the ACM and MIT studies, people hold different expectations for women than for their male counterparts who may be performing the same jobs. Furthermore, the study found women's self-confidence to be lower, thus making the stereotype obstacle an even larger threat to women entering the field.

"The all-women environment allows a woman to develop her ability. She is forced to express what she knows and what she does not know," Connolly said. "Our students go on and more than hold their own. They have developed self-confidence."

The all-women environment helps foster confidence in the technology field because women do not have to fear people "grabbing the limelight," Connolly said.

Lenahan agreed that fostering

self-confidence was an important factor in her education at Saint Mary's.

"At my internship over the summer, I worked with 15 programmers and was the only woman," she said. "At first, it was difficult. Sometimes I felt like I wasn't given as challenging work because I was a woman. But after they saw what I could do, they were really impressed," Lenahan said. "I feel confident enough in what Saint Mary's has taught me. They have made me a confident woman."

Senior Tracy Patzner, who is currently interviewing for jobs in the computer science field, experienced a similar situation in her internship.

"Out of 60 people in the office, 12 were women, and only 6 of those worked on the computers," she said. "You notice it all the time. But Saint Mary's does an excellent job of instilling self-confidence in their students, which I think is a major contributor to why these situations don't intimidate me."

While Saint Mary's does not offer a computer science major, the minor program combined with another major area is what attracts employers to Saint Mary's women, according to Connolly.

"The decision not to have a computer science major is something that was a deliberate decision to remain faithful to the liberal arts core," said Connolly. "Computer science is a field that you must be able to cope with changes and continually learn on the job. Recruiters have told us that this is exactly the type of background that allows growth on the job."

Encouraging more women to go into the field begins at an early educational stage, according to researchers. Studies have shown that women are typically pushed away from technology at a young age. The American Association of University Women (AAUW) reported in October that one of the primary reasons for the gender gap is that girls are not encouraged to use computers as problem-solving tools, meaning that they will lack a competitive edge when it comes to applying for jobs in the future.

This is particularly evident in high school classrooms, where only 25 percent of girls have taken computer science classes, compared to 30 percent of boys. Last year's Advanced Placement computer science exam reports that only 17 percent of test-takers were women.

Connolly admits that engaging

women at a young age would increase the number of women in the field.

"The more students we can reach in high school, the better," she said. "This is a fun field. If we can get them hooked, they can start earlier."

Much of the problem is in the high school curriculums themselves, which often do not offer computer programming courses.

Patzner took courses at a local college in order to pursue her interest in the field.

"My high school offered typing, but that was it. I really got interested when I went to classes at the college."

But even though most women won't take a computer science course in high school - statistics show boys outnumber girls 5 to 1 in high school classrooms - this need not necessarily prevent them from pursuing the profession, Connolly said.

"Most [college] programs do not require computer science," she said. "What we look for is someone with a good sense of logic, who is a good problem solver, who has a strong mathematical background and who can deal with frustration," she said.

Lenahan admits that she never considered a career in computer

science prior to college.

"I never took a computer course in high school," she said. "I wasn't even going to buy a computer for school. I took 'Intro to Computer Programming' my freshman year, and just enjoyed it a lot," she said.

Recruiting women into the field is an ongoing process, particularly at the university level. Female undergraduates peaked in 1983-84 nationally, but then showed a steep drop off.

"People caught on to how difficult this is," said Connolly. "People see the glamour, the jobs, the big bucks - they didn't see how frustrating it is."

Connolly's main concern, however, is recruiting students who will be successful in the field.

"I ask a lot of my students guilt-free if they are willing to really work," she said. "This isn't a profession where you work a 40 hour week. The demands are high."

But time and time again, she said, she has seen the results.

"In our systems analysis and design course, students develop real-world software," she said. "This is something the women walk into job interviews with, and the jobs come through. Women can do this."

Teaching

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focus our energy on Chicago and we are also able to offer personal attention and support to our volunteers," Mooney explained. ICTC members live in a faith-based community which stresses the religious dimension between participants.

"As a privately-run organization working with the archdiocese, the corps is an ecumenical program which promotes inner-faith dialogue," Mooney said.

The program offers this dialogue within a framework for reflection and spiritual development and encourages

corps members to draw connections between service, community life and faith.

ICTC is geared toward non-education majors and members participate in a specially-designed Alternative Teacher Certification Program developed in partnership with the School of Education and Social Policy at Northwestern University. Teachers go through eight weeks of student teaching before they are alone in Chicago's classrooms.

Upon the completion of the two-year ICTC program, participants are certified to teach in the city of Chicago. If they desire to continue towards a Masters in Education, ICTC offers a scholarship program to work towards that goal.

Money

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uted the Business Board's success to better management.

In other senate news:


- SUB board manager Ryan Stecz asked the senate for action regarding posters on boards in residence halls and classroom buildings. Stecz said he has received warnings from the Student Activities Office regarding SUB posters put up in the wrong place. He noted that the main reason for incorrect placement of posters is a lack of space on authorized boards. Officially, posters can only be placed on certain bulletin boards in residence halls and some campus buildings.

"Either increase the amount of space to advertise or make a new rule that lets rec-tors decide where signs can be hung in dorms," Stecz said.

There is no authorized space for posters to be hung in DeBartolo Hall or the College of Business Administration, two of the most frequented buildings on campus.

- Steven Sanchez was nominated to replace Mark Higgins as Student Senate parliamentarian. Higgins, who served as the body's secretary last year, is going abroad next semester. The parliamentarian is responsible for advising the senate on procedural issues.

- Student body president Peter Cesaro announced the creation of an on line book selling service which can be accessed on the student government web page.



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■ JERUSALEM

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Protests began after a Palestinian was stabbed to death yesterday by an Israeli extremist. Mourners torched an Israeli car during his funeral. Protests continued throughout Jerusalem with Palestinians rioting in the streets.

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"The Palestinian Authority is encouraging acts of violence, such as today's brutal attack in Ramallah, in an attempt to pressure Israel with regard to the matter of the prisoners" the

A young Israeli soldier was dragged

Israel and the Palestinian Authority blamed each other for the violence.

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WASHINGTON

In an interview, Eizenstat said it appears

"The art world, insofar as dealing in Nazi-looted art, will never be the same

again," Eizenstat said.

Getting countries to open archives to researchers and private individuals to document claims has proven difficult, but Eizenstat said the goal is

Communal property, including religious land, buildings, artifacts and documents such as the Torah was "one of the early targets of the Nazi regime" of wartime Germany, which persecuted Jews and then killed 6 million, Eizenstat said.

Fire destroys Pullman building

Associated Press

CHICAGO Fire destroyed the last remaining structure of the Pullman Works, the railroad car factory where one of the most important battles of the American labor movement was fought during the 1890s.

The factory once was famous for its elegant railroad cars, and the company was also at the heart of a dispute that increased the status of black workers. The neighborhood itself was once a city created and owned by the company.

"It all started there," said Leslie Orear, president of the Illinois Labor History Society. "You can't talk about history of the labor movement, or even the Democratic Party without talking about Pullman."

An extra-alarm fire Tuesday night tore through the 220,000 square-foot administration building that was the capitol of George Pullman's one-time empire beginning in the 1880s, toppling its landmark clock tower and collapsing the roof.

Police charged a man with arson Wednesday. Anthony Buzinskis, had been in custody since Tuesday night, when authorities found him at the scene of the fire, said police spokesman Pat Camden. He would not elaborate on what led to the charges. Buzinskis was scheduled for a bond hearing Thursday.

The building has been empty since Amtrak stopped

manufacturing sleeping cars there in 1982, but it served as anchor of the historic Pullman district on Chicago's South Side. The state of Illinois bought the building in 1990.

Thousands of tourists visit the neighborhood each year, mostly to see the architecture of the community Pullman designed to house workers from the new factory complex he began building in 1880. On empty land south of Chicago, the sleeping car mogul built one of the finest 19th century company towns — with comfortable homes for some 2,500 workers, schools, parks, churches, and even an elegant hotel.

Although the homes were not large, their harmonious red-brick architecture, reminiscent of Baltimore or Philadelphia rowhouses, offered a charming relief from the chaos of early Chicago.

Pullman, the man, was hailed as a benevolent industrialist; and Pullman, the neighborhood, was annexed by Chicago in 1889 as the jewel of the South Side.

But when a recession hit in 1893, Pullman cut wages at his plant while leaving rents in his community at their boomtime level. The workers rebelled, and about half of the 6,300 workers went on strike. Pullman responded by locking them out.

The American Railway Union, under the leadership of Eugene Debs, then refused to handle any trains containing Pullman cars.

The railroads countered that move by coupling mail

cars to Pullman cars, and President Grover Cleveland, over the loud protests of his fellow Democrat, Illinois Gov. John Peter Altgeld, ordered federal troops onto the trains to ensure that the mail got through.

"There was a great deal of violence around the country, but none in Pullman itself," Orear said. About 13 people were killed before the strike collapsed in August.

Debs, who was jailed for his role in the strike, quit the union and became head of the Socialist Party. Altgeld went behind the scenes to purge Cleveland's supporters from Democratic Party leadership and shift the once-conservative party to a pro-union stance.

The second Pullman labor struggle was a longer and less spectacular affair, but it resulted in a victory for the union and increased status for black workers.

Pullman had begun hiring freed slaves to work as porters and attendants in his cars as early as 1867, possibly choosing them because they would work for low wages.

■ PHILIPPINES

Orphanage fire claims over 20 lives

Associated Press

MANILA

A fire raced through the aging, wooden buildings of a Manila orphanage early Thursday, killing at least 28 people, mostly children, fire officials said.

Rescuers gingerly lifted bodies of infants wrapped in blankets from the remains of the Bahay Kalinga orphanage and children's home. A dead adult was found clinging to two children, all charred beyond recognition.

Thirteen children died huddled together in a storeroom in one of the cottages, where they apparently ran in an attempt to escape the blaze.

"Nobody was able to escape from that cottage," said Clever Regoso, a boy, about 10 years old, who told of his friends who had died.

At least 70 people were inside the orphanage when the fire in

Manila's Paco neighborhood broke out about 2 a.m. City officials said faulty wiring in buildings that were more than 70 years old may have been to blame.

The dead included at least 23 children, officials said. "Others may still be buried in the debris because the buildings have been completely razed to the ground," Fire Captain Filemon Jaotian said.

Staff members who survived said the fire burned so quickly that they didn't have time to rescue many of the children.

Carina Bellosillo, a teacher, said she was sleeping on the ground floor of the main, two-story building when she awoke to flames.

"Already, the ceiling was on fire and the stairs going up to the second floor were burning," she said. "I wanted to go upstairs to save the babies, but my companions pulled me back."

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[Submissions for next week's tattoos can be sent via campus mail to SUB, 201 LaFortune]

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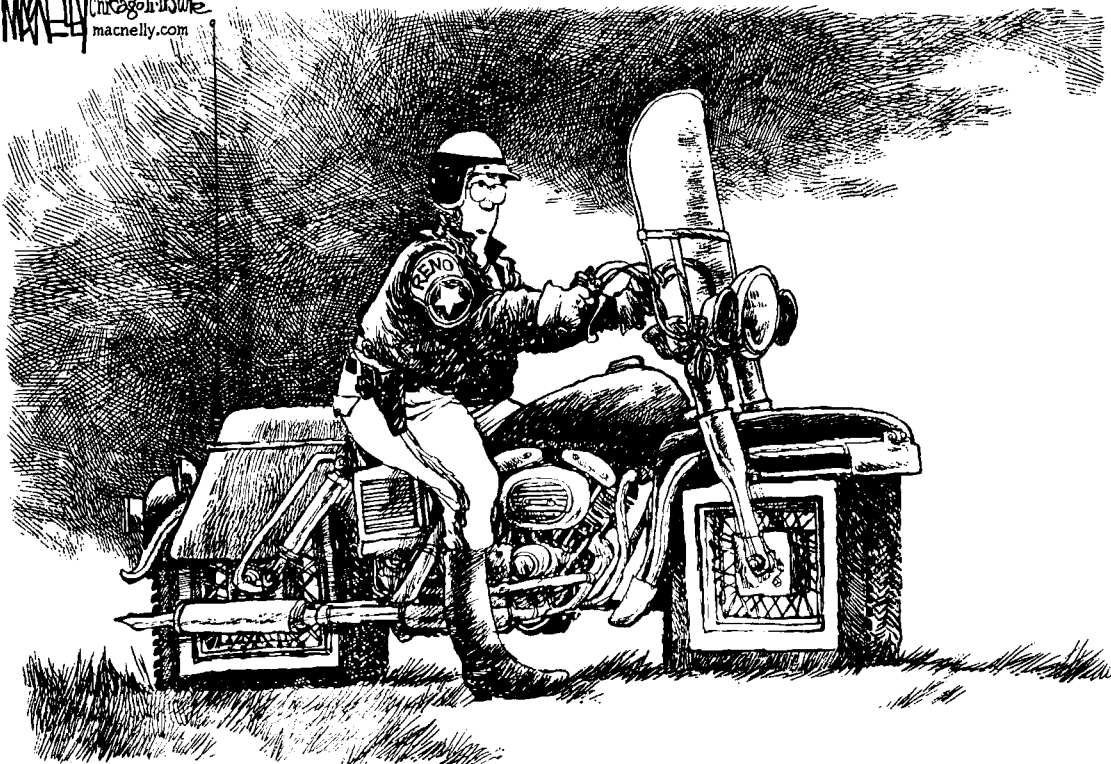
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■ FOR A MORE JUST AND HUMANE WORLD

Step Outside the Bubble

The most stressful time of the year has come around again: finals time. That two-week rush of last-minute papers and exams is just around the corner, and I can already see the veins in my neck getting a little bit bigger with every passing late night. Add in the pressure of securing that perfect summer job or internship, or perhaps even foraging into that unknown world of Gainful Employment, and the stress can be almost intolerable.

We become absorbed in the world that we see, the world of lectures and exams and late nights at Recker's drinking coffee and pounding out papers. We become absorbed in and consumed by the desire to be successful, to do something big in life, to prove that we deserved to come to Notre Dame and that the sacrifices that have been made to send us here have not been wasted.

Although that desire to be a success is valid and need not be ignored, I would feel like I cheated myself if all I got from college was academic success. Part of why we are here at school, often thousands of miles from the familiarities of home, is to become mature adults, ready to contribute to the book of human experience. One of the unique draws that brings people to Notre Dame over other, equally prestigious, universities is the faith community. We, as a Catholic university, hold it self-evident that there are other things in life to be valued and treasured above glory and financial security. Haltingly, awkwardly, even blindly at times we — as individuals and as a collective — search for a way to find our place in a world that at times appears harsh and cold. We search for

a place where we can belong, fit in and feel at peace.

When most of us hear "education" or "getting an education," we immediately think of lecture halls, white-haired professors, 8 a.m. exams and grades. However, education is not only memorizing facts or arguing logical deductions. It is also experiencing what the world has to offer in order to be prepared when I next step foot outside of the Notre Dame bubble.

This past summer I had the privilege of participating in a Summer Service

again. It was born out of the vague idea that I really was a good person deep down, and that this was a way to prove it, to myself and to others.

However, I really had no idea how I would react when thrust into an alien land with people unlike any I'd ever had more than fleeting contact with. I had to see the welfare cases, the men

and women who were starving because their benefits ran out, the children neglected because their mothers didn't have the knowledge or

But, I stuck it out, and the education I received went far beyond any textbook or lecture. I learned firsthand how to live, not simply coexist, with my fellow human beings. I learned firsthand how to love, not simply tolerate, those who appear different on the surface. I learned firsthand that everyone laughs and loves and cries and hurts the same, regardless of race or age or socioeconomic status. I learned firsthand what it means to be a human being and got a glimpse of my potential to go beyond the ordinary and expected.

It is easy to focus on the next assignment, the next test or the next requirement. It is difficult to focus on the responsibility we share with each

other, the extraordinary diversity of human life or the breadth of human experience outside our own lives. What is worthwhile is not always what is easy or convenient, but what is best. However, open your eyes and, more importantly, open your hearts. Go beyond what is expected to do what is possible. Each new experience, even if it seems small and insignificant, adds another stitch to the tapestry of life and can lead to a more blessed world.

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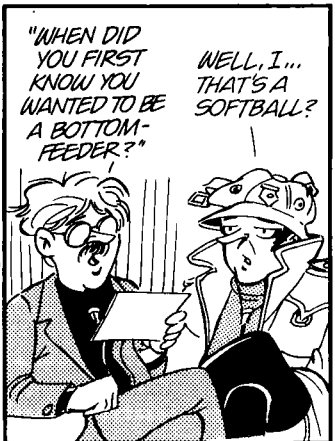
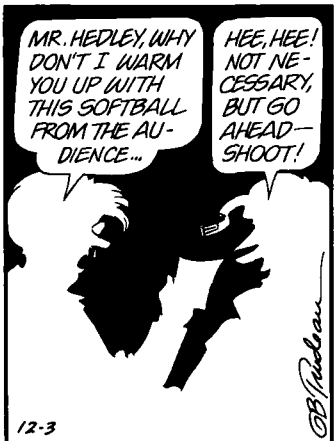
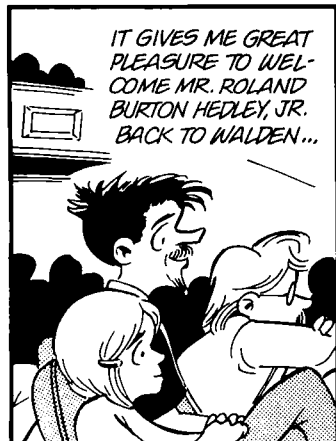


Project sponsored by the Center for Social Concerns. It was a wild idea at first, heading off to somewhere I had never been to do things I had never done for people I would never see

money or interest to raise a child. It would have been so much easier to just bow out, to feel abstract pity when I read the newspaper reports of poverty.

■ DOONESBURY

GARRY TRUDEAU



■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

‘Sometimes when I look at my children I say to myself, “Lillian, you should have stayed a virgin.”’
— Lillian Carter

■ So, What's My Point

'Tis the Season to be Jolly ... and a Happy New Year

It is now time for the holiday season of 1998, which marks the beginning of pre-packaged, gift-wrapped, sanitized holiday cheer, frantic last-minute getting-a-Christmas-present-for-your-boyfriend's-sister's-cousin's-fiance shopping, credit-card maxing, and ... finals.

I have always found it to be an unnecessary — nay, downright superfluous — complication of school and college life that we poor scholars are forced to study, read and comprehend tomes by Nietzsche, Steinbeck and J.S. Mill smack during the precise time we are supposed to be basking in holiday cheer, getting high on eggnog and buying outrageously expensive gifts for ourselves that we can't afford and will spend the rest of the year paying off.

To study or not to study? That is the question. Is it better to suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous calculus problems? Or is it infinitely preferable to shuffle off this academic coil that binds us and instead head immediately to the innocuous-seeming shopping straitjacket that will bind us still more?

Forgive me. It's the holiday season. I'm an English major. Friends don't let friends read too much Shakespeare.

Anyway, I have been continually amazed at the chronic optimism that plagues — yes, plagues — our otherwise excellent institutions of higher learning. They give us five days off so that we can go home for Thanksgiving, eat turkey and watch the Rugrats float in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade. And then, just when we've gotten used to being around parents and siblings and real home-cooked meals and waking up late, we are rushed back to school for 3 more weeks. To study for exams which make up 20-50 percent of our semester grades.

When the Founding Fathers put in the injunction against cruel and unusual punishment in the Constitution, this is what they were referring to.

So for this holiday season, I thought that I would suggest a few radical new ideas for the administration to implement for our academic edification. If this plan is successful, then we might possibly be the first school in the country to set the new finals trend. All of these suggestions, of course, will vastly improve higher education as we know it, and will academically and intellectually improve us all. We will finally be able

to compete with such academic powerhouses as Harvard and Yale, who continue to mold, educate and inform their students through the noble process of grade inflation. Moreover,

if my suggestions are adopted, then we'll have increased enrollment. And that means increased dollars. Just consider it my present to the administration this year.

Nakasha Ahmad

Idea No. 1: Let's have finals we can really use. Finals measuring stuff we will need to know for the holiday season. Such as, how to get out of being roped into spending the Day of the Turkey cooped in the kitchen with five generations of gourmet cooks. Or a final on how to great bargains for gifts — the best location for this final would be the Water Tower in Chicago. English classes should give finals on Charles Dickens' classic story "A Christmas Carol" — the movie, of course, not the book. Thus,

finals would become a time for us to move beyond the mere academic grind and prepare us for the grueling marathon shop-pings and face-stuffings ahead.

Idea No. 2: We just do away with them. Altogether.

Just get rid of the troublesome things. But, some might object, how will we know if you're learning anything? Simple, I say. We don't need to be tested on the knowledge. Just the fact that we've been through the course is enough. Why add unnecessary tension to the family meal?

Besides, we might not do well on the finals anyway. And then our collective self-esteem would

dip down into the negative degrees. This would poison our vacation.

The administration wouldn't want that, now would they?

Idea No. 3: We give one final. Those who do well will pass. Those who do not will be forced to spend their entire winter vacation at school, practicing. The subject of this final? The art of whining. It might be the one final every college student could pass.

Nakasha Ahmad is a junior English major at Saint Mary's. Her column appears every other Thursday.

The vies expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.



■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Catholic View on Contraception Debatable

After reading Mr. Kiehne's letter of Tuesday, Dec. 1, I felt the need to respond. In his letter, Mr. Kiehne asserts that "there is no need for the Women's Resource Center to distribute information about abortion and contraception ... Procuring abortions and using contraceptives are mortal sins." Although clearly knowledgeable about Catholic dogma, Mr. Kiehne still argues with conclusions and mistakenly associates abortion with all contraceptives. His circular reasoning, however, may be the sine qua non of all religion.

First, while some contraceptive devices do work like an abortion (i.e., not allowing a fertilized embryo to implant), this ignores other contraceptives which do not. I suspect Mr. Kiehne's aversion toward contraceptives goes beyond their possible abortive effects, but he fails to explain this. Instead, he simply states the conclusion that "procuring abortions and using contraceptives are mortal sins." Thank you, Mr. Kiehne, for your opinion.

The expected response is that Mr. Kiehne is stating fact, not opinion. But his argument is based on "the Catholic view of the nature of the person and the nature of sin." Differences of opinion exist within the Catholic Church as to what constitutes the Catholic view. Mr. Kiehne offers his, and one should not accept his opinion as fact. But even if the

Catholic view was discovered, it is still not morally dispositive considering the religious diversity of our world. In intellectual debates, one should think beyond the Catholic or even Christian boundaries.

Second, Mr. Kiehne has a valid point concerning the autonomy of Notre Dame. Our school is private and Catholic and has the right to govern its affairs according to its beliefs. However, Mr. Kiehne goes beyond this and states "there is no 'need' for information about contraceptives and abortion on this or any other university campus." This is because "no one can ever 'need' something that destroys her soul." But the soul-destroying capability of abortion and contraceptives are debatable matters, not fact. Such religion-based views should not be imposed on other universities.

Finally, those who strongly believe in their religious views should always remember that there are billions of people in this world who believe just as strongly in a different religious tradition. How can we believe that our tradition is always the one and true conception of God?

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December 1, 1998

Self-Proclaimed, Open-Minded People are Themselves Actually Close-Minded

What's up with the issue of homosexuals at Notre Dame? Are we obsessed? I don't hear much from the much-talked-about homophobes (although they are said to be legion — I'm sure they're out there. But I hear plenty from the knee-jerk homophobia-phobes — the people who are afraid of being labeled homophobic. People who will do anything to reassure themselves, ideally in a public venue, that they are indeed bastions of good, American, relativistic tolerance. "I'm OK. They're OK. Blacklist you, if you think otherwise."

We are fanatical; we are obsessed; we are ugly. Let's don armbands and march to Potsdamer Platz and dispense with our self-righteous self-delusion. Let us look in the mirror — into our own faces, not to spy on the one behind us. We have stood McCarthyism on its head (and it looks no better in that position). I have one credo among many: distrust all positions and persons that hurl invective and 'criminalize' their detractors. I suppose I should be crucified just for saying that. Oops, didn't mean to bring up something implicitly religious on this campus. Don't worry, I meant it in a merely analogical, sociological sense.

Thank you, Mr. Tefft, for adding a dissenting voice. I'm afraid your well-reasoned objections fall on deaf ears.

Ms. Paffhouse, I'm concerned by your polemics. I won't argue the issue with you, but I will argue your arguments. Gays are "treated sub-humanely," are "denied fundamental rights as human beings"? And you charge the student body with being sheltered and out-of-touch?! Gays are not discriminated against in admissions or employment

(sorry, the fact that a gay professor didn't feel comfortable applying here does NOT comprise discrimination); gays are free to meet off campus (a horrendously arduous trek, I realize, that constitutes true oppression); any harassment of a student is a violation of local laws and University policies. Your polemics evoking William Wallace, MLK and the Berlin Wall made my spleen hurt ... until I realized you are probably sincere. Going back to McCarthy: Have you no sense of proportion, ma'am?

Are we so desperate for a principled compass in this moral no-man's-land that we will cast the trivial as our golden calf?

This is not an issue of oppression or justice — this is an issue of recognition and acceptance. The University refuses to recognize groups that promote homosexuality; the University refuses to extend any tacit acceptance of homosexuality. The University believes this is how to best live out its Catholic mission — to welcome homosexuals without accepting or condoning homosexuality (they AREN'T necessarily the same). If you think that is wrong, then petition the University. But, by all means, gear down your polemics. Dare to experiment with perspective. Reason carefully, speak gently, respect those who disagree with you, truly listen and consider objections, proceed in a comradely manner — these are the marks of a discussion at a true University.

Michael Newhouse

M.Div. Theology

November 20, 1998

Try a Trivia Test!

To help prepare you for the QUIZBOWL here are some practice questions:

1. What is a California Long White?
2. What did Woody Allen call the Japanese gangster film he dubbed into English as a comedy?
3. What is men's par on a 455-yard golf hole?
4. Who declared in 1964: "Extremism in the defense of liberty is a no vice"?
5. What is the Crystal Anniversary?
6. What novel has the ghost of Catherine appearing to Mr. Lockwood?
7. What woman was Times man of the year in 1952?
8. Where would you be if your train's engine had S.N.C.F. painted on it?
9. Who won the first overtime championship in NFL history?
10. What film did Paul Newman play Fast Eddie Felson in?
11. Where will you find the 20 moons that grace the human body?
12. Where did Phileas Fogg begin and end his trip around the world?
13. What is the name of Dick and Jane's little sister?
14. Who recorded the 1959 hit single Mack the Knife?
15. What is the date when the sun is directly over the Tropic of Capricorn?
16. What four U.S. states have active volcanoes?
17. How many squares are there on a checkerboard?

ANSWERS: 1. a potato 2. What's up Tiger Lily? 3. Four 4. Barry Goldwater 5. Fifteenth 6. Wuthering Heights 7. Queen Elizabeth II 8. France 9. The Baltimore Colts 10. The Hustler 11. the base of the nails 12. London 13. Sally 14. Bobby Darin 15. Dec 21 or 22 16. Alaska, California, Hawaii & Washington 17. sixty-four

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By COURTENAY MYERS
Scene Writer

"Do you know the human head weighs eight pounds?"

If so, you could be the next contestant in the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore Quiz Show. This event, organized by the Class of 2001, is open to all students and promises to be a worthwhile post-football, pre-finals diversion.

The multi-tiered contest will officially kick-off on S Dec. 6. All students wishing to try out are invited to take the 50-question trivia test to qualify. There is a \$3 testing fee. Tryouts will be held between 2 and 6 p.m. on Sunday in four locations -- the Hesburgh Library Faculty Lounge, LaFortune's Montgomery Theatre, the basement of Walsh Hall and Recker's Hospitality Room.

After all scores are compiled, the top nine scorers will advance the semi-final round to be held on Tuesday, December 8. There a competition involving general trivia will determine the three finalists who will compete for all the marbles on Thursday, December 10.

Just wait, there's more.

The try-out tests will also produce a list of the top 100 scoring students, who will be rewarded with vouchers for \$3 off a large Marco's pizza and a free side order of cheesy bread.

Each dorm with at least 15 people participating in the try-outs will be considered in the dorm competition. The top 15 scores from each residence hall will be averaged and the winner will be rewarded with 30 free Marco's pizzas and the right to call themselves "The Smartest Dorm."

The idea for the trivia contest began as a brainchild of the Class of 2001 Fund Raising Chair Todd Callais.

"The original idea was to sponsor something small and un-physically oriented for the sophomore class, maybe hand out a couple of prizes," said Callais.

That idea was short-lived.

The Class of 2001 approached the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore with their idea, hoping to get a few donated prizes. What they received, though, was complete and enthusiastic support.

The Bookstore offered to sponsor the contest, donate prizes, provide money for advertising and even commit to continuing the contest as an annual campus-wide event--the fall semester's answer to Bookstore Basketball.

"When the new Bookstore opens early next year, part of its decor will include plaques to record the winners of the individual trivia contest and the smartest dorm competition, for this year and those to come," said Callais.

Joining the Bookstore in sponsoring the event are WSND 88.9 Nocturne Nightflight and Marco's Pizza. Several area businesses have donated prizes including Colorado Steakhouse, Disc-Go-Round, Chili's, Wolfie's, TGI Friday's and Movies 14.

All of this support by campus and local establishments, the hard work of the Sophomore Class Council, and the results of the tryouts and semi-

finals will culminate into one final round.

Dec. 10 from 7 to 10 pm, the Hesburgh Library Auditorium will house the first annual Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore Quiz Show Final Round.

"This is not your typical trivia contest," said Callais.

All are welcome to attend the final round, hosted by Zahm Hall rector Father Jim Lies, C.S.C. Including trivia (of course), free refreshments and performances by Who's Yo Daddy, HA (The Humor Artists), The Undertones, the Juggling Club and First Class (a newly formed dance troop), the event promises to be a quality way to celebrate the end of the first official study day.

Audience participation will be rewarded handsomely with "Let's Make a Deal"-type bartering to win prizes ranging from free meals and movies to CDs and clothes. Auditorium doors will open at 6:30 pm and admission is \$2.

The three students competing in the final will face a first round of questions of varied point values (à la Jeopardy) from 10 categories as pre-selected by their own preferences.

"Each candidate will have an opportunity to rank 30 categories by preference and the 10 most popular will be used in competition," said Callais.

The second round could be a little more grueling as the contestants are given questions worth equal amounts of points from categories selected by the Official Testing Committee.

Callais and two other members make up this committee and they are the only three individuals who have access to any of the questions used in the contest.

"The questions were provided by the Quiz Bowl team, so to maintain absolute fairness any members of the Quiz Bowl team from the past two years or any roommates of the testing committee members are not permitted to tryout for the trivia contest," said Callais.

No quiz show scandals here.

At the conclusion of the second round, the contestant with the fewest points will be congratulated and awarded the third place prizes: \$100 to be used for spring semester books and \$30 to be used at Wolfie's.

And then there will be two.

The final round of the final round of the first annual quiz show promises to be a dramatic finish. The remaining contestants will answer the same 10 questions vying for the first place title and prizes: free spring semester books, a shelf stereo unit, 15 CDs from WSND, dinner for two at Colorado Steakhouse, and free Marco's pizza and cheesy bread. The second place winner will not go unrewarded, though, and will take home 50 percent off spring semester books, a \$30 gift certificate for Disc-Go-Round and dinner for two at Chili's.

Some will do it for the prizes, some will do it for the fame and some will even do it to avoid studying for finals. Sophomore Class Council and all of the generous sponsors for this contest have worked incredibly hard to make it a success.

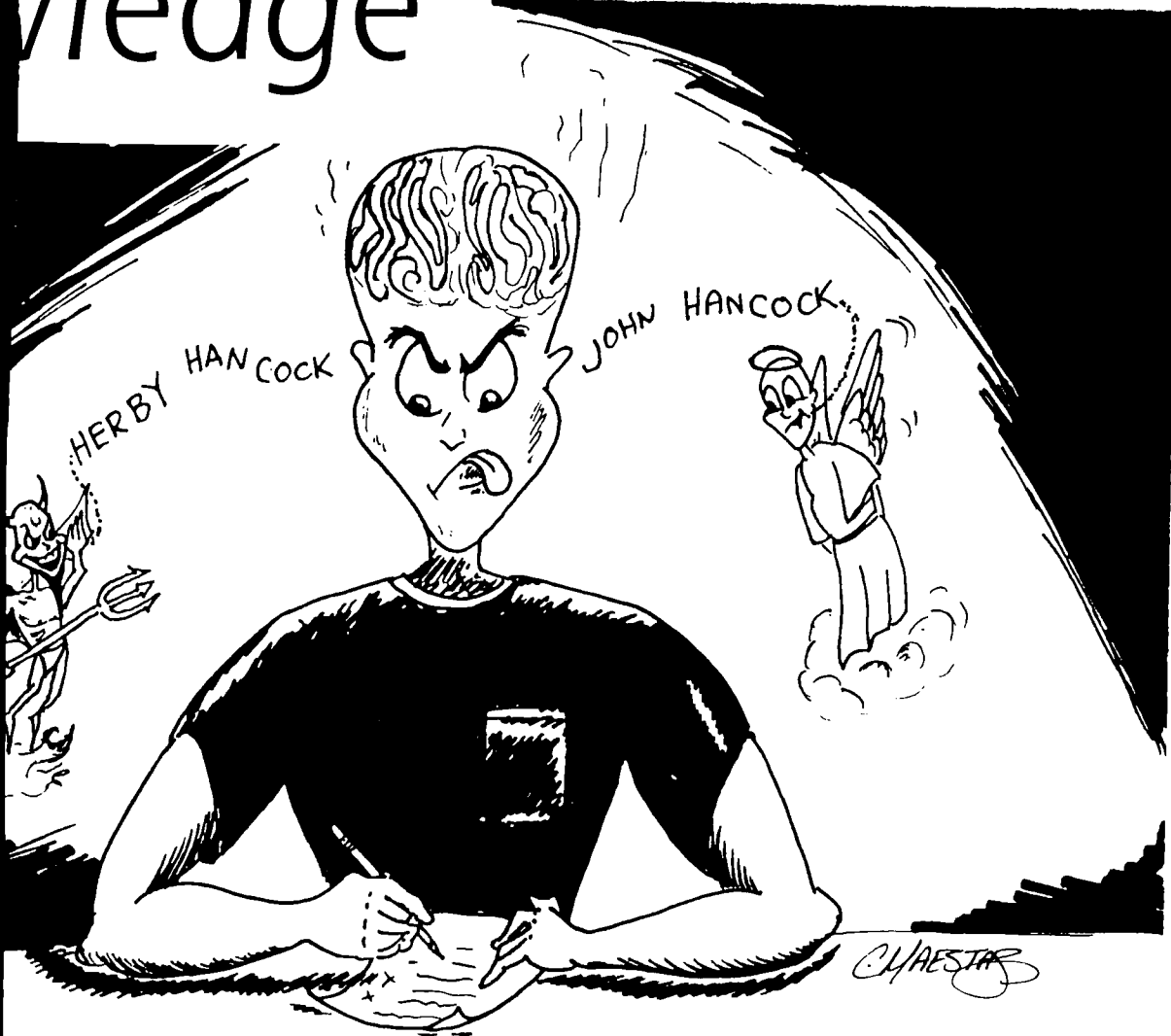
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■ Scene THROUGH OUR EYES

KEEPING TRACK OF THE SMALL STUFF

By KRISTI KLITSCH

Scene Editor

It's that time of year again. People running around in a dazed craze, students checking completed items off lists and the smell of winter permeating the cool, December air.

It might appear that I am referring to the hustle and bustle surrounding the Christmas holiday, but I am not. Rather, I am talking about the temporary insanity that consumes campus during the weeks leading up to and including semester final exams.

You all know what I am talking about. The air is so thick with stress and anxiety that you could cut it with a knife. It suddenly seems as if all the work that you forgot to do during the course of the semester is finally coming due, in addition to the all the 10 and 20-page unfinished papers.

You don't understand it — why do all my teachers think that I have nothing else to do but work for their class? — you ask yourself. How is everything going to get done? For first year students, the "oh my god, there's only one week until finals" syndrome is something never experienced before.

But before you camp out in the library or lock yourself in your room, I encourage you to take a new approach this finals season. Because of the time of the year that finals week falls in, many students lose sight of the world outside Notre Dame, and become immune to the real-world holiday cheer. Many forget that Christmas is right around the corner. This finals disillusionment also brings a loss of the childhood anxiety that surrounds the holiday.

But this year don't let this happen. Take time for the small stuff.

Everyone has a lot to do, but if you don't take time for the small stuff, stress and anxiety will consume your life. Looking back at the past three years, I admit that I fell prey to the finals syndrome, and didn't always take full advantage of the small stuff. That is why I encourage all of you underclassmen to enjoy your time now, and never to be filled with regret.

When I say taking time for the small stuff, I mean just that — the small stuff. The small stuff that you lived for as a child, and the small stuff that makes the holiday season so special.

Last night my roommates and I decorated our Christmas tree and strung lights throughout our apartment. We all had things to do, but taking the time to celebrate the season together was more important to us. This is what I mean by the small stuff.

Whether it be baking cookies, hanging decorations, or just talking, take time for the small stuff. Take a few hours one afternoon and volunteer at the Center for the Homeless or another service organization, helping those less advantaged. I guarantee that you will get more out of this than you will spending the same time at the library.

If it snows, go sledding. If it rains, cuddle up with a cup of hot cocoa and a good book. If the hockey or basketball teams are playing, go watch them. If your roommates are all home, eat dinner together. If you don't usually send Christmas cards, start a new tradition. If you have been wanting to start your Christmas shopping, go to the mall. If you haven't seen a friend in a while, give them a call.

It doesn't matter what the "small stuff" is, as long as you do it.

When you look back at your four college years, are you really going to remember that you got a 92 percent on a test instead of an 85 percent? That you studied 10 hours for a test instead of seven? I don't think so.

What you will remember, however, if time spent laughing with friends and enjoying the holiday season.

Christmas only comes once a year, and it doesn't stop and wait for anyone. If you don't take advantage of every aspect, it will simply pass you by. Unfortunately, first semester finals come at a bad time, but you can't let that stop you.

Pretend that you are five years old again, and I guarantee that you can rekindle that Christmas magic deep within your spirit.

Everyone's busy, but don't forget to enjoy the small stuff.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

■ NHL

Rangers win war of New York

Associated Press

UNIONDALE, N.Y.

Mike Richter stopped 25 shots as the New York Rangers beat the New York Islanders 3-2 Wednesday night for their third straight victory.

Mike Knuble, Petr Nedved and Wayne Gretzky scored for the Rangers, who snapped a three-game losing streak at Nassau Coliseum since a 5-2 victory on Feb. 8, 1997.

The Rangers have beaten the Islanders three straight games overall. The Rangers are currently on a 4-1-2 streak, and have held opponents to one or two goals in five of those seven games.

Robert Reichel had both goals for the Islanders, who have lost three straight games and six of their last eight.

Tommy Salo stopped 14 shots. The Islanders took a 1-0 lead 5:59 into the game on Reichel's power-play goal, a slap shot from the right point.

The puck hit Rangers defenseman Peter Popovic and bounced past Richter.

The Rangers tied the game at 14:30 when Knuble skated past two defensemen and faked Salo down with a forehand move before putting a backhander into the open net.

Nedved put the Rangers up 2-1 at 2:24 of the second period when he beat Salo high over his glove with a wrist shot from the top of the right circle.

Salo made the save of the game later on while the Islanders were killing the second half of a double minor to defenseman David Harlock.

Salo dove across his crease and made a backhand mid-air glove save off a quick shot from John MacLean at 11:22.

Gretzky, who hadn't scored on Salo in the previous nine games they faced each other, gave the Rangers a 3-1 lead with a backhander from the left side, at 4:10 of the third period.

The streak was the longest Gretzky had been blanked by any goalie in the league.

Reichel scored a power-play goal with 4.1 seconds left.

Sabres 2, Panthers 1

Dixon Ward scored his team-leading 10th goal and Dominik Hasek continued his mastery at home with 27 saves as the Buffalo Sabres defeated the Florida Panthers 2-1 on

Wednesday night.

Ward, who leads the NHL in shooting percentage, scored the game-winner at 12:01 of the second period on a rebound of his own shot to beat Florida goaltender Kirk McLean.

The Panthers appeared deflated, coming off Tuesday night's heartbreaking 5-4 overtime loss to the Rangers in which Brian Leetch scored the tying goal with one second left in regulation and Adam Graves won it in overtime.

After a scoreless first period, Wayne Primeau scored for Buffalo two minutes into the second on a one-timer from Alexei Zhitnik that got past McLean.

It was Primeau's second goal of the season. McLean finished with 26 saves.

The Panthers tied it three minutes later when Ray Whitney backhanded the rebound of a shot by Kirk Muller over Dominik Hasek for his seventh of the season.

Hasek has started the last 39 home games for the Sabres and has a 23-8-8 record and a 1.56 goals-against average. He also has seven shutouts in that span.

Buffalo (11-5-4) is off to its best start in nine years, when the Sabres began the season 12-4-3.

The Sabres are unbeaten in their last seven home games.

Hurricanes 4, Canadiens 1

Ray Sheppard and Keith Primeau scored 5 1/2 minutes apart and the Carolina Hurricanes won their fourth straight by defeating the slumping Montreal Canadiens 4-1 Wednesday night.

Sheppard's game-winner came with 4:19 left in the second period, while Primeau scored his team-leading 12th goal 1:09 into the third period just seconds after Carolina goaltender Trevor Kidd had made several key saves.

The Southeast Division-leading Hurricanes have now outscored opponents 13-3 during their season-high winning streak with Kidd in goal for three of the wins.

Carolina won the game without third-leading scorer Gary Roberts, who sat out with a wrist injury, and top defenseman Steve Chiasson, who reinjured his back early in the second period.

Montreal, in last place in the Northeast Division, lost its fifth straight road game and fell to 0-9-2 when opponents score first.

■ COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Bowden leaves Tulane for Clemson

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS

Tommy Bowden, who turned Tulane from a football laughing-stock into the No. 9 team in the nation with an 11-0 record, held an emotional last meeting with his players Wednesday before heading for his new job at Clemson.

Quarterback Shaun King said several at the meeting were close to tears as Bowden said his good-byes.

"Everybody was trying to be a man, but we felt it in our hearts. He was like a father figure and it's hard to lose someone like that," running back Toney Converse said.

"It hurt. It hurt deep down inside because we all worked so hard for him," said cornerback Alphonso Roundtree.

Bowden dodged reporters throughout the day and only briefly acknowledged the pending change during a brief visit to Jackson, Miss., for a speech to a group of high school students.

"It's amazing what can happen on a 30-minute flight to here. I changed jobs," Bowden joked.

He is expected to hold a news conference at Clemson on Thursday.

Bowden's father, Florida State coach Bobby Bowden, said a better shot at a national championship was a factor in his son's decision.

"You know, at a school like Clemson or Florida State, an ACC school or an SEC school, you have a chance of winning a national championship," the elder Bowden said. "Because of the schedule and other things at Tulane, that's not as possible."

"Besides, how could he improve on what he'd done this year? He had nowhere to go

there but down."

Clemson and Florida State are in the Atlantic Coast Conference, which will pit father and son against each other every year.

Tulane athletic director Sandy Barbour named offensive coordinator Rich Rodriguez interim coach and said a national search for a full time replacement will begin immediately.

Rodriguez is also a candidate to take over for Bowden. He was recently named one of the top assistants in the nation by Sports Illustrated.

Rodriguez also planned to interview with Middle Tennessee State on Thursday and had tentatively scheduled a meeting with Southwestern Louisiana for later in the week. Bowden also offered him the offensive coordinator-assistant head coach job at Clemson, Rodriguez said.

"Of the four, I'd prefer to stay as Tulane's coach," Rodriguez said. "I've kind of set next Wednesday as my deadline to decide. That's when we begin practicing for the bowl game."

Tulane is to play BYU in the Liberty Bowl. Rodriguez said he wanted to coach that game, but if he became a head coach elsewhere, that might not be possible.

Bowden just completed his second season at Tulane.

His first team went 7-4, snapping a string of 15 non-winning seasons. This year Tulane was 11-0, won the Conference USA title, and moved steadily up in the rankings.

Bowden was in the first year of a five-year deal at Tulane. Clemson reportedly has offered to pay half of the \$750,000 buy-out.

Clemson is reportedly offering Bowden a yearly package of \$750,000 to \$800,000.

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CONSIDERATIONS...

What Are You Waiting For?

Jim Lies, C.S.C.

There is no time in one's young life when one more longs for Christmas, for family and for home, than as a college student just before final exams. It is a remarkable thing. With all that stands between now and the end of the semester, one cannot help but look to the other side, and long for it. Not since childhood when one waits for Santa, and to open gifts on Christmas Eve, has the anticipation for anything been so real; and never again will the longing be as palpable for the coming of Christmas as it is in these days. And yet, what are we waiting for?

That waiting which you do in these days before Christmas, heightened as it is by the seemingly secular circumstances of this academic milieu, only proves to highlight the waiting which we do as a Church during these days of Advent. As a community of people who call ourselves Christians, we wait. We wait and we long for the birth of Jesus. We wait and we make ready for the coming of Jesus into our hearts and into our homes.

In both cases, we long for the other side of Advent. In both cases, we long for Christmas. But these are very different waitings, very different longings. What we need to do is translate our longing, our burning desire for the other side of term papers and final exams into a burning desire for the Lord Jesus. Our palpable longing must surely be for something more than just a break from the academic rigors of college life. The peace that we seek on the other side of finals, if it is truly to sustain us, must surely be something more than a respite from our present circumstances, because there will always be "present circumstances." There will always be something that we long to get just beyond; something that somehow gives us permission to wish away our days for a better time. The ultimate truth, however, and that to which Advent points, is that the only peace we will ever find beyond our present circumstances, and even in them, please God, is found in the Lord Jesus.

The great irony in it all is that if we do manage to translate our longing for the one into a longing for the other, we will find the peace now that we assume that we have to wait for until then. Advent is a time to wait, yes; but for what? For the Lord who is already among us? We make ready during this time not only for the coming of Jesus at Christmas, but also at every moment of our lives, at every moment that Jesus would be the peace that we seek if we were only to welcome him in. Thus the question: what are you waiting for?

There are all kinds of ways to welcome him. They are different for each of us. For some, it means readying ourselves through more frequent participation in the sacraments of the Church, such as confession and daily Eucharist. For others, it means spending more time in prayer, either alone or with others. For still others, it means being attentive to those among us who are in particular need, because to welcome the least of these is to welcome Jesus. Finally, for some, it means giving generously to the relief funds in support of the people of Central America whose lives and homes have been ravaged by Hurricane Mitch. [As many of you know, all of the collections of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart and of many residence hall chapels during the season of Advent will go to support Catholic Relief Services in Central America and a program called Farm of the Child to which many Notre Dame students have given a year or two of service since its founding in Honduras several years ago.] I will not presume to say what you must do, but you must do something. There is too much at stake for each of us not to.

You all know the story of Jesus, and of how there was no room in the Inn. The question for each of us is: Is there room enough in us? Will we, as the innkeeper did, turn away the one who seeks to be born in us? Will we, in these days of final exams, turn away the very one who can save us, especially right now when we are most in need of being saved? Let your longing in these days be for the Lord; let your hope rest in the one who saves. Only Jesus can give us what we truly seek on the other side of Advent; only he can give us what we truly need right now.

So what are you waiting for? Let it be Jesus, and let it be now.

Calendar of Events

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday, 11:30 pm until Tuesday, 10:00pm, St. Paul's Chapel, Fisher Hall
Fridays, 12 noon until 4:45 pm, Lady Chapel, Basilica of the Sacred Heart

NDE #53 Retreat

Friday-Sunday, December 4-6, Fatima

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Sunday, December 6, 11:45 a.m., Basilica of the Sacred Heart

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Sunday, December 6, 4:00 p.m., Sorin Hall Chapel

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Wednesday, December 9, 12:45 pm- 1:15 pm, Main Lounge of LaFortune

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Scripture Readings for this Coming

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1st Reading Isaiah 11:1-10

2nd Reading Romans 15:4-9

Gospel Matthew 3:1-12



MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Clemens available for trading

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Available: The only five-time Cy Young Award winner.
Price: Negotiable.

Roger Clemens, angered the Toronto Blue Jays won't spend enough money to field a contender next season, told the team Wednesday he wants to be traded, and the club said it will comply.

"This is certainly not done with any acrimony or with any anger on either side," Blue Jays general manager Gord Ash said, adding the team will make every effort to complete a deal within 10 days.

When Clemens signed with the Blue Jays in December 1996, team president Paul Beeston said if Clemens didn't think Toronto would contend and asked for a trade, the Blue Jays would deal him. Beeston left the Blue Jays during the 1997 season to become baseball's chief operating officer, but Ash said he will honor Beeston's commitment.

"It's a two-prong situation," Ash said. "There's a desire to be closer to home or with a club that has a better chance to provide him with a World Series ring."

The World Series champion New York Yankees, Houston Astros and Texas Rangers are considered the top contenders to land the 36-year-old right-hander.

"Who wouldn't have an interest in Clemens?" Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said.

"I'm sure Toronto will have many discussions with us before this is over with."

Ash visited Clemens at his home in Katy, Texas, outside Houston last week along with the Blue Jays' two assistant general managers, Dave Stewart and Tim McCleary.

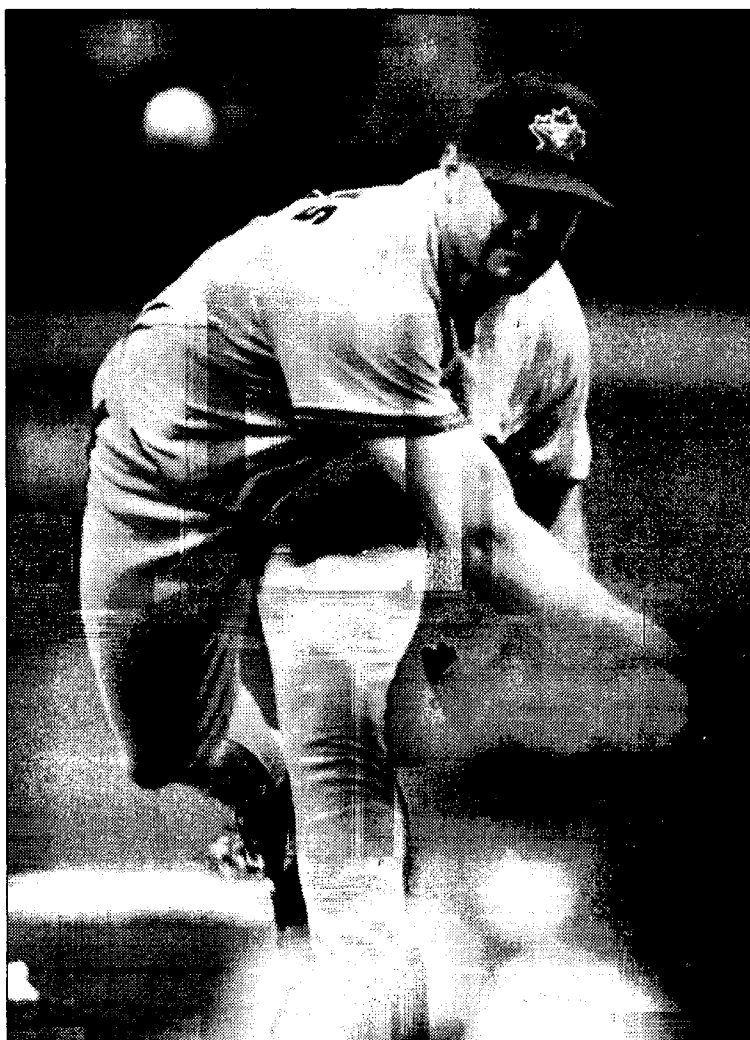
The team's owner, the Belgian company Interbrew SA, does not want to spend as much money on players as the Yankees, Baltimore or Boston.

Clemens became discouraged when the Blue Jays did not make a competitive offer to retain Jose Canseco, who hit 46 homers and drove in 107 runs this year.

Toronto was 88-74 last season, finishing four games behind Boston in the wild-card race.

The Blue Jays' biggest needs include a power-hitting outfielder, a third baseman and, like most clubs, a top starting pitcher.

Randy Hendricks, who represents Clemens, telephoned Ash on Wednesday to make the



Cy Young Award winner Roger Clemens told the Blue Jays Wednesday that he wants to be traded to a team that is a contender. The team said it is willing to comply.

demand.

"There's a tendency to look at the bottom line, that you have only \$40 million or \$43 million and say you have no chance," Ash said, referring to his payroll range.

"I think you have to look a little deeper. You don't need to be at \$60 million to compete."

Clemens, who won his first three Cy Youngs with Boston in 1986, 1987 and 1991, went 20-6 with a 2.65 ERA, striking out 271 in 234 2-3 innings last season.

He went unbeaten in his final 22 starts, winning 15 decisions after starting 5-6.

He led the AL in ERA and

strikeouts and tied for the lead in wins after finishing first in all three categories in 1997.

Ash said the Blue Jays wanted to work out a deal quickly.

"I think it's important not to let this drag out," he said.

Ash also said Toronto was looking to acquire players to help now, not prospects.

But he isn't limiting the positions he wants help at.

Catcher Hernandez lands new contract

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO

Slowly reassembling the team that made it to the World Series, the San Diego Padres on Wednesday gave free agent catcher Carlos Hernandez a \$6.5 million, three-year contract.

Remaining on the market, however, are ace Kevin Brown — targeted as the Padres' top offseason priority — and center fielder Steve Finley.

In the last three seasons, the Padres have had Brian Johnson, Brad Ausmus, John Flaherty and Hernandez behind the plate. Last season was Hernandez's first as a starter after spending one year as a backup here and seven years as a backup with the Dodgers.

Towers and Hernandez's

agent, Elliott Vallin, said they hope re-signing Hernandez has some effect on the Padres' pursuit of Brown.

Vallin said Hernandez planned to call Brown from his home in Venezuela. Neither Brown nor his agent, Scott Boras, could be reached for comment.

One guy who definitely won't be back is third baseman Ken Caminiti, who turned down San Diego's token offer and signed with the Houston Astros.

Towers spoke Tuesday night with Finley's agent, Tommy Tanzer, and said the two sides remain apart, more so in money than in years.

Neither side would confirm it, but baseball insiders say Finley is seeking a multiyear deal paying \$6 million per season.

Rodriguez signs \$8.9 million deal with Cubs

Associated Press

CHICAGO

Free agent left fielder Henry Rodriguez returned to the Chicago Cubs on Wednesday, agreeing to an \$8.9 million, two-year contract.

Rodriguez, acquired by the Cubs from Montreal in December 1997 for pitcher Miguel Batista, hit .251 last season with 31 homers and 85 RBIs.

During the last three seasons, Rodriguez has 93 homers, 91 doubles and 271 RBIs.

The 31-year-old outfielder has a .253 career average during seven years in the major leagues with 114 homers and 372 RBIs.

Rodriguez, who made \$2.7 million last season, gets a \$200,000 signing bonus, \$3.6 million next year and \$4.5 million in 2000. Chicago has a \$5.2 million option for 2001 with a \$600,000 buyout. If the option is exercised, the contract would be worth \$13.5 million over three years.

Chicago also signed right-hander Scott Sanders, released by San Diego on Nov. 17.

Sanders, 29, pitched in 23 games for the NL champions, going 3-1 with 26 strikeouts, five walks and a 4.11 ERA in 30 2-3 innings.

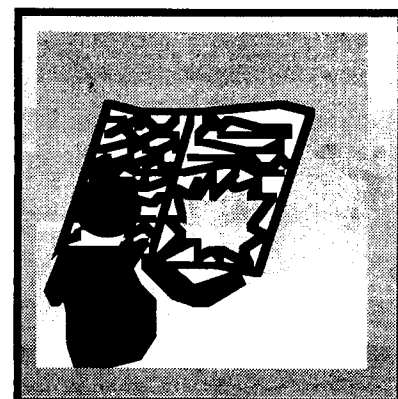
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■ COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Frosh Barkley scores big in St. John's win over Hofstra

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Freshman Erick Barkley scored a season-high 25 points, including five 3-pointers, as No. 25 St. John's beat Hofstra 70-49

Monday night.

Ron Artest added 15 points for the Red Storm (5-2) who are off to their best start since opening the 1994-95 season 7-0.

St. John's, which has never lost to Hofstra (2-4) in 18 meet-

ings, has won 14 straight at home.

Norman Richardson led Hofstra with 16 points. Craig Claxton added 10 for the Flying Dutchmen, who trailed 40-35 at halftime.

Barkley hit three consecutive 3-pointers as St. John's jumped out to a 10-0 lead. He finished 9-for-14 from the field, including 5-for-8 from 3-point range, and also had seven assists.

Tyrone Grant grabbed 11 rebounds for St. John's.

Claxton had a pair of 3-point baskets, and Duane Posey and Roberto Gittens each hit two jumpers as the Flying Dutchman answered with an 18-5 run to go ahead 18-15.

After three lead changes, Claxton hit a jumper to tie the game at 23 with 3:12 remaining in the half. St. John's then went on a 7-2 run to close out the first half with a 30-25 lead.

Lavor Postell hit a jumper and Barkley added two more baskets as the Red Storm went on a 15-3 run in the opening 6:59 of the second half to gain a 45-28 advantage.

Hofstra pulled to 48-35 on a jumper by Richardson. But the Red Storm went on a 12-0 run, including the last eight points by Barkley, to put the game out of reach at 60-35.

Xavier 64,
Miami of Ohio 56

Gary Lumpkin hit a clutch 3-pointer and James Posey clamped down on Wally Szczerbiak in the second half as No. 23 Xavier beat 22nd-ranked Miami of Ohio 64-56 Wednesday night.

Xavier (5-2) overcame a 10-point deficit in the second half with a balanced attack and gritty defense against Szczerbiak, who scored 24 points but missed two of three shots and was called for an intentional foul as Miami (4-1) faded in the final three minutes.

Posey, who guarded Szczerbiak in a matchup of two of the nation's premier players, hit a pair of free throws that put Xavier ahead 56-53 with 3:26 left. Lumpkin then hit a 3-pointer from the top of the key that helped the Musketeers pull away.

There were three ties and seven lead changes in the second half before Miami went cold at

the end and missed seven of its final eight shots against Xavier's half-court pressure.

Posey, Lloyd Price and Lumpkin scored 13 points apiece for Xavier.

Miami showed it was more than a one-man team when Szczerbiak drew his second foul and went to the bench with 8:23 left in the first half and Xavier leading 18-17.

Damon Frierson took over and hit four baskets in a 13-5 spurt that closed the half and left the RedHawks up 30-23.

Szczerbiak, who averaged 38 minutes per game last season and was playing 36 per game this season, remained on the bench for the entire 8:23.

Szczerbiak returned at the start of the second half and hit a 3-pointer that pushed it to 33-23.

Xavier rallied by taking the ball right at Szczerbiak, repeatedly scoring over him as he avoided another foul. Posey hit a pair of baskets inside — one over Szczerbiak — in a 12-2 spurt that put Xavier ahead 43-41 midway through the second half.

Szczerbiak went more than 10 minutes without a basket, missing both of his shots, during Xavier's comeback.

Miami's Jason Grunkemeyer, a backup guard, was helped off the court after flipping and bumping the back of his head in the second half.

Rhode Island 70, Utah 63

Add Utah to the list of teams that can't find an answer to Lamar Odom. Or Antonio Reynolds-Dean.

Reynolds-Dean scored 22 points and Odom added 15 as Rhode Island upset No. 21 Utah 70-63 Wednesday night in the Great Eight. Preston Murphy, who briefly left the game limping, came back to hit two huge 3-pointers as the Rams (4-3) pulled away late in the second half.

Andre Miller tied a career high with 28 points for the Utes (3-3), but only one other Utah player, Hanno Mottola, scored in double figures.

It was the Rams' first victory outside Rhode Island this season, and their second over a Top 25 team. When the buzzer sounded, Odom pumped his fist and screamed as he ran past the Utah bench.

Utah led by one point at halftime, and Miller and Mottola combined for eight points in the first two minutes of the second half.

But Odom answered with back-to-back jumpers to cut the lead to 46-45, and Reynolds-Dean's layup with 12:33 left gave the Rams their first lead since early in the first half.

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Swim

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East Championships and NCAA Championships in March.

"We're probably not ready to see best times from upperclassmen, but we probably will for the younger swimmers," Weathers said.

Performance against Michigan is important, according to Weathers, as this will be the first of three meetings between the teams this season. The Irish will swim against the Wolverines in January at the Rainbow Invitational in Honolulu, and again in the last dual meet before Big East Championships.

"They [Michigan] have some swimmers who are really going to push us, but the team is

swimming at a much higher level, so it should be exciting to see if we can swim at their level for the first time. We should be able to do that," said Suddarth.

A strong diving corps expects to make significant contributions to the women's team score. Heather Mattingly is a favorite to win both the one-meter and three-meter springboard events.

Both the 400 individual medley and the 100 breaststroke feature four Notre Dame women ranked among the meet's top 10 swimmers. Allison Newel and Liz Barger begin the weekend ranked first and second in the 200 butterfly, while Kelly Hecking is the favorite to win both backstroke events. Also look for sprinter sensation Carrie Nixon to out-touch competition for wins in the 50 and 100-yard freestyles.

B-Ball

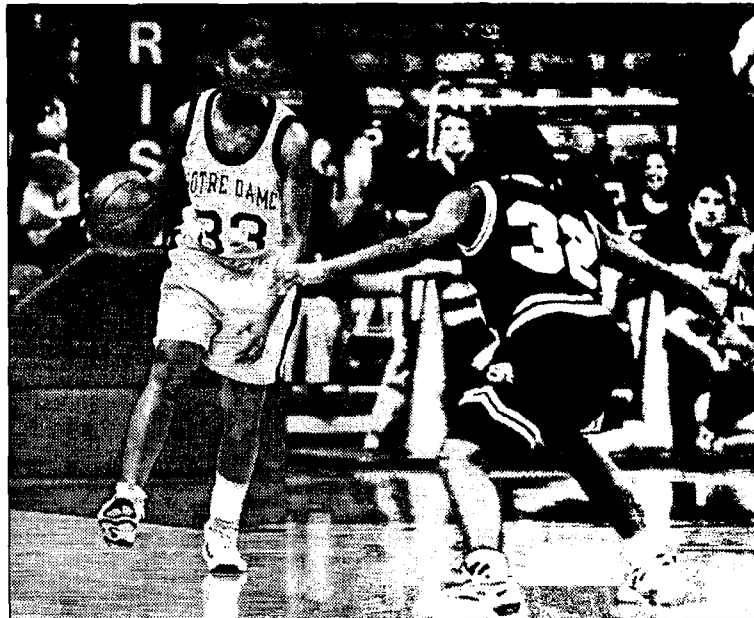
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early," said McMillen, who had 14 second-half points.

Notre Dame did just that. Niele Ivey scored eight of her 10 points in second half and the Irish took a 25-point lead with seven minutes remaining in the contest, before cruising to a 82-64 win.

The victory marks the best start in the school's history (6-0) and ups their win streak to fifteen straight at the Joyce Center.

"We made a really good run at the end of the first half to cut it to four," Ehlen said. "We put ourselves in a position to make it a game, but McMillen opened it up with a couple threes at the beginning of the half and we got out of our zone a little bit."



The Observer/Jeff Hsu

Niele Ivey scored eight of her 10 points in the second half, helping the Irish take a 25-point lead.

■ WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

VanGorp, Gingrich lead Duke to victory

Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C.

Michele VanGorp and Krista Gingrich each scored 22 points as No. 16 Duke beat Florida State 91-72 Wednesday night.

Nicole Erickson added 15 points for the Blue Devils (5-3) in the Atlantic Coast Conference opener for both teams.

Latavia Coleman scored 18 points for Florida State (2-3). Jen Robinson had added 15 for the Seminoles.

Fifty-two fouls were called in the game and three Florida State players fouled out, including Coleman.

VanGorp and Gingrich each scored 12 points in the first half for Duke, which built a big lead before Florida State rallied. Coleman scored all but two points during a 13-0 run that got the Seminoles within striking distance.

Duke scored on 10 of its first 11 possessions of the second half, while Florida State missed 10 of its first 12 shots after the break and fell behind 61-36.

No.25 Clemson 88,
No.17 N.C. State 67

Ito Umoh had 27 points and 10 assists and No. 25 Clemson jumped out to a 20-point halftime lead Wednesday en route to an 88-67 win over 17th-ranked North Carolina State.

Clemson (6-0, 1-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) got 30 first-half points from Umoh and Natasha Anderson, who finished with 20. The Wolfpack (3-3, 0-1) fell behind by as many as 32 points in the second half.

The Tigers, who outrebounded North Carolina State 43-36, hit 27-of-34 from the foul line.

Umoh, who shot 9-of-10 on free throws and 2-of-3 from 3-point range, recorded her first double-double of the season. Anderson shot 8-of-14 from the field, and Nikki Blassingame pulled in eight rebounds.

Summer Erb paced North Carolina State with 17 points and nine rebounds. Tynesha Lewis also scored 17 and went 3-of-4 from 3-point range.

It was the Tigers' largest margin of victory over the Wolfpack since the 1990-91 season, when Clemson won 73-40.

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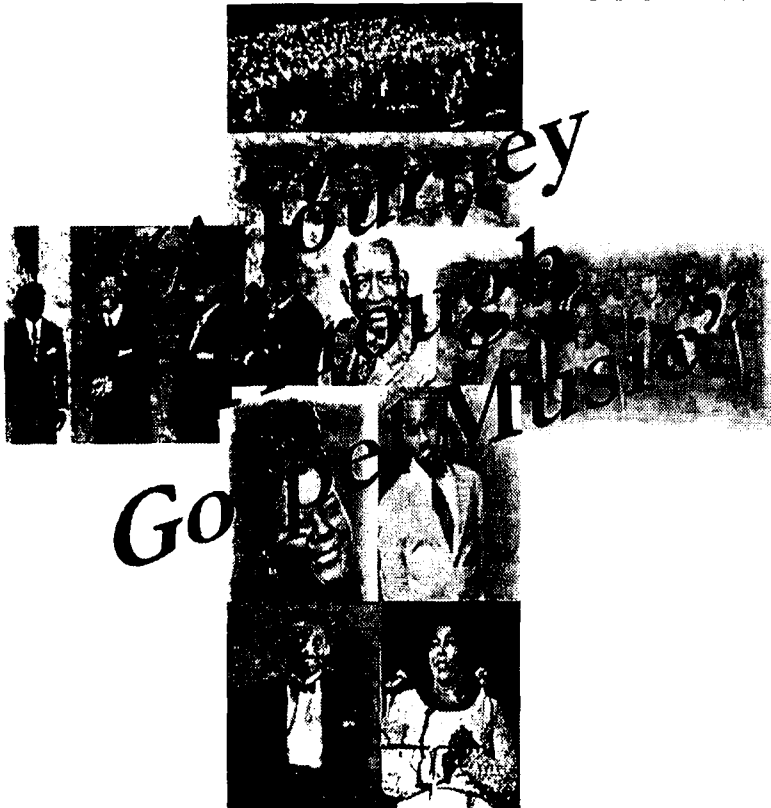


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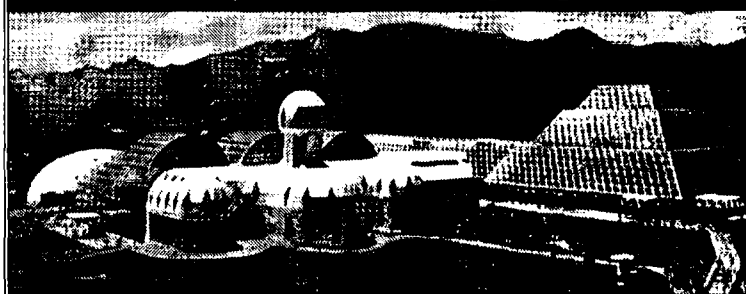
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■ SMC BASKETBALL

Flying Dutch decimate Belles in conference play

By MOLLY McVOY
Sports Writer

Hope College has been dominant in the MIAA in recent years and they defended that reputation on Monday, defeating Saint Mary's 81-53.

"They played a really good game and we played a not-so-good game," said freshman

starter Jamie Stouffer. "When you're up against a team like Hope, that's not a good combination."

The Belles' inexperience was especially evident against an experienced opponent like Hope. The Belles lost three of their five starters last season while Hope lost only one.

Two of the Flying Dutch's

returning starters had double-figure scoring averages last year and it showed. Hope built on the program they had last year and came out strong.

"They're a powerhouse. They always have been," said sophomore starter Julie Norman.

Saint Mary's and Hope looked evenly matched at the start of the game, however.

Senior starter Nicole Giffin had key shots for Saint Mary's and brought the Belles within two of the Flying Dutch (12-10) early on.

By the end of the night, she was second for the Belles in scoring, with eight points.

Unfortunately for the Belles', their shots stopped falling and

their defense could only hold out for so long in the first half. Hope pulled away to a 24-14 lead at halftime.

Although the Belles' defense held the Flying Dutch's leading scorer Tara Hofford to a less-than-average night, their second leading scorer posed a threat. Kristen Koenighsknet, who averages 10 points a game, exploded against the Belles, racking up 16 points.

Saint Mary's held their own on the defensive boards but had trouble at the basket. They also had trouble with their passing game, which led to unnecessary turnovers.

Julie Norman led all Belles scoring with nine points. After

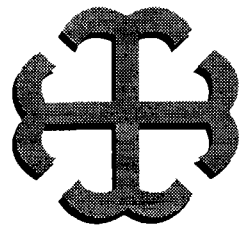
Giffin, Charlotte Albrect chipped in with seven points on the night.

The Belles' inexperience has been a problem in their season to this point, but something they said experience can help them surpass.

"Being young is going to affect us all season," said Norman. "But, it's an excuse we need to stop using. We have a lot of talent, but we're not using it."

Saint Mary's hosts a tournament this weekend and will have another home game on Wednesday against Olivet, which will be a conference game.

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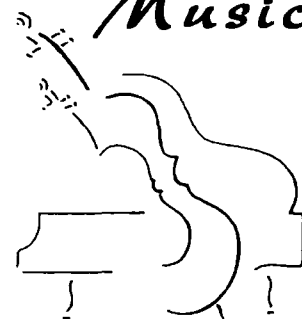
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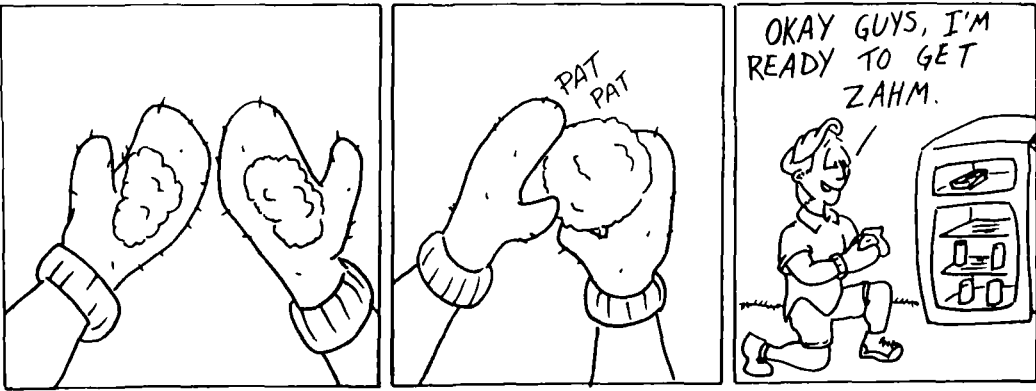
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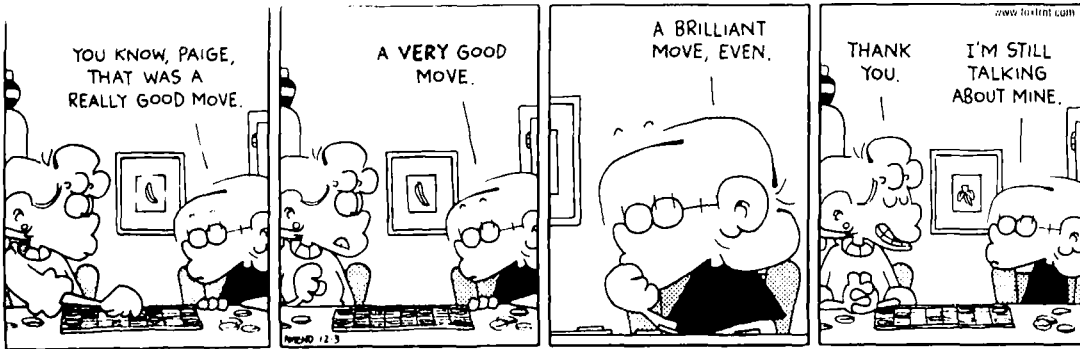
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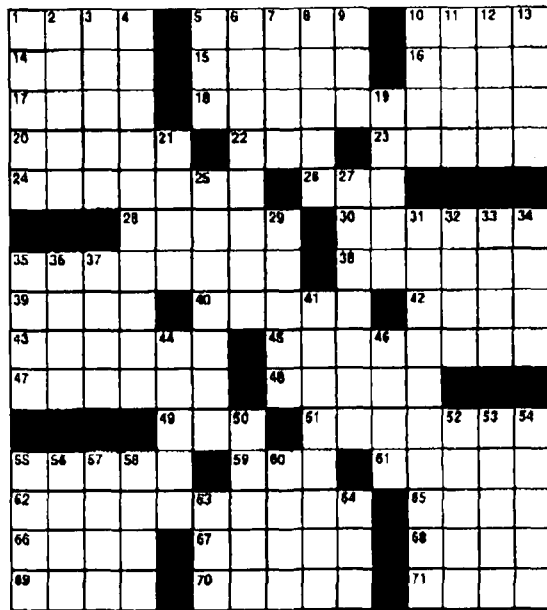
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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

McMillen scores 23 points to continue Irish win streak

By BRIAN KESSLER
Assistant Sports Editor

Senior captain Sheila McMillen scored a game-high 23 points and Danielle Green and Ruth Riley both had double-doubles, as sixth-ranked Notre Dame overcame a lackluster first half to defeat Toledo 82-64 last night at the Joyce Center.

The Rockets closed to within four at the break, after Toledo's Jennifer Markwood hit a jumper to cap a 10-0 Toledo run. The Irish, however, had the hot hand in the second half and pulled away behind an outstanding shooting performance by McMillen.

"In the second half, we came out with a little more intensity and shot the ball extremely well from the perimeter," Irish head coach Muffet McGraw said. "Sheila did a great job of shooting the three and Ruth did a good job on the boards and under the basket."

McMillen hit four second-half three pointers and was a perfect 6-for-6 from the foul line.

"If you hit a couple of threes at the beginning of the half like she did, that tends to get you pumped up and gets the crowd back in the game," Toledo head coach Mark Ehlen said.

The Irish dominated the boards and quickly built a 16-point lead, just six minutes after the Rockets had closed within a basket.

"I thought Ruth and Danielle Green did a nice job in there in both halves," McGraw said. "They rebounded extremely well. I was really pleased with their effort."

Riley had 17 rebounds to go along with her 15 points. Green finished 12 points and 13 boards.

"They are a tremendous rebounding team," said Ehlen, who watched his team get outrebounded by the Irish 54-38. "They

have a guard out there who has 13 boards. And then Ruth Riley is like a vacuum cleaner. We talked about getting a body on her, but we didn't.

"It's obvious that we got pounded on the boards," Ehlen continued. "I thought our half court defense was fine, but you can't allow a team to get that many second and third shots."

The Irish defense did a good job of shutting down Toledo's Kim Knuth, who entered the game averaging 28.4 points per contest. Knuth was held to just 2-of-10 shooting in the first half and finished with just 17 points on the night.

"I thought we looked better when we went to the box-and-one," McGraw said. "I think

that was our best defense against her. But overall she's a terrific player. She did a nice job of not forcing things in the first half. We were really trying to not let her get off, but I think she had six assists and just one turnover in the first half."

Knuth kept Toledo in the game early, as well as the Rocket defense, which forced 13 first half Irish turnovers.

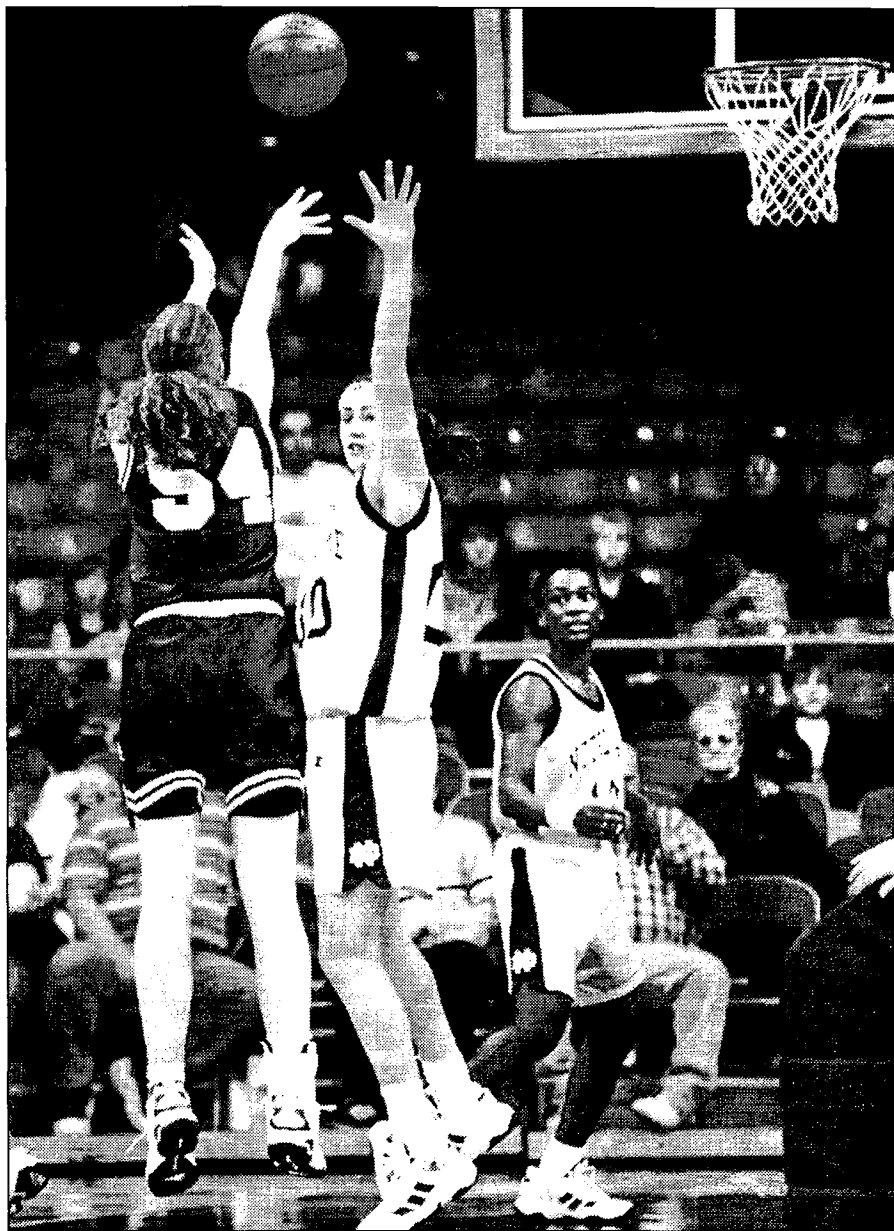
"It was their defense and our turnovers, but I think it was a lack of intensity more than anything," McGraw said. "We worked against the zone in practice and we weren't doing what we worked on. We missed a couple of shots and didn't rebound and I think they got a lot more confident."

Notre Dame had a 12-4 lead early and stretched it out to a 28-15 lead, following a 9-0 run in which freshman Sherisha Hills scored seven of the nine points. Hills finished with 12 points on the night.

In the second half, however, the Irish opened it up.

"In the first half we were a little bit flat and at halftime we talked about coming out and setting the tempo and get a run going

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Ruth Riley (center) defends against Toledo's Jennifer Markwood in last night's win. She totalled game-highs with five blocks and 17 rebounds.

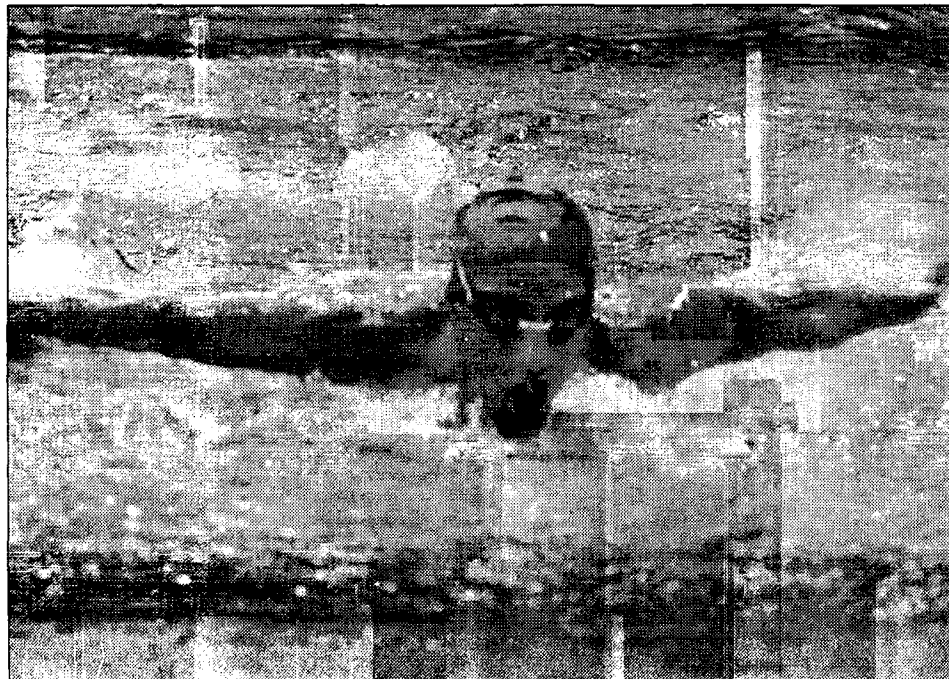
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SWIMMING AND DIVING

Swimmers and divers to host three-day, six-session meet

By WES RICHARDSON
Sports Writer

The biggest and fastest meet in Notre Dame swimming history begins today when the Irish host the fourth-annual Notre Dame Invitational.



The Irish swim teams look to upset No. 8 Michigan and No. 12 Florida State at the fourth-annual Notre Dame Invitational.

Nine women's and eight men's teams will bring 357 athletes to compete in the three-day, six-session meet at Rolfs Aquatic Center. The field includes 53 divers, by far the largest diving field amassed at Notre Dame.

The weekend promises to see the

fastest times at Rolfs since top-ranked Stanford opened the season with a victory against the Irish in October. Eighth ranked Michigan expects to take the women's title, while No. 12 Florida State is favored to win the men's side of the meet.

"Some of the fastest times in the country for this fall will be performed here this weekend," said men's coach Tim Welsh. "Every team that comes here wants that to be true, and they all want to have a piece of it."

Although the Irish men do not anticipate winning the meet, the expectation of personal best times will keep them in the race.

"There will be no slouches here," said Antonio Fonseca. "It will be a good personal barometer and it gives coaches a good idea of how fast we're going to go at conference [championships]."

The men will use the Invitational as a dress rehearsal for Big East Championships in February. One of the goals of the meet is to create a prelims session that will be comparable to the speed of prelims at Big East Championships, according to Welsh.

The Irish men will have their only chance to compete against traditional dual meet rivals Ball State and Western Kentucky.

"We've had a good season of training up to this point," said Grant Burrall.

"Now that we're rested and shaved, we're ready to show everyone how fast we're capable of going."

"We are preparing for this meet as the focus meet of the season. We've prepared all fall to say now is the time where we go faster than we've ever gone," Welsh said.

Distance freestyle should be the men's greatest strength, according to Welsh. James Scott-Browne will likely place in the top eight in today's 500 freestyle. Scott-Browne and teammate John Pierce will make a run at the top two spots in Saturday's mile.

Scott Zumbach enters the meet ranked first in both the 200- and 400-yard individual medley. He also holds the second place spot in the 200-yard butterfly.

The Irish have the potential to dominate the backstroke events with captain Chris Fugate and freshman David Horak entering the meet ranked fourth and fifth in the 100-yard event. Dan Szilier is a likely candidate to win the 100-yard breaststroke.

Coming off the exhausting Minnesota Invitational on Nov. 20-22, the Irish women are concentrating on mental preparation for this weekend, according to Shannon Suddarth and coach Bailey Weathers. Intense training will continue through the meet, with a focus on Big

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